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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (INTERIM)

24APR07

DEATH (II)

CONTROL: 08MAY06-MEJ-0357-7HMA/T

[REDACTED]

V/AWAD, HASHIM IBRAHIM/CIV
M/W/FNIZ/N///ABU GHURAYB, IRAQ
SUPP: HASHIM WAS 52 YEARS OLD

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COMMAND/1ST MARINE DIVISION, CAMP PENDLETON, CA/11000

MADE AT/MWFO/CAMP PENDLETON CA/[REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT

REFERENCES

- (A) NCIS Middle East Field Office Case File: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]/CCN: [REDACTED]
- (B) NCISRA Iraq ROI (INTERIM)/16Jun06... (Contains Exhibits 1-130)
- (C) NCISRA Iraq ROI (INTERIM)/20Jul06... (Contains Exhibits 131-170)
- (D) NCISFO Marine Corps West ROI (INTERIM)/15Aug06... (Contains Exhibits 171-200)
- (E) NCISFO Marine Corps West ROI (INTERIM)/23Feb07... (Contains Exhibits 201-219)

EXHIBITS

- (220) Final Report from DNA Branch, USACIL/26Jan07... (Copy All/Less MWFO)
- (221) Results of Trial of [REDACTED] USMC/17Feb07... (Copy All/Less MWFO)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. On 04May06, [REDACTED], Staff Judge Advocate, Regimental Combat Team Five (RCT-5), Camp Fallujah, Iraq, requested investigative support regarding a 01May06 complaint to military authorities from [REDACTED] of V/AWAD, who alleged that during the early morning hours of 26Apr06, U.S. Marines entered V/AWAD's home, forced him from the residence, and subsequently shot and killed him. [REDACTED] further alleged when the body was turned over to Iraqi authorities it was accompanied by an AK-47 and a shovel. [REDACTED] claimed the weapon and shovel did not belong to V/AWAD, rather they

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belonged to a neighbor, who claimed U.S. Marines also came to his home in the early morning hours of 26Apr06, and took these items. [REDACTED] advised after action reporting on the incident by the Marines indicated on 25-26Apr06, 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (KCo, 3/5), 1st Marine Division, comprised of [REDACTED] and Co-subjects, was assigned [REDACTED] along a rural road known as Route (RTE) Penguins located in Northern Hamdania, Khan Dhari, Iraq. The Squad reported at 0235, 26Apr06, a Military Age Male (MAM) was observed walking along RTE Penguins with a shovel and an AK-47, and upon engagement, the individual returned fire and was killed. A Quick Reaction Force (QRF) was dispatched to the scene where the individual's body, a shovel, and an AK-47 were recovered and subsequently turned over to an Iraqi Police (IP) station.

2. On 08May06, a preliminary investigation was conducted in the Hamdania area surrounding the death of V/AWAD that included review of scene photographs taken immediately following the shooting, Command records pertaining to the incident, and a visit to the death scene in the company of Command members, including [REDACTED] who identified the location of V/AWAD's body and that of the squad at the time of the shooting. [REDACTED] relinquished spent ammunition identified as having been recovered from the scene, along with one live 7.62mm round. During subsequent questioning regarding their roles in the incident, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] confessed their squad had abducted and murdered V/AWAD, then staged the death scene in order to cover up the crime. Several squad members also admitted to stealing the shovel and AK-47 from a residence near V/AWAD's home earlier in the evening, staging these items at the scene, and scattering 7.62mm spent shell casings around V/AWAD's body to make it appear as though V/AWAD had fired the weapon. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] requested legal counsel when advised of their rights; however, [REDACTED] later waived his right to counsel and admitted culpability. According to the participants, the squad's intended target was initially a suspected insurgent; however, planning for the event included abducting a family member of the insurgent, or, if unsuccessful in the endeavor, to kidnap and kill any Iraqi MAM from the area they could find.

3. Subsequent efforts to corroborate statements of [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] included interviews of additional command members and several Iraqi citizens identified as witnesses. An AK-47 purported to be the rifle stolen by the squad and staged next to V/AWAD's body was seized, as well as additional shell casings from the scene including both 5.56mm and 7.62mm. Command authorized and permissive searches resulted in the seizure of personal laptop computers, electronic media, recording devices, cameras, 35mm film rolls, and a video recorder. All weapons issued to Subject and Co-subjects were seized for appropriate laboratory examinations, along with the AK-47 allegedly staged at the scene and another AK-47 reportedly belonging to V/AWAD. V/AWAD's

family provided personal items belonging to V/AWAD for DNA

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examinations to assist in positively identifying V/AWAD. Following the receipt of a warrant from the Central Criminal Court of Iraq, authorizing the recovery of V/AWAD's remains, V/AWAD's body was exhumed and transported to Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, for examination by forensic pathologists from the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner. The cause of V/AWAD's death was multiple gunshot wounds and the manner of death was homicide. Following their interviews, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were returned the United States, along with their platoon commander, and are currently at Camp Pendleton, CA, awaiting disciplinary action. Interviews of command personnel also resulted in initiation of Reference (A), in which [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and other command members have been implicated in several assaults of Iraqi citizens. Interviews of the command escorts were conducted and a video with [REDACTED] admitting to the kidnapping and murder of V/AWAD was recovered. The [REDACTED] was interviewed and stated he spoke to [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but he never ordered them to speak to Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). 1st Squad KCo 3/5 chain of command and Human Intelligence Extraction Team members were interviewed and provided no pertinent information.

