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Steve Bradbury  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
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Dear Mr. Bradbury:

(TS) [redacted] In furtherance of your telephone conversation today with [redacted] of my office, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) requests the Department of Justice to review its opinion of 25 May 2005 with the assumption the McCain Amendment to the Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2006 is enacted, and advise whether CIA's interrogation techniques would constitute cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment as defined in the McCain Amendment.

(TS) [redacted] In addition, we request the Department of Justice review the CIA's standard conditions of detention and advise whether those conditions would constitute cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment as defined in the McCain Amendment. Enclosed please find a description of our standard conditions of detention.

(U//FOUO) If you have any additional questions, please call

Sincerely,

[Signature Box]

JOHN A. RIZZO  
Senior Deputy General Counsel

Enclosure

Thanks, Steve

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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF CIA DETENTION

CIA security needs require that the conditions of detention for all detainees held in CIA facilities include the following:

- Hooding [redacted]
- Shaving [redacted]
- [redacted]
- Use of Loud Music or White Noise (at a decibel level <79db - calculated to avoid damage to detainees' hearing)
- Constant Light
- Shackling

Hooding:

-- Purpose: Hooding is used for security purposes [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Shaving:

[redacted]

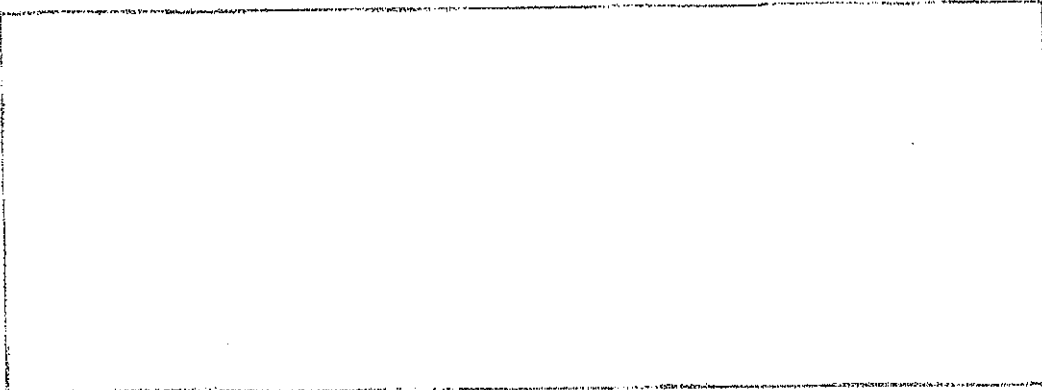
-- Application: A detainee is shaved (head and face) upon arrival to the detention facility [redacted]

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**Loud Music or White Noise:**

-- Purpose: Loud music or white noise is used for security purposes to mask sound and prevent communication among detainees.

-- Application: Loud music or white noise is kept at a decibel level less than 79 dB (calculated to avoid damage to detainees hearing).

In general, sound in the dB 80-99 range is experienced as loud; above 100 dB as uncomfortably loud. OSHA guidelines require employers to establish a noise monitoring program when continuous noise is 85 dB or above. See 29 CFR 1910.95 App G.

Common reference points include garbage disposer (80 dB), cockpit of propeller aircraft (88 dB), shouted conversation (90 dB), motorcycles at 25 feet (90 dB), inside of subway car at 35 mph (95 dB), power mower (95 dB), chain saw (110 dB), and live rock band (114 dB).

[redacted]  
[redacted] there is no risk of permanent hearing loss for continuous, 24-hours-a-day exposures to sound at 82 dB [redacted]  
[redacted]

**Constant Light:**

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[redacted]

[redacted] detainees generally adapt fairly soon to the constant light and can sleep.

**Shackling:**

-- Purpose: Shackling is used for security purposes. Shackling enhances security in all aspects of detainee management and movements. [redacted]

[redacted]

Restraints should not impede circulation or lead to permanent damage.

-- Application: Shackling is done in such a manner as to not restrict the flow of blood or cause any bodily injury.

[redacted]

[redacted] Restraints should neither impede circulation nor lead to abrasions.

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Steve Bradbury, Esq.

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