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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM
MULTI-NATIONAL DIVISION—BAGHDAD
FOB PROSPERITY, BAGHDAD, IRAQ
APO AE 09348

AFVA-2BCT-BJA

19 January 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Multi-National Division—
Baghdad, FOB Prosperity, Baghdad, Iraq, APO AE 09348

SUBJECT: Legal Review of Army Regulation (AR) 15-6 Investigation

1. Pursuant to AR 15-6, paragraph 2-3, I have reviewed the investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident that occurred on 25 December 2006, wherein a member of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, used force in accordance with the Rules of Engagement, which led to the shooting of a local national. I make the following determinations:

a. The investigation complies with the legal requirements under AR 15-6.

b. Errors in the proceedings, if any, do not have a material adverse effect on any individual's substantial rights as related to an informal AR 15-6 investigation.

c. Sufficient evidence supports the findings of the Investigating Officer (IO).

d. The IO's recommendations are consistent with the findings.

2. In addition to the IO's recommendations, I advise that you also consider making condolence payments to (b)(6) Mr. Alpha's family. Since this incident occurred as a result of a lawful combat operation, a claim against the United States is not a viable option. You are authorized to make CERP Condolence payments for each incident up to \$2,500.00. Therefore, you may make payments to (b)(6) Mr. Alpha's family for both the property damage to the house and the death of (b)(6) Mr. Alpha each in the amount up to \$2,500.00, for a maximum total of \$5,000.00.

3. I may be reached at VOIP 678-7069.

(b)(3), (b)(6) Bravo

Encl
as

MAJ, JA
Brigade Judge Advocate

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AR 15-6 Investigation
C / 2-12 Infantry Battalion
25 December 2006

MAJ

(b)(3)(b)(6) Charlie

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER/BOARD OF OFFICERS

For use of this form, see AR 15-6; the proponent agency is OTJAG.

IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED IN FILLING OUT ANY PORTION OF THIS FORM, ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS

SECTION I - APPOINTMENT

Appointed by COL (b)(3), (b)(6) Delta _____
 (Appointing authority)

on 13 January 2007 _____ (Attach inclosure 1: Letter of appointment or summary of oral appointment data.) (See para 3-15, AR 15-6.)
 (Date)

SECTION II - SESSIONS

The (investigation) (board) commenced at FOB Falcon, Baghdad, Iraq _____ at 1500 _____
 (Place) (Time)

on 13 January 2007 _____ (If a formal board met for more than one session, check here. Indicate in an inclosure the time each session began and ended, the place, persons present and absent, and explanation of absences, if any.) The following persons (members, respondents, counsel) were present: (After each name, indicate capacity, e.g., President, Recorder, Member, Legal Advisor.)

The following persons (members, respondents, counsel) were absent: (Include brief explanation of each absence.) (See paras 5-2 and 5-8a, AR 15-6.)

The (investigating officer) (board) finished gathering/hearing evidence at _____ 1800 _____ on _____ 17 January 2007 _____
 (Time) (Date)

and completed findings and recommendations at _____ 2000 _____ on _____ 17 January 2007 _____
 (Time) (Date)

SECTION III - CHECKLIST FOR PROCEEDINGS

A. COMPLETE IN ALL CASES

	YES	NO ^{1/}	NA ^{2/}
^{1/} Inclosures (para 3-15, AR 15-6)			
Are the following inclosed and numbered consecutively with Roman numerals: (Attached in order listed)			
a. The letter of appointment or a summary of oral appointment data?			
b. Copy of notice to respondent, if any?(See item 9, below)			
c. Other correspondence with respondent or counsel, if any?			
d. All other written communications to or from the appointing authority?			
e. Privacy Act Statements (Certificate, if statement provided orally)?			(b)(2)High
f. Explanation by the investigating officer or board of any unusual delays, difficulties, irregularities, or other problems encountered (e.g., absence of material witnesses)?			
g. Information as to sessions of a formal board not included on page 1 of this report?			
h. Any other significant papers (other than evidence) relating to administrative aspects of the investigation or board?			

FOOTNOTES: ^{1/} Explain all negative answers on an attached sheet.

^{2/} Use of the N/A column constitutes a positive representation that the circumstances described in the question did not occur in this investigation or board.

