Sir,

During our initial OPT, when we were just hours away from receiving PFC Manning, the Base Staff along with Sec Bn Cmdr and the CO of the Naval Health Clinic discussed proper receiving of the detainee, the initial mental health assessments, continuous mental health screening/assessments and proper brig supervision. PFC Manning is on suicide watch, which means he is under constant observation. He is in his cell in skivvies and has only a blanket. Measures are in place now to ensure all personnel (Brig Staff/ Counselors/Mental Health Physicians) who come in contact with PFC Manning, know that if he no longer meets the criteria to be detained, that we would be immediately transferred to the mental health ward in Walter Reed.

The Army Correctional Command actually owns him and has asked for second and third opinions on his mental health and ability to handle the stress of being detained in our brig. I just got off the phone with the CO of the Naval Health Clinic and also just met with Col Oltman, and directed that they provide me weekly updates on Manning, by providing general info on his attitude and mental health. Will forward a copy of the weekly reports to you personally, and it will be separate from the weekly Base Updates.

Of note: Col Oltman states that mail from Code Pink and other organizations that think Manning is a hero, Manning is refusing all mail addressed to him from those types of organizations.

Sir, we all understand the importance of maintaining a close watch and ensuring he is mentally stable to remain detained in our facility for quite some time.

VR, DJC

Col Daniel J. Choike, USMC
Commander, Marine Corps Base

------Original Message------
From: Flynn LtGen George J
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 3:14 PM
To: Oltman Col Robert G; Choike Col Daniel J
Cc: Reed SgtMaj Dennis W; Mortenson Col Royal; Miner Col Christopher W; Neill CAPT Mary; Kauzlarich Col Mark M; Oltman Col Robert G
Subject: RE: Behavioral Profile: Struggles Of Soldier Charged In Leak Case
Signed By: 

APPELLATE EXHIBIT 419a
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Bob and Dan,

We have had one suicide of a high risk prisoner in the brig. We need to make sure that we have covered down on what we learned from that case. Based on the below, this young man has a great deal on his plate and it would be good if you impressed upon all who come in contact with Pvt. Manning the absolute necessity of keeping a close watch on him. This includes Brig, medical, Chaplain and transport personnel. His life has completely fallen apart which makes him a strong candidate (from my perspective) to take his life.

S/F
GJF

LtGen. George J. Flynn, USMC
Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration
Commanding General, MCCDC

Comm: 
DSN: (B) (6) 
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New York Times
August 9, 2010

Early Struggles Of Soldier Charged In Leak Case

By Ginger Thompson

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. « He spent part of his childhood with his father in the arid plains of central Oklahoma, where classmates made fun of him for being a geek. He spent another part with his mother in a small, remote corner of southwest Wales, where classmates made fun of him for being gay.

Then he joined the Army, where, friends said, his social life was defined by the need to conceal his sexuality under 'don't ask, don't tell' and he wasted brainpower fetching coffee for officers.

But it was around two years ago, when Pfc. Bradley Manning came here to visit a man he had fallen in love with, that he finally seemed to have found a place where he fit in, part of a social circle that included politically motivated computer hackers and his boyfriend, a self-described drag queen.

So when his military career seemed headed nowhere good, Private Manning, 22, turned increasingly to those friends for moral support.

And now some of those friends say they wonder whether his desperation for acceptance or delusions of grandeur « may have led him to disclose the largest trove of government secrets since the Pentagon Papers.

'I would always try to make clear to Brad that he had a promising future ahead of him,' said Daniel J. Clark, one of those Cambridge friends. 'But when you're young and you're in his situation, it's hard to tell yourself things are going to get better, especially in Brad's case, because in his past, things didn't always get better.'

Blond and barely grown up, Private Manning worked as an intelligence analyst and was based east of Baghdad. He is suspected of disclosing more than 150,000 diplomatic cables, more than 90,000 intelligence reports on the war in Afghanistan and one video of a military helicopter attack « all of it classified. Most of the information was given to WikiLeaks.org, which
posted the war reports after sharing them with three publications, including The New York Times.

Wikileaks has defended the disclosure, saying transparency is essential to democracy. The Pentagon has denounced the leaks, saying they put American soldiers and their Afghan allies in grave danger.

And while that dispute rages on, with the Pentagon having recently demanded that Wikileaks remove all secret documents from the Internet and hand over any undisclosed materials in its files, Private Manning is being held in solitary confinement at Quantico, Va., under suicide watch.

Private Manning’s military-appointed lawyer, Maj. Thomas F. Hurley, declined an interview request.

Much remains unknown about his journey there from Crescent, Okla., the small town where he was born. But interviews with people who know him, along with e-mail exchanges between him and Adrian Lamo, the computer hacker who turned him in, offer some insights into Private Manning’s early years, why he joined the Army and how he came to be so troubled, especially in recent months.

“I’ve been isolated so long,” Private Manning wrote in May to Mr. Lamo, who turned the chat logs over to the authorities and the news media. “But events kept forcing me to figure out ways to survive.”

Survival was something Private Manning began learning as a young child in Crescent. His father, Brian Manning, was also a soldier and spent a lot of time away from home, former neighbors recalled. His mother, Susan Manning, struggled to cope with the culture shock of having moved to the United States from her native Wales, the neighbors said.