4. NCIS Headquarters (NCISHQ) Cyber Analysis Division, conducted cyber profiles on the Subject/Co-subjects. No information pertaining to captioned investigation was observed. "Notice to Preserve Evidence" under 18 U.S.C. 2703(f) were mailed to several Custodian of Records representing various Internet sites. Pacific Cyber Division (PCD), San Diego, CA, reviewed the Subject/Co-subjects' personal email accounts. Review of the electronic accounts was unremarkable.

[REDACTED] G6, 1st Marine Division (1MARDIV), USMC, was interviewed regarding the policy and procedures to store/retain government email accounts for military personnel assigned to 3/5. [REDACTED] stated when 3/5 personnel deploy from Camp Pendleton, CA (CPC), to Iraq, their Microsoft Outlook email storage files are forwarded to email servers in Iraq. An Affidavit for Search Authorization was signed. The authorization granted permission to search [REDACTED]'s and [REDACTED]'s personally owned electronic media for digital images pertaining to captioned investigation. A meeting with Mitchell DEMBIN, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), San Diego, CA, was held. DEMBIN advised an 18 U.S.C. 2703(d) court order could be issued to preserve potential evidence located on a MySpace.com account. A second Affidavit for Search Authorization was signed. The authorization granted permission to examine [REDACTED]'s personal electronic media, specifically for electronic files. Results of examination of [REDACTED]'s personal Dell Notebook computer and a government thumbdrive were remarkable. The computer forensic examination was conducted by the Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory (RCFL), San Diego, CA. A second RCFL report was received. Examination of [REDACTED]'s personally owned electronic media for digital images was remarkable; however, examination of [REDACTED]'s electronic media, specifically digital images, was unremarkable. A second RCFL examination of [REDACTED] personal Dell Notebook computer and the government thumbdrive determined information had been exchanged

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2. Circa 12Feb07, Reporting Agent (RA) received a final report from USACIL's DNA Branch for evidence items 570-06 Item (B), [REDACTED] military rifle, serial number (SN) 10125259; and 570-06 Item (C), [REDACTED] military rifle, SN 10157921; Exhibit (220) pertains. [REDACTED] Forensic DNA Examiner, stated the presence of blood was inconclusive on [REDACTED] weapon and no blood was detected on [REDACTED] rifle. DNA was extracted from three areas on [REDACTED] rifle; however, due to the limited amount of genetic information present, lack of interpretable data, and/or a mixture of genetic complexity found, any possible identification could not be determined.

3. On 17Feb07, at a GCM, [REDACTED] was found guilty of Article 81 (Conspiracy to Kidnap and Murder) and Article 134 (Willfully and Wrongfully Seize and Carry Away V/AWAD Against his Will) under the UCMJ; Exhibit (221) pertains. [REDACTED] was sentenced to 14 years confinement, a Dishonorable Discharge, and reduction to E-1. No forfeitures of pay and allowances were adjudged since [REDACTED] had surpassed his Expiration of Active Service (EAS).

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SUBJECT: Forensic Branch Report(s)
USACIL Case Number 2006-CID131-1163-R1
Submitter Case Number 08MAY06-MEBJ-0357-7HMA

1. Enclosed are the Final Laboratory Exhibit List and Final Branch Report for the DNA Branch.
2. Two original reports have been produced. These reports were completed at or near the time of the forensic examination(s) and prepared in the ordinary course of business by the forensic examiner(s) assigned to the case. These reports were made by the regularly conducted activity as a regular practice of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory. One original report is enclosed and the other is kept in the official files of this laboratory and maintained IAW AR 25-400-2 and CIDR 195-1.
3. All items received in the laboratory for examination are returned to the submitting agency upon completion of laboratory testing.
4. IAW AR 195-2, requests and fund cites for court appearances of Laboratory Examiners will be made at least 10 working days prior to the date of court proceedings.
5. Point of contact is the Evidence Processing Branch, DSN 797-7082/7109/7110, Commercial (404) 469-7082/7109/7110, Fax DSN 797-4615, or Email: usacil@conus.army.mil.

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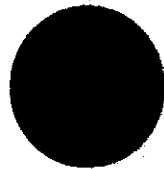
EXHIBITS:

- 1-13 - Previously submitted. Not resubmitted.
- 14 - Rifle of [REDACTED], SN: 10125259 (Item B, Log 0161-06).
Resubmitted as (Item B, Log 570-06).
- 15 - Rifle of [REDACTED], SN: 10157921 (Item C, Log 0161-06).
Resubmitted as (Item C, Log 570-06).

