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Foreign Torts Branch

SUBJECT: Claim of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy
1322 Patterson Avenue
Suite 300
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D.C. 20374

Dear [REDACTED]:

This letter follows our conversation from July 13, 2004 when you were on annual training at the United States Army Claim Service on Fort Meade, Maryland. As we discussed, the Department of the Army is in receipt of claims for alleged torture and other mistreatment from detainees in Iraq.

On April 6, 2004, a claim in the amount of \$20,000 was submitted by [REDACTED], a commander in the Iraqi marines. [REDACTED] alleges that on March 21, 2003, he was aboard his tugboat in Al-Shrouk, Iraq, when he was captured by U.S. Navy personnel in the Northern Arabian (Persian) Gulf and taken aboard a small ship with 37 Iraqi Naval personnel (17 officers and 20 sailors). He was taken to a large U.S. Navy ship and then processed as an enemy prisoner of war (EPW). He states that he fell on the deck injuring his foot because his hands were flexi-cuffed behind his back. He was then transferred to Camp Bucca, in Southern Iraq, where he alleges that his foot was not treated. He was released on May 17, 2003 and returned to his home in Baqubah, Iraq.

The United States Army Foreign Claims Branch has single service responsibility for tort claims that occur in Iraq. We respectfully request that your office provide us with a copy of any investigations or reports relative to [REDACTED] allegations that he and 37 other Iraqis were capture on March 21, 2003 in the Northern Arabian (Persian) Gulf. We need this information as soon as possible as these claims will be forwarded to the Secretary of Defense Office for resolution. The requested records should be forwarded to my attention to the following address:

Commander
United States Army Claims Service
Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Army
[REDACTED]
Fort Meade, Maryland 20755

I have enclosed a copy of the claim. If you have any questions, you can reach me at
[REDACTED], extension [REDACTED] at extension [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Chief Claims Investigator
Foreign Torts Branch