One neighbor, Jacqueline Radford, recalled that when students at Private Manning’s elementary school went on field trips, she sent additional food or money to make sure he had something to eat.

“I’ve always tried to be supportive of him because of his home life,” Ms. Radford said. “I know it was bad, to where he was left to his own, had to fend for himself.”

At school, Bradley Manning was clearly different from most of his peers. He preferred hacking computer games rather than playing them, former neighbors said. And they said he seemed opinionated beyond his years about politics, religion, and even about keeping religion out of politics.

In his Bible Belt hometown that he once mockingly wrote in an e-mail had “more pews than people,” Private Manning refused to recite the parts of the Pledge of Allegiance that referred to God or do homework assignments that involved the Scriptures. And if a teacher challenged his views, former classmates said, he was quick to push back.

“He would get upset, slam books on the desk if people wouldn’t listen to him or understand his point of view,” said Chera Moore, who attended elementary and junior high school with him. “He would get really mad, and the teacher would say, OK, Bradley, get out.”

It was something he would hear a lot throughout his life.

After Private Manning’s parents divorced, he moved with his mother to Haverfordwest, Wales, her hometown, and began a new chapter of isolation.
Haverfordwest is several times bigger than Crescent. It is also centuries older, with traditions that run much deeper. A bustling market town, it offered a pace of life that was significantly faster.

Former students at his school there, Tasker Milward, remembered Private Manning being teased for all sort of reasons. His American accent. His love of Dr Pepper. The amount of time he spent huddled before a computer.

And then, students began to suspect he was gay.

Sometimes, former classmates said, he reacted to the teasing by idly boasting about stealing other students' girlfriends. At other times, he openly flirted with boys. Often, with only the slightest provocation, he would launch into fits of rage.

\[ ^3 \text{It was probably the worst experience anybody could go through,} \] \[ ^2 \text{said Rowan John, a former classmate who was openly gay in high school.} \] \[ ^3 \text{Being different like me, or Bradley, in the middle of nowhere is like going back in time to the Dark Ages.} \]

But life ahead did not immediately brighten for Private Manning. After his troubled high school years, his mother sent him back to Oklahoma to live with his father and his older sister.

He was hired and quickly fired from a small software company, where his employer, Kord Campbell, recalled him as clean-cut and highly intelligent with an almost innate sense for programming, as well as the personality of a bull in a china shop. Then his father found out he was gay and kicked him out of the house, friends said. Mr. Clark, the Cambridge friend, said Private Manning told him he lived out of his car briefly while he worked in a series of minimum-wage retail jobs.

He enlisted in the Army in 2007, to try to give his life some direction and to help to pay for college, friends said.

He was granted a security clearance and trained as an intelligence analyst at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., before being assigned to the Second Brigade 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y.

Before being deployed to Iraq, Private Manning met Tyler Watkins, who described himself on his blog as a classical musician, singer and drag queen. A friend said the two had little in common, but Private Manning fell head over heels. Mr. Watkins, who did not respond to interview requests for this article, was a student at Brandeis University. On trips to visit him here in Cambridge, Private Manning got to know many in Mr. Watkins' wide network of friends, including some who were part of this university town's tight-knit hacker community.

Friends said Private Manning found the atmosphere here to be everything the Army was not: openly accepting of his geeky side, his liberal political opinions, his relationship with Mr. Watkins and his ambition to do something that would get attention.

Although hacking has come to mean a lot of different things, at its core, those who do it say, is the philosophy that information should be free and accessible to all. And Private Manning had access to some of the most secret information on the planet.

Meanwhile, his military career was anything but stellar. He had been reprimanded twice, including once for assaulting an officer. He wrote in e-mails that he felt regularly ignored by his superiors except when I had something essential, then it was back to [Bring me coffee, then sweep the floor.]}
And it seems the more isolated he felt in the military, he wore custom dog tags that said "Humanist," and friends said he kept a toy fairy wand on his desk in Iraq, the more he clung to his hacker friends.

According to Wired magazine, Private Manning told Mr. Watkins last January that he had gotten his hands on a secret video showing a military helicopter attack that killed two Reuters photographers and one Iraqi civilian.

In a computer chat with Mr. Lamo, Private Manning said he gave the video to WikiLeaks in February. Then, after WikiLeaks released it in April, Private Manning hounded Mr. Watkins about whether there had been any public reaction. "That was one of his major concerns once he'd done this," Mr. Watkins told Wired. "Was it really going to make a difference?"

In his computer chats with Mr. Lamo, Private Manning described how he downloaded the video and lip-synched to Lady Gaga as he copied hundreds of thousands of diplomatic cables.

"Hillary Clinton and several thousand diplomats around the world are going to have a heart attack," he boasted. But even as he professed a perhaps inflated sense of purpose, he called himself "emotionally fractured" and a "wreck" and said he was "self-medicating like crazy."

And as he faces the possibility of a lifetime in prison, some of Private Manning's remarks now seem somewhat prophetic.

