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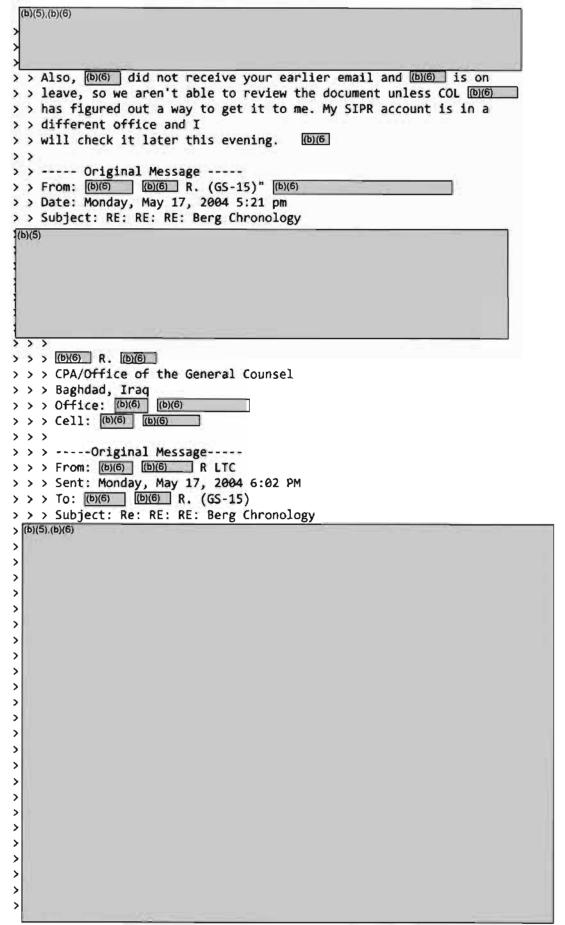
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CPA/CJTF7 briefing -- as pertains to Nick Berg

All - This is the CPA CJTF7 briefing from tonight, as it pertains to Nick Berg. Thought you would all find it useful. (Only one question asked tonight)

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COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY BRIEFING WITH

BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK KIMMITT,

DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR COALITION OPERATIONS;

AND (b)( (b)(6) SENIOR ADVISER, CPA

LOCATION: BAGHDAD, IRAQ

TIME: 10:10 A.M. EDT

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2004

Stephanie Halasz from CNN. We're still trying to -- this is regarding Nicholas Berg -we're still trying to understand why you're -- well, you keep saying that he was never in coalition forces' hands when we have it from several sides that he was detained by U.S. forces, U.S./coalition forces.

GEN. KIMMITT: Yeah. That -- again, it's one of those common misconceptions, and it may have been facilitated by some of the e-mail reports.

When that question was asked, we went up to Brigadier General Carter Hamm (sp), the commander of the Multinational Brigade forces, whose jurisdiction extends into Mosul. General Hamm (sp) is a friend of mine. He said, "No, Mark. That just didn't happen."

It is true that we have joint IP -- Iraqi police -- stations. For good reason, we put oftentimes Military Police side by side with Iraqi police in the police stations. That facilitates command and control. If there's a military issue, then we can work it through there. If there's a civilian issue, if there's crime on the street, they can talk to the military. If there's a military incident, they can talk to the civilians. That makes sense.

In this particular IP station where Berg was brought, he was put into a cell with other Iraqis. The Military Police did have contact with young Berg. They found out that he was in there. Being good, compassionate Americas, they checked in on him every once in a while and said, "Hey, do you need a toothbrush? Do you need some soap? Anything we can do to help you."

But that is, to our understanding, the only contact that Nicholas Berg had with American military forces during that 12-day time period between the 24th and the 6th, while in Mosul.

MR. SENOR: And the only other contact -- primary contact he had with American officials was, as you know, the FBI visited with him three times. But as General Kimmitt said, during the entire period, he was detained by Iraqi police in Mosul, and he was in the custody of Iraqi police in Mosul. And I do know there's a lot of these e-mails circulating. We're trying to get to the bottom of them. But as far as we know, at this point, at no time was he out of custody of Iraqi police.

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## COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY BRIEFING WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK KIMMITT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR COALITION OPERATIONS; AND DAN SENOR, SENIOR ADVISER, CPA

LOCATION: BAGHDAD, IRAQ

TIME: 9:38 A.M. EDT DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2004

MR. SENOR: Good evening.

I have a couple of opening announcements and General Kimmitt has his regular operational briefing, plus an announcement about the ongoing investigation and court martials at Abu Ghraib.

Firstly, on Ambassador Bremer's schedule, he attended a ceremony at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the official handover of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Iraqi minister. At the ceremony Ambassador Bremer spoke to the many accomplishments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs over the past number of months -- all the work that the minister, Hoshyar Zebari, has done to facilitate Iraq's welcoming -- integration into the international community and the number of international organizations that Iraq is now a part of. Mr. Zebari -- the foreign minister, Hoshyar Zebari, spoke at the ceremony as well.

Following that Ambassador Bremer attended his weekly Governing Council meeting, which is part of where they discussed the ongoing consultations on the political transition, and then that was followed by internal meetings Ambassador Bremer had with the CPA.

## Secondly, I have an announcement regarding Mr. Nicholas Berg.

On Saturday, May 8th, coalition forces discovered a body on a roadside near Baghdad. The body was later identified as Nicholas Berg, an American civilian. Mr. Berg had registered with U.S. Consular Affairs in Iraq. He had no affiliation, however, with the coalition. He was here — it is our understanding that he was here of his own accord. He did not work for the Coalition Provisional Authority and we do not believe that he worked for any Coalition Provisional Authority contractors. It is also my understanding that he reported that he entered Iraq through Jordan and was here for business purposes.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Berg family and their community. Sometimes the banality of terrorist acts speak for itself. I know there are images being broadcast -- I know in this part of the world and I think in the West as well -- of Mr.

Berg's grotesque and brutal murder, and this is clearly and tragically one of those terrorist acts.

Again, our thoughts and prayers are with the Berg family and their community.

General Kimmitt.

GEN. KIMMITT: Yes, and on behalf of the coalition military forces, we also would like to extend our sympathies to the Berg family.

Good afternoon. The coalition continues offensive operations to establish a stable Iraq, in order to repair infrastructure, stimulate the economy and transfer sovereignty.

In the north central zone of operations yesterday, there was an attack in Kirkuk -in a Kirkuk neighborhood market, using an improvised explosive device consisting of a
rocket, C-4 explosives and propane tanks. Four Iraqi civilians were killed. Twenty-five
Iraqi civilians were wounded. No group has claimed responsibility, and the Iraqi police
service has the lead for the investigation.

This morning the Au Mutawaka (sp) police station was attacked with rockets in Samarra. The Iraqi police station is located a block south of the green mosque, and four to five rockets impacted on the building. The attack resulted in three Iraqi police service wounded, as well as major structural damage to the police station.

In the western zone of operations, on 9 May, a convoy of 20 vehicles belonging to a Turkish company acting as a subcontractor was attacked with small-arms fire. The subcontractors were delivering living containers and had entered Iraq from Syria. The convoy was originally attacked near a fuel station east of Arupah (sp), where they were forced to download three of the truck containers. The convoy was again stopped 70 kilometers east of that location and were forced to download four more containers.

The attackers destroyed a total of seven of the vehicles in the convoy and hijacked eight of the trucks. Five trucks made it to their final destination in Baghdad. All 20 drivers are accounted for, four of which sustained wounds from the attacks.

The situation in Fallujah remains calm. There have been no cease-fire violations for over a week. Reports indicate religious leaders have contributed to this environment with peaceful messages from the mosques.

Coordination continues with the Fallujah Brigade for follow-on operations, demonstrating freedom of movement in Fallujah. Further adherence to the provision of the cease-fire remains the focus.

In the central south zone of operations, offensive operations continue against Muqtada's militia.

Throughout recent operations in Karbala, coalition forces have come under fire repeatedly from the 12-building Al-Mukaim (sp) mosque and shrine complex. The shrine complex had been used by Muqtada's militia as an operation base and an ammunition and weapons holding area. It had also been the subject of discussions three weeks ago between the Iraq Religious Endowments Directorate of Karbala and the Iraq Ministry of Health in reaching an agreement on the transfer of the mosque to the Karbala Directorate of Health for use as a specialized health clinic.

Last night at approximately 2300, coalition forces conducted a cordon and search of the area in order to eliminate the enemy presence there and to restore Iraqi security force control. Early in the operation, coalition forces were attacked by two rocket-propelled grenades, striking a Bradley and wounding one coalition soldier. Coalition forces requested close air support, resulting in five enemy killed.

Approximately four hours after the initial engagement, coalition forces reported that Muqtada militia members had reorganized and established a fighting position in the nearby Mukaym (ph) shrine. By 0400 this morning, Iraqi security forces cleared the shrine while coalition forces maintained the outer cordon. By 9:15, the Iraqi police service had retained security to the area. Coalition forces also rescued five Iraqi police officers who were discovered bound and gagged inside one of the Mukaym (ph) complex buildings. In the mosque itself, coalition forces found extensive weapons caches, and three other weapons caches were discovered in the nearby area.

In the southeastern zone of operations, coalition and Iraqi security forces conducted 259 patrols and captured four anti-coalition suspects. The governance area in Basra City will continue to be heavily patrolled by coalition forces to deter any further moves to take control of key points by anti-coalition forces. Coalition forces are also continuing to dominate al-Amarah and have started to carry out routine patrols from static locations within the city. Al-Amarah is relatively quiet and seems to have adapted to the increased coalition presence without adverse reaction.

Three final notes. First, 315 detainees are scheduled to be released from the Abu Ghraib prison on 14 May at 0900. The next release at Abu Ghraib is scheduled for 21 May. And the diagram to the right shows you how many of those detainees will be returning to each of the multinational division areas.

Second, I want to clarify a comment made at a previous press conference regarding the chain of command relationships for the 372nd Military Police Company in Abu Ghraib from 19 November 2003 until recently. On 19 November 2003, a fragmentary order was issued by CJTF-7 that placed the 320th MP Battalion, the parent organization of the 372nd MP Company, under the tactical control, TACON, of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade. Tactical control, or TACON, provides authority for the 205th MI Brigade to assign missions and tasks to the 320th MP Battalion. However, the 800th MP Brigade was still responsible for command oversight, leadership, discipline and training for subordinate units, of which the 372nd Military Police Company was one. While the 205th MI Brigade was given TACON for the purpose of assigning missions or

tasks, its FRAGO did not change the command relationship or responsibilities within the 800th MP Brigade.

Last, we are announcing two additional court-martials related to Abu Ghraib.

The charges were referred against Sergeant Javal S. Davis to a general courtmartial. The five charges are conspiracy to maltreat subordinates, dereliction of duty for negligently failing to protect detainees from abuse, maltreatment of detainees, rendering false official statements and assault.

Charges were also referred against Staff Sergeant Ivan L. Frederick III to a general court-martial. The five charges are conspiracy to maltreat subordinates/detainees, dereliction of duty for negligently failing to protect detainees from abuse, maltreatment of detainees, assault and wrongfully committing an indecent act by watching detainees commit a sexual act.

The charge sheets for these court-martial cases and the case of U.S. v Specialist Jeremy Sivits will be available after this press conference.

MR. SENOR: And with that, we'll happy to take your questions.

Yes, sir. Go ahead.

Q Yeah, Bob Moran with the Philadelphia Inquirer. Can you elaborate or give any details on the detention of Mr. Berg? You know, I guess he was picked up by Iraqi police and at some point he was in -- transferred to U.S. custody or at least to be released. Can you elaborate on that?

MR. SENOR: Sure. Mr. Berg was arrested by the Iraqi police in the Mosul area on March 24th. I would refer you to the Iraqi police as to why they arrested him. My understanding is they suspected that he was involved/engaged in suspicious activities. U.S. authorities were notified. The FBI visited with Mr. Berg on three occasions when he was in Iraqi police detention and determined that he was not involved with any criminal or terrorist activities. Mr. Berg was released on April 6th and it is my understanding he was advised to leave the country. He, as you know, was found dead on May 8th and his family was notified on May 10th.

