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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

From: Deputy Inspector General
To: Base Commander

Subj: INSPECTION OF QUANTICO BRIG ICO PFC MANNING

Ref: (a) Newspaper article Christian Science Monitor dtd 17 December 2010
(b) Newspaper article, Associated Press dtd 22 December 2010
(c) Newspaper article, Salon.com dtd 23 December 2010
(d) SECNAVINST 1640.9C
(e) Quantico Brig Order P1640.1C, Standing Operating Procedures

1. Purpose. This memorandum for the record reports the findings of my brig inspection on 27 December 2010.

2. Scope. As the Deputy Inspector General, I inspected and evaluated the Quantico Brig on 27 December 2010. During my comprehensive brig tour, I observed the environment and living conditions of the individuals in pretrial confinement. The brig tour was given by CWO4 James Averhart, the Brig CO. I also interviewed Capt William Tomaszek and MSgt Brian Papakie, the brig supervisor, to complete this memorandum.

3. Background Information. During the past several weeks, there have been numerous media reports regarding the care and treatment of Pfc Bradley Manning in the Quantico brig. Three of these articles are included as references to this memorandum (ref a-c). These articles have prompted numerous emails and phone calls to the base from concerned citizens. To date, the command duty officer has received 119 phone calls. In addition to these phone calls, the inspector general's office has received five emails from individuals expressing their concerns. These inquiries have prompted a command brig inspection that was conducted on 27 December 2010 and reduced to writing in this memorandum.

4. Findings/ Initial Observations.

a. At 1330 on 27 December 2010, CWO4 Averhart provided a

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comprehensive tour of the brig that included the chow hall, supply, the recreational areas, the solitary confinement cells and special quarters.

b. My initial observation of the brig, was that it was a well lit and clean facility. All areas appeared to be well-kept and in a state of good repair. Throughout my visit, I did not observe any dangerous or unsanitary conditions.

c. The first area I observed was the chow hall. The chow Hall was neat and tidy and the workers I observed preparing the food were wearing gloves. All pretrial detainees are provided the same meal choices as the other Marines in the various chow halls aboard the base for each particular day. The food offered and provided on the list looked well-balanced and adequate.

d. The next area I observed was the solitary confinement section of the brig. This area of the brig had more access control measures and was more secluded than the special quarters confinement area. There were no detainees housed in this area of the brig.

e. There are currently eight individuals being held in pretrial confinement. All eight of these individuals, including Manning are being held in the special quarters area of the brig.

f. Every detainee at Quantico is in a cell by themselves, including Pfc Manning. There are walls between the cells with bars on the front of the cell. Due to the arrangement of cells, no detainee at Quantico can see another detainee.

g. The indoor recreational facility is more than adequate for physical training. There are numerous machines which provide a wide range of exercise to include cardiovascular and weight training. The outdoor facility also provides ample room for physical training. However, the area for maximum security deatainees is much smaller and limited which does not provide a wide range of physical training options outside of basketball.

h. There is a complaint system in place and detainees also have the option to request mast. There are several anonymous boxes located throughout the brig where a detainee can drop off a form 510- prisoner request form. These boxes are locked and only accessible to CWO4 Averhart.

5. Findings regarding Pfc Manning.

a. It has been alleged that Pfc Manning is being held in solitary confinement. When detainees are processed into the brig, their file goes before a classification and assignment board. (ref (d))

b. This board assigns both a custody classification and also a status classification.

c. Each detainee is assigned a custody classification based on the charges of the case., The board has assigned Pfc Manning a maximum custody classification.

d. Prior to his arrival at the Quantico brig, Pfc Manning exhibited suicidal tendencies, so he was assigned a prevention of injury (POI) status. Pfc Manning's custody and status classification are in place for his own protection, so that he does not harm himself and so that other detainees do not have the opportunity to cause him harm.

e. While his custody and status classification does affect some of the privileges that Pfc Manning would otherwise rate, this determination has had no affect on his location in the brig. Pfc Manning is being held in the same special quarters section of the brig, in the same type of cell as the other seven pretrial detainees. All detainees in the special quarters section of the brig are under constant supervision. Pfc Manning is not being held in solitary confinement.

f. Pfc Manning's cell is located right in front of the duty hut so that he can be monitored by the guards 24-7. I asked if Pfc Manning was allowed and able to interact with other detainees in his area and was informed that detainees could speak to one another as long as it does not become disruptive or contrary to good order and discipline.

g. There were no detainees on either side of Pfc Manning, but I was informed that there was a detainee located in the cell next to Pfc Manning just last week. Pfc Manning is not being intentionally isolated in the special quarters section of the brig, as every detainee in the brig did not have another detained located in an adjacent cell.

h. Due to Pfc Manning's prevention of injury status, he is

not afforded the same privileges as another detainee without this status. Examples of these privileges include: Pfc Manning does not have any physical contact with any other detainee, Pfc Manning uses all recreational areas of the brig on his own, Pfc Manning watches t.v. and eats in his cell, Pfc Manning is under observation 24-7, Pfc Manning is provided a different mattress and bedding then the other detainees.

i. Reference (c) states that Pfc Manning is being treated inhumanely and that he is only allowed out of his cell one hour per day. Per reference (d) and (e), due to his listing as both a maximum custody detainee and his assessment as a POI detainee, Pfc Manning is only permitted one hour per day out of his cell. Additionally, reference (e) does not allow *any* detainee to exercise in their cell due to safety concerns.

j. Reference (c) also states that Pfc Manning is subjected to cruel treatment and torment to include responding to guards every 5 minutes. While it is true that POI detainees are observed and monitored 24-7 and logbook entries are made on Pfc Manning every 5 minutes, Pfc Manning is left undisturbed in his cell to read magazines, books or write letters throughout the day.

k. Reference (c) alleges that Pfc Manning is subjected to various sleep-deprivation measures to include sleeping with the lights on, uncomfortable bedding and being awaken at various times throughout the night. I inquired into these allegations and was told that at 2200 every night, the lights are turned off and that only dim night lights are used throughout the special quarters section of the brig. From 2200-0500, Pfc Manning is left undisturbed in his cell.

l. Due to his POI status, Pfc Manning was issued a different type of mattress padding and bedding than the other detainees. The mattress is one piece that includes a built in pillow. The mattress is padded so he is not subjected to a hard rack. The blanket issued to Pfc Manning is designed to prevent tearing, so that the material cannot be used for strangulation.

m. Pfc Manning is allotted at least one hour of television time a day, but often he is given two or more hours a day. Pfc Manning is allowed to watch whatever programs he chooses including the news. Pfc Manning is also allowed use of the telephone. This time does not count against his allotted one hour of recreational time outside of his cell.

n. Pfc Manning is allowed to write letters to his family and friends. While this mail is scanned with a program, it is not read for content before it is mailed.

o. I observed Pfc Manning for approximately 5-10 minutes during my brig tour. This observation was conducted from the duty hut which has one sided glass. Pfc Manning appeared to be in good health and looked like he had proper hygiene. Pfc Manning was dressed in pt gear, which was more than adequate for the temperatures I was presented in the brig.

p. Pfc Manning is being treated just like every other detainee in the brig. In my opinion, his treatment is firm, fair and respectful. I did not observe any inhumane or inhospitable conditions throughout my tour in the brig. After my tour of the brig, I have determined that the articles, phone calls and emails are speculative at best and not founded on any clear and convincing facts.

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