

15 February 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Forward Operating Base Abu Ghraib

SUBJECT: Recommendations Regarding Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Letter of Referral (SDF 0006-04-CID149), Military Working Dog (MWD) Misuse

1. Reference. CID Letter of Referral SDF 0006-04-CID 149, dated 28 January 2004, subject: Allegations of Military Working Dog (MWD) Misuse (enclosed).

2. Reference letter referred the action concerning allegations of MWD misuse to the FOB Commander with the statement that the CID investigation did not warrant further investigation. I believe that pursuing disciplinary action against soldiers would not be useful. However, it had been my intent to implement and I strongly recommend you execute the following steps to ensure MWD are correctly used in the future:

a. Immediately suspend the use of MWD for interrogations. With the concurrence of the C2 eliminate this as an approved alternative for interrogation tactics, techniques and procedures.

b. Publish a Policy Memorandum that outlines the following procedures to be taken by Military Police when using MWD pursuant to the security of detainees:

(1) Obtain written permission from the FOB Commander prior to use of MWD.

(2) Dogs be muzzled and kept on a "short leash" not exceed 12 inches when being used for security purposes.

(3) Dogs not be used to put detainees in fear of their lives, injury nor have detainees perceive any threat of bodily harm.

(4) Require anyone involved in the security of detainees to undergo training on the appropriate use of MWD at least once per quarter.

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(5) Require anyone to report in writing to the FOB Commander incidents where dogs actually bite a detainee or dogs are used in a manner inconsistent with the policy memorandum.

3. I stand ready to answer any questions you may have.

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