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Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2010 11:42 AM
To: Flynn LtGen George J
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Subject: RE: PFC Manning and the Quantico Brig
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Signed By: (b) (6) [redacted]

Sir,
Last week before the holidays, I asked the Deputy IG, Major Zelek to coordinate an unannounced brig visit with my Chief of Staff, and that visit went on Monday of this week and the final report is complete and attached in this email for your SA.

I have also received notice from PP&O - (quote from LtCol Wright PP&O (PSL)) - "per our (PSL) request, COL Shumake (Chair, DoD Corrections Council) has agreed to conduct a courtesy visit at the Quantico Brig. This is not an official inspection. It is primarily an opportunity for him to see the confinement conditions/facilities at Quantico. Since the PFC Manning case continues to draw international attention I believe it wise to have as many people possible, in their official capacity, be witness to the conditions PFC Manning is subject to so they can personally attest that he is being treated in accordance with regulations."

In addition to this report attached, we are preparing a brief and point paper for MGen Hummer's visit, next week on 4 Jan (1330). I also plan on sitting down with Col TV Johnson to use this report for developing a more comprehensive PAG and info campaign, in order to put things in better perspective in the media.

Will provide a copy of the point paper and read ahead brief on Monday AM, both are still under draft.

VR, DJC

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All,
Just what I was looking for. Thanks. S/F GJF

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Vaughn -- Concur that we should be ahead of the disinformation campaign. The treatment that PFC Manning is receiving as a maximum confinement detainee is in accordance with the American Correctional Association (ACA) standards and is no different than what a maximum confinement prisoner in the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) would receive.

We are coordinating with PA and developing a FACT SHEET that will do a side-by-side comparison of the standards we are following with the DoD/ACA/BOP protocols. We have been coordinating with OUSD P&R (who has DoD Corrections policy) and recommended that they conduct a visit to Quantico next week and endorse the care/treatment that PFC Manning is receiving. They concur and we will be coordinating this with MCB Quantico. We have also discussed this with the Army and have asked them to come along and verify the treatment/care as well.

I would recommend that Bryan coordinate with OSD PA for any formal publication/announcement of the above.

Regards,

Jeff

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Subject: PFC Manning and the Quantico Brig

Jeff,
LtGen Flynn called today asking about PFC Manning and the recent press articles speculating about PFC Manning's treatment at the Quantico Brig. Although LtGen Flynn has the utmost trust and confidence in the way the brig is being run and that PFC Manning's treatment meets DoD standards, he would like to be proactive and see if there are a few steps we can take to ensure we hold the moral high ground if the issue starts to take hold in the press. If we do nothing, we would probably be left with a statement that "we are following SOP." He is looking for ideas to show we are aggressively working to ensure Manning is receiving the care and treatment to which he is entitled so that we have a better response.

I believe he has a point and that the story may get additional press interest, especially given the suicide of Capt Webb at Quantico and the other sailor in pretrial confinement at Pendleton last year. MajGen Lehnert was also an advocate of the open kimono approach to our treatment of detainees at GTMO -- an approach that was very successful in the early days of that issue.

I was hoping to get your thoughts about bringing in an outside team from the DoD Executive Agent for the brigs (Army?) or someone to give us a clean bill of health or recommendations on handling Manning while in pretrial confinement. Again, LtGen Flynn is confident we are doing everything right -- he just wants to make sure everyone else agrees from a strategic messaging standpoint. I'm available to discuss.

Happy holidays and talk soon,
V/r,
Vaughn

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