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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Current Status of Courts-Martial: Samarra Bridge Incident

1. Purpose. To provide updated information on the courts-martial involving allegations of abuse against detainees near the Samarra Bridge in the Tigris River.

2. Background. This document outlines the current case status of the courts-martial of four soldiers including one officer, one noncommissioned officer, and two enlisted soldiers charged with abuse of detainees.

3. Summary.

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a. Court-martial charges were preferred against four soldiers assigned to [REDACTED], 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson, CO. The charges stem from an alleged incident where an Iraqi detainee drowned and another was assaulted vicinity the Tigris River on Jan. 3, 2004, in the city of Samarra, Iraq.

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b. First Lt. [REDACTED] and Sgt. 1st Class [REDACTED] were formally charged in June 2004 with manslaughter, assault, conspiracy, false statements and obstruction of justice.

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c. Sergeant [REDACTED] and Spec. [REDACTED] were charged June 28, 2004. [REDACTED] is charged with manslaughter and [REDACTED] is charged with assault. Both are also charged with making a false official statement.

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d. The Article 32 investigation for all of the soldiers except LT [REDACTED] was held last week at Fort Carson. 4th Infantry Division officials are currently waiting for the Article 32 Investigating Officer to complete his recommendation and report. LT [REDACTED]'s Article 32 Investigation is scheduled for 8 Sep 04 at Fort Hood, TX. LT [REDACTED] has retained Mr. [REDACTED] as his civilian defense counsel.

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e. The 4th Infantry Division Commander is the General Court-Martial Convening Authority. The 4th Infantry Division Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is prosecuting all of the cases.

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