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15 March 2005

Spot Report 031505 - 1

Subject: PSD Engaged Threatening Vehicle

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At approximately 1140 on 15 MAR 05, a COM Quick Reaction Force (QRF), enroute to link up with a PSD, engaged a bus that was being operated in an aggressive manner. The bus entered an intersection perpendicular to the QRF and at a high rate of speed. After unsuccessfully attempting to halt the bus through the use of hand and arm signals, the QRF engaged it with (1) rd. of Small Arms Fire (SAF). The round impacted the front grill of the bus causing it to stop. The QRF continued to its next location without further incident. There were no reported casualties.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone

Next Steps: N/A

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20 March 2005

Spot Report 032005 - 1

Subject: Shot Fired by DynCorp QRF**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At 0922 on 20 MAR 05, a DynCorp team was operating in the Red Zone and was approached by a fast-moving vehicle. The turret gunner in the rear Humvee motioned for the driver to stop, but the driver did not obey. The gunner then fired one round into the grill of the vehicle, and the vehicle stopped its approach.

The DynCorp team continued its mission and reported that there were no casualties or damage other than the single round fired. No principal was present during the incident.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone**Next Steps:** N/A

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23 March 2005

Spot Report 032305 - 1

Subject: Shots Fired by Blackwater Team

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At 1053 on 23 MAR 05, a Blackwater team was operating in the Red Zone and was approached by a fast-moving, small, white, four-door sedan occupied by two 25-30 year old males. The driver ignored repeated attempts to keep him from approaching the motorcade. A team member then fired into the grill of the vehicle, and the vehicle stopped its approach.

The Blackwater team continued its mission and reported that there were no casualties or damage other than to the grill of the subject vehicle. Two principals were present during the incident.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone

Next Steps: N/A

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04 April 2005

Spot Report 040405 - 1

Subject: Shots Fired by Blackwater Team/Injured Team Member

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At approximately 1010 on 04 APR 05, a Blackwater team was operating in the Red Zone and was approached by a fast-moving vehicle. The driver ignored repeated visual and verbal commands to keep him from approaching the motorcade. A team member then fired six to eight rounds. Two rounds hit the pavement and the rest went into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle stopped its approach.

Approximately 15 minutes later, the team was approaching a traffic circle when a vehicle hit the lead vehicle. One team member was injured and there was minor damage to their vehicle.

The team transported the injured team member to the military hospital, treated and released. The team member has soft tissue bruising on his leg but should be able to return to duty in a couple of days.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone

Next Steps: N/A

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04 April 2005

Spot Report 040405 - 2

Subject: Shots Fired by DynCorp Team

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At 1059 on 04 APR 05, a DynCorp team was operating in the Red Zone and was approaching a military checkpoint to enter the International Zone. A small car occupied by one 35-40 year old male pulled dangerously close to the follow vehicle. Team members and an Iraqi National Guard soldier gave verbal and visual commands for the driver to back off. The driver ignored those commands. A team member then fired into the grill of the subject vehicle, and the vehicle stopped its approach.

Three principals were present during the incident. There were no casualties or damage other than to the grill of the subject vehicle.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone

Next Steps: N/A

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Spot Report 040405 - 3

Subject: Shots Fired by Blackwater Team

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At approximately 1233 on 04 APR 05, a Blackwater team was operating in the Red Zone and was approached by a fast-moving dark blue sedan that made its way around stopped traffic. The driver ignored repeated visual and verbal commands to back off. A team member then fired two three round bursts into the engine block of the vehicle, but the vehicle did not stop.

Another team member engaged the vehicle along with the first team member to fire. The two team members each fired approximately seven three round bursts into the vehicle. The vehicle stopped its approach, and team members saw the driver get out of the car.

No principal was involved.

No team members were injured, and there was no damage to anything other than the subject vehicle. The team continued its mission.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone

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Next Steps: N/A

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14 April 2005

Spot Report 041405 - 2

Subject: Shot Fired by Blackwater Quick Reaction Force**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 1100 on 14 APR 05, the Blackwater Quick Reaction Force (QRF) was operating in the Baghdad Red Zone, and a fast-moving white car began closely following their motorcade. The driver ignored repeated visual and verbal commands to back off. A team member fired one round into the engine block of the vehicle, and it stopped. The driver was the sole occupant of the car, and QRF team members saw that he was unharmed.

No principal was involved, no team members were injured, and there was no damage to anything other than the subject vehicle. The team continued its mission.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone**Next Steps:** N/A

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14 April 2005

Spot Report 041405 - 3

Subject: Shot Fired by Blackwater Team Member

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At approximately 1245 on 14 APR 05, a Blackwater Protective Security Detail (PSD) was operating in the Red Zone with three principals, and the motorcade was stopped in traffic. A fast-moving black sedan with a male driver and one male passenger came around the stopped traffic, and the driver ignored repeated visual and verbal commands to back off from the motorcade. A PSD team member fired one round into the grill of the sedan, and it stopped. PSD team members saw that the sedan's driver and passenger were unharmed.

There were no injuries to any principals or team members, and there was no damage to anything other than the subject vehicle. The team continued its mission.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone

Next Steps: N/A

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14 April 2005



Spot Report 041405 - 4

Subject: Shot Fired by DynCorp Team Member

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At approximately 1245 on 14 APR 05, the DynCorp Quick Reaction Force (QRF) was operating in the Red Zone. A dark blue two-door car merged into traffic next to lead vehicle, and the driver ignored repeated visual and verbal commands to back off. A QRF team member fired one round into the grill of the car, and it stopped. QRF team members saw that the driver was the sole occupant of the car, and he was unharmed.

No principal was involved, and there were no injuries to any team members. There was no damage to anything other than the subject vehicle, and the team continued its mission.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone

Next Steps: N/A

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18 April 2005

Spot Report 041805 - 1

Subject: Shots Fired by DynCorp Team**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At 0819 on 18 APR 05, a DynCorp Protective Security Detail (PSD) was operating in the Baghdad Red Zone with a principal. A white Passat began aggressively following the motorcade, and the driver ignored commands to back off. The motorcade drivers tried to break contact, but the Passat came dangerously close. The well gunner in the motorcade follow vehicle fired two rounds at the Passat's right front tire, but the car was not immobilized. At that time, the motorcade came under small arms fire.

The well gunner stopped the Passat by firing two rounds into its grill. The driver got out and was joined by a man with an AK-47 who came from the location where the shots were fired. The two began pushing the Passat.

There were no injuries to the principal or to PSD team members, and the Passat driver appeared to be unharmed. There was no damage other than that done to the Passat.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone**Next Steps:** N/A**DECLASSIFIED**

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19 April 2005

Spot Report 041905 - 1

Subject: Shots Fired by Blackwater Team Member**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 1205 on 19 APR 2005, a Chief of Mission Blackwater Protective Security Detail (PSD) was operating in the Baghdad Red Zone without a principal. The driver and lone occupant of a silver Toyota sedan drove around stopped traffic, aggressively approached the PSD motorcade, and ignored visual and verbal commands to back off.

The right rear team member in the motorcade follow vehicle fired two to three rounds into the grill of the Toyota, but it continued to speed towards the motorcade. The motorcade began moving, and the same team member stopped the Toyota by firing two to three more rounds into the car's left front tire.

No one was injured, and there was no damage other than that done to the Toyota. The team continued its mission.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone**Next Steps:** N/A**DECLASSIFIED**

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22 April 2005

Spot Report 042205 - 1

Subject: Attack on Chief of Mission Motorcade**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 1312 on 22 APR 2002, the RSO TOC received reports that describe the following incident.

At approximately 2140 on 21 APR 2005, a Blackwater Protective Security Detail (PSD) was en route from the Kirkuk Regional Airbase to the PSD's base of operations in Sulaymaniyah with seven principals from the Regime Crimes Liaison Office. The five-vehicle motorcade had been traveling for about an hour when a **sedan** rapidly approached the follow vehicle from behind. When the subject vehicle was within 75 meters of the follow vehicle, the left and right rear PSD team members cracked their doors and began signaling the subject vehicle's driver with hand signals and weapon mounted Sure-Fire lights. However, the subject vehicle continued to draw closer.

The left rear team member said he was going to shoot the pavement in front of the subject vehicle, which was approximately 50 meters from the left rear of the follow vehicle. The left rear team member then fired two rounds on semi-automatic and said that he shot the pavement as intended. However, he also said the subject vehicle was still approaching. The left rear team

member then said he was going to shoot the grill of the subject vehicle, fired two rounds on semi-automatic, and announced that he hit his mark.

The right rear PSD team member announced that the subject vehicle was moving to his side of the follow vehicle. He fired one round and announced that he hit the grill of the subject vehicle. The left and right rear team members said the subject vehicle was still following the motorcade but not closing distance. Throughout the events described above, the follow car driver maintained approximately 80kph and drove in a steady and controlled manner. However, the subject vehicle soon began to pull over, and the shift leader ordered the motorcade to speed up to get away.

There were no injuries or damage to Chief of Mission personnel or equipment, and the motorcade arrived safely in Sulaymaniyah. However, there are unconfirmed reports that an Iraqi was killed.

Location: Highway 4 East between Kirkuk and Sulaymaniyah, Iraq

Next Steps: The RSO Baghdad and the Regional Embassy Office Kirkuk continue the investigation.

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24 April 2005

Spot Report 042405 - 1

Subject: Shots fired by a Blackwater Team/Chief Of Mission

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At approximately 0950 on 24 APR 05, a Blackwater team was operating in the Red Zone and was stopped at the entrance of Checkpoint-1. The motorcade had stopped all traffic around them. A white sedan went around the stopped traffic and headed towards the motorcade. Two team members gave the driver repeated visual and verbal commands to keep him from approaching the motorcade. The driver ignored the commands. Two team members fired approximately 12 rounds into the vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop and the driver raised his hands. The driver appeared not to be injured. The team members estimate five rounds hit the left front tire, two rounds hit the right front tire, and five rounds hit the engine block.

There was not a principle in the motorcade at the time of the shooting and no team members were injured.

Location: Checkpoint-1 Entering the International Zone

Next Steps: N/A

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Spot Report 042405 - 2**Subject:** Shots fired by a DYNCORP Team/Chief Of Mission**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

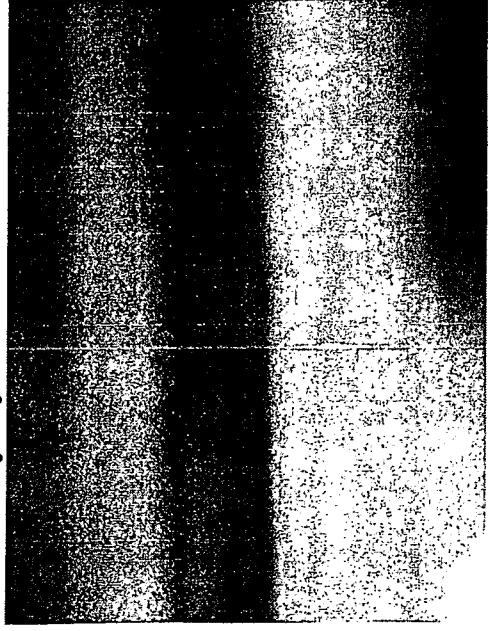
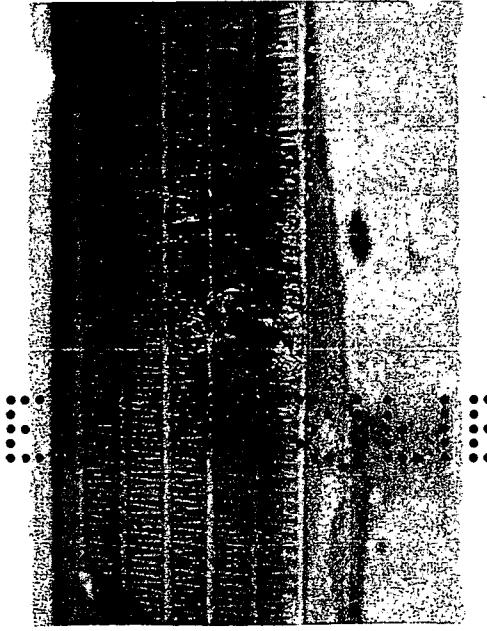
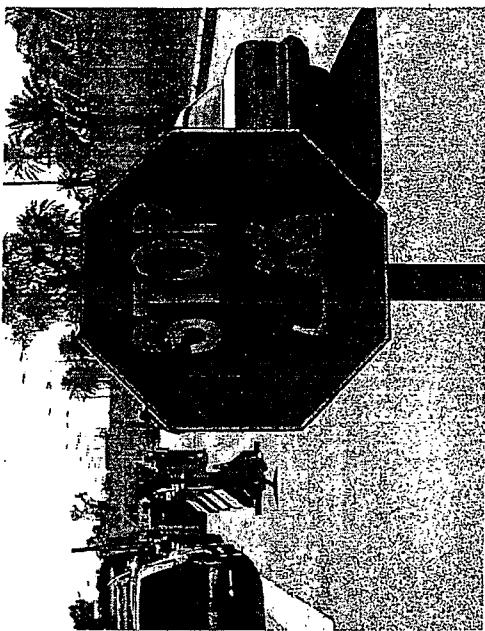
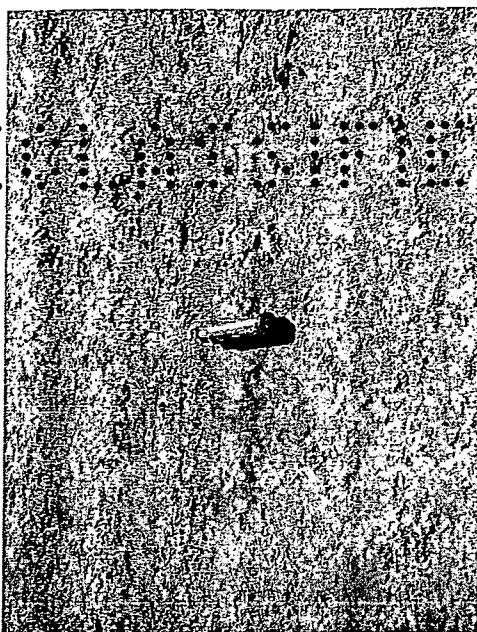
At approximately 1250 on 24 APR 05, a DYNCORP team was operating in the Red Zone and traffic was stopped around the motorcade. A **white taxi** went around the stopped traffic and headed towards the motorcade. The left rear (LR) of the follow vehicle gave the taxi driver repeated visual and verbal commands to keep him from approaching the motorcade. The driver ignored the commands. The LR fired one round into the grill of the taxi. The taxi came to a complete stop.

There was a principle in the motorcade at the time of the shooting. The principle and the team members were not injured in the incident. The team members said the taxi driver did not appear to be injured.

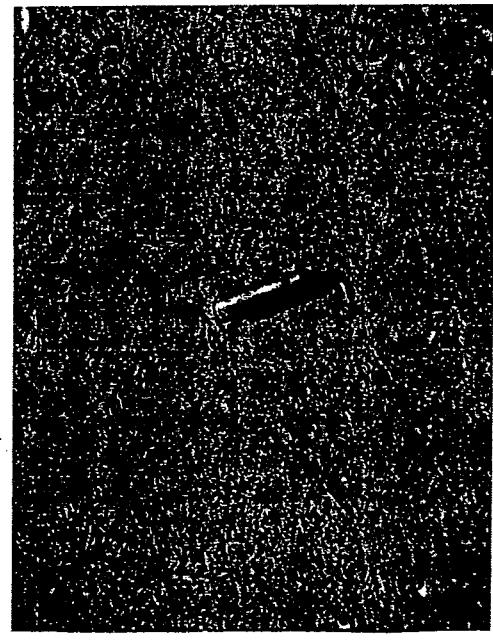
Location: CP-1 Entering the International Zone**Next Steps:** N/A**DECLASSIFIED**

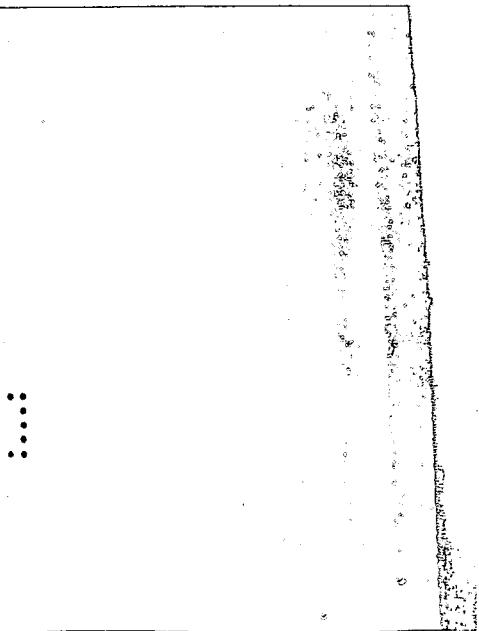
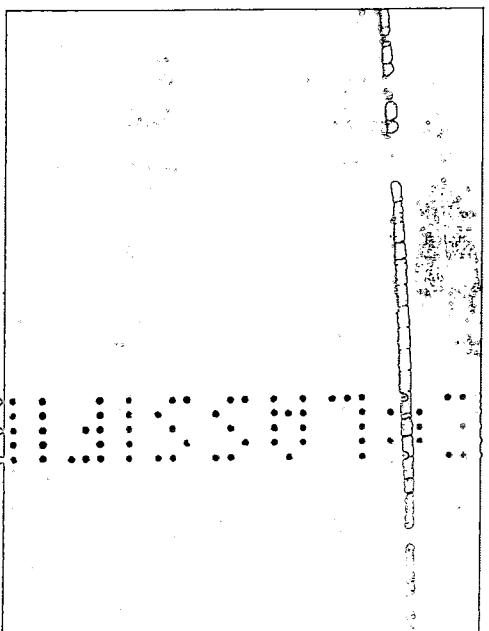
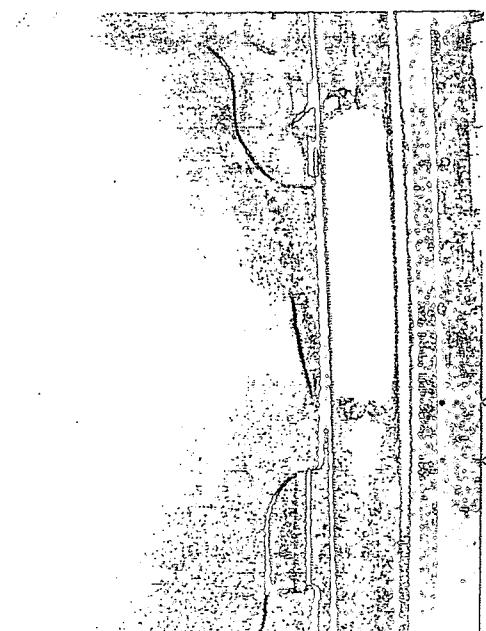
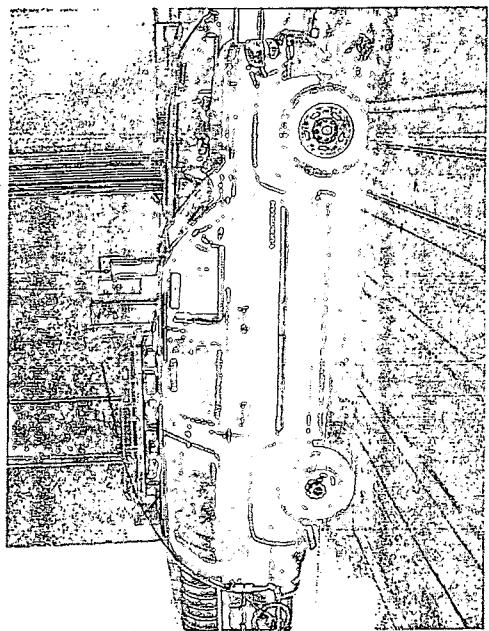
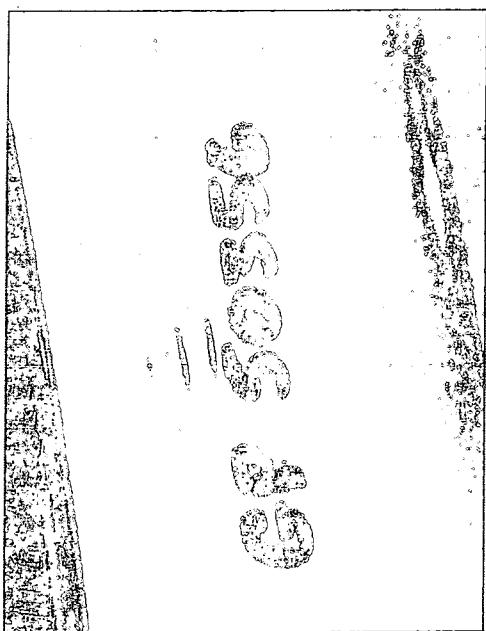
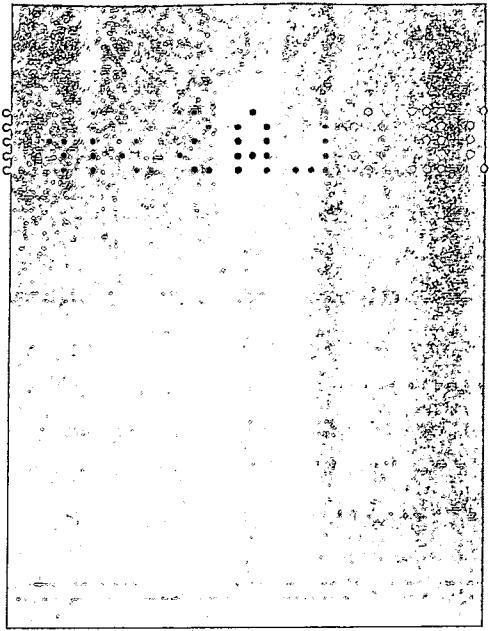
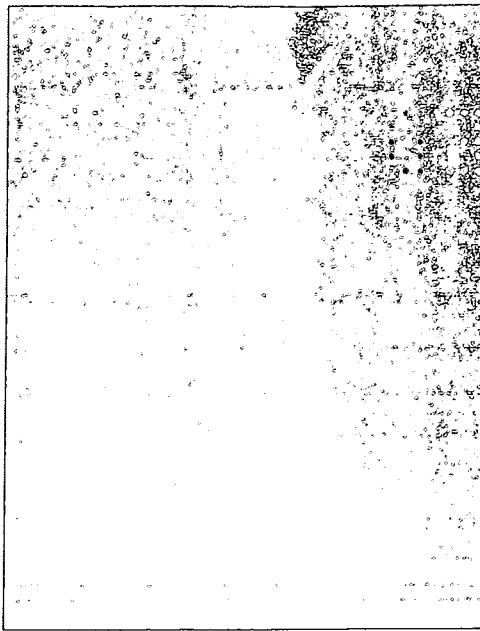
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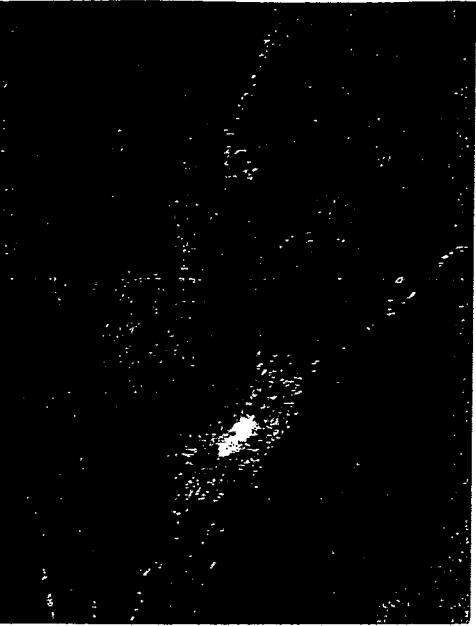
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26 April 2005

Spot Report 042605 - 1

Subject: Shot fired by a Marine at an Embassy Checkpoint

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At approximately 1220 on 26 APR 2005, a Marine with the Marine Security Forces attached to the embassy fired one round into the grill of a vehicle. The checkpoint has signs posted that read "Deadly Force is Authorized, One Vehicle at a Time" and another sign reads "Stop Here Until Called Forward By Sentry".

The vehicle driver tried to follow another car through the checkpoint. The Marine tried to stop the vehicle and the driver ignored the visual and verbal commands. The driver claimed his window was fogged up and he couldn't see the Marine. Although this was the first time the driver went through this checkpoint, he had entered through another checkpoint where the same procedures apply.

Location: A checkpoint manned by Marines to check identification of personnel coming into the area around the Palace (South of the Palace)

Next Steps: N/A

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27 April 2005

Spot Report 042705 - 2

Subject: Blackwater QRF/Chief of Mission**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 1630 on 27 APR 2005, a Blackwater Quick Reaction Force (QRF) escorting another Blackwater team under Chief of Mission was returning from the Ministry Of Interior. The motorcade was stopped and traffic was stopped at a safe distance from the motorcade. A **white Opel sedan** ignored the visual and verbal commands and moved towards the motorcade. A team member in the follow vehicle fired one round into the engine block of the car. The car came to a complete stop.

There was a principal from MOI in the motorcade. The principal and the team members were not injured in the incident. The team members said the driver did not appear to be injured.

Location: Baghdad, Iraq Eastside of the Tigris River**Next Steps:** N/A

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28 April 2005



Spot Report 042805 - 1

Subject: DYNCORP QRF/Chief of Mission**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 0930 on 28 APR 2005, a DYNCORP Quick Reaction Force (QRF) was escorting another DYNCORP team under Chief of Mission to Baghdad Rail Station. A driver of a maroon BMW ignored repeated verbal and visual commands to keep a safe distance from the motorcade. A team member fired one round into the hood of the vehicle. After firing one round into the hood, the vehicle came to a complete stop.

No one in the motorcade was injured in this incident. The team members said it did not look like the driver was injured.

There was a principal from IRMO in the motorcade.

Location: Baghdad, Iraq One half mile North of the International Zone**Next Steps:** N/A**DECOMMISSIONED**

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28 April 2005

Spot Report 042805 - 2

Subject: Blackwater QRF/Chief of Mission**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 1052 on 28 APR 2005, a Blackwater Quick Reaction Force (QRF) was escorting another Blackwater team under Chief of Mission to the Palestine Hotel. A **red station wagon** ignored the visual and verbal commands and moved towards the motorcade. A team member in the follow vehicle fired four rounds into the engine block of the car. The car came to a complete stop.

There was a principal from PAO in the motorcade. The principal and the team members were not injured in the incident. The team members said the driver did not appear to be injured.

Location: Baghdad, Iraq Eastside of the Tigris River**Next Steps:** N/A

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28 April 2005

Spot Report 050305 - 1

Subject: DYNCORP /Chief of Mission**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Escalation of Force

At approximately 1240 HRS on 3 MAY 2005, a DYNCORP team under Chief of Mission returning to the International Zone from the Ministry of Agriculture stopped to transition through Checkpoint 1. During the delay, the driver of a **small silver vehicle** ignored repeated verbal and visual commands to stop. A team member fired one round into the grill of the vehicle. After firing one round into the grill, the vehicle came to a complete stop, and began to reverse out from the situation.

No one in the motorcade was injured in this incident. The team members said it did not look like the driver was injured.

Location: Baghdad, Iraq Checkpoint 1**Next Steps:** N/A

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09 May 2005

Spot Report – 050905-01

Subject: Tactical Support Team fires on vehicle**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Hostile vehicle fired upon by Tactical Support Team

At approximately 1205, 09 May 05, a Tactical Support Team (TST) fired two rounds into the hood of a **white Toyota sedan** after the driver of the vehicle moved around a line of traffic, failed to yield to hand signals and approached the SAXON formation as it was preparing to enter Check Point 1. Upon receiving fire, the Toyota came to an immediate stop. The TST proceeded through CP1 without further incident. Status of driver and hostile vehicle is unknown at this time.

Location: Check Point 1, International Zone, Baghdad Iraq**DECRYPTED**

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10 May 2005

Spot Report – 051005-04**Subject:** Blackwater COM PSD Team fires to disable vehicle**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: On 10 May 2005, while at the PCC in Al Kut, a vehicle ran the IP checkpoint and headed towards the PSD Team. A warning marker was fired and hit the vehicle. The marker struck the hood of the vehicle and bounced into the windshield. No one was injured.

While driving back to Al Hillah from Al Kut a van attempted to get in between the PSD vehicles. Shots were fired into the grill of the van to disable it. The van stopped, no one was injured.

Team was several hours from Al-Hillah, causing a delay in the reporting. Further details will follow.

Location: Al Kut, Iraq**Next Steps:** More information to follow.**DECLASSIFIED**

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On Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at approximately 1300 hours the Black Water (B/W) Protective Security Detail (PSD) assigned to the Regional Embassy Office (REO) Al-Hillah was involved in an incident in Al Kut, PCC. After departure from the PCC the PSD team was involved in a second incident.

Immediately after the first incident, the PSD team stabilized the situation and continued with the mission. After the second incident the PSD team returned to U.S. Regional Embassy Office (USREO) Al Hillah and notified the Assistant Regional Security Officer (ARSO), ARSO Al-Hillah in turn notified the RSO TOC Baghdad.

ARSO Al-Hillah subsequently conducted individual interviews regarding the incident with each of the 5 PSD personnel of the Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV) and Team Leader. USREO Al-Hillah's ARSO and the senior level manager in charge of B/W operations for South-Central Iraq were present for each one of these interviews. The purpose of these interviews was explained to each of the PSD team members. All PSD team members consented to be interviewed and provided relevant information under their own free will.

While the PSD team was on location at the PCC in Al Kut, they were involved in firing a warning shot at a vehicle. According to statements made by several of the PSD members, the indigenous vehicle did not stop at the IP check point and accelerated toward the PSD team. A member of the PSD stepped from behind the vehicle and gave the visual sign to stop, but the vehicle continued to approach. Another PSD member then fired a non-lethal round at the ground in front of the vehicle. The round bounced off the ground, skipped on the hood and went through the front windshield. The driver then stopped the vehicle. The driver got out of the vehicle and was cleared by the IPs. The driver was not injured. He made a cell phone call and then went into the PCC.

After leaving the PCC approximately 1530 hours the B/W PSD team was involved in firing a 3 round disabling burst into the engine of a vehicle. The PSD team was executing a U-Turn, when a vehicle quickly approached from behind. Signs are clearly posted on the back of the vehicles to stay back. The CAV vehicle stopped in order to create distance between it and the other vehicles in the motorcade. The well gunner had a very limited amount of time to react. The Well Gunner took aim and fired one 3 round burst into the engine. The vehicle stopped and the motorcade moved on. The driver appeared to be uninjured.

More information to be reported as this situation develops.

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10 May 2005

Spot Report - 051005-01

Subject: DynCorps COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Hostile vehicle fired upon by returning PSD team.

At approximately 1239, 10 May 05, a COM PSD team observed a **white VW type van** approaching their motorcade while en route from the Ministry of Health. The driver of the vehicle moved around a line of traffic, approximately 100 meters distant from the motorcade, failed to yield to hand signals and approached the motorcade as it was traveling at speed. When the van got within 50 meters of the motorcade, the Left Rear fired a burst into the engine area of the van. The van continued speeding toward the motorcade. A second burst to the engine area of the van failed to inhibit the approaching vehicle. At this time, the Left Rear fired the remaining rounds of his first magazine into the driver's side windshield area. At this point the van stopped its forward movement. It is believed the driver of the aggressor vehicle was stuck by fire. No COM personnel were injured during this incident.

There were four IRMO principals within the motorcade at the time of the incident.

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RedZone, Baghdad Iraq

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11 May 2005



Spot Report - 051105-01

Subject: PSD Team fires on vehicle**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Hostile vehicle fired upon by PSD Team

At approximately 0950, 11 May 05, a USAID PSD Team fired four rounds into the hood of a dark colored BMW taxi after the driver of the vehicle moved around a line of traffic, failed to yield to verbal and hand signals and approached the PSD vehicles while the detail was slowing for congested traffic. Upon receiving fire, the BMW slowed its approach and rolled to a stop against a bus parked on the right side of the road. The PSD exited the area and continued with their mission without further incident. There were three USAID principals onboard at the time of the incident. No friendly personnel were affected. Status of driver and hostile vehicle is unknown at this time.

Location: Baghdad Iraq

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12 May 2005

Spot Report - 051205-01

Subject: DynCorp /COM PSD Advance Team

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Hostile vehicle fired upon by PSD Team

At approximately 1215, on the above date, an advance team returning from a site visit attempted to slow a taxi approaching from the rear of the motorcade. The taxi failed to respond to visual signals from the Left Rear. The Right Rear fired one round into the grill of the vehicle. The taxi continued in its onward motion, and the Right Rear fired three additional rounds into the grill to no affect. The Team Leader ordered the Right Rear to secure his door, and the taxi continued to push past the motorcade. The driver appeared to be in full control of the vehicle as it passed the follow car, and did not appear to be injured.

There were no Principals present during the incident. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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May 16, 2005

Reporting Time: 8:05 a.m.

Spot Report - 051605-02

Subject: PSD Support Team fires at vehicle

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Aggressive vehicle fired at by PSD Support Team

At approximately 1350, May 16, a PSD Support Team (TST) fired three rounds into the ground adjacent to a **small blue vehicle** (unknown make/model) after the driver of the vehicle began moving aggressively across a vacant field and toward the motorcade. The vehicle failed to yield to hand signals and verbal warnings. Upon recognizing incoming fire, the driver of the vehicle turned away from the convoy and continued away without further incident. The motorcade proceeded to their destination without further incident. Status of aggressive driver and vehicle are unknown at this time, but it was reported that there were no injuries resulting from PSD actions.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

17 May 2005

Spot Report - 051705-01

Subject: COM/ PSD Team engages aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Aggressive vehicle fired on by PSD Team

At approximately 1045, 17 May 05, a PSD Team fired a single round into the grill of a small blue/green vehicle (unknown make/model) after the driver of the vehicle began moving aggressively through waiting traffic toward the motorcade. The vehicle failed to yield to hand signals. Upon recognizing incoming fire, the driver of the vehicle immediately applied the brakes and raised his hands. The convoy and continued onto the venue without further incident. The driver did not appear to sustain any injuries from the altercation.

The PSD Team had a principal with them at the time.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

19 May 2005



Spot Report - 051905-03

Subject: COM/PSD QRF motorcade engages aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Aggressive vehicle fired on by Blackwater COM/PSD QRF team.

At approximately 1049 on the above date, a white four-door sedan cut perpendicularly between the first and second cars of a moving motorcade. The visual signals failed to get the attention of the lone occupant of the car. The turret gunner then fired three shots into the front passenger quarter panel of the car. The driver of the vehicle then slowed his approach out of the path of the motorcade. It did not appear that the occupant had been injured.

No one in the motorcade was injured from the altercation.

No principal was present during the incident.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad Iraq

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19 May 2005

Spot Report - 051905-01 Update

Subject: CAV engages aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Vehicle fired on by CAV in support of a Blackwater COM/PSD Team.

Correction to earlier Spot report:

On this date, a CAV (Counter Assault vehicle), part of a Blackwater COM/PSD motorcade, was approaching a traffic circle when an **aggressive vehicle** approached the motorcade from behind. The vehicle went around all stopped traffic. We have a blue flashing light on the back of the CAV and a sign that warns to stay back. The CAV had stopped due to traffic. The Well gunner used his flashlight to signal the car to stop. Then he fired a pen flare at the vehicle. The vehicle kept coming at a high rate of speed. The Left rear had the door open and gave hand and arm signals for the car to stop, but he kept coming. The left rear then fired one round into the grill of the car and paused. The car then sped up and the left rear in fear for his life fired two rounds into the cabin of the vehicle. The vehicle was less than 50 meters away. After the shots were fired into the cabin the vehicle turned left into the median. The motorcade then continued on to their venue. Upon leaving the scene a IP car with flashing lights and sirens was making its way through the traffic.

IPs met up with the team at the venue and gave the initial report the man in the car was hit in the leg. Later the IP's said the man was killed. The final report is the man is in the hospital alive. It has been confirmed that he is in the hospital. ARSO- Al-Hillah has just completed interviews of all the members involved and the position leaders. A complete report to follow.

Location: Al Kut, Iraq

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PRELIMINARY SPOT REPORT 5-19-05

Al Kut is an area covered by RCO Al-Hillah. John McNamara a Political Officer here in Al-Hillah travels to Al Kut about once a week for meetings.

On Thursday, May 19, 2005 at approximately 1030 hours a Black Water (B/W) Protective Security Detail (PSD) assigned to the Regional Embassy Office (REO) Al-Hillah was involved in an incident in Al Kut. After departure from SCIRI HQ's the motorcade approached a traffic circle with a large amount of traffic. The motorcade had to stop because of the traffic.

All traffic was stopped behind the Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV) which was the last vehicle in the motorcade. When a white four door sedan weaved through traffic and headed toward the motorcade. The Well Gunner signaled the car to stop with his flash light. The car continued toward the motorcade. The Well Gunner then fired a pin flare at the car, but the car continued toward the motorcade. The Left Rear Gunner then fired one round into the grill of the car. The Left Gunner paused and the car kept coming. The Left Rear Gunner in fear of his life fired two rounds into the cabin of the vehicle. The car turned left into the median and stopped. The motorcade started moving and proceeded to the venue. While departing the scene the Well Gunner and Left Rear Gunner noticed an IP car with lights and sirens making its way through traffic.

Once the PSD team made it to the venue they informed the clients of the incident. The IPs arrived at the venue a short time after the PSD team. The first report from the IPs was the man in the vehicle was at fault for running past the traffic control point set up by the IPs and for not stopping when he saw the flare. The IPs also said the man was shot in the leg. The second report from the IPs was the man was shot in the leg and died. Later it was discovered the man was in the hospital and alive.

After completing the meeting in Al Kut the PSD team returned to U.S. Regional Embassy Office (USRERO) Al-Hillah and notified the Assistant Regional Security Officer (ARSO). The PSD team arrived at USRERO Al-Hillah compound at approximately 1710 hours. The PSD team members met and briefed the ARSO regarding the situation. ARSO Al-Hillah in turn notified the RSO TOC Baghdad. The ARSO interview each member involved in the incident and the Team Leader. Their reports are enclosed.

More information to be reported as this situation develops.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

21 May 2005

Spot Report - 052105- 02

Subject: DynCorps COM/PSD fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** PSD detail fires two rounds into aggressive vehicle.

At approximately 1135 on the above date, a PSD team returning ahead of schedule from a venue encountered an aggressive silver sedan previously seen upon arrival at venue. A vehicle that made an abrupt U-turn toward the detail and veered out of waiting traffic approached the four-car motorcade from the rear. The driver failed to heed the verbal and visual signals to stop. The Right Rear fired one round into the hood of the vehicle. The car continued towards the motorcade, when the left Rear fired a second round into the hood. The car ceased its forward movement, and it did not appear to the team that the single occupant of the car had been injured. No one in the motorcade was injured during the incident.

There was one principal aboard the motorcade. The detail left the venue due to threat information from the local authorities.

Location: Tadji, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

27 May 2005

Spot Report - 052705-01

Subject: COM DynCorp PSD QRF fire on approaching vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: COM PSD fire single shot into grill of oncoming vehicle.

At approximately 1212, on the above date a COM PSD support team was dismounted holding an intersection when a car approached their position at about 30 mph. Members of the team issued verbal and visual warnings for the driver to stop. The driver slowed to approximately 25 mph, but continued toward the detail. The PSD team member closest to the vehicle fired a single round into the grill of the gray four-door. The single occupant did not appear to be injured, and was later seen talking to an Iraqi Police Officer.

No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

Location: Babylon Hotel, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD



4 June 2005

Spot Report - 060405- 1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: DynCorp PSD fires on approaching vehicle.

