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FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

DepSec Action _____

FROM: Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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SUBJECT: Resumption of Detainee Flights (U)

(U) Resumption of detainee flow dependent on three factors: 1) detainee capacity and force protection in CENTCOM AOR; 2) facility capacity at GTMO; 3) interrogation throughput (interrogations keeping pace with detainee arrivals at GTMO)).

(U) CENTCOM CAPACITY

- **(U)** Detainees in US control in Afghanistan: 324. Capacity exceeds population, but CENTCOM continues to have force protection concerns.
- **(U)** 178 detainees are ready for immediate movement from CENTCOM AOR.

(U) SOUTHCOM CAPACITY

- **(U)** Camp X-Ray current capacity is 220 (one detainee per unit). Projected capacity: 260 on 30 Jan and 320 on 5 Feb
- **(U)** Current Detainee population at GTMO: 158

(U) INTERROGATION

- **(U)** USCINCSO estimates that current interrogation processing prediction would allow elimination of backlog no later than 12 Feb
- **(U)** NOTE: Initial interrogations indicate probability that some small portion of detainees offer little intel value, pose no threat and have committed no crime.

(U) USCINCENT Recommendation:

- **(U)** Begin detainee flow immediately, flying 62 detainees to GTMO on 2 separate flights.
- **(U)** Regular flow thereafter to coincide with GTMO capacity.

(U) USCINCSO Recommendation:

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- Resume detainee flow o/a 12 Feb, based on the guidance to complete interrogation of detainee already at GTMO. USCINCSO acknowledges that he can begin receiving detainees immediately.

(U) Options

- Begin Flow as soon as reasonably possible (next detainee arrival at GTMO on 6 Feb). Transport subsequent groups every other day (to allow interrogations to keep up with arrivals) until capacity is reached. This option prioritizes factors 1) and 2), alleviating the detainee population in CENTCOM AOR to the extent possible, within the capacity capability at GTMO.

- Begin flow on 12 Feb with 34 detainees flown every other day until reaching Camp X-Ray unit capacity. This option prioritizes factor 3), giving USCINCSO the time to "catch-up" on the interrogations on detainees currently held at GTMO.

RECOMMENDATION: Begin flow to facilitate arrival at GTMO no earlier than 6 Feb. Direct USCINCENT to ensure detainees that pose the least threat, are not deemed criminal, and have minimal intelligence potential be held and flowed last to GTMO.

Approve DA Disapprove _____

COORDINATION: NONE

Prepared By: (b)(6)

I am in agreement with recommendation, but
avoid 2 in a cell in GTMO without my
OK. Also, allow some area for TB
detainees that are larger than 8" by 8"
as suggested by IERC.

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