2	Exhibits (para 3-16, AR 15-6)	YES	NO ^{1/}	NA ^{2/}
	a. Are all items offered (whether or not received) or considered as evidence individually numbered or lettered as exhibits and attached to this report?			
	b. Is an index of all exhibits offered to or considered by investigating officer or board attached before the first exhibit?			
	c. Has the testimony/statement of each witness been recorded verbatim or been reduced to written form and attached as an exhibit?			
	d. Are copies, descriptions, or depictions (if substituted for real or documentary evidence) properly authenticated and is the location of the original evidence indicated?			
	e. Are descriptions or diagrams included of locations visited by the investigating officer or board (para 3-6b, AR 15-6)?			
	f. Is each written stipulation attached as an exhibit and is each oral stipulation either reduced to writing and made an exhibit or recorded in a verbatim record?			
	g. If official notice of any matter was taken over the objection of a respondent or counsel, is a statement of the matter of which official notice was taken attached as an exhibit (para 3-16d, AR 15-6)?			
3	Was a quorum present when the board voted on findings and recommendations (paras 4-1 and 5-2b, AR 15-6)?			
B. COMPLETE ONLY FOR FORMAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS (Chapter 5, AR 15-6)				
4	At the initial session, did the recorder read, or determine that all participants had read, the letter of appointment (para 5-3b, AR 15-6)?			
5	Was a quorum present at every session of the board (para 5-2b, AR 15-6)?			
6	Was each absence of any member properly excused (para 5-2a, AR 15-6)?			
7	Were members, witnesses, reporter, and interpreter sworn, if required (para 3-1, AR 15-6)?			
8	If any members who voted on findings or recommendations were not present when the board received some evidence, does the inclosure describe how they familiarized themselves with that evidence (para 5-2d, AR 15-6)?			
C. COMPLETE ONLY IF RESPONDENT WAS DESIGNATED (Section II, Chapter 5, AR 15-6)				
9	Notice to respondents (para 5-5, AR 15-6):			
	a. Is the method and date of delivery to the respondent indicated on each letter of notification?			
	b. Was the date of delivery at least five working days prior to the first session of the board?			
	c. Does each letter of notification indicate —			
	(1) the date, hour, and place of the first session of the board concerning that respondent?			
	(2) the matter to be investigated, including specific allegations against the respondent, if any?			
	(3) the respondent's rights with regard to counsel?			
	(4) the name and address of each witness expected to be called by the recorder?			
	(5) the respondent's rights to be present, present evidence, and call witnesses?			
	d. Was the respondent provided a copy of all unclassified documents in the case file?			
	e. If there were relevant classified materials, were the respondent and his counsel given access and an opportunity to examine them?			
10	If any respondent was designated after the proceedings began (or otherwise was absent during part of the proceedings):			
	a. Was he properly notified (para 5-5, AR 15-6)?			
	b. Was record of proceedings and evidence received in his absence made available for examination by him and his counsel (para 5-4c, AR 15-6)?			
11	Counsel (para 5-6, AR 15-6):			
	a. Was each respondent represented by counsel?			
	Name and business address of counsel:			
	(If counsel is a lawyer, check here <input type="checkbox"/>)			
	b. Was respondent's counsel present at all open sessions of the board relating to that respondent?			
	c. If military counsel was requested but not made available, is a copy (or, if oral, a summary) of the request and the action taken on it included in the report (para 5-6b, AR 15-6)?			
12	If the respondent challenged the legal advisor or any voting member for lack of impartiality (para 5-7, AR 15-6):			
	a. Was the challenge properly denied and by the appropriate officer?			
	b. Did each member successfully challenged cease to participate in the proceedings?			
13	Was the respondent given an opportunity to (para 5-8a, AR 15-6):			
	a. Be present with his counsel at all open sessions of the board which deal with any matter which concerns that respondent?			
	b. Examine and object to the introduction of real and documentary evidence, including written statements?			
	c. Object to the testimony of witnesses and cross-examine witnesses other than his own?			
	d. Call witnesses and otherwise introduce evidence?			
	e. Testify as a witness?			
	f. Make or have his counsel make a final statement or argument (para 5-9, AR 15-6)?			
14	If requested, did the recorder assist the respondent in obtaining evidence in possession of the Government and in arranging for the presence of witnesses (para 5-8b, AR 15-6)?			
15	Are all of the respondent's requests and objections which were denied indicated in the report of proceedings or in an inclosure or exhibit to it (para 5-11, AR 15-6)?			
FOOTNOTES: ^{1/} Explain all negative answers on an attached sheet. ^{2/} Use of the N/A column constitutes a positive representation that the circumstances described in the question did not occur in this investigation or board.				

