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On 3/20/2003, [redacted] was interviewed ²⁰⁵ at Camp Delta, U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Arabic translation services were provided by a military linguist.

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[redacted] advised the interviewing agent that he was well.

The purpose of this interview was to build rapport with this detainee. As a result, no investigative information was obtained.

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Detainee [redacted] however, reiterated the statement he made during his previous interviews, on 3/14/2003 and 3/18/03, that he would not provide any information until the U.S. Government and interrogators in Camp Delta changed the way it treated the Muslim holy book, the Koran.

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Moreover [redacted] continued, an incident in the camp yesterday, which cause some areas of the camp to be locked down, was based on the guard's abuse of the Koran. As a result of this incident and what [redacted] claimed were the resulting beatings and further mishandling of the Koran, he was going to shut-down and refuse to talk at all.

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When asked for specifics [redacted] refused to respond.

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[redacted] subsequently responded and conveyed the following claim. Yesterday, the detainees in isolation were removed from their cells for physical exercise. When they returned, they found that their Korans, which had been removed earlier, had been returned by the guards.

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[redacted] stated that it was an abuse of the Koran for non-believers to handle the Koran. [redacted] continued that they would much rather have them all removed than have them handled by the guards.

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[redacted] stated that he understood the United States to support the freedom of religion. Why was it then, he asked, that the Koran was used as a weapon.

[redacted] stated that each detainee should be able to decide if they want a copy of the Koran or not. For those who do not, he stated, the guards should remove them all and no longer remove them and return them at will.

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