

Panorama: Licence to Torture Resources

What follows is a detailed list of available information relating to Panorama's Licence to Torture. The list contains links to resources, published memos, reports, government hearings and a bibliography of some of the available books that examine America's involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Office of Professional Responsibility review:

The ethics department of the US Department of Justice, the Office of Professional Responsibility, is conducting an investigation into the so-called torture memos (written by the Office of Legal Council). The Office of Professional Responsibility will look at all of the memos related to interrogation techniques to determine whether they were consistent with the professional standards that apply to Department attorneys. No release date has yet been set for the report. The Department of Justice have so far said they have no comment at this time on the outcome of the review.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/opr/>

For recent media articles on the subject, go to:

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/184801>

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/190362>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/06/us/politics/06inquire.html>

President Obama seeks to block the release of more photos of abuse of detainees in Iraq and Afghanistan

As part of the American Civil Liberties Union's ongoing Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, the government agreed to release up to 2,000 photographs depicting further evidence of abuse of detainees in US custody. The images were thought to relate to detention facilities in both Afghanistan and Iraq, and were due for release by 28 May 2009.

However, President Obama announced on 13 May that he believes the release would endanger US troops. He said in a statement: "The publication of these photos would not add any additional benefits to our understanding of what was carried out in the past by a small number of individuals. The most direct consequence would be to further inflame anti-American opinion and put our troops in greater danger."

The images are believed to relate to more than 400 separate cases involving alleged prisoner abuse between 2001 and 2005. More information is available at:

<http://www.aclu.org/safefree/torture/39587prs20090513.html>

http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Statement-by-the-President-on-the-Situation-in-Sri-Lanka-and-Detainee-Photographs/

Members of the House call for the appointment of a special counsel to investigate interrogation of detainees

In April 2009, members of the US House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary called for US Attorney General Eric Holder to appoint a special counsel to investigate possible violations of federal criminal law related to the interrogation of detainees:

<http://judiciary.house.gov/news/090428.html>

Inquiries and Reports already published:

Memos:

The Vice President, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, Attorney General, Chief of Staff to the President, Director of the CIA, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

“Humane Treatment of al-Qaeda and Taliban Detainees”

Dated 7 February 2002, signed by President George W Bush

http://www.pegc.us/archive/White_House/bush_memo_20020207_ed.pdf

Alberto R. Gonzales

Counsel to the President

“Standards for Conduct for Interrogation under 18 U.S.C. 2340 - 2340A”

Dated 1 August 2002, signed by Jay Bybee (Office of Legal Counsel)

<http://www.torturingdemocracy.org/documents/20020801-1.pdf>

John Rizzo

General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency

“Interrogation of al-Qaeda Suspects”

Dated 1 August 2002, signed by Jay Bybee (Office of Legal Counsel)

http://luxmedia.vo.llnwd.net/o10/clients/aclu/olc_08012002_bybee.pdf

William J. Haynes II

General Counsel of the Department of Defense

“Military Interrogation of Alien Unlawful Combatants Held Outside the United States”

Dated 14 March 2003, signed by John Yoo

<http://www.aclu.org/safefree/torture/34745res20030314.html>

The Commander, US Southern Command

“Counter Resistance Techniques in the War on Terrorism (S)”

Dated 16 April 2003, signed by Donald Rumsfeld

<http://www.torturingdemocracy.org/documents/20030416.pdf>

John A Rizzo

Senior Deputy General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency

“Application of 18 USC 2340-2340A to Certain Techniques That May Be Used in the Interrogation of a High Value al-Qaeda Detainee”

Dated 10 May 2005, signed by Steven Bradbury (Office of Legal Counsel)

http://luxmedia.vo.llnwd.net/o10/clients/aclu/olc_05102005_bradbury46pg.pdf

John A. Rizzo

Senior Deputy General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency

“Application of 19 USC 2340-2340A to the Combined Use of Certain Techniques in the Interrogation of High value al-Qaeda Detainees”

Dated 10 May 2005, signed by Steven Bradbury (Office of Legal Counsel)

http://luxmedia.vo.llnwd.net/o10/clients/aclu/olc_05102005_bradbury_20pg.pdf

John A. Rizzo

Senior Deputy General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency

“Application of United States Obligations Under Article 16 of the Convention Against Torture to certain Techniques that May be Used in the Interrogation of High Value al-Qaeda Detainees”