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FINDINGS:

1. The presence of blood (using chemical analysis) was inconclusive on general swabbings obtained from the front sight, the grooved area and the PEQ-2A from Exhibit 15 (rifle [REDACTED]). The remainder of the areas tested were negative for the presence of blood.
2. Blood was not detected on the general swabbings obtained from Exhibit 14 (rifle [REDACTED]).
3. DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) was extracted from Exhibits 15-1 (left side of front sight), 15-2 (left side of grooved area) and 15-3 (PEQ-2A) (rifle [REDACTED]). DNA profiles were obtained using PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) technology on the fifteen STR (Short Tandem Repeat) loci TH01, TPOX, CSF1PO, D8S1179,



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D21S11, D18S51, D3S1358, vWA, FGA, D16S539, D5S818, D13S317, D7S820, D2S1338, D19S433 and the gender identification locus amelogenin.

4. Due to the limited amount of genetic information obtained from Exhibit 15-1 (left side of front sight), no conclusions can be made.

5. The partial DNA profile obtained from Exhibit 15-2 (left side of grooved area) is a mixture of at least two individuals. Due to mixture complexity and a lack of interpretable data, further conclusions cannot be made.

6. The partial DNA profile obtained from Exhibit 15-3 (PEQ-2A) is a mixture of at least two individuals. Due to mixture complexity and a lack of interpretable data, further conclusions cannot be made.

7. The above listed exhibits will be returned to the submitting agency upon the completion of laboratory testing. Retain the swabs, prepared during analysis of Exhibit 15, with the evidence.

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- (201) IA: Results of Review of CPC Evidence Items: 345-06 (A); 354-06 (A); and 356-06 (A)/14Jul06... (Copy All)
- (202) IA: Results of Final Report from Forensic Document Branch, USACIL/21Jul06... (Copy All)
- (203) IA: Results of Final Report from Latent Print Branch, USACIL/21Jul06... (Copy All)
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- (206) IA: Results of Final Report from DNA Branch, USACIL/28Jul06... (Copy All)
- (207) IA: Results of Review of CPC Evidence Item: 340-06 (A)/04Aug06... (Copy All)
- (208) IA: Records Check of [REDACTED]/18Aug06... (Copy All)
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- (210) IA: Records Check of [REDACTED]/18Aug06... (Copy All)
- (211) Final Report from Firearms Branch, USACIL/28Aug06... (Copy All)
- (212) Corrected Final Report from Firearms Branch, USACIL/29Aug06... (Copy All)
- (213) Final Report from Forensic Document Branch, USACIL/12Sep06... (Copy All)
- (214) Sworn Statement of [REDACTED]/27Sep06... (Orig MWFO/Copy All)
- (215) Results of Trial of [REDACTED]/06Oct06... (Copy All)
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- (217) Results of Trial of [REDACTED]/16Nov06... (Copy All)
- (218) Results of Trial of [REDACTED]/21Nov06... (Copy All)
- (219) RCFL Examination Report for [REDACTED] Kodak Easy Share Digital Camera/21Nov06... (Copy All)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. On 04May06, [REDACTED], SJA, Regimental Combat Team Five (RCT-5), Camp Fallujah, Iraq, requested investigative support regarding a 01May06, complaint to military authorities from a [REDACTED] of V/AWAD, who alleged that during the early morning hours of 26Apr06, U.S. Marines entered V/AWAD's home, forced him from the residence, and subsequently shot and killed him. [REDACTED] further alleged when the body was turned over to Iraqi authorities, it was accompanied by an AK-47 and a shovel. [REDACTED] claimed the weapon and shovel did not belong to V/AWAD, rather they belonged to a neighbor, who claimed U.S. Marines also came to his home in the early morning hours of 26Apr06, and took these items. [REDACTED] advised after action reporting on the incident by the Marines indicated on 25-26Apr06, 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (KCo, 3/5), 1st Marine Division, comprised of [REDACTED] and Co-subjects, was assigned to [REDACTED] along a rural road known as Route (RTE) Penguins located in Northern Hamdania, Khan Dhari, Iraq. The Squad reported at 0235, 26Apr06, a Military Age Male (MAM) was observed walking along RTE Penguins with a shovel and an AK-47, and upon engagement, the individual returned fire and was killed. A Quick Reaction Force (QRF) was dispatched to the scene where the individual's body, a shovel, and an AK-47 were recovered and subsequently turned over to an Iraqi Police (IP) station.

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2. On 08May06, a preliminary investigation was conducted in the Hamdania area surrounding the death of V/AWAD that included review of scene photographs taken immediately following the shooting, Command records pertaining to the incident, and a visit to the death scene in the company of Command members, including [REDACTED] who identified the location of V/AWAD's body and that of the squad at the time of the shooting. [REDACTED] relinquished spent ammunition identified as having been recovered from the scene, along with one live 7.62mm round. During subsequent questioning regarding their roles in the incident, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], confessed their squad had abducted and

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murdered V/AWAD, then staged the death scene in order to cover up the crime. Several squad members also admitted to stealing the shovel and AK-47 from a residence near V/AWAD's home earlier in the evening, staging these items at the scene and scattering 7.62mm spent shell casings around V/AWAD's body to make it appear as though V/AWAD had fired the weapon. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], requested legal counsel when advised of their rights; however, [REDACTED] later waived his right to counsel and admitted culpability. According to the participants, the squad's intended target was initially a suspected insurgent; however, planning for the event included abducting a family member of the insurgent, or if unsuccessful in the endeavor, to kidnap and kill any Iraqi MAM from the area they could find.