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SECTION IV - FINDINGS (para 3-10, AR 15-6)

The (investigating officer) (board) , having carefully considered the evidence, finds:

See Attached Memorandum

SECTION V - RECOMMENDATIONS (para 3-11, AR 15-6)

In view of the above findings, the (investigating officer) (board) recommends:

See Attached Memorandum

THIS REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. (If any voting member or the recorder fails to sign here or in Section VI below, indicate the reason in the space where his signature should appear.)

(b)(3), (b)(6) Charlie

(Recorder)

(Investigating Officer) (Recorder)

(Member)

(Member)

(Member)

(Member)

SECTION VII - MINORITY REPORT (para 3-13, AR 15-6)

To the extent indicated in Inclosure _____ the undersigned do(es) not concur in the findings and recommendations of the board (In the inclosure, identify by number each finding and/or recommendation in which the dissenting member(s) do(es) not concur. State the reasons for disagreement. Additional/substitute findings and/or recommendations may be included in the inclosure.)

(Member)

(Member)

APPROVAL

SECTION VIII - ACTION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY (para 2-3, AR 15-6)

The findings and recommendations of the (investigating officer) (board) are (approved) (disapproved) (approved with following exceptions/substitutions). (If the appointing authority returns the proceedings to the investigating officer or board for further proceedings or corrective action, attach that correspondence (or a summary, if oral) as a numbered inclosure.)

I ratify the appointment of the investigating officer.

(b)(3), (b)(6)

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JOSEPH F. FIL, JR
Major General, USA
Commanding



REPLY TO THE
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
15TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION
2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION
FOB FALCON, BAGHDAD, IRAQ
APO AE 09361

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16 January 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 2ND Brigade Combat Team, 1ST Cavalry Division, FOB Prosperity, Baghdad, Iraq, APO AE 09348

SUBJECT: Findings and Recommendations, AR 15-6 Investigation – 25 December 2006 Raid – C Company, 2-12 Infantry

1. Findings.

a. Timeline:

24 December 2006

- **2000 – 2042:** 2-12 Infantry receives tip from the MOI.
- **2042:** C Company notified of the mission
- **2042 – 2130:** C Company Commander goes to Battalion TOC and conducts planning with Battalion Commander and Battalion S-3
- **2130:** 2ND Platoon Leader notified
- **2130 – 2215:** 2ND Platoon conducts planning
- **2317:** C Company Patrol departs FOB Falcon
- **2317 – 0030:** C Company enroute to target area and temporarily delayed (b)(2)High
(b)(2)High

25 December 2006

- **0030 – 0100:** C Company enters (b)(6)
- **0102:** C Company enters (b)(6)
- **0110:** 4 x M1114 Section departs target area for CSH with wounded individual

b. Tip Vetting and Mission Preparation. The tip resulting in the raid on 25 December was passed directly from (b)(2)High Foxtrot to LTC (b)(3), (b)(6) Golf the 2-12 IN Battalion Commander, through his interpreter. The tip stated that a Kurdish individual was being held hostage at (b)(6). As this came directly from (b)(2)High Foxtrot to LTC (3), (b)(6) G it was considered a reliable tip. (b)(2)High

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(Attachment L).

LTC (3), (b)(6) G made the decision to action the tip and assigned the mission to Charlie Company based on its location in (b)(2)High which was in Charlie Company's Area of Operations. CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) Hotel the Charlie Company Commander, assigned the mission to 2ND Platoon based on its performance in prior operations.

