

Place: Camp America, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Date: 8 August 2006

I, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) make the following free and voluntary statement to Col (b)(3) (b)(6) whom I know to be appointed by RADM Harry B. Harris, Jr., to conduct an informal investigation into whether (1) the Camp Delta SOP was followed by relevant Joint Detention Group personnel during the overnight hours of 9-10 June 2006; and, (2) if the SOP was not followed, whether this failure contributed to the ability of the detainees to commit suicide on that night. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the death of three detainees in Alpha Block.

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My assignment at JTF-GTMO is OIC for the Camp 1 Detention Facility. The Camp 1 Detention Facility includes Blocks (b)(2). My duties include: Supervising personnel in the administration, operation and safe, humane detainment of over 500 enemy combatants within the maximum-security confines of Camp Delta. My chain of command on the night of 9-10 June 2006, beginning with (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) was Operationally: (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) myself. On the same night, the chain of command of my subordinates from Alpha Block up to me were: (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

When did you assume your duties as OIC of Camp 1, and what experience did you have in Camp Delta before that?

(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) 07 June 2006, Previously was Camp 4 OIC and a couple of weeks as Camp 1 OIC in February.

Describe those duties in general, and also describe your role on the night of the suicides, 9-10 June.

As OIC I take care of sailors, makes sure they're doing their job—"From CJDG stand point" I'm like a division officer. "From NEGB stand point" I'm a Dept. Head. Approves special liberty, leave chits, take care of personnel and the Camp. About midnight on 9/10 June, a Platoon Leader on (b)(3) (b)(6) called to tell me they had 3 (b)(2) I came in; bodies already had been moved out of Camp 1. I moved back and forth between DOC and Camp 1, then oversaw movement of detainees to Camp 2/3—he thinks to T Block.

What sort of guidance did you receive from superiors regarding the interpretation of SOPs?

(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) When I arrived in February, I wasn't really given guidance on enforcing SOPs. COL (b)(3) (b)(6) talked to me and the AOIC, saying "The SOP is a guide; use common sense."

(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) For example, in a BUB, I was using the chart for assigning punishment, but COL (b)(3) (b)(6) said I could use discretion.

(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) said "Follow the SOP to the letter." Camp 1 differed from Camp 4, where detainees got more freedom; I didn't get clear guidance from (b)(3) (b)(6) but did receive an email from (b)(3) (b)(6) on following the SOP

What guidance did you give your AOICs regarding interpretation of SOPs?

My guidance to AOICs was follow the Guard Mount Messages, or the SOP, and whatever procedures (b)(3) (b)(6) had going were to stay in effect.

How do you oversee the AOIC turnovers?

Turnover from day shift to night was via email. Depending on changes or things that happened during the day I might talk with the on-duty AOIC about an issue, or phone or email them. We all work in the same office, with night AOIC going from (b)(2) day AOIC from (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and the first sergeant going (b)(2) about (b)(2)

When your superiors ordered changes in procedure, how were those changes communicated to the guard force?

Info came out in daily Battle Update Briefing and guard mount. At BUB, COL (b)(2) would say, "This is how we'll do it," then he'd brief COs, then filtered to Platoon Leaders, Sergeants of Guard, etc. Guard Mount Messages would be generated & PLs would check in DIMS. I hadn't yet been to a Camp 1 guard mount before 9/10 June.

Compare the enforcement of rules in Camp 1 as compared to Camp (b)(2)

Can't really answer this well, at that time I was not involved with camp (b)(2) operations as I'm now. The rules were the same, but the attitude of the guards was stricter.

Camp 1 is called a compliant camp, but detainees routinely refuse to follow guard orders, or argue with guards; how can all the negotiation be called compliant?

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What sort of presence did you maintain in Camp 1?

I tour various blocks daily, or at least make it into the camp to see how the camp and guards are doing and if any issues need to be resolved. There are times when going onto the blocks riles the detainees, who when senior personnel come on to the block tend to stop making their requests to the guards and begin constantly calling to senior personnel. There, by circumventing the block guards authority.

What are the procedures for a random headcount?

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Do you recall the name of the officer giving training on random headcount procedures at guard mounts in the weeks before 9-10 June, and do you recall the substance of those procedures?

I don't remember a brief on random headcounts.

What are the strengths and weaknesses of your AOICs, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (b)(6) is strong willed, keeps guards on their toes, no befuddlement. Counsel's guards when required. I remember hearing about her counseling (b)(3) (b)(6) on watch standing duties. This happened prior to the suicides and prior to me being the Camp OIC.

(b)(3) (b)(6) is proactive leader and manager and is an still out doing a great the job.
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What are the rules on hanging things in cells?

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What was your understanding of the level of threat of suicide in the weeks before 9-10 June?

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There was three attempted (b)(2) back in May while I was on leave. So almost daily we were told that the guard need to remain vigilant in there duties because some detainees might want to.

Why do you think it took the Alpha Block guards so long to find the bodies?

I don't know.

Where are the log books for Camp 1 Sergeants of the Guard and Platoon Leaders?

Log book was turned over to (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) on 11 AUG06.

What's a counseling chit, and where are records of them maintained?

A counseling chit is a written record to inform and provide corrective actions for a sailor for the any of following reasons: performance, responsibilities, OJT progress, career advancement, support of dependents, indebtedness, substandard appearance, personal behavior. Any chits that are generated are placed in the members DIVO note book or record. Those are keep on DELTA Block office for Camp 2/3 personnel and Mental Heath Unit for Camp 4 personnel.

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