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Well, I don't think I embarrassed you as your personal representative in the Secretary of the Navy entourage. I heard the briefing for the Secretary on the status of the Combat Status Review Tribunal process in which the DOD is trying hard to get all affected agencies to review and concur on the unclassified summaries provided to the detainees and used to justify their designation as enemy combatants before the military tribunals (not to be confused with the military commissions which are trying them for criminal activity). Time crunch on the tribunals (by the end of October) all 580 of which have to be done before the habeas hearings before the federal judiciary kick-off this fall. Secretary was very unhappy with some agencies [REDACTED] for holding up the process and the admiral in charge of the operation praised the FBI as the model of cooperation. FBI senior agent was in the room (I know him well from his HQ time); he said that FBI on-scene presence and dedicated assets--primarily him and [REDACTED] were the reasons FBI was able to turn them around quickly.

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Got a tour of Delta like you and, despite the fine ocean view, agree that it is not the place to vacation. Saw about one half of a tribunal hearing and was disappointed when the Taliban combatant was docile and cooperative--I was hoping for some action.

got back 7:30 last night--12 hour evolution. Thanks for letting me go..

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