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Interrogating the Enemy

The Story of the CIA's Interrogation of Top al-Qa'ida Terrorists

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During this time Soufan became more argumentative at meetings and was quick to show his anger. One day while a CIA operational psychologist and I were watching Abu Zubaydah on closed-circuit TV monitors between interrogations, Soufan came into the room where we were. We were sitting on cots with our backs against the wall. Soufan approached, screaming at me. He said he wanted to arrest me. It was apparent he blamed me for the increasing friction between him and CIA personnel at the Black Site. I have no idea what triggered the outburst. I sat there for a while listening, thinking he just needed to vent. He told me I was the source of all his problems because the CIA was listening to me and not him.

To me this sounded ridiculous. The Black Site we were at was run by a CIA Officer, called the Chief of Base (COB) who reported to the Chief of the CIA's Counter Terrorism Center who, in turn, took orders from the senior leadership of the CIA. I had zero decision making power. My activities were controlled by the COB.

I reminded Soufan that I was just a consultant and told him I wasn't the person making decisions. When I suggested that he talk to the COB about his complaints, Soufan loomed over where I was sitting and threatened to hit me. I stood up in case he tried. As I stood, our faces were inches apart and he started bouncing his chest off of mine, yelling threats.

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2 The government awarded the contract, conducted multiple audits, and renewed it annu-
3 ally until it was cancelled in January, 2009 for the convenience of the government be-
4 cause of pressure from Senator Feinstein.

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6 My percent profit earned from the contract was in small single digits. No one in the
7 company took salaries as corporate officers or for sitting on its advisory board. Every-
8 one in my company was paid by the hour in amounts approved and vetted by CIA con-
9 tracting—everyone, including me and Bruce. I should add that our hourly rate was one-
10 fourth the amount later paid to the lawyers hired to defend us.

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12 There is something about the detention and interrogation program that brings out the
13 worst in people. Not the people running it – but the people reporting on it. And here I
14 am not just talking about congressional investigators. Reporters too seem to lose all
15 reason when they get the “torture” bug. Here is one more example. There are several
16 reporters obsessed with the deaths of three Guantanamo prisoners who died on the
17 night of June 9, 2006. The Pentagon announced at the time that the three had coordi-
18 nated a suicide as an act of “asymmetrical warfare.” I have no idea what happened to
19 these detainees. But the press accounts luridly suggest instead that they were mur-
20 dered and that on the night of the deaths “ear-piercing shrieks and wailings were heard
21 coming out of this facility and one *James Elmer Mitchell* was seen entering it.” No mat-
22 ter that I was in the U.S. at the time. It seems to some my name is all you need to in-
23 voke fears of dastardly deeds and sell stories to the media.