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**Reference**

(a) NCIS Case file: Title: V/MOHAMMED, Hasan Salih/civ  
 Case control number: 05Feb07-241Z-0023-7HMA

Dear (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

NCISRA Iraq requests investigative assistance in locating the family of Hasan Salih MOHAMMED, who died on 05Feb07. The purpose is to identify the burial location of Mr. MOHAMMED. The family purportedly lives in the city/town of Bayji, Iraq, which is where Mr. MOHAMMED's body was taken for burial. Background information regarding the NCTS investigation to date and known information about Mr MOHAMMED's family is also provided.

Please provide results of your investigative inquiries to Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
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**BACKGROUND**

On 05Feb07, NCIS Al Asad was advised that Marines from Kilo Company (Kilo), 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines (3/4), Battle Position (BP) Tarawa, Iraq, reported that V/MOHAMMED, an Iraqi detainee, had died during a Task Force 88 raid earlier that morning, and had been left on the makeshift landing zone for turnover to the Iraqi Police (IP). The raid was conducted on 05Feb07 around 0300 hrs. Numerous individuals were rounded up and most were released at the BP location. V/MOHAMMED was a 65 year old male. He was walking on his own with an escort to the helicopter landing zone when he collapsed. V/MOHAMMED was unable to walk further so he was loaded onto a ladder (a makeshift) litter for extraction via helicopter. According to Marines on the scene, V/MOHAMMED appeared to be tired but alert and conscious. While on the litter, V/MOHAMMED had a weak pulse but was alive. Upon reaching the helo extraction site (HLZ) (20-25 minute walk from the house location); V/MOHAMMED appeared to have died while on the "litter".

Corpsmen observed V/MOHAMMED and determined he had no pulse and no respirations. Three separate corpsmen evaluated V/MOHAMMED at the scene and none stated he had injuries consistent with foul play. They all opined V/MOHAMMED died of a possible heart attack. Due to the combat operations in that area, additional life saving measures were not attempted and V/MOHAMMED's body was left at the HLZ to be secured by IP's for release to the family.

Information from Task Force 88, initially reported between 0530 and 0600, indicated V/MOHAMMED had a heart attack and expired prior to helicopter extraction. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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 (b)(7)

Kilo Company, 3/4, was sent to secure V/MOHAMMED's body for turnover to the IP

ENCLOSURE (A)

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at approximately 0830, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated he performed a quick examination of the body, which was in the supine position, and noted moderate bruising around the neck and heavier (deeper in color) bruising from the clavicle up. Additionally, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) felt crepitus midline of the right side of the neck, and observed the trachea was abnormal and not centered. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) advised that, in his opinion, V/MOHAMMED had a broken neck. The other three corpsman and other Marines at the scene when he died did not detect any bruising or markings out of the ordinary. An Iraqi male (current detainee) interviewed by NCIS stated V/MOHAMMED had previously had a heart attack.

V/MOHAMMED's body was released to the IP's and taken to an Iraqi hospital where an Iraqi surgeon and the hospital director did not detect any bruising or coloring on the body out of the ordinary. V/MOHAMMED's body was released to his son, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (no further information (NFI)) and supposedly taken to Beyji, Iraq for burial. A copy of the Iraqi Death Certificate was obtained and the doctor (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) noted bruising around the neck and shoulder area, as well as bruising around the wrist. The Iraqi Death Certificate did not specifically state cause or manner of death and information obtained from the doctor revealed the cause and manner of death was unknown, but no foul play was suspected. Photographs of the open area where V/MOHAMMED's body was located and the raided houses were obtained. Interviews of Kilo Company Marines, Iraq Police, Iraqi locals from the raided houses and Task Force members were completed.

Investigative effort has developed the following pieces of information for V/MOHAMMED

- V/MOHAMMED's son's name: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (NFI)
- V/MOHAMMED's father's name: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
- V/MOHAMMED's mother's name: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
- V/MOHAMMED's occupation: Laborer
- Marital status: Single
- Province of Birth: Salah Al-Din (or Salah Al-Den depending on correct spelling)
- V/MOHAMMED born circa 1942

The attached photos are of V/MOHAMMED. One was taken the night of the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) action, and the second photo (pdf) was taken 4 hours later by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his unit that found the body. Also included is the death certificate for V/MOHAMMED.

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