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Hunter Statement on Mistreatment of Iraqi Prisoners

Washington, D.C. – May 4, 2004 – House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) and fellow committee members were briefed today by the U.S. Army regarding investigations into the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners of war. Hunter then issued the following statement:

“Three individuals have been recommended for court martial on charges of maltreatment, assault and dereliction of duty. The next step is consideration by the general court martial convening authority. Three others are presently being considered for court martial, but the investigation is not yet complete.

“There are 135,000 Americans in uniform who are performing heroically in the Iraqi theater. Tragically, the focus of the world’s media is now on six individuals who do not reflect the rest of our military men and women.

“The actions taken to-date show that the military justice system is working. If the ongoing investigations implicate more individuals they too will be brought to justice.”

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