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Subject: Re: Jim and Bruce [Redacted]

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First, it is conventional navy pilots that experience the water-board, not special ops folks. We don't know how special ops folks would react. Second, Bruce and I both make a good living head nodding; so, don't feel unproductive.

[Redacted] should be back in your location your location soon and can discuss the matter in detail. But, please hear that exposure to the water-board in SERE training is a one time exposure so they have a realistic notion of how severe the pressure could be. We don't know what students would do on multiple exposures because the Navy doesn't expose them more than once. It is not/not intended to test their ultimate resolve on the water-board. Also, in a school house setting where the collective myth (the rumor on the street) is that students break quickly, the situational demands would be different than in a setting where a fighter felt there was a cause worth dying for (remember the Ashe (sp?) studies). We don't know what Navy students would do in a real world situation.

As for our buddy; he capitulated the first time. We chose to expose him over and over until we had a high degree of confidence he wouldn't hold back. He said we was ready to talk during the first exposure.

As for helping, I'm sure there will be plenty for you to do. Right now, read Torture and it's Consequences (especially the chapters that deal with pavlovian conditioned neurosis).

[Redacted]

Hey there:

I wanted to find out more about the conference at Ft. Bragg that you mentioned to [Redacted]

Also, I wanted to know if you had any thoughts on what my role should be in assisting the interrogation branch. I guess I'm on loan for a few months, but would like to be a bit more productive than just nodding my head. I welcome any input or novel research ideas.

[Redacted]

Also given your recent experience, I wanted to get your opinion regarding how culture plays into the interrogation process. (this question is coming up) In your al-Q paper, you suggested that culture was factored out for the most part. I have been struck with the fact that AZ needed numerous waterboard administrations to become helpless while the special ops guys needed just one. Is it that some of the terrorists have a higher threshold for pain/inconveniences and because they are acclimated to harsher conditions for longer periods? Also, can someone build up a psychological/physiological resistance to the WB when administered repeatedly, thus reducing or eliminating its effectiveness over time?

Other than you guys wimping out on the waterboard, I know [Redacted] thought the trip was incredibly interesting and useful (although shacking up with [Redacted] the first night was the most memorable part! (hey now!)). I guess a helpless attorney would not have been a good thing.

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*Talk to you later.*



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