

STATEMENT OF

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CAMP SABALU-HARRISON

DATED 20120221

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to my attention that there were local nationals working at the burn pit and that extra precautions need to be taken. I spoke with (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c immediately after this discussion and he left camp and assured me that no local nationals would see the books get destroyed. I recommended that he take extra precautions and offered my team's assistance to remove the books from the library and (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c told me that he had it all under control. After that at 1930 hours we exited the library and my team returned to the office. I was not aware that an issue had happened with the removal of the books until approximately 1150 hours when I stopped by the MPI office and talked to (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c had told me there were problems with the ANA in the DFIP because they witnessed books being removed from the library. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c was in contact with the other (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c on night shift and told me he didn't have all the details. At 1200 hrs I left the MPI office and went to my B-hat. At approximately 1245 hours I returned to the MPI office and spoke with (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c again on his way out. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c was not sure of the entire situation but said that the ANA followed the truck out of Sabalu-Harrison to the burn pit and they made a problem for the soldiers at the burn pit. I told him this was difficult to believe because (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c the ANA can't go to main BAF. He asked me who was in charge of disposing of all of the books and I told him (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c told me he was taking care of it. I told US Malery about my words of caution to (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c agreed that it was a good plan given the situation since there were problems. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c left for bed and I went into the DFIP to find out what happened. I went to Big Ops and spoke with the night shift NCOIC who told me that he was in the middle of a ~~Spot Report~~ Spot Report. I asked him the details and he told me that at approximately 2330 hours a truck with books went to the BAF burn pit and while trying to burn the books the truck was approached by a couple of LNs who started yelling because they said they were burning the Koran. The local nationals

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Became upset and threw rocks at the truck. The truck left the burn pit and returned to Sabaku-Harrison. The soldiers in the truck were supervised by a Naji E-5 and he was instructed to lock the books down in the warehouse. After this conversation he told me that (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and others were called into the 6-3 office. At approximately 0115 hours I walk toward the 6-3 and stopped because I saw (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c. He told me that he had just come from the 6-3 and he was going to the facility to write the spot report. I ask him what had happened but he didn't seem to have many more details than I already knew. I ask him what happened to (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and he wasn't sure. I walk away from that conversation and went to my office. I left my office at 0145 hours and went home. I was requested to come to the 6-3's office at approximately 0210 hrs.

Q-Is burning materials the typical way to dispose of radical Islamic material that is found? (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

A-I don't know (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Q-Have you been involved with disposal of radical Islamic material before? (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

A- No (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Q-Who recommended burning the material? (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

A-I don't know (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Q-Who was in charge of the sweep of the DFIP Library? (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

A-As the special Agent in charge of the TIC CI office I was in charge of my team who was there to look for items of intelligence value as requested by (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c via (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Q-Were (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c the only interpreters used during the identification of the religious books/materials (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

A-Yes, it was mainly (b)(3), (b)(7)c and Yousefi a (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c had to leave at 1600 hrs. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Q-Did (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c brief you his plan to dispose of the materials prior to execution (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, he told me that himself and (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c would take care of removal of the items (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

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Q- In your statement, you mention (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c made coordination (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c with the items taken to the burn pit. Were you aware at the time that (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c the materials were to be burned? (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

A- Yes, it was mentioned several times during the evening that the plan for destruction was to burn them (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Q- Were any of the interpreters involved aware that the materials would be burned? (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

A- Yes, both interpreters were aware. That is why (b)(6), (b)(7)c told me to tell (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c that there are Local Nationals at the burn pit (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Q- Was the third interpreter that was used aware the materials would be burned? (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

A- I don't know (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Q- To the best of your knowledge, were there any Korans with the other materials that were going to be burned? (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

A- There were no Korans to my knowledge. I was told by my interpreter that these books were not Korans but radical Islamic material. How it was explained to me is that there is a New Version of the Bible, a King James Version of the Bible and these were similar to a Nazi rewrite of the Bible. So these book are not considered the Koran (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Q- The books mentioned in the above statement were re written versions of the (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

A- The radical Islamic material as it was explained to me were a type of re-written version of the Koran (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Q- And these re-written versions of the Koran are classified as Islamic Radical material (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

