



SELECTED CHRONOLOGY OF THE CIA'S DESTRUCTION OF 92 VIDEOTAPES

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4/17/2002	Earliest known correspondence regarding the retention policy for the tapes. Cable from a CIA attorney: "Subject: Guidance on retention of videotapes." (11/20/2009 Vaughn Index 20)
8/20/2002	Cable from field to headquarters "that discusses a policy for the security risks of videotape retention and suggests new procedures for videotape retention and disposal." (11/20/2009 Vaughn Index 17)
9/6/2002	Email between CIA attorneys. "Subject: Destruction proposal on disposition of videotapes at field." The five-page email relates to "a draft of a cable discussing the disposition of the video tapes." (11/20/2009 Vaughn Index 55)
11/6/2002	Email "from a CIA officer to CIA officers and attorneys following up with the proper procedures for destruction of the interrogation video tapes." (11/20/2009 Vaughn Index 53).
11/15/2002	Email chain including an "email from a CIA officer in the field to CIA officers and attorneys at headquarters expressing personnel concerns with the disposition of the video tapes and headquarters [sic] request to have a random independent review of the video tapes, before they are destroyed, discussed in a two-page email from a CIA attorney at headquarters to the field that is also part of the email chain." (11/20/2009 Vaughn Index 50)
11/19/2002	Cable "from CIA headquarters to field discussing the disposition of all the videotapes, and the duties of the CIA attorney who is visiting the field to review the tapes." (11/20/2009 Vaughn Index 13)
11/20/2002	Cable "from field to CIA headquarters discussing the OGC review of the tapes." (11/20/2009 Vaughn Index 12).
11/27/2002	Cable "from the field to headquarters requesting approval for destruction of the interrogation videotapes." (11/20/2009 Vaughn Index 11)
12/3/2002	Cable "from CIA headquarters to the field discussing the destruction of videotapes and other classified material at a field facility." Subject of the cable: "Closing of facility and destruction of classified information." (11/20/2009 Vaughn Index 8)
12/3/2002	Email "outlining the destruction plan for video tapes." (11/20/2009 Vaughn Index 46)
12/20/2002	Memorandum that "requests approval for the destruction of the video tapes." "Subject: Draft/outline of leaks memo turn into memo form." (11/20/2009 Vaughn Index 42)
12/24/2002	"Tapes-CTC memorandum re tapes." An email "confirming receipt of a copy of a memorandum and the writing of a cover memorandum regarding the interrogation video tapes." (11/20/2009 Vaughn Index 39)
11-12/2002	"An OGC attorney reviewed the videotapes in November and December 2002 to

	ascertain compliance with the August 2002 DoJ opinion and compare what actually happened with what was reported to Headquarters. He reported that there was no deviation from the DoJ guidance or the written record.” (OIG Report 36)
1/12/2003	Beginning of a series of correspondence regarding the question of “what actions will make the video tapes an official record.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 34; 35, 36, 31)
1/12/2003	Email “proposing how to reference the video tapes for a briefing.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 35). Presumably, this refers to the briefing given to Representatives Jane Harman and Porter Goss on 2/5/2003. (http://www.house.gov/list/press/ca36_harman/Jan_3.shtml)
1/13/2003	Email with a cable attached from CIA headquarters to the field, “providing guidance on the procedures for retention of AZ videotapes.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 18)
2/5/2003	General Counsel Scott Muller briefs Representatives Jane Harman and Porter Goss on the videotapes, stating that the CIA plans on destroying them after the OIG reviews them. (http://www.house.gov/list/press/ca36_harman/Jan_3.shtml)
2/7/2003	Email on “how to accommodate a request for review of video tapes, without complicating security issues.” Subject of the document: “Request of tape copies.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 33). Presumably this refers to a request for copies from CIA Inspector General Helgerson, who initiated his investigation in January 2003. (OIG Report 2)
2/10/2003	Representative Jane Harman writes a letter to General Counsel Scott Muller of the CIA, advising that the CIA not destroy the videotapes after the OIG has finished reviewing them. (http://www.house.gov/list/press/ca36_harman/Jan_3.shtml)
2/19/2003	Email with subject “Draft-response to Harmon [sic] letter,” “commenting on a draft letter to Congress.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 32)
2/22/2003	The CIA meets with the White House regarding Rep. Harman’s letter on or before 2/22/03: Email “discussing a meeting between CIA and the White House regarding the CIA’s response to a congressional inquiry.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 28)
2/28/2003	General Counsel Muller responds to Rep. Harman, stating that “it would be fair to assume that policy as well as legal matters have been addressed within the Executive Branch,” with respect to the CIA’s use of interrogation techniques. The letter does not mention the videotapes. (http://www.house.gov/list/press/ca36_harman/Jan_3.shtml)
5/2003	OIG reviews the videotapes. (OIG Report 36)
7/29/2003	DCI Tenet and General Counsel Muller brief NSC Principals on the EIT program: “According to a Memorandum for the Record prepared by the General Counsel following that meeting, the Attorney General confirmed that DoJ approved of the expanded use of various EITs, including multiple applications of the waterboard. The General Counsel said he believes everyone in attendance was aware of exactly what CIA was doing with respect to detention and interrogation, and approved of the effort.” (OIG Report 24)
8/4/2003	Thirteen-page cable “that discusses the disposition of the 92 videotapes.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 6)
4/28/2004	60 Minutes breaks story on the Abu Ghraib photos. (http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/04/27/60II/main614063.shtml)

