

Report on Observations and Lessons Learned from Detainee Operations, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

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Purpose. To report on the experiences and lessons during the establishment of detainee operations at Naval Base Guantanamo Bay (GTMO), Cuba.

Background. Very little information about detainee operations was available to a commander, joint task force (CJTF). Joint Publication (JP) 1-0, *Doctrine for Personnel Support to Joint Operations*, provides a very limited discussion of this area. DoD Directive 2310.1, *DOD Program for Enemy Prisoners of War (EPOW) and Other Detainees* and CJCSI 3290.01A, *Program for Enemy Prisoners of War, Retained Personnel, Civilian Internees and Other Detained Personnel (EPW/Detainee Policy)*, provide information that is mostly focused above the joint task force (JTF)/operational level. The only document that closely matched this detainee operation was the handbook *Migrant Camp Operations: The Guantanamo Experience*. This handbook was used as the baseline reference in certain areas of JTF-160 operations. This report is provided to assist future commanders under similar circumstances by focusing on the build-up and providing a reference of experiences relevant to detainee operations at GTMO.

Prior to the arrival of JTF-160, GTMO was in the process of scaling back activities because of reduced operational requirements. Many of the base services had either been curtailed or eliminated and base facilities were not prepared to support JTF-160. Once the JTF arrived, manpower was made available to assist with base preparation efforts. (b)(5)

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