



RE: Idris, ISN 035

Bennett, J. Hunter (CIV) to: Jonathan Witmer-Rich

Cc: "Andy Hart", "Amy Cleary"

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History: This message has been replied to.

Jonathan,

We are unable to accommodate your requests. Counsel are not permitted to meet with detainees in their cells. In some cases, we have permitted detainees to meet with counsel in a meeting room at the camp in which they are housed. Because the camp in which your client is currently housed is not equipped with a meeting room, we are unable to accommodate your second request in this instance.

Hunter

Bennett

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From: Jonathan Witmer-Rich [mailto:Jonathan_Witmer-Rich@fd.org]

Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2009 2:26 PM

To: Bennett, J. Hunter (CIV)

Cc: Andy Hart; Amy Cleary

Subject: RE: Idris, ISN 035

My colleagues will be at the base visiting clients next week, on Tuesday 4.14.09 through Thursday, 4.16.09. We have specifically requested April 16, 2009 for Mr. Idris.

Best,

Jonathan

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Jonathan,

DoD is still evaluating whether it can accommodate your requests. On what date do you plan to meet with your client? Thanks.

Hunter

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From: Jonathan Witmer-Rich [mailto:Jonathan_Witmer-Rich@fd.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 4:00 PM
To: Bennett, J. Hunter (CIV)
Cc: Darin Thompson; Andy Hart
Subject: Fw: Idris, ISN 035

Hunter,

Please see my request below. I originally e-mailed John Heneberry, but I suspect he was gone when I sent the e-mail.

Please let me know if you are able to accomodate either request.

Best,

Jonathan

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To "Henebery, John (CIV)"
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Subject RE: Idris, ISN 035(Document link:
Jonathan Witmer-Rich)

With regard to my request below for a visit accomodation:

Well we didn't get this accomplished for the March trip, but we're going down in mid-April. Could you check if we can make this happen? I still do not know which camp Mr. Idris is housed in. When we were there in March and asked the captain he purported not to know where Idris was housed.

To be clear, I am requesting:

1. If Mr. Idris purports to decline our request for a visit, we request that we be permitted to go back to his cell, with our interpreter, to ask him in person if he will consider meeting with us.
2. Barring (1), as a secondary request we would ask that we be permitted to meet with Mr. Idris in the camp in which he is housed, rather than forcing him to be transferred to a separate camp for the meeting.

The second request above has been agreed to by DOJ lawyers with respect to other clients we represent in other cases.

Please let me know if you can provide either of these accomodations for our upcoming trip in mid-April.

Regards,

Jonathan

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Subject RE: Idris, ISN 035

Jonathan,

I'm looking into whether we can accommodate your request to meet ISN 35 at an interview room at his camp. Do you know which camp he's housed in?

Thanks.

john

-----Original Message-----

From: Jonathan Witmer-Rich [mailto:Jonathan_Witmer-Rich@fd.org]

Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009 10:44 AM
To: Henebery, John (CIV)
Cc: Andy Hart; Darin Thompson
Subject: Idris, ISN 035

John,

We are planning another trip to Guantanamo next week, and we hope to visit with Mr. Idris. In our conversations with DOJ counsel (John Siemietkowski) with respect to one of our other clients (Mr. Sattar, ISN 309), who also declined to meet with us during our first trip, we were offered the following proposal for attempting to meet with our client: the DOJ offered

(1) to let us meet with the detainee in one of the interview rooms located inside his camp, so that the detainee would not need to be transferred from one camp to another; and (2) if the detainee would prefer to meet only with the interpreter first to build rapport, the detainee (in the interview room) may meet with the interpreter alone, briefly, before the lawyers come in.

Let me know you are willing to offer these same modest accommodations for our upcoming visit with Mr. Idris.

Thank you for your assistance,

Jonathan Witmer-Rich

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