5/2004	Meeting between (at least) General Counsel Muller and several White House attorneys (including Gonzales, Addington, and Bellinger). Conflicting reports about whether administration lawyers supported preservation or destruction of the tapes. (http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/30/washington/30intel.html?pagewanted=all) (http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/19/washington/19intel.html?_r=2&hp&oref=slogin&oref=slogin) (Jane Mayer pegs the meeting at 5/24/2004: Jane Mayer, <i>The Dark Side</i> 292 (2008).
5/2004	OIG Report completed.
11/10/2004	Email chain “on the video tapes and OIG’s open investigation.” “Subject: Memo w/OIG comment on tape disposition.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 26). Unclear what investigation this refers to.
2003-2004	9/11 Commissions requests production of “documents,” “reports,” and “information” related to the interrogations. The CIA does not produce the videotapes. It later claims that the tapes were not part of the request. (http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/22/washington/22intel.html?ref=washington)
5/2005	Senator Jay Rockefeller has stated that he requested a copy of the CIA’s OGC report on the examination of the videotapes. The CIA apparently refused the request. (http://www.warandpiece.com/blogdirs/006826.html#more)
7/28/2005	Email “with a CIA attorney’s opinion, conveyed to his client, regarding the DNI’s position the destruction of the videotapes.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 27). Presumably, this is a reference DNI Negroponte’s advice against destruction of the videotapes. (http://www.newsweek.com/id/78065)
9/2005	Senator Rockefeller apparently requested, for the second time, a copy of the CIA’s OGC report on the videotapes. The request was apparently refused. (http://www.warandpiece.com/blogdirs/006826.html#more)
11/2/2005	Dana Priest article in the Washington Post reveals existence of CIA “black sites.” (http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/11/01/AR2005110101644.html)
11/3/2005	Judge Leonie Brinkema, in the Moussaoui case, asks whether the CIA has tapes of interrogations related to the Moussaoui case (including of Abu Zubaydah). (http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/07/washington/07intel.html)
11/8/2005	Cable “from the field to CIA Headquarters requesting permission to destroy 92 videotapes.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 3)
11/8/2005	Same. (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 5)
11/8/2005	Cable “from the field to headquarters relating to a review of the videotapes by an OGC attorney.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 7)
11/9/2005	Doug Jehl article in the New York Times reveals the existence of the CIA’s OIG Report. Article does not mention the videotapes. (http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9D05E5D9153EF93AA35752C1A9639C8B63&sec=&spn=&pagewanted=all)
11/9/2005	Subject: “Request approval to destroy field videotapes.” Fourteen-page email with six embedded cables. “Three of the cables relate to the decision to destroy the 92 videotapes.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 2)
11/9/2005	Cable “from the field to CIA headquarters, confirming the destruction of the videotapes.” (11/20/2009 <i>Vaughn</i> Index 4)