3. Subsequent efforts to corroborate statements of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] included interviews of additional command members and several Iraqi citizens identified as witnesses. An AK-47 purported to be the rifle stolen by the squad and staged next to V/AWAD's body was seized, as well as additional shell casings from the scene including both 5.56mm and 7.62mm. Command authorized and permissive searches resulted in the seizure of personal laptop computers, electronic media, recording devices, cameras, 35mm film rolls, and a video recorder. All weapons issued to Subject and Co-subjects were seized for appropriate laboratory examinations, along with the AK-47 allegedly staged at the scene and another AK-47 reportedly belonging to V/AWAD. V/AWAD's family provided personal items belonging to V/AWAD for DNA examinations to assist in positively identifying V/AWAD. Following the receipt of a warrant from the Central Criminal Court of Iraq, authorizing the recovery of V/AWAD's remains, V/AWAD's body was exhumed and transported to Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, for examination by forensic pathologists from the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner. The cause of V/AWAD's death was multiple gunshot wounds and the manner of death was homicide. Following their interviews, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], were returned the United States, along with their platoon commander, and are currently at Camp Pendleton, CA, awaiting disciplinary action. Interviews of command personnel also resulted in initiation of Reference (A), in which [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and other command members have been implicated in several assaults of Iraqi citizens. Interviews of the command escorts were conducted and a video with [REDACTED] admitting to the kidnapping and murder of V/AWAD was recovered. The [REDACTED] was interviewed and stated he spoke to [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] but he never ordered them to speak to Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). 1st Squad KCo 3/5 chain of command and Human Intelligence Extraction Team members were interviewed and provided no pertinent information.

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4. NCIS Headquarters (HQ), Cyber Analysis Division, conducted cyber profiles on the subject/co-subjects. No information pertaining to captioned investigation was observed. "Notice to Preserve Evidence" under 18 U.S.C. 2703(f) were mailed to several Custodian of Records representing various Internet sites. Pacific Cyber Division (PCD),

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San Diego, CA, reviewed the subject/co-subjects' personal email accounts. Review of the electronic accounts were unremarkable.

[REDACTED] G6, 1st Marine Division (1MARDIV), USMC, was interviewed regarding the policy and procedures to store/retain government email accounts for military personnel assigned to 3/5. [REDACTED] stated when 3/5 personnel deploy from Camp Pendleton, CA (CPC), to Iraq, their Microsoft Outlook email storage files are forwarded to email servers in Iraq. An Affidavit for Search Authorization was signed. The authorization granted permission to search [REDACTED]s and [REDACTED]s personally owned electronic media for digital images pertaining to captioned investigation. A meeting with Mitchell DEMBIN, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), San Diego, CA, was held. DEMBIN advised an 18 U.S.C. 2703(d) court order could be issued to preserve potential evidence located on a MySpace.com account. A second Affidavit for Search Authorization was signed. The authorization granted permission to examine [REDACTED]s personal electronic media, specifically for electronic files. Results of examination of [REDACTED]s personal Dell Notebook computer and a government thumbdrive were remarkable. The computer forensic examination was conducted by the Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory (RCFL), San Diego, CA. A second RCFL report was received. Examination of [REDACTED] personally owned electronic media for digital images was remarkable; however, examination of [REDACTED]s electronic media, specifically digital images, was unremarkable. A second RCFL examination of [REDACTED]s personal Dell Notebook computer and the government thumbdrive determined information had been exchanged between the two forms of electronic media. PCD, Bahrain, assisted in the seizure of 11 Department of Defense hard drives that were located at the cyber caf aboard Abu Ghraib. Hash values for the drives were obtained. PCD, Bahrain, provided additional support by obtaining copies of [REDACTED]s, USMC, government email account. [REDACTED]s personally owned laptop computer was imaged. A second forensic processing of [REDACTED]s personally owned Sager laptop computer by RCFL, San Diego, CA, was remarkable. Extension requests of preservation letters were submitted. A third Affidavit for Search Authorization for electronic files was signed. The authorization granted permission to examine [REDACTED] personally owned Dell notebook computer, specifically for classified data.

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5. Review of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]s developed 35mm film/disposable camera were unremarkable. A final report generated by the United States Criminal Investigation Laboratory (USACIL), Forensic Document Branch, determined known handwritten standards made by [REDACTED] contained insufficient hand printing for comparison to evidence seized. USACIL's Latent Print Branch obtained two unidentifiable fingerprints. One fingerprint was found on a Marine Corps Technical Manual and the other on a rifle. The fingerprints did not match V/AWAD's. The prints were entered into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). USACIL's Latent Print Branch identified the fingerprint found on the Marine Corps Technical Manual. The fingerprint belonged to [REDACTED] USMC. Further comparisons determined the other unidentified print recovered from the rifle did not match the subject or co-subjects. Review of

