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IMPROVING DETAINEE OPERATIONS AT GUANTANAMO

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GTMO's Purposes

- Long-term holding facility for detention of enemy combatants.
- Intelligence facility for interrogations, and to enable other intelligence and law enforcement efforts.
- Criminal investigative operation designed to lead to:
 - prosecution by military tribunal of certain detainees; or
 - cooperation by detainees secured via plea bargains.

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Detainees at GTMO: Present and Future

- Holding [REDACTED] enemy combatants from 41 countries (Ages 16 - 90).
- They are “enemy combatants”:
 - captured because they pose a threat to U.S. security;
 - may have information that could help prevent next attack; and
 - may have committed prosecutable war crimes.
- More than half of population assessed to be of medium or high intelligence value, or to be “hardcore” jihadists.
 - Others are considered “low value,” but still hostile to U.S.
- Total number of detainees should stabilize, then decrease over time.
 - Number will increase as new enemy combatants are captured, but decrease as combatants are released or transferred to other countries.
- *New Effort:* JTF-GTMO and Criminal Investigative Task Force now have a dedicated team to identify [REDACTED] [REDACTED] “Low Value” detainees.

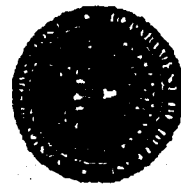
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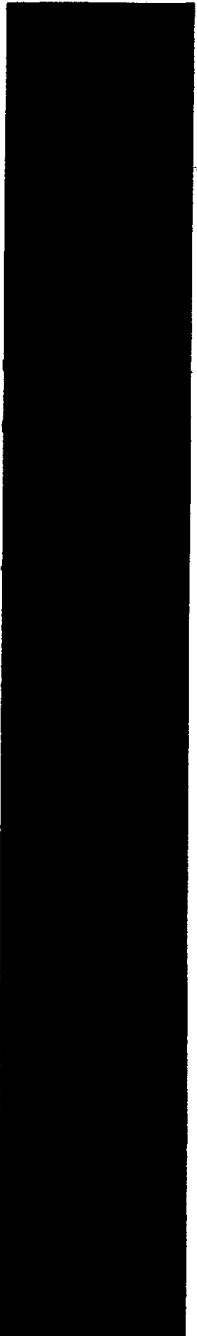
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Transfer/Release of Detainees

