

**SWORN STATEMENT**

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**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

**AUTHORITY:** Title 10, USC Section 301; Title 5, USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 Social Security Number (SSN).

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**DISCLOSURE:** Disclosure of your SSN and other information is voluntary.

1. LOCATION Camp Sabalu-Harrison/Bagram	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2012/02/25	3. TIME 1843 hours	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS 43rd MP Brigade, Brigade S2			

9. I, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:  
 BG Watson read (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c his rights and he waived his rights and was sworn to his statement at 1843 hours on 25 February 2012.

Question: Who knows about the operation at the library and who had authority to approve? Please explain what you know. Answer: Sir, I first found out on the 21st of February, heading to breakfast I heard of the incidents outside the gate.

Question: How many are on your staff. Answer: 8 individuals in the office and 26 in the DFIP (COIN).

Question: Who on the COIN team knew of the search or operation? Answer: No one was aware due to location of the COIN office, I assume folks in the COIN office heard talking in the library.

Question: No one on the COIN team was involved? Answer: No

Question: Is the Battalion S2 shop part of the COIN team? Answer: No.

Question: Who do you believe planned the operation? Answer: I believe it was the TIG and CI team and they did it on their own.

Question: In our military (Afghan BG), our CI and S2 are together? Answer: I am familiar with that but ours is separate.

Question: There are a series of briefings that are staffed during a RIP/TOA? Did this happen? Answer: Not between me and the incoming S2. If it was, it would have been stopped.

As an Intel officer, I am guessing that young Soldiers were told to remove books and made a mistake of destroying books.

Question: do you think translators had a hand in this? Do you know their names? Answer: I supervise 150 translators so I don't know their names.

Question: Who is the translator for COIN team? Answer: Parwais, but he did not participate.

Question: Are any of the linguists that I manage are part of the CI team? Answer: No

END OF STATEMENT AT 1859 HOURS ON 25 February 2012.

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9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

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9. STATEMENT (Continued)

**AFFIDAVIT**

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 2. 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, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 25th day of February, 2012 at Camp Sabalu-Harrison/Bagram

\_\_\_\_\_  
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

Brigadier General Bryan G. Watson

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(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

Article 136

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(Authority To Administer Oaths)

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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25 February 2012

Interview of

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

[At 1843 hours, BG Watson advised (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c of his UCMJ, Art 31 rights for possible violations of UCMJ Art 92, failure to obey order or regulation, and Article 134, dereliction of duty. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c waived his right to counsel and agreed to make a statement. ]

[BG Watson administered the oath to (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)d]

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, **U.S. Army, first being duly sworn, did testify in substance as follows:**

I found out about the operation on the 21st of February. Yes, the first time I heard about the operation is after the fact. The morning of the 21st is when I heard about the incident outside the gate.

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

I believe that after the fact, after gaining knowledge of the event, that the TIG [Theater Intelligence Group] and the CI [counterintelligence] team were responsible for the operation. I believe that the TIG and CI teams did this on their own.

We transitioned on Thursday from the 43rd being in charge to the 42nd taking over. My team was traveling in and out, but there was no report of activity in the library. No, this operation was not briefed from one staff to another as the new group took over.

I can only speculate the reason that this incident happened was because a young Soldier was given a task to get rid of some items and, in the process of doing so, threw them in the trash. No, I am not aware how many books were thrown away. I can only assume that U.S. Soldiers removed the books from the library.

My office manages the translators and linguist. I know there are over (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c No, I do not manage the translators and linguist for the CI Team. We have one (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c but he did not participate in any of this operation.

[End of Interview.]

[This is a transcript of the interview that was conducted between the Joint Commission and (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c has signed a sworn statement that relates to this interview.]