At approximately 1315, on the above date, a QRF PSD team returning from the Lewis Berger Compound entered into a traffic circle. The Follow Vehicle utilized visual signals and even tossed water bottles at merging traffic to create the security "bubble" for the motorcade. Several lanes of traffic headed the warnings, except for a single minivan with three passengers. The turret gunner made eye contact with the occupants, but they continued to come broadside of the follow car.

The turret gunner fired a single round into the passenger side, front quarter panel. The vehicle came to a stop, and the PSD personnel state they witnessed the occupants talking after stopping.

It is believed that no civilians were injured from the incident. No COM personnel were injured.

There was a principal in the motorcade.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

7 June 2005

Spot Report - 060705- 2

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Blackwater PSD fires on approaching vehicle.

At approximately 0905, on 7 June 2005, a COM PSD QRF Team observed a red VW Passat, containing a single elderly individual, making his way through traffic toward them. At approximately 120 meters from their motorcade, the turret gunner attempted to use verbal and visual signals to get the attention of the driver.

When the vehicle failed to slow his approach, the rear gunner fired a three round burst aimed at the grill of the Passat, at an approximate distance of 75 meters. The vehicle rolled only a short distance before the contents of the radiator emptied onto the road and came to a complete stop. The driver did not appear injured.

The motorcade continued on their mission. No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

There were no principals in the motorcade.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

9 June 2005

Spot Report - 060905- 1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Blackwater PSD fires on approaching vehicle.

At approximately 1038, on 9 June 2005, a COM PSD Advance Team observed a four-door tan colored vehicle, containing a single middle-aged individual, making his way through traffic toward them. At approximately 100 meters from their motorcade, the Left Rear attempted to use verbal and visual signals to ward off the driver, while he had eye contact with the driver.

When the vehicle failed to slow his approach, at an approximate distance of 45 meters the Left Rear fired a single round into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop before the contents of the radiator emptied onto the road. The driver did not appear injured.

The motorcade continued on their mission. No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

There were no principals in the motorcade.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

12 June 2005

Spot Report - 061205- 02

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

On June 12, 2005, a U.S. Embassy Regional Office (REO) Mosul/Blackwater PSD Team fired one shot into a vehicle that was deemed an imminent threat to the motorcade.

The incident occurred in the city of Mosul on the return from a venue. The up gunner in the rear motorcade vehicle observed a **red four door sedan** traveling at a high rate of speed towards the motorcade. The vehicle followed on a path indicating that it would collide with the rear motorcade vehicle. All other traffic was stopped.

The rear motorcade team member warned the vehicle using hand and arm signals. While all other vehicles followed the direction of these hand signals to stop, the driver of this vehicle ignored the hand signals to stop and continued accelerating towards the motorcade. At this time the vehicle posed an imminent threat to the motorcade. The rear motorcade team member fired one shot into the vehicle, striking the right front tire. The vehicle immediately stopped and the driver put both of his hands up in plain view. No other shots were fired and it appeared that the vehicle occupant was uninjured.

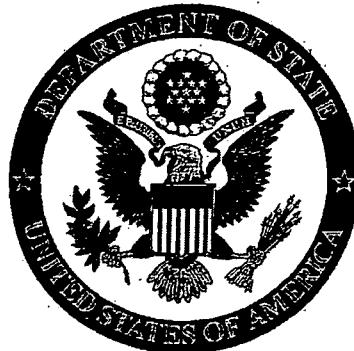
There were no/no injuries to REO/PSD personnel or damage to REO vehicles in this incident.

Location: Mosul, Iraq

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13 June 2005

Spot Report - 061305- 3**Subject:** COM PSD QRF Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** DynCorp PSD fires on approaching taxi.

At approximately 0939, on 13 June 2005, a COM PSD Team entering a traffic circle attempted to stop all oncoming traffic encroaching the motorcade. A lone **white and orange taxi** appeared circumventing the slowed traffic heading towards the motorcade. The lead turret gunner gave verbal and visual signals to stop the vehicle's approach. When the vehicle got within 40 meters of the lead vehicle, the turret gunner fired a single round into the grill area. The driver immediately put on his brakes and came to a complete stop raising his hands.

It did not appear that either of the two occupants of the taxi was injured. The motorcade continued onto the Public Works building. No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

There were no principals in the motorcade.

Location: Outside Checkpoint 12, Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq**DECORAZZILED**

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

15 June 2005



Spot Report - 061505- 1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** PSD fires eight rounds into approaching car.

At approximately 1025, on 15 June 2005, a COM PSD Team embedded in Najaf en-route to Al-Hillah encountered an **aggressive vehicle** bearing down on their motorcade. The counter assault vehicle dispatched a smoke grenade to ward off approaching vehicles. The well gunner observed a single vehicle approaching the rear of the convoy at approximately 50 mph. The well gunner as well as a side door gunner of the follow car fired four rounds into the grill area of the car. The car eventually stopped 10 meters from the motorcade. The motorcade continued onto REO Al-Hillah without further incident.

There was one principal in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

Location: Al-Hillah, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

19 June 2005

Spot Report - 061905- 2

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on approaching vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: PSD fires into approaching Mercedes.

At approximately 1100, on the above date, a REO Al-Hillah COM PSD team was involved in what appears to be a non-lethal shooting incident in the vicinity of the Religious University in Al-Hillah.

The PSD team was moving security personnel from REO Al-Hillah to USDoS State Embedded Team Najaf. The PSD motorcade was making its way through slow moving traffic approaching an Iraqi Police/Iraqi National Guard checkpoint, when a **black Mercedes Benz** sedan rapidly approached the motorcade from the rear.

The follow vehicle personnel attempted to ward off the vehicle with hand and arm signals. The well gunner fired a pen flare to gain the attention of the driver.

As the Mercedes got closer, the well gunner placed three shots into the grill. The PSD personnel reported observing pieces of the grill flying off as the bullets impacted, and steam coming from the radiator. The occupants of the vehicle, an adult male and female, immediately raised their hands as the vehicle came to a controlled stop on the side of the road.

No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

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RSO Actions: RSQ AL-Hillah is investigating this matter, and will report developments accordingly, and will be forwarded to RSO Baghdad by COB.

Location: Al-Hillah, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

20 June 2005

Spot Report - 062005- 2

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires three rounds into approaching car.

At approximately 0802, on 20 June 2005, a COM Quick Reaction Force Team supporting an Advance Team en-route to the Central Public Health Building encountered an aggressive vehicle bearing down on their motorcade. The Follow Car attempted to use visual signals, and attempted to throw water bottles to ward off the oncoming **BMW**.

When the vehicle was within approximately 25 feet of the motorcade, the rear turret gunner fired three rounds into the front of the car.

One round impacted in the right front tire. One round impacted the right quarter-panel, and the final round impacted the right side of grill area. The BMW immediately came to a controlled stop. It did not appear to the QRF team, that the lone occupant was injured. The motorcade continued onto the venue without further incident.

There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

20 June 2005

Spot Report - 062005-3

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires three rounds into approaching car.

At approximately 0904, on 20 June 2005, a COM Quick Reaction Force Team supporting a PSD Team en-route to the Central Public Health Building encountered **an aggressive** vehicle in a traffic circle. The Lead Vehicle attempted to use visual signals and thrown water bottles to ward off the oncoming vehicle. When the vehicle meandered approximately 10-15 feet parallel to the motorcade, the lead turret gunner fired two rounds into the right front tire and quarter panel area. The vehicle immediately came to a stop. It did not appear to the QRF team, that the lone occupant of the vehicle was injured. The motorcade continued onto the venue without further incident.

There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

20 June 2005

Spot Report - 062005- 4

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires one round into approaching car.

At approximately 1228, on 20 June 2005, a COM Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Team supporting a PSD Team returning to the International Zone (IZ) encountered an aggressive vehicle bearing down on their motorcade.

The team was stationary amidst traffic near Checkpoint 11, where they noticed an **orange and yellow taxi** parked approx. 50 yards behind their motorcade. The driver of the taxi suddenly made hand signals requesting to drive around the QRF team. The QRF team repeatedly responded to the taxi driver, using hand signals to deny the taxi driver permission to pass. The taxi driver then gunned his engine in an attempt to move around the QRF team. When the taxi driver approached to within 20 feet of the QRF, the turret gunner fired 1 x round into the grill of the taxi. The vehicle immediately came to a halt, at which point an Iraqi Army unit apprehended the driver, who apparently was uninjured.

The PSD motorcade and QRF team returned to the IZ without further incident. There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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20 June 2005

Spot Report - 062005- 5

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires one round into approaching car.

At approximately 1445, on 20 June 2005, a COM Advance Team en-route to the Al-Sabah News Agency encountered an aggressive vehicle bearing down on their motorcade.

The team initially spotted the **white Crown Victoria** making its way through the slowed traffic to their rear. The vehicle matched a recent BOLO report for possible VBIED suspect. The vehicle failed to heed the visual signals of the follow vehicle and broke the 125-meter standoff created by the motorcade. As the sedan got within 50 meters of the motorcade, the Left Rear fired a single round into the grill area. The Crown Victoria immediately pulled to the side of the road for a moment; then resumed its course towards the team. The single occupant followed the motorcade for an additional half-kilometer until it decided to cease its pursuit and turn around returning from the direction, which it came.

There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

22 June 2005

Spot Report – 062205- 1

Subject: Vehicle Fired On At Checkpoint Ison.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Marines fire two rounds into American contractor's car.

At approximately 1150, on 22 June 2005, ex-pat security advisor was distracted by a conversation with his passenger while entering a Marine checkpoint north of the Embassy Annex. The Marines manning the post attempted to warn the individual from proceeding, but we unable to gain his attention. The Marines fired two rounds toward the grill area of the Mercedes sedan, striking the grill and the hood.

The driver stated he had been through the checkpoint several times during the morning, and just did not focus on the immediate necessity to adhere to the Marine's commands.

No personnel were injured during the incident.

Location: IZ Baghdad, Iraq

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**U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD**

25 June 2005



Spot Report - 062505- 1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires one round into approaching car.

At approximately 0832 on 25 June 2005, a COM Quick Response Force (QRF) Team, supporting another PSD team returning from the Ministry of Higher Education, encountered an aggressive vehicle. A single male occupant driving a **gray minivan** approached the team's standoff "bubble" to within 50 – 60 feet of the team's rear element. The Left Rear of the Lead Vehicle attempted to use visual signals and thrown water bottles to ward off the oncoming vehicle. When the vehicle meandered approximately 35-40 feet parallel to the motorcade, the Left Rear gunner fired one round into the right corner hood and the vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop. It did not appear to the QRF team that the lone occupant of the vehicle was injured. The motorcade returned to the International Zone without further incident.

There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed pending written statements from PSD team members.**DECLASSIFIED****Location:** Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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27 June 2005



Spot Report - 062705- 5

Subject: Karbala SET PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater Advance PSD fires two rounds into approaching car.

At approximately 1315, on 27 June 2005, a Blackwater PSD Advance Team assigned to the USREO (Regional Embassy Office) SET (State Embedded Team) Karbala, while conducting an advance of a new location, encountered an aggressive vehicle bearing down on their motorcade from the rear. The team's Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV), which had emergency flashing lights on and a prominent "Stay Back" sign across the rear, fired a pen flare at the approaching vehicle as a warning to get its attention. The pen flare impacted the vehicle's front fender, but the vehicle continued to approach the CAV at a fast rate of speed. The PSD team then fired two shots into the grill area, at which point the local vehicle came to a controlled stop. The occupant of the vehicle did not appear to be injured.

No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

There were no principals in the motorcade. The PSD motorcade returned to Karbala SET without further incident.

Location: Karbala, Iraq

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REO Al-Hillah Action: Will monitor the situation and report any changes/updates, as needed. **... M : : : : : E U**

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD



Reporting Time: 11:03 a.m. EST
June 27, 2005

Spot Report - 062705-5

Subject: Karbala PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: At approximately 1315 hours (local time), a Blackwater PSD Advance Team assigned to the USREO (Regional Embassy Office) SET (State Embedded Team) Karbala, while conducting an advance of a new location, encountered an aggressive vehicle bearing down on their motorcade from the rear. The team's Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV), which had emergency flashing lights on and a prominent "Stay Back" sign across the rear, fired a pen flare at the approaching vehicle as a warning to get its attention. The pen flare impacted the vehicle's front fender, but the vehicle continued to approach the CAV at a fast rate of speed. The PSD team then fired two shots into the grill area, at which point the local vehicle came to a controlled stop. The occupant of the vehicle did not appear to be injured. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation. There were no principals in the motorcade and the PSD motorcade returned to Karbala SET without further incident.

Location: Karbala, Iraq

Next Step: RSO Baghdad will monitor the situation and report any changes/updates, as needed.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

27 June 2005

Spot Report – 062705- 7

Subject: Al-Hillah REO PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Blackwater PSD fires three rounds into approaching SUV.

On 27 June 2005, a Blackwater PSD Team from REO Al-Hillah, conducting operations in Al-Kut, Wasit Province, encountered an aggressive vehicle bearing down on their motorcade from the rear. The Team's Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV), which had emergency flashing lights on and a prominent "Stay Back" sign across the rear, fired a pen flare and smoke grenade at the approaching vehicle as a warning. The vehicle continued to approach the CAV at a fast rate of speed. The Well Gunner fired two, three round bursts into the hood and grill areas. The vehicle continued past the motorcade without further incident. The Team does not believe anyone was injured in the altercation. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation. The Team continued on its mission to the Iraqi National Guard Headquarters, and returned safely.

Location: Al-Kut, Iraq

REO Al-Hillah Action: RSO will monitor the situation and report any changes to relevant parties
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

27 June 2005

Spot Report - 062705- 6

Subject: Al-Hillah REO PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle..

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Blackwater PSD fires three rounds into approaching SUV.

At approximately 0915, on 27 June 2005, a Blackwater PSD Team from REO Al-Hillah, conducting operations in Al-Kut, Wasit Province, encountered an aggressive vehicle bearing down on their motorcade from the rear. The Team's Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV), which had emergency flashing lights on and a prominent "Stay Back" sign across the rear, fired a pen flare at the approaching vehicle as a warning to get its attention. The pen flare impacted the vehicle's windshield, but the vehicle continued to approach the CAV at a fast rate of speed. The Well Gunner fired three shots into the grill area, at which point the local vehicle came to a stop. The occupant dismounted, and inspected the damage to his car. He did not appear injured.

No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

Location: Al-Kut, Iraq

REO Al-Hillah Action: RSO will monitor the situation and report any changes to relevant parties.

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Reporting Time: 11:58 a.m.

June 29, 2005

Spot Report - 062905- 2

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on Aggressive Vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires two round into approaching car.

At approximately 12:21 p.m. on June 29, a COM Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Team en-route to the Ministry of Industry and Minerals, encountered an aggressive vehicle. Two male occupants in a gray SUV merged parallel to the team from the left side. After the vehicle approached the team's standoff "bubble" to within 25 – 35 feet of the team's Lead element, the vehicle suddenly decelerated and paralleled the speed of the team's Emergence Response Vehicle (ERV). Both Left Rears of the Lead and the ERV attempted to use verbal and visual signals to ward off the looming vehicle. The SUV was within three meters of the ERV when the Left Rear gunner of the Lead vehicle fired two rounds into the grill, and the vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop. The Follow Vehicle stopped to block further movement of the aggressor, and to check on the occupant's status. It did not appear to the team that the occupants were injured, but the radiator was leaking coolant. The motorcade continued to the venue without further incident. There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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30 June 2005

Spot Report - 063005- 1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on sniper.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires three rounds towards possible threat.

At approximately 1530, on 30 June 2005, a USREO Al-Hillah Blackwater PSD Team conducting operations at the Najaf Government Center (GC), report a PSD operator fired three shots at what he believed to be a suspected rooftop sniper.

Two Blackwater PSD teams were conduction operations at the Najaf GC in support of the USREO Al-Hillah Regional Coordinator and other USG officials who were inside the GC attending meeting at the time of the shooting. The suspected sniper was not in a position where he could target the principal. However, the exterior of the Najaf GC was full of a large number of coalition personnel, to include U.S. military, Blackwater and other PSD contractors.

One of the PSD personnel positioned on the ground in front of the Najaf GC observed an individual poking this head above an adjacent rooftop, aiming what appeared to be a long barrel weapon in the direction of the exterior of the GC. The suspected sniper's position was on the roof of a two-story building, located approximately 75 meters from the GC...

Upon observing the suspected sniper, the Blackwater PSD operator yelled "Get Down, Get Down" and fired two shots followed by a single shot in succession.

Iraqi Police (IP) and U.S. Army (USA) troops were at the venue. The IP's indicated they would organize a search for the suspected sniper. After 30 minutes of general lack of action on behalf of the IPs, the USA forces took charge of the situation and organized a search of the location where the suspected sniper was observed.

The USA personnel conducting the search reported not finding the suspected sniper or any signs he was injured. The USA personnel reported finding a tight group of three shots in a wall directly behind where the suspected sniper was observed and where the Blackwater intended to shoot.

No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Najaf, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD
 Reporting Time: 11:41 a.m.
 June 30, 2005



Spot Report - 063005-1

Subject: Blackwater PSD fires three rounds towards possible threat.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: At approximately 3:30 p.m. on June 30, a U.S. Regional Engineering Office (USREO) Al-Hillah Blackwater Protective Security Detail (PSD) Team conducting operations at the Najaf Government Center (GC), report a PSD operator fired three shots at what he believed to be a suspected rooftop sniper.

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No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Najaf, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

02 July 2005



Spot Report - 070205- 2

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater Advance PSD fires one round into approaching car.

At approximately 0830 on 02 July 2005, a COM Blackwater Advance PSD Team en route to the Ministry of Displacement and Migration encountered an aggressive vehicle. While the team was stopped in 2-lane traffic and awaiting the guard to open the barrier arm of the ministry, the Follow Element's Well Gunner observed a black sedan quickly weave and accelerate past the local traffic from behind and approach to within the team's standoff "bubble" of 45-50 meters. The team's Follow element attempted to use verbal and visual signals in order to ward off the looming vehicle. The driver of the sedan ignored these warnings and continued to within 25 – 30 meters of the Follow element, at which point, the Well gunner fired one round into the grill, and the vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop. It did not appear to the team that the occupants were injured. Shortly after the incident, the traffic flow resumed and the team's motorcade continued on to the intended venue. There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

02 July 2005

Spot Report - 070205-1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Blackwater PSD from Ba'qubah fires two round into approaching car.

At approximately 0820 on 02 July 2005, a COM Team en route from Ba'qubah to the International Zone (IZ) encountered an aggressive vehicle. While stopped in traffic on a three-lane highway, the team's Follow element observed two male occupants in a white van quickly accelerate past the local traffic from behind and approach to within the team's standoff "bubble" of 75-100 meters. The team's Follow element attempted to use verbal and visual signals, to include waiving a rifle up and down, in order to ward off the looming vehicle. The van ignored these warnings and continued to within 50 – 60 meters of the Follow element, at which point, the Left Rear gunner fired two rounds into the grill, and the vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop. It did not appear to the team that the occupants were injured. Shortly after the incident, the traffic flow resumed and the team's motorcade continued on to the IZ. There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

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Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

18 July 2005

Spot Report - 071805- 1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires three rounds into approaching car.

At approximately 0810 on 18 July 2005, a COM Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Team was en-route to Checkpoint 2 when an aggressive vehicle was encountered. The motorcade was stopped in traffic, and additional traffic was holding to the rear. As instructed by the team two vans were holding at the exit of a parking lot to the left of the detail waiting for the motorcade to leave the area. The Rear Turret Gunner observed a **dark colored 2-door** car driving through the parking lot. The driver appeared to be a local national and the only occupant of the vehicle. The Rear Turret Gunner observed the vehicle begin to go around the two vans holding at the parking lot exit and both the Rear and Forward Gunners began giving verbal and visual signals to stop. The driver continued to come around the two vans and entered the team's standoff "bubble" at approximately 25 meters while both Turret Gunners continued to try to waive off the approaching car. The driver failed to respond to the signals of the team and the Rear Turret Gunner fired three rounds into the grill of the vehicle as the driver came within approximately 15 meters of the detail. The vehicle then came to a stop and the driver raised his hands. The driver tried to open his door but was motioned by the team to stay in his car. It did not appear to the team that the driver was injured. The motorcade continued to the checkpoint without further incident. There were

no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

18 July 2005

Spot Report - 071805-2

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** DynCorp PSD fires one round into approaching car.

At approximately 1155 on 18 July 2005 a COM Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Team encountered an aggressive vehicle en-route to the National Democratic Institute (NDI). The motorcade was stopped in traffic while operating counter flow when a **black 4-door sedan** with a yellow taxi sign in the window accelerated toward the detail from a stationary position across the roadway. When the vehicle started moving the Right Rear began giving visual and verbal commands for the vehicle to stop and the Well Gunner was flashing a high-powered flashlight at the driver. The driver appeared to make eye contact with the Right Rear then lower his head and accelerate the vehicle. At this time the Well Gunner fired one round into the grill of the approaching vehicle and the driver immediately stopped and left his hands on the wheel. The vehicle stopped approximately 25 meters from the motorcade and smoke was visible from the engine. It did not appear to the team that the driver was injured, and there were no passengers in the vehicle. The motorcade continued to the venue without incident. There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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Just prior to the above incident detail reports that the motorcade had been videotaped by a local national male as the team made a tight turn around a traffic circle. One hundred meters after making the turn at the traffic circle the above vehicle made aggressive actions against the motorcade. The team did not know the whereabouts of the unknown male after making the turn at the traffic circle.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD



18 July 2005

Spot Report - 071805-3

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** DynCorp PSD fires one round into approaching car.

At approximately 1210 on 18 July 2005 a COM Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Team encountered an aggressive vehicle when departing the National Democratic Institute. As the motorcade made its departure traffic was held on the left for a right turn. After pulling onto the roadway traffic was encountered ahead and the detail was stopped. The cars to the rear continued to hold approximately 25 meters behind the detail as they had been instructed when the detail was exiting the venue. While the motorcade was stationary a white 4-door Volkswagen drove around the traffic that was stopped behind the motorcade. The driver was on the curb driving around the cars when the Left and Right Rear began giving verbal and visual signals to for the driver to stop. Additionally, the Well Gunner was flashing a high-powered flashlight at the driver. The driver continued to drive on the curb and failed to acknowledge the signals from the team. After continued efforts to wave off the approaching driver the Well Gunner fired one round into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle stopped approximately 50 meters from the motorcade on the curb and appeared to be stuck with smoke coming from the engine. The team reported that the driver had his arms in the air waving and did not appear to be injured. There was no one else in the vehicle. The motorcade continued to the International Zone without further incident.

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There was a principal in the motorcade at the time of the incident. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

18 July 2005



Spot Report - 071805- 4

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires one round into approaching car.

At approximately 1255 on 18 July 2005 a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Team encountered an aggressive vehicle while en-route to the International Zone from the Ministry of Health. The team was just completing a u-turn across the median when a **red Kia van** occupied by two local national males pulled out from the line of traffic that was stationary on the roadway.

Traffic had been stopped on the opposite side of the roadway so that the entire motorcade could cross over. As the QRF team was crossing the median to take a position behind the detail follow car the van was observed pulling away from the stationary traffic toward the motorcade. The initial standoff "bubble" between the stationary traffic and the detail was 100 meters. Immediately after the van was observed moving forward the team began using hand and voice signals to stop the vehicle. The team then raised their weapons and continued to use hand and voice signals in an attempt to wave off the approaching van. The driver and passenger were observed looking forward, and continued to ignore the signals given by the team. As the vehicle approached within 40 meters of the detail the shooter on the right hatch of the QRF lead vehicle fired one round at the grill of the vehicle. The round impacted approximately one foot above point of aim striking the lower portion of the windshield, according to the shooter. The van came to a

stop and the QRF follow car deployed and checked the scene. The passenger of the vehicle was found to have a wound to his right shoulder. The team provided first aid and turned the man over to a local national who stated that he was a doctor. The team then left the area. There was a principal in the motorcade during the incident. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation. More information to follow.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

30 July 2005

Spot Report - 073005- 1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD Team fires four rounds into approaching car.

At approximately 1300 on 30 July 2005 a COM PSD Team from Najaf SET observed an aggressive vehicle en-route back to FOB Camp Lima from the Karbala Gov't. Center. The PSD Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV) noticed a blue mini-van rapidly following the motorcade. The team increased its speed and made evasive maneuvers in the attempt to verify the intentions of the mini-van. The mini-van increased its speed and matched the movements of the motorcade.

The CAV personnel attempted to gain the attention of the mini-van's driver using hand signals and several pen flares to ward off the oncoming vehicle to no avail. The CAV personnel fired four rounds into the grill area of the mini-van, causing it to come to a controlled stop on the side of the road. After the incident the motorcade witnessed the same mini-van resume its pursuit of the team until the Team entered Camp Lima. At the entrance of the FOB, the mini-van conducted a U-turn and departed the area.

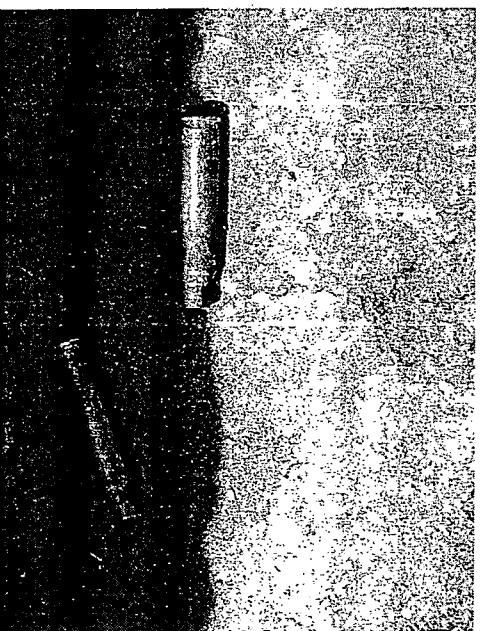
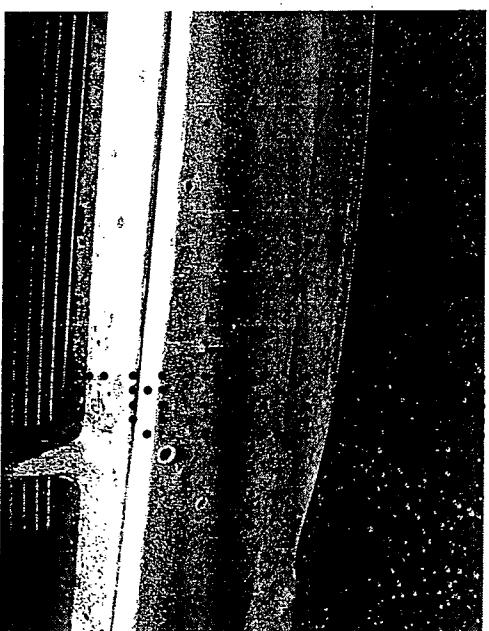
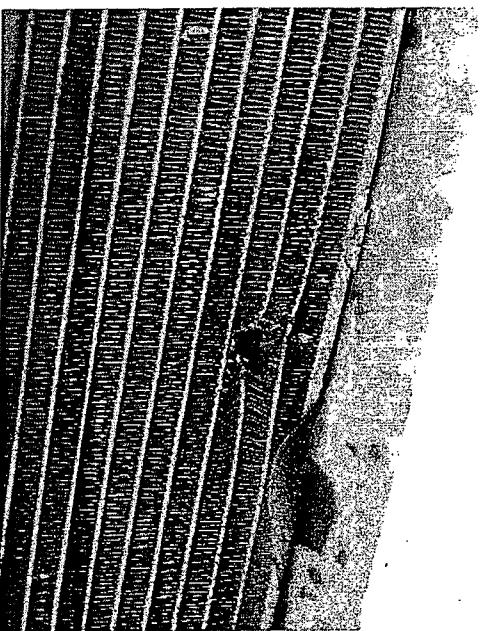
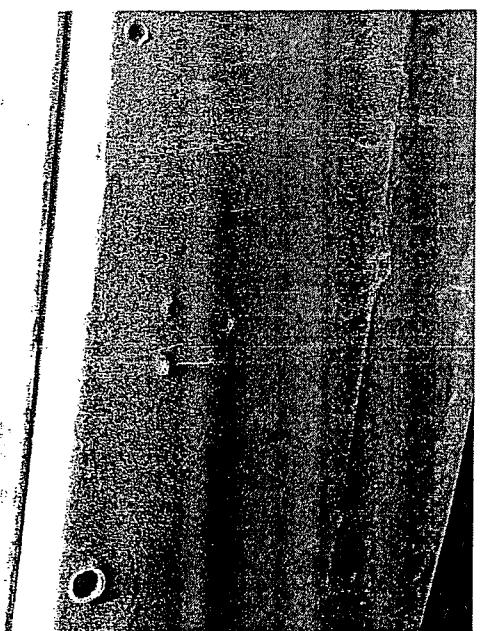
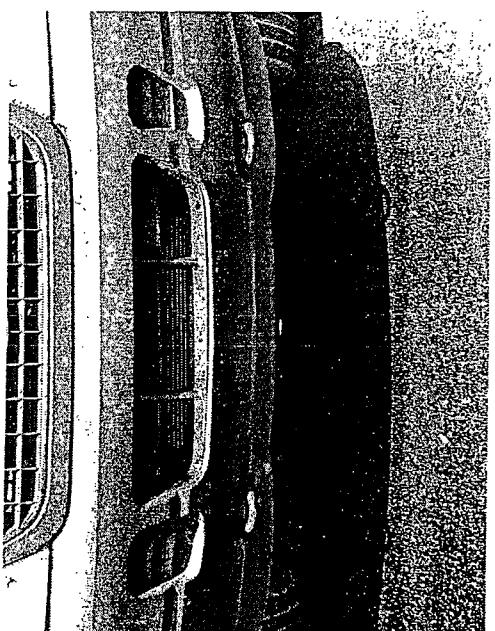
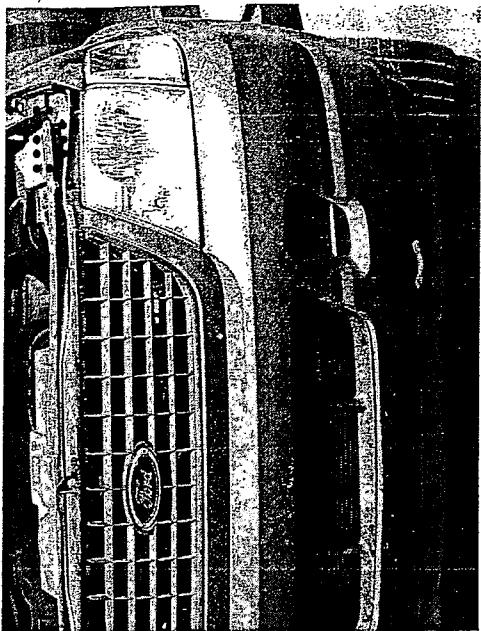
No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed pending written statements from PSD team members.

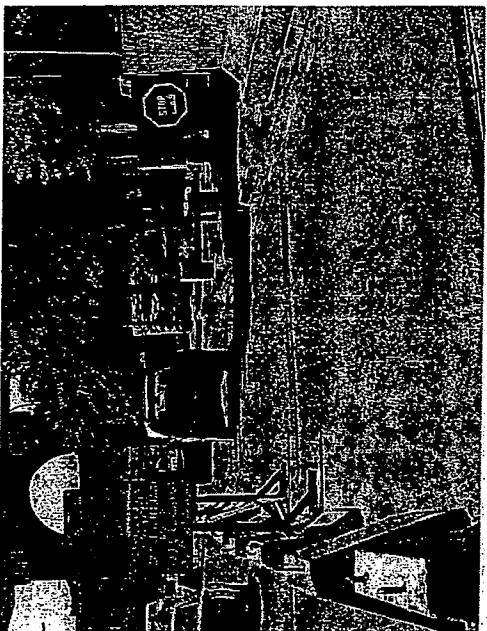
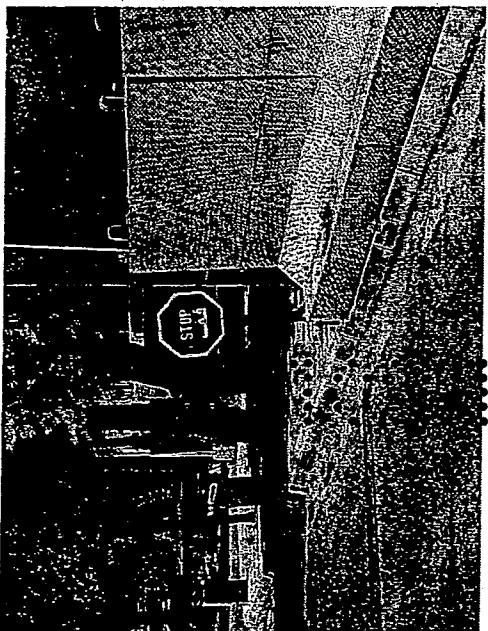
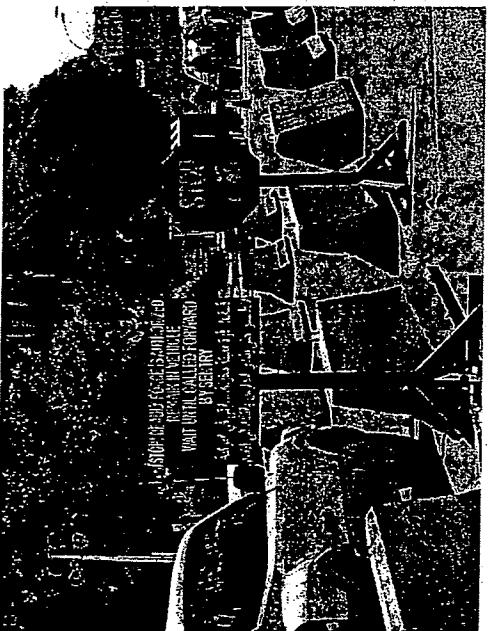
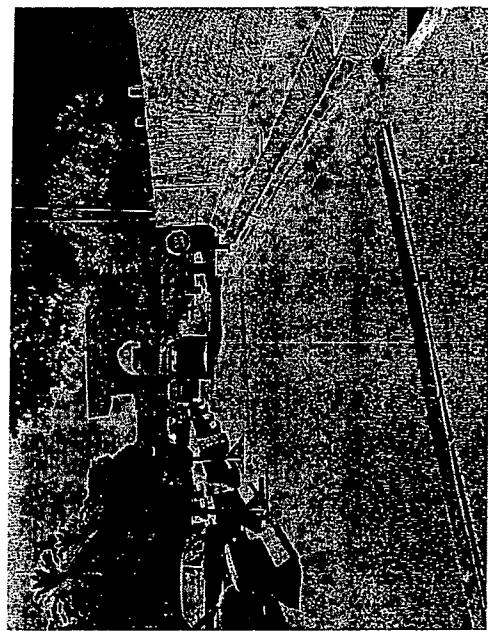
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02 August 2005

Spot Report - 080205-1 (Update 1)

Subject: COM PSD Engaged Vehicle with Small Arms Fire.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 0843 AUG 2005, a Blackwater COM Quick Reaction Force (QRF) engaged a suspicious vehicle in the vicinity of an International Zone (IZ) checkpoint. The QRF was returning with an advance team when a white, Toyota Landcruiser, driven by a Local National (LN), approached the rear vehicle at a high rate of speed. After unsuccessfully attempting to stop the vehicle through hand and arm signals, a Protective Security Specialist (PSS) engaged the engine compartment with (1) round of Small Arms Fire (SAF). After this round failed to stop the vehicle, the PSS re-engaged the windshield with (2) additional rounds of SAF causing the vehicle to stop. The driver and passenger were last seen exiting the vehicle and did not appear to be wounded. The motorcade continued to the Embassy Annex without further incident.

An LN located in the pedestrian entrance into the IZ was hit in the neck by (1) round of SAF. The round is believed to have been a ricochet fired during the above mentioned engagement. The LN was evacuated to the Combat Surgical Hospital (CSH) and is in critical condition.

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RSO Action: An ARSO will be dispatched the CSH to interview any witnesses and if possible the wounded LN; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

03 August 2005

Spot Report - 080305-1

Subject: COM QRF Engagement of Vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 1050 August 2005, a DynCorp COM Quick Reaction Force (QRF), enroute to link up with a Protective Security Detail (PSD), engaged a vehicle operated by a Local National (LN). The QRF was traveling with approximately 100M of "Stand Off" distance between its rear HMMWV and all other traffic. As the QRF moved through an intersection, a white (4) door sedan with (1) occupant, passed all other traffic and closed on the rear HMMWV at a high rate of speed. After unsuccessfully attempting to stop the vehicle through the use of hand and arm signals and flashing of a "Sure-Fire" light, the upgunner on the rear HMMWV engaged the vehicle's engine compartment with (3) rounds of Small Arms Fire (SAF). The vehicle swerved to the side of the road and immediately came to a stop. There are no known casualties resulting from this action, and the QRF continued its mission without further incident.

RSO Action: Investigation as required. Written statements obtained.**Location:** Baghdad, "Red Zone," Iraq~~DO NOT RELEASE~~

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Date: August 4, 2005

Reporting Time: 10:06 a.m. EDT

COM Quick Reaction Force Engagement of Vehicle**Subject:** COM QRF Engagement of Vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: On August 2005, a Blackwater COM Quick Reaction Force (QRF) engaged a black, four-door sedan with one round of Small Arms Fire (SAF). The QRF was staged in a parking lot in the vicinity of the Al Monsour Hotel. Hotel employees, positioned near the parking lot entrance, were stopping all incoming traffic in order to establish "Stand Off" distance for the static QRF. Upon reaching the parking lot entrance, the subject vehicle, which was occupied by five Local Nationals (LN), was informed of the QRF's presence. After being requested to turn around, the sedan continued past the hotel employees towards the QRF's position at a high rate of speed. After unsuccessfully attempting to stop the oncoming vehicle through the use of hand and arm signals, the up-gunner on the closest Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) engaged the vehicle's engine compartment with one round of SAF. The subject vehicle then came to an immediate stop, turned around, and exited the parking lot. There are no known casualties resulting from this engagement and the QRF continued its mission without further incident.

Next Step: RSO is investigating the incident.**DECLASSIFIED**

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**U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD****Reporting time: 05:07 EST**

09 August 2005

Spot Report - 080905-1

Subject: COM PSD Engages an Aggressively Operated Vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 1152, on 09 AUG 2005, a Blackwater COM Quick Reaction Force (QRF) engaged a suspicious vehicle in the vicinity of the Ministry of Electricity. The QRF was exiting the venue when a **green & blue stationwagon**, operated by a Local National (LN), approached the rear vehicle at a high rate of speed. After unsuccessfully attempting to stop the vehicle through hand and arm signals, a Protective Security Specialist (PSS) engaged the engine compartment with (2) rounds of Small Arms Fire (SAF) causing the vehicle to stop. The driver did not appear to be wounded, and QRF continued to the Embassy Annex without further incident.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.**Location:** Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq**DECLASSIFIED**

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10 August 2005

Spot Report - 081005- 1

Subject: COM PSD Engages an Aggressively Operated Vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 1118, on 10 AUG 2005, a Blackwater COM Advance Team engaged a black, (4) door sedan that was being operated in an aggressive manner. The motorcade, which was stopped in traffic, established approximately 75-100m of "Standoff" distance between its follow and all other vehicles. The **subject vehicle**, occupied by (1) local national, proceeded to circumvent all other stopped traffic and approach the follow vehicle. After unsuccessfully attempting to stop the vehicle through the use of verb commands and hand and arm signals, the well gunner engaged the engine compartment with (1) round of Small Arms Fire (SAF). The vehicle came to an immediate halt and the motorcade continued its mission without further incident. There are no known casualties resulting from this incident.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.**Location:** Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

18 August 2005

Spot Report - 081805- 05

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** BlackWater PSD fires three rounds into approaching vehicle.

