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BLUF: The visit went extremely well. Mr. Stockton was impressed with the professionalism of the staff.

At the outset, Mr. Stockton made it clear that he was not at the PCF to inspect or determine if Manning was being mistreated. Rather, his purpose was to conduct an objective assessment of the capabilities of our PCF and "rack and stack" it against the other 4 facilities (Ft Leavenworth, NAS JAX, Charleston, Norfolk) that he has visited over the last 2 days in order to make a recommendation on where PFC Manning should be held. This evaluation included PA posture/issues, medical support, facilities capabilities and other factors such as ability to conduct a trial near the other facilities.

PA: Col Johnson indicated that the current PA difficulties had largely subsided as there was now a process in place (although unwieldy) to funnel press queries to DoD PA for approval. Col Johnson also commented favorably on the working relationship with MDW PAO and the good working relationship at that level. He stated that we, here at Quantico, recognize the strategic implications of this situation and will continue to support those efforts at the tactical level. Mr. Stockton agreed with the importance of the role of PA and stated that was part of why he was here; so he could not only make a recommendation to his boss but also be able to address issues presented to him with firsthand knowledge.

Medical: CAPT Neil explained the current request for a behavioral specialist to fill the gap at the PCF. Mr. Stockton indicated he could definitely help get that the level of attention needed. She also ran through the current psychiatric support being provided via JTFCAPMED in the person of Col Malone and explained that Malone had indentified a backup provider and that support would continue. We also discussed the apparent incongruity between providing a high level of psychiatric support that may not be medically necessary as Col Malone is of the opinion that there are no psychiatric issues with Manning. We then discussed the difficulty of assessing whether Manning was playing the system and our belief that the behavioral health specialist could help us assess manning's behavior.

Facility: I discussed the PCF history and the designation of the PCF as pretrial only and the limitations that came with that designation. I also explained that MCBQ PCF was the test bed for a pretrial only facility and that we were set up based on a normal pretrial confinee. This long term situation only highlighted the issues that could arise in a high profile, long lasting situation. The behavioral health specialist would help the staff assess Manning and all of the detainees. CWO 2 Barnes then explained the custody and status of Manning, how he was continuously evaluated, some of the behaviors we had seen, etc. Mr. Stockton queried whether the custody classification and status assignment were based on an assessment of the current conditions and if a change of conditions would result in a change of custody. We explained that the PCF staff was constantly assessing the conditions of confinement and manning's behavior but we stressed that the charges were serious, and there were many factors that supported continued maximum custody and also POI.

Misc: Mr. Stockton was briefed on the lack of SCIFs on MCBQ that could be set aside to serve the manning case and we pointed out that Belvoir had been provided secure spaces for the review of classified material.

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The walk through went well and Mr. Stockton had no particular questions.

Assessment: The visit highlighted our experience with this issue and the steps we had taken to minimize friction. It would be difficult to predict whether any of the other facilities are better equipped to handle Manning. Certainly a change in facilities would result in some short term friction as other PCF staffs and installation staffs experienced what we have experienced over the last few months. Mr. Stockton said he truly had a better understanding of the situation and would be able to appropriately brief his boss on what he felt should be the way ahead.

Please advise if there are any questions.

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