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TO: THE DIRECTOR

CC: Deputy Director Bruce J. Gebhardt
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PREPARER OF URGENT REPORT: SSA [redacted]
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PURPOSE: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDES INITIAL DETAILS FROM
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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS MADE BY [redacted]   b6
ON JUNE 25, 2004 TO SACRAMENTO SPECIAL AGENTS [redacted]   b7C
AND [redacted]

DESCRIPTION OF MATTER:

   On June 24, 2004 (Thursday), at approximately 4:45 p.m., [redacted]
[redacted] New York Times, San Francisco Bureau, 415-362-
3912 contacted the Sacramento Media Office and left a message   b6
inquiring if any soldiers returning from Iraq had made any   b7C
reports to the Sacramento Field Office concerning Iraqi prisoner
abuse. On June 25, 2004 (Friday), at approximately 10:30 a.m.,
[redacted] was contacted by the Sacramento Media Representative
and was advised that the Sacramento Field Office was not aware of

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any such report.

On June 25, 2004, at approximately 11:15 a.m., ☐ b6
☐ came into the Sacramento Field Office and provided b7C
the following:

☐ stated that while assigned on active duty to the
National Guard, ☐ Military Intelligence Battalion b6
(MI/BN), ☐ he was deployed to Samara, b7C
Iraq. He was reassigned to the ☐ MI/BN, as a
counterintelligence agent. While with the ☐ MI/BN, ☐
observed numerous physical abuse incidents of Iraqi civilian
detainees conducted in an Iraqi Police Station in Samara, Iraq.
He described that such abuses included strangulation, beatings,
placement of lit cigarettes into the detainees ear openings, and
unauthorized interrogations. He added that he was aware that the
members of his team were not trained to conduct interrogations.
He also noted that one of these detainees was identified as ☐ b6
☐ an individual alleged to be ☐ b7C
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☐ stated that he was providing this information to
the FBI based on his knowledge that certain officers and enlisted
personnel of both the ☐ and ☐ MI/BN were engaged in a b6
cover-up of these abuses. He stated these cover-up efforts b7C
included threats to soldiers and contract civilian employees who
also observed these abuses. In addition, the same personnel were
directed to characterize ☐ and document medical records to
describe him as delusional.

☐ further stated he had reported these incidents to
the appropriate military authorities while in Iraq and after his
return to the United States after the summer of 2003. He added b6
the Saturday prior to the airing of the 60 Minutes report on the b7C
Abu Ghraib Prison abuse, he was telephonically contacted by U.S.
Army Criminal Investigative Division (CID) agents from Fort Hood,
Texas and inquired about his allegations while in Iraq. During
the call, CID agents advised ☐ that there were no reports
concerning his allegations.

☐ added that he was contacted by ☐ and b6
☐ both of the New York Times approximately three b7C
weeks prior to his visit with the FBI.

Subsequent to ☐ visit ☐ was contacted b6
by the Sacramento Division Media Representative and advised that b7C

an individual did, in fact, make a complaint with Sacramento FBI
Office concerning Iraqi prisoner abuse.

[   ] is employed as [   ] for the   b6
[   ]   b7C

    The Sacramento Division is continuing to interview [   ]   b6
and will forward FBIHQ all details of his interview in future   b7C
communications. Investigation in Sacramento is continuing.

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