"I wouldn't mind going to prison for the rest of my life, or being executed so much, if it wasn't for the possibility of having pictures of me plastered all over the world press."

Ben Fenwick contributed reporting from Oklahoma City, and Ravi Somaiya from Haverfordwest, Wales. Toby Lyles contributed research.

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Bob,

What you have listed below is on target. The instructions given to me were best passed on personally to CW2 Barnes, based upon the last two lengthy meetings with the CG. I don't prefer this approach and would rather go through you, but your TAD trip and absence creates this situation. Much is lost in email missives.

I just got off the phone with CW2 Barnes and let her know about your email and the CG's intent. I know how things go and what you have done in the past in terms of notifying me, I only ask/reconfirm that any decisions to change handling instructions or assignment status is briefed first, before executed. Actions required to save life and/or protect from injury are not included in this for obvious reasons.

You and I supporting/concurring with the Brig OIC's decisions that change handling instructions or assignment status, without passing that info to CG MCCDC for consideration, is no longer acceptable. We/you are not going to get anything in writing from CG MCCDC if he rejects/modifies a recommendation. Memo's for the record can be discussed more between you and I, in an effort to address your concerns about proper documentation/file keeping.

Summary - #1 - yes adhere to the chain of command, and hopefully you understand why that didn't happen right now. #2 Yes - recommendations forwarded to me for discussion and concurrence and then recommendation forwarded to CG, MCCDC before implementation. I will not blindly forward a recommendation to the CG, instead I'll discuss it with you so you will know exactly what I forward. #3 Non-concurrence in writing - we need to discuss and determine the best way to document decision/final actions for the record. CG wants to be able to determine political impact, media interest, legal ramifications, and senior leadership reactions, and can't do so without him being in the loop upfront.

SF, Dan

PS- When do you get back?
Cc: Ebitz Maj Amy R  
Subject: Manning Status

Gents

Just got off phone with XO. She has informed me that any changes in Manning Status must be approved by Base CO. I think there is an assumption being made that CW02 Barnes is acting alone and unafraid in her decision process with regard to status and or handling instruction changes with regard to Manning. That is not the case. She and I discuss, same as I did with Averhart, every decision and every change and to date I have concurred with all. Also every change has been discussed with the Boss. Not sure how much more involved we can be. Understand where guidance is coming from and we will do as directed. However I respectfully make the following requests 1) We adhere to the chain of command. Barnes will contact me and I will contact Base CO. 2) Based on conditions etc we, Sec BN will make a recommendation/request to implement the change. Should there be non concurrence and different guidance given we would like to have it in writing in order to annotate in the file. We can set up whatever paperwork is required.

We are on board just want to ensure the files are properly documented.

R/rgo  
Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld
Thanks Lisa,

Unfortunately, CO and I are not comfortable with the plan.

I'm not a psychiatrist; however, if one of my very vulnerable patients, who has been on suicide watch before, was going to be informed of 22 new charges and one of them holds the death penalty, maybe-just-maybe I'd be standing by to assist that patient.

Sorry for venting my frustration with sarcasm.

Chief

-----Original Message-----

From: Raimondo, Lisa H. CAPT [mailto]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:51
To: Kauzlarich Col Mark M; Oltman Col Robert G; Greer LtCol Christopher M
Cc: Neill CAPT Mary; Ebitz Maj Amy R
Subject: RE: Notification

All -

CAPT Neill just spoke to COL Malone. COL Malone indicated that he spoke with WO Barnes at the Brig and all is good to go with his planned visit for tomorrow. Brig officer is comfortable with the plan.

VR, Lisa

Lisa H. Raimondo
CAPT NC USN
Executive Officer
Naval Health Clinic Quantico

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-----Original Message-----
From: Neill, Mary E CAPT
Agree. I have alerted my back up Behavioral Health coverage to go over and provide support in the interim. CAPT Moore can attend to the other individual.

V/R,
MBN

-----Original Message-----
From: Kauzlarich Col Mark M [mailto:
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:09 AM
To: Neill, Mary E CAPT; Oltman Col Robert G; Greer LtCol Christopher M
Cc: Raimondo, Lisa H. CAPT
Subject: RE: Notification

Mary Beth,

Need an answer soonest.

I still should engage Col Malone's Commander. What if PFC Manning would have attempted something after notification of new charges? Behavioral health support from primary provider should have been on standby, not track me down if you need me.

Chief

-----Original Message-----
From: Neill, Mary E CAPT [mailto:
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:00 AM
To: Kauzlarich Col Mark M; Oltman Col Robert G; Greer LtCol Christopher M
Cc: Raimondo CAPT Lisa
Subject: RE: Notification

I just called JTF CAP J3 directly who have the con on the Behavioral Health coverage. They understand that I have deemed this urgent and require immediate plan of action for coverage. If Col Malone is indisposed then I have made it clear that they will provide an alternate provider. I received no advance notice that he was not available and not responding to on call status. Plan B is to have one of my providers come over until assistance is provided from JTF CAP MED. I am waiting to hear from JTF who is calling Walter Reed for assistance.