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[REDACTED] "Samsung" video camera and three videocassette tapes were remarkable. Record checks conducted on the subject and co-subjects revealed [REDACTED] had a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had a prior [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had a prior [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in CA. USACIL's Forensic Firearms Branch determined the weapons utilized by the subject and co-subjects were operational. Microscopic examinations of bullet fragments recovered consistently had insufficient characteristics for comparison, contained insufficient rifling characteristics, or were too small to determine a caliber. Eight bullet fragments were consistent to a 5.56mm caliber and could have been fired from a M-16 rifle or M249 machine gun. A follow-up comparison provided by USACIL's Forensic Document Branch determined the two-page handwritten letter allegedly authored by [REDACTED] matched handwritten entries found in his notebook. [REDACTED] USMC, provided a sworn statement regarding his knowledge of the events that occurred in captioned investigation. [REDACTED] never heard the subject or co-subjects discuss "ways" to kill suspected insurgents. At a General Courts-Martial, [REDACTED] was found guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Kidnapping and Kidnapping. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were convicted of Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice and Assault. An examination of [REDACTED]'s "Kodak Easy Share" digital camera by RCFL, San Diego, CA, was unremarkable.

NARRATIVE

1. This investigation pertains to suspected violations of UCMJ Article 81 (Conspiracy), Article 118 (Murder), Article 128 (Assault), and Article 134 (Kidnapping).
2. On 14Jul06, Reporting Agent (RA) reviewed the following items of evidentiary value subsequent to having them burned onto a compact disc (CD): 345-06 (A): one roll of 35mm film seized from [REDACTED] 354-06 (A): one blue and green disposable camera seized from [REDACTED] and 356-06 (A): one "Quick Shot" Fuji Film 35mm camera seized from [REDACTED] Exhibit (201) pertains. Evidence item 345-06 (A) contained (30) photographic images. The photographs were unremarkable and did not pertain to captioned investigation. Evidence item 354-06 (A) contained (13) photographic images. The photographs were unremarkable. Evidence item 356-06 (A) contained (28) photographic images. Review of the photographs was unremarkable.
3. On 11Jul06, RA received a final report from the USACIL, Forensic Document Branch, for evidence items: 286-06 (A), one two-page handwritten letter found on [REDACTED]; and 333-06 (A), known original handwriting standards made by [REDACTED] Exhibit (202) pertains. [REDACTED] Forensic Document Examiner, USACIL, stated [REDACTED] known written standards contained insufficient hand printing for comparison.
4. On 11Jul06, RA received a final report from USACIL's Latent Print Branch for several submitted items of evidentiary value; Exhibit (203) pertains. [REDACTED] Latent Print Examiner, USACIL, determined one latent fingerprint was suitable for identification on evidentiary items 161-06 (F), one Marine Corps

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Technical Manual and 144-06 (A), rifle, serial number 386 56 2611927. The record fingerprints of V/AWAD were compared with the latent fingerprints found. It was determined "insofar as possible without effecting an identification" that the fingerprints were not of V/AWAD. [REDACTED] advised the unidentified latent fingerprints were entered into AFIS.

5. Circa 18Jul06, RA received a final report from USACIL, Latent Print Branch, for USACIL evidentiary item Exhibit 55, record finger and palm prints of [REDACTED], Social Security Number (SSN): [REDACTED] Date of Birth (DOB): [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED], a comparison between the two previously reported unidentified latent fingerprints referenced in Exhibit (203) and [REDACTED]'s record fingerprints revealed his latent print was found on evidence item 161-06 (F), one Marine Corps Technical Manual. [REDACTED] did not make the previously reported unidentified latent fingerprint found on evidence item 144-06 (A), rifle, serial number: 386 56 2611927.

6. Circa 14Jul06, RA received a final report from USACIL's Latent Print Branch; Exhibit (204) pertains. According to [REDACTED] comparisons between the two previously reported unidentified latent fingerprints (evidence items 144-06 (A), rifle, serial number 386 56 2611927, and 161-06 (F), one Marine Corps Technical Manual) and the recorded fingerprints belonging to the subject and co-subjects were unremarkable.

7. On 25Jul06 and 26Jul06, RA conducted an extensive review of evidence item 340-06 (A), one Samsung video camera with three videocassette tapes, to determine the existence of information relating to captioned investigation; Exhibit (207) pertains. The videocassette located within X [REDACTED]'s camcorder contained more than (40) minutes of video footage. The second-half of the videocassette tape captured the squad on a mission designed to "[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The recording cuts to a second location where the Marines were standing around their HMMWV. At approximately the 35-minute mark, [REDACTED] records another monologue where he stated the date (28Apr06) and intentions for the day. The video footage cuts to [REDACTED] "rapping" and subsequent comments being made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Review of the videocassette tape labeled "SSR" was conducted. The video contained approximately (30) minutes of footage. The video footage was unremarkable. Review of the videocassette tape labeled "OIF III Tape 1" was conducted. The video contained approximately (120) minutes of footage. Approximately one-third of the footage contained a tour of [REDACTED] squad bay to include the Firmbase he was assigned. The entire video footage was unremarkable.

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8. On 18Aug06, Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] conducted record checks on [REDACTED] Exhibit (208) pertains. A local area query revealed [REDACTED] Additional checks were unremarkable.

9. On 18Aug06, SA [REDACTED] conducted record checks on [REDACTED]

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Exhibit (209) pertains. A criminal history records check revealed [REDACTED]

10. On 18Aug06, SA [REDACTED] conducted record checks on [REDACTED]; Exhibit (210) pertains. A criminal history record response from California revealed [REDACTED] Additional checks were negative.