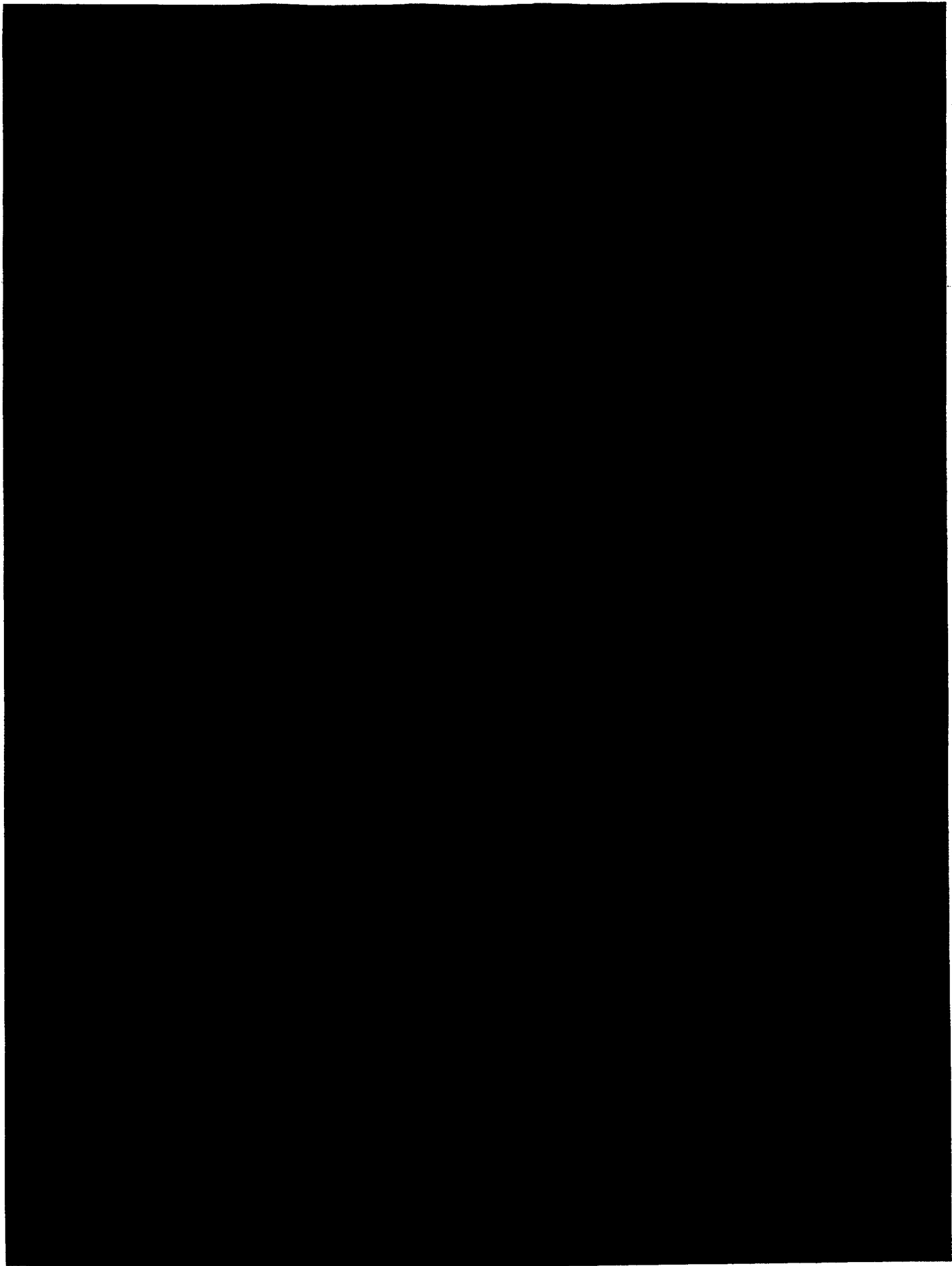
- *New Effort:* DoD has established an Interagency Process for transferring detainees.
- Release/transfer cases approved by Deputy Secretary of Defense:

- Additional Transfers Under Consideration:
 - 33 cases forwarded by SOUTHCOM. Intelligence exploitation finished. Criminal investigation and threat assessment still ongoing.
- Challenge is to release or transfer detainees that pose a low risk to U.S., while ensuring that those detainees posing a continuing threat are kept under appropriate controls.

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GTMO Facilities: Present and Future

- Developed to safely/securely hold detainee population. Capacity for [REDACTED]
- Currently provides only two levels of segregation – general population and maximum security.
[REDACTED]
- *New Effort:* DoD substantially improving facility.
 - New facilities being constructed.
 - Additional space for enemy combatants.
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]





Summary of Intelligence Results To Date

- **Details about terrorist infrastructure:**
 - Training camps
 - Safe houses
 - Possible WMD sites
 - Cave complexes

- **Al-Qa'ida's *Modus Operandi*:**
 - Recruitment methods;
 - Tactics, techniques, procedures and equipment;
 - Financing & fund-raising;
 - How cells are set up and propagated;
 - [REDACTED]
 - Use of Internet.

- **Other key details:**
 - Positive identification of Richard Reid, Jose Padilla, and Martin Mubanga;
 - [REDACTED]

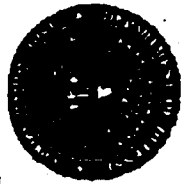
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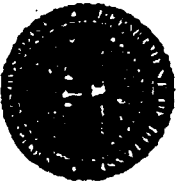
- Two objectives:

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- US Southern Command proposal under review.

