Mr. REID. Mr. President, through the Chair to my friend from

Illinois, I appreciate very much his statement. I am hopeful and

confident that agreement on those strategies will be reached today. I

am terribly disappointed, and not only in what we did not hear from the

Secretary of Defense.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there was more brass in 407 last Thursday

than would make up a band, four stars all over the place, including the

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Not a single one of those people

in the chain of command even breathed a word of the impending scandal

that they knew about as they briefed us. It is a terrible situation

when we meet in secret up in room 407 and something as scandalous as

American troops killing--we now have confirmed two homicides--prisoners

of war in addition to humiliating them through sexual pictures and

doing other things that speak so poorly of our military that I am

sickened to my stomach.