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SECOND INTERVIEW OF (b)(3):10 USC
§1306 (b)(6) (b)(7)

1. (U) On 20JUN06, reporting agent (RA) interviewed (b)(3):10 USC (b)(3):10 civilian, in order to obtain information regarding detainee chanting that took place the Alpha Block of Camp 1 at Camp Delta, Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (JTF-GTMO). (b)(3):10 was previously interviewed by (b)(3):10 USC on 19JUN06 regarding his knowledge of the three detainee deaths that occurred in Alpha Block, during the early morning hours of 10JUN06. (b)(3):10 was not at the Camp at the time the three detainees were discovered, and did not provide information of evidentiary value during the 19JUN06 interview.

2. (U) The 20JUN06, interview took place in the NCISRA Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (b)(3):10 advised that he works as an Arabic linguist in the cellblocks at Camp Delta. (b)(3):10 is a civilian employee of SOS, which is a division of Titan Corporation. On 09JUN06, (b)(3):10 worked the 1500 to 2300 shift. 09JUN06 was the first Friday that (b)(3):10 had worked the evening shift. While (b)(3):10 was on duty, guards (NFI) called the linguist office and asked for an interpreter to translate detainee chanting taking place in Camp 1. According to the Cellblock Linguist Daily Activity Report Form filled out by (b)(3):10 he left the linguist office at 20:33 to listen to the chanting, and signed back in to the office at 20:40. Enclosure (A) pertains.

3. (U) (b)(3):10 stated that he stood inside the main entrance to Camp 1 and listened to the chanting for approximately two minutes. (b)(3):10 advised that the chanting was coming from the side of the Camp 1 in which Alpha block is located. (b)(3):10 stated that the chanting was loud, but that the only word he made out from the chanting was the word he spelled out as "yahodit." (b)(3):10 said that he had never heard this word before and did not know the meaning of the word. (b)(3):10 thought the word might be Pushti, Farsi or a combination of languages. After listening to the chanting, (b)(3):10 returned to the linguist trailer and asked one of the other interpreters on duty, if it was unusual for the detainees to chant in this manner. The other interpreter, an Arabic linguist named (b)(3):10 USC stated that on Friday nights the detainees often sing after night prayer, and noted they were probably chanting their "religious stuff." (b)(3):10 USC step outside to listen to the chanting, but it stopped before (b)(3):10 could hear it. (b)(3):10 also attempted to look up the word "yahodit" in the Arabic book, but said it did not appear in the book.

4. (U) (b)(3):10 said it did not cross his mind that the chanting meant something bad. BELCHER stated that he thought the detainees were

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just chanting on a religious topic or "maybe just having fun or chanting a reading together". (b)(3):10 noted that Muslims often chant during special times like Ramadan or al names when people gather together. He also pointed out that Muslims chant when somebody dies.

5. (U) (b)(3):10 USC is available to answer additional questions upon request.

ENCLOSURE(S)

(A) (U) Copy of the Cellblock Linguist Daily Activity Report Form filled out by BELOVED/09JUN06.

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