At approximately 1234 on 18 August 2005, a COM Team en route from a venue in the Red Zone to the International Zone (IZ) encountered an aggressive vehicle. While traveling in traffic on a three-lane highway, the team's follow element, acting as a CAT vehicle observed a grey or silver small sedan operated by a single driver quickly accelerate past the local traffic from behind and approach to within the team's standoff "bubble" of 125-150 meters. The team's follow element attempted to use verbal and visual signals, to include waiving a rifle up and down, in order to ward off the looming vehicle. The vehicle ignored these warnings and continued to within 45 – 50 meters of the follow element, at which point, the Left Rear gunner fired two rounds into the grill and one round into the tire, and the vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop on the right side of the road. It did not appear to the team that the occupant was injured. The team's motorcade continued on to the IZ. There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed pending written statements from PSD team members.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

28 August 2005

Spot Report - 082805- 01

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** DynCorp PSD fires one round into approaching vehicle.

At approximately 1054 on 28 August 2005, a COM Team en route from a venue in the Red Zone to a staging area within the Red Zone encountered an aggressive vehicle. While stopped in traffic on a one lane roadway, the team's follow element had established an approximate 40 meter standoff "bubble" from traffic and observed a **silver four door sedan** operated by a single driver attempting to make his way past the stopped traffic. When the vehicle passed the stopped traffic it began to quickly accelerate past the local traffic and approach to within approximately 30-35 meters of the follow vehicle. The team's follow element attempted to use verbal and visual signals, in order to ward off the looming vehicle. The vehicle ignored these warnings and continued to accelerate towards the motorcade follow element, at which point, the turret gunner fired one round into the engine block. The vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop on the right side of the roadway. The driver sat inside his vehicle and didn't exit. It did not appear to the team that the occupant was injured. The team's motorcade continued on to the designated staging area. There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

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Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

29 August 2005



Spot Report - 082905-01

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** BlackWater PSD fires three rounds into approaching vehicle resulting in injury to an Iraqi Local National.

At approximately 1225 on 29 August 2005, a BlackWater Tactical Support Team #26 (TST-26) was escorting a COM PSD Team en route from the International Zone (IZ) to a venue in the Red Zone. The teams traveled past the venue approximately 25 feet and the local traffic was stopped against the curb to the left side of the PSD team. The COM PSD team was backing up in order to make a right hand turn into the venue. There was local traffic stopped approximately 100 meters to the rear of the motorcade. The local traffic that was stopped to the left of the motorcade was approximately 7 meters away and had been traveling the opposite direction on a two lane roadway and pulled to the side of the road when the motorcade approached. A Blue, two door, Volkswagen Golf with a single occupant pulled away from his location and drove directly towards the motorcade's limo. The Left Hatch Gunner noticed the vehicle driving directly towards the limo and fired two rounds into the engine block to stop the vehicle. The vehicle didn't come to a stop and the Left Hatch Gunner fired one round at the driver. The round struck the top of the vehicle's hood and then struck the driver on the top of his head and exited out the rear window. The driver of the vehicle slumped down towards the passenger's seat and the vehicle rolled away

from the limo and came to a stop in the roadway.. The COM PSD Team continued into the venue with the COM personnel. The TST team rendered first aid to the driver and an ambulance was notified. After approximately fifteen minutes of waiting for an ambulance the driver didn't want to stay and left the scene. No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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SUBJECT: Motorcade Incident, 30 July 2004

SUMMARY

1. (SBU) On 30 July 2004, a U.S. Embassy motorcade was returning from the Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) when protective agents had reason to believe that they had entered into an ambush. A detail member fired several warning shots at perceived attackers as the motorcade pushed through the site and returned to the International Zone. The incident occurred just outside a main checkpoint into the International Zone. There were no known casualties to Iraqi nationals.

DETAILS

2. (SBU) At approximately 1940 hours on 30 July 2004 a U.S. Embassy motorcade departed from BIAP enroute to the International Zone (IZ). The motorcade was composed of

The detail was composed of protective security specialists from Blackwater. The principals were [redacted] and a [redacted]
[redacted] The personnel in the motorcade had been part of [redacted]

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the BIAP advance for the Secretary of State's visit to Baghdad.

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3. (SBU) As the motorcade approached [redacted] detail members spotted a blue sedan with two male occupants attempt to make a U-turn approximately 400 meters in front of the motorcade. The motorcade was forced to slow down and come to a complete stop as the blue sedan was in the path of the motorcade.

4. (SBU) As the motorcade came to a complete stop, the turret gunner in the tail HMMWV noticed two males on a nearby rooftop. The men were carrying rifles. The gunner immediately shouted verbal commands to the men on the rooftop. The men did not comply and the gunner fired a total of 4 warning shots in the immediate vicinity of the perceived threat. Upon hearing the shots, the motorcade was maneuvered around the stopped sedan and continued into the military checkpoint a short distance up the road. No other shots were fired.

5. (SBU) There were no known casualties as a result of the incident.

CONCLUSION

6. (SBU) The road on which the incident took place is a well-traveled road that has seen dozens of attacks against coalition forces. These attacks have included everything from small arms attacks to improvised explosives and VBIEDs.

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7. (SBU) Based on a review of the incident, current enemy TTPs and the totality of the circumstances it was reasonable for the protective detail to believe that the motorcade was being set up for an ambush. It is also possible that this was an attempted ambush that was preempted due to the decisive actions of the protective detail.

8. (SBU) There is no reason to believe that this particular motorcade was being targeted.

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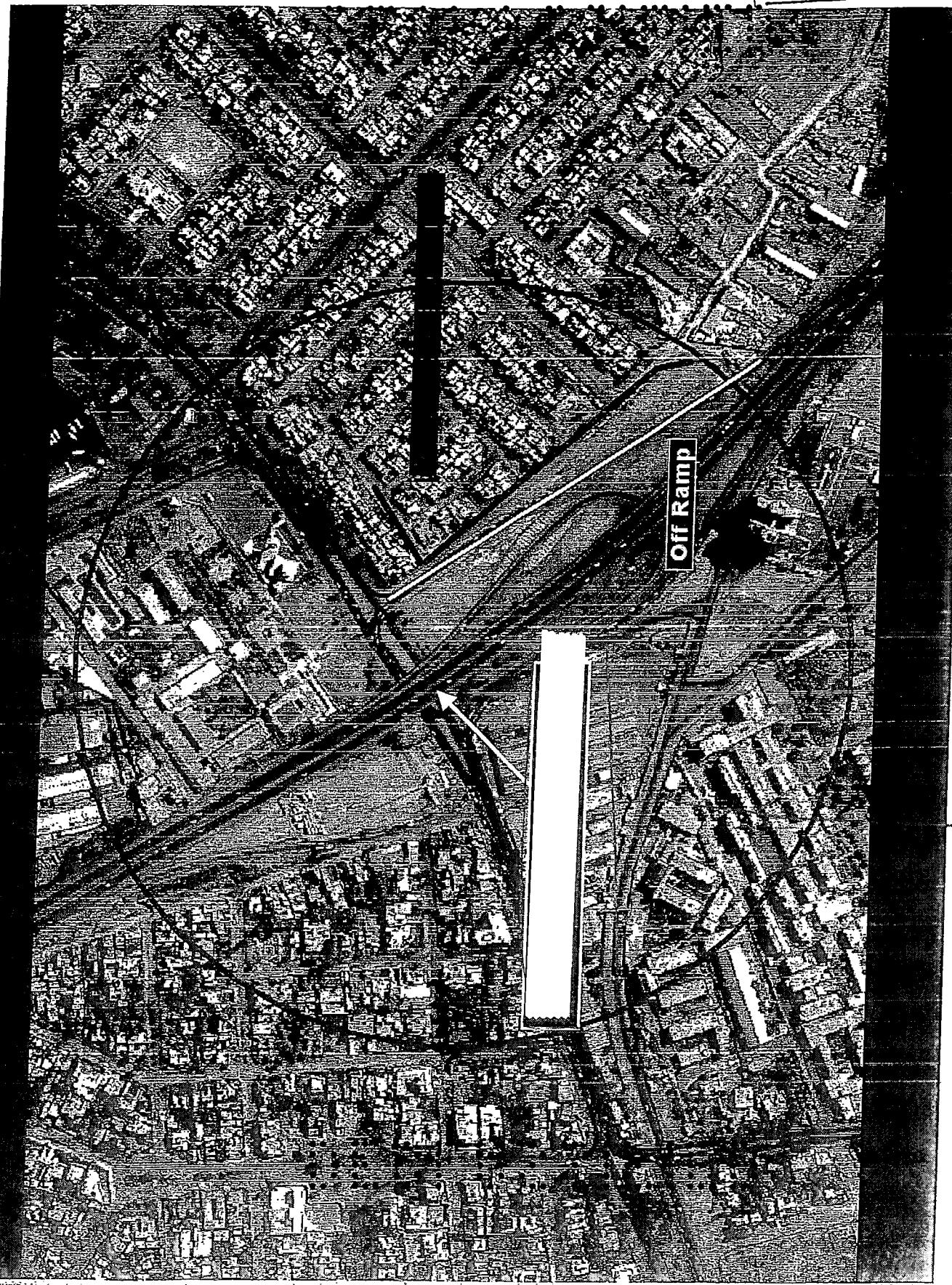
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TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: SHOOTING OF IRAQI NATIONAL AT EMBASSY ANNEX
TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT

REF: N/A

1. SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. PROTECT ACCORDINGLY.

2. (SBU) SUMMARY: On 26 January 2005, at approximately 0930 hours, Marine guards assigned to the northern traffic control point (TCP [REDACTED]) of the U.S. Embassy Annex opened fire on a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP through the exit lane. The local national driver of the vehicle was injured in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted, as well as an interview of the wounded driver. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards involved, and digital video of the incident was reviewed. RSO Baghdad determined that the local national had no apparent hostile intent and that his actions were based on his misunderstanding of new security procedures. Although additions to the TCP needed to prevent further such incidents were identified, no evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine guards acted outside established Rules of Engagement. RSO Baghdad has closed its inquiry into this incident. END SUMMARY

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3. (SBU) On 26 January 2005, at approximately 0930 hours, RSO Baghdad monitored radio traffic from the northern traffic control point (TCP [REDACTED]) of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle operated

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by a local national. (NOTE: TCP [] is manned by Marines of Gulf Company, 276, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. END NOTE) These Marines further reported that the local national driver had been injured and was being evacuated to the nearby Combat Surgical Hospital (CSH) for treatment.

The Marine guards also stated via radio that []

[] had fired one round of [] from his [] and that [] had fired 12 rounds of [] from his [] in two bursts of six.

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4. (SBU) At approximately 0935 hours, ARSOs were dispatched by RSO John Frese to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. ARSOs arrived at TCP [] at approximately 0945 hours. An ARSO briefly questioned [] as to the circumstances of the shooting. [] stated that a vehicle operated by an Iraqi national had attempted to enter the TCP through the exit lane. [] further stated that he stepped into the street and gave verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. [] related that when the driver failed to heed the warnings, he raised his [] racked a round, and fired one shot at the vehicle's hood. [] stated that the vehicle continued forward and at that time the machine gun assigned to the TCP opened fire, bringing the vehicle to a halt.

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5. (U) ARSOs inspected the vehicle, which had been moved approximately 50 yards from the site of the incident. The vehicle was a black Toyota Avalon, Iraqi license plate number []

[] There were multiple bullet impacts visible in the grill, hood, windshield, and roof of the vehicle.

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Holes were evident in the upper framing of the rear passenger compartment on the driver's side, consistent with a bullet trajectory passing through the vehicle. A moderate quantity of blood spatter was evident on the steering wheel, driver side door armrest, driver side window, center armrest console, passenger seat, and flooring. No bullets were recovered. A search of the vehicle conducted by the Marine Sergeant of the Guard,

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[] and Corporal of the Guard, [] found no weapons or visible explosives. A hand-held radio was found. Photographs of the vehicle and the incident scene were taken and are attached.

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6. (SBU) At approximately 1000 hours, a U.S. Army explosives detecting dog arrived at TCP [] and conducted an examination of the vehicle. No explosives were detected. During this examination, []

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informed ARSO that the Iraqi driver had been identified as
Subsequent information provided by
employers who arrived at TCB revealed that , is
employed on the protective security detail for the
President of the Interim Iraqi Government (IIG).

7. (SBU) At approximately 1010 hours, [] USMC provided ARSO with fourteen spent casings, fourteen [] links, and one spent [] casing. These items were recovered from TCP [] subsequent to the shooting incident.

8. (SBU) At approximately 1020 hours, ARSOs arrived at the CSH to which [] had been transported after the incident. According to staff in the Emergency Room, [] wounds were superficial, and consisted of lacerations to his right hand and forearm, and a small portion of his left hand, caused either by bullet fragmentation or flying glass. No stitches were required and no nerve or ligament damage was found. No gunshot wounds were found. At approximately 1030 hours, ARSO interviewed [] at the CSH. The interview was conducted in the Arabic language. [] stated that he was returning to the Presidential residence from having his vehicle repaired. [] further stated that when he approached TCP [] he noticed that the exit lane, which formerly had been open, was now chicaned by jersey barriers. [] related that he began to enter TCP [] through the exit lane, as he had always done, in order to turn left onto the access road to the Presidential Residence. [] recalled that as he traveled through the chicane he observed a Marine guard step into the roadway and raise his [] at the vehicle. [] claimed that he then ducked his head below the steering wheel and raised his identification badge above his head using his left hand. [] admitted that he continued to move forward after doing so. [] asserted that he could not remember in detail what occurred next, and stated only that the car came to a stop, he was removed from his vehicle, treated by a Marine, and transported to the CSH. [] maintained that he was not aware that he could no longer use the exit lane to reach the Presidential residence access road. At the conclusion of the interview, [] was released to representatives of the IIG President's protective security detail.

9. (SBU) At approximately 1130 hours, [REDACTED] USMC, obtained written statements regarding the incident

from the involved Marines. In addition, obtained a written statement from the Watch Officer on duty at the time of the incident. These statements detailed the following information:

According to the written statement provided by [redacted], identified as [redacted], he was standing post on the eastern sidewalk (adjacent to the exit lane) of TCP [redacted] at the time of the incident. [redacted] wrote that he noticed a vehicle attempting to enter through the exit lane, and provided the driver of the vehicle three verbal warnings to stop. [redacted] stated that the vehicle continued forward and so he fired one round from his [redacted] into the hood of the vehicle. [redacted] further stated that this round failed to stop the vehicle, at which time [redacted] fired two seven-round bursts at the vehicle.

[redacted] added that he then removed the driver from the vehicle and searched him. [redacted] was asked to explain what signals he had given the driver to stop, and [redacted] responded that he first raised his hand and yelled, "Stop"; then, raised his [redacted] with his right hand, raised his left hand, and yelled "Stop"; then, chambered a round in his [redacted] by racking the slide.

According to the written statement provided by [redacted] identified as [redacted] he was posted as the machine gunner in the bunker located in the center portion (between entrance and exit lanes) of TCP [redacted] at the time of the incident. [redacted] stated that a black car approached the checkpoint in the exit lane, and that he heard [redacted] shout instructions to stop three times in a clear, loud voice. [redacted] continued that he then heard [redacted] fire one shot. [redacted] wrote that after this shot was fired the vehicle continued forward, at which time he fired two seven-round bursts from his [redacted] at the vehicle. After firing, [redacted] stated, [redacted] approached the vehicle and secured the driver.

According to the written statement provided by [redacted], he was the Watch Officer on duty at the time of the incident. [redacted] related that, on two separate occasions on the morning of 26 January 2005, prior to the incident, he instructed the Marine guards at TCP [redacted] not to allow traffic to enter the TCP through the exit lane without permission. [redacted] stated that on the second occasion, at approximately 0900, he personally instructed the Marines at TCP [redacted] in how to respond to vehicles entering through the

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exit lane. _____ recalled that the instructions he gave were as follows: if a vehicle attempted to enter through the exit lane, _____ should step out into the street and shout, "Stop," while raising his fist. If the vehicle did not heed this instruction, _____ should maintain his fist in the air, raise his _____ with the other hand, and again shout, "Stop." If this failed to halt the vehicle, _____ should fire a round into the hood of the vehicle. _____ stated that _____ acknowledged these orders. _____ further stated that he was not present at TCP, _____ when the incident occurred.

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10. (SBU) At approximately 1130 hours, under instructions from _____ USMC, conducted a physical count of the number of rounds remaining in the ammunition canister issued to _____. This count found 184 rounds remaining out of 200. Based on this count, sixteen rounds of _____ were fired during the incident. According to _____ no similar count was conducted of _____ ammunition issued to _____

11. (SBU) At approximately 1200 hours, ARSO reviewed digital video of the incident captured by a closed circuit television camera^t _____ of TCP _____. b6 b7L

The digital video showed _____ vehicle approaching the entrance lane for TCP _____. Immediately before the first set of jersey barriers marking the northern boundary of the TCP, the vehicle suddenly swerved into the exit lane and continued to approach the Marine guards. _____ can be seen stepping into the street. Several seconds later there appear to be bullet impacts in the jersey barrier immediately in front of the vehicle. The vehicle then stops and the driver can be seen exiting the vehicle. The digital video lacks sufficient clarity to determine when either _____ or _____ fired at the vehicle, and what actions _____ took prior to firing. Bullet impacts on the vehicle cannot be discerned.

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12. (SBU) COMMENT: The RSO Baghdad physical security section, as well as _____, confirmed _____ statement that the jersey barrier chicane in the exit lane was new, and that it had been constructed during the late evening of 25 January 2005 and early morning of 26 January 2005. Prior to this improvement (necessitated by the removal of an Army-operated TCP further north of TCP _____), vehicles turning onto the Presidential residence access road had been permitted to drive counter-flow down the

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extreme eastern side of the road leading into TCP [redacted] At [redacted] b2 b5
the time of the incident, there was no visible sign
informing inbound traffic of the new traffic pattern.
Signs in Arabic warning that all traffic must now pass
through the entrance lane were posted at TCP [redacted] by mid-
afternoon of 26 January 2005.

13. (SBU) COMMENT (CONTINUED): Nonetheless, based on the statements from [redacted] and [redacted] as well as the digital video, there is no evidence that the Marine guards acted in contravention of their Rules of Engagement when they opened fire on [redacted] vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this inquiry closed and has concluded that no adverse action is warranted.

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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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TO: The Ambassador
THROUGH: Deputy Chief of Mission – James Jeffrey
FROM: Regional Security Office – John Frese
SUBJECT: Shooting of Iraqi National at Traffic Control Point [] L2 b2 b7c

On January 26, 2005, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Marine guards of G Company, 2/6, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade assigned to the northern Traffic Control Point (TCP) [] for the Embassy Annex fired upon a vehicle. The Iraqi national driver, later identified as [], a member of the Iraqi protective security detail for President Al-Yawar, was lightly. The Regional Security Office responded and conducted an investigation into the circumstances of the incident. This investigation concluded that the Marines acted within the parameters of their Rules of Engagement.

The incident began when [] attempted to pass through TCP [] in the lane designated for outbound traffic. [] intended to turn onto the access road which runs into the eastern edge of TCP [] and which leads to the Presidential residence. In the past, vehicles turning onto this access road were permitted to by-pass the control point in the outbound lane. However, security upgrades implemented overnight from January 25 to January 26, 2005 prevent this practice [] was unaware of the new traffic pattern and assumed that he was still permitted to travel in the outbound lane.

As [] entered the outbound lane, a Marine guard stepped into the road and gave a series of verbal and visual warnings. [] stated that he did not see or hear these signals until the Marine guard raised his rifle, presented his non-firing hand, and shouted for [] to stop. Unfortunately, [] did not heed the instruction, but instead ducked down and raised his identification badge with his left hand. As [] vehicle continued forward, the Marine guard fired one aimed rifle shot into the grill area of the vehicle. When this too failed to halt the vehicle, the Marine guard posted to the machine gun bunker fired two eight-round bursts at the vehicle, disabling it and bringing it to a stop. Fragmentation and flying glass from one or more of these rounds struck [] hands and caused a number of minor lacerations. [] was provided first aid by the Marine Corporal of the Guard, and was transported to the Combat Surgical Hospital for further treatment. He was released within an hour.

The Marine guards involved in this incident acted within the scope of their Rules of Engagement, having provided verbal and visual warnings, as well as having fired so as to disable the vehicle. Subsequent to the incident, signs written in Arabic have been placed at TCP [] in order to warn against entering through the outbound lane.

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Date: January 18, 2005

To: RSO Shop

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RE: Serious Incident Report

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18 January 2005, along the south side of the river .5 miles south of the CPA

1. Description of Incident.

On January 18, 2005, Blackwater Air (two helicopters) returned from one mission to quickly refuel before launching again to support a mission with Templar 3. Upon preparing to launch gunfire was reported coming from just south of Washington LZ. They launched immediately, since first indications were that the gunfire was coming from within the IZ. ATC (Air Traffic Control) reported by radio that the enemy fire was south of the Embassy Annex, along the river. Blackwater 33 and 34 (aircraft designations)

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Blackwater 34 found a joint American/ Iraqi patrol pinned down and engaged in a firefight. Friendly units from the Embassy side of the river began to engage the enemy as we approached. The American patrol waved their arms got the helicopter's attention, and pointed at the target building the fire was coming from. Approximately 9 enemy personnel were involved as seen from the air. Blackwater 34 identified the building, and began circling. While on the backside of the building, 2 Iraqi's were running with AK's. They saw the little birds, and turned around, running back into the target building. Blackwater 33 and 34 continued to provide over watch, waiting for US Army air assets to arrive. Then the aircraft received aimed automatic weapons fire from the top floor of the enemy held building. **Blackwater 33/34 returned fire.** This occurred two more times until US Army Apaches arrived on site.

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Blackwater 33/34 required top off refueling to support Templar 3. They returned to LZ Washington. Upon completion of the refuel process Blackwater Air launched. They heard via air control net that the Apaches were being called off station. Almost immediately after the departure of the Apaches a fresh volley of gunfire erupted from the area of the firefight. Blackwater Air launched and contacted the Apaches to offer assistance. No assistance was required so Blackwater 33/34 acknowledged and continued their transit flight to Templar 3's location to support their return motorcade trip to the IZ. After the missions were complete, a fly by the now quiet firefight location revealed US Army forces in control of the building. We observed 9 personnel in custody. It appeared two of the detainees (matching the description of the two enemy combatants who originally tried to run from the backside of the building) were the men wearing distinctive shirts who stopped fleeing the scene and returned to the building after seeing Blackwater 33 and 34 orbiting the building.

2. List of involved team members/witnesses.

Blackwater 33 : [redacted]

Blackwater 34 : [redacted]

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3. POC is the undersigned at

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION



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26 January 2005 Shooting of LN at TCP		2005-0002	
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Baghdad	26 January 2005	26 January 2005	S/A TJ Lunardi

SYNOPSIS

On 26 January 2005, at approximately 0930 hours, Marine guards assigned to the northern traffic control point (TCP) of the U.S. Embassy Annex opened fire on a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP through the exit lane. The local national driver of the vehicle was injured in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted, as well as an interview of the wounded driver. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards involved, and digital video of the incident was reviewed. No evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine guards acted outside established Rules of Engagement. Case closed.

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On 26 January 2005, at approximately 0930 hours, RA monitored radio traffic from the northern traffic control point (TCP) [] of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle operated by a local [] national. TCP [] is manned by Marines of Golf Company, 2/6, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. These Marines further reported that the local national driver had been injured and was being evacuated to the nearby Combat Surgical Hospital (CSH) for treatment. The Marine guards also stated via radio that [] had fired one round of [] from his [] and that [] had fired 12 rounds of [] from his [] in two bursts of six. [] b2 b7c

At approximately 0935 hours, RA and SA Ray Baroni were dispatched by RSO John Frese to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. RA and SA Baroni arrived at TCP [] at approximately 0945 hours. RA briefly questioned [] as to the circumstances of the shooting. [] stated that a vehicle operated by an Iraqi national had attempted to enter the TCP through the exit lane. [] further stated that he stepped into the street and gave verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. [] related that when the driver failed to heed the warnings, he raised his [] racked a round, and fired one shot at the vehicle's hood. [] stated that the vehicle continued forward and at that time the machine gun assigned to the TCP opened fire, bringing the vehicle to a halt. [] b2 b7c

RA and SA Baroni inspected the vehicle, which had been moved approximately 50 yards from the site of the incident. The vehicle was a black Toyota Avalon, Iraqi license plate number 235549. There were multiple bullet impacts visible in the grill, hood, windshield, and roof of the vehicle. Holes were evident in the upper framing of the rear passenger compartment on the driver's side, consistent with a bullet trajectory passing through the vehicle. A moderate quantity of blood spatter was evident on the steering wheel, driver side door armrest, driver side window, center armrest console, passenger seat, and flooring. No bullets were recovered. A search of the vehicle conducted by the Marine Sergeant of the Guard, [], and Corporal of the Guard, [], found no weapons or visible explosives. A hand-held radio was found. Photographs of the vehicle and the incident scene were taken and are attached. [] b2

At approximately 1000 hours, a U.S. Army explosives detecting dog arrived at TCP [] and conducted an examination of the vehicle. No explosives were detected. During this examination, [] informed RA that the Iraqi driver had been identified as []. Subsequent information provided by [] employers who arrived at TCP [] revealed that [] is employed on the protective security detail for the President of the Interim Iraqi Government (IIG). [] b2 b7c L

At approximately 1010 hours, [] USMC, provided SA Craig Kanahele with fourteen spent casings, fourteen [] links, and one spent [] casing. These items were recovered from TCP Audi subsequent to the shooting incident. [] b2 b7c

At approximately 1020 hours, RA and SA James Mulligan arrived at the CSH to which [] had been transported after the incident. According to staff in the Emergency Room, [] wounds were superficial, and consisted of lacerations to his right hand and forearm, and a small portion of his left hand, caused either by bullet fragmentation or flying glass. No stitches were required and no nerve or ligament damage was found. No gunshot wounds were found. [] b2 b7c

At approximately 1030 hours, RA interviewed [REDACTED] at the CSH. The interview was conducted in the Arabic language. [REDACTED] stated that he was returning to the Presidential residence from having his vehicle repaired. [REDACTED] further stated that when he approached TCP [REDACTED] he noticed that the exit lane, which formerly had been open, was now chicaned by jersey barriers. [REDACTED] related that he began to enter TCP [REDACTED] through the exit lane, as he had always done, in order to turn left onto the access road to the Presidential Residence. [REDACTED] recalled that as he traveled through the chicane he observed a Marine guard step into the roadway and raise his [REDACTED] at the vehicle. [REDACTED] claimed that he then ducked his head below the steering wheel and raised his identification badge above his head using his left hand. [REDACTED] admitted that he continued to move forward after doing so. [REDACTED] asserted that he could not remember in detail what occurred next, and stated only that the car came to a stop, he was removed from his vehicle, treated by a Marine, and transported to the CSH. [REDACTED] maintained that he was not aware that he could no longer use the exit lane to reach the Presidential residence access road. At the conclusion of the interview, [REDACTED] was released to representatives of the IIG President's protective security detail.

At approximately 1130 hours, [REDACTED], USMC, obtained written statements regarding the incident from the involved Marines. In addition, [REDACTED] obtained a written statement from the Watch Officer on duty at the time of the incident. These statements were provided to RA.

According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] identified as [REDACTED], he was standing post on the eastern sidewalk (adjacent to the exit lane) of TCP [REDACTED] at the time of the incident. [REDACTED] wrote that he noticed a vehicle attempting to enter through the exit lane, and provided the driver of the vehicle three verbal warnings to stop. [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle continued forward and so he fired one round from his [REDACTED] into the hood of the vehicle. [REDACTED] further stated that this round failed to stop the vehicle, at which time [REDACTED] fired two seven-round bursts at the vehicle. [REDACTED] added that he then removed the driver from the vehicle and searched him. [REDACTED] was asked to explain what signals he had given the driver to stop, and [REDACTED] responded that he first raised his hand and yelled, "Stop"; then, raised his [REDACTED] with his right hand, raised his left hand, and yelled "Stop"; then, chambered a round in his [REDACTED] by racking the slide.

According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] identified as [REDACTED] he was posted as the machine gunner in the bunker located in the center portion (between entrance and exit lanes) of TCI [REDACTED] at the time of the incident. [REDACTED] stated that a black car approached the checkpoint in the exit lane, and that he heard [REDACTED] shout instructions to stop three times in a clear, loud voice. [REDACTED] continued that he then heard [REDACTED] fire one shot. [REDACTED] wrote that after this shot was fired the vehicle continued forward, at which time he fired two seven-round bursts from his [REDACTED] at the vehicle. After firing, [REDACTED] stated, [REDACTED] approached the vehicle and secured the driver.

According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED], he was the Watch Officer on duty at the time of the incident. [REDACTED] related that, on two separate occasions on the morning of 26 January 2005, prior to the incident, he instructed the Marine guards at TCP [REDACTED] to allow traffic to enter the TCP through the exit lane without permission. [REDACTED] stated that on the second occasion, at approximately 0900, he

personally instructed the Marines at TCP [] in how to respond to vehicles entering through the exit lane. [] recalled that the instructions he gave were as follows: if a vehicle attempted to enter through the exit lane, [] should step out into the street and shout, "Stop," while raising his fist. If the vehicle did not heed this instruction, [] should maintain his fist in the air, raise his [] with the other hand, and again shout, "Stop." If this failed to halt the vehicle, [] should fire a round into the hood of the vehicle. [] stated that [] acknowledged these orders. [] further stated that he was not present at TCP [] when the incident occurred.

At approximately 1130 hours, under instructions from [] USMC, conducted a physical count of the number of rounds remaining in the [] ammunition canister issued to []. This count found 184 rounds remaining out of 200. Based on this count, sixteen rounds of [] were fired during the incident. According to [] no similar count was conducted of [] ammunition issued to [].

At approximately 1200 hours, RA reviewed digital video of the incident captured by a closed circuit television camera [] of TCP []. The digital video showed [] vehicle approaching the entrance lane for TCP []. Immediately before the first set of jersey barriers marking northern boundary of the TCP, the vehicle suddenly swerved into the exit lane and continued to approach the Marine guards. [] can be seen stepping into the street. Several seconds later there appear to be bullet impacts in the jersey barrier immediately in front of the vehicle. The vehicle then stops and the driver can be seen exiting the vehicle. The digital video lacks sufficient clarity to determine when either [] or [] fired at the vehicle, and what actions [] took prior to firing. Bullet impacts on the vehicle cannot be discerned.

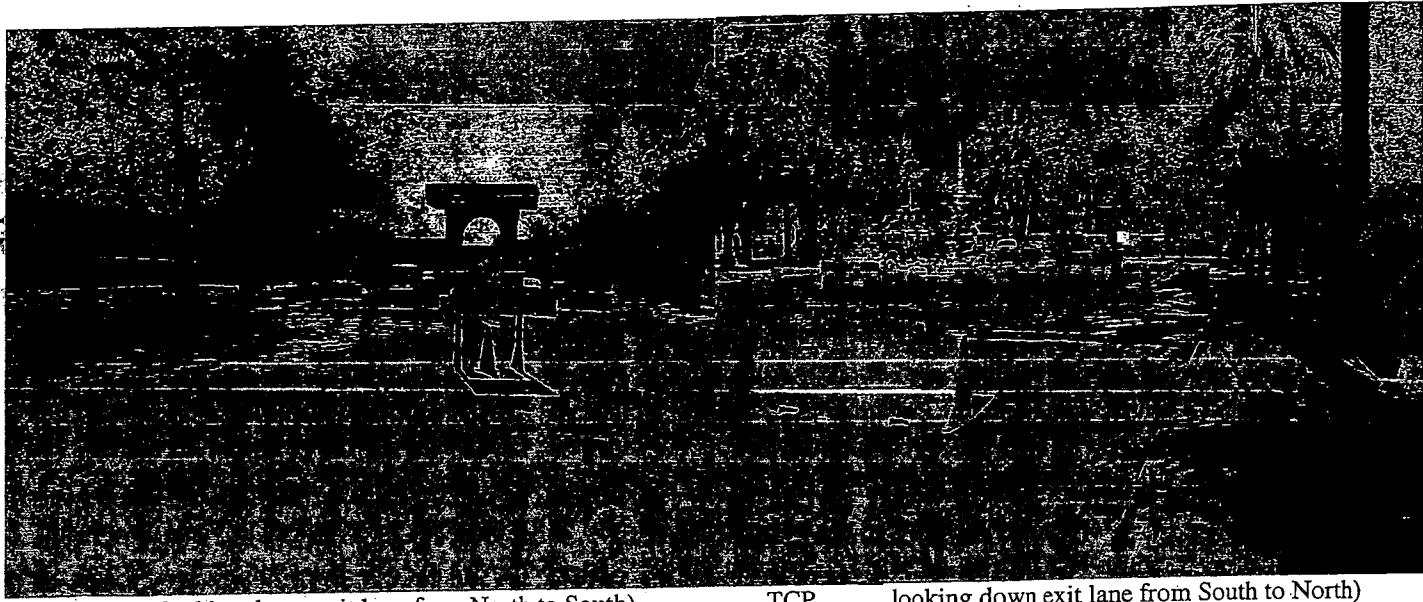
Separate conversations with SA John Bush and [] confirmed [] statement that the jersey barrier chicane in the exit lane was new, and that it had been constructed during the late evening of 25 January 2005 and early morning of 26 January 2005. In RA's experience, vehicles turning onto the Presidential residence access road had, in the past, been permitted to drive counter-flow down the eastern side of the road leading into TCP []. When RA arrived at the scene of the incident, there was no visible sign informing inbound traffic of the new traffic pattern.

Nonetheless, based on the statements from [] and [] as well as the digital video, there is no evidence that the Marine guards acted in contravention of their Rules of Engagement when they opened fire on []'s vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

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TCF _____ looking down exit lane from North to South)

TCP _____ looking down exit lane from South to North)

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Front of Vehicle (bullet impacts indicated with circles)

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Exterior and Interior of Vehicle Front Windshield



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Driver's Side Door and Interior

Passenger Side Interior



Approximate Stop Point of Vehicle (note fluid leak in street)

Blood Spatter on Eastern Sidewalk of TCP

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

24 April 2005

Spot Report 042405 - 4

Subject: Shots fired by a Blackwater Team / Chief of Mission

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At approximately 1520 on [REDACTED], a Blackwater Security Detail (PSD) was involved in a shooting incident while traveling from the International Zone to Al-Hillah. As the motorcade approached heavy traffic and was stopped, a van approached the motorcade at a high rate of speed. PSD personnel attempted to signal the driver of the van to stay back using hand signals, flood lamps, a pen flare and weapons display. At 35 meters, one team member fired one round into the grill of the approaching van and one in the passenger compartment. Once the vehicle approached to approximately 30 meters, another team member fired 3 rounds into the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The van then swerved to the left and stopped. The van's right rear door then opened but dark curtains covered the opening so PSD members could not see inside. The team deployed smoke to cover their movements and continued their mission to USREO Al-Hillah.

No PSD team members or principal were injured in the attack. There was no damage to the motorcade vehicles. It is unknown if there were any injuries inside the van.

Location: [REDACTED] approximately 24 km north of Al Hillah
Next Steps: N/A

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FOR DS/IP/HTOP, DS, DS/IP/NEA, NEA/EX

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: PSD TEAMS FIRE ON SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES

REF: A. RSO/TOC BAGHDAD SPOT REPORTS 2/16/05-2
B. 2/16/05-3

1. (U) SUMMARY: WHILE OPERATING OUTSIDE THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE TODAY TWO SEPARATE RSO/PSD TEAMS WERE FORCED TO FIRE ON VEHICLES THEY DEEMED TO BE THREATS. BOTH INCIDENTS OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME. IN ONE OF THE INCIDENTS, THE PASSENGER OF A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE OPENED FIRE ON THE TEAM. THE DRIVER OF THAT VEHICLE APPEARED TO BE STRUCK SEVERAL TIMES, BUT HIS CONDITION IS UNKNOWN. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) IN THE FIRST INCIDENT A PSD TEAM WAS TRAVELING WITH EMPLOYEES FROM PAO ENROUTE TO A LOCAL TV STATION. THE MOTORCADE WAS TRAVELING ALONG AT SPEED AND OBSERVED A SMALL VEHICLE, PAINTED THE ORANGE AND WHITE INDICATIVE OF A LOCAL TAXI, DRIVING SLOWLY ALONG THE ROAD OFF TO THE RIGHT HAND SIDE. THE TEAM ALSO OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE SOME TYPE OF PACKAGES PILED IN THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT. AS THE MOTORCADE PASSED, THE SUSPECT VEHICLE BEGAN TO INCREASE SPEED. THE MOTORCADE WAS FORCED TO SLOW IN AN AREA OF CONGESTED TRAFFIC AND THE SUSPECT VEHICLE BEGAN TO OVERTAKE THEM. THE PSD MEMBER IN THE RIGHT REAR OPENED HIS DOOR AND ATTEMPTED TO GET THE SUSPECT VEHICLE TO SLOW OR STOP BY YELLING THE ARABIC WORD FOR STOP AND USING THE STANDARD HAND SIGNALS. WHEN THE DRIVER IGNORED THESE ATTEMPTS AND CONTINUED TO APPROACH, THE TEAM MEMBER FIRED A SINGLE SHOT INTO THE SUSPECT VEHICLE'S GRILL. THE SUSPECT VEHICLE CONTINUED TO CLOSE ON THE MOTORCADE. AT THIS TIME THE TEAM MEMBER FIRED TWO ROUNDS INTO THE GRILL, BUT THE VEHICLE STILL DID NOT STOP. BY THIS POINT THE SUSPECT VEHICLE WAS ALMOST PARALLEL TO THE FOLLOW CAR AND BEGAN TURNING TOWARDS THE LIMOUSINE. THE TEAM MEMBER THEN FIRED A SUSTAINED BURST AND SHOT OUT THE WINDSHIELD OF THE VEHICLE. ONLY AFTER THE FINAL BURST DID THE SUSPECT VEHICLE MAKE A RIGHT TURN ONTO A SIDE ROAD AND DRIVE AWAY. IT IS UNKNOWN IF THE DRIVER WAS INJURED.