V/R,
MBN

-----Original Message-----
From: Kauzlarich Col Mark M [mailto:
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:52 AM
To: Oltman Col Robert G; Neill, Mary E CAPT; Greer LtCol Christopher M
Subject: RE: Notification

Gentlemen/lady,

Who does Col Malone work for?
I'm getting ready to go VFR direct to his Commander.

Chief

-----Original Message-----
From: Choike Col Daniel J
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:45
To: Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Cc: Greer LtCol Christopher M
Subject: FW: Notification

Chief, FYI.

Need to get a full-court press from our medical professionals to assist us in getting Col Malone down here ASAP!

SF, DJC

Col Daniel J. Choike, USMC
Commander, Marine Corps Base

-----Original Message-----
From: Oltman Col Robert G
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:42
To: Choike Col Daniel J
Subject: RE: Notification

He is doing better. A little surly this morning but seem to have gotten back in his box. No joy with Col Malone. He is scheduled for his normal visit tomorrow and but we want it today. We are talking with Capt Raimondo to get this resolved. Also have a SR detainee and another POI that we want evaluated. Capt Moore will deal with those two but my issue is the lack of responsiveness...actually just gaining contact with Malone and his team. Barnes tells me she tries to contact and just gets answering machines. Clinic XO has all this information. I am sure she will get us what we need.

Col R.G. Oltman
Commanding Officer
Security BN, MCB Quantico
Cell #
BB #
Email:

-----Original Message-----
From: Choike Col Daniel J
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:14
To: Oltman Col Robert G; Neill CAPT Mary; Greer LtCol Christopher M;

ManningB_00449924
Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Subject: RE: Notification

How is he doing? When will the Dr arrive, or has he arrived?

Col Daniel J. Choike, USMC
Commander, Marine Corps Base

-----original Message-----
From: Oltman Col Robert G
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 20:29
To: Choike Col Daniel J; Neill CAPT Mary; Greer LtCol Christopher M;
Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Subject: Re: Notification

Most recent update from Brig. Manning pacing a mumbling in his cell. All behavior being documented.

S/F
Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld

-----Original Message-----
From: Choike Col Daniel J
To: Oltman Col Robert G; Neill CAPT Mary; Greer LtCol Christopher M;
Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Sent: Wed Mar 02 20:25:37 2011
Subject: Re: Notification

Thanks. DJC

-----Original Message-----
From: Oltman Col Robert G
To: Choike Col Daniel J; Neill CAPT Mary; Greer LtCol Christopher M;
Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Sent: Wed Mar 02 20:16:45 2011
Subject: Notification

Manning chain of command notified and understands situation. Company notified the BN who will press the Army medical to get engaged. Fully expect Dr. Malone to see Det Manning tomorrow.

Advise if there are questions.
Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld
From: Oltman Col Robert G
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 8:31 AM
To: Barnes CWO2 Denise V
Subject: Re: 138

These are minor correct?
Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld

----- Original Message -----­
From: Barnes CWO2 Denise V
To: Oltman Col Robert G
Sent: Thu Feb 17 08:28:17 2011
Subject: RE: 138

Good Morning Sir, no there were no problems. The only thing he addressed was the fact that once the MO said that Manning was no longer a SR, he should have been returned to appropriate quarters. That meant putting him back on POI or whatever status he was on before since appropriate quarters was SQ anyway. In regards to the two times he was SR, there was a lapse in the adjustment of his status because his status was not changed until the C&A board reviewed him. What is supposed to happen is that once the MO says he is not SR then the DBS should do a special move only changing the status from SR back to POI and then the C&A board would review him the next day and not necessarily wait until Friday when he is normally reviewed. Hope your appt goes well Sir.

CWO2 Denise V. Barnes
Brig Officer, Security Battalion

----- Original Message -----­
From: Oltman Col Robert G
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 6:50
To: Barnes CWO2 Denise V
Subject: 138

Col R.G. Oltman
Commanding Officer
Security BN, MCB Quantico
Cell #
BB #
Email:
We will inform his parent command. I will advise when complete.
Sam I am.
Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld
----- Original Message ----- 
From: Greer LtCol Christopher M
To: Choike Col Daniel J; Oltman Col Robert G; Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Sent: Wed Mar 02 17:57:29 2011
Subject: RE: Additional Charges (UNCLASSIFIED)

Gentlemen,
One other piece of information. Based upon comments made by PFC Manning to Brig staff about his ability to kill himself with his underwear (no joke!), CWO2 Barnes determined that he would sleep without his underwear as a precaution. He still is fully clothed during the day. At night he has his blankets so he is not exposed and no female staff have access to even see him.
This may become another media issue as Manning may bring it up with his attorneys.
As Dr Suess would say: I can wear them in a box, I can wear them with a fox, I can wear them in the day, I can wear them so I say, but I can't wear them in the night, my comments gave the staff a fright.

