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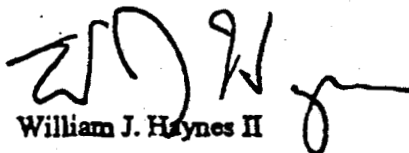
**MEMORANDUM FOR THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR
 FORCE**

**SUBJECT: Working Group to Assess Legal, Policy, and Operational Issues Relating to
 Interrogation of Detainees Held by the U.S. Armed Forces in the War on Terrorism**
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(U) You are hereby designated as the Chair of an intradepartmental working group and my executive agent to prepare an assessment and recommendations for me that are responsive to the attached memorandum of the Secretary of Defense, "Detainee Interrogations," dated January 15, 2003. In carrying out these responsibilities, you should call upon the resources of the offices of those indicated as recipients of copies of this memorandum, including requesting their participation, or that of members of their staffs, in this working group.

(U) Please provide me with periodic updates as available. I expect your effort to address and provide recommendations, as warranted, pertaining to the issues set out in the Secretary's memorandum. Your analysis should take into account the various potential geographic locations where U.S. Armed Forces may hold detainees.

(U) You should provide your assessment and recommendations to me by January 29, 2003. I appreciate your willingness to assume this important responsibility.


 William J. Haynes II

Attachment:
 As stated.

cc:
 Under Secretary of Defense (Policy)
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