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The intelligence gathered on the target consisted of (b)(2)High coverage and the Company Commander's prior knowledge of the area. (b)(2)High showed two individuals standing around what appeared to be a recently parked vehicle. The battalion was unable to determine whether the individuals were armed. Although after curfew hours, the activity was not unusual. However, the activity coupled with the tip could indicate criminal activity. The area was predominately Christian and had not had much AIF activity. The Company Commander, Battalion S-3, and Battalion Commander looked at the target area (b)(2)High and a plan was developed to infiltrate and secure the area (**Attachment I**).

The unit had approximately (b)(2)High from notification until it departed from FOB Falcon. This preparation included notification of the tasked platoon in addition to the preparation detailed above. (b)(2)High

(b)(2)High No written operations order was prepared. Verbal orders were given from the Battalion to Company Commander, Company Commander to Platoon Leader, and Platoon Leader to 2ND Platoon.

This mission was planned and executed using a (b)(2)High

(b)(2)High

c. Patrol Composition. The patrol consisted of (b)(2)High It was made up of the 2ND Platoon of Charlie Company and was accompanied by the Company Commander (**Attachment J**). The patrol leader was 1LT (b)(3), (b)(6) India, the 2ND Platoon Leader, however as the Company Commander accompanied the patrol, he was ultimately in command. The patrol included one medic and one interpreter.

d. Execution of the Raid. The platoon arrived at the target area and conducted a forced entry into (b)(6) (the target house) between (b)(2)High on 25 December. The forced entry included breaching the outer gate (b)(2)High The order the first four Soldiers entered the house was: SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) Juliet, SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) Echo, PV2 (b)(3), (b)(6) Kilo and PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) Lima. After discovering that there was no kidnap victim in (b)(6), CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) Hotel directed the section to enter (b)(6). The order the soldiers entered House (b)(6) was: SGT (3), (b)(6) Ec, SSG (3), (b)(6) J, PV2 (3), (b)(6) and PFC (3), (b)(6) Lir. SGT (3), (b)(6) Ec was supposed to be the first man to enter both houses, however was retrieving a battering ram and became the second man for House # 24. SSG (3), (b)(6) J and SGT (3), (b)(6) Ec both stated that they are normally the first man into a room while conducting a clearing operation due to their experience levels.

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the (b)(2)High CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) Hotel made the decision to forcibly enter (b)(6) based on the (b)(2)High and the fact that (b)(6) and (b)(6) were the (b)(2)High around (b)(2)High in the morning.

The section entered (b)(6) by first removing the exterior gate. The gate was hanging by one of two hinges, so it was easily removed. The section then (b)(2)High break down the door. When SGT (3), (b)(6) Ec entered the house, he observed a hand holding a revolver

and part of a face. The revolver cycled three times and did not fire. When SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) Echad positive identification, he fired seven rounds from (b)(2)High. He proceeded into the house and found an elderly man (b)(6) Mr. Alpha sitting on a couch with a (b)(2)High pistol on the floor next to him and a wound to his jaw. His wife, (b)(6) Mrs. Alpha was sitting on the couch next to him. CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) Hotel moved her to an adjacent room, so that (b)(6) Mr. Alpha could be treated (**Attachment FF**).

e. Medical Care given to (b)(6) Mr. Alpha SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) Michael applied first aid to Mr. (b)(6). He stabilized him and moved him to (b)(2)High for transport to the Combat Support Hospital located less than eight kilometers from the target area. When (b)(6) Mr. Alpha (b)(6) left his house, he had a strong pulse and was breathing well. During the ten minute ride, he stopped breathing and his heart stopped. As SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) Michael was about to perform additional first aid, his heart began beating again and he started breathing. According to the 2-12 IN TOC Log, (b)(6) Mr. Alpha was in critical but stable condition after undergoing surgery as of (b)(6) December 2006 (**Attachment H**). After the raid was conducted, they went back and questioned the occupant of the target house, (b)(6) November. He stated that (b)(6) Mr. Alpha had a possible heart condition. That information was passed to the CSH. 1LT (b)(3), (b)(6) visited (b)(6) Mrs. Alp (b)(6) and gave her contact information for her husband at the CSH and his medical status, which was stable at the time. She was visited two more times between the incident and this investigation by CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) Hotel.

f. Damage to the House. According to pictures taken during the raid and the testimony of the Soldiers involved, the extent of damages to (b)(6) follow. The front gate was breached, the front door (b)(2)High and there were approximately six marks from bullets or ricochets on the door next to the stars. The freezer in the hallway had four bullet holes in it. The damage to (b)(6) (target house) from pictures taken during the raid consists of a broken front gate (**Attachment II**). (b)(6) November and (b)(6) Mrs. Alpha were both given Coalition Forces claims cards by the patrol prior to its departure from the target area.

g. Rules of Engagement.

