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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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1. LOCATION: DFIP, Bagram Airfield
2. DATE: 2012/02/22
4. FILE NUMBER: 0053-12-CID369-
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME: (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c
6. SSN: (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c
7. GRADE/STATUS: (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: 14th MI Bn, 470th MI BDE

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On Saturday, 18 February 2012 at approximately 0900 hours local time, myself, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c were given access to the Detention Facility in Parwan (DFIP) library by the Task Force Tarheel S-2 OIC (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c. We had reason to believe that the librarian, (b)(6), (b)(7)c was involved in passing information to and from detainees in the DFIP. We initially entered the library looking for messages and information hidden in the library or within the books themselves. There were several SPOT reports since August 2011 indicating (b)(6), (b)(7)c had been giving information and contraband to detainees. On 18 February we three with our interpreters (b)(6), (b)(7)c donned latex gloves and started methodically from the end nearest the door searching books. While searching books if we found any loose papers or notes we had our two interpreters read the information to tell us if we should keep it for analysis or not. If the information was written into the book itself, either (b)(6), (b)(7)c would read the writing and tell us if we should take a picture of it or not. Once we finished searching a book it was placed back onto a shelf and we started with another. After several hours (b)(6), (b)(7)c had brought to my attention that some of the books were very odd to have in a prison since they were about extremist views or were written by someone who he knew to be extremist in their teachings. (b)(6), (b)(7)c even indicated that one book was an Islamic version of "Mein Kampf". Books that either (b)(6), (b)(7)c had indicated should not be in the library we set to one side, while we reported up to (b)(6), (b)(7)c and TF Tarheel and waited for a decision on how to proceed with these types of books. At approximately 1300 hours (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c from TF Protector G2 and G5 came down to the library to help us search books. Sometime around 1600 hours the TF Tarheel (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c was present and checking on our progress. I introduced myself to him and he said we were doing a great job and left shortly afterwards. At approximately 1900 hours local we stopped searching books for the day, collected our bags full of loose documentation from the books and our cameras, locked the doors and left.

On Sunday, 19 February at approximately 0920 hours local myself and (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c along with (b)(6), (b)(7)c returned to the library and began searching books again, picking up where we left off from the day prior. The day proceeded the same as before and after lunch (b)(6), (b)(7)c had come down to check on us and inform us that we needed to stop for the day at approximately 1500 hours because of a FP Sweep that was happening that night and we were assisting OSI and TF Protector MPs in the FP sweep. The day continued much as the day prior while (b)(6), (b)(7)c identified more books that he deemed as inappropriate for the prison, these books were once again set aside until a decision on how to proceed was made.

On Monday, 20 February 2012, at approximately 1015 hours local I escorted (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(6), (b)(7)c to the library and told them to continue the same way we had before. At 1020 hours local I sent (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c to the library to assist in the search. I spent most of the day in the main TIG CI office while (b)(6), (b)(7)c had taken everyone but myself and (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c to the library to assist in the search. At approximately 1600 hours local, I went to the library to pass a message to (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c about another CI project we were working. When I entered the library there were several stacks of books on the ground (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and a few other lower enlisted individuals were also present and searching through books. When I asked (b)(6), (b)(7)c what was going on, he stated (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

10. EXHIBIT
11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT: (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c
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ADDITIONAL PAGES MUST CONTAIN THE HEADING "STATEMENT OF _____ TAKEN AT _____ DATED _____
THE BOTTOM OF EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE STATEMENT, AND PAGE NUMBER MUST BE INDICATED.

STATEMENT OF (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c TAKEN AT DFIP, BAF DATED 2012/02/22

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(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c had gone through the books again and identified any and all books containing extremist views or teachings for removal from the library and then (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c had given permission to remove books that should not be in the library. (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(6), (b)(7)c identified several books that were described as translations made by Wahabi and other extremist Muslim sects from Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. All of the books were that were identified by (b)(6), (b)(7)c as being extremist or should not be included in the library collection were stacked in an orderly fashion near the entrance to the library. At approximately 1930 hours after the library had been swept and we made sure everything was in an orderly manner we exited the library to (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c that the books on the ground were recommended not to be left in the library because of extremist views or teachings, or just the plain the book was falling apart and had to be held together with duct tape. (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c the secondary key to the library lock, asked if he needed our help with removal or anything else, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated "No, we got this" and then we left the area and returned to our office.

Q. (b)(6), (b)(7)c
A. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Q. Did you type the above narrative?
A. Yes.

Q. How were the books screened by personnel conducting the sweep/search?
A. We pulled them off the shelves and went through them page by page to identify any markings or loose pages inside.

Q. Who made the determination that books were deemed inappropriate?
A. The two Cat II linguists. They were the only ones who could identify the books as what they were.

Q. How many of the books were identified as Qur'ans?
A. I don't know for sure.

Q. How were the Qur'ans handled?
A. As we couldn't identify which books were religious material or Qur'ans without the linguists telling us we took care of all the books searched.

Q. Did you or any of your staff remove any of the books from the DFIP library?
A. No, none. We helped in the identification of the books to be removed, but had no part in the removal process. The only items we removed were the loose pages and pieces of paper discovered in the books and took them to have them translated.