v/r
LtCol Greer
MCBQ SJA

-----Original Message-----
From: Choike Col Daniel J
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 17:48
To: Greer LtCol Christopher M; Oltman Col Robert G; Kauzlarich Col Mark M; Miner Col Christopher W; Ewers Col John R
Subject: RE: Additional Charges (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks Chris. Busy legal day for our guest, wow. My day was good though....I read Dr. Suess books to 1st and 2nd Graders today at our DODEA schools.
Bob,
I'm sure our Brig Marines and MPs are on a heightened state of awareness both for our guest's safety and overall safety/security of the base, based upon the news release and additional charges/Art 138 reply.
SF, DJC
Col Daniel J. Choike, USMC
Commander, Marine Corps Base
Email: [b] [b]
-----Original Message-----
From: Greer LtCol Christopher M
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 17:38
To: Oltman Col Robert G; Kauzlarich Col Mark M; Choike Col Daniel J; Miner Col Christopher W; Ewers Col John R
Subject: FW: Additional Charges (UNCLASSIFIED)
Importance: High
Gentlemen,
This is still close hold until tomorrow. Additional charges are no real surprise with the heavy hitter being the Article 104 charge of "aiding the enemy". That carries the death penalty although the prosecution has informed the defense that it does not intend to seek the death penalty.
The new charges were provided to PFC Manning and he met with his military defense counsel after he received it.
The Art 138 response was provided to PFC Manning today as well. He has 10 working days to respond so we should see something by 16 March.
v/r
LtCol Greer
MCBQ SJA

-----Original Message-----
From: Haberland, John CPT MIL USA
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 16:28
To: Greer LtCol Christopher M
Subject: FW: Additional Charges (UNCLASSIFIED)
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: FOUO
Sir,
Attached is a copy of the new charge sheet with the Additional Charges. This charge will not be public knowledge for a few hours so please do you send it around yet. Please let me know if you have any questions.
Very Respectfully,
CPT John B. Haberland
Regimental Judge Advocate
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)

All. Attached is a copy of the charge sheet, preferred yesterday against PFC Bradley Manning
and served on him today. This charge sheet and background information are being released
to the press through a U.S. Army Military District of Washington (MDW) press release in the
next few hours. Please do not publicly release this information. Also attached is the point of
contact for the MDW public affairs office, if your organization would like to coordinate future
messages.

vfr
Ashden
Ashden Fein
CPT, JA
Chief, Military Justice
U.S. Army Military District of Washington (MDW)

Classifcation: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: FOUO
Brig OIC is going to leave his status as is and his handling instructions will remain the same for the immediate future; meaning he will only have his blankets from Taps to Reveille. She and I discussed at length and she will continue to review his actions and review the recommendations of the C&A Board and based off that will make a change to his handling instructions. We have applied no timeline to that process.

Col R.G. Oltman
Commanding Officer
Security BN, MCB Quantico

-----Original Message-----
From: Choike Col Daniel J
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 16:22
To: Neill CAPT Mary; Oltman Col Robert G
Cc: Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Subject: RE: Manning status

Bob,

Need an update on brig actions planned for Manning based on the below.

SF, DJC

Col Daniel J. Choike, USMC
Commander, Marine Corps Base

-----Original Message-----
From: Neill, Mary E CAPT [mailto: _redacted_]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 16:20
To: Choike Col Daniel J; Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Subject: Manning status

For close hold need to know SA:
I have a report from my Brig Medical Officer who debriefed with Col Malone this afternoon after visit.
PFC Manning is doing well, appeared in good spirits and has been taken off a medication he has been on in response to the improved status.

V/R,

MBN

CAPT Mary E. Neill, DC, USN
Commanding Officer
Naval Health Clinic Quantico

Com:  [redacted]
DSN:  [redacted]
e-mail: [redacted]
Sir, when I made the decision to have detainee Manning's underwear removed after taps with his other gear and still keep him POI, my thought process was that he did not threaten suicide nor did he make a suicidal gesture as per the SECNAV. In addition, we did not feel that the extra measures were necessary during regular day time hours. He never said he would commit suicide nor did he act in a manner that was similar to the incident in January with CWO Averhart where he was placed in SR status. His behavior was not erratic in any way, as matter of fact, he was smiling when he was talking to MSGt Papakie. The SECNAV states that I can remove clothing when deemed necessary. I found it hard to justify assigning him the SR status, it is easier to explain why we left him in POI status than why we placed him in SR status without adhering to the guidance in the SECNAV. I also could not justify not taking action in the event of a possible suicide or an attempt at it after he made that comment to MSGt Papakie. MSGt Papakie, Gysgt Blenis and I all felt uncomfortable and almost at the same time said we need to make adjustments. As a side note Sir, I do not always concur with the C&A board or items that are brought to me in other capacities. A good example was prisoner Cantrell, on 26 January, the C&A board voted 2-1 to keep him as interior work detail and I disagreed and put him in protective custody status. My decision was based on the reason we had him in confinement and since I did not know who he testified on that may come to the Brig, I put his safety first. Thanks Sir.

"b. Prisoners who have threatened suicide or have made a suicidal gesture, but are found fit for confinement, may be placed in the category of "suicide risk" for observation. They shall be placed in special quarters under continuous observation. CO/OIC/CPOIC may direct removal of the prisoner's clothing when deemed necessary. Prisoner must be under observation of a supervisor of the same sex."