(b)(2)High

(b)(3), (b)(6)

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h. Training.

(b)(2)High

(b)(2)High

2. Recommendations.

(b)(5), (b)(2)High

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SUBJECT: Findings and Recommendations, AR 15-6 Investigation – 25 December 2006 Raid –
C Company, 2-12 Infantry

(b)(5), (b)(2)High

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3. POC for the memorandum is the undersigned at VOIP 678-7067 or SIPR

(b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6) Charlie

MAJ, OD
Investigating Officer

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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13 January 2007

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM
MULTI-NATIONAL DIVISION—BAGHDAD
FOB PROSPERITY, BAGHDAD, IRAQ
APO AE 09348

MEMORANDUM FOR Major (b)(3), b(6) Charlie Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 15th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Multi-National Division—Baghdad, FOB Falcon, Baghdad, Iraq APO AE 09361

SUBJECT: Appointment as Army Regulation 15-6 Investigating Officer

1. You are hereby appointed as the Investigating Officer (IO) to conduct an informal investigation pursuant to Army Regulation (AR) 15-6 into the facts and circumstances surrounding the raid conducted on 25 December 2006 by C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, which resulted in the shooting of a local national. Specifically, you will make findings and recommendations concerning the following:

- a. The makeup of the affected patrol;
- b. All intelligence supporting the operation;
- c. If the house in question was not part of the planned operation, a description of the purpose for entering the house;
- d. A description of what happened when the Soldiers entered the house; and
- e. Actions taken by the patrol members after contact, including, but not limited to, reaction to contact, first aid, and MEDEVAC.

2. Prior to beginning your investigation, you will contact CPT b(3)(b)(6) Victo, Operational Law Attorney, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, at VOIP 678-7069. She will serve as your legal advisor during the investigation.

3. All witness statements will be sworn and submitted on DA Form 2823. If circumstances preclude you from obtaining a sworn statement, or if you obtain a statement telephonically, you will summarize the statement in a Memorandum for Record and swear to the accuracy of your summary.

4. If you come to suspect any individual you are questioning has committed a crime, you will advise that individual of his rights under Article 31, UCMJ, or the Fifth Amendment, as appropriate, using DA Form 3881.

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SUBJECT: Appointment as Army Regulation 15-6 Investigating Officer

5. If you are required to evaluate the character, conduct or judgment of someone senior to you (or senior by time-in-grade), contact your legal advisor before proceeding.
6. Your report, together with all the evidence and storyboards marked as exhibits, will be submitted on a DA Form 1574 for a legal review no later than 17 January 2007. Requests for extensions of this suspense will be submitted in writing to the undersigned through the Brigade Judge Advocate.

(b)(3)(b)(6) Delta

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Commanding

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EX A

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Pages 14 through 15 redacted for the following reasons:

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(b)(6) Oscar

Mobil: (b)(6)
(b)(6)

President George W. Bush,
The White House,
The United States of America

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Dear Sir,

The coming of a New Year should be heralded with joy and happiness but this is not the case for my family. Instead we have suffered the tragic loss of a senior, much loved and respected family member through the actions of some of the American military in Baghdad

In the early hours of Christmas Morning 2006 my family's home, (b)(6) (b)(6) Baghdad. My parents-in-law were both asleep and alone in the house when the raid started at 1 a.m (b)(6) Mr. Alpha my (b)(6) year old father-in-law, and my paternal uncle, was shot in the mouth and severely injured and was in a coma until his death early yesterday morning, while his (b)(6) year old wife (b)(6) Mrs. Alpha suffered impaired hearing as a result of the gunshots and explosions and the family home has been destroyed.