Yes.

Q Peter Hermann from the Baltimore Sun. Is there a date for the general court-martials, and will they be held here in the convention center as Mr. Sivits'?

GEN. KIMMITT: Yeah, right now those two cases have not been docketed, but our expectation is that we will conduct a review of the convention center's utilization after the first court martial. It is certainly our intent to continue using the convention center if it works out.

MR. SENOR: Yes?

Q Thank you. Charlie Mayer from NPR. Are you keeping track of the number of Americans who are missing now in Iraq? And if so, can you give us some sense of those numbers?

MR. SENOR: For operational security reasons we do not generally make those numbers public. We are attempting to track the numbers of civilians that have been taken hostage, either U.S. citizens or others here from coalition countries, or just any civilians who are here. And we try to communicate that information, obviously, with the host governments -- with the government of the countries that those civilians are from.

We are reluctant right now, Charlie, to make that information public. We don't want to provide an opportunity for kidnappers and terrorists to track that sort of information. It's not in anybody's interest but theirs, and therefore, I hope you understand why we are not making it public.

Yes, ma'am?

Q (Through interpreter.) (Name and affiliation inaudible.) General Mark Kimmitt, how do you evaluate the command now in Fallujah? The command of Mohammed Abdul-Latif, how do you evaluate his command?

GEN. KIMMITT: Right now we're quite pleased with the command structure that's operating within Fallujah. Obviously we're starting to see some results. There have been no cease-fire violations in the last seven days. We are conducting patrols inside the city. We've actually had a joint patrol come in and depart the city. We still have objectives to attain, but at this point, I would say that the Marines are quite pleased with the efforts and the command of General Latif.

MR. SENOR: Yes?

Q Josh Hammer of Newsweek. Do you have any more information about the circumstances of Mr. Berg's departure from Iraq and how he might have been captured? There was some speculation he was -- he had joined the convoy that was attacked on the day he disappeared.

MR. SENOR: We are obviously trying to piece all this together, Josh, and there is a thorough investigation under way. I'm reluctant to release any details at this point. We are committed -- the U.S. government is committed to a very thorough and robust investigation to get to the bottom of this. I think, as I said earlier, everybody is shocked by these horrific images and this terrorist act. And we are committed to getting to the bottom of it.

Yes, Dan?

Q Dan Williams, Washington Post. What agency of the government or the authority is investigating the Berg kidnapping?

MR. SENOR: There are multiple agencies that are going to be involved. We will be announcing who will be taking the lead. My understanding is the CID, the Criminal Investigative Division, DOD is involved, the FBI will have some role. And the lead agency we will announce shortly.

Yes?

Q Bill Glauber with the Chicago Tribune. It appeared in the video that Mr. Berg was wearing an orange prison jumpsuit. Are such orange prison jumpsuits used in any detention facilities in Iraq that you know of? And also, he was, I believe, released a day after a court case in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Can you explain why that was?

MR. SENOR: He was released by the Iraqi police service?

O Yeah.

MR. SENOR: I would refer you to the Iraqi police service on the exact day — or the reason behind the exact day he was released. I am aware of the court case that was filed. It is public knowledge. But all I know about it is that it was filed. As for the exact moment or day, time that he was released, that's something for the Iraqi police to address.

What was your --?

Q He was pictured in an orange -- what appeared to be an orange prison jumpsuit.

MR. SENOR: Oh, the orange -- yeah. You know --

Q Are any such jumpsuits used in Iraq in any detention facilities, coalition and/or Iraqi?

MR. SENOR: I'll let General Kimmitt speak to security detainees. As far as criminal detainees that are under the jurisdiction of the Iraqi police service or the Iraqi Ministry of Interior or the Iraqi Ministry of Justice, I don't know of any policy that they have. I would -- you should ask them, you should contact them about uniforms that they require inmates to make (sic). To my knowledge, there's no such case in which that is done. But I will check on that and check with the various ministries.

GEN. KIMMITT: And I'll check as well.

MR. SENOR: Yes, sir?

Q (Through interpreter.) There are estimation about reestablishing discussions with Mr. al-Sadr. So how credible is this information?

MR. SENOR: I think you're referring to reports that the governor of Najaf was engaged in negotiations with Muqtada al-Sadr. He was not negotiating on our behalf; the governor was not negotiating on our behalf, and we were not consulted on any details of any discussions he may or may not have.

That said, we obviously encourage any and all Iraqis who want to step forward and play a constructive role in minimizing bloodshed and reaching a peaceful resolution in these matters to do so. We have been quite clear that we have some criteria, however, relating to Mr. al-Sadr. One, he must submit himself to Iraqi justice. There is an Iraqi arrest warrant out for him relating to a murder. Two, Mr. al-Sadr must disband his illegal militia, must return government assets, must order his militia to withdraw from government buildings.

Now there are a number of concrete steps that Mr. al-Sadr must take. That is our starting point and our ending point.

Yes?

Q Ivan (Waler?) with CNN. If I can just go back to Mr. Berg real quick, can you give us an idea of when he entered the country? You said he registered with the U.S. Consular Service. When did he register with them?

And also, we've tried to contact the Iraqi police, who have not responded to any of our inquiries about why he was detained and why he was released. So we've seemed to have reached, you know, a dead end with that. So can you elaborate on maybe why that happened, or what do you know about it?

MR. SENOR: Where have you -- which police department have you contacted?

Q I believe we've contacted both Iraqi police in Mosul as well as Iraqi police here in Baghdad.

MR. SENOR: Okay. Mosul would be the one to contact. I don't -- obviously I don't handle their communications. So I can look into why they haven't been responding. It may just be that they're pretty busy right now, as you can imagine, and I would keep trying.

As to the exact date, let me get back to you on that. We don't have — I don't have with me the exact date he entered the country. I do know that he met with U.S. Consular Affairs, and I could check with them on the exact date upon which he entered the country.

Yes, ma'am?

Q Inge Hoff (sp) with Neue Zurcher Zeitung. Can you tell us how many detention facilities are run by the Iraqis? How many people are detained there? Are there any other foreigners detained? And do you check these prisons as far as Iraqis -- (inaudible) -- right now?

MR. SENOR: Do we what? What's the last question?

Q Sorry. Is there any kind of checking in - checks in these detention centers? Is there anybody going there --

MR. SENOR: Sure. Sure. My understanding is that there's between 2,500 and 3,000 individuals in detention in the Iraqi criminal system -- criminal detention system that have been designated as criminal detainees.

I don't know of any other foreign nationals. That's not to say there aren't any. We can check on that for you.

And yes, we are obviously concerned about conditions within the Iraqi prison facilities. In fact, Ambassador Bremer just today conducted a meeting with senior coalition staff relating to this issue of monitoring and getting more information on the state of the Iraqi prisons. It is obviously, in light of the incidents at Abu Ghraib, something that we want to keep an eye on, and that stimulated Ambassador Bremer looking closely at it.

Yes? In the back.

Q (Through interpreter.) From al-Watan al-Arabi. General Kimmitt, two days ago you said when a person is captured, nobody can put a hood on his head. And you have also stated that women will not be detained. When will a decision be passed by the coalition forces not to detain women?

GEN. KIMMITT: Well, first of all, I said two days ago that we have stopped the practice of hooding our detainees. I don't believe at that time we made any categorical statement referring to no longer detaining women. If anyone is a security threat, an imperative security threat to the country of Iraq and to coalition forces, they will be detained. That's our obligation.

MR. SENOR: Yes?

Q (Through interpreter.) General Kimmitt, peace be upon you. From the Iraqi press. Did you discuss with the religious and tribal leaders in al-Sadr? Why did you strike a federal office?

GEN. KIMMITT: We had an operation two nights ago, three nights ago, against the al-Sadr Bureau in Sadr City. That is a bureau that was not anything more but a place

being used by the Sadr militia, by Mugtada's militia to organize, plan and execute attacks against the legitimate democratic institutions of Iraq. From this bureau building, they had planned attacks against Iraqi police stations, against Iraqi media, against Iraqi government buildings. That was a security threat and remains a security threat to the coalition forces but, more importantly, to the people of Iraq. From that location, they were planning and executing operations against the Iraqi people. That is why we attacked it and that is why we have destroyed it.

MR. SENOR: Yes. Go ahead.

Q Kater Ingam (ph) with the Romanian Radio. Dan, you said that Mr. Berg was detained by the Iraqi police, but I was told that when he came back to Baghdad from Mosul, he said that indeed it was the Iraqi police that detained him, but then they surrendered him to the coalition forces, and he stayed in coalition custody for two weeks. So I was wondering if you can explain these conflicting reports, and why, if what I know is true, why would an American citizen be held by American forces for two weeks without charges?

MR. SENOR: I saw a similar report. To my knowledge, that information is incorrect. He was detained by Iraqi police -- he was arrested and detained by Iraqi police. American authorities, the FBI, had contact with Mr. Berg and met with him on three occasions and made their own determination that he was not suspected of being involved in any criminal or terrorist activities. But he was at no time under the jurisdiction or within the detention of coalition forces.

Yes, go ahead.

Q Hi. Aram Roston at NBC News. The first thing is you said that the FBI asked him or requested or advised him to leave the country. Do you know why that is, and whether it was a specific reason? And also, what was the role, if any, of Zarqawi?

MR. SENOR: On your first question, I'm not certain that it was the FBI that advised him. I know U.S. authorities who speak on behalf of the U.S. government advised him to leave. I'd point you to the fact that the State Department had a travel advisory issued well before this incident warning American citizens about travel through Iraq and the risks involved, and I think that the American authorities were furthering that advisory in their contacts with Mr. Berg. As to who did it — FBI, consular affairs — I can check on that for you.

As to your second question, as I said there's an investigation under way. I can let General Kimmitt speak to suspicions about Zarqawi.

I mean, I will tell you that we have our own -- we've had our own concerns that Mr. Zarqawi has been operating inside this country for some time. We believe that he has taken credit for a number of terrorist incidents in this country. We believe that he has planned other terrorist incidents or terrorist acts in this country. We've obtained a

document that we believe was headed for senior al Qaeda leadership in which Mr. Zarqawi outlined his battle plan for Iraq.

We have seen these acts of terror, whether they are Zarqawi-type bombings or brutal mutilations and murders like we've seen the last couple days with Mr. Berg or the four American civilian contractors in Fallujah a few weeks ago. We've seen these grotesque acts of terror here for some time. Whether or not Mr. Zarqawi is directly involved remains to be seen.

GEN. KIMMITT: I mean, the only indication we have right now was the claim made on the website entitled, "Abu Musaab al-Zarqawi Kills an American." We don't know -- we don't have at this point any other intelligence corroborating that either he was or was not involved in the murder.

MR. SENOR: Pat.

Q Patrick McDonnell, Los Angeles Times. Have you heard of any agreement or has any agreement been presented to you by clerical and civic leaders in Najaf that would essentially result in the disarming of Mr. Sadr's militia and the turning of the militia into a legitimate political party? Has that come to your attention at all or been presented to the military?

MR. SENOR: It has not come to my attention nor the civilian side of the coalition.

GEN. KIMMITT: And all the negotiations and discussions that we're having are tied with the CPA and the government officials. So we have not received a separate offer that we're aware of with regards to this disarmament.

MR. SENOR: Pat, I would just add that we do know that there are a number of notables, Iraqi notables, who are working towards a peaceful resolution in Najaf. As I said earlier, we encourage it. We think it's a positive sign. Even if it doesn't lead to a peaceful resolution, we do think it's a positive sign that Iraqi leaders are stepping forward and they are trying to make a constructive contribution to minimize bloodshed in their own country, particularly when they're speaking out against their fellow Iraqis like Muqtada al- Sadr, who has been engaged in orchestrating so much violence. But those individuals are not speaking on our behalf, and in the case of the Najaf governor, was not consulting us in those discussions.

