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Subject: RE: HUFFINGTON POST QUERY
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answer A4: should be "good order and discipline" vice "disciple."
Answer A7, I would keep the first sentence and delete the second; it adds no value to the question and throws CWO Barnes out there again.

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Another query/response for your review/edits and routing up the chain for approval.

Q1. Have psychiatrists and psychologists been used improperly to assist in what has been perceived as the 'torture' of Bradley Manning? If so, what is the justification?
A1. Medical professionals in the military are dedicated to the health and well-being of service members. Pfc. Manning is being treated fairly, with dignity and respect.

Q2. It was mentioned that the Quantico jail could not comment on the rationale behind the forced nudity of Bradley Manning, other than for his own safety. Further comment could not be made based on 'privacy issues.' How could that occur without a valid HIPAA form filled out by Manning himself or his next of kin? Even military doctors are under HIPAA and to violate HIPAA would trigger a possible 20 year jail term for the doctors. Was a HIPAA form filled out? Was Manning alert and able to do authorize this? Were his next of kin notified?
A2. HIPAA laws protect service members from unauthorized disclosure of personal health information. The Privacy Act of 1974 protect service members from unauthorized disclosure of personal records or the contents within those records. As a matter of policy, we will not disclose information protected under either law.

Q3. Multiple medical groups have condemned the use of solitary confinement and sensory deprivation as torture which can often lead to severe psychiatric damage. How do the doctors treating and assessing Manning defend themselves?
A3. Pfc. Manning is not in solitary confinement. He is housed in a single-person cell, as is every other detainee in the Quantico brig. He is granted the same rights and privileges allowed for any maximum custody detainee.

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Q4. You have claimed that Manning is not in solitary as other soldiers speak to him every 5 minutes to ask if he is ok. The understanding is that Manning is in a cell where he cannot see others, and he is not permitted to speak to others. He does not receive any news, books, company, etc., and is only allowed outside this cage for one hour of the 24. How is this not solitary confinement?
A4. Due to the layout of the brig, no detainee has direct view of another detainee. Detainees are allowed to converse with other detainees, provided the conversation does not become disruptive or interfere with good order and disciple.

All detainees, to include Pfc. Manning, are allowed to order books, periodicals and newspapers, and may send/receive mail. Each detainee receives one hour of television time per day and may watch any of the available channels. All maximum custody detainees are restricted to their cells unless receiving visitors, visiting with legal representatives, making phone calls or showering. None of the time spent for the above mentioned activities counts against the additional one hour of recreation time allowed for detainees.

Q5. How is this treatment any better than what Manning could have received under the previous Bush administration? How do you or your superiors plan to defend yourselves against charges of crimes against humanity? Charges of torture? Charges of unconstitutional abuse such as indefinite detention?
A5. We will not discuss politics. Pfc. Manning is being treated fairly, with dignity and respect. All conduct at the brig is professional and respectful, and within the rules and regulations set forth by Secretary of the Navy Instruction 1640.9, Navy Corrections Manual.

Q6. US Congressman Kucinich has requested a visit with Manning. He has been given 'the run around,' and as such has been issued a de facto denial. How do you justify denying a US Congressman legal access to Manning?
A6. Please address this question with the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Q7. The orders surrounding Manning's treatment come from what source? Chairman of the Joint Chiefs? The President? Department of Justice? Who?
A7. Detainee confinement, including Pfc. Manning's, is guided by SECNAVINST 1640.9. The brig commander has the responsibility to ensure the safety and security of all detainees under her charge, and to ensure they make it to trial.

Q8. Does DOD consider itself to be above the civilian law? Please explain.
A8. Please address this question with the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

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