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11 March 05

MEMORANDUM FOR Secretary of Defense, Washington D.C.

SUBJECT: Information on Graves Found in Iraq

Based upon our review, we believe that the reports in the Washington Post and other periodicals of approximately 39 bodies found at remote sites are incorrect. We have received no reports to confirm that these bodies have been found anywhere in Iraq. No U.S., Coalition, or Iraqi Security forces have any information that supports these events occurring as described in the article. Iraqi officials confirmed today that the Iraqi captain quoted in the article does not exist and some believe this may be a deliberate attempt at misinformation. Additionally, we have received no reports that U.S. forces have discovered 26 bodies in Qaim---contrary to the article's claims. MEF forces in the west report finding no bodies. We anticipate Iraqi authorities will address what they believe are inaccuracies in reporting in the next day or so.

JOSEPH F. WEBER
Major General, USMC
Chief of Staff

CC: Commander, Central Command



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MAR 10 2005

TO: GEN George Casey
CC: Gen Dick Myers
Gen John Abizaid
Dan Stanley
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*
SUBJECT: Information on Graves Found in Iraq

Please forward me the information on the 30 or so graves found in Iraq. I was asked about it at today's Senate Ops Intel briefing.

Thanks.

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Please respond by 3/11/05

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