CW02 Denise V. Barnes
Brig Officer, Security Battalion

-----Original Message-----
From: Oltman Col Robert G
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 11:43
To: Barnes CW02 Denise V
Cc: Ebitz Maj Amy R
Subject: Fw: Manning early bird article

Heading towards office soon. CW02 Barnes synopsize for me the rational for your action and the authority vested and cited by you in the SECNAV. I will reply to this email.
Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld
From: Wright LtCol Troy V
To: Oltman Col Robert G
Cc: Greer LtCol Christopher M; Galaviz CW05 Abel; Durham CIV Jan M; Pagan CIV Radomet R
Sent: Fri Mar 04 10:42:48 2011
Subject: FW: Manning early bird article

Col Oltman:

Sir, I just wanted to pass on to you a professional opinion from PSL that we have some concerns about recent (within the last 2-3 days) decisions made by the commanding officer of the Quantico brig. To take measures that are consistent with suicide watch but not officially place that person in a suicide watch status is inconsistent with the way we are supposed to do business. We understand there may be some concern about taking actions which may result in another Article 138 complaint but if we are doing business they way we are supposed to there is nothing to worry about.

Very respectfully,

LtCol Wright

LtCol Troy V. Wright
Head, Law Enforcement and Corrections Branch
Security Division (PS); Plans, Policies & Operations (PP&O)
Headquarters, u.s. Marine Corps (HQMC)

-----Original Message-----
From: Galaviz CW05 Abel
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 8:45
To: Pagan CIV Radomet R; Wright LtCol Troy V; Burris MGySgt Richard L; Gillespie CTR Tab D
Subject: Manning early bird article

Gentlemen, news from today's Early Bird.

Soldier In Leaks Case Was Jailed Naked, Lawyer Says

By Charlie Savage

WASHINGTON - A lawyer for Pfc. Bradley Manning, the Army intelligence analyst accused of leaking secret government files to WikiLeaks, has complained that his client was stripped and left naked in his cell for seven hours on Wednesday.

The conditions of Private Manning's confinement at the Marine brig in Quantico, Va., have drawn criticism in recent months from supporters and his lawyer, David E. Coombs.

The soldier's clothing was returned to him Thursday morning, after he was required to stand naked outside his cell during an inspection, Mr. Coombs said in a posting on his Web site.

"This type of degrading treatment is inexcusable and without justification," Mr. Coombs wrote. "It is an embarrassment to our military justice system and should not be tolerated.
Pfc. Manning has been told that the same thing will happen to him again tonight. No other detainee at the brig is forced to endure this type of isolation and humiliation.

First Lt. Brian Villiard, a Marine spokesman, said a brig duty supervisor had ordered Private Manning's clothing taken from him. He said that the step was "not punitive" and that it was in accordance with brig rules, but he said that he was not allowed to say more.

"It would be inappropriate for me to explain it," Lieutenant Villiard said. "I can confirm that it did happen, but I can't explain it to you without violating the detainee's privacy."

Private Manning is being held as a maximum security detainee under a special set of restrictions intended to prevent self-injury, even though supporters say there is no evidence that he is suicidal.

During an appearance on MSNBC earlier on Thursday, Geoffrey Morrell, the Pentagon press secretary, attributed the general conditions of Private Manning's confinement to "the seriousness of the charges he's facing, the potential length of sentence, the national security implications" and to protect him from potential harm.

Also, earlier on Thursday, one of Private Manning's friends, David House, said in a conference call with reporters that he had visited the soldier the previous weekend and that his mental condition was severely deteriorating as a result of being confined to his cell 23 hours a day, with one hour to exercise in an empty room, and largely isolated from human contact.

But Mr. House said that Private Manning did not seem suicidal and contended that he was being pressured to cooperate.

Investigators have been seeking evidence that could implicate Julian Assange, the WikiLeaks founder, as a conspirator in the leaking of the military and diplomatic documents and videos.

Mr. House spoke on the conference call with Daniel Ellsberg, who compared the leaking of documents to WikiLeaks to his own leaking of the Pentagon Papers during the Vietnam War. On Wednesday, the Army announced 22 additional charges against Private Manning, including "aiding the enemy."

The charge sheet did not explain who "the enemy" was, leading some to speculate that it was a reference to WikiLeaks. On Thursday, however, the military said that it instead referred to any hostile forces that could benefit from learning about classified military tactics and procedures.

Respectfully Submitted,
CWO-5 Abel Galaviz
Head, Corrections Section
PP&O, PS Division, PSL Branch

"Don't tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and let them surprise you with the results."
answer A4: should be "good order and discipline" vice "disciple."
Answer A7, I would keep the first sentence and delete the second; it adds no value to the
question and throws CWO Barnes out there again.

Col R.G. Oltman
Commanding Officer
Security BN, MCB Quantico
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-----Original Message-----
From: Johnson Col Thomas V
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 15:22
To: Miner Col Christopher W; Greer LtCol Christopher M
Cc: Flynn LtGen George J; Choike Col Daniel J; Kauzlarich Col Mark M; Mortenson Col Royal;
Oltman Col Robert G; Neill CAPT Mary; Salas Col Bryan F; Streng CIV Peter J; Logsdon CIV Richard S; Rothlein
CIV Julius; Jenks CIV Chuck C; Villiard 1st Lt Brian S
Subject: HUFFINGTON POST QUERY

Another query/response for your review/edits and routing up the chain for approval.

