

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS DIVISION

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Op CATALYST PW Contact
and/or Prison Visits

SOD Reference: B308637

SOD RFI Reference Number: 49

Responsible Agency: HQJTF633

DTG required: 202130Z May 04

Sponsor: HSO

DTG Tasked: 200929Z May 04

Information requested:

Has HQJTF633 issued and directive or instruction in relation to prisoner contact and/or prison visits?

If so, please forward copies to SOD

Context: Information required for writing briefs for upcoming Senate Legislative Committee meetings.

Contact Details: SOD OPS (02) 6265 5000

Answer:

1. Yes - on 10 May 04, CJTF 633 issued a directive that no members of ASISC were to be involved in any detainee operations at Abu Ghraib Prison or Camp Cropper. This directive remains extant although a brief was forwarded to CDF through DCJOPS on 16 May 04 proposing a way ahead for the employment of ADF pers in compliant de-briefing operations.
2. HQJTF 633 Legal Officer provided a brief on international law regarding treatment of PW Detainees to members of ASISC III.