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Ari

I think it would be useful to see it.

Martin

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From: PJHQ-J9-LA-S
Sent: 05 March 2004 15:52
To: Hd of MoDLA-S; LA2-S
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Hi Martin,

Thank you for the CN update - in fact it was raised this morning at the Ops Update Brief and the legal position as highlighted by you in the document was adopted.

On a separate matter, I don't know if either Vivien or you are aware of a report dated 10 February 2004 by the ICRC criticising the Coalition Forces regarding their treatment of PW & Detainees. In summary the report deals with allegations between March & November 2003 and speaks of :

- allegations of ill treatment following capture in Baghdad, Basrah, Ramadi & Tikrit;
- some evidence of ill treatment during interrogation of persons arrested in connection with suspected security offences or having "intelligence" value, although it was said not be systematic;
- widespread abuse of power by the Iraqi police;
- solitary confinement of HVD;
- excessive & disproportionate use of force against persons interned during periods of unrest or escape attempts leading to death/serious injury.

The report concludes by "asking" the CF to respect IHL in such circumstances. J9POL is drafting a submission for 1st consideration in the 1st instance.

Please do let me know if you would like me to fax a copy across to you or Vivien.

Thanks

Ari