Q1. Have psychiatrists and psychologists been used improperly to assist in what has been perceived as the 'torture' of Bradley Manning? If so, what is the justification? A1. Medical professionals in the military are dedicated to the health and well-being of service members. Pfc. Manning is being treated fairly, with dignity and respect.

Q2. It was mentioned that the Quantico jail could not comment on the rationale behind the forced nudity of Bradley Manning, other than for his own safety. Further comment could not be made based on 'privacy issues.' How could that occur without a valid HIPAA form filled out by Manning himself or his next of kin? Even military doctors are under HIPAA and to violate HIPAA would trigger a possible 20 year jail term for the doctors. Was a HIPAA form filled out? Was Manning alert and able to do authorize this? Were his next of kin notified? A2. HIPAA laws protect service members from unauthorized disclosure of personal health information. The Privacy Act of 1974 protect service members from unauthorized disclosure of personal records or the contents within those records. As a matter of policy, we will not disclose information protected under either law.

Q3. Multiple medical groups have condemned the use of solitary confinement and sensory deprivation as torture which can often lead to severe psychiatric damage. How do the doctors treating and assessing Manning defend themselves? A3. Pfc. Manning is not in solitary confinement. He is housed in a single-person cell, as is every other detainee in the Quantico brig. He is granted the same rights and privileges allowed for any maximum custody detainee.
Q4. You have claimed that Manning is not in solitary as other soldiers speak to him every 5 minutes to ask if he is ok. The understanding is that Manning is in a cell where he cannot see others, and he is not permitted to speak to others. He does not receive any news, books, company, etc., and is only allowed outside this cage for one hour of the 24. How is this not solitary confinement?

A4. Due to the layout of the brig, no detainee has direct view of another detainee. Detainees are allowed to converse with other detainees, provided the conversation does not become disruptive or interfere with good order and discipline.

All detainees, to include Pfc. Manning, are allowed to order books, periodicals and newspapers, and may send/receive mail. Each detainee receives one hour of television time per day and may watch any of the available channels. All maximum custody detainees are restricted to their cells unless receiving visitors, visiting with legal representatives, making phone calls or showering. None of the time spent for the above mentioned activities counts against the additional one hour of recreation time allowed for detainees.

Q5. How is this treatment any better than what Manning could have received under the previous Bush administration? How do you or your superiors plan to defend yourselves against charges of crimes against humanity? Charges of torture? Charges of unconstitutional abuse such as indefinite detention?

A5. We will not discuss politics. Pfc. Manning is being treated fairly, with dignity and respect. All conduct at the brig is professional and respectful, and within the rules and regulations set forth by Secretary of the Navy Instruction 1640.9, Navy Corrections Manual.

Q6. US Congressman Kucinich has requested a visit with Manning. He has been given 'the run around,' and as such has been issued a de facto denial. How do you justify denying a US Congressman legal access to Manning?

A6. Please address this question with the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Q7. The orders surrounding Manning's treatment come from what source? Chairman of the Joint Chiefs? The President? Department of Justice? Who?

A7. Detainee confinement, including Pfc. Manning's, is guided by SECNAVINST 1640.9. The brig commander has the responsibility to ensure the safety and security of all detainees under her charge, and to ensure they make it to trial.

Q8. Does DOD consider itself to be above the civilian law? Please explain.

A8. Please address this question with the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Taken at 1345, 16 March, by 1stLt Brian Villiard from:

Jeanine Molloff, Freelance Journalist, contributing to Huffington Post

Office: (b)(6) E-mail: (b)(6)

Deadline: Friday

R/S,

Col. T.V. Johnson
MCCDC/MCB Quantico PAO
Office: (b)(6) Mobile: (b)(6)
Great summary chief concur 100%. Did not give my view as I am biased.
Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld

----- Original Message -----
From: Kauzlarich Col Mark M
To: Oltman Col Robert G; Choike Col Daniel J; Johnson Col Thomas V; Greer LtCol Christopher M
Sent: Sat Mar 05 09:24:01 2011
Subject: Re: Manning Article

CO,
Read article first thing this morning. Villiard sounded knowledgeable and objective. Public can draw own conclusions from, "I can tell you that this was event driven."
Top cover from psych would have defused allegations that measures are punitive.
Respectfully,
Chief

----- Original Message -----­
From: Oltman Col Robert G
To: Choike Col Daniel J; Johnson Col Thomas V; Greer LtCol Christopher M; Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Sent: Sat Mar 05 07:42:36 2011
Subject: Manning Article
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AP article in Freelance Star this morning.
Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld
From: Wright LtCol Troy V  
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 12:08 AM  
To: Oltman Col Robert G <(b) (6) > Burris MGySgt Richard L  
Cc: Averhart CWO4 James T <(b) (6) > Kauzlarich Col Mark M  
Subject: RE: Tomorrow's Visit  

Sir,

One of the complaints in the press that's getting a lot of play is PFC Manning's MAX custody status. I thought that just like a competent doctor who has confidence in his own work would recommend that a patient get a second opinion before a major surgery/treatment that having Army Corrections take a second look at the custody classification of Manning would verify that Quantico brig got it right.

