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PRELIMINARY AUTOPSY EXAMINATION REPORT

Name: (b)(6)-(4)
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.: ME04-630
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 (b)(6)-(4)

CAUSE OF DEATH: Shotgun Wound of the Chest

MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide

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

PRELIMINARY AUTOPSY DIAGNOSES:

- I. Shotgun Wounds of the Chest and Both Arms**
- A. Penetrating Shotgun Wound of the Chest**
- Entrance:** Left side of the back; no evidence of close-range discharge of a firearm on the surrounding skin
 - Wound Path:** Skin, subcutaneous tissue, and muscle of the left back, posterior left 9th rib (with fracture), lower lobe of left lung, left atrium, right atrium, upper lobe of the right lung, intercostal space below the anterior aspect of the right 2nd rib, muscle and subcutaneous tissue of the right upper chest
 - Recovered:** Deformed metallic foreign body located in the subcutaneous tissue of the right upper chest
 - Wound Direction:** Left to right, back to front, and upward
 - Associated Injuries:** Bilateral hemothoraces (right 1400-milliliters; left 2100-milliliters), hemopericardium (50-milliliters)
- B. Perforating Shotgun Wound of the Right Upper Back**
- Entrance:** Right upper back; no evidence of close-range discharge of a firearm on the surrounding skin
 - Wound Path:** Skin and subcutaneous tissue of the right upper back (tangential wound path)
 - Exit:** Right upper back; no projectile recovered
 - Wound Direction:** Left to right and slightly upward
- C. Perforating Shotgun Wound of the Right Arm**
- Entrance:** Posterior right arm; no evidence of close-range discharge of a firearm on the surrounding skin
 - Wound Path:** Skin, subcutaneous tissue, and muscle of the posterior right arm; muscle, subcutaneous tissue, and skin of the anterior right arm
 - Exit:** Anterior right arm; no projectile recovered
 - Wound Direction:** Left to right, back to front, and slightly downward (with the body in anatomic position)
- D. Perforating Shotgun Wound of the Left Arm**
- Entrance:** Posterior left arm; no evidence of close-range discharge of a firearm on the surrounding skin
 - Wound Path:** Skin, subcutaneous tissue, and muscle of the posterior left arm; muscle, subcutaneous tissue, and skin of the anterior left arm
 - Exit:** Anterior left arm; no projectile recovered
 - Wound Direction:** Left to right, back to front, and downward (with the body in anatomic position)
- II. No evidence of significant natural disease processes, within the limitations of the examination**

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- III. Changes of early to moderate decomposition
- IV. The recovered projectile is placed in a labeled container and turned over to the investigating agent who was present at the autopsy
- V. Toxicology is pending

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES/REMARKS

- Documentary photographs are taken by OAFME staff photographer, HM1 [REDACTED] B6-2
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- Specimens retained for toxicologic testing and/or DNA identification are: cavity blood, vitreous fluid, spleen, liver, brain, bile, urine, lung, gastric contents, kidney, and psoas muscle
- Full body radiographs are obtained and demonstrate the metallic foreign body subsequently recovered from the right chest wall
- Selected portions of organs are retained in formalin, without preparation of histologic slides
- The dissected organs and clothing are forwarded with body

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