From: Barnes CWO2 Denise V
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 1:39 PM
To: Oltman Col Robert G
Cc: Ebitz Maj Amy R
Subject: RE: Manning early bird article
Signed By: (b) (6) [redacted]

Sir, when I made the decision to have detainee Manning's underwear removed after taps with his other gear and still keep him POI, my thought process was that he did not threaten suicide nor did he make a suicidal gesture as per the SECNAV. In addition, we did not feel that the extra measures were necessary during regular day time hours. He never said he would commit suicide nor did he act in a manner that was similar to the incident in January with CWO Averhart where he was placed in SR status. His behavior was not erratic in any way, as matter of fact, he was smiling when he was talking to MSgt Papakie. The SECNAV states that I can remove clothing when deemed necessary. I found it hard to justify assigning him the SR status, it is easier to explain why we left him in POI status than why we placed him in SR status without adhering to the guidance in the SECNAV. I also could not justify not taking action in the event of a possible suicide or an attempt at it after he made that comment to MSgt Papakie. MSgt Papakie, GySgt Blenis and I all felt uncomfortable and almost at the same time said we need to make adjustments. As a side note Sir, I do not always concur with the C&A board or items that are brought to me in other capacities. A good example was prisoner Cantrell, on 26 January, the C&A board voted 2-1 to keep him as interior work detail and I disagreed and put him in protective custody status. My decision was based on the reason we had him in confinement and since I did not know who he testified on that may come to the Brig, I put his safety first. Thanks Sir.

" b. Prisoners who have threatened suicide or have made a suicidal gesture, but are found fit for confinement, may be placed in the category of "suicide risk" for observation. They shall be placed in special quarters under continuous observation. CO/OIC/CPOIC may direct removal of the prisoner's clothing when deemed necessary. Prisoner must be under observation of a supervisor of the same sex."

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-----Original Message-----
From: Oltman Col Robert G
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 11:43
To: Barnes CWO2 Denise V
Cc: Ebitz Maj Amy R
Subject: Fw: Manning early bird article

Heading towards office soon. CWO2 Barnes synopsize for me the rational for your action and the authority vested and cited by you in the SECNAV. I will reply to this email.
Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld

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From: Wright LtCol Troy V
To: Oltman Col Robert G
Cc: Greer LtCol Christopher M; Galaviz CW05 Abel; Durham CIV Jan M; Pagan CIV Radomet R
Sent: Fri Mar 04 10:42:48 2011
Subject: FW: Manning early bird article

Col Oltman:

Sir, I just wanted to pass on to you a professional opinion from PSL that we have some concerns about recent (within the last 2-3 days) decisions made by the commanding officer of the Quantico brig. To take measures that are consistent with suicide watch but not officially place that person in a suicide watch status is inconsistent with the way we are supposed to do business. We understand there may be some concern about taking actions which may result in another Article 138 complaint but if we are doing business they way we are supposed to there is nothing to worry about.

Very respectfully,
LtCol Wright

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-----Original Message-----
From: Galaviz CW05 Abel
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 8:45
To: Pagan CIV Radomet R; Wright LtCol Troy V; Burris MGySgt Richard L; Gillespie CTR Tab D
Subject: Manning early bird article

Gentlemen, news from today's Early Bird.

Soldier In Leaks Case Was Jailed Naked, Lawyer Says

By Charlie Savage

WASHINGTON - A lawyer for Pfc. Bradley Manning, the Army intelligence analyst accused of leaking secret government files to WikiLeaks, has complained that his client was stripped and left naked in his cell for seven hours on Wednesday.

The conditions of Private Manning's confinement at the Marine brig in Quantico, Va., have drawn criticism in recent months from supporters and his lawyer, David E. Coombs.

The soldier's clothing was returned to him Thursday morning, after he was required to stand naked outside his cell during an inspection, Mr. Coombs said in a posting on his Web site.

"This type of degrading treatment is inexcusable and without justification," Mr. Coombs wrote. "It is an embarrassment to our military justice system and should not be tolerated.

Pfc. Manning has been told that the same thing will happen to him again tonight. No other detainee at the brig is forced to endure this type of isolation and humiliation."

First Lt. Brian Villiard, a Marine spokesman, said a brig duty supervisor had ordered Private Manning's clothing taken from him. He said that the step was "not punitive" and that it was in accordance with brig rules, but he said that he was not allowed to say more.

"It would be inappropriate for me to explain it," Lieutenant Villiard said. "I can confirm that it did happen, but I can't explain it to you without violating the detainee's privacy."

Private Manning is being held as a maximum security detainee under a special set of restrictions intended to prevent self-injury, even though supporters say there is no evidence that he is suicidal.

During an appearance on MSNBC earlier on Thursday, Geoffrey Morrell, the Pentagon press secretary, attributed the general conditions of Private Manning's confinement to "the seriousness of the charges he's facing, the potential length of sentence, the national security implications" and to protect him from potential harm.

Also, earlier on Thursday, one of Private Manning's friends, David House, said in a conference call with reporters that he had visited the soldier the previous weekend and that his mental condition was severely deteriorating as a result of being confined to his cell 23 hours a day, with one hour to exercise in an empty room, and largely isolated from human contact.

But Mr. House said that Private Manning did not seem suicidal and contended that he was being pressured to cooperate.

Investigators have been seeking evidence that could implicate Julian Assange, the WikiLeaks founder, as a conspirator in the leaking of the military and diplomatic documents and videos.

Mr. House spoke on the conference call with Daniel Ellsberg, who compared the leaking of documents to WikiLeaks to his own leaking of the Pentagon Papers during the Vietnam War. On Wednesday, the Army announced 22 additional charges against Private Manning, including "aiding the enemy."

The charge sheet did not explain who "the enemy" was, leading some to speculate that it was a reference to WikiLeaks. On Thursday, however, the military said that it instead referred to any hostile forces that could benefit from learning about classified military tactics and procedures.

Respectfully Submitted,
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PP&O, PS Division, PSL Branch
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"Don't tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and let them surprise you with the results."