3. (U) THE SECOND INCIDENT OCCURRED ONLY MINUTES AFTER THE FIRST INCIDENT. IN THIS CASE, THE MOTORCADE WAS A ADVANCE TEAM RETURNING TO THE EMBASSY FROM A VENUE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE. THE MOTORCADE WAS STOPPED BY HEAVY TRAFFIC AND HAD ALREADY CREATED STAND OFF BY HAVING THE VEHICLES BEHIND IT MAINTAIN A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED METERS. AS THE MOTORCADE MOVED WITH TRAFFIC A GRAY VEHICLE, OCCUPIED BY TWO MALES BOTH DRESSED IN BLACK, MERGED FROM A SIDE ROAD ONTO THE SAME ROAD AS THE MOTORCADE AND BEGAN TO DRIVE AROUND THE TRAFFIC STOPPED BEHIND THE

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MOTORCADE BY DRIVING IN THE FAR RIGHT LANE. THE DETAIL MEMBERS BEGAN YELLING THE ARABIC WORD FOR STOP AND USING THE STANDARD HAND GESTURES TO GET THE DRIVER TO COMPLY. WHEN THE DRIVER IGNORED THESE ATTEMPTS, THE WELL GUNNER FIRED A SINGLE ROUND INTO THE GRILL OF THE VEHICLE. AT THAT POINT THE DRIVER ACCELERATED AND TURNED TOWARDS THE NOW STOPPED MOTORCADE. ONCE THE MOTORCADE STOPPED, THE LEFT AND RIGHT REAR MEMBERS EXITED THE FOLLOW CAR AND LEVELED THEIR WEAPONS AT THE SUSPECT VEHICLE. THE PASSENGER OF THE SUSPECT VEHICLE OPENED HIS DOOR, RAISED A HANDGUN AND BEGAN FIRING AT THE FOLLOW CAR. THE PASSENGER FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS, ONE OF WHICH STRUCK THE ROOF OF THE FOLLOW CAR, PENETRATED THE SKIN FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN INCHES THEN EXITED. AT THIS POINT THE WELL, LEFT AND REAR MEMBERS OF THE TEAM OPENED FIRE ON THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE WAS STRUCK SEVERAL TIMES AND THE VEHICLE ROLLED TO A STOP. THE PASSENGER, WHO HAD SLUMPED BELOW THE DASHBOARD WHEN THE TEAM FIRED, EXITED THE VEHICLE AND FLED ON FOOT INTO THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD. BY THIS TIME TRAFFIC HAD CLEARED SUFFICIENTLY TO ALLOW THE MOTORCADE TO BEGIN TO MOVE OFF. HOWEVER, AT AN INTERSECTION APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED METERS FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD, A SECOND VEHICLE APPROACHED THE MOTORCADE FROM A SIDE ROAD AND IGNORED THEIR COMMANDS TO STOP. THE DETAIL LEADER SAID THAT EVEN CITIZENS IN THE STREET WERE ATTEMPTING TO STOP THIS VEHICLE. THE TEAM FIRED ONE SHOT INTO THE GRILL OF THIS VEHICLE AND IT STOPPED IMMEDIATELY. THE TEAM LEFT THE AREA AND RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY WHERE THEY WERE DEBRIEFED BY THE RSO.

4. (U) AFTER THE TEAM MEMBERS WERE DEBRIEFED, THE MATTER WAS TURNED OVER TO THE INVESTIGATIONS SECTION FOR REVIEW. RSO WILL ADVISE OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS SEPTEL. POC FOR THIS IS

S/A DAVID A. BRACKINS, MCI

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After Action Report

Statement of: _____
Date: February 16, 2005

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On 2-16-05 at approximately 1120 hours while near [redacted], our detail was stopped in traffic and maintained a cautious perimeter from the vehicles in front and behind us. It was during this time that I heard a short burst of gun fire. I then heard a large amount of gun fire coming from the rear vehicle and from the rear passenger of our vehicle who was

I exited my vehicle and observed a small gray sedan that came to a stop just short of the follow vehicle. The sedan was pointed as if the vehicle was coming straight for the detail. Everyone then got back in the vehicles and we pushed through the intersection.

Just pass, [redacted] we again got caught in heavy traffic. It was then that I observed a white Opal sedan with two occupants accelerating towards our detail from a secondary side street. I opened my door and gave many stop gestures and even verbal commands to stop. I looked at the driver, making eye contact, and muzzled him with my [redacted] again giving the commands to stop. It was then that I fired 1 shot into the front grill area of the vehicle. The vehicle didn't stop and continued towards the detail. I then fired 4 more shots into the vehicle at which time it came to a stop and the detail continued.

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Respectfully submitted

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- BW

↳ advisement of voluntary
↳ right rear in #4 vehicle,

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↳ coming down off-ramp

↳ advance team coming from MOI, no
principal present

b7 ✓

↳ arrived and relieved,
departed out using

↳ traffic was compliant

↳ came down off
off-ramp

↳ saw vehicle
approaching free

5 → saw at
100 yards, about
well

stopped
in
traffic
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3/4 out of door

→ wh. came out @
moderate speed

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RE-INTERVIEW OF

→ ~~Kalbise Shamsi~~ →

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BACKGROUND

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- ↳ NAVY '93
- ↳ 7 years in Navy SW
 - ↳ w/ teams
- ↓
 - ↳ got out
 - ↳ Training in 1/2004
 - 2/04 - 8/04 on cont w/ EOD Tech near Fallujah
- ↳ 9/04 → went thru DSS-10, then waited for interim to come thru
- ↳ 1/05 joined w/ NPPS contract
 - ↳ 2 weeks in January
- ↓
 - ↳ been w/ Templex 20 since joining
- ↓
 - core group has remained the same

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DECISIONS → strength of team = controls of team

ROE

- BLACK/WHITE = no warning shots, fire only to stop threat
- "COMMON SENSE RULE" = progression of right thing to do threat, progression of force
↓
don't let threat get to your team
- no specific individual briefed on this

b7c ✓

= 36 + 37

→ driver + pass = male, middle age
window open
black clothes, black scarf
addressed in black, thinner

DEC 10 unimproved road

no clear cut division, doesn't
recall there being a curb
would be familiar w/ the
area

(R) handed
shooter
slings on
scab

✓
door completely open when saw
veh. approaching

- not certain if radio call out
re: traffic to front, assumes
there was
 - ↳ in general always try to
have an out when stuck
w/ traffic
 - started giving hand signals,
maintained moderate speed
 - fixed bumper, up through grill,
into hood
 - ↳ did not notice right
front tire punctured
 - I noticed veh. turning toward
m-cab
 - I abrupt turn
 - ↳ "bee-line"
- down was still visible
- DEC 10 RECORDED

did not see any door open
during engagement

engaging vehicle w/ long burst
when [] says "rounds are
coming in"

osc

↓ other
remembers no verbal or radio
comm's during engagement

↳ no talk in car after recovery
no instructions given

*** there was another shot that
day on route out *** -x3
shooting

BREAK GIVEN 1233

RESUME 1243

↳ team members were reviewing

↳ brought up that round
had been friendly

↓ talked w/ []

Bn management
not present
when

never
denied
shooting
roof

↳ discussed
that round

RILED

↳ individual standing at pass door
of vehicle w/ door open

② about
his statement

↳ didn't see kid over by
abandoned car

↳ did not see anything being
done by driver or pass

↳ saw 2 people from a distance
b/t windshield jacked up

↳ this is 1st time they felt like
they were receiving rounds

↳ abruptly took a slight angle

↳ denies vehicle stops @ gaps
in the road

↳ if had known about curb,
guardrail median would not
have changed his judgment
in situation

- ① dr. did not see traff. held
on ramp
- ② dr. chose to ignore them

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To: _____

From: _____

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Subject: Incident on 16 February 2005

I'm a member of the advance team _____ and ride in the rear or follow vehicle in our _____ motorcade. My position is the right rear seat. We where on our way back from doing an advance for _____ at MOI, between _____ and _____ when I engaged a vehicle approaching our motorcade from the rear.

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The vehicle appeared to be an older model 4 door sedan, light faded grey in color. The grey sedan had 2 male Arab occupants, both located in the front of the vehicle. The passenger was dressed in all black and the driver had a black or dark colored scarf around his neck.

We where traveling in the direction of the intersection at _____ coming down a slightly elevated off-ramp. We had all traffic directly to out 6 o'clock held back to approximately 80 to 90 yards. As we came down the off-ramp I observed the aforementioned grey sedan turn onto and adjacent road that paralleled the road we where on at approximately 100 yards away. At this time the motorcade came to a halt do to a build up in traffic to our 12 o'clock position. I gave a verbal call out to the other members in my vehicle to watch the vehicle approaching from the 5 o'clock. As the vehicle approached I made all attempts to get the drivers attention with vigorous hand and arm signals. The car continued to approach despite making eye contact with me, or something in my direction. When the vehicle got within 40 yards I drew my _____ and waved up and down in large motion. At this time it was clear to me that the vehicle was not making any attempt to halt or yield. I felt that the vehicle was moving at an aggressive speed and with a malicious attitude, and that the safety of my crew as well as myself was in danger. So, I fired a burst of 4 to 5 rounds directly into the hood of the approaching sedan. At this time the vehicle made a slight steering correction INTO the direction of our motorcade. I fired one more burst into the engine block area and then walked a long sustained burst into the drivers side windshield. The vehicle decelerated and came to a stop approximately 20 yards from the rear of our vehicle at the 4 o'clock position. At that time I

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drew slightly into the vehicle and yelled out "changing," as I re-loaded my [redacted] with a [redacted]. Approximately 7 to 8 seconds later I sounded off with, "I'm up," to signifying that I was re-loaded and covering my sectors of fire. I reassessed the grey sedan and saw that the driver appeared to be slumped over and motionless. I had no clear view of the passenger. At that time, he appeared to be leaning down in the seat and motionless. I then scanned over my entire sector of fire searching for secondary activity. At this time the motorcade started to move through the traffic. As we moved away I could see that the passenger side door was open, with a male dressed in all black moving away from the sedan.

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After turning left at [redacted] approximately 3 blocks from the intersection, the motorcade again came to a halt do to a build up in traffic to out 12 o'clock. There was an intersecting road to the motorcades 3 o'clock position with and approaching white full sized sedan with 2 male Arab occupants. Our third vehicle was past the intersecting street and had a clear view of the approaching vehicle. We where stopped just before the intersection. The white sedan appeared to slow down as it approached the intersection but then made an aggressive move to attempt to force itself in between the number 3-vehicle and our (follow) vehicle. The 2 shooters on the right side of the number 3-vehicle where making all the appropriate hand and arm signals as well as verbal warnings. There where also several other pedestrians in the immediate area visually and verbally warning the white sedan to stop. Despite this the white sedan failed to yield. At this time the 2 shooters on the right side of the vehicle engaged the vehicle bringing it to an immediate stop. The driver dismounted the vehicle with his hands up and moved away from the vehicle. At this time the traffic to the 12 o'clock of the motorcade cleared up enough for us to move ahead.

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V/R, [redacted]

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↳ [REDACTED] (REDACTED)
↳ [REDACTED] (REDACTED) working

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↳ military - army - 9 years
↳ infantry

↳ 3/03 →

7/04

↳ training @
MOTACK

- 8/04 arrived in

Iraq

coming

↳

Started w T20 in 11/04
when

↳ TC / ATL

↳ became TL in late

12/04

↳ T20: great team, good to
work w, get
along well, no
one particularly
problematic

no one particularly
problematic

DECOM: this incident only direct,
couple other times rounds
bored in general direction

6 → counting 3 incidents as
one



not sure if if ever fired @
occupants before



ROE: if feel threatened can use
lethal force → use gradual
escalation

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warning shots / disabling shots
authorized

last time
formally

first told no warning shots,
then came down that they
could use them

6 came over overpass, stopped
by traffic 2 → heard LR shooting
veh. popped
out of nowhere

M. cake
was
stopped

then heard
rounds

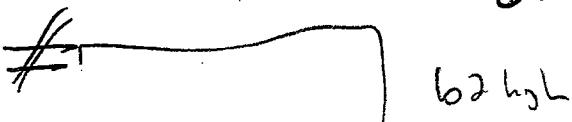
veh.
apparently
stopped

DE 6 → just pulled out



6 got info. @ 0900 from LR and passed it back

↓
4 lane road, veh. went around traffic



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6 doesn't recall comms from lead

6 doesn't recall whether lead was trying to push through

6 doesn't recall if first indicator came from b7c or well

6 doesn't recall if doors were open

↓
yelling, RR was yelling
stop

6 doesn't remember if any info passed before shooting begins

↓
RR fires short burst,

X as SL,
all rear
gunners on
own/lead
on own

6 focused on
whole m-case

DE only indication something was
hitting

↳ after second burst, quickly turned

→ contact to T BASE,
not lead veh.

↳ "knows" received rounds,
that's why stopped and engaged
↳ thought had incoming before the
"single pop"

↳ based on
volume of fire &
sounds distinct as
incoming rounds

↳ opened door, leaned
back a fire

↳ stayed in
veh.

↳ never
touched
ground

- only saw
driver of
veh.

↳ doesn't
believe
RR
got out

↳ POA was
driver (outline)

↳ almost come to a stop
↳ 20-25 feet

DECR: with eyes open

↳ doesn't recall if passenger
door was open

↳ after like fire, lead gone clear
up front, let's move

↳ thinks x 4 shots

↳ vch. stopped right about
same time → driver
slumped over

↳ doesn't recall
if like this
while firing,
forward toward
windshield

↳ damage to hood
doesn't recall if
damage to tires

↳ knew everyone was
there → "hear, see,
feel"

↳ under the impression
that threat still to the
rear

↳ not w/in tactics to
DECR engage cover roof from
LR

↳ is not trained to
do this

↳ impression being fired upon
from RR somewhere

Vict past parked cars

↳ & on right side,
clear view, when scanned
↓

never knew 2 people
in veh. and didn't
know until told by
others

↓
& "towards us" → could
see both headlights

↓
shot @ veh. b/c its his
immediate threat

↓
doesn't recall
hearing incoming
fire when door
opened

someone from near
said something
regarding "still back there"

DEC don't remember whether
was any info passed

3RD shot: but can't recall exact
positioning

DE nothing stands out in my mind



u-section off to 1-2 o'clock

+ entering road didn't have a grade to it, that he recalls



gathered everyone in TR,
"what happened?" → somebody pointed out bullet hole



mentioned b7c

something about gun

might have mentioned pistol

↳ no one verbalized

② suspected [] b7c
might have forced based on hole in top

↳ never instructed / induced to instead investigation

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↳ no questions killed bad guy,



no final statements

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T-26 Since Nov 04 not a single fire.

- 5 possible separate engagements occasions since Nov 04.
- 1st Shooting - Overpass ; stopped in traffic Engaged
Stationary when fired @ vehicle which came from Northern
- PC ?? vehicle was coming from 6 position
& decided Not to Stop

2nd Shooting - When we RR gave signs of
moving vehicles.

Determined the Target was threat b/c of loud
motor sounds by well / RR Not sure to many times

- No real consensus regarding Stop from RR
about engagement.
 - Believes rounds were coming in ^{Towards from the got on} Radio when heard NPA
4th Position Playing on Tst. // ^{Sound} Sold Driver ^{the}
No Description of
 - Shooting @ windshied drivers Side Driver
- Unsure if Passenger door was open / closed
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- Believed that reciprocity fire based on the rounds
which were being fired by LSA Bear.

- Standard (R) ... Str. 1 - V7 ? Never seen

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- Angle was such that could see the grill and both headlights (Believes)
- Not sure if either door was open or closed.
- Many things are jumbled; no clear memory of events run together.

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- Unsure if P100 in 2 Road was T&T vehicle was located.

[] b7c

- Arrived team area // Gathered all indiv.
and met them. // Saw bullet hole.
In team Room // All L explained and saw.

b7c = [] saw L w/ Pistol
said he saw L Pistol (wpn)

- Then set off to provide statements
- Doesnt Recall if Road Tdr was made.
- No ¹⁸ tool issues by MAF or others
- Believes good shoot.

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- TL // Poller ② Front = white Suburban, Full SX in Vehicle

Map - Retail Map

Reported MDT 1100

Traffic blocker -
main RD - after

Item "Wellington" says "Vehicle approaching". "Sgt Cee
heard first Silver fire; soon heard 3rd veh.
explosion. So Grey vehicle approaching. Cee
- record for Microphone when heard & road car
@ them. Find Back! Roads coming in
- Fire sound @ vehicle window.

" - called for "Recovery."

• Scott Head? from who? Moved in
Back; wanted to get out of AO.

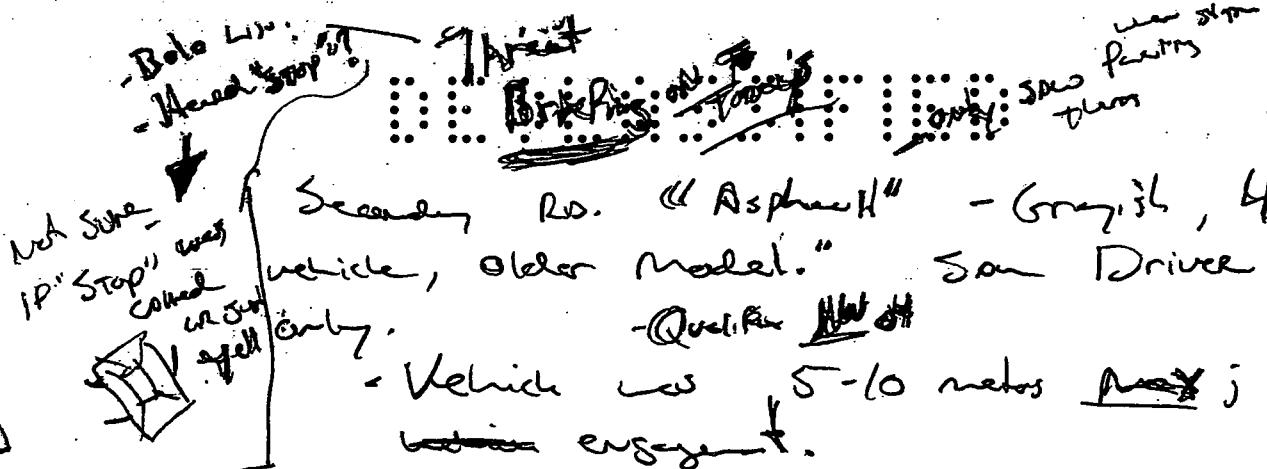
Next Street

- APL Tow
From R Side; so car stopped to
halt. // so Driver only a crowd over
there. // Return to Vehicle:

Follow Officer
Report

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Secondary Rd. "Asphalt" - Gravel, 4 dark
vehicle, older model." Saw Driver of Vehicle
early.

- Qualifier ~~Not off~~

- Vehicle was 5-10 meters ~~away~~; After ~~bottom~~ engage.
- Unsure what came? Vehicle not stopping from

• Fired while ~~while stopped~~ Right! Continuity.

Traffic from 100 meters

- Doors cracking, ~~R~~ rear on Running Boards.

b3(h) shortly after

- Side engage Burst. w _____; 2nd ~~Burst~~; 3rd
Burst. ~~R~~ after

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3rd Vehicle fired ~~R~~ rear burst. (unseen fire)

(L) Rear fired a _____; unknown quantity. b2

Then he fired Burst j. after hearing ~~some~~ ^{some} noise.

- Last & to engage ~~flashing~~ fire.

semi 3-4 ~~roads~~. RPM vehicle was stopped; ^{at R}

- ~~TGT~~
Vehicle was stopped; fell in fire, Driver vs
stumped over;

- Castle Rd ~~L~~ to recorded - on vehicles nose
~~N~~ to forward. Traffic Stop Turn ~~C~~

- Conversation said "Threat info was following" or
~~Something to that effect~~ as Towed ~~C~~

— 2nd shot Saw Vehicle instant engage
Both ~~R~~ Front & Rear shot white

U... m... ~~white~~ ~~white~~ shot Dr... l... vehicle

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For a ~~check~~ Book into vehicle after engaged CAR
20 ft from V3

SPIDS "Any Name" say "on Beta list"
when giving statements

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↳ voluntary advisement

↳ TEAM LEADER (SL) → RF of
#4 veh

↳ driving white, up-armored
suburban → x 5 Pax
- driver
- SL
- RR -
- LR -
- well

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↳ took "yellow" route

↳ departed MOI, traffic ~ light
approx. 1100

incident
@ [] per

b2 GPS

↳ slowed approaching off ramp
then stopped toward end of
off ramp

↓ heard well + RR
say something about
vehicle

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car"

change
Heard RR
shot
"

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b7c opens door, hears LR
shooting

turns, sees grey veh.,
reading for b7c heard
shot that sounded different,
dropped opened door,
engaged

incident
IVO Mofin

"thought for
sure it was IED"

(?)

car
was
stopped

doesn't recall
of shots,
doesn't know
for driver,
never saw
passenger

"get in your vehicle"
"I've got guys
out"

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after shooting heard "something"

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↳ traffic clears turn C →
run into traffic again

↙ called in report, "its
two ways"

↓
looks out sees car
coming from side car
stops immediately saw
driver hands up/waving
crowd yelling @ driver
to stop → driver did not
appear harmed

↙ moved out from
there

↓
no one injured on Blk
side

↳ access road = asphalt

↙ REPT: late gray / blushi
↳ veh = grayish, older, 4 door

no
make/
model

↙
only saw x1 person
in car

↳ thinks:
class:
know

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b) 5-10 meters from m-car
when came to halt

b) doesn't recall what was
said regarding vehicle to
rear

outload
yell
doesn't
recall "stop" said
if "more than
normal"

b) info = unk from RR,
busker yard, no
stepping

Heard RR yell
stop x1

other traffic stopped
100 m back on off
ramp

RR standing on running
boards of vehicle
doesn't know
when #3 RR started
firing

RR fired burst (short)
pause, fired again, even
shorter pause, then all
held loose; could

mean simultaneous
here LR shooting

Did not see from
a seat anywhere

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* How could
be fire
around
near door?

for enough
angle to
shoot
around
near door

C
Driver
side

Holes
were
spread
out

↳ can't say exactly when
other (LR + #3RR) began to
engage

↓
can't tell what's going
on, but distinctly recalled
"different sound"
↳ "I don't know" → remembers
thinking rounds coming

↳ last one to engage veh.
↳ only a few rounds
on semi

↓
after stopped shooting,
noticed driver no longer
threat, vehicle came to
stop

When fired vehicle no longer
accelerating

↓ Windshield shattered, driver
slumped over, never
saw passenger in
DEOR [passenger] seat

↓ then hears "it's clear, we
can go"

b LR stands his MO, to
DELLA stops truck

b move out

b go thru i-section
(sees IP)

b slow & up
@ intersection

* didn't see
anyone else
IVO first
vehicle

exact positions of
veh @
i-sections

thought continuing
threat to the rear

I somebody called
out "Something"
to rear

~1750 → restroom break

~1752 → resume

pretty sure
fired into hood,
but not certain

didn't ~~think~~ ~~think~~

b pretty sure ~~last veh.~~
someone
called threat over radio
but not certain

bit ~~think~~ ~~think~~

approx.
4 rounds

b looked up saw D RR +
RF engaging white,
pass. 4 door veh.

~~DECLASSIFIED~~ did not cause injuries

- b saw driver exit vehicle
no hands raised
b never saw passenger

became non-threat
at that time

dead center of issue

really #3 veh
being further on
in Section

white veh
was = 20 feet

car length of
distance
between

~~Non~~ threat briefing given
this morning level has
been high this week

b/c S/PR down

~~Non~~ qual. w/ 1 in ~~the~~ 10 or 11/c

- MM: ~~RECORDED~~

b/c: put in report BOLC
b/c standard

~~REF ID: A6512~~

Team Leader, Team 20
Subj: 16 FEB 05 Incident

Z0080

(P)

b2 b7c

b2 b7d

At approximately 1120 on 16 FEB 05, I was riding in the right front (SL position) of vehicle [] vehicle motorcade returning from Ministry Interior in advance support of Team 16.

Upon passing [] en-route to [] we encountered extremely heavily congested traffic due to the intersection at []. We were able to create and maintain a bubble to our 6 o'clock of approximately 100 meters. As we approached [] our motorcade came to a complete stop due to impassable traffic congestion. The vehicles to our 6 o'clock also immediately halted 100 meters out. After approximately 90 seconds of being completely halted, I heard my well gunner and follow right call out for a vehicle to stop. Soon thereafter I heard a short burst from my follow right, soon followed by another burst, and then a sustained rate of fire. I looked back to see a grey sedan (which is on the BOLO list) within 25 meters of our motorcade. I was reaching for the hand mike to call into [] when I heard more fire incoming and outgoing. At this time it was clear to me that we were receiving direct fire and the initiation of an attack. I then cracked my door and also fired into the grey vehicle. All shooting soon stopped and I noticed the driver slumped over. It was then that I received the call that traffic was clear and that we could move. None of our personnel were struck by the AIF SAF.

The motorcade started to move and we rounded the corner of [] when we came to another halt about 100 meters down the road due to continued traffic. I then saw both [] and [] fire at a car approaching their vehicle from the 3 O'clock position that had gotten within 20 feet of their vehicle.

b2 b7d

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Our lead vehicle was then successful in pushing through traffic and our motorcade began to slowly egress without further incident.

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2/6/04 : : : : : RBA00123(b)
, TOL

(P)

b2h
b7c

- Blue excursion 2 Dog Teams
 - Run w/ Temple 2D Det.
 - off C b2 - saw Gray Vehicle, gave Stop Sign x2, gave low shot & Grill. Passage pulled a G open fire at vehicle; engaged the Pistol Pointy towards him then Open fire. Grenade
Grey Solder etc
 - (C) C b2 Ran into traffic; yellow white open
Cane N. view @ R: Stop + Right. Both R
 - Front + R Recd Stop. Vehicle stopped
@ nake away after Stop.
 - 3rd - 4th Vehicle - 20-25 m between.
200 m ~ 300 m. Signs to Stop Tot vehicles.
no close still procedure; ^{crossfire}
 - met on Running board. Tot $\frac{1}{150}$ seconds.
^{Not Board Day before} - accelerated speed from that point 40-50 m
 - Paved road running perpendicular. (Trees in these yellow, talling Sh & Driv of who go by a. medium-
Engaged 125 m 1 shot to Vehicle. Hit Grill - ^{Spots} _{road} _{hit}
 - b7c | fired C Saw tree. From engine car
fired 3 Rounds. Open field
 - Whe turns & heads in direction of Vt

Uncle Wayne
50 mph? ←

- Passenger front deck points pistol in Deck Box
Black pistol: A-1147-7-11

Black pistol; Army c V4. The 66 engaged

— he fixed σ $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ or $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}$ he fixed maybe??
— for LC fixed ? ends in there!

Car had been driving at the close speed & 50 mph.

Tree cross - Engaged Driver at Pass w/o car doctored still 50-60 mph & Drive, stand about w/ still turning towards V4.

- Vehicle stopped 20m from V4 Head additional fire Depted the KZ

Shoot

Such traffic

250 Meters So Vehicle Open coming from R 25 mph from 1 lane RD. Does not Spill Signals & Visual Signals.

75-100 m [] engage the vehicle b7c
Fire 3 rods into Grill // 2 rods heat. (45 rods)
Vehicle Stopped 10 meters from close

Redaction told the 2 to return to car. // Hand Signal from [] to stop. // Return to Vehicle.
↳ held there after.

Bolo list it General Bolo only Color :
Not See with Bolo

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RBA00123(6)

2-18-04

Re-inter

b7C

-85° w/

Since Dec 04

b7C

- News report Pine; 4-5x Tmo fired on 3 on this d
- in question

ROE • Verbal/Gestures leads to shooting;

Believe deadly force is authorized when ~~deadly~~ loss of life.

- * of the reasons ~~use~~ are threatened
- Signal ROE when joined B-mate.

Hesos (from TAs) or the user must know shots authorized
Nothing officially put out.

b7C

1st shot - Roving a circle over _____ rugged
- Vehicle.

(R) ^{hand} _{shoots} 2nd shot - Doe cracked coming off the Ramp; ~~4~~ doors open.

- SUV off set ⑥
- Doors cracked 18" & gave signals to white motorcycle was stopped

- After no effect for warning - GL came in on
Vehicle = Grill (1 sec wrong shot) Believe

[] [] [] to engage [] []

b7C

Saw passenger door through) (Door flew open)
No focus on Pistol; through [] [] saw

Passenger gun weapon (Pistol) pointed to V of Doe

Passenger had Blood Scrap, Black clothes

Drive
Bed
Seat

b2

- Engaged Passenger - w/ 2 mos. + San Wn Sharp rounds to driver; Then Shaded Pine rounds to Driver.
- Unsure what weapon of Pass with any pistol.

- Didn't See Gun (Passenger) fire; No smoke flesh

AAR

- Talking about shooting -

- Discussion of Bullet hole $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ $\frac{3}{4}$ Inch

b/c

was by discussion the Vehicle being hit
was fire was by discussion the
Road being hit by Vehicle

- No influence

- = Diagon Doesn't have

Sense about Direction
& Distance of Plaintiff

1 1

b2 high

- o Behind aggressive Driver b/c
of speed & TotV.

ON Radio Gave come to SL about
gun safety Relays

- Team members present during a
discussion about gun safety &
discrepancy between seeing an

gun shot

|| Ensure why engaged Vehicle
and did shoot the [redacted]

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2/16/2005
LUNARDI
MCCORMACK
JRW

b7c

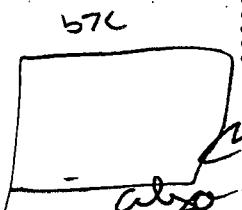
INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] b7c

6s departed ramp @ MOI coming off
↓ b21h

saw gray vehicle
coming strg for
sign to give warning
so fired at stop, didn't
continued coming saw
passenger door open
and passenger come
out w/ pistol & aim
opened fire

Once veh.
stopped,
left turn

stopped @
alleyway wht
open comes
forward veh.



Q

x1 to front
x2 to load

veh

DETAILED REPORT

↳ stops \approx 10m away from his veh

=
↳ returned to G2 diagram

↳ \approx 20-25 meters from #4 offset L

\approx 200-250m
↳ immediately started giving stop hand signal by door open ($\frac{3}{4}$ of the way)

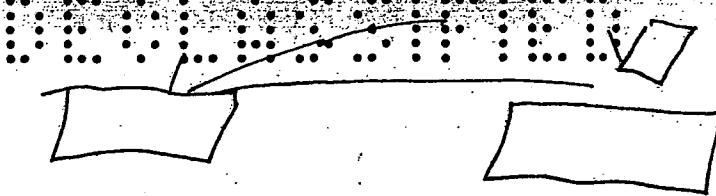
↳ \approx 125m stepped onto running board of the ~~suburban~~ excursion

passing pt
↳ claims driver is accelerating (\approx 40-50 MPH) during this time
access road = paved road w/ dirt median (Δ lit)

passing into to his veh.
on situation
↳ does not present rifle till ready to fire
- fires one round @ vehicle

DECISION PT \approx 125M

↳ aimed @ front grill, hit l/c head
now, how it impact



- #3 LR open
- #4 RR engaged first, near simultaneous still in vehicle
- Ⓛ is facing towards rear (seat configured that way - most)

* how did he know this knew this hit?

→ fired short burst (2-3 rounds)

→ which turns toward #4
(≈ 60-75 m from #4)

running same rate of speed

when turned,
pass door opens
and Ⓛ claims to
see pass pointing
pistol toward convoy

black pistol,
unsure of type

claims sees him fire
engages w/ x 2 rounds and
pass goes back into vehicle.

but not ... Ⓛ

down at ...

open door on pos side ??
↳ b still open when stoppe
↳ veh stops before getting
to #4

↳ switched fire
to driver after
pos disappeared

fixed X5-6 @ driver → slowed down but
still rolling toward
ballow (≈ 15 MPH)

still holding steering wheel upright then vehicle stopped (≈ 20m
from #4)

then started to roll
Mind? heard other fire from
#4

→ heard "let's go, let's go,
let's go"

Short raw bursts ↓ arrived at alley, almost
HE center HITTED
↳ white cyl. ≈ 250m
away moving @ 25
MPH toward #3

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+ work

↳ R + RF are giving visual signals to slow & stop

↓
≈ 75-100m away + not slowing down

↳ RF engaged first, then R

never
engaged
windshield

hept x one to
coming grill,
≈ 45m away x 2 into ho

saw
x 2 round
bits on
windshield

RF
had
ceased
fire
as
well

rich. stops ≈ 10.
from #3

(1)
at
them to
stop when
exited

drivers pax go
out, were yellow
at by x 2 peds
on corners, &
d + p got back
into car

vehicle → complied

A 2 DECODED

20m

away
when
engaged

heard "move,
move, let's go"
over radio from
S,

(P)

b7h

b7c

20082

DE : Blackwater K-9 DE

b7c

On February 16, 2005 at approx 1120 in the AM I was riding in _____ car motorcade traveling Northwest between _____ and _____. Our convoy was coming off the highway approaching _____ when I noticed a Gray older model Sedan that I knew to be that of which is on the BOLO list, pulling out of a lumber yard, coming toward the back of the convoy on a side street that merged onto the road that our convoy was on. I gave the vehicle the sign to stop two times at which time I saw the vehicle not even slowing down. I then stood up on the running board of my vehicle and gave the vehicle the sign to stop again. The Vehicle failed to comply at all. I then muzzled the vehicle and shot at the grill. The vehicle then turned toward our convoy and began to accelerate. I noticed the passenger door of the vehicle open and thru my _____ I saw the passenger who was wearing all black, pointing a pistol at our convoy. I then began to shoot at the passenger and the driver of the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was wearing a black scarf but I could not see his clothes. Once I stopped shooting our convoy was moving thru the Intersection.

b2 b7L

Our Convoy proceeded appox 100 meters left of _____ intersection when I saw a White Opal which is also on the BOLO List coming down an alley toward our convoy. Myself and _____ who sits in front of me in our vehicle advised the vehicle to stop on two occasions by giving the hand signal. The vehicle would not comply and I then muzzled the vehicle and shot a round into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle continued toward our vehicle. I then shot two more shots up into the hood of the Vehicle. The Vehicle came to a stop approx 10 Meters from our vehicle. The Driver and the Passenger appeared to be UN harmed.

b2 b7L

b7c

Respectfully Submitted,

b7c

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ZOO83 (P)

b2 b7c
b7c

R05FOOTED

Could see muzzle
 flashes ^{or where?}
 not sure was giving
 DPDR strips #3 was slight offset
 to left

fixed after b7c
 2nd burst,
 poss. during
 long burst, poss.
 after

Then confused as
 to where

#3 carted so
 that (1) could
 see much of left
 side

heard
 say something
 about changing
 drum 1

checked to
 see if all in,
 then moved,

then heard

b7c

say "I'm up"

never saw
 veh. being
 engaged

→ doesn't recall when exactly
 motorcade started moving

→ diagram

- 1st time as
 driver on
 this route,
passed thru
 before

b2 b7c

↳ bay + parked car @ ≈ 1

↳ offramp = $\approx 3\text{-}4$ lane

↳ by US standard

dirt mound
 sloping up to
 intersection

road then houses

dirt trail

parked
 vehicles

guard rail (implied)

guard rail

doesn't know

if road to (R)

intersects road

RBN00119

Z0084

(P)

DECEMBER 2005
16-02-05

b7c
b2 b7d

On the 16 of February, 2005, at 1120 hours, a hostile vehicle was engaged between [redacted] and [redacted] on the off ramp of the interstate.

These are the circumstances to the best of my knowledge. I was driving the follow vehicle. We were stopped on the off ramp due to traffic. I heard [redacted] scream for a vehicle to stop. I heard a short burst from his [redacted] followed by another short burst. I then heard a lot of automatic fire coming from my vehicle. While I was hearing what was taking place behind me, I visually saw [redacted] (he was in the 3rd vehicle, right rear position) give arm signal, and began shooting from his vehicle in the direction of the vehicle that was engaged. In my peripheral vision, I saw [redacted] open his door and fire a couple of rounds. I heard [redacted] say something to the effect of changing his [redacted] drum. I then heard him say he was up on a drum change.

I did not visually see the vehicle that was being engaged. I was scanning from the 10 o'clock to the 2 o'clock and waiting for the motorcade to resume movement.

Not too far down the road, another incident occurred. We were stopped in traffic. I noticed a white vehicle come out of the alley in between my vehicle(4th) and the 3rd vehicle. This vehicle was approaching from the right side of the motorcade(2 to 3 o'clock). The vehicle, white in color, appeared to have one occupant, an arab male in his thirties. [redacted] gave the occupant an arm signal, the vehicle did not stop. It appeared that [redacted] fired into the grill of the vehicle. As soon as he fired, the vehicle halted, and [redacted] ceased to fire.

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Tm-20 02 16 05 1120

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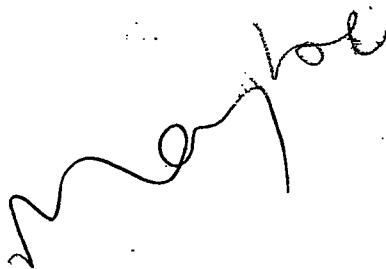
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b2 high

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b7c

On this date at or about 1120 while in the TC position of the 2nd vehicle as a part of Tm 20. In the proximity of [] I observed 3 Martyr flags flying on sticks tied to the right side guard rail as we made our way off the freeway en-route to []. Traffic was heavy and stopped prior to the turn. While we were sitting in traffic with good dispersion I heard automatic weapons fire from the rear. I did not observe the target. I did not fire my weapon. We made our way out into traffic and continued the trip back to [].

b2 high
↓



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Z0086

b2 b7c

RBB0660

TM - 20 (05/02/15)

My position on this mission was driver of the K-9 Excursion which is third in our car motorcade. While stopped between _____ and _____ I was aware that my right rear _____ had opened his door and was half standing on the running board. Looking back to the front, I heard a _____ in the follow car engage followed by opening fire as well. My right front, _____ got out and aimed back to our rear but he never fired. When the shooting ended we loaded up and moved out. We made a left at the next intersection, _____ and made out way through traffic moving maybe a quarter of a mile down the road. Traffic again became slow and I brought the Excursion to a halt giving the right side gunners a clear lane down the road to our right. They both immediately opened their doors and gave the hand signal for stop to the white car that was approaching. It had plenty of time to see the hand signal but did not yield. Both occupants were looking right to the front the entire time and continued to ignore the gunners muzzling them. _____ and _____ then shot into the grill and hood of the car which still continued to move forward so they then aimed up into the windshield at which time the car finally stopped its approach on the side of our motorcade. I could see the driver moving around as we loaded up and moved out.

Entire

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b2 b3c

RBB0669

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To: [REDACTED] (TL Team 20 - Advance) b7c

Fm: [REDACTED]

Sub: 16 February 2005 Incident Report

While returning from an advance mission I was riding in the lead vehicle in the right front seat (TC). At approx 1120 hrs between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] our motorcade encountered heavy traffic on the exit ramp just prior to the intersection [REDACTED] due to heavy traffic. The lead vehicle halted approximately 25 meters behind the traffic stopped for the intersection. While still halted behind the traffic, I heard gunfire behind our vehicle. I could not see the engagement as I was looking forward. I told the driver to look for a way out of the intersection and that it looked like the right hand side of the intersection was clearing. Someone else within the lead vehicle stated that the vehicles behind us still had personnel out of the vehicles. Within a matter of seconds, the traffic began to clear ahead of us to a greater degree. We began to drive forward and to the right of the intersection, opening a gap in traffic which allowed us to enter the intersection and the second vehicle to block traffic further to the right.

As the motorcade cleared the intersection traveling west, we once again had to slow for traffic ahead. There were numerous cross streets in this area. While still moving at a slow speed, I heard another burst of gunfire behind the lead vehicle. Traffic ahead of the motorcade started to dissipate, so I called on the radio that traffic ahead was moving and we had a clear lane for travel. At that point, we started to move faster and the personnel in the back of the lead vehicle verified that all [REDACTED] vehicles in the motorcade were rolling. We proceeded to return to the palace area at that point. All other events during the return trip were unremarkable.

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b2 b3c

- Indonesia
b2 b3c [REDACTED] 50 RND Burst
Heard Nothing?

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b7c
b9gjt

To: [REDACTED] (TL Team 20 - Advance)

Fm: [REDACTED]

b7c

Sub: Incident 16 February 2005

I was riding in the K-9 vehicle in the left/rear seat. The vehicle was positioned approximately 25 meters in front of the follow vehicle, off set to the right in [REDACTED] vehicle motorcade. My areas of responsibility are the left (3 o'clock) and rear (6 o'clock) positions.

At approx 1120 hrs between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] our motorcade came to a [REDACTED] b7c stop on the exit ramp just prior to the intersection due to heavy traffic. The motorcade had stopped traffic approx 100 meters to the back and front creating a "bubble." While pulling security in my sector I heard the follow vehicle yelling commands to stop to a light gray vehicle to the 0500 position. I then heard the follow vehicle and right door gunner of my vehicle engage the vehicle. I continued to pull security in my sector until the traffic cleared and the motorcade began forward movement again.

