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MEMORANDUM FOR BG JANIS KARPINSKI, 800th Military Police Brigade, Camp Victory, Iraq

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Admonishment

1. The 800th Military Police Brigade continues to perform in a manner that does not meet the standards set by the Army or by CJTF-7. In the past 6 months, incidents have occurred that reflect a lack of clear standards, proficiency and leadership within the Brigade. As the commander, I hold you ultimately responsible for these deficiencies.
2. The reported detainee abuse incident at the Baghdad Correctional Facility (Abu Ghraib) is the most recent example of what I am increasingly concluding is a poor leadership climate that permeates the Brigade. As an immediate step, as the senior commander in Iraq, I am directing the suspension of the platoon leader, company commander and battalion commander of the units involved in the incident at Baghdad Correctional Facility. You will assess their fitness to occupy leadership positions and report the results of your assessment to Major General Wojdakowski no later than 23 January 2004.
3. I admonish you to take charge of the Brigade and take the corrective actions necessary to set and enforce standards. To that end, I have requested that the Commander, U.S. Central Command, provide a team of experts to conduct focused training on confinement operations, with specific emphasis on the requirement to treat all persons under Coalition Forces' control with dignity and respect.

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RICARDO S. SANCHEZ
Lieutenant General USA
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MGR Wojdakowski