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QUESTION: Under what conditions were you holding these HVDs?"

ANSWER

- We are not going to discuss the details of the program.
- I can advise you, however, that the conditions were not abusive and complied with U.S. obligations under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment and, more recently, with the provisions of the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005.

QUESTION: What interrogation techniques did you use against these people? Did you torture them? Did you use waterboarding?

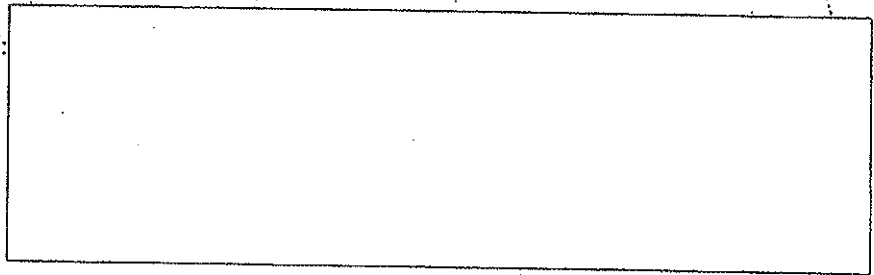
ANSWER:

- We are not going to discuss the details of the program.
- I can advise you, however, that interrogations were conducted in conformance with the US Constitution, US statutes, including the federal anti-torture statute, and US obligations under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

QUESTION:

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QUESTION: Why did you need to detain these individuals in secret facilities for up to four and 1/2 years?

ANSWER:

- Some of these individuals continued to provide important and valuable intelligence during the entire period of their detention.
- The primary reason to keep them detained was to keep them from returning to the fight; to keep AQ off balance on exactly who we had captured and might be cooperating; and so that at the appropriate time, they could be brought to justice in America.

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QUESTION: Why didn't you move the individuals to Guantanamo once you detained them? What was accomplished by a secret detention program that couldn't be accomplished at Guantanamo?

ANSWER:

- There was and is no legal requirement to move them to Guantanamo.
- By keeping their detention secret, we gained an advantage over al-Qa'ida because they could not be certain who was in US custody and possibly cooperating.

QUESTION: Did their countries of nationality know that you were holding them?

ANSWER:

- We are not discussing any operational aspects of the program.

QUESTION: Where were you holding them?

ANSWER:

- We are not discussing any operational aspects of the program.

QUESTION: Did the countries in which you were holding them know that you were running secret detention facilities in their territory?

ANSWER:

- We are not discussing any operational aspects of the program.

QUESTION: How did each individual come into your custody?

ANSWER:

- We are not discussing any operational aspects of the program.

QUESTION: Did you transfer any of these individuals to other countries and later re-assume custody of them?

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ANSWER:

- We are not discussing any operational aspects of the program.

QUESTION: What were the criteria for holding someone in secret detention, as opposed to transferring them to Guantanamo?

ANSWER:

- We are not discussing any operational aspects of the program.

QUESTION: Were they individually screened? By whom?

ANSWER:

- We are not discussing any operational aspects of the program.

QUESTION: Did you pick up anyone who was not who you thought he was?

ANSWER:

- We are not discussing any operational aspects of the program.

QUESTION: How many people have been subject to this program over its lifetime?

ANSWER:

- We are not discussing any operational aspects of the program.

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QUESTION: Did you transfer everyone who had been in your custody? Did you transfer every to Guantanamo?

ANSWER:

- *We recommend not answering this question because once we answer, we will be expected to answer whenever we take a new detainee.*

QUESTION: What did you do with the people you didn't transfer to Guantanamo?

ANSWER:

- We are not discussing any operational aspects of the program.

QUESTION: If you transferred some back to their countries of origin, did you seek humane treatment assurances? Are these people now being secretly held in those countries?

ANSWER:

- The CIA complies with US law and does not render any person to a country in which if it is more likely than not that he would be tortured.
- CIA obtains credible assurances from foreign governments that the rendered person will be treated humanely and that their human rights will be respected.

QUESTION: Do any HVDs remain in undisclosed locations?

ANSWER:

- *We recommend not answering this question because once we answer, we will be expected to answer whenever we take a new detainee.*
- If we answer, no.

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