As the motorcade cleared the intersection traveling west, the right rear door gunner and TC of my vehicle engaged a white vehicle that failed to yield to hand gestures and verbal commands to stop. The white vehicle was attempting to enter the motorcade from a side street to the right. The vehicle stopped after it was engaged. There were no further actions noted.

V/R,

[REDACTED] b7c

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(P)
b2 b7c

EBB0657
~~TM-20 (5/02/16)~~

20089

b7c

On this date at approximately 1120 hours [] vehicle convoy was approaching the intersection known as []. The intersection was congested with heavy traffic and seemed to be at a standstill. Our vehicles stopped on the off ramp connecting the free-way and [].

b2 b7c

I was positioned in the lead vehicle assigned to the rear left door. While we were stopped I heard multiple gun shots coming from the vicinity of the rear vehicle within our convoy however, due to the position of the convoy, I could not see what was happening.

Shortly thereafter traffic in the intersection started to move and so our convoy proceeded into the intersection, turned left and continued on our prescribed route. A few short blocks later the convoy again had to slow to a stop due to heavy traffic congestion. Almost immediately after stopping I heard several gunshots that sounded as if they were coming from our convoy but again, due to my position I could not see what was actually taking place. The convoy started to move again without further incident.

DEER HAZARDED

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b2 b7c
b7c

RBB0656

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20090

Templar 20

16 February 2005

1337 hrs

b7c

On the above date at 1120 hrs Templar 20 was traveling in a vehicle motorcade between _____ and _____ when we came upon some stopped traffic on the off ramp. b2 b7c
I was riding in the second vehicle in the left rear door position.

As we were exiting the highway onto the off ramp my driver, _____ commented that there were "martyr flags on the right". When the motorcade stopped I heard gunfire from our six O'clock position and I glanced back and observed vehicular movement out of the corner of my eye from the five O'clock position moving toward the follow car. That is all I observed as I had to go back and continue to cover my position.

When we started rolling again we turned left and ran into traffic again and I heard more gunfire from my six o'clock right side. I had counter flow traffic moving in my sector at this time and did not see anything happening on the right side.

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b2L,L

RBB0655

From
Templar 20

UNCLASSIFIED b7c b7d

Zoo91

To: _____ b7c
Team Leader Templar 20
CC: DSS Chain of Command

On February 16, 2005 at approximately 11:20 Templar 20 was in transit from _____ to _____ I was driving the number two vehicle. As the motorcade crossed _____ on route _____ we merged right onto the off-ramp for _____. I called out a Martyr Flag display to _____ at the right-side door. On the guard rail was a 6 foot long black banner with white Arabic writing and three flags. There was a green flag roughly 12"x14" in the center and a black flag of similar size on either side.

As the motorcade approached _____ we held back from stopped traffic to allow the IP's time to get vehicles moving through the intersection ahead. _____ the left door called out we had a good bubble as we came to a stop. As we sat there waiting the traffic ahead was not moving at all. After a few moments I heard a burst of automatic gun fire. I looked back to see if our Follow vehicle was being engaged. Unable to see anything I looked ahead and noticed a break in traffic on the right side of the intersection. I called out on the net to lead that the right was open and we advanced through the intersection.

Once through _____ we were slowed by moderate traffic, moving at a "Slow Roll". b2 b7c We had a large curb on the left side dividing the roadway and traffic ahead was merging to the left around "something". _____ in the right side door, was stopping cars as we passed asking them to "have patience". Vehicles were moving to the right or just staying stopped as our motorcade passed. We had been moving very slowly, if at all, and I heard shots fired. I could not see anything. The traffic ahead had cleared. _____ and _____ both reported that doors were open and they thought people were out. Everyone in our vehicle was scanning the surrounding roadway, rooftops, vehicles, and pedestrians as we sat there waiting. Once everyone was recovered Templar 20 continued toward _____ b2 L,L b7c b7c

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RBB0654

To: [REDACTED] b7c
Templar 20 Team Leader

From: [REDACTED] b7c

On Feb. 16th 2005, I was the lead driver of Templar 20's [REDACTED] motorcade. We were taking our [REDACTED] route back from the Ministry of Interior [REDACTED] returning to the Palace [REDACTED]. At approximately, 1120 hrs, we exited the highway at [REDACTED] traveling towards the intersection [REDACTED]. b7c L

The traffic at intersection [REDACTED] was backed up 8 or 9 cars deep and at least 4 cars wide, making it impossible to immediately continue through the intersection and make a left turn towards intersection [REDACTED]. As lead driver I turned on my red and blue lights and turned my siren on intermittently to attract the attention of the Iraqi Police who were directing traffic at the intersection. At the same time I was keeping a 50 yard bubble to the front of the motorcade.

While stopped between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I could only see the [REDACTED] vehicles through my side mirrors. The rear follow vehicle was maintaining at least a 100 yard bubble between it and the other vehicles exiting the highway. There are two or three side streets that sit to the right of the exit ramp that we were on. I was not able to see the traffic on the side streets after we passed them, but did see the right doors on our number [REDACTED] follow vehicles were open to stop traffic from the side streets. Before we could get the intersection cleared to travel through it, I heard a lot of shooting from the area of our rear vehicles. It sounded like [REDACTED] fire, but I could not tell. I could not see anything else from my location.

After the shooting started, I moved the lead vehicle forward towards the intersection at [REDACTED] and started moving to the right side to give our TC a better view of the follow vehicles. All of our vehicles and personnel were "up" so we were then able to more aggressively get through the intersection and continue on our [REDACTED] route.

I heard we had a second incident between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but I did not see or hear anything that I could report on.

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b2 b7c
RB B0653 b7c

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Statement TM 20.05/02/16

b7c

On this date I was ordered by my Team Leader, _____ to provide a statement in regards to a shooting situation involving our team, Team 20.

On 05/02/16 I was assigned as the right door gunner in the lead vehicle. At approximately 11:20 am (Iraq time) our motorcade had stopped for traffic between _____ and _____. I was watching my zone of responsibility when I heard gunfire coming from the rear of the motorcade. I believed due to the sound of the weapons firing, that the first bursts of gunfire were from our team weapons. I glanced toward the rear of the motorcade to ensure no vehicle had broken through that could be an imminent threat to our lead vehicle. I then maintained visual contact with my zone of responsibility. I did not observe any actions by team members of the other vehicles. Once the motorcade began moving again and had passed _____ we were forced once again to stop for traffic. I observed a team member in one of the vehicles behind us direct gunfire toward what appeared to be an alleyway or side street. I again maintained visual observation of my zone of responsibility until the motorcade began moving again. At no time did I engage or shoot my weapon during these two incidents. I have no information to add at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

b7c

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~~RBB0652~~

Tm 20 16 Feb 05

~~REFUGEE~~

(P)
b2 b7c

During the incident at approx. 1120am near [] I heard our rear vehicle engaging a ^{b2} _{b3} target. My view of the the vehicle they were engaging was blocked and I did not see anything. I was sitting in the right rear of the 2nd vehicle. I did see Martyr flags in the surrounding area. In the following engagement my view was again blocked, but I did see the right side of the 3rd vehicle in our convoy engaging their target.

b7c

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The following changes or additions to current tactics and procedures are recommended as a result of this investigation:

- Affixing signage in Arabic to the rear of motorcades warning drivers not to approach within 100 meters and of the authorization to use deadly force
- Establishing a clear and unambiguous policy regarding the appropriate use of warning / disabling shots at vehicles
- Requiring full round accountability before and after missions, with full round counts to be done whenever a shooting incident occurs
- Requiring an automatic stand-down period for any team or team members involved in a shooting incident, and a full stand-down pending conclusion of an RSO investigation for any team or team members employing deadly force

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

On February 16, 2005, RAs interviewed the PSD members who had used deadly force in this incident, namely [REDACTED] (Right Rear of the fourth vehicle in the [REDACTED] motorcade), [REDACTED] (Shift Leader / Right Front of the fourth vehicle in the motorcade), [REDACTED] (Right Rear of the third vehicle in the motorcade), and [REDACTED] (Left Rear of the fourth vehicle in the motorcade). On February 17, 2005, RAs physically inspected the fourth vehicle in the motorcade in order to assess and document the bullet damage, and traveled to the incident site in an effort to better understand the circumstances of the shooting. Also on February 17, RAs interviewed other members of Templar 20 who witnessed the incident, including [REDACTED] (Well of the fourth vehicle in the motorcade), [REDACTED] (Right Front of the third vehicle in the motorcade), and [REDACTED] driver of the fourth vehicle in the motorcade). Based on the information gathered from inspecting the vehicle and incident scene, as well as these other interviews, RAs reinterviewed [REDACTED] in an attempt to reconcile several substantive inconsistencies.

The investigation to date has generated sufficient evidence to support the following reconstruction of the incident. Where statements made by the participants diverge or are contradicted by available physical evidence, such discrepancies are noted. This reconstruction remains preliminary, as information is pending from the Iraqi Police Service regarding the vehicle, its occupants, and any witness statements taken at the scene.

Between 1120 and 1125 hours, Templar 20 was moving in a [REDACTED] motorcade between checkpoints [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The third vehicle in this motorcade was a Ford Excursion [REDACTED]. The fourth vehicle in this motorcade was a Chevrolet Suburban with five PSD members. Both vehicles were fully armored. With the exception of [REDACTED], the Left Rear (LR), and [REDACTED] Right Rear (RR) of the fourth

vehicle, who carried [REDACTED] the remainder of personnel involved in the shooting incident were armed with [REDACTED] as their primary long gun. At approximately 1120, the motorcade exited a highway and proceeded down an inclined off ramp toward the intersection designated as checkpoint [REDACTED]. The off ramp itself is approximately three standard car widths wide and, in the direction of the motorcade's travel at the time, is bounded on the left and right by a metal guardrail approximately 18 to 24 inches high. To the left, beyond the guardrail, is an open dirt field with sparse vegetation. To the right, the guardrail curves suddenly further to the right, adding a lane to the off ramp. Beyond the guardrail, is a delta-shaped but narrowing dirt strip leading to a curb which varies in height between approximately six and 12 inches. This curb then abuts a paved residential street of two lanes, with sufficient room for parking on one side. This road runs parallel to a section of the off ramp for between 175 - 200 yards and is between one to two feet below the surface of the off ramp. To the motorcade's rear, this road runs across a four-way intersection into a lumber/storage yard. To the motorcade's front, the road turns right prior to the end of the off ramp and the only gap in the guardrail is blocked by a pile of dirt and debris approximately three feet high. On the day of the incident, two abandoned vehicles were parked to the motorcade's right just forward the point at which the off ramp widens. A young boy was sitting on or near the guardrail in front of the abandoned vehicles. No other vehicles were noted stopped or parked on the road.

Only one of the seven PSD members interviewed recalled the presence of the guardrail or any substantial division between the off ramp and the residential street. The six others, including the four shooters, described the median as insignificant, either dirt or a low curb. Several of the descriptions also stated that the median contained cutouts allowing traffic to pass from the residential street onto the off ramp and vice versa. None of those interviewed stated that the residential street had no access to the off ramp. [REDACTED] alone asserted that the parallel road was unimproved.

As the motorcade came level on the off ramp, it was slowed and eventually stopped by congestion to its front. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had, using hand and arm signals out their partially opened doors, succeeded in halting traffic to the rear nearly at the top of the off ramp, approximately 100 - 150 yards from the motorcade. The motorcade's vehicles were staggered in an alternating left-right configuration, with the third vehicle to the left and the fourth to the right. When the motorcade came to a stop, there were 20 - 25 yards between the third and fourth vehicle. The fourth vehicle, according to [REDACTED] its driver, was at least a car width away from the right guardrail. Once the motorcade had halted and traffic to the rear was held, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] closed their doors. By his own admission, [REDACTED] the Shift Leader (SL), was not attempting to ascertain the state of traffic to the motorcade's front or the length of any possible delay. [REDACTED] stated that he relied on the judgment of his lead right front in such situation, and was unconcerned.

The subject vehicle, consistently described as a gray, older model, four-door sedan, approached from the motorcade's rear on the residential street adjacent to the off ramp. The subject vehicle entered the residential street either from the lumberyard or by turning right at the intersection immediately in front of the lumberyard entrance. The well in the fourth vehicle, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] seem to have spotted the approaching subject vehicle at approximately the same

time, when the vehicle was roughly 100 yards from the fourth vehicle's rear. [] claimed to have identified the subject vehicle when it was between 200 to 250 yards from his vehicle. Given his position in the third vehicle, it cannot be determined whether he or [] and [] were the first to recognize the subject vehicle. Verbal information regarding the approaching vehicle was passed by [] and [] in the fourth vehicle; however, no such information was provided by radio to the detail as a whole. Accounts generally concur that, as it closed with the motorcade, the subject vehicle was traveling between 30 to 40 miles per hour. b7c

[] stated that the subject vehicle contained a driver and a passenger. [] the right front in the third vehicle, stated that neither prior to nor during the engagement did they see a passenger. (RAS' COMMENT:

[] was the only member of the detail who, by his own statement and RAs' reconstruction, had an unimpeded view of the entire incident and was not/not engaged in firing on the subject vehicle. END COMMENT) All descriptions given of the driver and/or passenger were non-specific, and generally identified males, between 25 and 35 years old, with short hair, wearing black shirts and possibly black scarves. As the vehicle approached, none of the interviewed PSD members with a clear view recalled seeing a weapon, furtive or overtly hostile actions by the vehicle's occupant(s). Likewise, none of the individuals stated that the vehicle moved in an aggressive manner during this initial period of approach.

When the subject vehicle was between 50 to 75 yards from the rear of the motorcade, PSD members gave a visual and verbal instruction, or repeated instructions, to the vehicle's driver to stop. [] recalls hearing only one verbal command consisting, in whole or in part, of, "Stop, stop, stop," from []. [] recalls hearing repeated verbal commands from [] and stated that he saw [] waving his arm up and down. [] stated that he gave two distinct sets of verbal and visual commands, one with his door cracked and himself still partially inside his vehicle, and the other while leaning three-quarters out of his fully open door. [] recalled that when he heard [] shouting, he opened his door and standing on the kickplate at the base of the door well, reached over his vehicle's roof in order to give hand and arm signals to the subject vehicle. [] recalled that he saw [] giving visual signals before he heard [] giving verbal ones. [] stated that he gave two sets of visual commands when the vehicle was 200 yards from his position, both while still seated in his vehicle with his door three-quarters open. [] further stated that, having stood partly on the running board with his door now completely open, he gave one further set of verbal and visual commands when the subject vehicle was 150 yards away. None of those interviewed admitted to having made, or recalled hearing, radio reports of the subject vehicle's continued approach and failure to heed visual and verbal commands. Written statements from personnel in the lead vehicle reveal that, at this time, they were entirely unaware of the unfolding situation to the motorcade's rear.

The subject vehicle appears not to have heeded these warnings, and according only to [] and [] began to accelerate, reaching a speed in excess of 40 miles per hour. Based on physical evidence remaining at the incident scene, namely a trail of engine fluids on the street, the subject vehicle appears to have been traveling roughly in the center of the residential street at this time. When the subject vehicle was 40 yards from the fourth vehicle and showed no indication of compliance with the PSD members' instructions, [] fired a 3 to 7

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round burst from his [REDACTED] at the subject vehicle, his point of aim being centerline of the grill. At approximately the same time, and when the subject vehicle was 125 yards from his position, [REDACTED] fired one round from his [REDACTED] aimed at the grill. As this failed to slow the approach of the vehicle, [REDACTED] stated that he fired a second 3 to 7 round burst at approximately 30 yards. This burst walked from the centerline of the hood into the windshield on the driver's side. That rounds impacted the grill and hood of the vehicle is corroborated by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who recall seeing impacts in both areas.

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According to all those interviewed, at some point after rounds were fired into the grill and hood, and before [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] fired, the subject vehicle began to turn toward the rear of the fourth vehicle. [REDACTED] claim that the change in the vehicle's attitude was sudden and sharp. [REDACTED] confirms that the subject vehicle altered its direction of travel toward the rear vehicle's five o'clock. Physical evidence at the scene indicates that, at some point after damage to the engine compartment caused fluid to leak, the vehicle began to angle no more than 45 degrees towards the off ramp. Given the angle of travel shown by the fluid spatter, the vehicle was also headed toward the abandoned cars and a light pole just to their south. [REDACTED] stated that, after the first rounds impacted the windshield, and as the vehicle was turning, it began to decelerate. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] contradicted this, claiming that the vehicle began to accelerate after being fired upon. No determination as to the veracity of either of these assertions could be made based on the remaining physical evidence.

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[REDACTED] stated that almost immediately after the vehicle turned, he observed the passenger door of the subject vehicle come open and the passenger present a weapon. [REDACTED] recalled only that he saw a barrel and he could not provide further details regarding the weapon. He did not see the passenger fire. [REDACTED] similarly stated that as the vehicle began to angle toward the motorcade, the passenger door opened and the passenger, leaning in the 'V' created by the open door's frame and the windshield support, presented a pistol. [REDACTED] claimed to have seen this through his 2-power scope, while aimed in at the vehicle with one eye. [REDACTED] initially stated that he saw a muzzle flash from the passenger's pistol while it was aimed in the direction of the fourth vehicle. When reinterviewed, [REDACTED] then stated that he could no longer recall with certainty whether the passenger had ever fired the weapon. [REDACTED], in the well, asserted with confidence that he never saw the passenger door open during the engagement and that he never observed a weapon. [REDACTED] as well, did not recall the passenger door coming open and never saw a weapon. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did not remember the passenger door being ajar when they deployed, later in the incident.

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At a distance of no more than 30 yards, and after the vehicle had, by his own perception, begun to decelerate, [REDACTED] began firing a prolonged burst of 50 to 70 rounds from his [REDACTED] aimed at the driver's side windshield. [REDACTED] claimed that throughout this burst he was able to maintain the outline of the driver as his point of aim. When he had exhausted his 100 round belt of ammunition, [REDACTED] recovered into the vehicle, with the door still ajar, in order to reload. He states that, when he emerged, the gunfire from his fellow PSD members had ceased. [REDACTED] recalled that, from his perceptions, the firing ended just after the subject vehicle had come to a halt.

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Almost simultaneous with this burst [redacted] began to engage the vehicle's passenger compartment with multiple 5 round bursts aimed at the driver, firing over the roofline of his own vehicle. [redacted] claimed that he continued to fire until the subject vehicle came to a stop. He refused to state how many rounds he had fired. No round accountability was performed after the incident in order to determine this fact. [redacted] stated that the PSD members' firing ceased at nearly the same moment that the subject vehicle came to a halt.

During [redacted] string of fire, physical evidence indicates that his fire struck his own vehicle. The roof of the fourth vehicle contains two distinct sets of punctures which appear consistent with bullet strikes. Initially, Blackwater management and the PSD members attempted to represent that these punctures were caused by hostile fire coming from the subject vehicle. Further inspection belied this assertion. The first set, slightly less than a foot from the right limit of the roof, show that the vehicle's skin was bent inward by a round or rounds fired at a relatively steep downward angle. The second set, approximately two feet rear of the passenger door along the seam between the right rear well window and the roofline, is consistent with the exit of a round or rounds at a similarly severe downward angle. The metal around this exit hole is clearly bent upward and outward, and there is visible creasing in the plastic weather stripping around the right rear well window. A trajectory traced between these two sets of punctures demonstrates that the rounds most likely came from the left rear PSD member, [redacted] position, and were aimed downward across the roof to a point between the vehicle's 3 and 4 o'clock. In his first interview, [redacted] denied that he might have struck his own vehicle. When reinterviewed, confronted with the physical evidence, and admonished regarding the penalties attached under 18 USC 1001, [redacted] twice explicitly denied culpability in striking the roof. Later, he admitted the possibility that he may have struck the roof with his rounds, insisting at the same time that he had not knowingly fired on his own vehicle.

As [redacted] and [redacted] were engaging the driver's side windshield of the vehicle, [redacted] appears also to have been firing on the subject vehicle. According to his statements, [redacted] first fired two or more rounds at the passenger. These shots were aimed almost directly at the passenger's weapon through [redacted]; then stated that when the passenger slumped over toward the driver, he shifted fire to the driver's side of the windshield. [redacted] claims that he was able to aim at the driver, despite damage to the windshield and still-impacting rounds fired by [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] continued to fire an unknown number of rounds until the vehicle came to a stop. No verification of the number of shots fired was possible as no round accountability was conducted after the incident. [redacted] stated that, throughout the period during which he fired on the driver, the driver remained upright and visible.

For the majority of the engagement, [redacted] remained inside his vehicle with the door closed. [redacted] and [redacted] relayed no information to him regarding the nature of the incident or their reason for opening fire. [redacted] stated that his only indication of a problem was the large volume of small arms fire occurring to his rear. [redacted] memory of events was consistently unclear and variable. He eventually claimed that at some point in the engagement he believed that some of the small arms fire was hostile and incoming. At this point, he chose to attempt to contact Templar Base and report what little information he had. By his own admission, he did not communicate with his lead vehicle or instruct it to forcefully clear

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a path of egress. [] stated that, as he began to radio Templar Base, he heard a distinctly different sound which he identified as presumably hostile fire striking the vehicle. He then opened his door, identified that his PSD members were placing a large volume of fire into the subject vehicle. [] further recognized that the subject vehicle was decelerating but had not yet come to a stop. He aimed at the outline of the driver and fired approximately four shots from his [] while still seated inside his own vehicle. According to his recollection, the subject vehicle came to a stop at approximately the same time that he ceased fire. [] did not remember hearing fire continue after that time.

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At some point in the engagement, after PSD members had begun firing into the subject vehicle's passenger compartment, [] dismounted from his vehicle and came alongside the open right rear door of the third vehicle. He did not engage as the parked abandoned vehicles obscured his field of fire. [] recalled that, when he exited, the subject vehicle clearly was decelerating to a stop, and that he still heard fire from PSD members.

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According to written statements from the PSD members positioned as the driver and lead right front of the lead vehicle, their only indication of an incident to the rear was the large volume of gunfire coming from the PSD members. The lead right front instructed his driver to probe for a way to punch through the traffic to the motorcade's front. An egress path was created but the lead vehicle did not move to exploit it because one of the PSD members in that vehicle advised that there were still other PSD members deployed outside their vehicles. [] admitted that he had fully exited his vehicle during the engagement. [] and [] deny that they ever dismounted and all stated that they were never in a position which would have prevented their vehicle from departing the scene. [] stated that he clearly saw [] outside the fourth vehicle, on the ground.

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Those detail members who were interviewed stated that the subject vehicle came to rest between 20 feet (six and two-thirds yards) and 25 yards from the fourth vehicle. At the incident scene, a large pool of engine fluids, consistent with leakage at the point of rest of a damaged vehicle, was located approximately 5 to 8 feet from the guardrail where the vehicle was perpendicular to it, and 15 to 20 feet from the guardrail to its direct front. [] initially stated that the subject vehicle came to rest at a gap in the median between the off ramp and the residential road. On reinterview, he attempted to deny having made this assertion during previous questioning. All interviewees recalled that there was extensive damage to the subject vehicle's windshield, particularly the driver's side. [] recalled that the right front tire was obviously collapsed. [] and [] stated that the passenger door remained open when the vehicle halted. [] and [] stated that as the motorcade departed the scene, they noted that the passenger door of the subject vehicle was open. Both also recalled an individual standing in the open door. [] stated that this individual ran quickly away from the vehicle, and based on the individual's demeanor and actions, [] assumed him to be a by-stander responding to the scene. [] and [] did not recall the passenger door being open when the vehicle stopped and did not look back as the motorcade departed. None of those who claimed to have seen the door open as the motorcade departed noted damage to the door or its window.

All interviewed PSD members stated that shortly after the firing had ceased, they recovered into their vehicles and the motorcade departed the scene. A second shooting incident occurred no

more than a tenth of a mile from the off ramp. Information obtained regarding this incident is consistent and indicates that only disabling shots were fired and the occupant or occupants of the vehicle were unharmed. _____ and _____ were the shooters in this incident. Further, reinterviews revealed that a third shooting had occurred prior to the incident at the off ramp, while the team was en route to their first site advance of the day. Again, it appears that disabling shots were fired, the suspect vehicle stopped, and the occupant or occupants were unharmed. All firing in this incident was done by _____ b7c

After the PSD members returned to the Embassy Annex, they met in their Team Room and then were joined by members of Blackwater management. The incident seems to have been discussed, although those interviewed did not have consistent recollections of what was said. At some point, prior to reporting to the RSO TOC, the detail members viewed the punctures in the roof of the fourth vehicle. When pressed during a reinterview, _____ admitted that when he saw the punctures in the top of the roof, he suspected they might have come from friendly fire. Likewise, _____ stated – and _____ confirmed – that after departing the RSO TOC and prior to being interviewed by RAs, _____ told _____ that he _____ had not lost any confidence in _____ abilities based on the fact that the roof punctures were likely friendly fire. None of those interviewed stated any such concerns were raised with Blackwater management or while in the RSO TOC. When initially questioned in the TOC, and until confronted by RAs on the matter, the PSD members maintained that they believed the punctures were caused by hostile fire from the subject vehicle.

_____ all stated that they felt threatened by the subject vehicle. _____ claimed that this assessment was based on his belief that the vehicle was a possible VBIED, an assumption based on the subject vehicle's refusal to comply with his commands. _____ stated that his assessment was based on similar logic and only further reinforced when the passenger presented the weapon. _____ articulation matched that of _____ stated that he believed the subject vehicle to be a threat because of the volume of fire with which the other PSD members had engaged it, and because it was still rolling, though simultaneously decelerating, toward the rear of the fourth vehicle. All four related in their written statements, and reiterated in their interviews, that the subject vehicle was on the BOLO list. None of the PSD members interviewed could identify the make or model of the subject vehicle, nor relate the vehicle to a specific BOLO of which they were aware at the time. _____ admitted that his statements regarding the subject vehicle being a BOLO were simply standard practice when reporting a shooting incident, per Blackwater management instructions. According to their own statements, none of those who employed lethal force were aware of the state of traffic to the motorcade's front or whether rapid egress away from the threat was possible or not. In addition, _____ concurred that, prior to rounds being fired at the subject vehicle, it did not display an overtly hostile or aggressive posture.

RAs are awaiting information from the Iraqi Police as to whether there was a response to the incident scene, and if so, what evidence and/or statements may have been collected. A supplementary report will be submitted when and if this information is obtained.

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INCIDENT DIAGRAM AND PHOTOGRAPHS

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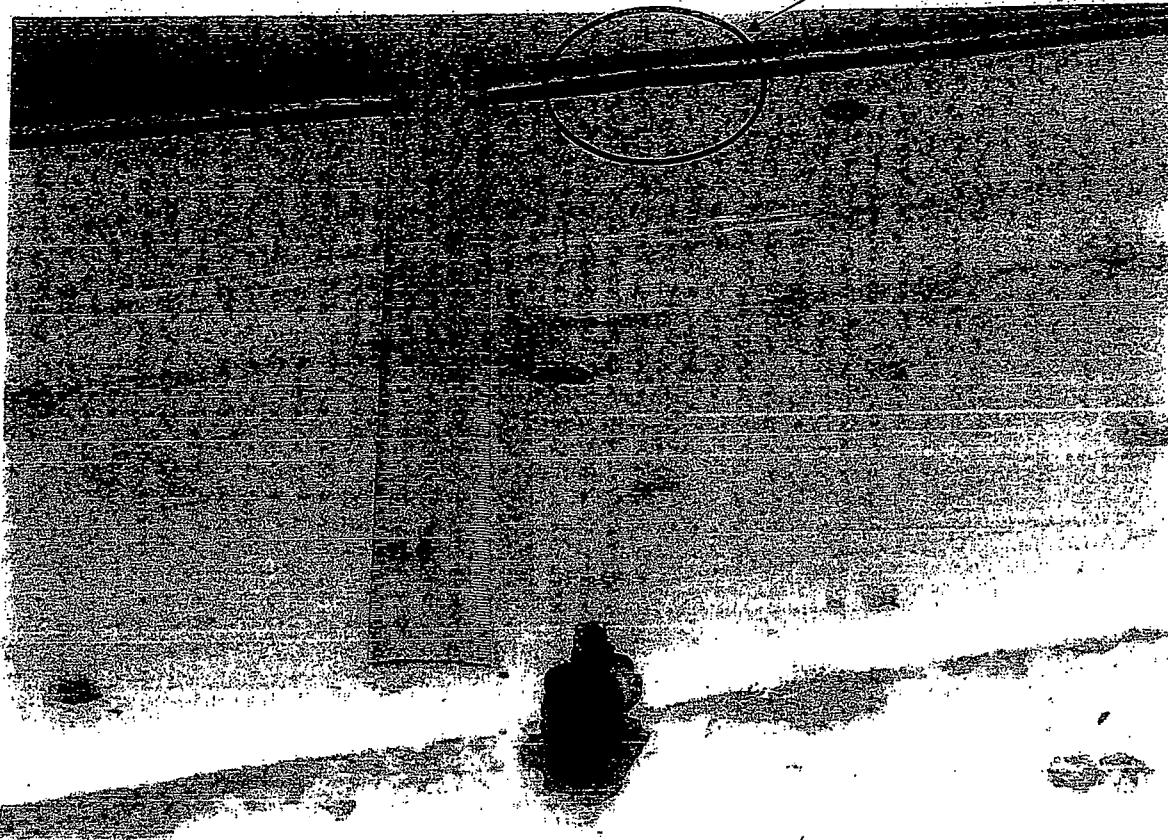
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Probable exit puncture



Relationship of both punctures with ruler indicating distance and rough trajectory taken from the left rear toward the vehicle's right side

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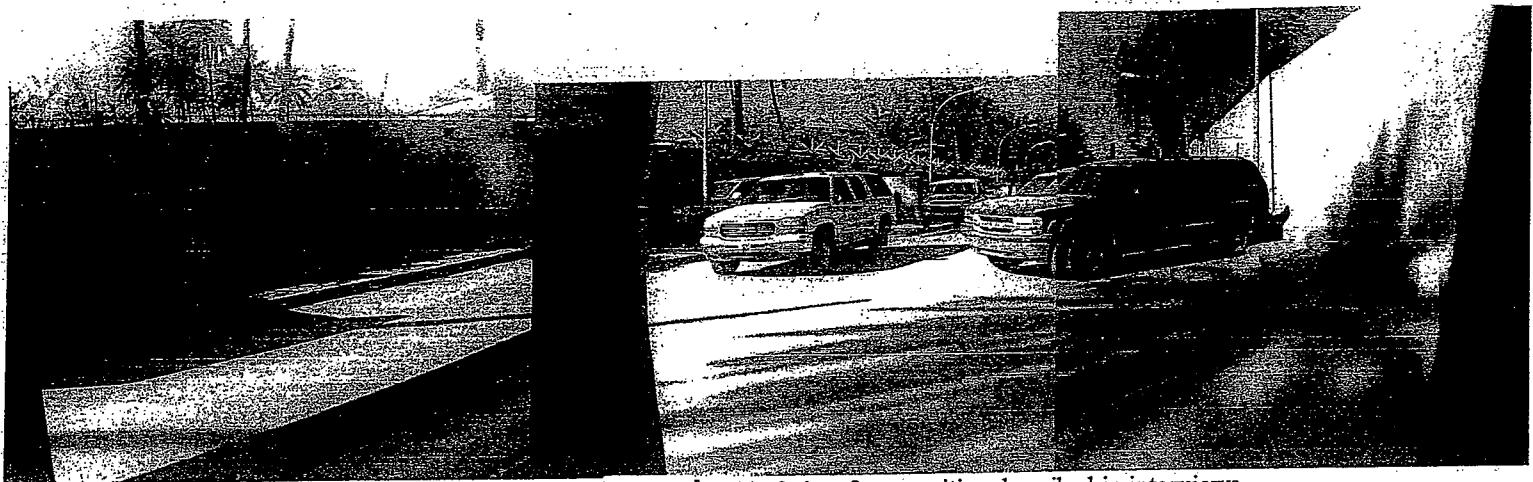
Reconstruction of Shift Leader

Field of view from position described in interviews

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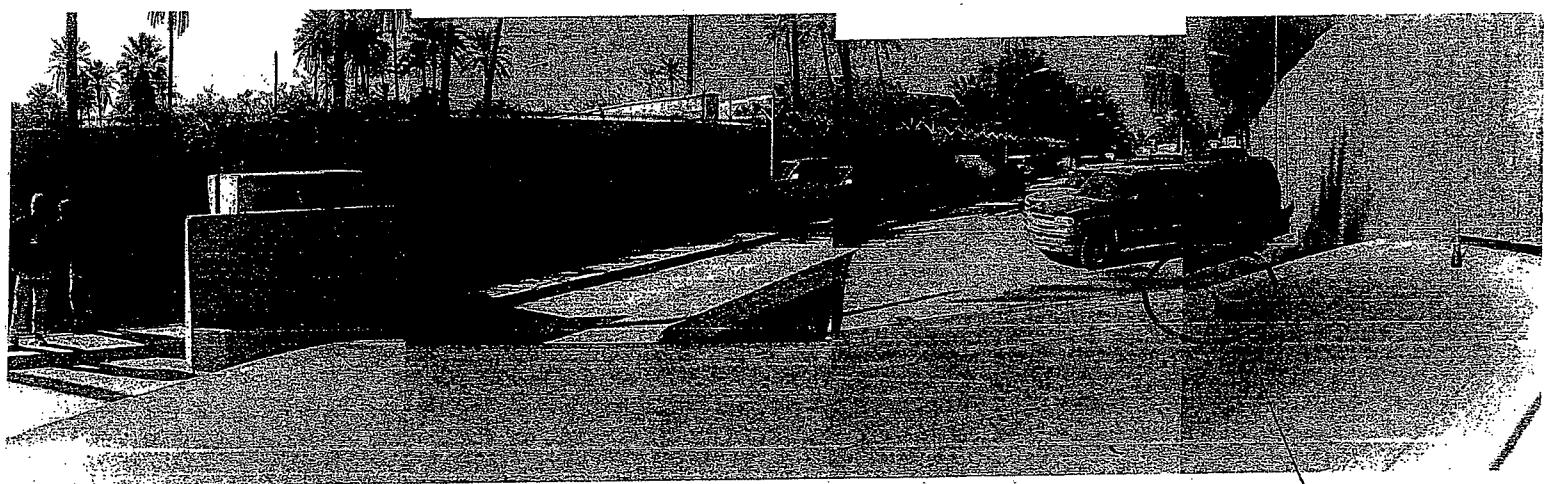
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Reconstruction of Right Rear

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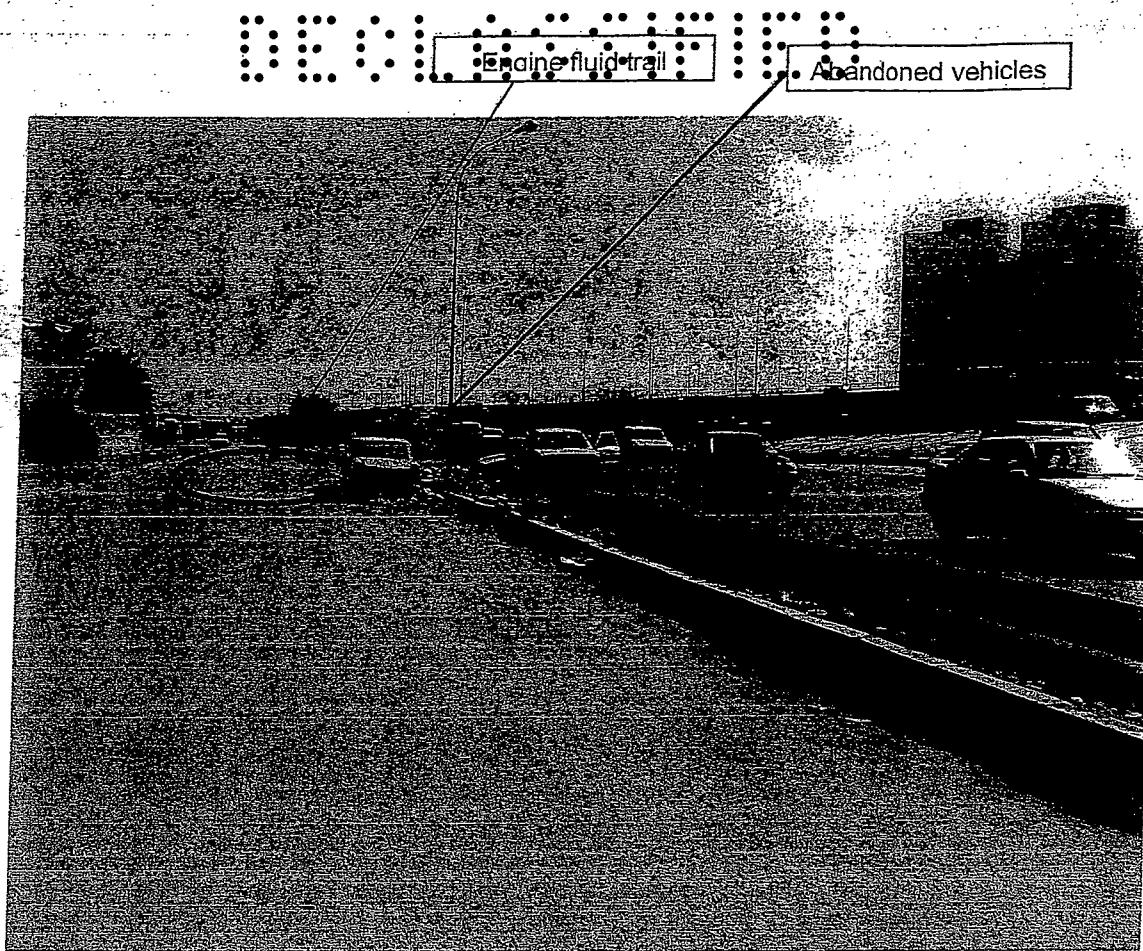


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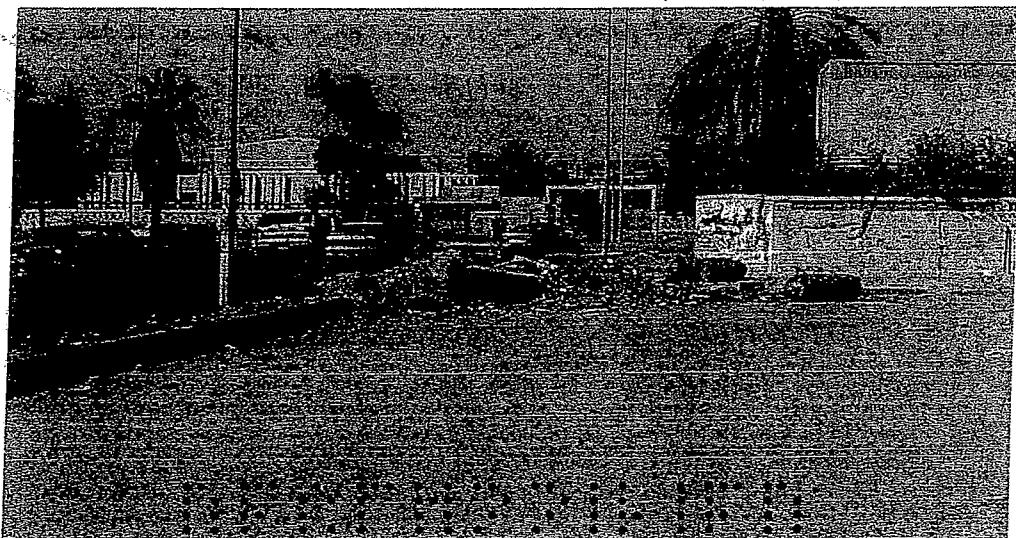
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Trajectory of round(s) indicated by black line

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Shooting Scene looking southward up off ramp (Direction of travel of cars to the right is the same as the motorcade's direction of travel. Note guardrail and curb to right.)