11. Circa 28Aug06, RA received a final report from USACIL, Forensic Firearms Branch, regarding the functionality of the weapons that were utilized by the subject and co-subjects; Exhibit (211) pertains. According to [REDACTED], Forensic Firearms Examiner, the six M-16A4s, one M9 Beretta pistol, two M249 machine guns, and AK-47 rifle were operational along with their incorporated safety features. Their trigger pulls were within manufacturer's specifications. Microscopic examination of recovered bullet fragments determined they had insufficient characteristics for a comparison examination, contained insufficient general rifling characteristics, or were too small to determine a caliber; however, eight bullet fragments were consistent to a 5.56mm caliber and could have been fired from a M-16 rifle.

12. Circa 01Sep06, RA received a corrected final report from USACIL's Forensic Firearms Branch; Exhibit (212) pertains. According to [REDACTED] the eight bullet fragments previously identified as being consistent to a 5.56mm caliber could have been fired from a M249 machine gun in addition to the M-16 rifles.

13. Circa 12Sep06, RA received a final report from USACIL's Forensic Document Branch; Exhibit (213) pertains. A follow-up comparison with [REDACTED] known handwritten standards contained insufficient hand printing for comparison; however, the two-page hand printed letter allegedly authored by [REDACTED] matched handwritten entries found in a notebook belonging to [REDACTED]

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14. On 27Sep06, subsequent to an investigative lead produced by [REDACTED] Legal Team Charlie Prosecution, Marine Corps Base (MCB), CPC, [REDACTED] USMC, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and RA regarding his knowledge of events in captioned investigation. [REDACTED] who provided a signed sworn statement, never heard [REDACTED] discuss a plan to kill specific individuals who were residing in or near Hamdania, IZ; Exhibit (214) pertains.

15. On 06Oct06, at a General Courts-Martial (GCM), [REDACTED] was found guilty of Article 81 (Conspiracy to Commit Kidnapping and False Official Statement) and Article 134 (Kidnapping) under the UCMJ; Exhibit (215). [REDACTED] was sentenced to 10 years confinement, a Dishonorable Discharge, reduction to E-1, and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

16. On 15Nov06, at a GCM, [REDACTED] was found guilty of Article 81 (Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice) and Article 128 (Assault) under the

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UCMJ; Exhibit (216) pertains. [REDACTED] was sentenced to five years confinement, a Dishonorable Discharge, reduction to E-1, and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

17. On 16Nov06, at a GCM, [REDACTED] was found guilty of Article 81 (Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice) and Article 128 (Assault) under the UCMJ; Exhibit (217) pertains. [REDACTED] was sentenced to nine years confinement, a Dishonorable Discharge, reduction to E-1, and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

18. On 21Nov06, at a GCM, [REDACTED] was found guilty of Article 81 (Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice) and Article 128 (Assault) under the UCMJ; Exhibit (218) pertains. [REDACTED] was sentenced to eight years confinement, a Dishonorable Discharge, reduction to E-1, and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

19. Circa 21Nov06, RA received a final examination report from RCFL, San Diego, CA, regarding the forensic findings of [REDACTED]'s "Kodak Easy Share" digital camera; Exhibit (219) pertains. According to the report, one still digital image and one digital movie file were located; however, both files contained unintelligible depictions. Deleted images or artifacts were unrecoverable.

20. This investigation is pending additional investigative efforts deemed appropriate and judicial/administrative proceedings.

PARTICIPANTS

- [REDACTED] Special Agent, Marine Corps West Field Office, CPC
- [REDACTED] Special Agent, Northwest Field Office, WA

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RESULTS OF REVIEW OF CPC EVIDENCE ITEMS: 345-06 (A); 354-06 (A); AND 356-06 (A)/11JUL06

1. On 07Jul06, the following items of evidentiary value were taken to [REDACTED] Department of Public Works, Cartographic Services, County of San Diego, 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite D, MS O350, San Diego, CA, 92123-1666, (858) 694-3878, for photographic processing:

- 345-06 (A): One roll of 35mm film seized from [REDACTED]
- 354-06 (A): One blue and green disposable camera seized from [REDACTED]
- 356-06 (A): One "Quick Shot" Fuji Film 35mm camera seized from [REDACTED]

2. On 11Jul06, [REDACTED] Evidence Custodian, Marine Corps West Field Office (MWFO), Camp Pendleton, CA (CPC), provided Reporting Agent (RA), with three separate CDs containing photographic images [REDACTED] had processed from the aforementioned evidentiary items. Each CD corresponds with the appropriate evidence item number.

3. CPC evidence item 345-06 (A) was reviewed by RA; Enclosure (A) pertains. The CD contained (30) photographic images consisting of (20) group/individual poses (all USMC personnel); five unidentifiable photographs, one photograph depicting a dog eating; one photograph depicting herders with their livestock; one photograph depicting a military vehicle with a trailer attached; one photograph depicting an outlook post (OP); and one photograph depicting a military helicopter. The photographs were unremarkable and did not pertain to captioned investigation.