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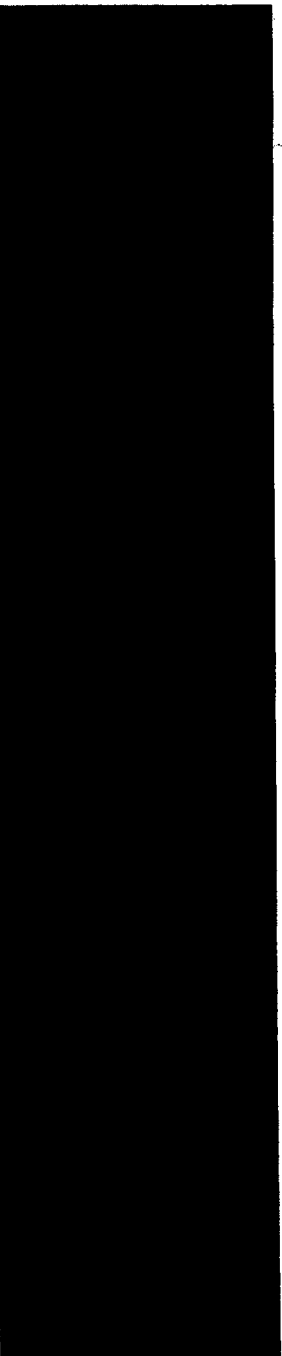
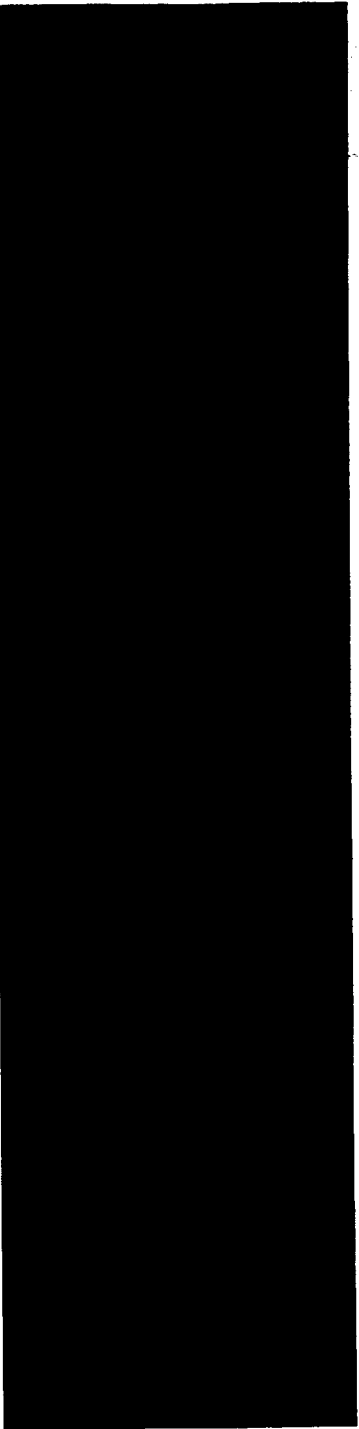
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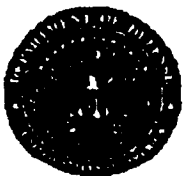
Other Initiatives Already Being Undertaken

- **Detainee Policy Group**

- DoD created an office staffed by senior civilians and military officers, devoted to oversight and improvement of GTMO effort.



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Initiatives Being Undertaken (cont'd)

- **Consolidated GTMO command**
 - Previously, 2 JTF's with conflicting mandates ran GTMO -- one to serve as "warden" and other to serve "intelligence" function.
 - [REDACTED]
 - DoD has combined JTF's into single operation.
- **Interagency Experts Group**
 - Chaired by DoD at the Assistant Secretary level.
 - Purpose is to:
 - review case files for potential transfers or releases;
 - coordinate intelligence and law enforcement efforts; and
 - coordinate diplomatic efforts.
- **Reintegration initiative (New effort, just started)**
 - Purpose is to help select detainees "decompress"/prepare for return to society.

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GTMO is an Evolutionary Process

- A “cold start” for DoD. No experience in this type of effort. We are learning as we go.
- Constant process of adjustment and refinement. As shown, when good ideas are proposed by other agencies, DoD is implementing.
- Close relationship with Congressional intelligence committees. Frequent meetings, visits to GTMO.
- Joint Staff-commissioned “External Review” completed in September provided impetus for many important changes.
- In addition to day-to-day oversight, OSD(Policy) will administer a second, “Blue Ribbon” panel review in February to check on progress, and propose additional measures.

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GTMO Tomorrow

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- We will provide the facilities needed for U.S. Criminal Investigators to mount successful prosecutions against terrorists.
- [REDACTED]
- But we will keep dangerous people “off the battlefield,” and we will prevent captured terrorists from causing further harm to the United States, its allies, and friends.

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