Q Just one follow-up. Would any such agreement have to be approved in any way by the coalition or by the military, by the coalition military?

MR. SENOR: Well, certainly we are demanding that Mr. al-Sadr face justice. We are demanding that his militia be disbanded. We're demanding that he withdraw from government buildings. We're demanding that he turn over government assets. So clearly, if there's an effort to minimize bloodshed and reach a peaceful resolution, we

would have to be the ones who make the final determination as to whether or not those conditions are met.

Yes?

Q David Lynch, USA Today. Dan, can you provide any more detail on the FBI contact with Mr. Berg, what the dates of the interviews were, how many agents, how long the individual sessions lasted?

MR. SENOR: Let me follow up with you. I don't have that information here. I just know that they met with him on three occasions.

Yes, sir? Sorry, do you have another question?

Q No.

MR. SENOR: Okay, go ahead.

Q (Through interpreter.) Mr. Dan and General Kimmitt, the case of al-Sadr is an Iraqi case. The Iraqis have the full ability to resolve this problem if the coalition consents to this. They should consent of letting the Shi'a leadership in Iraq to take decisions regarding the case of al-Sadr, decisions such as postponing the demands for the arrest of Mr. al-Sadr till after handing over sovereignty. It can also be resolved by the tribal leaders which have quite an experience in this field. Because us, as Iraqis, are very well rooted and committed to our tribes. So why doesn't the coalition allow the Shi'a leadership to take decisions in this case to save bloodshed? Thank you.

GEN. KIMMITT: Well, one thing I would say is, as you heard last night from General Dempsey, he is fully engaged with Shi'a leadership, tribal leadership, clerics, a very large number of persons, for the purpose of coming forward to find a resolution of this problem in a peaceful way that satisfied everyone's objectives. So in fact, as you described, that's entirely what is happening, that there is a multi-disciplinary track towards this -- from both the government side, clerical side -- and everybody is working together to try to achieve a peaceful resolution consistent with the objectives set out.

MR. SENOR: Yes, go ahead. Carol.

Q Carol Rosenberg with the Miami Herald. Back to the Abu Ghraib business. Has there been any additional people criminally charged since the initial seven on March 20th?

And two more questions for our continuing course in UCMJ for dummies. What's the maximum penalty for the convictions in those two court martial packages today? And this one seems to be -- these two seem to be a general court martial; the first was special. Can you explain to us the distinction?

GEN. KIMMITT: I can help you with one out of three, and then we're going to have to bring the professor in afterwards so she can go through each of the different characteristics of a general court martial versus a special court martial, and what the maximum penalties in both are.

There have not been any further criminal charges levied against anyone, either in relation to the criminal investigation division, investigation of criminal charges of maltreatment or the administrative review or the currently ongoing investigation of military intelligence.

MR. SENOR: Yes, sir. Right there. Go ahead.

Q (Through interpreter.) General Kimmitt, you mentioned earlier today that you have started not hooding the detainees when they are arrested. So let us say that we may have achieved some progress in this field. But is this the only face of the violation of human rights? When you block 76 streets in Baghdad, doesn't this represent a violation for human rights? When U.S. soldiers behave with a bad manner with Iraqi people, doesn't this represent a violation of human rights? You are always concentrating on terrorism and explosive devices, but there are many faces for violations of human rights.

Can you comment on this?

Thank you.

GEN. KIMMITT: Well, simply I would say that those 76 roads inside Baghdad that are being blocked are being blocked for security measures because they are trying to probably uphold the greatest human right, which is the right to life. Those streets are not being blocked for inconvenience. They're not being blocked to somehow make life more difficult. They're not being blocked to somehow irritate the people of Iraq. They are blocked because there are security threats out there.

If you can imagine the 14th of July Bridge a week ago, had it not been blocked and that explosive device had been able to come over the bridge and into one of the housing areas on the other side of the bridge, there would have been massive loss of life. Those barriers, which are -- I agree are an inconvenience, saved lives. It is our only intention for putting up the barriers, our only intention for running those tanks up and down the streets, and our only intention for having American soldiers walk up and down the streets of this fine nation, is to save lives. They are the ones who are most concerned about human rights.

MR. SENOR: Yes.

Q Toby Harnden from the Daily Telegraph. Could you give us some more details about the finding of Mr. Berg's body? Who found it? Exactly where was it found? Was it suspended from a bridge? And was the head at the scene?

MR. SENOR: We'll have more information as this investigation plays out. Obviously, a number of these details are impacted and will impact the investigation, and we do not want to compromise those. As I said earlier, Mr. Berg was found on a roadside near Baghdad, and I'll just leave it at that for now.

Yes.

Q (Through interpreter.) Usam Hamad (ph) from Al Harabetz (ph), and salaam. In a press interview conducted in Mosul, many citizens of Mosul complained of security violations by some people who hire children to carry out terrorist acts, and there are machineries carrying out operations in Mosul. And in Fallujah, the Fallujans said that a 15-year-old boy was detained. He was recruited by an American woman, and she sent him to intercept the opposition forces in Fallujah. How far are these information correct?

MR. SENOR: Oh, I don't think they're correct at all. And that's one of the great things about a free Iraqi press, is that you now have the opportunity to go check those facts with other witnesses to see if those facts can be corroborated. But I can tell you that those facts as you've laid them out are entirely false.

Kim.

Q Yeah, Dan, I was wondering if you could tell us how the investigation by the Governing Council is proceeding into the oil-for- food. And also, is there any threat to the funding of this investigation by Ambassador Bremer?

MR. SENOR: No, not at all. The investigation into the oil-for- food program fraud case has been shifted by the coalition from the Governing Council to the Board of Supreme Audit. The basis for that shift is that the Board of Supreme Audit -- the Iraqi Board of Supreme Audit is a more politically independent and objective body. But we are still overseeing the funding of that program and investigation, and intend to fund it.

As for who will conduct the actual audit, what firm conducts the actual audit, I've been told that the tender for that has closed on April 20th. And the Board of Supreme Audit is doing a technical review right now of the submitted proposals, and will have an announcement to make shortly. But the process is moving forward.

And I'd also add, Kim, that Ambassador Bremer, from the moment this broke and there was -- the U.N. announced that it was conducting an investigation, the U.S. Congress announced that it was conducting its investigation, Ambassador Bremer issued a directive to all the ministers and the directors-general of all the ministries advising them to collect all documents pertaining to the oil-for-food program and setting them aside so they could be collected and put in a safe location so that they could be used to assist all the investigations that are ongoing, including the one conducted by the Board of Supreme Audit.

Yes, ma'am?

Q Hi. Janet Wrightman (sp) from Rolling Stone magazine. General Kimmitt, are there criminal investigations going on into abuse at other detention facilities besides Abu Ghraib? And specifically, could you comment on a report of a military trial now going on at a Marine base near Camp Fallujah regarding abuse at a small detention facility near there?

GEN. KIMMITT: I'm not aware of any criminal trial going on. But as you can imagine, in any of the detention facilities there often are reports of maltreatment and misconduct. All those are completely investigated. Some lead to criminal charges.

But to my knowledge -- and we'll confirm it right after the press conference -- there have not been any additional criminal charges since the onset of the Abu Ghraib criminal charges. And I believe the last set of criminal charges were resolved in early January; those related to the Camp Bucca incidents. But we'll confirm that right after this.

MR. SENOR: Yes, sir?

Q (Through interpreter.) Qadda Mushati (ph) from Iraqi News. We have submitted a memorandum of protest to Mr. George Bush. We said that the party of the people are condemning this act carried out by the coalition forces against the Iraqi detainees in Abu Ghraib prison, the brutal acts which contradicts our Arabic traditions and our religion, and prohibited by all religions. Apology is not enough, and we advise John Kerry and we are calling on the Governing Council not to remain silent about these barbaric acts.

I was a detainee in Abu Ghraib for 14 years. During the past regime, I have never been subjected to such an abuse. Thank you.

GEN. KIMMITT: Is there a question?

MR. SENOR: There wasn't.

I will say that we share your outrage. We do. This -- what occurred at Abu Ghraib offends the sensibilities of all Americans. It offends the sensibilities of all Iraqis.

And we are committed, as you can see by our actions, to not only apologize and to not only express outrage, but to get to the bottom of what happened. And if you monitor events that occurred in Washington, D.C., over the past few days, or the sorts of things that General Kimmitt is talking about with regard to court martial announcements, the U.S. government is strongly committed to accountability and justice. And you can be assured of that.

GEN. KIMMITT: And as you say -- and we agree with you --

Q Thank you.

GEN. KIMMITT: -- apology is not enough --

O Thank you.

GEN. KIMMITT: -- that in fact there will be more than apologies. We have six soldiers right now that are facing criminal charges, three that are facing court martial. We have numerous people in the supervisory chain who are going to potentially lose their careers because they failed to check, double-check and do what supervisors are expected to do.

We have another investigation going on that's looking even further into the conduct of the persons out at Abu Ghraib. So we do agree with you.

Q Thank you, Mr. Kimmitt. Thank you, Mr. Kimmitt.

GEN. KIMMITT: You're welcome.

MR. SENOR: Yes?

Q Gregor Mayer from the German Press Agency, DPA. General Kimmitt, some clarifications to the Karbala operations. What exactly was the number of enemies killed? Because this morning it sounded like 20 to 25. Now you mentioned five killed, perhaps only in one stage of the operation. And what is the exact number of coalition soldiers wounded? Because we had the release of the Polish division speaking about six

coalition soldiers wounded. That was coalition.

GEN. KIMMITT: Yeah.

Q You didn't account them -- for --

GEN. KIMMITT: Yeah. The total number, we believe, right now is 22 enemy killed, six coalition wounded. Four of those coalition wounded will return to duty.

MR. SENOR: Yes, sir?

Q (Through interpreter.) From Al-Zemin (sp). After the clashes which took place in al-Sadr City and Karbala and Najaf between al-Mahdi Army and the coalition forces, what's your opinion about settling these clashes? Can you solve the problem through peaceful means without resorting to armed violence?

GEN. KIMMITT: We certainly hope so. You heard General Dempsey last night talk about all the efforts that he is making with those areas that he controls in Karbala and

Najaf. And I'm certain if General Chiarelli was here, who could talk about Baghdad, he would say the same thing.

We are willing to give a peaceful resolution a chance. We are seeking a peaceful resolution as our primary method. However, when our soldiers patrol through the areas and they're shot at; when our soldiers, along with their Iraqi counterparts, attempt to go into a building that has been handed over from one Iraqi ministry to another Iraqi ministry and they are met by gunfire and find out that that building has been used as weapon cache, they are invoking their inherent right of self-defense. We want to solve these problems in a peaceful manner.

We always seek peace and a peaceful resolution as our first option.

MR. SENOR: Yeah? Go ahead.

Q Hi, Tracy Wilkinson from the L.A. Times. You said that the FBI -- back to the Berg case -- the FBI visited him three times in the, I guess, 13 days that he was in custody. Do you know if he had any other significant contact with other American agencies, authorities, coalition authorities, consular officers? Anybody else who would have seen him in that period?

MR. SENOR: While he was under detention --

Q In Mosul.

MR. SENOR: Yeah. To my knowledge, no. But again, we are now gathering all that information, going through documents, getting to the bottom of this. If anything changes during the investigation, I'll let you know.

GEN. KIMMITT: On the military side, I've got a note that says the military police up in that area did monitor his treatment at the Iraqi police station to ensure that he was being fed and provided decent conditions. But that is the only military contact that I'm aware of.

MR. SENOR: As I said, on the civilian side, we'll check it. But to my knowledge it's just -- while he was in detention it was just the FBI.

Welcome back. Dexter.

Q Just on Berg. Was he ever a U.S. government employee while he was in Iraq? I think you said he wasn't a CPA employee.