4. CPC evidence item 354-06 (A) was reviewed by RA; Enclosure (B) pertains. The CD contained (13) photographic images consisting of nine individual poses (all USMC personnel); three unidentifiable photographs; and one photograph depicting an oasis. The photographs were unremarkable and did not pertain to captioned investigation.

5. CPC evidence item 356-06 (A) was reviewed by RA; Enclosure (C) pertains. The CD contained (28) photographic images consisting of (21) individual/group poses; two unidentifiable photographs; one photograph of a OP site; one night scene photograph of a military site; one photograph depicting a yard with a fire; one photograph depicting farmland; and one photograph depicting several manmade dwellings. The photographs were unremarkable and did not pertain to captioned investigation.

6. The three CD's are being maintained at MWPE pending scheduled transfer of investigation to this office.

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ENCLOSURES

- (A) One Thumbnail Card Containing (30) Photographs/06Jul06
- (B) One Thumbnail Card Containing (13) Photographs/06Jul06
- (C) One Thumbnail Card Containing (28) Photographs/06Jul06

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ENCLOSURE (A) Photographs/06Jul06

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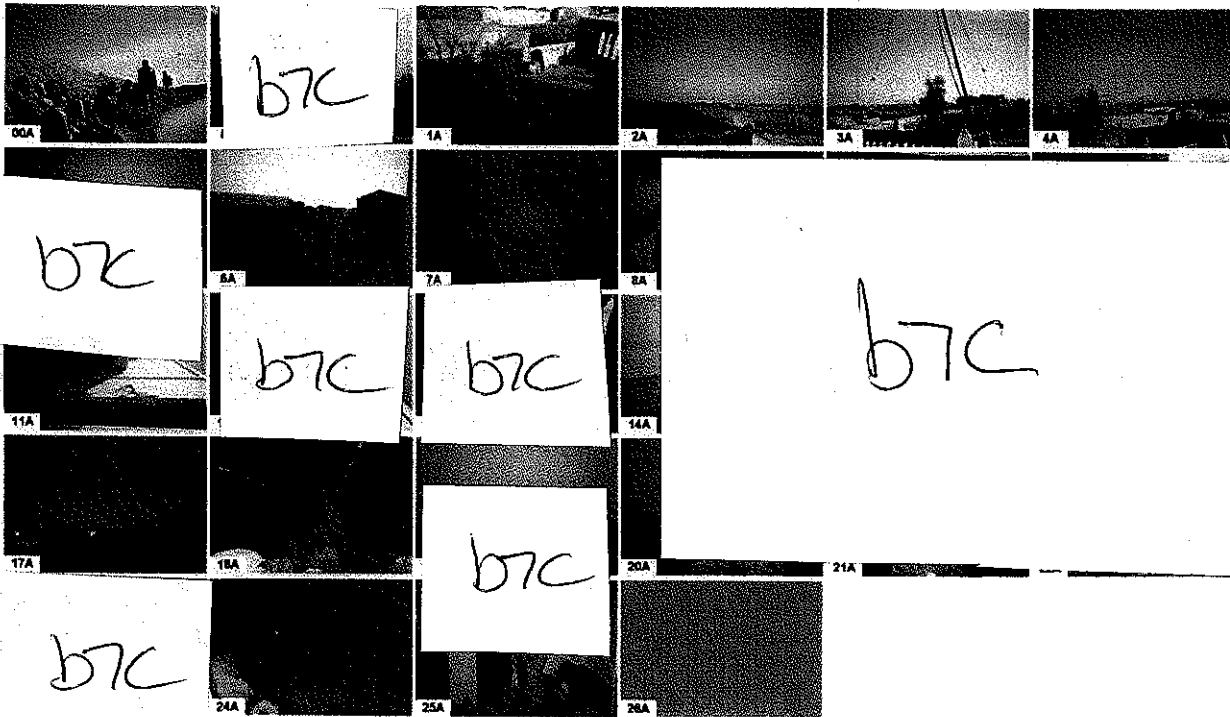
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RESULTS OF FINAL REPORT FROM FORENSIC DOCUMENT BRANCH, USACIL/26JUN06

1. On 11Jul06, Reporting Agent (RA) received a final report from the United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (USACIL), Forensic Document Branch, for Marine Corps West Field Office (MWFO) evidence items: 286-06 (A), one two-page handwritten letter found on [REDACTED]; and 333-06 (A), known original handwriting standards made by [REDACTED] Enclosure (A) pertains.

2. [REDACTED] Forensic Document Examiner, USACIL, stated [REDACTED] known written standards contained insufficient hand printing for comparison with the questioned text found in 286-06 (A).

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(A) Final Report from Forensic Document Branch, USACIL/27Jun06

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, NAVAL CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE FIELD OFFICE, MARINE CORPS WEST,
BUILDING 1224, 17TH STREET, P.O. BOX 555238, CAMP PENDLETON,
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SUBJECT: Forensic Document Branch - Final Report
USACIL Case Number 2006-CID131-1163-A1
Submitter Case Number 08MAY06-MEBJ-0357-7HMA

EXHIBITS:

- 45(1-3) - Questioned two-page hand printed letter in a clear plastic bag (Item A, Log 286-06).
- 54(1-24) - Known writing standards by [REDACTED] (Item A, Log 333-06).