A- This is the terms used by my interpreter (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c END OF STATEMENT -

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I, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT

WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 4. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 21 day of February, 2012 at Camp S-H, TF Protector Cont. RM., DAF

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

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(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Statement of [redacted] for the CID Investigation

1. On 18 February 2012, at approximately 0920 hours, my team from the Theater Intelligence Group (TIG) Counterintelligence (CI) Office started the sweep of the library located in the Detention Facility in Parwan (DFIP). This was one of the projects my team was working on in conduct of our mission to identify, detect, neutralize and exploit both the insider and inside the wire threats. My team was there by the request of [redacted] TF Tarheels Commanding Officer via [redacted] TF Tarheels S2 to assist on suspicions they had reference the librarian [redacted] was aware of an ongoing collection operation TIG CI was conducting to find out if messages were being disseminated via the books in the library so this was deemed in the best interest of both organizations. On this first day my team consisted of [redacted] and TIG CI linguists [redacted]. I only had a chance to stop by the library on the first day due to other work which included an out-briefing of CI activities with BG Petrarca and an in-briefing with [redacted] at 1130 hours which was also attended by TIG Commander [redacted] TIG DCO [redacted] and TIG J3 [redacted]. Just prior to that briefing [redacted] had stopped me to tell me that up to 75% of the books in the library were radical Islamic books and he asked me what we were supposed to do since there were so many of them. I told him that I would get back to him since that was not part of the mission we were on. After the briefing with BG Petrarca and [redacted] I went to TF Protector G2 to talk to [redacted]. During the conversation with [redacted] I told him that one of my linguists told me there were a large percentage of radical Islamic literature in the library and we were trying to find out what to do with those books. [redacted] asked me to inform TF Tarheel personnel of this. When I left the G2, I stopped by to check on my personnel and bring TF protector personnel [redacted] and [redacted] to assist. On our way to the library at approximately 1300 hours, we ([redacted] Evans, and I) stopped by TF Tarheels to ask for further assistance. According to the original plan, TF Tarheels were going to provide three personnel along with TIG CI personnel. During the visit, I talked to [redacted] about my linguist stating that there were a lot of radical Islamic books in the library and asked them for clarification on what to do with those books as my linguist had recommended be removed from the library. [redacted] told me that he would check with [redacted] and get back with me. He also told me that he would get his personnel in the library to assist. When we got to the library, my personnel were busy looking through books and had it organized by separating the paper with writing on it found in the books into a bag for potential intelligence and photographing writing in the books. The pieces of paper with writing on it and the photographs were for exploitation later. They had asked me what to do if the interpreters identified radical Islamic books and I told them to set them aside until I

received clarification from TF Tarheels Commander. I was only in the library for a few minutes and left to catch up on other work. At approximately 1945 hours, my team returned to the office from the library and I was given the update from (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c that due to the enormous amount of books in the library that this was going to take a couple more days to complete. At approximately 2015 hours, I went to (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c office to brief him and (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c on and get approval for another operation. At that time I also gave them an update on the library. I explained that my interpreters had found several hundred radical Islamic books in the library and told them that I was going to get clarification on what we were to do. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c were surprised by the news and told me to continue with the mission. At approximately 2045 hours, I went to dinner and happened to run into (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c at the entrance to the dining facility. I asked him if (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c had spoken to him reference the library and he said no. I told him there were a lot; up to 75% of the library that was identified by my linguists as radical Islamic literature and told him that (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated they were going to seek his guidance. He told me to set them aside and TF Tarheels would get the items removed from the library. I thanked him and the conversation ended. On 19 Feb 12, I did not go into the library at all as I was working on other operations. Three of my personnel (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(6), (b)(7)c were at the library at approximately 0915. I was told they were joined by (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and personnel from TF Tarheels (I later found out that included (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c). The sweep concluded on 19 Feb 12 at 1500 hours due to other operational requirements. On 20 Feb 12, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c started off the day at approximately 1015 hours. After another meeting, I arrived at around 1100 hours with (b)(6), (b)(7)c to see that (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c going through the books without additional assistance. I went to the TF Tarheels S2 office and asked (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c if they were going to provide personnel. They had told me they would gather some personnel and would bring them to the library. During the day there were several changes of personnel. The personnel who were in the library but I do not recall when they came in or left. The personnel who came in and worked that I remember were (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(3), (b)(6) (b)(6), (b)(7)c from TIG CI; (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c from TF PR G2; (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c from TF Tarheels. The sweep was going very well and in the later afternoon I asked (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c what he wanted my team to do with all of the books that were identified as radical Islamic teachings. He told me to have my linguist identify them and sent them aside and they would be responsible for removing them from the library. I agreed and walked around with (b)(6), (b)(7)c who started to identify what books was radical Islamic literature. (b)(6), (b)(7)c had initially identified nearly a whole bookshelf full of books and in disbelief I had him describe how he knew these were radical Islamic teaching. He explained to me that there are different sects to the Muslim religion and that Muslims do not consider the radical Islamic books "Korans" since they were rewritten. I asked (b)(6), (b)(7)c for an example to help me understand it better as to why it was not a "Koran" and he explain that Christians have the Bible in NIV and King James and both of these are considered to be the Bible. But these books that he was describing were similar to saying that a "Nazi" rewrite of the Bible is actually a Bible. He said that Christians would not believe that is the Bible and it is the same with actual Muslims. (b)(6), (b)(7)c told me these were rewrites of the "Koran" but not the actual "Koran". (b)(6), (b)(7)c went on to educate me on where the books were printed and stated they were from some of the most radical sects of the Wahabi religion and were printed in Peshawar, Pakistan by what he described