MR. SENOR: He was not a U.S. government employee. He had no affiliation with the U.S. government, he had no affiliation with the coalition, and to our knowledge, he had no affiliation with any Coalition Provisional Authority contractors.

Q And can you be a little bit more specific about what the specific activity was that he was engaged in? I mean, was it political? Was it criminal?

And then, just briefly, to follow up on something Patrick said, the governor of Najaf has said he has been extensively engaged in consultations with the CPA throughout all these negotiations. I just want to make sure you would agree with that statement.

MR. SENOR: Make sure that I agree? I do not agree.

O You do not agree. Okay.

MR. SENOR: (Laughs.) You don't have to make sure. I don't.

To your other question, Dexter, we would defer obviously to the Mosul police force who originally arrested Mr. Berg, in terms of the initial basis upon which they made the arrest. We, of course, are going to conduct our own investigation to get to the bottom of what actually transpired on the day he was arrested and in the weeks subsequent. And as we have that information, I will — we, the U.S. government authorities, will make it available. We do not want to begin to speculate. Obviously, this is extremely sensitive. And it is an extremely difficult time for the family. And it would be highly irresponsible for us to begin having speculative discussions about what he may or may not have been involved in.

GEN. KIMMITT: And as we are talking about what he was not, he was not an American soldier, he was not an American government employee, he was not a CPA employee; he still was an American citizen. And that's why we checked on him and that's why we are so struck by the loss. Because there may have been a lot of things that he was not, but he was still an American citizen and a fellow American citizen.

MR. SENOR: And that is also why we are so committed to getting to the bottom of this and conducting a very serious and thorough investigation.

We have time for one more question. Someone who hasn't asked a question. Najim, go ahead.

Q (Through interpreter.) General Kimmitt, yesterday General Dempsey talked about forming a force in Najaf to take charge. Will it be formed in the same manner in which the force of Al Fallujah was formed? And will it join the Ministry of Defense in order to avoid any problems that faced the force in Fallujah? Thank you very much.

GEN. KIMMITT: Yeah, Najim, I think that it probably is going to look more like the 36th ICDC Battalion. General Dempsey had a significant amount of influence in the formation of that unit. That unit is a regular Iraqi Civil Defense unit that answers directly up through the normal hierarchy. So we'll have to wait and see, but I would suggest that probably if you wanted to look at a parallel between this unit that he is attempting to

form, probably a better parallel would be with the 36th ICDC rather than the Fallujah Brigade.

MR. SENOR: Thanks, everybody.

GEN. KIMMITT: Thanks.

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Khalid Al-Saffar, an Iraqi reporter for the Washington Post (Baghdad based), showed up at the gate in Mosul today. I told him I had no further information than what had already been released. Lt. Col. (6)(6) and I spoke to him together. Col. (6)(6) had spoken to him briefly last night.

His main question is who had Mr. Berg in custody while he was here, on what days, and why? Iraqi Police, CF or CPA. I explained that CPA officials do not have authority to arrest or hold people. The reporter had spoken to several Iraqi police officers up here who said "the US" had Mr. Berg in custody and not the Iraqi Police.

His other question - what was CPA Mosul's role in all of this - while he was in custody, and when he was released. I explained I had no personal knowledge of Mr. Berg but could confirm what had already been released - CPA visited Mr. Berg on at least 2 occasions and upon his release had counseled him to leave and offered assistance in doing so.

Here is what I learned from the reporter:

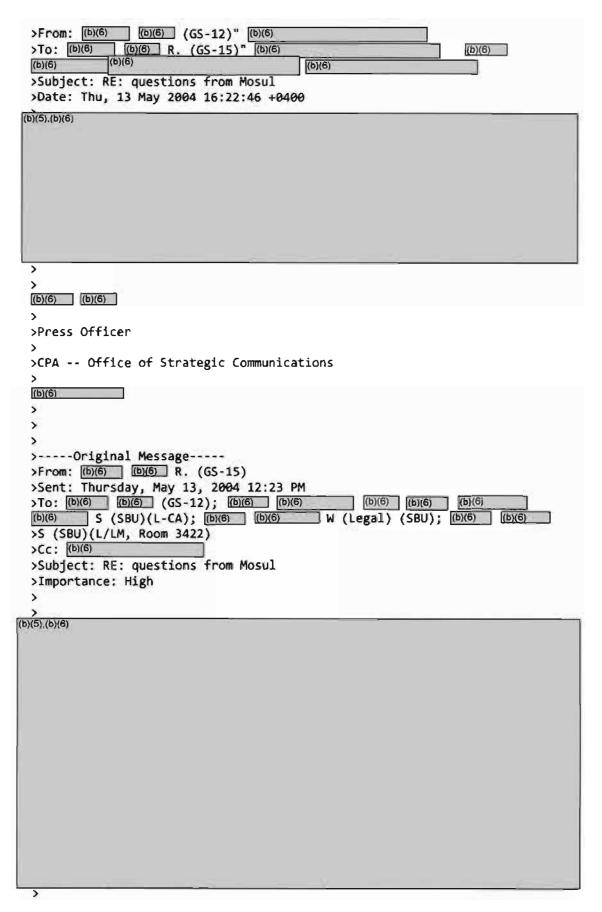
-Chief Barhawi is holding a press conference tomorrow. Washington Post will attend. Our GC (b)(6) requested that the military review the facts with Chief Barhawi before this press conference.

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May 19, 2004

Ambassador L. Paul Bremer Administrator Coalition Provisional Authority Baghdad, Iraq

## Dear Ambassador Bremer:

I write to you today to request a full and comprehensive briefing from Coalition Provisional Authority staff who have knowledge of details relating to the detainment. release and subsequent death of Nicholas Berg.

The family of Nicholas Berg, who was brutally murdered in Iraq by Islamic terrorists, are my constituents and have asked me to do whatever I can to get details of Nicholas' detention and whereabouts leading up to his death. I understand that Nicholas failed to sign a privacy release form while he was in Irag. However, now that he is deceased. I believe his family has every right to know what interaction their son had with U.S. and Iraqi authorities there. If you do not believe the Berg family is entitled to such information, I would appreciate an immediate reply by letter regarding the specific legal authority upon which you base such a conclusion.

I have been requesting this briefing since Nicholas' parents asked me to find out what happened to their son on the day they found out that Islamic terrorists murdered Nichotas. After contacting the Department of Defense and Department of State on numerous occasions, it is my understanding that the Coalition Provisional Authority has extensive and comprehensive knowledge of Nicholas' detention. I also understand that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) interacted with Nicholas while he was detained and I expect FBI staff to brief me as well.

I would appreciate if you would advise me as soon as possible as to what you will do to facilitate such a briefing.

With kind regards, I am

Jim Gerlach

Sincerely.

Member of Congress

Director Robert S. Mueller, III cc:

Susanne and Michael Berg

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June 10, 2004

Ambassador L. Paul Bremer Administrator Coalition Provisional Authority Baghdad, Iraq

## Dear Ambassador Bremer.

I write to follow up on my letter dated May 19, 2004, together with subsequent phone calls to staff, requesting a full and comprehensive briefing from the Coalition Provisional Authority and the FBI relating to the detention, release and subsequent death of Nicholas Berg. Unfortunately, we have not received an affirmative and specific reply back from your staff on arrangements for such a briefing.

Consequently, if I do not receive an appropriate reply within the next week, I will make a request to Chairman Duncan Hunter of the House Armed Services Committee for a hearing under oath regarding this matter.

It is imperative that the Berg family have an opportunity to have all details and questions answered regarding Nick's detention and events leading up to his murder.

The courtesy of a favorable reply by June 16 is requested and I look forward to hearing from you or your staff by that date. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

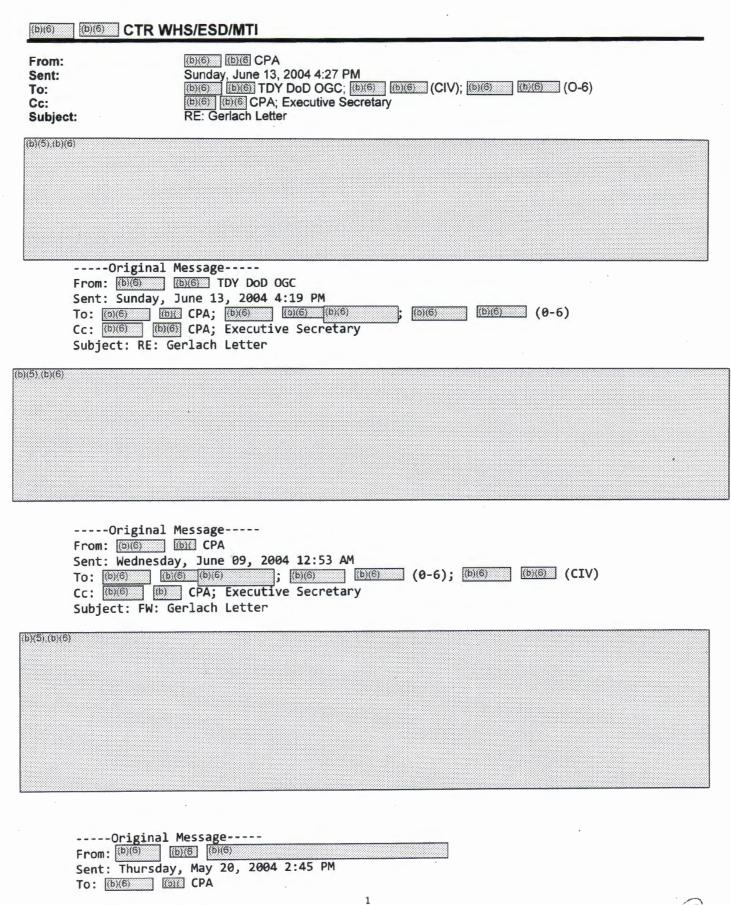
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cc: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Berg