FINDINGS:

1. The submitted known writing standards by [REDACTED] contain insufficient hand printing for comparison with the questioned text on Exhibits 45(1-2). Should numerous additional known hand printing samples by [REDACTED] become available for examination, a more definitive finding may result.
2. Two original reports have been produced. These reports were completed at or near the time of the forensic examination(s) and prepared in the ordinary course of business by the undersigned. These reports were made by the regularly conducted activity as a regular practice of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory. Point of contact is the Evidence Processing Branch, DSN 797-7082/7109/7110, Commercial (404) 469-

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INTERIM LABORATORY EXHIBIT LISTING

SUBJECT: USACIL Case Number 2006-CID131-1163/A1
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EXHIBITS:

- 1 - Shovel (Item A, Log 188-06).
- 2 - Three cartridge cases (Item A, Log 181-06).
- 3 - Cartridge case (Item B, Log 181-06).
- 4 - Cartridge case (Item C, Log 181-06).
- 5 - Rifle SN 10124864 (Item A, Log 178-06).
- 6 - Pistol SN 1036592 (Item B, Log 178-06).
- 7 - Notebook of [REDACTED] (Item A, Log 171-06).
- 8 - Hair brush of AWAD (Item A, Log 169-06).
- 9 - Eye glasses of AWAD (Item B, Log 169-06).
- 10 - Folder containing papers (Item C, Log 169-06).
- 11 - Field bandage (Item A, Log 165-06).
- 12 - BDU trousers and blouses of [REDACTED] (Item A, Log 164-06).
- 13 - Rifle SN 10158103 (Item A, Log 0161-06).
- 14 - Rifle SN 10125259 (Item B, Log 0161-06).
- 15 - Rifle SN 10157921 (Item C, Log 0161-06).
- 16 - Rifle SN 10119057 (Item D, Log 0161-06).
- 17 - Rifle SN 10157878 (Item E, Log 0161-06).
- 18 - Canvas bag containing one Marine Corps Technical Manual, one plastic bag containing a Velcro strap, another Velcro strap, two pieces of unused Velcro, one AA battery, one piece of string, one package of lens tissue and four mount pieces. (Item F, Log 161-06).
- 19 - Machine gun SN 007791 (Item G, Log 0161-06).
- 20 - Pouch containing 5.56 cartridges (Item H, Log 0161-06).
- 21 - Machine gun SN 118611 (Item I, Log 0161-06).
- 22 - Rifle SN 56-126057217 (Item A, Log 159-06).
- 23 - Magazine (Item B, Log 159-06).
- 24 - Thirty cartridges (Item C, Log 159-06).
- 25 - Rifle SN 386 56 2611927 (Item A, Log 144-06).
- 26 - Magazine containing thirteen cartridges (Item B, Log 144-06).
- 27 - Cartridge case (Item A, Log 143-06).

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- 28 - Cartridge (Item B, Log 143-06).
- 29 - Post mortem record fingerprints believed to be taken from AWAD; Hashim Ibrahim (Left hand only) (Item A, Log 075-06).
- 30 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item B, Log 075-06).
- 31 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item C, Log 075-06).
- 32 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item D, Log 075-06).
- 33 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item E, Log 075-06).
- 34 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item F, Log 075-06).
- 35 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item G, Log 075-06).
- 36 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item H, Log 075-06).
- 37 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item I, Log 075-06).
- 38 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item J, Log 075-06).
- 39 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item K, Log 075-06).
- 40 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item L, Log 075-06).
- 41 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item M, Log 075-06).
- 42 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item N, Log 075-06).
- 43 - Bullet fragment(s) (Item O, Log 075-06).
- 44 - Rib segment of AWAD (Item P, Log 075-06).
- 45 - Letter of ██████████ (Item A, Log 286-06).
- 46 - Record fingerprints of ██████████ (Item A, Log 324-06).
- 47 - Record fingerprints of ██████████ (Item B, Log 324-06).
- 48 - Record fingerprints of ██████████ (Item C, Log 324-06).
- 49 - Record fingerprints of ██████████ (Item D, Log 324-06).
- 50 - Record fingerprints of ██████████ (Item E, Log 324-06).
- 51 - Record fingerprints of ██████████ (Item F, Log 324-06).
- 52 - Record fingerprints of ██████████ (Item G, Log 324-06).
- 53 - Record fingerprints of ██████████ (Item H, Log 324-06).
- 54 - Standards of ██████████ (Item A, Log 333-06).

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EXHIBITS:

- 45(1-3) - Questioned two-page hand printed letter in a clear plastic bag (Item A, Log 286-06).
- 54(1-24) - Known writing standards by [REDACTED] (Item A, Log 333-06).

FINDINGS:

1. The submitted known writing standards by [REDACTED] contain insufficient hand printing for comparison with the questioned text on Exhibits 45(1-2). Should numerous additional known hand printing samples by [REDACTED] become available for examination, a more definitive finding may result.
2. Two original reports have been produced. These reports were completed at or near the time of the forensic examination(s) and prepared in the ordinary course of business by the undersigned. These reports were made by the regularly conducted activity as a regular practice of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory. Point of contact is the Evidence Processing Branch, DSN 797-7082/7109/7110, Commercial (404) 469-

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