(U) Following is an AAR on my participation in the ALSA JWG at Langley AFB last week.

1. (U) Background
   a. (U) The Air Land Sea Application (ALSA) Center is tasked by the Services' Doctrine Centers to develop multi-Service Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (MTTP) publications, studies and other solutions to solve interoperability issues or fill doctrinal voids. In this case, ALSA has been tasked to produce an MTTP entitled “Detainee Operations in a Joint Environment.” A Joint Working Group (JWG) was held 5-8 August 2003 at the ALSA facility on Langley AFB, Hampton VA. and I represented DHS at the JWG.
   b. (U) Eighteen commands in addition to DIA were represented at the JWG, including USSOCOM, USSOUTHCOM, CMDT USCG, US Bureau of Immigration & Customs, CJTF 180, HQDA, HQAF, HQ USMC, HQ ACC, HQ AMC, the Army's Training and Doctrine Command and Military Police Institute, and Navy's Bureau of Personnel, COMLANTFLT, and Charleston Brig. Additionally, OSD's Detainee Policy Group was frequently consulted by telephone and email for informal guidance during the group's deliberations.

2. (U) Discussion
   a. (U) The JWG is charged with producing a draft MTTP, as noted above. The intent is to produce a usable working document that will inform commands on how to organize for detainee operations, and at the same time provide the soldier in the field or at the detention
center with detailed instructions on how to perform his mission, whether at the point of initial capture, during transfer from the field to a rear area collection center, or in a long-term detention facility. ALSA personnel served as facilitators for the effort; after a brief organizational meeting in which a rough outline of the pub’s structure was developed and agreed upon, the JWG broke into groups to draft each chapter, with groups formed based upon individual expertise and command interest. Chapter outline is as follows (chapter titles are rough and subject to change):

I. Policy
II. Initial Capture
III. Collection Point/Short-term Holding Facility Operations
IV. Transport
V. Long-Term Detention
VI. Return

I participated in drafting Chapters on Policy and Return, while [redacted] was a principal drafter on a chapter dealing with Long-term Detention; [redacted] additionally contributed to the interrogation portions of Chapters on Initial Capture and Short-term Detention.

b. (U) Over the course of the week, a rough draft MTTP was produced. ALSA is now formatting the document, and is expected to ship an electronic copy of the draft to each participating command within two weeks for initial review and coordination. Prior to departure, we were provided with CDs containing electronic copies of the major reference documents, as well as contact details on JWG attendees.

c. (U) Our participation proved valuable both for the group and, I believe, for DIA; the proof, of course, will be in the quality of the draft we receive in two weeks time. [redacted] in particular was a valuable source of reason and experience in addressing interrogation issues and language, as well as classification issues. The reference documents on the CD, as well as other documents that have been provided separately by email, will be very helpful to me in drafting DIA’s Interrogation Policy

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3. (U) Next Steps
a. (U) DIA participates in AO-level coordination on the first (rough) draft, due to be delivered to us electronically in the next two weeks; suspense for the coordination should be around September 10th.

b. (U) A second JWG is planned for late September/early October, to review proposed changes resulting from initial coordination and resolve any conflicting language, if necessary.

c. (U) A second round of staff coordination on the revised document will follow this JWG. The result will be a smooth draft that will then be formally coordinated with OSD, Combatant Commanders, Services, appropriate Defense Agencies and other interested parties.

d. (U) ALSA’s professed goal is to have the published MTTP on the street within one year.

(U) End of report.

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