Q. Where are the loose items now?
A. The last I saw they were going to the DOMEX.

Q. What did you believe was going to happen to the books when they were removed?
A. I thought they were going to be put into storage somewhere and we recommended they have other linguists go through them as well.

Q. Who was this recommendation made to?
A. We recommended to (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c of Command.

Q. When you say "we" who are you referring to?
A. (b)(6), (b)(7)c and myself.

Q. Was the recommendation ever made to dispose of the books?
A. No.

Q. Did you ever hear any mention of disposing of the books?
A. Indirectly from a linguist who stated the MSG had talked about it and (b)(6), (b)(7)c advised the MSG against doing so.

Q. Who was the MSG?
A. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c the TF Tarheel S-2 NCOIC.

Q. Were you present for this conversation?
A. I was in the library but I did not hear it 1st hand.

Q. Was (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c briefed or informed that some of the books were religious material or Qur'ans?
A. Not by me. I don't know if he was by anyone else specifically.

Q. Is there anything further you wish to add to this statement?
A. No. END OF STATEMENT///
(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

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

TAKEN AT DFIP, BAF

DATED 2012/02/22

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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 3. 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.

(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 22nd day of February, 2012

at TIG-CI, DFIP, CSH, BAF

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

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

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

10 USC 936

(Authority To Administer Oaths)

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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

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Interview of

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

[BG Watson advised (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c of his UCMJ, Article 31 rights for possible violations of UCMJ Article 92, dereliction of duty, and Article 134, service discrediting conduct. (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)(6), (b)(7)c]

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

As the NCOIC [noncommissioned officer] of the CI [counterintelligence] team, I coordinated with the S2 [staff intelligence] OIC [officer in charge], (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c as well as (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c as to at what time and day they wanted to go through the library, and what personnel were going to be involved. My primary duty was to see what we are dealing with and to have an idea how long it was going to take us to go through it. Originally, the plan was to go at night and go through the books to see if there was anything written in them and put them back together so that nothing was disrupted. Eventually we were trying to be as transparent as we could with the other units that were pulling Task Force Protector and Task Force Tarheel. In late January, we believed that somehow we were compromised, as far as someone let the Mullah know that we were looking at him, because he made major changes on patterns of life.

Middle or late January, I went on a recon in the library and found that there were a lot of books. The first day, we got there around 0900 or 0915 hours. I was with (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c showed up with (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c We sat down and talked about how we were going to start. Every individual was going to grab four or five books, put them on the table, and start going through them.

When we found writing in the books, we asked (b)(6), (b)(7)c to let us know if it was important or just insignificant stuff. Every time (b)(6), (b)(7)c found an extremist book, we put it aside, as per (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c since he was seeking guidance on what they were going to do with those books. One time, I was trying to get the dust off one of the books by dropping it in the ground, and (b)(6), (b)(7)c told me, "Hey, hey, you can't do that, that is a Quran," and he showed me the proper way to dust them off. After that, I did the same with every book since I could not identify what it was. We stopped around 1930 hours; we grabbed the stuff and the cameras.

The second day we got there around 0915 hours. We started going through the books again. We still have no guidance on what to do with the books that (b)(6), (b)(7)c found extremist. We did stop at 1500 hours because we had been asked to help on another force-protection sweep. (b)(6), (b)(7)c was the linguist the second day, the entire day. Around ten to fifteen books were segregated the first day and around thirty to forty the second day. I treated every book the same because I really could not identify them, and (b)(6), (b)(7)c did not tell me if I was reading a Quran or what. He did not identify anything to be a Quran while we were separating them.

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

Interview of [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c
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On the third day, we came around 1015 hours. I unlocked the door and gave the key to [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c because I needed to go back to catch up on some admin stuff that I was behind on. [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c from my team showed up about five minutes later, and I told her what to do. Nobody else was there at that time. I came back around 1600 or 1700 hours. I did not receive any further guidance when I came back.

Several stacks of books were on the floor, between the desk and the table, maybe around 80 to 90 books. At that time, [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and two or three individuals from his unit, along with [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c were in the library. There were about 10 to 12 people at that time. There was also [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c and another interpreter that they called [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c. Between 1700 to 1930 hours, [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c informed me that [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c told him that we were going to identify what books needed to come out of the library. At some point, [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c talked to [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c about some books that were radical in nature. I asked [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c "What are these books?" and he told me, "Those are the ones [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c identified that should not be in here." [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c told me that [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c had a better idea what books are what.

At first, [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c told me that those books were going to be storage, [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c overheard [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c talking about burning and told [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c told [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c that they should not be burned and even [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c went back and told him, "No you can't burn this." [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c identified the books that were Qurans. They did not look like Qurans to me, but he said that they were. They were falling apart. [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c and I agreed that the books should be put in storage.

[redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c left at one point, [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c said that if any local national see the Soldiers burning the Qurans there was going to be a huge problem. [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c came back and said that he was going to put the books in the storage. We put all the books in a piles, grabbed the bags and the cameras. I asked [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c if he needed any help moving the books and he said, "No, I got it" and he left.

I left around 1930 hours, thinking that the books were going into storage. It wasn't until about 0230 or 0300 hours that I found out that they took the books to the burn pit.

[End of interview.]