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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

We are writing on behalf of the A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism) to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552.

Please provide a copy of the following:

- 1. All recorded images and sounds of conditions and treatment of detainees and/or prisoners in Iraq under U.S. Military, Central Intelligence Agency, civilian contractor, or other Coalition Forces' supervision, including photographs, video recordings, digitized media, or any other stored information or media. This request includes detainees being held at Abu Ghraib as well as all other detention centers or holding facilities in Iraq, from March 2003 until the date of the provision of responses to this request.
- 2. All recorded images and sounds of conditions and treatment of detainees and/or prisoners in Guantanamo including photographs, video recordings, digitized media, or any other stored information or media, from January 2002 until the date of the provision of responses to this request.
- 3. All recorded images and sounds of conditions and treatment of detainees and/or prisoners in Afghanistan under U.S. Military, Central Intelligence Agency, civilian contractor, or other Coalition Forces' supervision, including photographs, video recordings, digitized media, or any other stored information or media, from September 2001, until the date of the provision of responses to this request.

- 4. All manuals and documents prepared and/or used by the Department of Defense and/or any civilian contractor and/or the Central Intelligence Agency that relate to techniques for interrogation, including, but not limited to, any "stress matrix."
- 5. All policies, directives, instructions or guidance issued regarding or applicable to interrogation and collection of information from detainees and/or prisoners that have been in use, or have been proposed or considered for possible use, in Guantanamo, and/or Iraq and/or Afghanistan.
- 6. All records, reports, after-action reports, analyses, investigations, or other communications sent by or to the Department of Defense and/or sent by or to the Central Intelligence Agency regarding conditions and treatment of detainees and/or prisoners in Iraq.
- 7. All records, reports, after-action reports, analyses, investigations, or other communications sent by or to the Department of Defense and/or sent by or to the Central Intelligence Agency regarding conditions and treatment of detainees and/or prisoners in Afghanistan.
- 8. All records, reports, after-action reports, analyses, investigations, or other communications sent by or to the Department of Defense and/or sent by or to the Central Intelligence Agency regarding conditions and treatment of detainees and/or prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
- 9. All reports provided to the Department of Defense and/or provided to the Central Intelligence Agency from any third party entity, including, but not limited to, the International Committee of the Red Cross, regarding evaluations of the conditions of detention or of prisons/jails in Iraq and/or Afghanistan and/or Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
- 10. All records, reports, instructions, communications, contracts, invoices, applications, and/or directives regarding CACI International and/or any of its individual employees/contractors as related to the use of civilian contractors deployed in Iraq as support for intelligence gathering or as interrogators.
- 11. All recorded images and sounds of conditions and treatment of detainees and/or prisoners in Iraq, Guantanamo and/or Afghanistan that have been released to or copies of which are in the possession of any non-governmental entity, including but not limited to contractors, the media or through the FOIA.

## Request for Fee Waiver

The disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

Hundreds of news articles reflect the strong public interest in the materials sought under this request. The information requested herein is not intended to be used for commercial

purposes, but for dissemination to the public and for public education. All information received shall be published and made available electronically for public access.

## **Request for Expedited Review**

Full disclosure of the U.S. government's activities in regard to treatment of detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo is a matter of widespread and exceptional interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence. It is necessary for the public to assess the scope and nature of these activities with regard to the occupation and ongoing war in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as the ongoing detention of persons in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

A delay in disclosure prohibits the people of the United States from being allowed to be fully informed decisionmakers in the democratic process regarding the nature of major U.S. military operations as well as the expenditures related thereto.

## In the Event of Denial

If this request is denied in whole or in part, please provide the basis for each such denial or deletion by reference to the specific exemption of the Act which you assert is applicable.

Request for All Portions of Material for Which No Exemption to Production is Claimed Please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

We reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

Sincerely,

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