as a radical Medrasa. Both (b)(6), (b)(7)c and I had wondered how these books were purchased and ended up in this library. After further discussion, (b)(6), (b)(7)c and I walked around the library and he explained why most of these books needed further reading and understanding to make sure that these books were not influencing the detainees to continue Jihad against the US. A couple of the books that I distinctly remember were a text book that was written by the Taliban and it contained numerous radical teachings, mainly in violence and treatment of women. (b)(6), (b)(7)c also identified several books that were Anti American and had radical ideology in them. One of these books that I remember in particular was a book that stated "Usama Bin Ladin should live forever". As these books were identified they were set aside in the library near the front door and in stacks. I did not go around with (b)(6), (b)(7)c to personally see every book he identified since the intent was to have these books reviewed more at a later date. I went back to searching for documents and books for exploitation as (b)(6), (b)(7)c was still setting books aside. Later in the evening at approximately 1800 hours (b)(6), (b)(7)c asked me to go for a cigarette and we went outside from the library (b)(6), (b)(7)c told me that he heard some of the others talking about burning the books and told me that it was a very bad idea since there were local nationals at the burn pits and this could cause problems. I asked him who was saying this and he indicated (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c. I went back in the library and spoke with (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and told (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c if he was talking about burning these books and told him that it was a bad idea since there were local nationals there. The part about the local nationals was just thrown in since (b)(6), (b)(7)c had said that to me and it was to make him rethink his plan. I told him that these books need to go into a conex or somewhere out of the library. The removal of the books was not my part of the job but I explained to (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c that he even had to consider how to get the books out of the library since there are normally ANA standing outside of the door and we knew the librarian was friends with several ANA. I told him just to get these in storage you will have to cart the books out with blankets covering them or in boxes so no one would know what they are carrying out. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c walked out of the library and I went back to looking through some of the last books. Some of the last books were in the far back of the library and most of these had broken backs, contained contraband or had a lot of writing in them. I asked (b)(6), (b)(7)c if he thought these books should go into storage as well and he agreed. So we took pictures of the written pages and the books that were in horrible condition set those aside as well. As we were finishing up some of the last books, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c walked in and said he had made all of the arrangements. He then walked away without further explaining his plans. We finished up the library by making sure that the place was cleaned up by sweeping the floor and making sure the book stacks were in a neat order. After that was complete and everyone was out of the library, the books identified for removal were on both sides of the doorway and they were several hundred in number. We did not take an inventory or pictures of the books on our way out. As we were leaving, I asked (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c if he needed any assistance with getting the books out and he told me they would take it from here. I handed him the key to the library and again said are you sure and he said that they (TF Tarheels) would take care of removing the books from the library.

2. Point of contact for this memorandum is (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c at (b)(6), (b)(7)c or (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

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