It was dark when the attack occurred and fearing it was another terrorist attack on them, my terrified mother-in-law, bolted the doors and took my father-in-law, who was suffering from ill health, to hide underneath their bed. The military broke down the garden gate and the door of the house with a battering ram and rapidly deployed troops inside the house. These troops then shot without warning inside every room and the petrified (b)(6) Mrs. Alph became separated from her husband. She heard someone shouting in Arabic the names of her sons asking where they were but did not hear her husband and did not know what had happened to him. Eventually, when the soldiers had left, she found herself alone in the damaged house

Following the raid (b)(6) Mrs. Alph had no idea where her husband was and she endeavoured to contact neighbours and family for help. They discovered a piece of (b)(6) on the bedroom floor and realised that Mr. had been shot during the raid. After a day of confusion my relatives finally managed to contact one of the commanding officers and (b)(6) Mrs. Alph discovered that her husband had been taken to the American hospital, Ebin Seena, where Iraqis injured as a result of American military blunders are taken. The hospital refused to give them any

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information regarding his condition so causing further anguish to the family who were left with no idea of the state of his health or indeed if he was still alive

(b)(6) Mrs. Alpt faced many problems gaining access to the hospital. On the following day a soldier at the first checkpoint gave her specific pass papers for entrance to the hospital, however one of the soldiers at the fourth checkpoint tore up the pass papers and denied her access causing her further stress in her already frail state of health. The following day, after many phone calls, she was told to take a special identification card with her and she was granted admittance to the hospital. The family then received the confirmation that Mr. had been shot in the jaw and was in a coma. However the following day the army took him to a general hospital which lacked the facilities to care for a man of his age and condition.

He was placed in the hospital's intensive care unit and the family were told that his chances of survival were slim and that if indeed he did survive the damage to his jaw would prevent him being able to speak again. It beggar's belief that a man in such a critical condition was moved from one hospital to another that had less facilities to use in his treatment and care. It appears that the crime of shooting him was not enough and it was followed by the second crime of moving him to to a poorer equipped hospital to die. In effect the people concerned attempted to wash their hands of the whole affair.

What has shocked me, my family and others, is this totally unprofessional behaviour of the U.S. forces during the whole incident and the complete lack of compassion shown to my parents-in-law

No checks can have been made before the raid was made otherwise it would have been discovered that the target was (b)(6)

(b)(6) (b)(6)

From my experience, and indeed it is common knowledge in Iraq, the intelligence information that the American forces there receive from Iraqi sources is often wrong. During Saddam's Republic of Fear a vast network of informers was established as it became the norm to inform on others and it appears that this apparatus has been inherited by the Coalition forces and is taking revenge on those who opposed Saddam in the process. If the intelligence supplied could convince Coalition forces to attack a (b)(6) which has resided in this house for over half a century, and known by all the local population to have (b)(6) then the sources of that intelligence must be well entrenched in the intelligence structure. Furthermore these sources will achieve their aim as past friends of America and its allies are alienated. The majority of the people who readily give information are still Saddam Hussein loyalists and furthermore the majority of the translators that work with the American forces also

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work with the terrorist insurgents. Al Qaeda and various sectarian groups. Under Saddam no one was allowed to study foreign languages at university, especially English, unless they were affiliated to the Ba'athist party. Now these informers and translators are entrenched in the Coalition's systems and are able to influence its actions as illustrated by the raid on my family home.

These mistakes affect the reputation of the Coalition as a whole and such actions have resulted in the death of more than 3,000 young American soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for my country's liberation.

It is our custom to bury the dead within 24 hours of death and because of the situation we were not able to return my father-in-law's body to (b)(6) to be laid to rest following a traditional family funeral.

We are in this situation because of the criminal action of some members of the American army. The family demand to know the source of the information which led to this raid on a home which was occupied by two elderly people who have never been connected with a terrorist organization. On the contrary they are related to members of the new government who support your actions and they considered themselves to be friends of America. It is even more surprising that during the attack the Arabic speaker was asking for the whereabouts of their sons, one of whom is a (b)(6)

We have not received an apology from anyone in your administration with regards to the raid and its consequences. I would appreciate an official apology and to know who was responsible for the whole affair. A full explanation for the suffering caused to my family and the damage done to our family home will naturally be expected.

Yours Sincere

(b)(6) Oscar

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