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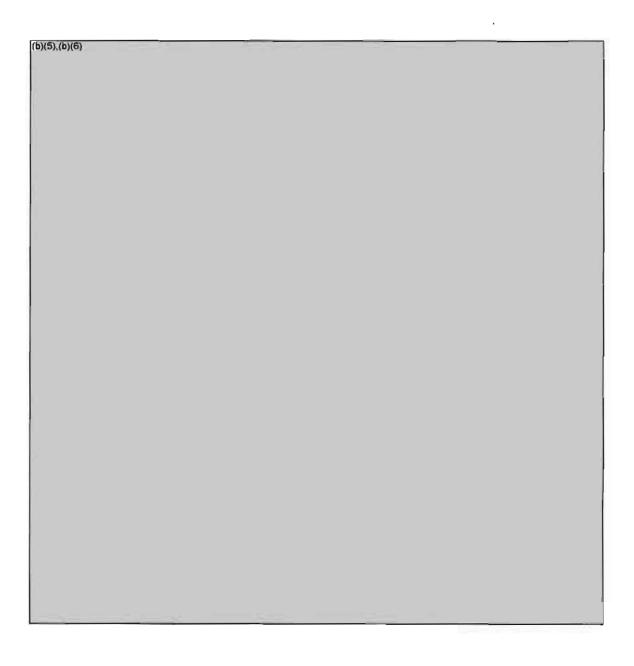
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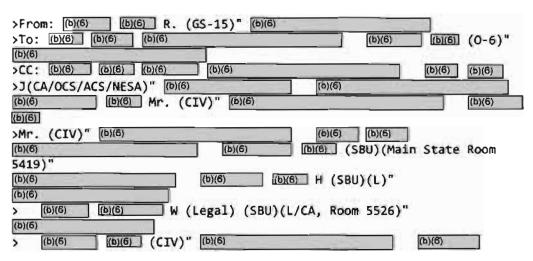
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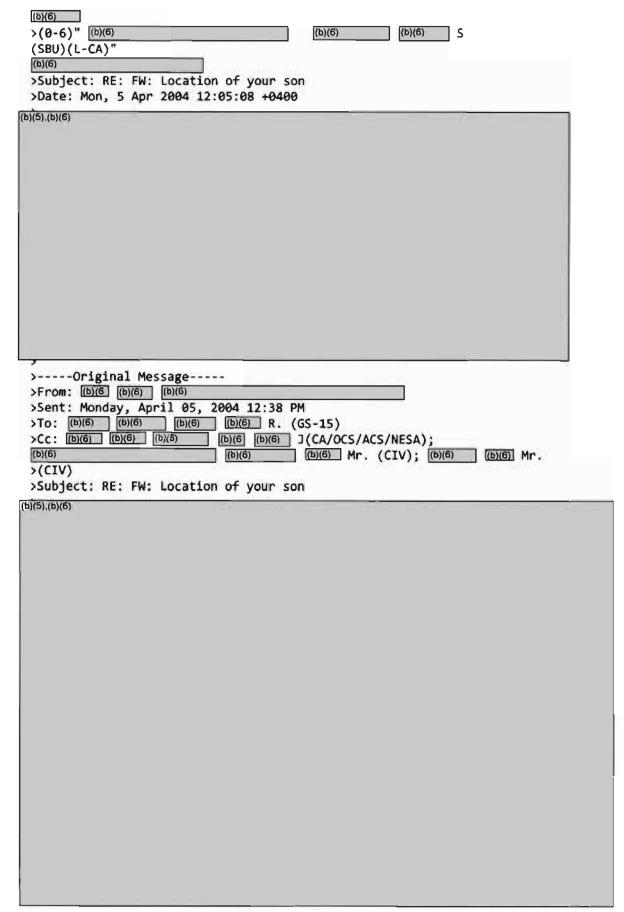
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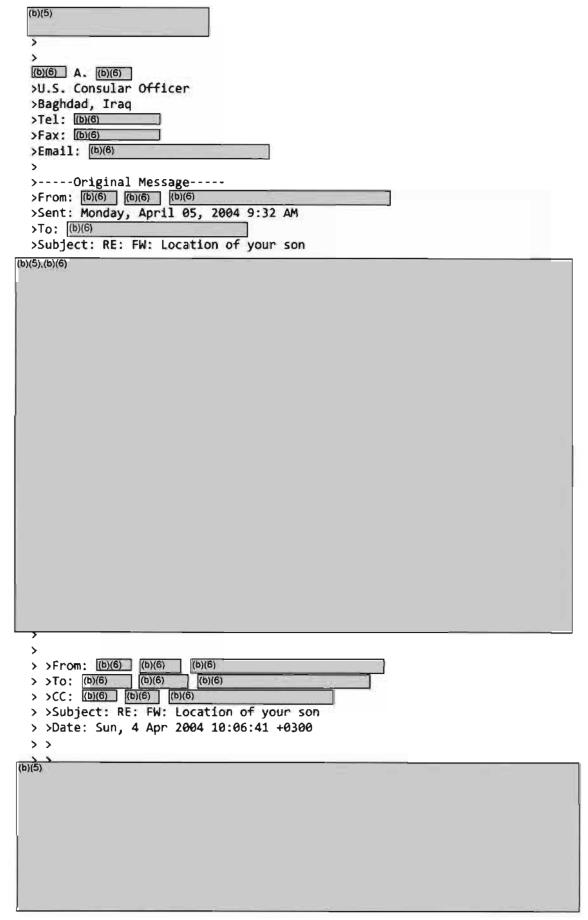
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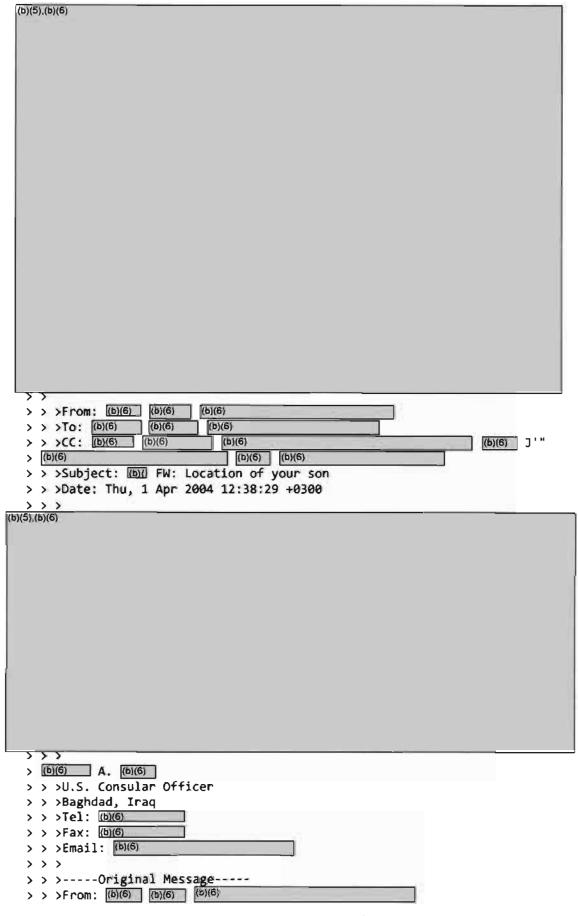




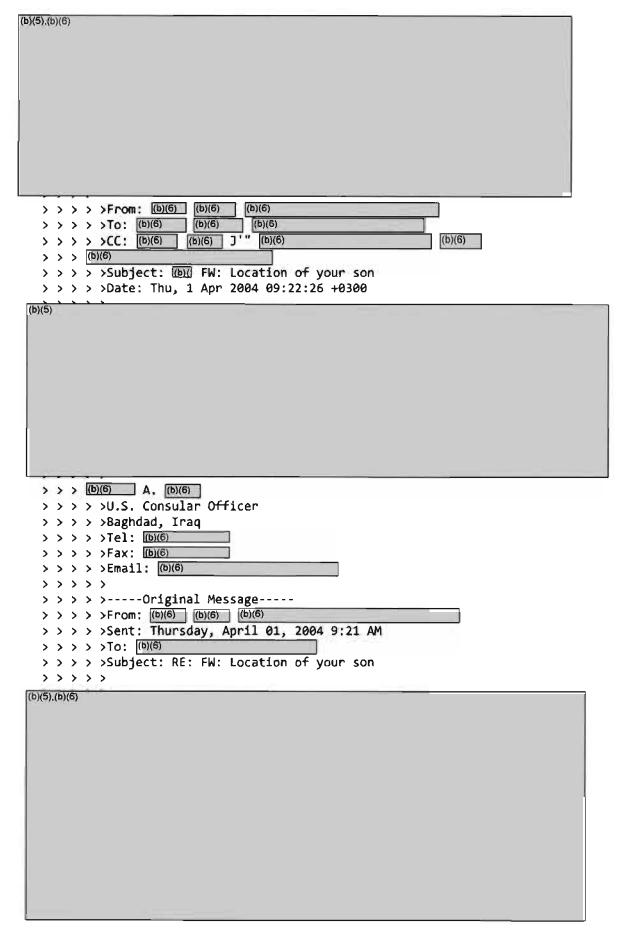




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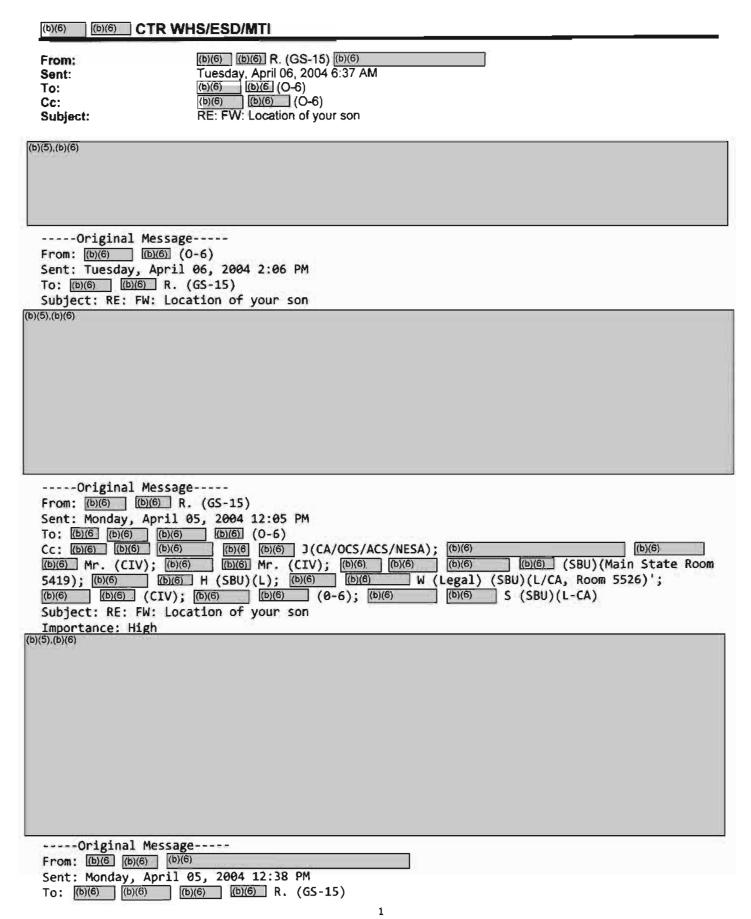
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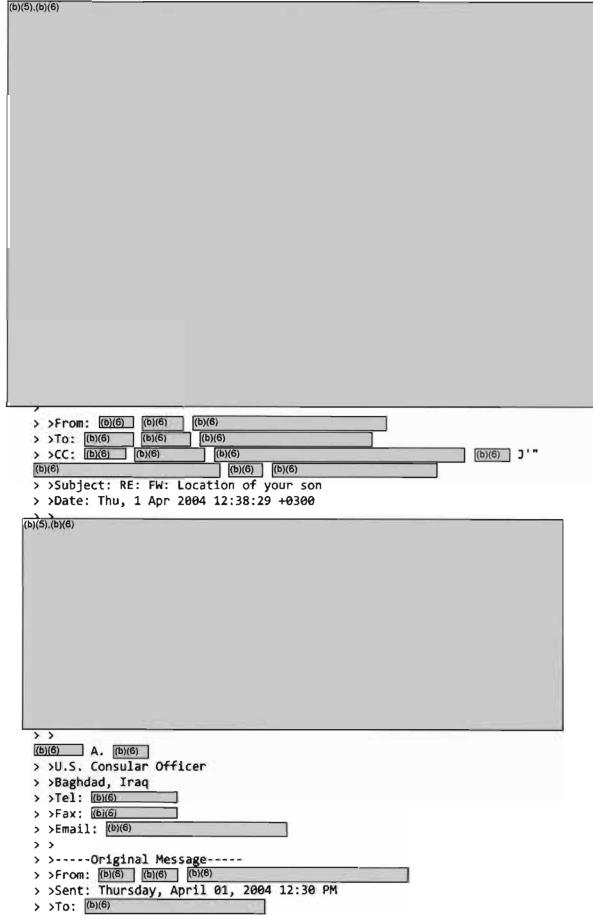
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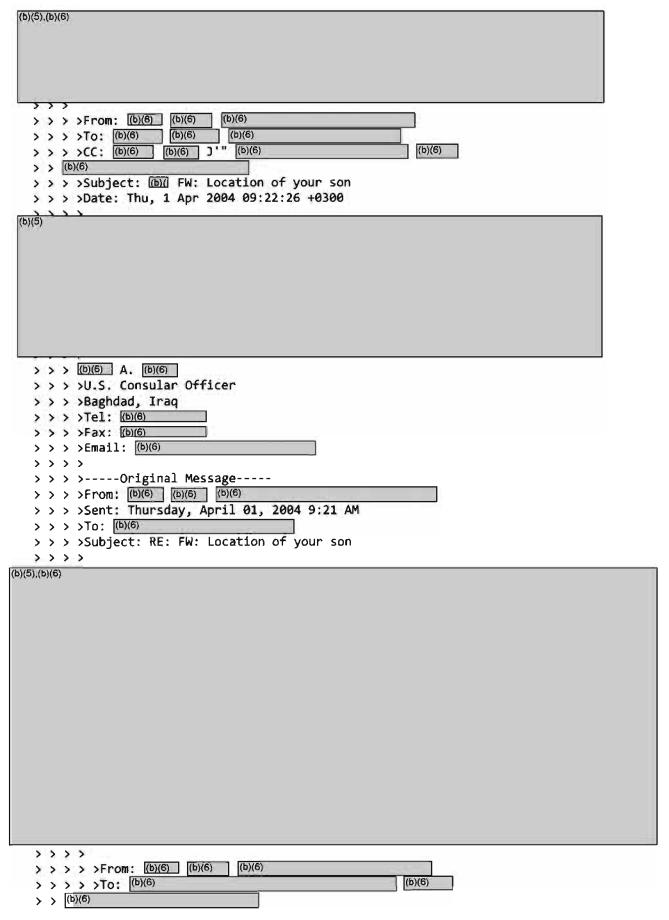


