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PRELIMINARY AUTOPSY REPORT

Name: Autopsy No.: ME04-388
SSAN: AFIP No.: Pending
Date of Birth: Unknown Rank: Civ
Date of Death: 24 May 2004 Place of Death: Balad, Iraq
Date of Autopsy: 1 June 2004 Place of Autopsy: BIAP Morgue
Date of Report: 1 June 2004

Circumstances of Death: By verbal report, this Iraqi male was shot in a firefight and lived to be transported to a US hospital where he underwent multiple surgeries but died due to complications of his wounds.

Authorization for Autopsy: Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner, IAW 10 USC 1471

Identification: By prisoner number only, DNA sample obtained

CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wound of the abdomen

MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide

These findings are preliminary, and subject to modification pending further investigation and laboratory testing.

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PRELIMINARY AUTOPSY DIAGNOSES:

- I. History of remote gunshot wound of the abdomen
 - A. No gunshot wound defect or tract evident due to multiple surgical interventions
 - B. Direction of wound indeterminate
 - C. Status post small bowel resection and anastomosis with sigmoid colostomy, and rectal stump
 - D. Feculent peritonitis (300 ml of pus and feces) and fibrinous adhesions
 - E. Right pleural adhesions and bilateral purulent pleural effusions, status post chest tube placement
 - F. Pulmonary edema and bilateral pneumonia (right lung 1150 grams, left lung 1000 grams)
 - G. Purulent pericardial effusion (50 ml)
 - H. Minute radiopaque fragments visible on sub optimal radiographs, no projectiles recovered
- II. No other significant trauma
- III. Toxicology and histology pending

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