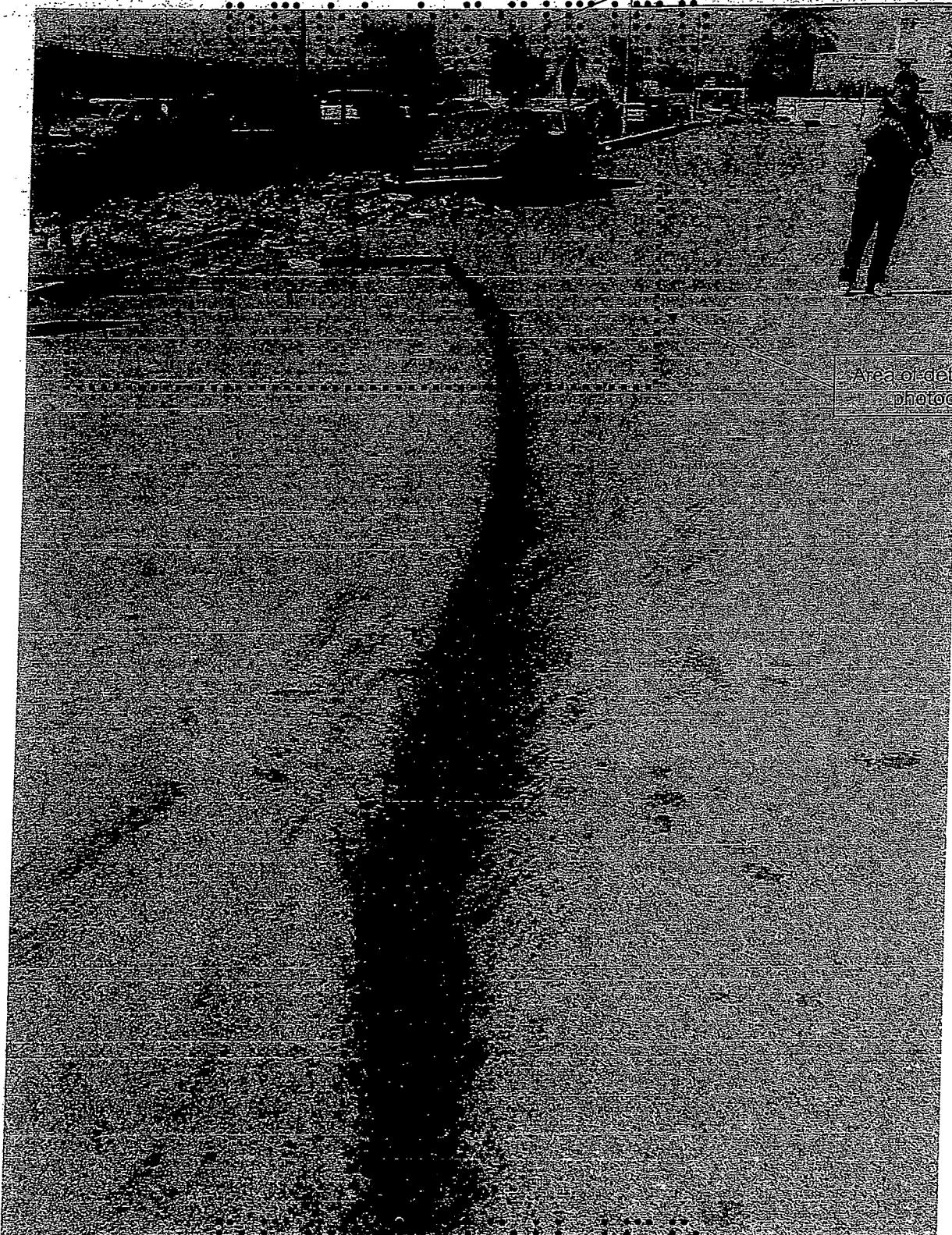
North end of residential street toward end of off ramp (Note dirt pile blocking access to ramp.)

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Approximate location of fourth vehicle

Area of detail in next photograph



Engine fluid trail looking north from its point of origin (Placement of fourth vehicle based on statements by team members when shown this photograph.)

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Concentration of shattered windshield glass



Detail of end of engine fluid trail, abandoned vehicles, light pole, debris pile, curb, and guardrail

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• Concentration of shattered windshield glass



Engine fluid trail looking from likely point of rest toward origin (Note shattered glass concentration and apparent angle of movement indicated by fluid spatter.)

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SPOT REPORT

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Subject: Spot Report-02/19/05-2

Information Valid as of: 192001FEB2005

1. Situation: Protection Detail receives indirect fire.
2. Activity: At approximately 1620L a Chief Of Mission protection detail, secured by Triple Canopy, was at venue when 4 x mortars rounds impacted within 300 meters of their location. b2 b7C
3. observed a 2 x person Anti-Iraqi Force(AIF) mortar team launching the rounds. Both detail members engaged the mortar team with unknown results. Two x AIF were observed fleeing the mortar launch site towards the south. No friendly casualties or damage was reported. Four DOS principals were at the venue during the time of the incident.
4. Location: Mosul b2 b7C
5. Unit reporting: RSO TOC
6. Time: 191620Feb2005.
7. Evaluation of Source: RSO
8. POC: RSO
9. Other additional information: RSO TOC was notified of incident at 1940 19 FEB 05; NFI.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

February 21, 2005

WARNING SHOTS FIRED IN MOSUL, IRAQ

SUBJECT: Motorcade fires warning shots at suspect vehicle.

REPORTING OFFICE: RSO TOC - BAGHDAD

SUMMARY: At approximately 0840 a Chief Of Mission motorcade, secured by Triple Canopy, was enroute to venue in Mosul, Iraq when a dark sedan rapidly approached from the rear. The vehicle failed to comply with the visual/verbal commands from the motorcade and continued to approach. The detail fired a flare at the vehicle in order to gain the driver's attention and signal him to maintain a safe distance. The vehicle then accelerated closer to the rear of the motorcade, so the detail fired warning shots at the ground in front of the vehicle. The vehicle responded by slowing down and maintaining a safe distance from the convoy. One DOS principal was in the motorcade at the time of the incident. No injuries were reported.

Location: Mosul, Iraq b2 b7C

NEXT STEPS

- Conduct a full debrief with detail members
- Obtain statements from all detail members involved in incident

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February 22, 2005

WARNING SHOTS FIRED**SUBJECT:** Motorcade fires warning shots at suspect vehicle.**REPORTING OFFICE:** RSO TOC - BAGHDAD

SUMMARY: At approximately 1012 a Chief Of Mission motorcade, secured by Blackwater, was enroute to venue when an approaching red pickup truck failed to respond to the detail's visual/verbal commands to maintain its distance. The pickup truck pulled up next to the motorcade and attempted to break into the package between the Limo and Follow Car. The Follow car conducted a screen and made contact with the pickup. The pickup truck again accelerated towards the Limo when the detail fired approximately 12 rounds into the engine block in order to disable the pickup. One DOS principal was in the motorcade at the time of the incident. No injuries were reported.

Location: Baghdad, Iraq b2 b7c**NEXT STEPS**

- Conduct a full debrief with detail members
- Obtain statements from all detail members involved in incident

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

February 24, 2005

WARNING SHOTS FIRED

SUBJECT: Motorcade fires warning shots at suspect vehicle.

REPORTING OFFICE: RSO TOC - BAGHDAD

SUMMARY: At approximately 1125 hrs a Chief of Mission motorcade, secured by DynCorp, was entering the Ministry of Labor venue. Traffic was stopped behind the motorcade, when a blue 4 dr. sedan pulled around the stopped traffic and approached the motorcade. The vehicle ignored attempts by two detail members to stop. The detail fired 1 shot at the vehicle and it continued toward them. They then fired a 5-6 shot burst at the vehicle. It stopped at that time. The detail made its turn into the venue and the vehicle drove away. A staff member from the Economic Section was in the motorcade at the time of the incident. No injuries were reported.

Location: Baghdad, Iraq: Ministry of Labor

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NEXT STEPS

- Conduct a full debrief with detail members
- Obtain statements from all detail members involved in incident

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

27 February 2005

Spot Report 022705 - 1

Subject: PSD Discharges Warning Shots

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At approximately 270945FEB05, a Blackwater Quick Reaction Force (QRF) discharged (3) warning shots towards a vehicle driven in an aggressive manner. The vehicle, operated by an unidentifiable Iraqi national, approached the QRF at a high rate of speed outside the International Zone's (IZ) Checkpoint 2. The turret gunner made several unsuccessful attempts to stop the vehicle through the use of hand and arm signals, then fired (3) warning shots. The rounds impacted the ground in front of the vehicle and in the vehicle's front grill. The vehicle then stopped and the QRF continued into the IZ without further incident. There are no known casualties resulting from this action.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
Templar 20 Engagements		2005-0005/5	
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE	
		Administrative	
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
Embassy Baghdad	01 March 2005		S/A TJ Lunardi

SYNOPSIS

On 16 February 2005, Blackwater Personal Security Detail, Team Templar 20, during the performance of their assigned protective missions engaged three suspected vehicles at three separate locations in Baghdad, Iraq. Templar 20 engaged the suspected threat vehicles with their assigned small arms to include _____ and _____. At the time of this report the number and extent of injuries and/or fatalities is unknown. On February 17, 2005, _____, a member of Templar 20 present at this incident, was interviewed regarding his knowledge of, and/or involvement in, the shooting.

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DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. On 16 February 2005, Diplomatic Security Service, RA and SA Matthew McCormack were notified by Regional Security Officer (RSO) John Frese about a shooting which took place on 16 February 2005, by Blackwater Personal Security Detail, (PSD) Team Templar 20, assigned to the US Embassy Annex, Baghdad, Iraq.
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3. [REDACTED] stated that on the day of the incident under investigation, he was the driver of the fourth vehicle in the [REDACTED] motorcade. He confirmed that [REDACTED] was seated in the right front seat, [REDACTED] was seated in the right rear seat, [REDACTED] was in the left rear, and [REDACTED] was in the well.
4. [REDACTED] recalled that as the motorcade traveled down the off ramp between checkpoints [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] en route from the Ministry of Interior to the Embassy Annex, it encountered traffic at the end of the ramp. [REDACTED] recalled that as the motorcade came to a stop, he heard [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] saying something and then noticed that the right rear door had opened. [REDACTED] stated that he both heard the door open and noted a 'right passenger door ajar' message on the dashboard display in front of him. [REDACTED] further recalled that shortly after noting the right rear door opening, he heard a short burst of automatic fire from the right rear position. [REDACTED] stated that he did not look to the rear and could not say where the right rear was positioned when this burst was fired. According to [REDACTED], this first burst was followed by a second burst from the right rear position, and then a constant volume of small arms fire from several positions within the motorcade.
5. [REDACTED] stated that, at this time, he recalls that [REDACTED] was looking to the rear. [REDACTED] related that after he heard the fire from the right rear position, [REDACTED] opened his door and fired a number of rounds. [REDACTED] asserted that he knew [REDACTED] was firing because he observed the ejected brass landing in the vehicle near him. [REDACTED] could not recall if [REDACTED] fired from a seated position or had dismounted and was firing while on foot. [REDACTED] also could not recall what [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were doing at this time, and although he remembers talking behind him, he could not recall what was said.
6. [REDACTED] stated that the motorcade vehicle to his front was a Ford Excursion. [REDACTED] recalled that before he heard [REDACTED] firing, he observed [REDACTED] open his door on the Excursion. According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] began giving hand signals toward the rear of the motorcade. At this time, [REDACTED] stated, he observed a young local national boy sitting on a guardrail in front of two parked vehicles. [REDACTED] claimed that he heard [REDACTED] firing before he observed muzzle flashes from [REDACTED] weapon. In



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[REDACTED] b7C		Administrative	
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Embassy Baghdad	01 March 2005		S/A TJ Lunardi

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3. [redacted] stated that on the day of the incident under investigation, he was riding in the right front seat of the Templar 20's K-9 vehicle. He further stated that, in this position, he had no responsibility for tactical command either within the vehicle or in the larger motorcade. b2
4. [redacted] recalled that as the motorcade traveled down the off ramp between checkpoints [redacted] and [redacted] en route from the Ministry of Interior to the Embassy Annex, it encountered traffic at the end of the ramp. [redacted] continued that other team members created a 'bubble' around the motorcade as it slowed to an eventual halt on the ramp. [redacted] stated that, at this time, he was scanning his sector of responsibility, i.e., from his vehicle's 12 o'clock to three o'clock.
5. [redacted] stated that his first indication of a possible threat occurred when the team member directly to his rear, [redacted] opened his door. [redacted] recalled that after [redacted] opened the door, a burst of machine gun fire was audible. [redacted] further recalled seeing a young local national boy standing next to an abandoned vehicle parked on a road to his right which was almost level with the ramp. [redacted] stated that this boy and the abandoned vehicle were initially to his three o'clock, and then slightly behind him when his vehicle inched forward. [redacted] continued that the burst of fire came from behind his position and that of the boy and abandoned vehicle.
6. [redacted] related that after hearing this initial burst, he heard [redacted] yelling, "Stop, stop, stop," and then heard a large volume of small arms fire to his rear. [redacted] claimed that, at this time, he exited his vehicle onto the ramp, and witnessed an obviously disabled gray vehicle slowly rolling to a stop with its front angled toward the rear of the motorcade. [redacted] stated that he did not fire on the vehicle because his line of fire was blocked by the abandoned vehicle observed earlier. In response to further questions from RA and SA McCormack, [redacted] stated that when he dismounted and first observed the gray vehicle, he could not see rounds impacting the vehicle but could still hear fire directed toward it. [redacted] also amplified that when he dismounted, he walked to the far right of [redacted]'s open door in order to have a clear view of the situation. [redacted] further described that the subject vehicle was slowly moving to a stop and was traveling less than five miles per hour when he first observed it.

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7. [redacted] stated that when he first observed the subject vehicle, [redacted] was firing his weapon. [redacted] further stated that he assumed [redacted] was firing at the subject vehicle, but could not recall whether this fire was semi-automatic or automatic. [redacted] continued that during this time he heard other fire, described by him as, "a good bit of fire," although he was unable to determine who was firing. b7c
8. [redacted] recalled that he could see the front end of the subject vehicle through the windows of the abandoned cars, but he could not clearly see any occupant(s) of the subject vehicle or whether either of the front doors of the vehicle were open.
9. In response to requests for amplification on several issues, [redacted] described the off ramp as slightly wider than a regular lane of travel. [redacted] stated that when he deployed from his vehicle, the abandoned vehicles were approximately 25 yards from him, but that he could not be certain of that distance. He continued that he was certain the vehicles were more than five yards from his position. [redacted] stated that shortly after the subject vehicle rolled to a complete stop, he heard from an unrecalled source, "Let's go," and so recovered into his vehicle. b2
10. [redacted] stated that the motorcade then departed the scene, pushing through traffic on the right of the off ramp and turning left at the intersection designated as [redacted]. According to [redacted], approximately 200 – 300 yards after this turn, the motorcade again encountered heavy traffic. During this portion of movement, [redacted] did not recall hearing any radio communications from the Shift Leader in the vehicle behind his. [redacted] further stated that as the motorcade came to a stop due to the congestion, he observed a white vehicle coming along a perpendicular side road toward his vehicle. [redacted] recalled that the white vehicle was moving at a relatively high rate of speed, further described as greater than 10 – 15 miles per hour. [redacted] claimed that had the white vehicle continued to the end of the side street, it would have been exactly perpendicular to the side of his vehicle.
11. [redacted] asserted that when the white vehicle was approximately 50 – 75 yards from his vehicle, he exited his vehicle and began to signal to the white vehicle to stop, using visual hand and arm signs, and shouted warnings. [redacted] recalled observing [redacted] doing the same. [redacted] claimed that he believed he had made eye contact with the driver of the white vehicle. [redacted] continued that, when the white vehicle failed to stop, he raised his [redacted] and, using his [redacted] sight, fired one round aimed at the vehicle's grill. [redacted] stated that he then paused an unknown number of seconds to assess the situation, while continuing to shout warnings and muzzle the on-coming vehicle. [redacted] claimed that, after this first shot, the vehicle continued forward toward him. b3 wry b7c
12. [redacted] stated that he then fired three to four additional rounds aimed at the body of the vehicle, further described as the hood. [redacted] recalled that at approximately this time he heard and observed [redacted] firing as well, but he could not state with certainty how many rounds [redacted] fired. [redacted] claimed that he and [redacted] ceased fire at nearly the same moment, and that the white vehicle had stopped at this time. According to [redacted] the white vehicle halted less than 10 yards from his vehicle. [redacted] amplified that when he first fired on the white vehicle, its rate of speed remained b7c

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constant, and that, after the second burst of fire, the vehicle came to an abrupt halt. _____ related that the driver exited his stopped vehicle with his hands raised, leading _____ to verbally admonish him to remain in the vehicle. At approximately this time, by _____ account, traffic began to clear, he recovered to his vehicle, and the motorcade departed the scene.

13. _____ described the intersection at which this second incident occurred as flanked by buildings on both sides. He recalled that his vehicle was no more than 20 yards from the motorcade vehicles to its immediate front and rear. _____ further claimed that he felt he, "gave every warning [to the white vehicle], without jumping up and down on the hood."
14. In response to further questions related to the shooting incident at the off ramp, _____ stated that when the gray subject vehicle came to a stop, its front end was at a discernible angle. _____ did not recall toward what, if anything, the subject vehicle was pointed, and claimed that only a corner of the bumper and grill were visible to him beyond the abandoned cars. _____ further described the road on which the subject vehicle was traveling as a paved, standard two-lane residential street, separated from the off ramp by a two to three foot wide dirt median, possibly bordered by a curb. _____ stated that he did not know where this residential street dumped. _____ stated definitively and in response to direct questions, that he did not see a weapon in the subject vehicle, did not hear or observe incoming, hostile fire, and did not, upon departure, observe anyone near the subject vehicle. _____ further stated that he did not recall any comments from others in his vehicle after recovering into his vehicle.
15. This investigation continues.

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4. [redacted] stated that his detail departed the MOI building at approximately 1100 hrs and arrived at [redacted] approximately 1122 hrs. [redacted] described the setting as an off ramp with a secondary road, running parallel to their right from the direction of travel. [redacted] believes that the secondary road was an asphalt road. [redacted] explained that as the motorcade was exiting the highway off ramp, the motorcade was confronted with traffic to their immediate front. [redacted] stated that when they were stopped in traffic, that vehicles were stopped approximately 100 meters to the rear. At that time he heard the well specialist [redacted] call out that a vehicle was approaching. [redacted] informed the RA's that his right rear vehicle door was slightly ajar and that [redacted] was on the running boards of the vehicle. A short time after hearing [redacted] commands, [redacted] stated that he heard the right rear specialist [redacted] fire a burst from his [redacted] stated that he heard another burst from [redacted] weapon immediately followed by a third longer volley of fire. He also stated that at about the same time he heard the left rear specialist, [redacted] engage the suspect vehicle *b2 b4* with an unknown amount of rounds. [redacted] also recognized that someone (NFI) located in the number three vehicle in the motorcade also engaged the suspect vehicle. [redacted] recalls hearing a great deal of small arms fire and decided to call back to Templar Base, the command and control element for the detail, and relay what was happening. [redacted] explained that as he was reaching for the radio, he heard a sound that he believed was small arms fire directed towards his vehicle. [redacted] stated that he saw a gray vehicle approaching the motorcade and at that time ended the attempted radio transmission and faced the direction of the suspect vehicle. [redacted] described the suspect vehicle as a gray, four door, older model that was on the "Be on the Lookout" (BOLO) list. When RA questioned [redacted] about the details of the BOLO vehicle, he was unable to provide specific information about the BOLO vehicle. Additionally, he stated that when he provides statements about suspect vehicles he always states that the vehicle is on the BOLO list. [redacted] stated that the sedan was close to his

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vehicle and decided to engage with his [REDACTED] stated that he fired three or four rounds into the sedan's front windshield. [REDACTED] stated that he only saw the driver of the vehicle and could not provide any further details about the driver or if there was a passenger.

5. After the suspect vehicle had come to a stop approximately 5-10 meters from their position, [REDACTED] could see that the driver of the vehicle was sitting, slumped over in the drivers seat. At that time [REDACTED] called for his vehicle occupants to recover and depart the area. While the motorcade was departing the immediate area, [REDACTED] stated that he heard from an occupant of his vehicle (NFI) that there was movement to the rear. The vehicle then turned left at the ramp intersection and traveled approximately 100 meters before the motorcade again became stopped in traffic.
6. [REDACTED] explained that while the motorcade was stopped, he saw a white, four-door vehicle, traveling on a side street running perpendicular to their motorcade. [REDACTED] described the suspect vehicle as being approximately 20 feet from the number three vehicle and located at their three O'clock position. At that time, [REDACTED] noticed that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the number three vehicle fired several rounds into the white suspect vehicle now located approximately 20 feet from their vehicle. [REDACTED] was unsure where the rounds impacted in the suspect vehicle. [REDACTED] recalled seeing the driver of the vehicle exit and place his hands over his head. After the firing had stopped, the members of number three vehicle returned to their vehicle and the motorcade departed the area. After the engagement the motorcade departed the area and returned to the Embassy Annex compound.
7. On 18 February 2005, S/A's Lunardi and McCormack re-interviewed Templar 20 team member [REDACTED] at the RSO interview room located at the US Embassy Annex, Baghdad. Also present during the interview was Blackwater representative [REDACTED]. S/A Lunardi informed [REDACTED] of his KALKINES warnings prior to the commencement of the interview.
8. When [REDACTED] questioned about his knowledge of the Rules of Engagement (ROE) and the use of warning shots, [REDACTED] provided the following information. He explained that the use of deadly force was authorized when he or his team members felt threatened. [REDACTED] stated that the use of deadly force would be based on the escalation of violence and compliance to commands. [REDACTED] explained that he would attempt to use verbal and audible commands, which could escalate to the use of deadly force if not adhered to. [REDACTED] explained that according to the ROE, warning shots were authorized.
9. The following is supplemental information provided by [REDACTED] during the re-interview.
10. Prior to discussing the shooting incident at the off ramp between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was questioned about a shooting which took place prior to Templar 20's arrival at the MOI. [REDACTED] explained that the motorcade was stopped in traffic near an overpass and that the motorcade formed a security perimeter. [REDACTED] explained that as all traffic to the rear of the motorcade was stopped, a vehicle (NFI) decided to attempt to pass the motorcade from the left side. At that time the left rear specialist, [REDACTED] fired a burst from his [REDACTED] at the vehicle. (NFI).

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11. Regarding the shooting at [REDACTED] RA's questioner [REDACTED] why the vehicle was considered a threat. [REDACTED] responded by stating that he had heard loud vocal commands from the well specialist and or the right rear specialist several times and that a vehicle was still approaching. [REDACTED] stated that he had not received clear communications from anyone in the vehicle about the vehicles actions or posture before the firing had begun. Additionally, he stated that he had heard a great deal of firing from his team members and believed that rounds were incoming as well.
12. [REDACTED] provided information about his actions during the shooting. He stated that he engaged the suspect vehicle from approximately the four O'clock position and was unsure if there was a passenger in the vehicle and could not state if the passenger door was open or closed.
13. [REDACTED] described the motorcade's formation at the off ramp as staggered to the right and located behind the number three vehicle. His vehicle was slightly angled which allowed him to be able to see the suspect vehicle's grill and both headlights as he fired.
14. [REDACTED] stated to RA's that many things regarding the shooting incident were "jumbled" and that he has "No clear memory of the events, they just run together".
15. RA questioned [REDACTED] about his actions upon returning to the US Embassy Annex. [REDACTED] stated that immediately after their return into the Embassy Annex compound they were met by [REDACTED]. The team members were told to wait for further instructions inside their planning bay. While traveling to the team room, [REDACTED] stated that he saw the bullet hole in their vehicle (NFI). In the planning bay, [REDACTED] stated that the team members discussed the shooting incident. Specifically, [REDACTED] informed the group that he saw the passenger of the vehicle with a pistol to which [REDACTED] agreed and said that he had also saw a weapon. [REDACTED] stated he couldn't recall if the team discussed the bullet hole in the number four vehicle. At that time the individuals were directed by Blackwater management to provide written statements. [REDACTED] stated that the discussions in the planning bay did not influence his accounts of what had taken place.
16. This investigation continues.

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DISCUSSION

W/m in 40 yds set burst into hood, then veh. turned into m. cascade

Qualified
in 2nd week
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fired second burst which walked from hood up windshield, 100 round belt

changed

"long sustained burst"

= $\approx \frac{1}{2}$ belt

claims turn of veh.

did not see weapons on individuals in veh.

veh = older model, 4 dr sedan, faded paint, not sure on make / model

claims no real divider between paved & unpaved road

doesn't recall vegetation

#4 veh = armored suburban



- veh. init @ 30-40 mph

- m. cascade @ dead stop

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visual signals @ 50 yds

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↳ fired 40 yds, saw debris
3-5 yards ↖ and impacts on hood/
engine ↘ did not hit driver
 $\approx 2 \text{ sec}$

↳ 2ND burst \rightarrow ≈ 30 yds, walked
up into windshield

3-5
yards ↖ I
time ↖ 3RD burst
to
bring
barrel
back
down
on
target ↖

↓
4-5 bursts total

doesn't #3 RR started firing
know ↖ $\frac{1}{152}$ ↗ ↗
for sure ↖ ↗ ↗
firing #4 LR got up on running

board \rightarrow fired around
over vehicle(?)

Heard
shots ↖
from
over
shoulder ↖

↓
#4 FR also fired

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some shots occurred
after he stopped to
reload

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b top of suburban (?)

b clean top of veh



claims heard F ^{b7c} firing
w/ ^{b2} while he was firing



after reload, came back up

b was told by #3RR that he
had fired

still on
dirt road

veh came
to rest 25'
driver slumped,
saw blood
I could not
see passenger
but saw
no motion

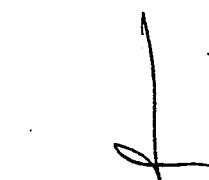


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moved out, left @ [redacted] b2 b7c
two or so streets down



D did not engage, no one else in his vehicle either

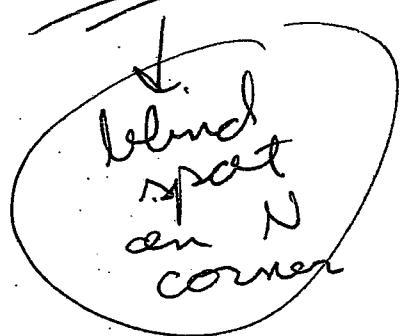
wht full-size sedan came in from 3rd side street & appeared to slow

then tried to "shoot gap" between #3 + #4.

X did not see exactly who fired @ vehicle

as driver try, saw bullet hole in windshield, driver out of veh., moving

corner?



doesn't know

passenger frightened in veh.

if either
[redacted]
[redacted]

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"every
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no specific
veh. added
to BOLO

+ advanced another detail
first @ MOI, then on
to MOI for another detail

when departed MOI
Templar 16 had not
departed MOI

↳ "every vehicle out here is
on the BOLO list"

↳ doesn't recall any specific
threat info

↳ briefing —
from _____

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after 1st burst began to
cant toward rear of
m-car

↳ completely splintered, not
caved

Stopped
just prior

to burst → after first burst
shooting into windshield

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started to
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threatened?

- saw felt do saw hand arms
- failed to respond after burst into hood
- closed to unacceptable distance

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5. [REDACTED] stated that saw the right rear specialist, [REDACTED] giving hand and arms signals for the vehicle to stop as well as shout verbal commands. [REDACTED] stated that he also saw [REDACTED] signaling with his weapon's muzzle for the vehicle to stop and shortly after, saw [REDACTED] shoot a burst from his [REDACTED] stated that the suspect vehicle was approximately 50~70 yards from their vehicle when [REDACTED] engaged. He saw the rounds impact in the bumper and hood area of the suspect vehicle. At this time [REDACTED] stated that he saw [REDACTED] standing on the vehicle running board.
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6. After the burst from [REDACTED] explained that the vehicle gradually turned in their direction. [REDACTED] explained that the suspect vehicle maintained a speed of approximately 35 mph. [REDACTED] informed the RA's that [REDACTED] reengaged the suspect vehicle with another burst, hitting the front windshield. [REDACTED] could not identify a driver or a passenger inside the suspect vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that he heard additional shooting from his motorcade but was unsure who else was firing. [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle came to a stop approximately 15~20 yards from their vehicle.

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7. _____ stated that after the engagement of the vehicle as the motorcade was departing the area, _____ identified an Iraqi male standing by the vehicle, looking into the window. _____ believed that the individual was a bystander and after he peered into the vehicle, he walked in the direction of the houses along the parallel road.
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8. This investigation continues.

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3. [REDACTED] explained that he is a canine handler assigned to different PSD details to support their site visits. On this day he was assigned to the Templar 20 team. [REDACTED] further explained that Team 20's mission for the day included movement from the Embassy Annex to the Iraqi Ministry of Interior (MOI) building; A site advance of the facility; and a return motorcade movement to the Embassy Annex. Additionally, [REDACTED] stated that he was positioned in the number three vehicle of the motorcade and was seated in the right rear position.
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4. [REDACTED] stated that during the motorcade's movement between checkpoint: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], as the motorcade was exiting the highway off ramp, he identified a vehicle traveling on a smaller road running parallel with the off ramp. The motorcade was temporarily stopped due to heavy traffic and formed a security "bubble" around the motorcade maintaining approximately 20~25 meters between vehicle three and four. [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle was located approximately 200~300 meters back from his vehicle when he opened his door slightly and provided hand gestures for the oncoming vehicle to stop its advancement. [REDACTED] described the vehicle as a gray, older model, sedan that he stated was on the "Be on the Lookout" (BOLO) list. When RA questioned [REDACTED] about his statement regarding the BOLO vehicle, he was unable to provide specific information about the vehicle, just that a gray vehicle at some period of time in Iraq was on the BOLO list. He could not provide specifics about license tag numbers, makes, or models, only that a gray sedan was on a BOLO list. When RA inquired about the overall description of the area of the off ramp, [REDACTED] stated that from the direction of travel of the vehicle there was a smaller road located to the right of the vehicle which ran parallel to the off ramp. The road was a paved road with a dirt median with scattered trees located between it and the off ramp.
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5. [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle continued to drive on its parallel road in the same direction as their motorcade. At this time, [REDACTED] explained that he changed positions from inside the vehicle to standing on the vehicle's running boards and again gave hand gestures and vocal commands for the suspect vehicle to stop. This included his pointing the muzzle of his [REDACTED] in the direction of the vehicle. [REDACTED] explained that the driver of the sedan intentionally disobeyed his commands and as
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he closed the distance to approximately 125~150 meters the driver accelerated his vehicle speed to approximately 40-50 mph.

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6. _____ shot one round from his _____ into the grill of the suspect vehicle. _____ stated that he saw the round impact the sedan through his _____ magnified site. _____ stated that at the same time he heard a burst of fire come from the weapon off _____ of the number four-motorcade vehicle. He believes that _____ fired approximately three rounds at the sedan. After the engagement of the sedan by the aforementioned individuals _____ stated that the vehicle increased its speed to 50 mph and turned in the direction of the number four-motorcade vehicle. _____ explained that as the vehicle was changing direction towards the motorcade and was located approximately 60~75 meters, he saw the passenger of the sedan open his door and present a black colored pistol, which aimed in at the rear vehicles of the motorcade. _____ described the passenger as dressed in black clothing but was unable to provide any further information on his description. _____ explained that he believes that the passenger shot at their motorcade. Subsequently, _____ fired two rounds from his _____ at the passenger and watched through his _____ sight. _____ stated that he watched him either fall over or duck down below the dashboard while he observed through his sight. At that time, he changed his focus to the driver of the vehicle who was wearing a black scarf. _____ engaged the driver of the vehicle, shooting approximately five rounds into the driver's side of the front windshield. _____ stated that after he engaged the sedan, the suspect vehicle came to a stop approximately 20 meters from the fourth vehicle of the motorcade.
7. _____ explained that after the engagement of the sedan, the Templar 20 motorcade continued on their designated return route. The motorcade quickly made a left turn onto another street and again came into a traffic congested area. The number three vehicle stopped perpendicular to a side street on the vehicle's right side. _____ explained that he identified a white "Opal" which he explained was also on the "BOLO" list, traveling towards their motorcade at a high rate of speed. (Approximately 25 mph) _____ approximated the distance to the vehicle to be about 250 meters. _____ provided the same vague general answer about the BOLO vehicle, not providing any specifics other than that a white Opal was on the list. At that time, _____ opened the vehicle door slightly, provided verbal commands and hand gestures for the vehicle to stop. As the vehicle closed to approximately 75 meters, _____, the right front occupant of the third vehicle, engaged with two rounds into the grill area of the suspect vehicle. _____ stated that the vehicle continued to advance and was approximately 45 meters from their position when he and _____ fired at the vehicle. They placed approximately eight rounds into the hood area of the suspect vehicle causing the vehicle to stop 10 meters from their vehicle. At that time, _____ identified two male occupants of the vehicle. The occupants were attempting to exit the vehicle when _____ and _____ presented hand gestures and vocal commands for the individuals to stop. The motorcade departed the scene shortly thereafter.
8. On 18 February 2005, S/A's Lunardi and McCormack re-interviewed Templar 20 team member, _____ at the RSO interview room located at the US Embassy Annex, Baghdad, Iraq. Also present during the interview was Blackwater representative _____ S/A Lunardi informed _____ of his KALKINES warnings.

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9. RA's questioned _____ about his knowledge of the Rules of Engagement (ROE) which applied to him in his current position. The first in the continuum is the use of hand gestures and verbal commands to control the situation, which, if required leads to the use of his weapon. Additionally, he stated that the use of deadly force is authorized when his life or the life of his team members becomes threatened. _____ stated that he heard (unsure from whom) that warning shots were authorized but, that he didn't believe that it was an official policy.
10. During the course of the interview, _____ discussed an additional shooting situation that occurred earlier on 16 February 2005, prior to incident between _____ and _____. _____ stated that prior to their arrival at the MOI building, the motorcade was traveling around a traffic circle when the 4th vehicle of their motorcade engaged a suspect vehicle. _____ could provide no further details on this incident. b7c
11. The following is supplemental information provided by _____ during the re-interview.
- _____ stated that his vehicle door (right rear) was cracked approximately 18" from the time the motorcade exited the highway until he presented the hand gestures to stop. He also saw that the number four vehicle's doors were ajar about the same width.
 - _____ believes that he was the first person to engage the gray sedan with _____ firing his weapon system immediately after.
 - The number three vehicle was off set to the left of the number four vehicle during their stop at on the off ramp.
- b7c b7f
12. _____ described his engagement of the passenger and driver of the sedan as happening very quickly. He stated that after shooting into the grill of the sedan, through his _____ site, he saw the passenger door "fly open". The passenger then presented a pistol with both hands and aimed it in the direction of the number three or four vehicle of the motorcade. The weapon was located between the doorframe and the door of the suspect vehicle. When questioned as to how the passenger balanced himself in a vehicle moving 50 mph, now turning towards the motorcade, and holding a pistol out the door. _____ could not provide an answer to the investigators. _____ stated during this interview that he was not sure that the pistol fired, as he never saw a muzzle flash and remained focused on the passenger through his sight until he fired at him. Additionally, _____ noticed that the passenger was wearing a black scarf. _____ engaged the passenger with two rounds. After the rounds were fired, through his _____ he saw the passenger slump over towards the driver. Immediately after, _____ acquired the driver of the sedan in his sight and fired at him.
- b7c
13. RA's questioned _____ as to what actions the sedan took that made him believe his life was threatened. _____ stated that the driver appeared aggressive, traveled at a high rate of speed and didn't heed the warnings of the detail members. RA's questione _____ why both he and _____ fired their rounds into the grill of the sedan to which he responded that the vehicle appeared threatening and the rounds were directed at that area as to provide a warning. RA's further questioned _____

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why the next sets of rounds were directed towards the driver. _____ stated that if the vehicle were a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) as he thought, killing the driver would stop the forward progression of the vehicle.

14. RA's confronted _____ with the photograph which showed the shooting scene to include an 8" curb and steel guard rail which separated the two roads and the motorcade. RA's questioned him about whether or not he remembered the existence of the median and whether it made a difference in his actions. _____ replied that it would not. b2

15. _____ was questioned about the shooting incident that took place shortly after the incident a b3 to which _____ provided information consistent with his previous interview. RA's questioned _____ as to why he had responded differently during the two shooting scenarios. During the incident at _____ he had engaged a threat vehicle which was traveling at a high rate of speed and located a great distance from the motorcade with shots into the passenger compartment, according to his statement, in order to neutralize the threat and in the case of a possible VBIED stop the vehicle ASAP. During the second incident, the vehicle was located a great deal closer to the motorcade, and yet he decided not to use lethal force, but place rounds in the hood area of the vehicle. _____ agreed with the RA's that it didn't make sense and did not know why his actions were such. b7c b2

16. RA questioned _____ about his actions upon returning to the US Embassy Annex. _____ stated that immediately after their return into the Annex compound they were met by _____. The team members were told to remain in their planning bay and wait for instructions from their management. In the planning bay _____ explained that the members discussed with _____ and the other team members the details of what had taken place during the shooting incidents. _____ recalled some discussion about the bullet hole in the fourth vehicle. _____ stated that the discussions in the planning bay did not influence his accounts of what had taken place.

17. This investigation continues.

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INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

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- ↳ voluntary advisement
- ↳ full disclosure

DOB: [REDACTED]

BADGE #: [REDACTED]

b7c

b7f ↳ departed MOI, coming past traffic on ramp
stopped ≈ 100m back

↳ gray veh. comes out of lumber yard onto access road
coming parallel, accelerating towards coming

hears

RR yelling

"STOP" → driver failed to comply

40m

RR yelling "STOP"
repeatedly +

hears RR MURKILED
open fire

driver fails to comply

(//)

b) was also motioning
& yelling "STOP")

driver made
eye contact w
② and
failed to

when RR fired, comply
veh turned
toward #4 - pax showed
firearm

b) then ② opened fire
on driver compartment

✓ vehicle continued to
accelerate → RR still
firing ② firing 3rd
burst into veh

RR ran dry → had
weapon stop firing &
RR verbalized

② continued firing until
vehicle came to a complete
stop

↓ 10-15 sec later convoy
was able to move out

DECR NO. 1000

b2gj

made left turn C still holding traffic C G b Meard voices off to left yelling "stop" X: from 2 o'clock the Meard rounds fired over over left shoulder saw vehicle coming toward #3 veh the veh stopped with coming from 3 o'clock

convo continued on

= diagram

b across road = parallel,
?? paved w/
~ breaks in
median

b did not see 3RD vehicle

b7c

b well first noticed vehicle pull

DE out grey truck or six coming to right

↳ RR crashed his door
(≈ 50m)

↳ Means RTZ
yelling
stop

↳ opens door and
is waving
at over
the
top of
the vehicle

↳ Standing on
kick plate
inside of #4,
up on the one
roof

↳ giving voice + hand
signs

↳ holding ↑ by right hand
balancing on veh.

