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Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez
Commander
Combined Task Force 7
APO AE 09335
Baghdad, Iraq

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Dear General Sanchez:

I appreciate the short-notice opportunity to visit with you and the troops. Your practical, positive approach is continuing to advance our mission, no matter what our adversaries throw at you.

The troops are an inspiration. Their optimism and spirit of service shine through every conversation.

Please extend my appreciation to all those who assisted.

Regards,

14 May 04



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Major General Geoffrey D. Miller
Deputy Commander for Detainee Operations
Combined Joint Task Force 7
APO AE 09335

Dear General Miller:

It was good to be with you today to learn your plans for the continued refinement of detainee operations. I appreciated your tour of the Abu Ghraib facility and seeing the many improvements you are making.

I enjoyed my visit with the soldiers who are doing the tough and exacting work at Abu Ghraib and doing it so well. I have high confidence in them, and in their leaders.

Please thank those whose efforts supported my visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. M. ...".

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