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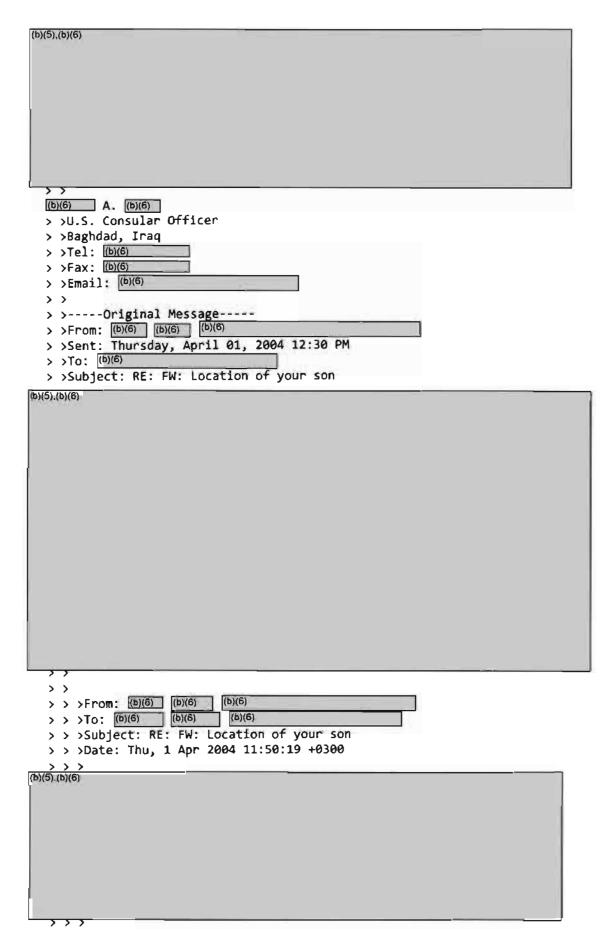
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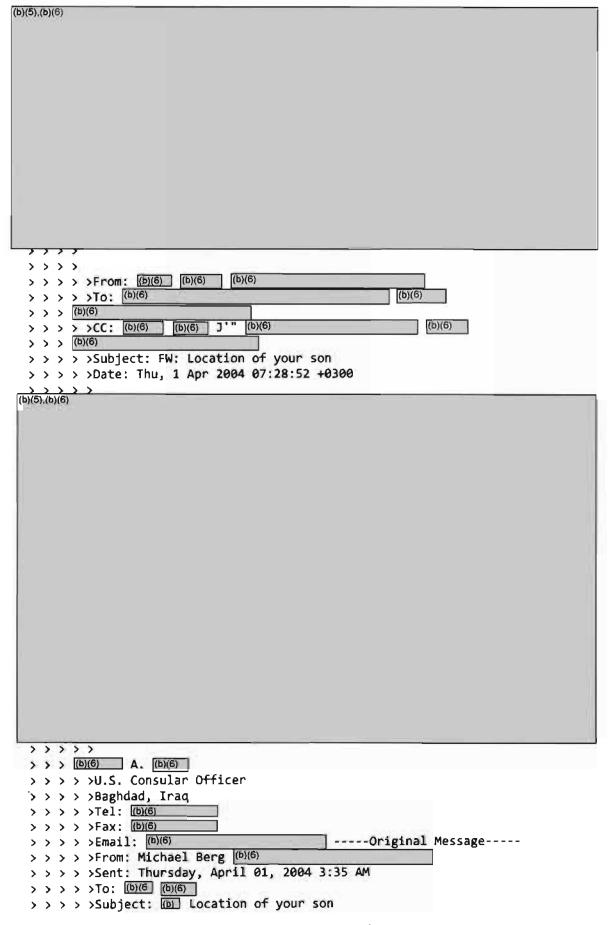
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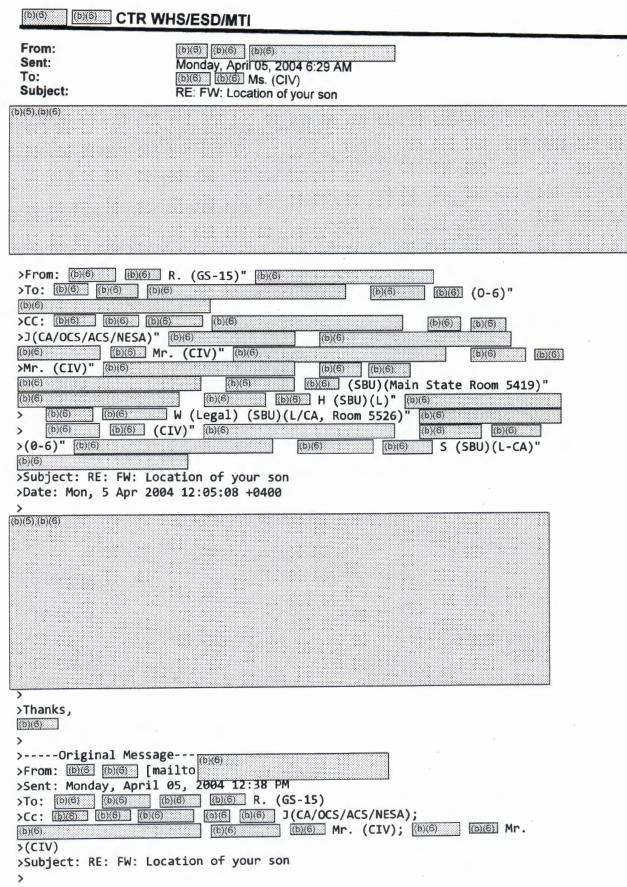
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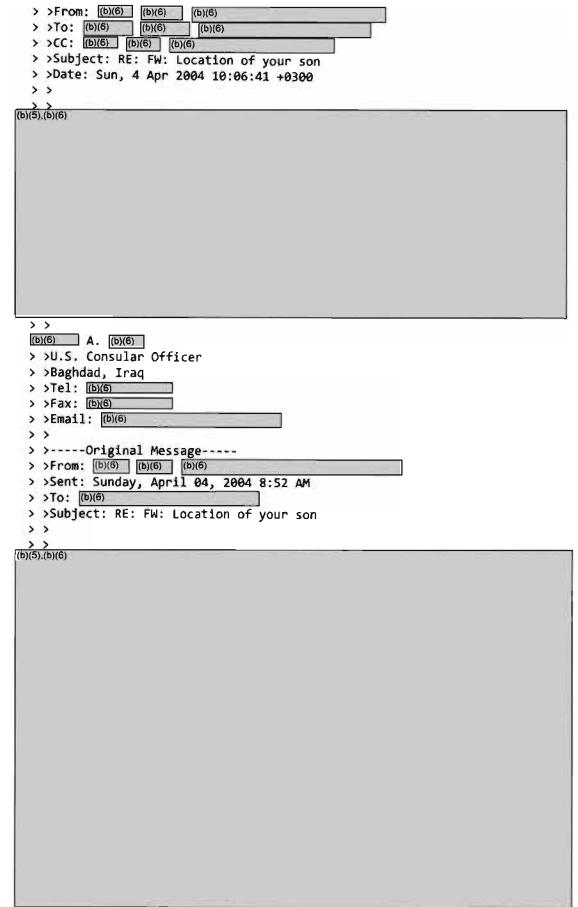
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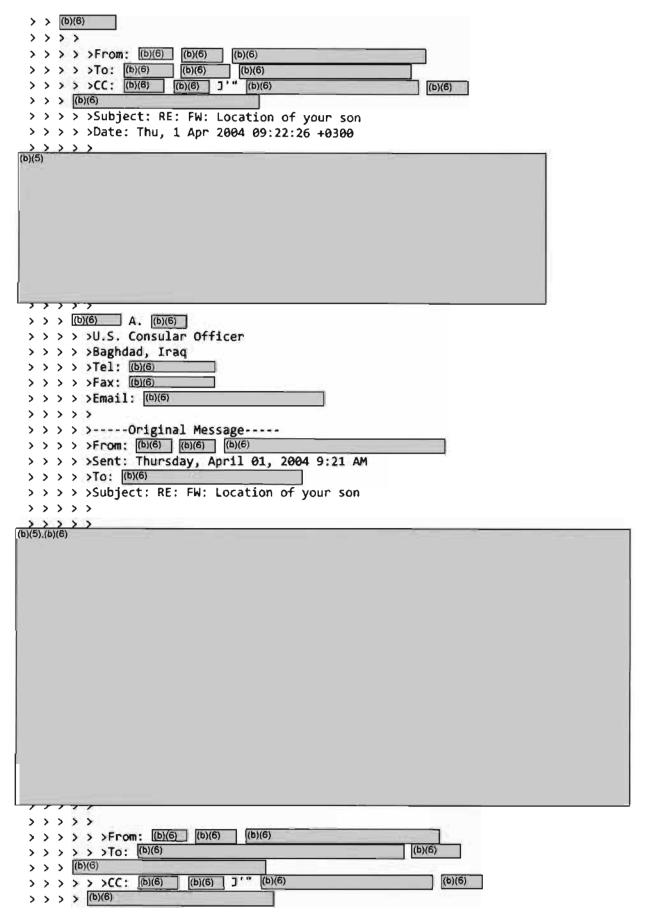
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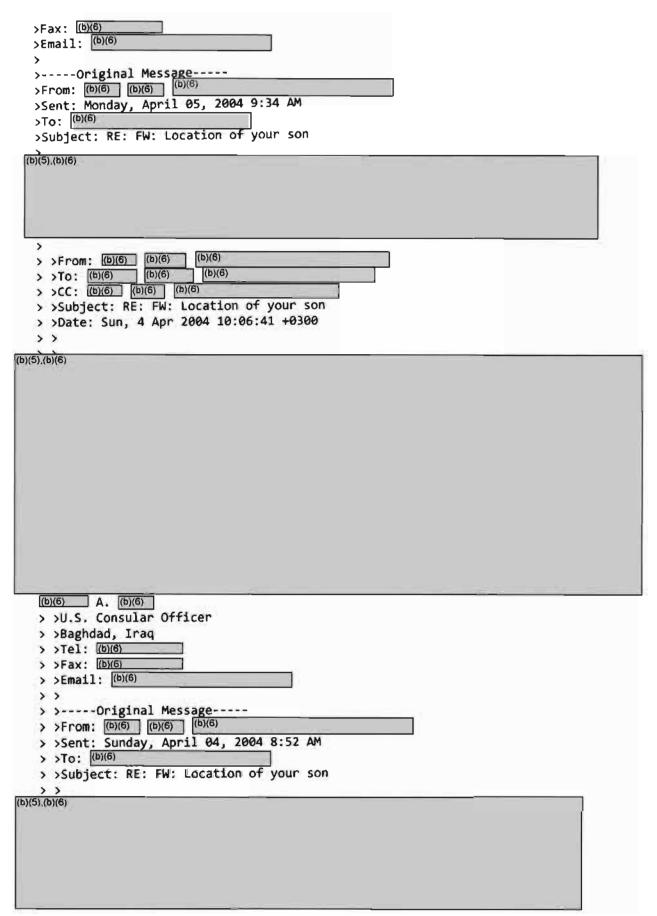
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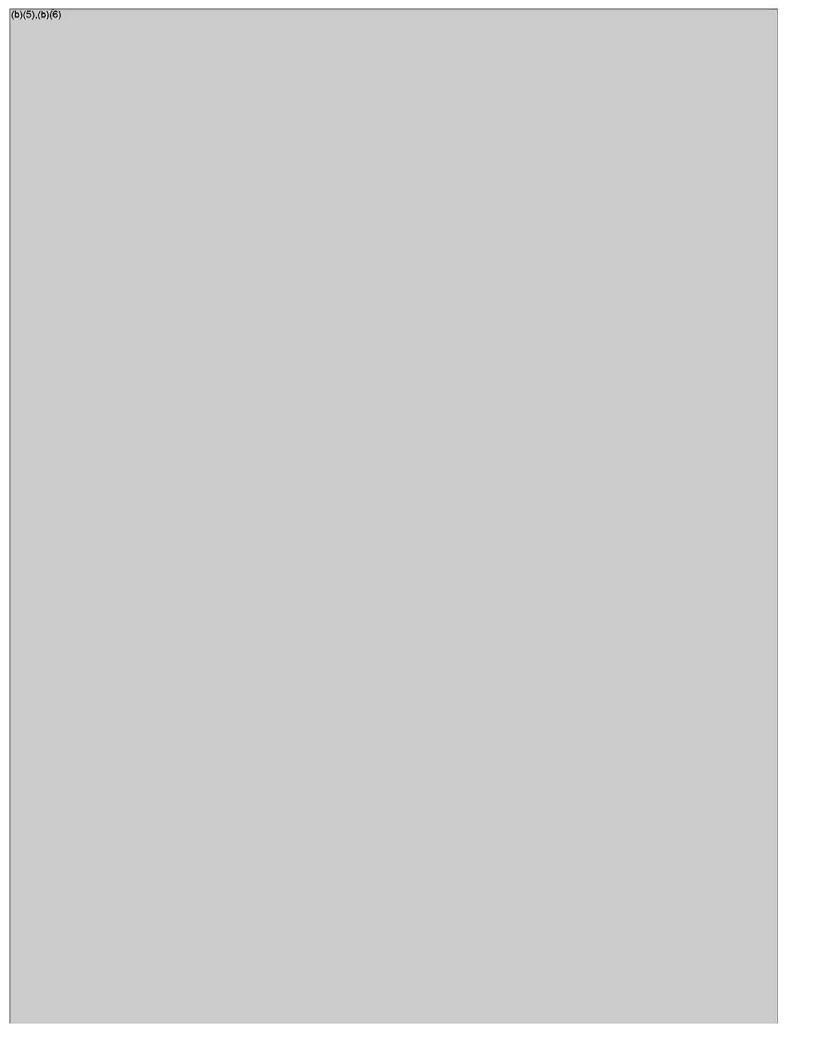
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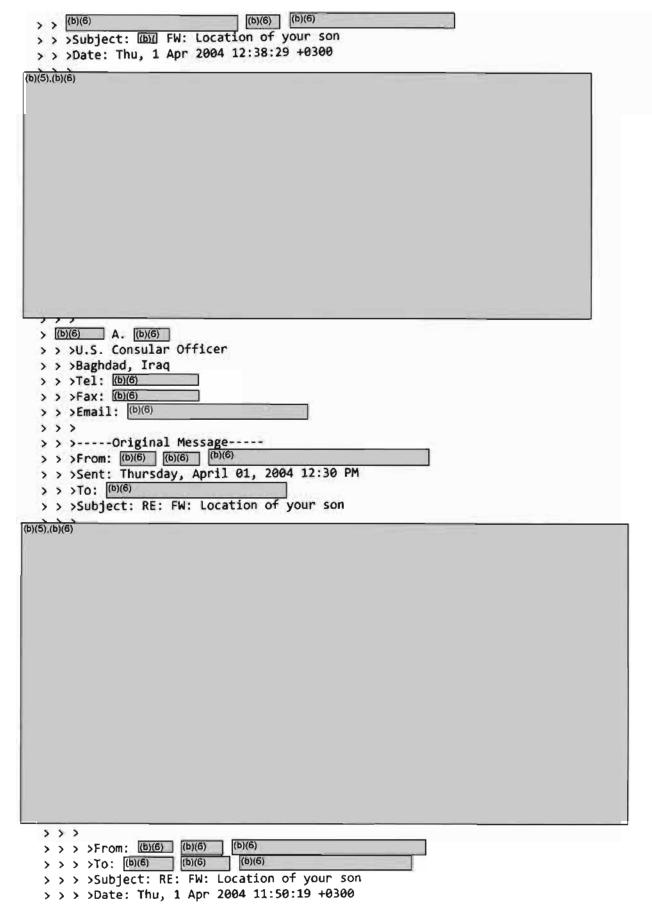
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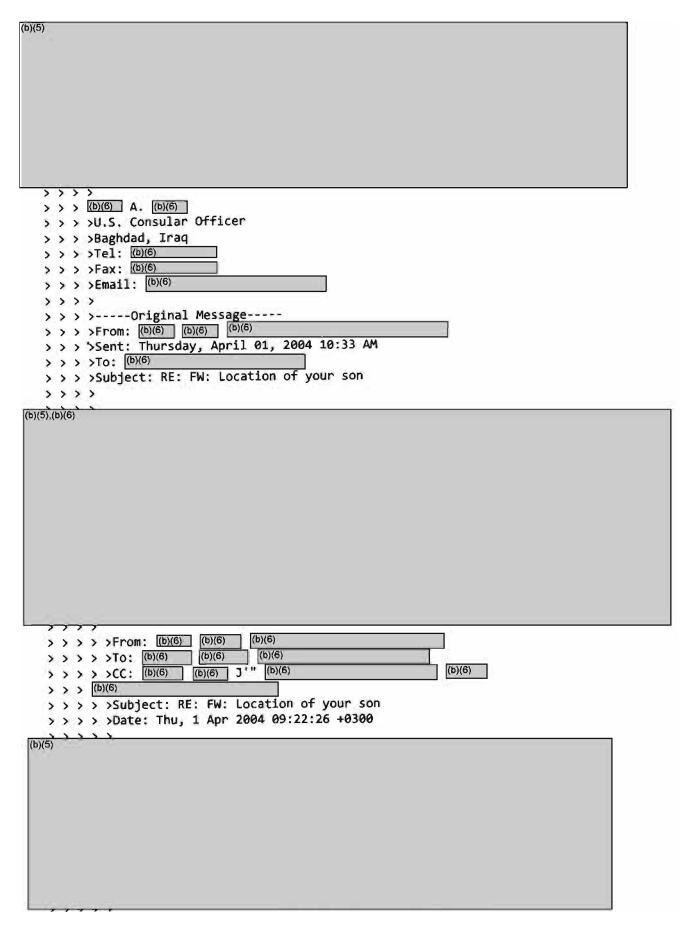
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Family of executed American angry with U.S. govt.