I will wave Mr. Stroebel off first thing in the morning if you don't want this any more.

V/R  
LtCol Wright

From: Oltman Col Robert G [mailto: ]  
Sent: Tue 1/11/2011 4:12 PM  
To: Wright LtCol Troy V; Burris MGySgt Richard L  
Cc: Averhart CWO4 James T; Kauzlarich Col Mark M  
Subject: Tomorrow's Visit  

Gents

Spoke with Col Choike today about Mr. Stroebel's visit tomorrow. Given the recent email from Carlyle Shelton stating that both the USA IG and USMC IG are satisfied with the package they have been provided, with regard to Manning, we no longer feel that a visit/independent assessment from Mr. Stroebel will provide any value. If he is looking at our facility as part of an assessment/validation of our capability as a PCF then we will gladly accept his visit. If he is coming to only look at actions with respect to Manning then we request that the visit be canceled. Please advise if there are any questions.

R/  
Col R.G. Oltman  
Commanding Officer  
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Agree and WILCO. Will keep you posted
Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld
----- Original Message ----- 
From: Choike Col Daniel J
To: Oltman Col Robert G
Cc: Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Sent: Mon Jan 10 17:19:17 2011
Subject: RE: Army Corrections Command independent review of Pvt Manning custody classifications
Roger. As long HQMC is here during the visit, then lets proceed. CG has been pushing through his channels that we get Army/OSD visits...we just need to coordinate the conduct of the visit, have HQMC present and before anything is reported up the chain, we get a chance to comment. Arm-chair quarterbacks not welcomed...need experts that understand our service procedures and local SOP under the existing conditions...if they are willing to look long and hard, rather than drive by and criticize....we should be good. Your involvement every step of the way with HQMC engaged is critical to these visits.
SF, DJC
Col Daniel J. Choike, USMC
Commander, Marine Corps Base
Email: (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----
From: Choike Col Daniel J
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 16:56
To: Oltman Col Robert G; Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Subject: RE: Army Corrections Command independent review of Pvt Manning custody classifications

Bob,
When you say "he" will be here at 1330, are you talking about Col Shumake? I know that CWO5 is scheduled to visit on Weds, but wasn't aware that Col Shumake is coming. Am I correct here, or off base?
SF, DJC
Col Daniel J. Choike, USMC
Commander, Marine Corps Base

-----Original Message-----
From: Oltman Col Robert G
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 16:42
To: Choike Col Daniel J; Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Subject: RE: Army Corrections Command independent review of Pvt Manning custody classifications

Dan
Based off discussions with the Chief he is slated to be here wed at 1330. The Chief and I will be with him. I share you concerns, and have discussed with Galaviz. I recommend we hit him up with it again on Wed a.m. when he is here and request he be present at the 1330 meeting as well.
Col R.G. Oltman
Commanding Officer
Security BN, MCB Quantico

-----Original Message-----
From: Choike Col Daniel J
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 16:33
To: Oltman Col Robert G; Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Subject: RE: Army Corrections Command independent review of Pvt Manning custody classifications

Bob,
Concur with you concerns and I think we would be better served with OSD evaluating and not just Army Corrections. This may be one in the same, seeing that Col Shumake is an US Army officer, but operates in a different capacity.

If we think through this process of evaluation (I think we need to do it even with some
concerns), then what about HQMC PSL evaluating us first and have them sponsor the Army or OSD Corrections experts to follow suit to compare notes. We need to stress the importance of concurrence in what we are doing, in light of all the attention received. CWO5 Galaviz is still coming by to visit this Weds, we might need to discuss this beforehand.

SF, DJC
Col Daniel J. Choike, USMC
Commander, Marine Corps Base

-----Original Message-----
From: Oltman Col Robert G
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 13:15
To: Choike Col Daniel J; Kauzlarich Col Mark M
Subject: FW: Army Corrections Command independent review of Pvt Manning custody classifications

Gentlemen
FYSA. This is a result of the email exchanges of the past few weeks. I am open to showing our facility to anyone who wants to see it but I do have some reservations about an independent assessment of our detainees. We should expect that if their opinion is different from ours, Manning’s defense council will get that information and exploit it in the press.

Col R.G. Oltman
Commanding Officer
Security BN, MCB Quantico

-----Original Message-----
From: Galaviz CW05 Abel
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 10:33
To: Averhart CW04 James T
Cc: Oltman Col Robert G; Burris MGySgt Richard L; Pagan CIV Radomet R; Wright LtCol Troy V
Subject: Army Corrections Command independent review of Pvt Manning custody classifications

Col Oltman, CWO Averhart, as agreed previously we have asked the Army Corrections HQ’s if they would conduct a review of your custody classification process and decisions made in Pvt Manning as an outside USMC source. Greg Stroebel has agreed and suggested Wednesday the 12th between 1330 and 1400 as the best opportunity for him to make it down there. Please advise on the supportability of this suggested date and time.

Respectfully Submitted,
CWO-5 Abel Galaviz
Head, Corrections Section
PP&O, PS Division, PSL Branch
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