George W. Bush: President of the United States

Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces

• 2001-2009

Richard Cheney: Vice-President of the United States

• 2001-2009

**Donald Rumsfeld**: Secretary of Defense

Appointed by George W. Bush

Confirmed by United States Senate

• Early 2001

• Resigned November 2006

Stephen Cambone: Under-Secretary of Defense for Intelligence

Appointed by George W. Bush

Confirmed the United States Senate

• March 2003

• Resigned December 2006

Paul Wolfowitz: Deputy of Secretary of Defense

• Jan 2001 – June 2005

David Addington: <u>David Addington</u>: Chief of Staff of the Vice President of the United States

- Press reports also state that Addington reportedly took a leading role in pressing for the use of coercive interrogation methods when a delegation of top Bush administration attorneys traveled to the <a href="Guantanamo Bay detention camp">Guantanamo Bay detention camp</a> in September 2002 to observe operations there, <a href="33">[33]</a> although Addington said that he could not recall this in his sworn <a href="House Judiciary Committee">House Judiciary Committee</a> testimony
- According to <u>Harvard Law School</u> professor <u>Jack Goldsmith</u>, the head of the Office of Legal Counsel from 2003 to 2004, Addington once said that "we're one bomb away from getting rid of that obnoxious court," referring to the secret <u>United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court</u>, which oversees clandestine wiretapping.

John Ashcroft: U.S. Attorney General
Appointed by George W. Bush
Confirmed by Senate

• December 2000

Announced resignation November 2004

Alberto Gonzalez: White House Counsel

• Jan 2001 - Feb 2005

<u>John Yoo</u>: Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice

• 2001-2003

<u>Lewis (Scooter) Libby</u>: From 2001 to 2005, Libby held the titles of <u>Assistant to the Vice President</u> for National Security Affairs and <u>Chief of Staff to the Vice President of the United States<sup>[2]</sup></u> and <u>Assistant to the President during the administration of President George W. Bush</u>

Samuel Alito: Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for 3<sup>rd</sup> District

• Apr 1990- Jan 2006

• Nominated by George W Bush

Michael Chertoff: Judge the U.S. Court of Appeals Third District

• June 2003 to Feb 2005

Chris Christie: U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey

• Jan 2002 – December 2008

• Nominated by George W. Bush

Ralph Marra: First assistant to the US Attorney for the District of New Jersey

• 2002- December 2008

<u>Paul Fishman</u>: in private practice

General John Abizaid: Commander of US Central Command (CENTCOM)- 2003- 2007

Paul interviewed

#### Lt. General Ricardo Sanchez: Commander of Coalition Ground Forces

- Paul interviewed involving Abu Ghraib atrocities
- On May 5, 2006 Sanchez denied ever authorizing interrogators to "go to the outer limits". Sanchez said he had told interrogators: "...we should be conducting our interrogations to the limits of our authority." Sanchez called the ACLU: "...a bunch of sensationalist liars, I mean lawyers, that will distort any and all information that they get to draw attention to their positions
- 2003 Commander of the V Corp 1<sup>st</sup> ID and also
- 2003 became Commander of Combined Task Force 7 (the coalition ground forces in the <u>U.S.-led occupation of Iraq</u>)
- Was passed over for his 4<sup>th</sup> star

# General George Casey: Commander of Multinational Force Iraq

- Senior coalition commander
- Replaced Ricardo Sanchez
- 2004-2007
- Casey's goal was to encourage the Iraqis to take ownership of their problems and responsibility for their own security. For his part as a military commander, he focused on training Iraqi forces, limiting the role of American forces, and transferring the burden for providing security to Iraqi forces. Meanwhile, <u>U.S. diplomats</u> would focus on building and strengthening the Iraqi government and help the Iraqis hold elections. He expressed his view that a large and intrusive American presence in Iraq would not solve the political and security problems in that country and could even fuel the insurgency.

# General Peter Chiarelli: Commander of Multinational Force Iraq

• Under Gen. Casey, Jr.

### MG Geoffrey Miller: Commander of detention facilities in Cuba and Iraq

- US detention facilities at <u>Guantanamo Bay</u>, <u>Cuba</u> and <u>Iraq</u>. Detention facilities in Iraq under his command included <u>Abu Ghraib prison</u>, <u>Camp Cropper</u> and <u>Camp Bucca</u>. He is also famous for training soldiers in "improved interrogation techniques
- In August 2003, Miller was sent to Iraq by the <u>Department of Defense</u> to help get more information out of Iraqi prisoners. In September, Miller submitted a report that recommended "GTMO-ising" their approach combining the detention and interrogation units at <u>Abu</u>

Ghraib into the Theater Joint Interrogation and Detention Center. Specifically, Miller suggested that prison guards be used to "soften up" prisoners for interrogations

- In his final report on the prison abuse, General <u>Antonio Taguba</u> blamed Miller's recommendations for the abuse at Abu Ghraib, and noted that using military police for interrogation was a breach of official policy. Miller denies that he was specifically ordering guards to humiliate and torture prisoners to get confessions out of them
- After the <u>Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse</u> story broke in March 2004, <u>Brigadier General Janis Karpinski</u> was suspended and Miller was appointed the deputy commanding general for detainee operations for Multinational Forces in Iraq. In this role, Miller reports directly to Lieutenant General <u>Ricardo Sanchez</u>. Since his appointment, Miller has vowed to reduce the number of prisoners in Abu Ghraib, adhere to military laws as well as the Geneva Convention, investigate allegations of abuse, and reform the Iraqi prison system. He banned the use of hoods on prisoners during transport and set up a new system to allow prisoners to have visitors
- In May 2006 Miller testified at the courts martial of the Abu Ghraib dog handlers that his instructions on the use of dogs had been misunderstood. Miller testified that he instructed that dogs should be used "only for custody and control of detainees". Miller's testimony was directly contradicted, the next day, by Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Phillabaum, the commander of Abu Ghraib's Military Police detachment

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#### MG Geoffrey Miller: Commander of detention facilities in Cuba and Iraq

\* \* For a period of time Miller exercised his right to protect himself from self-incrimination. [10] According to the New York Times: "He changed his position when the US Senate Armed Services Committee delayed his retirement until he was more forthcoming."

- In November 2006, the German government received a complaint seeking the prosecution of then-Attorney General and former White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales for alleged war crimes. [12]
- Other co-defendants include: <u>Donald H. Rumsfeld, George Tenet, Stephen Cambone, Ricardo S. Sanchez, Geoffrey Miller, Walter Wojdakowski, Thomas M. Pappas, Barbara Fast, Marc Warren, John Yoo, William J. Haynes, II, David Addington, and Jay Bybee.</u>