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By Jon Hurdle

PHILADELPHIA, May 12 (Reuters) - Family and friends of the American civilian executed by Islamic militants are angry about U.S. government denials that their son was ever in U.S. custody in Iraq, a family spokesman said on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the body of Nick Berg, a communications tower businessman, arrived at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, funeral director Carl Goldstein told reporters outside the family's suburban home in West Chester, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia.

Neighbor Bruce Hauser, who has acted as a family spokesman, said, ''The community feels that if the government had Nick Berg in their control they should have sought to release Berg back to his home country.''

''I have to believe that the American government had him in their custody. The Bergs knew that Nick was in their custody and the Bergs wanted the government to release him so he could come home,' Hauser said.

On April 5, nearly two weeks after Berg disappeared in Iraq, the family sued in federal court in Philadelphia and named U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld as responsible for their son's disappearance.

Berg was missing from March 24 until his release on April 6, when he told his parents he had been detained by Iraqi police in Mosul. He disappeared again on April 9 after telling his parents he was looking for a safe way out.

on Wednesday that Berg had not been in U.S. custody before or after his arrest. But U.S. authorities in Iraq are nominally in charge of Iraqi police and the military.

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Senor said Berg was visited three times by the F8I for possibly suspicious activities but determined he was 'not involved in any criminal or terrorist activities.'

A Web site video on Tuesday showed a masked man cutting off the head of Berg and said al Qaeda's leader in Iraq had personally carried out the killing in revenge for abuses against Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers in Abu Ghraib prison.

Seven soldiers face charges in the prison scandal that exploded around the world two weeks ago with the publication of graphic pictures of mistreatment.

The video is similar to the one made in 2002 of the beheading of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl by Islamic militants in Pakistan. Pearl was forced to say before his killing that he and his parents were Jewish.

Berg, who was also Jewish, did not make any statement about his religion. He named his parents Michael and Suzanne and siblings David and Sara and said he was from Philadelphia.

The funeral director Goldstein said a memorial service had been tentatively scheduled for Friday at a West Chester synagogue.

Berg went missing on April 9 around the time dozens of foreigners were seized by guerrillas after U.S. Marines began a crackdown in the city of Falluja.

''I still hold him (Rumsfeld) responsible because if they had let him go after a reasonable time or given access to a lawyer we could have gotten him out of there before the hostilities escalated,' Michael Berg told WBUR public radio station on Tuesday.

In the suburb where Berg grew up, he was remembered as a stocky, intelligent man with a crew cut who had worked in Africa before going to U.S.-occupied Iraq with the idealistic mission to help with reconstruction.

The execution unleashed impassioned reactions from sympathy for his family to a desire for revenge to anger at the Bush administration, to attacks on both Muslims and Jews.

A sampling of hundreds of e-mails reacting to Tuesday's beheading displayed a nationalistic impulse for quick revenge and a growing resentment of Muslims living in the United States.

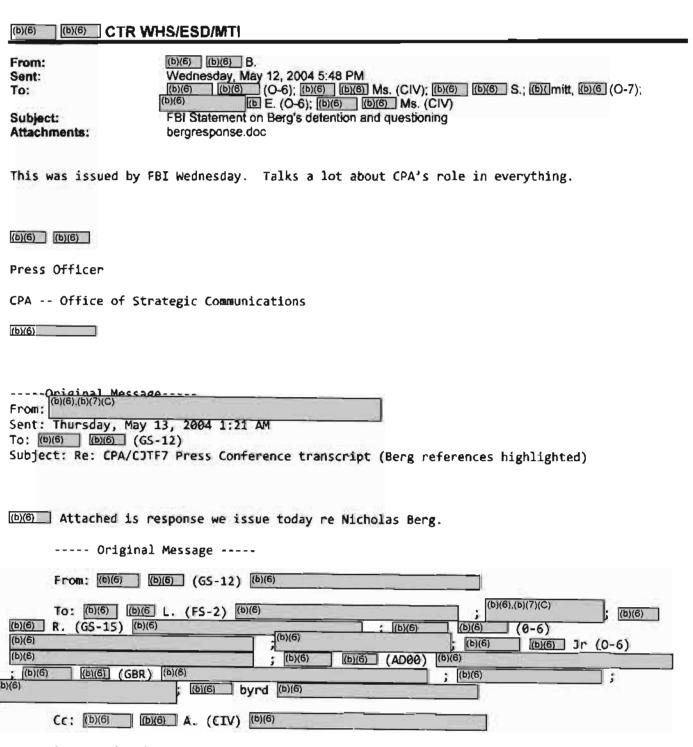
Others directed their anger at the Bush administration, blaming the killing on the invasion of Iraq that has fueled the fury of Muslim fundamentalists against the United States.

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Press Officer

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2004 1:40 PM

Subject: CPA/CJTF7 Press Conference transcript (Berg references highlighted)

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Attached is the transcript from Wednesday's CPA CJTF-7 press conference.

