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(1) J06 attended part of a CJTF-7 seminar on detainee issues as an observer. Seminar participants were drawn from all functional areas dealing with detainee issues (including MPs, intelligence, legal, CIMIC, health and the CPA). The overall objective is to develop a fully coordinated policy on the

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handling of all classes of detainees across IZ. An important sub-objective is to ensure that there are procedures in place for facilitating the release of detainees who have no intelligence value, and pose no threat to the Coalition (thereby relieving pressure on the Coalition holding facilities). Coalition issues were discussed principally from the perspective of the UK role in southern Iraq. The results of the seminar will be briefed to COMD CJTF7 in the next few days. A copy of the draft FRAGO, which will be the mechanism for consolidating the detainee policy will be forwarded SEPCOR to J06 AST and SOD. The ADF legal officer embedded within CJTF-7 has had significant input into this FRAGO, and has informally consulted with J06 on its contents. The FRAGO is likely to be issued by the end of the week, and there is no intention to formally consult the wider Coalition. The intent is to issue the FRAGO and then fix any residual problems. From an AS perspective, the immediate interest is ensuring that any detainees handed over under CJTF-7 procedures can be tracked and monitored through the system. CJTF-7 is aware of this issue.

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