Short hair

↳ rarely
30' →, couldn't
tell if facial
hair

↳ driver look right
at him to make eye contact

↳ driver continued to
ignore

b RTR opens fire at 40m w/
3-5 rounds burst @ engine
block → saw it impact

all
rounds
into
grill

then veh angles
and accelerates
toward meade

driver again makes
eye contact

pax presents
weapon

pax door started
to come open,
weapon between
door + jamb

- did hear - fire

after turn veh
floored it" → 35-40

Never saw fire,
never heard or
saw incoming
rounds

Saw only
barrel

then R fired into
driver's compartment

- no smoke or
steam out of
the engine

why
when
pax
had gun?

aiming @ driver

(100
round
belt)

fired 5 and
bursts

turned S & L
between back
off ab
A veh, W/C driver
more of
threat w/
pax
NB ED.

be no reload
doesn't
pax
how many
times for

did so
til
veh. stops

CRAP

↳ veh. stops 20m from rear of convoy

↙ stopped like someone put the brakes on

↙ still watching G while engaging targets

↙ median = concrete strip broke to allow traffic in

3 inch curb ↙ no motion in veh.
 driver was motionless

road-curb-road

didn't
see
PAX

↙ PAX door
still open

↙ then departed area

↙ lead veh.
said "moving"

DECR 02 2011 and make left

↳ one way traffic approaching
incident i-section

"STOP, STOP,
STOP"

hears voice command

× 2 and hears

how ↘ shots
many?

5m gap from #3 to
#4

quick 3
round
burst

Semi
auto
fire

↳ firing @ white
vehicle

claims can see
veh. moving
toward #3
from 5m to

stop @ ~~the~~

≈ 1 m away

convo slowly
egressing

when gave second
verbal command

stood and
looked
over
rooftop

accelerating
toward
#3

aggressive?

DECIDE people on N side of
i-section

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↳ threat briefing from []

↳ no specific information
on threat in area or
those vehicles

↳ 9/2004 qualified w/ [] b2 b7L

↳ LR's responsibility is 9 to 6
according to training



- well Mad passed info to SL
- RR was talking to SL

↓ nothing on roof of
suburban

↓ claiming no chance
he hit

DECODED

1A15

67C

RECENT HISTORY OF 1E15

↳ 11 years in Marines → all active duty → MP, important then admin

↳ 1997 → [] 57C

↳ Executive Protection

↳ Start May

↓
↳ 9/04 Training

11/04 arrived Iraq

↳ 1 one other team

↳ joined T 20 1FEB 05

↳ outstanding, good group of guys → one personality conflict / tension

↳ competent, firm but fair, doesn't hesitate to make decisions

↳ door gunner all but one run w/ this team



↳ took fire on 13 FEB 05, not sure if bullets impacted

DECONTAMINATION

↳ fired x 2 on veh., more than 2 less than 5

↳ no other shooting aimed at driver

↙
ROE: - voice, hand and arm, muzzling, firing @ vehicle, the @ driver when life is in imminent danger to prevent death

State Dept.
SOP from
Monrovia

→ aiming point on warning shots

→ shot on way out to site morning of
→ veh. approached, fired 3 rounds into veh.

, bd high

→ after traffic halted, @ closed his door, opened door when record clear & saw vehicle to

6

↳ leaning out, facing rearward

↳ can't see vehicle,

d

↳ means clear give verbals, "not stopping"

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stood and wedged into door / roof corner

saw on sling @ R side w/R hand
on it,

RR engaged first into
grill → brought [] up, b/w
center portion of grill

↳ made overt movement w/
hands to turn wheel

↳ as vehicle turned was
presenting a weapon,
b/c there was a weapon
barrel

RR fires ←
single
burst,

when veh. turned toward
m-code

↳ point of aim was
driver

↳ able to maintain
control of driver
in his sight picture

↳ never hit his own
vehicle, saw all his rounds
on target

↳ fired 5 round bursts until
the vehicle stopped

↳ ceased fire when vehicle came
to stop, did not hear anyone
else firing

↳ never fired over rooftop in training

↳ engaged b/c was approaching sector of responsibility

↳ training that we stop threats of imminent death

↳ did not prevent motorcade from being able to move away if opportunity presents itself

↳ scanned & assessed both windshield damage, pass door open → didn't notice any damage to door,

↳ 5-10 secs after recovery

↳ returned to Embassy

↳ rallied in TL Room, all shooters taken to TC, met w/ RSO + wrote b7c statement in room/on laptop

never asked to lie, omit, change information

↳ not asked to change or modify it (did not change)

↳ ECR or missing

access road → small paved road,
parallel to road



small curb w/
breaks in it

2 parked

veh.

↳ poss. disabled

in his field
of vision roughly

at his 3-4

↳ little boy

in blue

shirt

laying down

→ reiterates
"eye contact"

before rounds

gray
veh. go down range

he's angling
toward m-cool

breaks
m.
median

always suspecting
VBIED

driver b/c
"aggressively
targeting"
m-cool

photos → looks like incident site

DECR H2Z2E UP/D

↳ threat ITC detonate



"We're in our kill zone already"



on 2nd incident, while stopped, why looking over shoulder? → "glanced"



incident occurred while
now rolling

↳ admits hitting roof



- didn't knowingly shoot roof
- said something to him, b/c
on walk back from team
room back to hooches



no discussion of it

↳ doesn't know if
or anybody else brought
it up to SL

b/c



iring @ relatively steep
downward angle as
vehicle closed

claims no further discussion

maintains that he saw a weapon

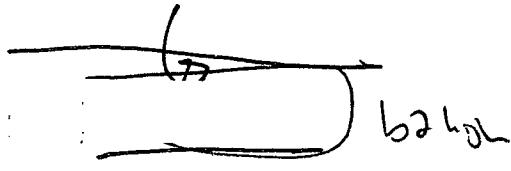
DECF for discussions in TR had (S)
said first he saw weapon,
then [redacted] said he saw
it as well

b/c

b doesn't remember seeing
pot when on target of
driver

b last time saw pot
was just before
engaging driver

→ heard over radio
that traffic to front



b door opens as coming off
ramp → cracked open

d follow doors after coming
down ramp

b #3 offset L

↑ veh ≈ 200-250 m from his
veh.

b 1st warning still
in veh. Then stood
up and out

d L hand giving
warnings,
R hand in
pistol

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we're in traffic?

REINTERVIEW

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Re Interview

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MH, DJ Leland

W/Detailed Since 1 Feb 90

• Don't like when shots Against DOF - Vertical/Radiant
DOF Set

Hold against
fire

Davies
ever
shoot
vehicle

W/Pine D
Christie 19810

Lie
+ attack

Vehicle, stopped vehicles fire oncoming vehicles

and within their "Bubble of Security"

Door closed after rear vehicles were stopped

= Opened again after 1 was b7c

= giving verbal commands; Vehicle didn't listen

- Then b7c, stood up he gave commands.
Ring Por Vehicle to Stop.

= RR engaged first hit into grill

- Could provide info on passenger WPN

- No Steven stated or discussed the shooting at the
Roof.

- Good Feeling.

- RAR - Never discussed incident w/ other
team members. No discussion at all of events

- No Δ in statement

- Pictures - No explanations.

#2 Shoot - W/stand 2 o'clock Post San Vener

Split. Second in. ~~W/stand~~ Same 2nd

IT IS UNQUOTE

(2) Stated ^{Not} knowing shot. Back. Still

- Admitted that [] & he disturbed from b/c
one shot + of Vehicle; SL Not. informed of possibility of
any b/c shooting. Vehicle
- said: "It's ok for you to shoot our men, I can't do
anything."
- No Subsequent conversations of shooting.
- 100% sure at wps.
- ~~SL~~ C APP mentioned a wps + (R) b/c Vehicle
brought it up also
- ~~Ques~~ for fire shot accord to [] b/c
^{own}
- will do so they again if again

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Min, 102 2-16-05

DB

b7c

- Did you
get?
Antenna
~~antenna~~

b7c

- Distracted Motorist TRAFFIC AND RAMP 125 m behind.

Targeted
Brid
Pvt To
Sgt

Traffic stopped to gray colored vehicle
driven at an across \odot Road - \textcircled{A} From
Lambayard.

accelerates, turns corner. \textcircled{B} Driver yelling "Stop"
Asian repeatedly.

SA was also noting to stop - Driver didn't stop; \textcircled{B} Driver eye contact w/ him & didn't comply.

Now 40 meters away: heard shots from
 \textcircled{B} Driver; vehicle drives angled towards
the e Booter \leftarrow line, Then
~~we done~~ \textcircled{B} Fired into drivers compartment

~~we done~~ - Vehicle still accelerating; firing 5 rpm
Bursts into Driver until vehicle stopped.

Not sure
if RPK
or
pistol!

- \textcircled{B} Driver - raw duty = kept firing until vehicle stopped.
- 10005 sec later drove through intersection \textcircled{C} Tu.
kept traffic R Busy.

$\rightarrow \leftarrow$ Voices over left side (another vehicle) to "Stop" "Stop" x2; then fired over \textcircled{C} Side (Driver)
vehicle w/ 3 three before Pos.
no convoy control. Backwards w/o incident.

- No Road Notices on vehicle

DE VILLE DRIVING

meP Gopl.

london

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Parallel access RD w/ Breaks in Median.

(L) rear

- ~~well~~ well 

(R) Rear open door. 50 meters "yellow Stop"

ignore cones. crack door & an Kick R on top of Vehicle. Voice & hand cones.

- Breaking a Vehicle w/ High SKid + Giving cones = Driver ride over car

eg Skid: i Driver ignore cones. (L) Rear & 40 meters ~~front~~ Burst front of Vehicle

Driver - Applied & accelerated after 1st Burst into 6ri
Passenger pressed upon him = pass. Door was open.
(V driver) he upon vehicle traveling 35 mph.

- After Pass Press upon him & Driver //
Pass & Bursts. 100% static Bag.

= Vehicle Skid 10 meters from Cones. →
→ come to a sudden stop.!

- Driver was Articulate // Motorcycle Departed

Foot

1/3 1/4 - 5 meters Separation, FAV, Door closed
& hard Stop x 2. 3 RMS Burst Pitch SA
white car about 5 meters ("aggressively driving")
tuners over 3.0 existing.

Vehicles ended 1 meter away Concrete Stop
Vehicle or

* Bolo fist? ~~the~~ Bolo's fist



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4. [REDACTED] explained that during the motorcade's movement between checkpoints [REDACTED] as the motorcade was exiting the highway off ramp, the motorcade immediately encountered traffic congestion! [REDACTED] stated that he opened his door and provided hand gestures for the vehicles located in the rear to stop. [REDACTED] stated that the motorcade created a stand off distance of approximately 125 meters behind the motorcade. [REDACTED] described the area of the off ramp as sloping down from the highway and meeting ground level. He stated that there was a parallel access road located to the right side of their direction of travel. [REDACTED] further described the access road as having a low median with breaks located throughout the median. [REDACTED] stated that he heard the well specialist, [REDACTED] and the right rear specialist, [REDACTED] attempting to stop an upcoming gray vehicle. The suspect vehicle departed a lumberyard on the parallel access road was traveling in their direction. At that time, [REDACTED] stated that as the vehicle aggressively approached to within 50 meters on the parallel road, [REDACTED] continued to give verbal and visual signals for the vehicle to stop. At that time [REDACTED] stood up on the inside portion of the vehicle, balanced himself in the door jam, and gave hand signals for the suspect vehicle to stop. [REDACTED] stated that he was confident that the driver of the sedan made direct eye contact with him and disregarded his commands to stop. [REDACTED] described the vehicle as a gray colored sedan, which was a vehicle on the "Be on the Lookout" (BOLO) list. RA questioned [REDACTED] if the gray BOLO vehicle was on today's or yesterday's list, [REDACTED] responded that there was no specific threat about a similar vehicle, only that he recalled a generic gray sedan on the BOLO list since he arrived in country. He was unable to provide any specifics about license tag numbers, makes, or models associated with the gray BOLO vehicle. [REDACTED] further described the occupants of the vehicle as two males with the passenger wearing black colored clothes and the driver as wearing a black scarf. (NFI)

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5. [redacted] informed the agents that after the vehicle disregarded both his and [redacted] warnings, [redacted] engaged the sedan's grill area with a burst of four rounds from his [redacted] as the vehicle reached within 40 meters. After the burst from [redacted] weapon, [redacted] stated the sedan drastically changed directions towards the motorcade and increased its rate of speed. As the vehicle changed directions, [redacted] noticed that the passenger opened his door and presented a weapon through the door wedge and pointed it towards the motorcade. (NFI) [redacted] estimated the speed of the sedan to be approximately 35~40 mph. [redacted] stated that after seeing the rounds hit the sedan, the vehicle failed to stop. [redacted] then engaged with his [redacted] with several five round bursts into the driver side of the front windshield. After the burst, the vehicle stopped approximately 10 meters from their vehicle. [redacted] explained that there was no movement from either of the occupants of the vehicle. At that time the motorcade departed the area due to the traffic movement.
6. [redacted] explained that after the shooting occurred, the motorcade turned onto another road and traveled approximately 100 meters before the motorcade again stopped for traffic. [redacted] stated that the vehicles were separated at a 5 meter distance and that he had his door slightly ajar. At that time, [redacted] stated that he heard a team member (NFI) yelling "Stop" several times. [redacted] looked over his left shoulder (the rear seats of his vehicle face to the rear) and noticed a white colored BOLO vehicle aggressively approaching the number three vehicle of their stationary motorcade. [redacted] provided the same general statement regarding the BOLO vehicle recognition) [redacted] stated that he heard additional voice commands for the suspect vehicle to stop. [redacted] stated that the white sedan failed to stop, at which time the sedan received fire from the number three vehicle. [redacted] determined that the sedan stopped approximately 1 meter from the number three vehicle. After the engagement the motorcade departed the area and returned to the Embassy Annex compound.
7. On 18 February 2005, S/A's Lunardi and McCormack re-interviewed Templar 20 team member [redacted] at the RSO interview room located at the US Embassy Annex, Baghdad. Also present during the interview was Blackwater representative [redacted] S/A Lunardi informed [redacted] of his KALKINES warnings prior to the commencement of the interview.
8. When questioned about his knowledge of the Rules of Engagement (ROE) and the use of warning shots, he provided the following information. [redacted] explained that the use of deadly force was authorized when the individual felt his life was in jeopardy and after all means to deescalate the situation were exhausted. [redacted] explained that he would attempt to use verbal and audible commands to stop a vehicle and if the vehicle failed to stop, he would use his weapon as a last resort. [redacted] explained that according to the Department of State ROE, warning shots were not authorized.
9. The following is supplemental information provided by [redacted] during the re-interview.
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10. Prior to discussing the shooting incident at the off ramp between [redacted] and [redacted] was questioned about a shooting which took place prior to Templar 20's arrival at the MOI.

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stated that the motorcade was stopped in traffic and formed their usual security perimeter, keeping a distance between their other vehicles. [REDACTED] stated that he observed a vehicle attempting to violate their security perimeter and engaged the vehicle with his [REDACTED] (NFI)

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11. When RA's questioned [REDACTED] about the shooting incident a [REDACTED] he explained that his vehicle door was closed as they came down the off ramp. He opened his door after he heard [REDACTED] continuously shouting commands for the sedan to "Stop". [REDACTED] then stood up on the inside floorboard of the vehicle. [REDACTED] explained that he balanced himself in the door wedge and his right firing hand remained in contact with his slung weapon while he gestured for the vehicle on the parallel road to stop. [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle failed to yield to the signals by both himself and [REDACTED] at which time [REDACTED] engaged the sedan. RA's questioned [REDACTED] about the passenger of the vehicle who presented the weapon. [REDACTED] stated that he identified a weapon but could not recall any other information other than it appeared to be a firearm.

12. [REDACTED] was questioned about the bullet holes located in the roof located directly in line where he was standing and firing on the vehicle. [REDACTED] couldn't recall when those rounds were received. RA inquired about the possibility of the bullet holes coming from his weapon to which he profoundly and repeatedly stated that there was no way that he fired into their vehicle. Note* Based on the configuration of the entry and exit holes in the roof and the direction which they were placed, it was determined that the rounds were fired from the direction of the left rear passenger side of the vehicle. (See Photographs)

13. [REDACTED] was questioned about the subsequent engagement of a white vehicle by the third vehicle in the motorcade. [REDACTED] provided the same statements as previous but additionally stated that he had only seen the suspect vehicle for a "split second".

14. RA questioned [REDACTED] about his actions upon returning to the US Embassy Annex. [REDACTED] stated that immediately after their return into the Annex compound they were met by [REDACTED]. The team members were told to remain in their planning bay and wait for instructions from their management. In the planning bay [REDACTED] explained that the members discussed with [REDACTED] and the other team members the details of what had taken place during the shooting incidents. [REDACTED] recalled some discussion about the bullet hole in the fourth vehicle, but could not recall any specific comments. [REDACTED] stated that the discussions in the planning bay did not influence his accounts of what had taken place.

15. This investigation continues.

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From: _____ Team 20
To: _____ Team Leader, Team 20
Subj: AAR

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At approximately 1120 on 02.16.05, I was riding in the left rear of vehicle 4 in a _____ b2 vehicle motorcade returning from Ministry of Interior in advance support of Team 16.

Upon clearing _____ en-route to _____ we encountered extremely heavily congested traffic. Due to our diligent and vigorous hand gestures, we were able to create and maintain a bubble to our 6 o'clock of 125 meters; traffic on our 6 o'clock was completely stopped at the top of the off-ramp we had just exited onto and traveled down. As we approached _____ our motorcade came to a complete stop due to impassable traffic congestion at the 12 o'clock intersection. All vehicles to our 6 o'clock on the off ramp maintained their stand-off distance 125 meters out. However, as we stopped, out of my peripheral vision I observed a grey in color BOLO sedan exit a lumber yard and begin accelerating in our direction on a parallel access road. The well also noticed and alerted all team members of the aggressively advancing vehicle. The right rear team member in our vehicle, cracked his door, and I heard him shout repeatedly at the driver of the vehicle to "STOP!" *The driver ignored all commands coming from the right rear team member ^{Driver} and further began to close his distance to 50 meters maintaining his aggressive posture. As the vehicle closed on our halted convoy, I cracked my door and observed two male occupants in the front of the vehicle, the passenger wearing all black, the driver wearing a black scarf. I again heard the right rear team member yell "STOP" repeatedly. The driver made eye contact with me as I also began yelling "STOP!" repeatedly and vigorously motioning with hand and arm gestures for him to stop ('have patience'). The driver repeatedly and consistently ignored all commands coming from our vehicle, further closed his distance to 40 meters, at which point the right rear team member fired into the engine compartment of the subject vehicle. Immediately after receiving the rounds, the driver of the subject vehicle drastically changed his course of direction, accelerated ('floored-it), and aggressively aimed his vehicle directly into our motorcade's rear vehicle. The passenger of the subject vehicle presented a weapon directly at our vehicle. I then heard, and observed rounds from the right rear team member impact the driver compartment of the vehicle as the driver continued to aggressively accelerate into our motorcade. Simultaneously, observing this complete and obvious neglect of compliance from the driver to all of our commands, his and his passenger's overtly aggressive posture and hostile intent, in order to protect our convoy and team from the imminent danger of death, I immediately began placing rounds into the driver compartment of the aggressive vehicle which was still speeding towards our number 4 vehicle. I continued to place controlled, 5-rounds bursts into the driver compartment of the still accelerating subject vehicle until it came to a complete stop with no noticeable movement inside from its occupants.

The motorcade immediately started pushing through the intersection, in at 6, out at 9 and less than 100 meters were traveled when I heard a team member shouting "STOP!" repeatedly. My door was already cracked as I was vigorously motioning and also yelling "STOP!" at rapidly approaching traffic to our 6 o'clock. I glanced over my left shoulder

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and noticed a white in color BOLO vehicle with two male occupants aggressively accelerating from our 3 o'clock position directly at our number 3 vehicle in our motorcade. After receiving further voice commands from vehicle 3's team members which were not complied with, rounds were fired from our number 3 vehicle into the accelerating subject vehicle. The subject vehicle then stopped and our motorcade continued without further incident.

Respectfully Submitted,

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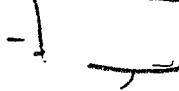
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2-17-05 MM, TJS

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- off ramp; Traffic Stopped 100-150 yds Back
- Under yds 5 acre; Resid area
 - Parallel Rdg // TGT Vehicle 4ds, Gray older sedan; Running Parallel; Vehicle accelerates 100 yds
 - Motorist Slowing to Stop; TU Picking up Speed
 - Saw Hand Fr ^{b7c Head year} Maining; Muzzle Giving Signals; Hand Burst, say

TGT V 50-70 yds

- ? (LR) -  b7c Getting out - Saw RDS ^{b7c} impacts ^{too} vehicle
- Vehicle turned into fln after impact;
 - TGT Va Maintained Speed; 35 mph; st roll Star Lane Change from Wrong side
"Faced For Life" 2nd
 - (RR) Re-engaged. Burst hitting Glass of TGT V front windshield
 - No ID of Driver!

~~out of vehicle~~ b7c - Heard other Gunfire
~~as heaving~~ ... Star Lane in vehicle Retarding. \Rightarrow ^{Break out} ^{exceed} ^{threshold}
Windows - Passenger Door open! Saw Male leaning in

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• Tot :: 500000 15-20 yrs away. ;
 Right Front Tire Flat

- OFF Ramp 3 lanes wide // Access Lanes RD
- Motorcaren
For Right lane
- Burned out Cars on access lane to the V4 front R
- 150 yds From V4 to Lombay rd.
- Didn't Recall if shoulder between Roads
- What for with?*
where police? - Believes ~~Pedestrian~~ on less from housing area
+ returned home. ; Notice after driving Past the TTV

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working
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- b7 well in #4 veh.
good bubble, traff. held @
150 yds back
b7 NOR = dead 6, scans
back and forth
b7 lumber yard to 5,
residential area to
right
b7 access road comes
down w/ ramps

✓
veh "flown" w/ m-cads
b7 mid-size, older
boxy gray/lt blue
4dr, late 80's early 90's

↓
called out veh

100 yds out b7 appears to
 be
 gaining
 speed
 as
m-cade
slowing

DECISION MADE ^{read to} b7c
says "I got it"

veh = ~~0000000000~~
→ 50-70 mph → ~~leaves~~ ~~0000000000~~ saying stops, sees
hand moving, then muzzle moving then Shears initial runs

raw rounds impact hood of car at same time, ^{b/c} coming out
↳ did not hit glass @ this point ↳ normally comes out of steps up

still yelling, "cussin'"
veh turns toward rear of m-code, did not decrease speed → 35 MPH
↳ no braking, no dips

) reengages.
(keeping central)
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at some point | veh #4

at some point engaged
b/c
board on angled glass spray
→ from direction of 8 am, other shots hitting @ an angle
area of driver
on 2nd burst, rounds impact veh. on the windshield

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① b says drivers, not well enough
to describe

b couldn't see if there were
others in the car

b @ same time as [] is burst
LR is engaging

b doesn't know from where

see
out on
street

b Heard other gun fire \Rightarrow NOT []

firing didn't last long, []
steps back in, says
"reloading", no more
gunfire after that

on
boards
or
street

[] goes back in
but does not reengage

Heard [] get back in
veh, says "shooting @
us", "gotta get out of
here"

b m-code starts to
move

looks back, front
DEERMOBILE right tire is collapsed,
pass door open, individual looking in runs

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↳ veh # 15-20 yds away
when stopped

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pass door open, Iraqi stands
up looking in, turns and
runs away

— diagram

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* was follow level or still on
angle when stops?

↳ @ ground level,
veh # 1 ft lower
maybe

RAMP = 2 lanes / 3 lanes

field
to
left

✓ ↳ veh # 4, closer to (R) side
of ramp

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vehs parked on access road
ahead of # 4 veh. → distance unk.

↳ no other traffic on access
road

- bunker yard 100-150 yds back
from veh. # 4

↳ access road lower than ramp,
but come down together

DECISION ↳ doesn't recall what
divided road

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- ↳ doesn't recall seeing a passenger
- ↳ didn't see weapon come out of car
- ↳ veh is pointed towards tail lights
- ↳ no blind spot
- ↳ ref tire flat → windshield shattered, splintered

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- did not see []
[] was out of vehicle on the ground
↓
↓ drew him there
↓ himself

- ↳ right up against @ side of road with open

✓ doesn't remember

seeing bullet holes in

PAX door or shattered window

↳ noticed LN @ veh door when 2-3 car lengths away
perceived came from residential area

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Incident Report

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Date:

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Team Member:

Synopsis: Blackwater Team 20, engagement of unknown subjects during convoy operations in Baghdad, Iraq.

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On February 16, 2005, I was riding in the well position in the follow vehicle in a convoy, also present in this vehicle were _____ (driver), _____ (team leader), _____ right door) and _____ left door). The convoy had just exited the freeway and there was traffic stopped approximately 150 yards to our rear. As the convoy slowed down, I saw a mid size older model four door, gray or light blue in color vehicle approaching the rear of the convoy from our 5 o'clock position.

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The vehicle was approaching the convoy from a secondary access road which paralleled the off ramp road the convoy had come to a stop on. I advised _____ of the vehicle at the same he became aware of vehicle's approach. _____ opened his door and began yelling and gesturing to the driver loudly advising the driver verbally and with his hand and then with his weapon to stop his forward travel toward us. The driver of the approaching vehicle did not stop and appeared to gain speed and close the distance to the stationary convoy. The vehicle was approximately 70 yards from us at this point.

_____ continued yelling at the on coming vehicle when I heard _____ fire his weapon; I saw the rounds impact the front hood area of the vehicle. I then observed the oncoming vehicle turn and head straight for the rear of our vehicle; I saw no indication of the driver attempting to stop or redirect his forward momentum toward the convoy. I was also aware of _____ opening his door and heard _____ fire his weapon during this time frame. I heard what I thought to be gunfire coming from the oncoming vehicle or within close proximity of the convoy. While the vehicle continued to actively closed distance, I saw rounds impact the windshield of the oncoming. The vehicle came to a stop approximately 15 to 20 yards from the rear of our vehicle.

I was also looking for other hostile actions during this time. As the convoy began to move away, I observed the driver of the vehicle to be stationary with his head slumped on his chest. Still searching for other threats, as I looked back, I saw a Middle Eastern adult male standing at the passenger side of the disabled vehicle. This subject turned and quickly ran away from the side of the disabled vehicle.

Based on my observations, the driver of the on coming vehicle clearly manifested a deliberate intent to approach our convoy and continued his hostile actions after being clearly and repeatedly advised to stop. The driver's action and his deliberate dismissal of all warnings afforded to him clearly placed the convoy's personnel in direct jeopardy of receiving a vehicle born improvised explosive attack from his vehicle.

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TITLE	DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER		
Templar 20 Engagements	2005-0005/4		
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[REDACTED]	Administrative		
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
Embassy Baghdad	19 February 2004		S/A Matthew McCormack
SYNOPSIS			

On 16 February 2005, Blackwater Personal Security Detail, Team Templar 20, during the performance of their assigned protective missions engaged three suspected vehicles at three separate locations in Baghdad, Iraq.
Templar 20 engaged the suspected threat vehicles with their assigned small arms to include _____ and _____

At the time of this report the number and extent of injuries and/or fatalities is unknown.

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1. On 16 February 2005, Diplomatic Security Service, Special Agents (S/A's) TJ Lunardi and Matthew McCormack were notified by Regional Security Officer (RSO) John Frese about a shooting which took place on 16 February 2005, by Blackwater Personal Security Detail, (PSD) Team Templar 20, assigned to the US Embassy Annex, Baghdad, Iraq.
2. On 16 February 2005, S/A's Lunardi and McCormack interviewed Templar 20 team member, [REDACTED], Badge# [REDACTED] at the RSO interview room located at the US Embassy Annex, Baghdad. Also present during the interview was Blackwater representative [REDACTED]. RA's began the interview by introducing themselves to [REDACTED] explained the purpose of the interview, and asked whether he would agree to speak with the Agents. [REDACTED] agreed to speak with the investigators and answer any questions. During the course of the interview [REDACTED] provided the following information:
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3. [REDACTED] explained that is the right rear specialist for the to the Templar 20 detail. [REDACTED] further explained that Team 20's mission for the day included movement from the Embassy Annex to the Iraqi Ministry of Interior (MOI) building; A site advance of the facility; and a return motorcade movement to the Embassy Annex. Additionally, [REDACTED] stated that he was positioned in the right rear of the number four vehicle [REDACTED] of the motorcade.
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4. [REDACTED] stated that his detail departed the MOI building and traveled on the highway in route to the Embassy Annex. [REDACTED] explained that the motorcade was exiting the highway onto an off ramp when the motorcade had to halt for traffic between checkpoint [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] described the setting as an off ramp with an unimproved secondary road paralleling the off ramp on the right side of travel. He stated that there were residential buildings set back approximately 30-40 meters from the road. [REDACTED] stated that there was no median or curb separating the two roads. [REDACTED] informed the RA's that they had traveled that route on several occasions in the past. [REDACTED] stated that as they were stopped in traffic, the vehicles located to their rear had stopped approximately 100 meters back. [REDACTED] stated that as he scanned his sector of responsibility he identified a gray, older model vehicle, traveling on the aforementioned parallel road in the same direction of travel as their motorcade. [REDACTED] identified that the vehicle was occupied by two Iraqi's who appeared to be wearing black clothes and that the driver was wearing a black scarf around his neck. [REDACTED] stated that he informed his team members about a vehicle approaching from the rear. [REDACTED] attempted to stop the vehicle using hand gestures and by flagging his [REDACTED] weapon. [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle did not stop and appeared to be traveling at a speed between 30~40 mph. As the suspect vehicle reached approximately 40 yards from the rear of their motorcade on the parallel access road, [REDACTED] engaged the suspect vehicle with a 3-5 round burst from his [REDACTED] into the hood. After [REDACTED] engaged the suspect vehicle he stated that it made a slight steering correction in the direction of the motorcade. As the vehicle approached 30 yards, and about one to two seconds after the first burst, he re-engaged the vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that he re-engaged because the vehicle had not stopped. [REDACTED] stated the second burst was approximately 3-5 rounds and aimed in the direction of the engine block. After this burst of fire, [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle began to decelerate. Although the vehicle was decelerating, [REDACTED] decided to engage again with a 75-90 round burst directed at the drivers side front windshield. Additionally, [REDACTED] stated that the right rear, [REDACTED], fired over the roof of the vehicle with his [REDACTED] at the suspect vehicle. [REDACTED] stated
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that the SL from his vehicle and possibly the right rear of the third vehicle also fired at the suspect vehicle. [] informed the RA's that when the suspect vehicle stopped it was located approximately 25 meters from the road they were traveling and positioned near a gap between the two roads. [] saw no motion inside the vehicle nor did he see any blood.

5. RA's questioned [] about seeing a firearm or muzzle flash coming from the suspect vehicle to which he stated that he had not. When the RA's questioned [] on what actions lead him to believe the vehicle was hostile, [] replied that the vehicle had not stopped after the warnings and that after his first placement of rounds into the vehicle, it turned in the direction of the motorcade.
6. [] explained that after the motorcade departed the area, it traveled approximately three blocks when they again became stuck in traffic. [] stated that he identified a white sedan with two Iraqi males approaching the motorcade from the three O'clock position from a merging road. [] stated that his vehicle was stopped prior to the intersection when he heard the number three vehicle giving the suspect vehicle commands to stop. [] stated that the suspect vehicle appeared to be driving aggressively. NOTE* When the RA's questioned him as to what actions constituted "aggressively", he stated that it was driving fast and didn't listen to verbal commands.* [] stated that after the vehicle failed to yield, the number three vehicle's right front and rear specialists fired at the suspect vehicle. [] recalled seeing the driver of the vehicle exit and place his hands over his head. After the firing ceased the motorcade departed the area and returned to the Embassy Annex compound.
7. On 18 February 2005, S/A's Lunardi and McCormack re-interviewed Templar 20 team member [] at the RSO interview room located at the US Embassy Annex, Baghdad. Also present during the interview was Blackwater representative []. S/A Lunardi informed [] of his KALKINES warnings prior to the commencement of the interview.
8. When questioned about his knowledge of the Rules of Engagement (ROE) and the use of warning shots, [] provided the following information. [] explained that the use of deadly force was authorized when an individual felt threatened and felt their life or the life of their motorcade was in danger. [] stated individual judgment was a major factor in determining when deadly force was authorized. [] explained that according to the Department of State ROE, warning shots were not authorized.
9. The following is supplemental information provided by [] during the re-interview.
10. Regarding the shooting at [] informed the RA's that after he fired the second burst from his [] the vehicle remained at a constant speed as it turned towards the motorcade. [] stated that the vehicle turned abruptly after he fired the 2nd burst of rounds. This statement deviated from his previous statement where he stated that it (suspect vehicle) only made a slight steering modification.

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- b7c 11. [] stated that at no time during the engagement did he ever step outside the vehicle and that when he reloaded his [] he ducked his body back into the vehicle and changed the drum of rounds and was unable to see outside.
- b7c 12. When RA's questioned [] whether he had heard any rounds impact at or near his vehicle, he stated that he had not. [] did state that he heard from the [] or the [] something about hearing incoming rounds. [] was unsure if the previous information was spoken in the vehicle or stated on the radio.
13. [] was asked if he was aware if the suspect vehicle passenger door was open at any time during the incident to which he was not sure if the door was open after the shooting, but did notice that it was open as the motorcade was departing the area.
14. When RA's questioned [] about why he considered the vehicle a threat, he responded by stating that "If he didn't stop the vehicle it would have posed a threat to our convoy, because of the distance and it being a possible VBIED."
15. RA's questioned [] about the bullet hole in the number three vehicle of the motorcade. [] stated that he didn't recall any rounds being fired at him or the vehicle. When asked about the possibility of the bullet holes being self-inflicted by the left rear specialist, [] replied that the possibility entered his mind. Additionally, [] stated that he and [] discussed the issue briefly and he told [] that he [] didn't have a problem with him [] shooting over his head.
16. RA questioned [] about his actions upon returning to the US Embassy Annex. [] stated that immediately after their return to the Embassy Annex compound, they were met by []. The team members were told to keep a "tight lip" on the activities and not to discuss the incident with anyone. [] stated that there was no After Action Review (AAR) upon their return. At that time, Blackwater management commanded the team members to provide written statements of the shooting incident to the RSO Office. Additionally, [] stated that the possibility that the vehicle's bullet holes were caused by the Left Rear specialist was not discussed.
17. This investigation continues.

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SYNOPSIS

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CASE NUMBER: 2005-0005

- REF ID: A6512
1. Special Agents (S/A) Matthew McCormack and TJ Lopardi briefed RSO John Frese on the findings of their investigation. Additionally, Agents provided a summary of findings report which concluded that several of the PSD individual involved in the shooting provided false statements to the investigators as well as failed to justify their actions. When investigators briefed RSO on their findings and inquired about what disciplinary actions were to occur, RSO informed the investigators that any disciplinary actions would be deemed as a lowering the morale of the entire PSD entity.
 2. RSO considers this investigation closed.

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TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: MOSUL MOTORCADES ATTACKED TWICE IN SAME DAY

REF: [] EMAIL DATED 2/19/05.

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1. (U) SUMMARY: On Saturday, February 19, 2005, two REO Mosul PSD team moves came under fire. The first incident occurred in the morning while the team was enroute to a venue, the second occurred in the afternoon just as the team arrived for a meeting. No injuries or damage were reported. In the second instance an overwatch team returned fire at an AIF mortar team. END SUMMARY

2. (U) The first attack happened in the morning around 0820 (local) as a [] vehicle motorcade was enroute to a local airfield. Four REO staff members were to attend a ceremony at the airfield. The motorcade consisted of [] provided by the military. As the motorcade passed a forward operating base the rear Humvee reported that six to ten shots were fired at their vehicle. No vehicles were hit, and the motorcade drove out of the area and continued the mission.

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3. (U) The second attack occurred at 1620 (local) as the Regional Coordinator (RC) arrived for a meeting at the Provincial Governor's residence. As the RC was exiting the vehicle, two rounds of indirect fire landed to the northwest.

The RC was immediately moved into the building and a team was dispatched to the roof. As more rounds were landing, the [] PSD members on the roof observed a mortar team []

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approximately four to five hundred meters away. The [] L2 h[
team engaged the AIF with their weapons and observed two run
from the area. There are no reports of AIF casualties. The
RC continued with his meeting and left without further
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Date: 02/22/2005

To: RSO Shop
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Thru: Detail Leader

From: Team Leader

RE: Serious Incident Report

1. Date-Time Group and Place [REDACTED] Code or 6 digit grid:
02/22/2005 1010 Just south of [REDACTED] b2 high

Description of Incident: [REDACTED] Driver follow humvee: While traveling south past [REDACTED] a small red pickup truck tried to enter our [REDACTED] motorcade. I pushed the truck away using the follow vehicle. The truck then turned back into the motorcade between the follow and E.R.V. I pushed the truck away from the motorcade again and at that time I heard several gunshots. After the situation was over it was determined that the vehicle was disabled. Nothing further.

[REDACTED], make the following statement. On or about 22 February 2005 at approximately 1010, I was the turret gunner in the follow vehicle for Tm 2(QRF). We were on a mission with Tm 6 dropped them off at their venue and we were returning to [REDACTED]. We had just passed [REDACTED] heading [REDACTED] b2 high southbound, on the free way when a red truck approached from the right side, I gave him the three finger sign to stop and whistled, and we were driving about 20 MPH. He kept approaching and I whistled again this time I hung over the rails of the turret and gave him the three finger sign to stop when he veered off to the right and drove right into us, the Hum-V driver pushed him off of us when this happened the driver veered to the right and came into us again, at this time the right rear of the Hum-V fired three shots and I fired 1 shot into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle veered off and hit a truck and stopped. The vehicle was disabled. We continued to [REDACTED] End of b2 high Statement.

While seated in the right rear passenger seat of the QRF (Templar 2) follow vehicle, I [REDACTED] engaged a dangerous and aggressive vehicle with three shots from my [REDACTED]

This action took place at 1010hrs while traveling in the south bound lanes of the highway adjacent to check point [REDACTED]

The vehicle involved in the incident was a red pickup truck. At the point in time I engaged the aggressing vehicle. The vehicle had already received both visual and verbal signals from my team and, me to back away. Then the driver of my QRF vehicle physically pushed the vehicle away to further the distance between the vehicle and our motorcade.

The vehicle not only disregarded these warnings, but then made a purposeful and aggressive turn into the path of our vehicle. The result was a harsh collision and the right front of our vehicle.

It has been noted recently that this collision is a tactic or method that is being employed on a more frequent basis in the initiation of multi-pronged attacks on collision forces.

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After the shots were fired, the vehicle veered to the right side of the road and decelerated until it was no longer in a position to further threaten our team.

On 22 February 2005 I [REDACTED] was riding right rear in vehicle # 2 of a QRF motorcade when this incident occurred. While traveling southbound in the far left lane from [REDACTED] at approximately 1010 hours, I [REDACTED] observed vehicle # 2 overtake a red pick-up truck on the pick-up's left. The pick-up truck was being operated by an Arabic male approximately 30 years of age. I observed the red pick-up slow and veer away from vehicle # 3 and then accelerate and steer left deliberately into vehicle # 3. The red pick-up made contact with the left front of vehicle # 3 and made no effort to discontinue the contact with vehicle # 3. At that time I fired several rounds into the red pick-up's engine compartment in an attempt to disable the vehicle so that vehicle # 3 could break contact with the red pick-up. Once contact was broken between vehicle # 3 and the red pick-up, I observed the red pick-up turn to the right crossing three lanes of traffic and came to a rest in the far right lane. Once contact with the red pick-up was broken no further incidents with the vehicle or driver was noted.

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2. List of involved team members/witnesses.

[REDACTED]
Follow hummer driver.
[REDACTED]
follow hummer turret gunner.
[REDACTED] follow hummer
right rear. [REDACTED] QRF ambulance right rear.

