

Honorable Member of the Committee on the Armed Services,

Attached please find the *Statement on Interrogation Practices*, signed by 20 former US Army Interrogators and Interrogation Technicians. In the *Statement* you will find that trained and experienced interrogators refute the assertion that so-called "coercive interrogation techniques" and torture are necessary to win the "War on Terror." Trained and experienced interrogators can, in fact, accomplish the intelligence gathering mission using only those techniques, developed and proven effective over decades, found in the Army Field Manual 34-52 (1992). You will also see that experienced interrogators find prisoner/detainee abuse and torture to be counter-productive to the intelligence gathering mission.

The signatories to the *Statement* represent over 200 years of combined interrogation service and experience, including Chief Warrant Officer 5 Donald Marquis who, at the time of his retirement earlier this year, was the Army's most senior interrogator. [As you may know, the Army utilizes only enlisted personnel and warrant officers as interrogators. No commissioned officers serve as interrogators in the Army.] The experience of the signatories to the *Statement* ranges from the Vietnam era to Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay, and Iraq. Of the interrogators with whom we were able to establish contact, 100% have expressed total agreement with the *Statement*. The names of active-duty interrogators have not been added to the list of signatories because of conflicts between the *Statement* and public comments by the Secretary of Defense and his staff, and the Vice President and his staff.

We, the signatories and subject-matter experts, ask that you ensure unhampered operation of the intelligence gathering mission by refusing to authorize or accept any interrogation practices that differ from the techniques and standards established in FM 34-52 (1992). We urge you to listen to the subject-matter experts – the actual Interrogators to whom you entrust intelligence gathering – and refute any efforts to condone or authorize techniques we find to be counter-productive to the intelligence collection mission.

The *Statement on Interrogation Practices* and the list of signatories will be distributed to the Press and select Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) later today.

Submitted on behalf of the signatories 31 July 2006 with all due respect,
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July 31, 2006

We the undersigned, former active-duty Army Interrogators (97E) and Interrogation Technicians (351E), believe the following two statements to be true:

- Trained and skilled interrogators can accomplish the intelligence gathering mission using only those interrogation techniques found in Army Field Manual 34-52 (1992).
- Prisoner/detainee abuse and torture are to be avoided at all costs, in part because they can degrade the intelligence collection effort by interfering with a skilled interrogator's efforts to establish rapport with the subject.

(signed)

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