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CDF (Through: COMJFNZ)

For Information:

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MONITORING REPORT: VISIT OF OBJECTIVE MORE COWBELL

References:

A. Email DSO - SNO WAATEA dated 14 Feb 11

1. Objective More Cowbell was detained by TF954 on 30 Jan 11, and was transferred to US custody at your approval on that date. Acting on instructions received at Ref A, TF954 conducted a visit of the detainee at the Bagram Airfield Battlefield Detention Site (BDS). The following is a report recording the observations of the officers conducting the visit: the TF954 Legal Staff Officer (LSO) and Medical Officer (MO). The US provided a liaison officer and a linguist to assist with the visit.

Battlefield Detention Site

2. The facility in which the detainee is held is a standard multi purpose accommodation shelter, identical to those in which Coalition Forces live and work. The shelter has been adapted for use as a detention facility by the addition of internal alterations constructed to form individual cells. The floor and walls are bare wood panels, and a sleeping mat and bedding are provided. The shelter is well heated, such that at the time of the visit when the outside temperature was near freezing, with ice and snow on the ground, the temperature inside the shelter was warm enough for the staff to be in t-shirts.

3. The accommodation was warm and dry, and the ablution facilities clean and proximate, and the equivalent of the temporary facilities used by many military personnel. The detainee is permitted a shower every 48 hours. After requesting, and being allowed to take his meals in the hours of darkness, the detainee has recently resumed taking meals during the day at routine mealtimes. What appeared to be a Koran and some pens and paper were present in the cell.

The Detainee

4. Upon arrival, the MO inspected the detainee's medical file. The detainee is examined by a medic daily, and all examination records indicate that he remains in

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good health and free of injury. At the time of arrival, the detainee was laying on his sleeping mat under a sheet and duvet. On the request of the MO, the guard staff unlocked the door to his cell and knocked, indicating that a doctor was here to visit him. The detainee complied with the request to get up and stood without impairment or assistance to present before the MO. Upon inspection, the MO determined that the detainee was in good health, and in the same good physical condition as at the time of capture. The detainee was co-operative and lucid, with no visible injury of any kind. His hair and beard appear not to have been trimmed or cut since capture.

Conclusion

5. There is no indication of ill-treatment of the detainee, or of indignity or discomfort in the BDS. The guard staff were happy to oblige all requests from TF954, and there is no indication that the detainee has been harmed or mistreated in any way.

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