

IG 2003-0436

11 July 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John L. Helgerson
Inspector General

SUBJECT: (U//~~FOUO~~) Particularly Serious Problem

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) I have become aware of a development related to the Agency's counterterrorism effort that I must report to you as a "particularly serious problem" within the meaning of Section 17 of the CIA Act.

2. (~~S~~// [redacted] ~~/NF~~) In a memorandum dated 26 June 2003, the Associate Deputy Director for Operations (ADDO) notified me of the death on 21 June 2003 of Afghan detainee Abdul Wali under circumstances that were at that time not clear, but gave rise to concern. The ADDO asked that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigate the matter, which we have been doing. [redacted]

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[redacted] They report there is reason to believe an Agency [redacted] contractor may have engaged in criminal assault or torture of the detainee prior to his death. I am filing a crimes report with the Department of Justice.

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3. (U//~~FOUO~~) In my judgment, this development, as reported to me, constitutes an abuse that triggers my statutory obligation to make an immediate, formal report to you. In turn, you, as DCI, are required to notify the Congressional intelligence committees within seven days. I recommend that such notification include mention of the facts that the OIG is investigating this matter and a crimes report is being filed.

4. (U) I am sending a copy of this memorandum to the DDCI. I will leave to your office any further distribution of

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this memorandum. Let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

John L. Helgerson

cc: DDCI

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