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## FBI NATIONAL PRESS OFFICE (202) 324-3691

PRESS RESPONSE May 12, 2004

## NICHOLAS BERG – U.S.CITIZEN SLAIN IN IRAQ

This is in response to numerous press inquires regarding the FBI's involvement in the Iraqi Police detention of Nicholas Berg. On 5/11/04, a video was posted on an Islamic militant website showing the beheading of Nicholas Berg. The video showed five men wearing headscarves and black ski masks standing over a bound man in orange clothing who identified himself as Nicholas Berg. After reading a statement, the masked men were seen pulling Mr. Berg to his side and he was brutally murdered.

On 03/25/04, the U.S. military notified FBI Agents in Iraq that the Iraqi Police had detained a U.S. person in Mosul, Iraq. The U.S. person was identified as Nicholas Evan Berg. Mr. Berg had been detained by Iraqi Police who then notified the U.S. military.

Mr. Berg was interviewed by FBI Agents at an Iraqi Police Station in Mosul, Iraq, while in the custody of the Iraqi Police. Mr. Berg told Agents that he had entered Iraq through Jordan for the purpose of establishing working relationships and to acquire contracts for his business. After a thorough review of records, the FBI relayed to the U.S. military and the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) that no derogatory information was developed about Mr. Berg that would warrant further detention by the Iraqi Police. During interviews with Mr. Berg, FBI Agents and CPA officials emphasized to him the dangerous environment that exists in Iraq, and encouraged him to accept CPA's offer to facilitate his safe passage out of Iraq. Mr. Berg refused these offers. The CPA coordinated with the Iraqi police for Mr. Berg's release on 4/6/04. He also refused government offers to advise his family and friends of his status.

On 5/8/04, Mr. Berg's remains were discovered by the U.S military in north central Baghdad.

FBI Director Robert Mueller and the men and woman of the FBI offer their deepest sympathies to the Berg family. The FBI's Office of Victim Assistance is providing support and assistance to the family.

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FYI - Even though Nick Berg's e-mails say he was arrested by IPS, this story is not helpful.
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CPA press officer

Mosul Police Chief Denies Detaining Berg

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By SCHEHEREZADE FARAMARZI, Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq - An American who was beheaded by militants had told friends he was arrested by Iraqi police in Mosul because he had an Israeli stamp in his passport. The Mosul police chief Thursday denied having arrested him.

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The body of Nicholas Berg, 26, was found last weekend in western Baghdad. Three days later, a videotape posted on an al-Qaida-related Web site showed Berg decapitated by hooded, armed men.

Questions about Berg's stay in Iraq (news <a href="http://us.rd.yahoo.com/DailyNews/manual/\*http://search.news.yahoo.com/search/news?p=%22Iraq%22ac=&n=20&yn=c&c=news&cs=nw> - web sites

<http://us.rd.yahoo.com/DailyNews/manual/\*http:/search.yahoo.com/bin/search?cs=nw&p=Iraq> )
remain, including the time and place of his abduction. U.S. and Iraqi officials have offered
varying accounts of their contacts with the self-employed telecommunications businessman from
West Chester, Pa., a Philadelphia suburb.

- U.S. officials said Wednesday that Iraqi police arrested Berg in Mosul on March 24 because they believed he may have been involved in "suspicious activities."
- U.S. spokesman Dan Senor would not explain those suspicions but insisted that Berg was held by Iraqi and not American authorities. He said, however, that the FBI (news <a href="http://us.rd.yahoo.com/DailyNews/manual/\*http:/search.news.yahoo.com/search/news?p=%22FBI%22%c=&n=20&yn=c&c=news&cs=nw> web sites <a href="http://us.rd.yahoo.com/DailyNews/manual/\*http:/dir.yahoo.com/Government/U\_S\_\_Government/Executive\_Branch/Departments\_and\_Agencies/Department\_of\_Justice\_\_DOJ\_/Federal\_Bureau\_of\_Investigation FBI /> ) visited Berg three times before he was released April 6.

In e-mails released by his family, Berg wrote about his experiences in trying to track down and later meeting an in-law in the Mosul area. Berg also described his work in seeking to repair communications towers in Iraq.

In Mosul, police chief Maj. Gen. Mohammed Khair al-Barhawi insisted his department had never arrested Berg and maintained he had no knowledge of the case.

"The Iraqi police never arrested the slain American," al-Barhawi told reporters. "Take it from me ... that such reports are baseless."

Berg's family said the young Berg was transferred to American custody soon after his arrest. The family blames American authorities with exposing their son to worsening danger in Iraq by holding him until a flare-up of anti-American violence that set the stage for his abduction and death.

In an e-mail released by the family to The New York Times, Berg wrote to his parents after his April 6 release that federal agents had questioned him about whether he had ever built a pipe bomb or had been in Iran.

After his release, Berg traveled to Baghdad and checked into the Fanar Hotel. An acquaintance quoted Berg as saying he had been arrested by Iraqi police in Mosul because he had an Israeli entry stamp in his passport. The acquaintance spoke on condition of anonymity.

Most Arab countries bar foreigners from entering their territory if their passports contain Israeli entry stamps. Controls along Iraq's border have relaxed since the fall of Saddam Hussein (news

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Hussein> )'s regime in April 2003.

Seasoned travelers in the Middle East know to ask Israeli border officials not to stamp their passports if they are traveling to Arab countries.

Berg checked out of his Baghdad hotel April 10. U.S. officials said they offered him a flight to Jordan, but he refused it. His father, Michael, said his son declined the offer out of fears that the travel to the airport was too dangerous. Attacks had taken place in the areas his son would need to drive through, Michael Berg said.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Berg was detained by Iraqi authorities "for his own protection" because his behavior in Mosul seemed unusual for a Westerner.

He had been seen traveling in taxis and moving about the dangerous city without any escort, the official said. He added that Berg, who was Jewish, had in his possession texts that were "anti-Semitic" in tone, the official said without elaborating.

In his e-mail quoted by the Times, Berg guessed the FBI agents in Mosul had questioned him about Iran because he was carrying some literature in Farsi and a book about Iran.

He also wrote that U.S. military police who were supervising the Iraqi police had heard some of his fellow prisoners referring to him as an Israeli and suggested he be moved to a separate cell.

(b)(6) a colleague and friend of Berg's in Philadelphia, said Berg had traveled to Israel a couple times, and sometimes went rock climbing there.

Michael Berg also said Iraqi police found Jewish religious items — a prayer shawl, for instance — in his son's possession when he was detained on March 24.

U.S. officials have accused Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, an associate of Osama bin Laden (news <a href="http://us.rd.yahoo.com/DailyNews/manual/\*http:/search.news.yahoo.com/search/news?p=%22Osama%20bin%20Laden%22&c=&n=20&yn=c&c=news&cs=nw> - web sites <a href="http://us.rd.yahoo.com/DailyNews/manual/\*http:/search.yahoo.com/bin/search?cs=nw&p=Osama%20bin%20Laden">http://us.rd.yahoo.com/DailyNews/manual/\*http:/search.yahoo.com/bin/search?cs=nw&p=Osama%20bin%20Laden</a>), of the killing. Al-Zarqawi has been blamed by the military for a wave of suicide attacks in Iraq.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, told reporters Thursday in Baghdad that it appears al-Zargawi was responsible.

Asked whether he meant al-Zarqawi personally performed the execution, Sanchez said, "All indications are he did it." Asked about al-Zarqawi's whereabouts, he said, "We believe he's moving around the country."

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Video Seems to Show Beheading of American

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CAIRO, Egypt - A video posted Tuesday on an Islamic militant Web site showed the beheading of an American civilian in Iraq (news

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and said the execution was carried out by an al-Qaida affiliated group to avenge the abuse of
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The video showed five men wearing headscarves and black ski masks, standing over a bound man in an orange jumpsuit - similar to a prisoner's uniform - who identified himself as Nick Berg, a U.S. contractor whose body was found on a highway overpass in Baghdad on Saturday.

"My name is Nick Berg, my father's name is Michael, my mother's name is Susan," the man said on the video. "I have a brother and sister, David and Sarah. I live in ... Philadelphia."

After reading a statement, the men were seen pulling the man to his side and putting a large knife to his neck. A scream sounded as the men cut his head off, shouting "Allahu Akbar!" - "God is great." They then held the head out before the camera.

Berg was a small-business owner from the Philadelphia suburbs, his family said Tuesday.

Berg's family said they knew their son had been decapitated, but didn't know the details of the killing. When told of the video by an Associated Press reporter, Berg's father, Michael, and his two siblings hugged and cried.

"I knew he was decapitated before. That manner is preferable to a long and torturous death. But I didn't want it to become public," Michael Berg said.

The video tape included a statement by one of the executioners:

"For the mothers and wives of American soldiers, we tell you that we offered the U.S. administration to exchange this hostage with some of the detainees in Abu Ghraib and they refused."

"So we tell you that the dignity of the Muslim men and women in Abu Ghraib and others is not redeemed except by blood and souls. You will not receive anything from us but coffins after coffins ... slaughtered in this way."

The video bore the title "Abu Musab al-Zarqawi shown slaughtering an American." It was unclear whether al-Zarqawi - a lieutenant of Osama bin Laden (news <a href="http://us.rd.yahoo.com/DailyNews/manual/\*http://search.news.yahoo.com/search/news?p=%22Osama%20bin%20Laden%22&c=&n=20&yn=c&c=news&cs=nw> - web sites <a href="http://us.rd.yahoo.com/DailyNews/manual/\*http://search.yahoo.com/bin/search?cs=nw&p=Osama%20bin%20Laden">http://us.rd.yahoo.com/DailyNews/manual/\*http://search.yahoo.com/bin/search?cs=nw&p=Osama%20bin%20Laden</a>) - was shown in the video, or was claiming responsibility for ordering the execution.

The Web site on which the video was posted is known as a clearing house for al-Qaida and Islamic extremist groups' statements and tapes.

The family of Berg, 26, of West Chester, Pa., said they were informed by the U.S. State Department on Monday that Berg was found dead near a highway overpass in Baghdad.

Berg's mother, Suzanne Berg, said her son was in Iraq as an independent businessman to help rebuild communication antennas. He had been missing since April 9, she said.

"He had this idea that he could help rebuild the infrastructure," she said.

The U.S. military Tuesday said an American civilian was found dead in Baghdad, but did not release his identity. State Department spokeswoman Susan Pittman said she couldn't release the name of the dead American, but said she not aware of more than one civilian found dead in recent days.

The military said there were signs of trauma to the body. Suzanne Berg said she was told her son's death was violent but did not want to discuss details.

Berg, who was in Baghdad from late December to Feb. 1, returned to Iraq in March. He didn't find any work and planned again to return home on March 30, but his daily communications home stopped on March 24. He later told his parents he was jailed by Iraqi officials at a checkpoint in Mosul.

"He was arrested and held without due process," his father, Michael Berg, told the Daily Local News of West Chester recently. "By the time he got out the whole area was inflamed with violence.

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utive\_Branch/Departments\_and\_Agencies/Department\_of\_Justice\_\_DOJ\_/Federal\_Bureau\_of\_Investiga
tion\_\_FBI\_/> ) on March 31 interviewed Berg's parents in West Chester. Jerri Williams, a
spokeswoman for the Philadelphia FBI office, told The Philadelphia Inquirer the agency had
been "asked to interview the parents regarding Mr. Berg's purpose in Iraq."

On April 5, the Bergs filed suit in federal court in Philadelphia, contending that their son was being held illegally by the U.S. military. The next day Berg was released. He told his parents he hadn't been mistreated.

The Bergs last heard from their son April 9, when he said he would come home by way of Jordan, Turkey or Kuwait. But by then, hostilities in Iraq had escalated.

Suzanne Berg on Tuesday said she was told her son's body would be transported to Kuwait and then to Dover, Del. She said the family had been trying for weeks to learn where their son was but that federal officials had not been helpful.

"I went through this with them for weeks," she said. "I basically ended up doing most of the investigating myself."

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