Dated 30 May 2005, signed by Steven Bradbury (Office of Legal Counsel)

http://luxmedia.vo.llnwd.net/o10/clients/aclu/olc_05302005_bradbury.pdf

To: Secretary of Defense

From: William J. Haynes, General Counsel (Department of Defense)

Subject: “Counter Resistance Techniques”

Sent: 27 November 2002, Donald Rumsfeld signs on 2 December 2002

<http://www.torturingdemocracy.org/documents/20021127-1.pdf>

More memos and information can be found at:

<http://www.torturingdemocracy.org/documents>

<http://www.aclu.org/safefree/torture/torturefoia.html>

<http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/documents/olc-memos.htm>

Reports and Hearings:

Senate Armed Services Committee

Inquiry into the Treatment of Detainees in U.S. Custody, 20 November 2008

(released, 22 April 2009):

<http://armed->

services.senate.gov/Publications/Detainee%20Report%20Final_April%2022%202009.pdf

U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

Declassified Narrative: OLC Opinions on the CIA Detention and Interrogation Program

(released 7 April 2009):

<http://intelligence.senate.gov/pdfs/olcopinon.pdf>

United States senate Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts

What Went Wrong: Torture and the Office of Legal Counsel in the Bush

Administration

(13 May 2009)

Hearing transcript and prepared statements available at:

<http://judiciary.senate.gov/hearings/hearing.cfm?id=3842>

Chart released by the CIA detailing the congressional briefings on enhanced interrogation techniques (released 7 May 2009):

<http://graphics8.nytimes.com/packages/images/nytint/docs/chart-congressional-briefings-on-harsh-interrogation-methods/original.pdf>

United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary

Reining in the Imperial Presidency: Lessons and Recommendations Relating to the Presidency of George W Bush

(released 13 January 2009)

<http://www.house.gov/delahunt/imperialpresidency.pdf>

**United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties by Direction of the
Chairman**

Hearings on: "From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers
and Administration Interrogation Rules"

Held on 26 June 2008, 15 July 2008 and 17 July 2008

Hearing transcripts available at:

http://judiciary.house.gov/hearings/hear_071708.html

http://judiciary.house.gov/hearings/hear_071508.html

http://judiciary.house.gov/hearings/hear_062608_3.html

The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States

9/11 Commission Report (released 22 July 2004):

<http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/911/report/911Report.pdf>

Books

Philippe Sands: Torture Team

Jane Mayer: The Dark Side

Bob Woodward: Bush at War

Jack Goldsmith: The Terror Presidency

John Yoo: War by Other Means

Andy Worthington: The Guantanamo Files

Michael Ratner: The Trial of Donald Rumsfeld: A Prosecution by Book

Michael Alfred W McCoy: A Question of Torture

Darius Rejali: Torture and Democracy

Jordan Paust: Beyond the Law: The Bush Administration's Unlawful Responses in the 'War on
Terror'

Barton Gellman: Angler: The Cheney Vice-Presidency

George Tenet: At the Center of the Storm: My Years at the CIA

Kathleen Taylor: Brainwashing: The Science of Thought Control

Richard A. Clarke: Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror

Tony Lagouranis: Fear Up Harsh: An Army Interrogator's Dark Journey through Iraq

Janis Karpinski: One Woman's Army: The Commanding Officer of Abu Ghraib Tells Her Story

Useful websites:

American Civil Liberties Union

<http://www.aclu.org/>

National Security Archive

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/>

Physicians for Human Rights

<http://physiciansforhumanrights.org/>

White House

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

Department of Justice

<http://www.usdoj.gov/>

Central Intelligence Agency

<https://www.cia.gov/>

Senate Armed Services Committee

<http://armed-services.senate.gov/>

Reprieve

<http://www.reprieve.org.uk/>

Andy Worthington

<http://www.andyworthington.co.uk/>

Senate Intelligence Committee

<http://intelligence.senate.gov/>

Senate Judiciary Committee

<http://judiciary.senate.gov/>

House Committee on the Judiciary

<http://judiciary.house.gov/>