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PRELIMINARY AUTOPSY EXAMINATION REPORT

Name: [REDACTED]
SSAN: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: Unknown
Date of Death: 18 AUG 2004
Date of Autopsy: 30 AUG 2004
Date of Report: 30 AUG 2004

Autopsy No.: ME04-629
AFIP No.: Pending
Rank: Detainee in U.S. Custody
Place of Death: Iraq
Place of Autopsy: BIAP Mortuary,
Baghdad, Iraq

Circumstances of Death: This Iraqi male was a detainee in U.S. custody at Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad, Iraq. A group of prisoners became unruly and the guards used lethal force to subdue the crowd. A shotgun was fired and this detainee was struck and killed.

Authorization for Autopsy: Armed Forces Medical Examiner, per 10 U.S. Code 1471

Identification: Circumstantial identity is established by paperwork accompanying the detainee and his designation as detainee number [REDACTED]

CAUSE OF DEATH: Shotgun Wound of the Head

MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide

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

PRELIMINARY AUTOPSY DIAGNOSES:

- I. Shotgun Wound of the Head**
 - A. Penetrating Shotgun Wound of the Head**
 - 1. Entrance: Right side of the back of the head; no evidence of close-range discharge of a firearm on the surrounding scalp**
 - 2. Wound Path: Right parietal-occipital scalp, parietal-occipital skull, right cerebrum, left cerebrum**
 - 3. Recovered: Deformed metallic foreign body located between the medial aspect of the left frontal lobe and the overlying dura**
 - 4. Wound Direction: Right to left, back to front, and upward**
 - 5. Associated Injuries: Subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhages, bilateral basilar skull fractures, cerebral contusions, and bone fragments along the hemorrhagic wound path**
- II. No evidence of significant natural disease processes, within the limitations of the examination**
- III. Evidence of medical therapy**
 - A. Vascular access devices in the left arm, both antecubital fossae, and the left subclavian area**
 - B. Oral-gastric intubation**
 - C. Endotracheal intubation**
 - D. Foley catheterization**
 - E. Electrocardiogram monitoring pads on the upper right chest and the left hip**
 - F. Contusion over the sternum, consistent with cardiopulmonary resuscitation**
- IV. Changes of early to moderate decomposition**
- V. The recovered projectile is placed in a labeled container and given to the investigating agent who was present at the autopsy**
- VI. Toxicology is pending**

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ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES/REMARKS

- Documentary photographs are taken by OAFME staff photographer, HM1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] USN
- Specimens retained for toxicologic testing and/or DNA identification are: heart blood, spleen, liver, brain, bile, lung, kidney, and psoas muscle
- Full body radiographs are obtained and demonstrate the metallic foreign body subsequently recovered from the brain
- Selected portions of organs are retained in formalin, without preparation of histologic slides
- The dissected organs are forwarded with body

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