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PETER JENNINGS: ABC News has confirmed today that the CIA is now investigating the death of three men during interrogation, two in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. We've become very aware in the last several days that the attitude, if not the rules for interrogating prisoners has changed since 9/11.

ABC's Brian Ross reports tonight there are rules and there is reality.

BRIAN ROSS: The CIA also used Abu Ghraib Prison and its makeshift interrogation rooms, shown to reporters in Iraq today. One of the deaths involved this man, Mon Adel Al-Jamadi, captured by U.S. Navy Seals last November 4th and turned over to the CIA in good health, according to the Navy.

According to intelligence sources, 15 minutes after his CIA interrogation began, he was dead, seen here with his body packed in ice.

Intelligence sources tell ABC News a second CIA-connected death under investigation is that of an Iraqi Army major general, Abed Amid Mahoush (sp), also last November.

At the time, U.S. officials had said he died of natural causes. If the allegations are true, it would represent a huge departure from what had been CIA possibility on the use of torture.

BOB BAER [Former CIA officer]: It was absolutely barred. No torture. You don't participate, you don't do it, you don't watch it.

ROSS: Former CIA officer Bob Baer was one of the first outsiders into the Abu Ghraib Prison last year after the fall of Saddam Hussein. Baer says the rules on torture seem to have changed after the 9/11 attacks.

BAER: It was systematic, and the policy has changed since I was in the CIA It's changed in the military as well.

ROSS: The U.S. Army's own report on the abuse at the Abu Ghraib Prison found that Army MPs were, quote, "directed to change facility procedures to set the conditions for military interrogations." And there's evidence the changes began in Afghanistan, where one of the three deaths now under CIA investigation occurred.

One official said the death of the prisoner in Afghanistan in the custody of a CIA contract employee was nothing short of a straight-out murder. The CIA says it notified the Department of Justice about all three cases and told members of Congress about them in January, Peter.