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3. POC is the undersigned at # and email address.

Name [REDACTED]
BW Team Leader
Templar # 2

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Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2005 3:14 PM

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To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: BW. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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I have sent an email to [REDACTED] Blackwater in-country management, ordering the removal of both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] back to the United States. b7c

[REDACTED] will remove both individuals from the DS Contract and get them to the BW Team House immediately. We will ensure a timely departure from Baghdad onboard the BW Metro, into Amman and back to their HoR.

I will gather additional information and forward any reports I have been sent to date that you do not have yet. I will speak with [REDACTED] tomorrow and provide you a short note on anything additional I have found out.

I will keep you updated and would ask the same if something else is brought to your/HTPD attention.

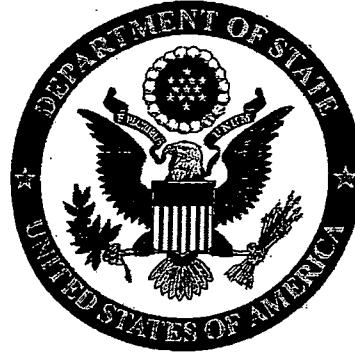
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03 March 2005

Spot Report 030305 - 2

Subject: Small Arms Attack on Motorcade**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 031100MAR05, a Department of State Quick Reaction Force (QRF) was returning to the International Zone (IZ) when it was attacked with Small Arms Fire (SAF) from at least (2) insurgents in a building. After determining the origin of the SAF, the QRF engaged the insurgents with approximately (30) _____ rounds and broke contact. The QRF sustained no casualties from this action and returned to the IZ without further incident. Enemy casualties are unknown.

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Location: _____ b2 b7c**Next Steps:** Attack information is being passed to DOD for their action.**DECNS2211ED**

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

08 March 2005

Spot Report 030805 - 1

Subject: Engagement of Threatening Vehicle

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At approximately 080845MAR05, a U.S. Embassy PSD Advance Team engaged a vehicle being driven in an aggressive manner. The PSD, which was in a stationary position on a road, had halted all other traffic in order to create an adequate amount of standoff distance. While all other traffic was stopped, a sedan with (1) local national occupant continued towards the PSD. After unsuccessfully attempting to stop the vehicle through the use of hand and arm signals, the PSD discharged (4) rounds of small arms fire into the vehicle's engine block. The PSD then continued into the International Zone without further incident. There were no known casualties.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone

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Next Steps: N/A

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08 March 2005

Spot Report 030805 - 4

Subject: Engagement of Threatening Vehicle

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At approximately 091420MAR05, a US Embassy PSD engaged a threatening vehicle with Small Arms Fire (SAF). The vehicle, which bore several characteristics inherent to a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED), attempted to overtake the PSD while it was returning to the International Zone (IZ). The subject vehicle initially closed on the right side of the PSD follow, and after failing to respond to hand and arm signals, it was engaged with (4) rounds of SAF. The subject vehicle then attempted to close with the left side of the follow vehicle and was re-engaged with another (4) rds of SAF. All (8) rds of SAF impacted the engine block of the subject vehicle, ultimately disabling it. The PSD returned to the IZ without further incident. There were no reported casualties.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone b2 b7L

Next Steps: N/A

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10 March 2005

Spot Report 031005 - 1

Subject: Engagement of Threatening Vehicle**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 091410MAR05, a Chief of Mission PSD engaged a threatening vehicle with Small Arms Fire (SAF). The vehicle attempted to overtake the PSD while the motorcade was stopped and waiting to turn into the Baghdad Railway Station. All vehicle traffic had complied with the PSD and was 50 meters away from the motorcade when the suspect vehicle rushed toward the motorcade at a high rate of speed. After failing to respond to repeated hand and arm signals from a PSD member that had dismounted the rear of the vehicle, the suspect vehicle was engaged with (2) rounds of SAF in order to disable the vehicle. One round skipped off the hood of the suspect vehicle wounding the driver. Suspect driver was taken to local Iraqi hospital for treatment. There were no casualties to the PSD team or Chief of Mission personnel. The Chief of Mission PSD returned to the IZ without further incident.

Location: Baghdad Red Zone [redacted] b2 b7c**Next Steps:** N/A

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Spot Report 031105 - 1

Subject: Shots Fired at Vehicle approaching Embassy checkpoint

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At 1752, turned onto the Palace Road from B street, heading north on Palace road. The vehicle, a dark Daewoo sedan, approached the Marine checkpoint [redacted] south of the Palace Compound. The vehicle approached the check point and did not slow at the stop sign at the entry to the checkpoint area. Despite verbal commands and hand signals, the vehicle continued. One of the Marines at the checkpoint fired two rounds into the engine compartment of the vehicle, causing the vehicle to stop approximately ten feet from the inspection area.

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The vehicle was occupied by two passengers, both members of a U.s. Army intelligence unit operating in the area. Both members were in civilian clothing at the time of the incident. There were no injuries.

Location: Checkpoint [redacted] south of the main entrance to the Palace compound.

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RSO Action: Recordings of the incident have been reviewed by the RSO. Additionally, statements have been obtained from all parties on scene.

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Based upon the contents of the statements and tape, it appears that the Marines acted in accordance with CFLCC (Coalition Forces Land component Commander) Use of Force Doctrine as well as post's Use of Deadly Force Policy.

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E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: VEHICLE THREAT ENGAGED BY PSD TEAM

REF: RSO/TOC SPOT REPORT 031005-1

1. (U) Today a Blackwater PSD team, transporting three employees from the Iraq Reconstruction Management Office (IRMO) to a meeting at the Baghdad rail station, was forced to fire at a vehicle that approached the motorcade despite repeated attempts to have the driver stop at a safe distance. The PSD team was stopped in traffic and waiting for local security to open the gate to the rail station when two vehicles, described as a red four door compact sedan and a gray four door compact sedan, drove around the traffic stopped approximately 75 yards from the rear of the motorcade and accelerated towards them. The left rear (LR) member of the team had the vehicle to control traffic and attempted to get the drivers to stop. He first raised an open hand in a signal to stop, then made the local gesture for "patience" or stop. The driver of the red sedan stopped his vehicle, however the driver of the gray sedan ignored the hand signals, and the LR leveled his [] at the vehicle. While pointing his weapon at the vehicle, he again motioned with one hand for the vehicle to stop. The driver ignored this attempt also. At that point the LR deemed the vehicle a threat to his motorcade and fired two rounds at the hood of the vehicle. Although both shots were aimed at the hood, one ricocheted up and through the windshield, striking the driver in the chest.

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2. (U) Local police responded to the aid of the driver and the motorcade continued into the venue. The driver was transported by ambulance to a local hospital. His condition is unknown. RSO will review the incident to insure it complies with Post's use of force policy.

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PSD:INCIDENT:REPORT

Date of Incident	10 Mar 05	Time of Incident	0910
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Type of Incident <i>(e.g. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)</i>	USE OF LETHAL FORCE
Location of Incident <i>(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local</i>	[Redacted] b7b, b7c

Landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.	
Description of Incident <i>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNS and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</i>	<p>At approximately 0910 local time, TM 24 was arriving at the Iraqi railroad station located at the above referenced coordinates with 3 principals. As the motorcade was slowing to make a right hand turn into the gated area of the venue, the following traffic slowed to a complete stop. The traffic was approximately 75 meters to the rear of the motorcade at that time. While the motorcade was stopped preparing for the turn, the well gunner observed two vehicles weaving through the stopped traffic on the left hand side of the roadway. The two vehicles continued past the pack of stopped traffic, at which time the well gunner indicated to the left rear door gunner that he had two vehicles quickly and aggressively approaching the motorcade.</p> <p>At that time, [REDACTED] the left rear gunner, observed a grey four-door sedan and an unidentified red four-door sedan continue past the stopped traffic. As the vehicles closed from 75 to approximately 50 meters, [REDACTED] opened his door and made multiple hand and verbal signals for the vehicles to stop. The red vehicle stopped and the other vehicle continued on without reducing speed. At the same time [REDACTED] and the driver of the grey sedan made eye contact. At that time, [REDACTED] aimed his weapon at the vehicle and made one more hand signal for the vehicle to stop. The driver disregarded the warning and continued forward towards the rear of the motorcade traveling at approximately 25-30 miles per hour. After recognizing that the vehicle was not stopping or reducing speed, [REDACTED] engaged the aggressive vehicle at approximately 30 meters out from the motorcade with two, well-aimed shots at the engine block of the vehicle. Due to the speed and movement of the vehicle, one round impacted into the hood and the other round ricocheted off the hood, impacting into the driver's side windshield, striking the driver of the vehicle. The vehicle was approximately 15 meters away from the motorcade when it came to a final stop.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

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<p>After the incident, the motorcade proceeded into the venue, set up security, and escorted the principal's inside of the venue. Approximately 5 minutes after the incident, we observed two Iraqi ambulances arrive on scene. Due to our location, no further was observed.</p>	
Action Taken <i>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</i>	Once the scene and principal's were secured, the TOC and Detail Leader were advised of the incident and status of the team. Upon completion of mission, we prepared this report.
Follow-Up Required <i>(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</i>	Unknown

Operator(s) Involved	Follow Driver	Vehicle(s) Involved	Follow	Team(s) Involved	TEMPLAR 24
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Date of Incident	03/20/2005	Time of Incident	1200 hrs	
Type of Incident	Use of Non Lethal Force			
Type of Non Lethal Force Deployed (Distraction Devices, Deployed Ambush)				
Location of Incident	Approx. 50 meters west of [] just after the on ramp. b2 b7c			
Description of Incident	Team 2 was escorting Team 16B and their principal [] from [] to []. Via their [] route. As we exited the highway at [] a vehicle approached our motorcade at a high rate of speed. Team Two stopped the vehicle and continued on to the venue with no further incident. No injuries resulted from the engagement. b2 b7c			
Action Taken	This mission was in support of Templar 16 to the Ministry of Interior dated 20 Mar 05 at 1200 hrs. While in the vicinity of [] I observed a red sedan (bolo listed in today's Intel) approaching our motorcade not responding to my verbal warnings and hand gestures to stop. At this point I felt it was an immediate threat to me and the members of our motorcade. I engaged the vehicle at an estimated 20 meters. The radiator was hit and fluid was observed coming from the front center of the vehicle. The vehicle finally slowed to a stop and no further incident to either Templar 16 or Templar 2 was sustained. End of report.			
Follow Up Required	Team two just needs to continue to do what we are doing. The actions taken were text book.			

Operator(s) Involved		Vehicle(s) Involved	Hummer #1	Team(s) Involved	Team 2 Team 16B
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident

22 Mar 05

Time of Incident

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Type of Incident

(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-or-Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)

USE OF LESS THAN LETHAL FORCE (VEHICLE)

Location of Incident

(Describe location in detail. Include route, names, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)

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Description of Incident

(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principals) involved, injuries (if any), other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, CNS and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)

At approximately 1145 local time, as TM 04 was enroute to the Ministry of Planning and Development, with 1 principal, the teams 'Follow' vehicle struck a local vehicle.

As the motorcade was passing [] heading towards [] the streets became full of local pedestrians and vehicles with a center divider. The team had created a "bubble" around the motorcade and was continuing to travel towards venue, when a local, gray, 4 door vehicle appeared out of a hidden ally. The vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed from the ally towards the limo in our motorcade. Upon recognizing the possible threat and fearing for the safety of the principal and team, I told the 'Follow' vehicle driver the side, distance and course of action to take. At that point in time, the 'Follow' driver immediately pulled forward blocking the limo, and sounding the horn. The vehicle ignored the signs given and continued towards the motorcade. The 'Follow' vehicle then struck the local vehicle in the left front quarter panel. As we struck the vehicle and pulled away, I noticed a significant amount of damage to the right front quarter panel and driver side door area of the local vehicle. As the Motorcade continued towards venue, I notified the TOC of our action and continued with no further trouble. At venue, I assessed the damage to the right front fender and bumper, then notified the TOC with a damage assessment. There was little structural damage, only cosmetic damage to the 'Follow' vehicle.

Action Taken

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

In the split second prior to identifying the threat.

The 'follow' drivers actions and response to commands were decisive and executed precisely. The strike was right where it caused minimal damage to the 'Follow' vehicle. We then continued on to Venue with no further incidents. The bumper was dropped slightly but still intact. Most damage was cosmetically to the fog lights and plastic skirting. The vehicle

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still operates and steers correctly.

Follow-Up Required:
Indicate what type follow-up action is required re:
further investigation, notifications, etc.

Actions taken by the team were quick and decisive. An after action was completed upon return to [REDACTED]. The vehicle will be taken to KBR to be checked over during dispatch. No other vehicle problems were noted and all personnel were safely returned. I feel this was the only course of action available due to the location and time restrictions.

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Operator(s) Involved	(Follow DRIVER)	Vehicle(s) Involved	Follow	Team(s) Involved	TEMPLAR 04
[REDACTED]	(TEAM LEADER)	[REDACTED]	Follow	[REDACTED]	TEMPLAR 04

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

25 March 2005

Spot Report 032505 - 1

Subject: PSD team fires on vehicle

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

At 1020 on 25 MAR 05, A Blackwater PSD team based in Al-Hillah fired on a vehicle that continued to approach the motorcade after repeated attempts to have the vehicle stop. The motorcade was forced to slow at an Iraqi National Guard (I.N.G.) checkpoint. The team used hand and arm signals to attempt to get the driver to comply, then fired into the grill, twice to disable the vehicle with no effect. When the vehicle approached within 50 meters the team fired again. The driver and front seat passenger both jumped out of the still moving vehicle and fled. The vehicle then struck a motorcade vehicle causing no damage. No Injuries to the Principle or PSD team. The team left the area without further incident.

Location: Grid _____ b2 b7c

Next Steps: N/A

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BLACKWATER INCIDENT REPORT

On 25-Mar-05 [REDACTED] was the left rear gunner for the [REDACTED] vehicle Blue Team which is the fourth car in a [REDACTED] motorcade. While traveling westbound on [REDACTED] the motorcade came to a stop^{b2} due to an ING checkpoint. I heard [REDACTED] the well gunner, yell out "vehicle approaching". I then heard him fire his [REDACTED] round at the blue sedan followed by 2 rounds from his [REDACTED] At this time I popped out of my window and saw that the vehicle was still approaching us about thirty meters away and was not stopping. I could see that [REDACTED] was shooting the windshield and the vehicle was not stopping. This is when I started to shoot at the **blue sedan**. I put approximately 10 rounds into the front window of the car. I saw the driver's side door open and the driver roll out of the vehicle. He was approximately twenty meters away from the [REDACTED] vehicle at that time. The driver appeared to be holding his thigh and I saw blood on his stomach area.
The car was continuing to roll towards us and actually hit the back end of the [REDACTED] vehicle. About 2 seconds after the [REDACTED] vehicle was hit, our motorcade was able to move out.

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25 MAR 05

Shots fired in order to thwart a possible VBIED attack by light blue 4 door sedan at the ING checkpoint on route [REDACTED] b2 hgh

On 25 MAR 05, I. [REDACTED] was assigned as the right rear door gunner in the truck, which was the last vehicle in [REDACTED] motorcade. At approximately 1020hrs, Our motorcade was traveling west on route [REDACTED] enroute back to Al Hilla with our principle who we just picked up at the IZ. We were traveling in the right lane when we came up to the ING checkpoint at the clover leaf leading onto route [REDACTED] As our vehicle was stopped in traffic, the well gunner called out that there was a vehicle approaching at a rapid rate of speed to our rear. The well gunner was continuously flashing the back lights and showing a hand and arm signal to the vehicle. Since we were stopped the well gunner fired a non lethal rubber round from the [REDACTED] from about 100m, which hit the windshield on the drivers side of the vehicle. The vehicle continued to proceed without slowing down and the well gunner then fired two rounds into the grill of the vehicle. By this time the vehicle was about 50m away and still approaching the motorcade. The well gunner and the left rear door gunner then engaged the approaching vehicle. The driver then opened his door and rolled out of the car allowing the vehicle to continue rolling into us. After the subject deployed from the vehicle and the shooting stopped he appeared to be bleeding and was holding his leg and midsection. The vehicle then slammed into the back of the [REDACTED] truck b2 hgh b2 hgh



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South Central Region
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BLACKWATER INCIDENT REPORT

On 25-Mar-05 I, [REDACTED] was the Tactical Commander for the [REDACTED] vehicle Blue Team which is the fourth car in a [REDACTED] motorcade. While traveling westbound on [REDACTED] the motorcade came [REDACTED] to a stop due to an ING checkpoint. All traffic behind the motorcade had halted 100 Meters back. At this time I was made aware by well gunner [REDACTED] that a light blue Sedan was approaching from the rear at a high rate of speed. I then heard one [REDACTED] round fired, followed by two shots from an [REDACTED]. At that time left door gunner [REDACTED] also engaged the light blue Sedan. I then heard [REDACTED] yell "move, move, move", then the blue Sedan crashed into the rear of the [REDACTED] truck. At that time traffic had cleared allowing the motorcade to move and the [REDACTED] to evacuate the area. I received reports of the incident from my crew and forwarded the contact report to the Shift Leader.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] vehicle Commander

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BLACKWATER INCIDENT REPORT

On 25-Mar-05 I, [REDACTED] was the well gunner for the [REDACTED] vehicle Blue Team which is the fourth car in a [REDACTED] motorcade. While traveling westbound on [REDACTED] the motorcade came to a stop [REDACTED] due to an ING checkpoint. I was stopping all vehicular traffic behind the motorcade using flood lights and hand signals. All traffic behind the motorcade had halted 100 Meters back.

At this time I observed a light blue Sedan continuing to approach the [REDACTED] vehicle at high rate of speed. At one hundred meters I again flashed the rear flood lights of the [REDACTED] vehicle to warn the driver to stop. The vehicle continued to approach the motorcade, passing all the other stopped vehicles. I then told the left rear gunner, [REDACTED] that a vehicle was approaching. At this time I fired a non-lethal sponge round from my [REDACTED]. The round hit the drivers' windshield of the vehicle causing no damage. The vehicle continued to approach The [REDACTED] vehicle disregarding the repeated signals for it to halt. I then gave another hand signal for stop and pointed my [REDACTED] at the vehicle one last time. At this time I felt that my life and the lives of my team members were threatened. The vehicle was continuing to approach the motorcade so I made the decision to fire two rounds from my [REDACTED] into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle continued to approach at a high rate of speed prompting me to then fire three rounds at the driver side windshield in an attempt to stop the vehicle from hitting us. My shots to the windshield caused the vehicle to slow down but not stop. At approximately twenty meters behind the [REDACTED] truck the driver of the blue sedan opened his door and jumped out of vehicle. At this point I believed this vehicle to be a VBIED. The driver did not appear to be armed when he jumped out of the vehicle. The driverless vehicle continued to roll towards the [REDACTED] vehicle. At this time I began yelling to the [REDACTED] driver to start moving the [REDACTED] vehicle since I believed this to be a VBIED. At five meters away from the rear of the [REDACTED] vehicle a passenger, who I had not seen previously jumped out of the Sedan and ran in between stopped vehicles and out of my sight. He did not appear to have been wounded. The Sedan then made contact with the back bumper of the [REDACTED] vehicle causing no damage to the [REDACTED] truck. After another few seconds the [REDACTED] vehicle started to move again. At that time the [REDACTED] commander reported the incident to the Shift Leader.

Well Gunner, [REDACTED] vehicle. [REDACTED]

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Incident Report

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25 MAR 05

Warning shots fired while enroute to the IZ from Al-Hilla. Vic [redacted] south of the Camp Falcon traffic circle on route [redacted]

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I, [redacted] was assigned as the right rear door gunner in the [redacted] truck, which was the last vehicle in a [redacted] motorcade on 25 MAR 05. At approximately 0740, we were traveling in a lightly congested traffic area near the factories approximately 1km south of the traffic circle south of Camp Falcon. As the motorcade proceeded, everyone in vehicles near the motorcade was slowing or stopping and getting out of the way except for a blue Toyota van which continued to hinder the progress of the motorcade and even attempted to get in between the follow vehicle and the [redacted] truck. The [redacted] driver managed to get around the blue van, as we passed the vehicle I gave the driver a hand and arm signal for patience and to slow down while pointing him over to the side of the road. The blue van was following our vehicle at approximately 5 meters off to the 4 o'clock position and the driver was staring at me and starting coming back toward the [redacted] truck. He did not slow down or brake or even show any intention of following my visual commands, I then raised my weapon at the vehicle for yet another visual warning. Again, he was not slowing or braking and he was aggressively heading back toward the [redacted] truck. In an attempt to stop the van from hitting the [redacted] truck I proceeded to fire 2 rounds into the front grill of the vehicle. The driver quickly slammed on his brakes and moved off to the right side of the road. The well gunner maintained visual on the vehicle in order to survey the scene for any secondary accidents or crashes. From what myself and the well gunner could see before moved out of site, the vehicle had safely slowed and pulled off to the side. The motorcade continued on enroute to the IZ without any further incidents.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

28 March 2005



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Spot Report 032805 - 2

Subject: Small Arms Fire (SAF)**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 1345 on 28 MAR 2005, a Triple Canopy PSD team came under SAF while at the government Center. PSD personnel [redacted] identified the shooter as firing an AK-47 from a rooftop near the government center and engaged with one round.

Shooter's injuries unknown. No PSD injuries or damage to equipment.

Location: Government Center, Ar-Ramadi**Next Steps:** N/A

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	28 Mar 05	Date of Incident	2013
Type of Incident	Motor Vehicular Accident		
(Cause of Death/Force Used or Non-lethal Used Force/Detonation Devices Deployed/Abuse)			
Location of Incident	Vicinity of Check Point		
(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)			
Description of Incident	<p>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved. Principals involved, injuries, many other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, NGOs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>		
<p>perspective although [REDACTED] inaccurate is not without merit. As stated in his email and also in the attachment by [REDACTED] there is a significant difference in the methodology utilized by "big army" and Blackwater Security. During our hundreds of successful movements through the Red Zone to date, averaging often eight to ten a day, we have managed to never have a client injured or killed. We, as [REDACTED] no doubt realizes, are not a military entity and as such do not enjoy the luxuries of heavy crew served weapons or tracked vehicles, nor do we have dozens of soldiers operating under a military ROE policy to support our operation. We have only two up armored HMMWV's with light crew served weapons and small arms with which to create the requisite space the motorcade requires to maneuver safely.</p> <p>As the driver of the lead HMMWV I do not recall a specific incident of "smashing" into an Iraqi car prior to the final one short of checkpoint [REDACTED] I do believe we scraped past several autos as we maneuver along the sidewalk across bridge #1 on our return trip. In this particular case local national drivers decided to utilize both sides of the four lane road way for one way traffic and caused a traffic jam that covered the length of the bridge. Having turned onto the bridge returning from the venue and having passed the M1 tank parked at the far end we crested the top of the bridge and found ourselves faced with a nearly impassable situation. Along bridge ways we do not stop movement for any reason. I attempt all possible maneuvers to pass over what I consider to be the most life threatening of all linear danger areas in this theater of operations. My reasoning is that this is the one danger area where we cannot get out once attacked. I lead the motorcade up onto the sidewalk on the right side and we drove across the bridge. Any damage as a result of this maneuver was the fault of the host national drivers who elected to use the oncoming traffic lanes as their personal roadway and were improperly positioned on the drivable space. Had they followed the understood traffic rules there would have been two free lanes for us to drive in across the bridge.</p>			

The second incident alluded to in the email took place just short of checkpoint [REDACTED]. This is a two lane road which like all roadways here is utilized as a four lane road. This is divided in the middle by a median with trees and the occasional short t-wall barrier. As you approach the t-intersection short of the left turn into checkpoint [REDACTED] there are two short t-wall barriers forming an Iraqi Police checkpoint. About 25 meters short of this I have to make the decision whether to hop the median and counter flow if traffic is backed up at the IP checkpoint or go through the checkpoint. On this occasion the IP checkpoint was empty of traffic and I continued straight, committing the motorcade to this route. At about 10 meters from the IP checkpoint a dark colored sedan came from the t-intersection to my left and entered the IP checkpoint ahead of me. Slowing slightly I saw the IP talk to the driver and indicate that he should move out of the checkpoint quickly. The IP then took several steps back quickly but the driver made no motion to move the vehicle. He instead remained still behind the wheel. I had no option at this point but to consider this a possible blocking maneuver or a VBIED. If it was a blocking maneuver it would trap us into an area where the only escape would be to attempt to back out the whole motorcade along a choked roadway overlooked by numerous shops and multi-story buildings. Realizing the danger this presented I chose to strike the vehicle from behind and push it out of the way to the right so that the motorcade could pass through in safety and limit the exposure in the event this was a planned complex attack.

The vehicle strike went as planned and the vehicle, after being struck from behind squarely, pulled to the right and cleared the line of movement freeing the motorcade to pass. As is most often the case, principals see only the results of the action not the action itself or the situation that triggers the action. This was such an example. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] saw the sedan apparently strike two other cars along the roadway to our right. I don't know if that occurred. I could surmise as they have, without the facts, as to the reasons for that to have occurred. My focus was on getting the motorcade to safety. If in fact my action caused additional damage to motorists who were innocently sitting alongside the road then I am truly sorry for that. If the sedan driver had passed through the checkpoint as all Iraqi citizens know to be the procedure or had he followed the instructions of either the FEDKIT warning devices on the lead HMMWV or those of his fellow countryman the Iraqi Police officer manning the checkpoint, then surely there would not have been any damage to his or any other cars and no incident would have occurred. But that did not happen. His personal decision to

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ignore the rules and potentially endanger the motorcade cost him and possibly innocent bystanders damage to their vehicles. A better focus of the ire of [redacted] and [redacted] would be to question the motives behind the sedan driver and why he chose to make his life and that of his fellow countrymen more difficult than it already is.

In closing, it would be of interest to me personally to know whether [redacted] or [redacted] are aware of the level of threat that exists outside of the International Zone. This is not meant callously but rather as a real inquiry considering they both reference the many times they have traversed the Red Zone. Far too many people have forgotten that just ahead of where I struck the stopped vehicle only a few short weeks ago there was a 1000 pound car-bomb that detonated, destroying the IP station and costing lives. This device passed through the IP checkpoint just as we did. It slowed and stopped along the same route we took to get home this very day. It detonated right where our PSD teams pass through several times a day, seven days a week, every single week of the year. To forget that this is a terribly dangerous place is to put ones self at grave risk. It is easy to become complacent when a person is carried back and forth through a dangerous place to a worksite and they are neither involved in the mission planning nor share in the immense responsibility that comes from knowing a bad decision could mean your life and that of your client. I am saddened at the lashing out of both [redacted] and [redacted] in this email because it strikes me as very unprofessional considering the stature of their positions here and I have to wonder if perhaps they have become so embedded in the local lifestyle that they have forgotten the sacrifices of their fellow Americans in the effort to keep them alive and well.

Action Taken

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

See Above

Follow-Up Required

(Indicate what, if any, follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

Red Team Deputy Leader, [redacted] and Program Manager [redacted] informed.

Operator(s) Involved

Lead Driver

Vehicle(s) Involved

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Team(s) Involved

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**U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD**

29 March 2005

Spot Report 032905 - 1

Subject: Shots Fired by Blackwater Team**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 1000 on 29 MAR 2005, a member of a Blackwater PSD team opened fire on an approaching vehicle with a 2 round burst from his rifle. As the motorcade slowed for traffic, a fast moving vehicle came around the slowing traffic and refused to obey visual commands to stop. The right rear PSD member fired two rounds, one in the grill and one in the headlight of the subject vehicle. The vehicle then came to a stop. The driver and passenger emerged from the vehicle unharmed to inspect the damage.

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The team continued its mission and reported that there were no injuries to the team members or to the principals. There was no damage other than to the grill and headlight of the subject vehicle.

Location: North side of Halabja**Next Steps:** N/A**DECERIALIZED**

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Incident Report of [REDACTED]

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I was riding in the follow car as right rear shooter on the way to Halabja. Traffic was heavy in front and behind the motorcade as we got near to a checkpoint before entering Halabja. I was able to keep vehicles back 50 to 60 meters from approaching the rear of the motorcade by opening the right rear door and using hand gestures. A red sedan came up from behind, passing cars on the far right shoulder aggressively. _____ the left rear shooter in the follow vehicle, and I opened doors and gave the men inside a "patience" and "back off" hand signal. I saw two male occupants inside the red sedan. The driver of the red sedan kept coming. At that point, both _____ and I displayed our weapons. The red sedan still kept coming. When the red sedan was approximately 40 meters behind us, I felt threatened for my life and the lives of my teammates. When the sedan was approximately 25 meters away I fired a controlled 2-round burst at the red sedan. The rounds impacted in the grill and the right headlight of the red sedan. After shooting the vehicle, the driver stopped at approximately 15 to 20 meters from the rear of the follow vehicle. The driver and passenger then got out of the vehicle and inspected the damage to the red sedan, but were persuaded not to approach the motorcade by further gesturing and aiming by myself and _____. Both were males in civilian dress. This happened approximately 1000 hours on 29 Mar 05.

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Incident Report of [REDACTED]

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I was riding in the follow car as left rear shooter on the way to Halabja. Prior to entering Halabja, traffic was heavy in front and behind the motorcade as we got near to a checkpoint. [REDACTED] (seated right rear of the follow vehicle) and I were able to keep vehicles from approaching the rear of the motorcade by opening the doors and using hand gestures. The traffic was four lanes wide and staying back approx 50-60 meters. A red sedan began passing on the right hand side, in the grass. The vehicle was moving rapidly and erratically. [REDACTED] and I cracked doors and gave the men inside a "patience" and "back off" hand signal at approximately 50 meters. The red sedan kept coming and at that point, both [REDACTED] and I showed our weapons. The red sedan still kept coming.

When the red sedan was approximately 40 meters behind us, I felt threatened for my life and the lives of my teammates. [REDACTED] fired a 2-round burst at the red sedan when it was approximately 25 meters from the convoy. The rounds impacted in the radiator area and the headlight (right side) of the red sedan. After the rounds impacted the vehicle, the driver stopped rapidly. The driver and passenger then got out of the vehicle to look at the damage to the red sedan, but were persuaded not to approach the motorcade by further gesturing and aiming by myself and [REDACTED]. Both vehicle occupants were males in civilian dress. After this occurred, traffic ahead of us at the checkpoint cleared and we were able to proceed to our venue. Time of incident was approximately 1000 hours.

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Date of Incident	29 Mar 05	Time of Incident	1000 local (approx.)
Type of Incident <i>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Ambush)</i>	Lethal force employed to stop an aggressive vehicle. fired at in a controlled two-round burst to the radiator and headlamp of an aggressive vehicle rapidly approaching the 6 o' clock direction of the motorcade.		
Location of Incident <i>(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)</i>	Incident occurred on a scheduled run to Halabja. On the North side of Halabja, prior to entering a checkpoint, the motorcade slowed for checkpoint traffic. Incident occurred vicinity grid coordinate [] b2 b7c		
Description of Incident <i>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</i>	<p>On 29 Mar 05, Templar 12B departed base of operations in As Sulaymaniyah, Iraq for venue in Halabja, Iraq. The run was comprised of a motorcade transporting 5 principals and two interpreters. As the motorcade slowed for traffic entering a checkpoint prior to the village of Halabja, traffic behind the motorcade was backed up. Templar 12B Personnel were able to keep vehicles at least 50 meters away from the rear of the motorcade through the use of hand gestures from the rear doors of the follow vehicle. While still slowed (approx. 5 kph), a red sedan passed cars on the right shoulder, aggressively heading for the motorcade. This red sedan had no official markings that were visible and veered into the grass around a stopped vehicle on the right shoulder. (seated right rear of follow vehicle) and (seated left rear of follow vehicle) both opened the doors of the follow vehicle and displayed hand gestures for the driver to exhibit patience and an open hand to gesture for the driver to back off. Both and began gesturing to the red sedan when it was approximately 50 meters from the motorcade. The vehicle continued to speed towards the motorcade and was then only approximately 40 meters from the motorcade. and displayed weapons in an effort to stop the vehicle. The red sedan still approached. fired a two-round controlled burst from the placing one round into the red sedan's radiator and one round into the right front headlamp of the red sedan. The red sedan then stopped quickly, approximately 25 meters from the rear of the follow vehicle. The driver and passenger got out of the red sedan and inspected the damage to their vehicle, but were dissuaded from approaching the motorcade by further gesturing and aiming by and At that point, the checkpoint traffic had cleared and the motorcade continued on</p>		

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[REDACTED] to venue in Halabja without further incident. The team and principals suffered no injuries and the principals were not directly involved. There was no damage to Templar 12 vehicles or equipment. There was no damage or injuries to other vehicles, equipment or bystanders.

Action Taken

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

Follow-Up Required

(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

[REDACTED] fired at red sedan in a controlled two-round burst.

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According to one of the interpreters present,

[REDACTED] he received a call while enroute from venue to As Sulaymaniyah stating that the driver of the vehicle proceeded to the local police and filed a report to establish reparations for damage to his vehicle. This is unsubstantiated at this time and it is not known who placed the call to [REDACTED]. Follow-up may be required through diplomatic channels.

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Operator(s) Involved	[REDACTED]	Vehicle(s) Involved	Red Sedan (vehicle fired upon), White Suburban [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] [REDACTED] vehicle fired from)	Team(s) Involved	Templar 12B
[REDACTED]	(Shift Leader)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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Shift Leader

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Driver : X

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LR : Initiated the shoot center mass Hostile
set on fire Bolo vehicle

RR : +

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All three vehicles ahead - stopped ^{not sure} of +

"T" intersection attempting to create bubble
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ys stated it was a van

Bubble - safe. LR/RR on running board
heard yelling giving commands
guess he got too close few short bursts

- majority of their bodies outside of
vehicle

Well - alerted watch aggressive from rear
can't recall exact warning -

R - No time to comm w/ SL during
R -

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Didn't see vehicle -

Not sure of who fired first - distinctly
alternate

millisecond of pause for second burst.

not sure of number of bursts

short bursts

doesn't hope they continued to give verbal
"sure hope not"

after firing - assuming the car stopped

* big hole in traffic - got out of
there

ps what were

5-10 seconds after entire motorcade

distance

3rd follow "Warning shots authorized"
if we are to shoot - "shoot to kill"

since Mid Dec on Templar 20 driver

driving doesn't agree w/instant kill

"time" wide street nothing counterflow

15 - 20 m / offset

dictated by speed

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- very visible
- much more defined bubble
- monkey strap

2nd incident

team room chow brief went to MOD
discussion of first shot - not remember
being focus of the brief
shot his ankle get him to cash

MOD - En route to - occurrence
about after noon approaching bridge
20-30 m onto bridge - creeping
95% sure there were I.G.s saw the
end of the car approaching
aggressively

3-4 bursts - short from gunners
still rolling up the hill. slight incline
15 m of the follow

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side view

saw the vehicle at the end of the shoot - little
blue

lots of counterclockwise traffic

creeping along

well - sure he was making warning ^{not} sure
lots of info being passed

Verbal warnings out on running boards
didn't remember what they were saying
exactly not sure what was said

slowly inching forward

"way to close"

one of last bursts drawn out
came back to palace and over
short - "Good job" 

not very detailed

not really wanted to talk about it

maybe a month - after previous

MOD - no debrief

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Doesn't recognize subtitle photo.
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Baghdad, Iraq

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January 25, 2005

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Deputy Chief of Mission – James Jeffrey
FROM: Regional Security Office – John Frese
SUBJECT: January 24, 2005 Lethal Force Incident Involving INL PSD

The Regional Security Office has completed an inquiry into the fatal shooting of an Iraqi national on January 24, 2005 by members of a DynCorp protective security detail (PSD) contracted to the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement. This inquiry indicates that the PSD members acted within the scope of Post policy and practice on the employment of deadly force.

As reconstructed from interviews with the PSD members, the incident began when the motorcade slowed due to heavy congestion in their direction of travel. As the motorcade moved in the stop-and-go traffic, the driver of the suspect vehicle swerved around an unmarked PSD blocking car and continued toward the motorcade at a significant rate of speed. The PSD member providing rear security in the follow vehicle attempted to signal the driver using a high-powered flashlight, and gave visual and verbal instructions to stop. These measures did not succeed in slowing the vehicle.

When the suspect vehicle approached within 15 meters of the motorcade, the PSD member providing rear security fired two aimed shots at the vehicle's grill. This also failed to stop the vehicle, and the PSD member fired three further shots at the hood and grill. The driver then proceeded to pass the rearmost PSD vehicle. At this time, a second PSD member engaged the suspect vehicle, firing into the passenger compartment. Although obviously wounded, the driver continued forward, swerving between the follow vehicle and one of the limousines. Two PSD members deployed to the street and they, along with another PSD member still in the follow vehicle, continued firing on the suspect vehicle. The driver was fatally struck in the head, and the follow vehicle departed the scene. The lead vehicle and two limousines fled the incident site during the engagement and arrived safely at their destination.

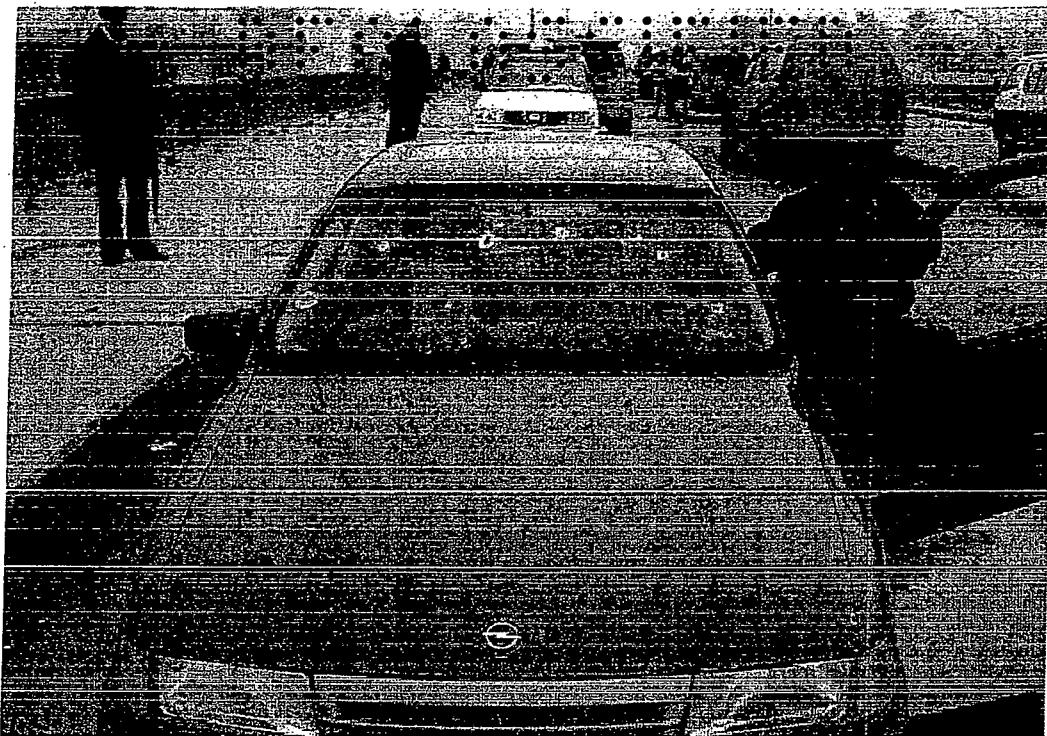
All PSD members involved in the shooting stated unequivocally their belief that the vehicle's behavior and repeated refusals to stop indicated malicious intent. All asserted that they fired on the driver solely to prevent possible harm to themselves and their protectees.

The Regional Security Office considers this inquiry closed and does not believe any adverse action against the PSD members is warranted.

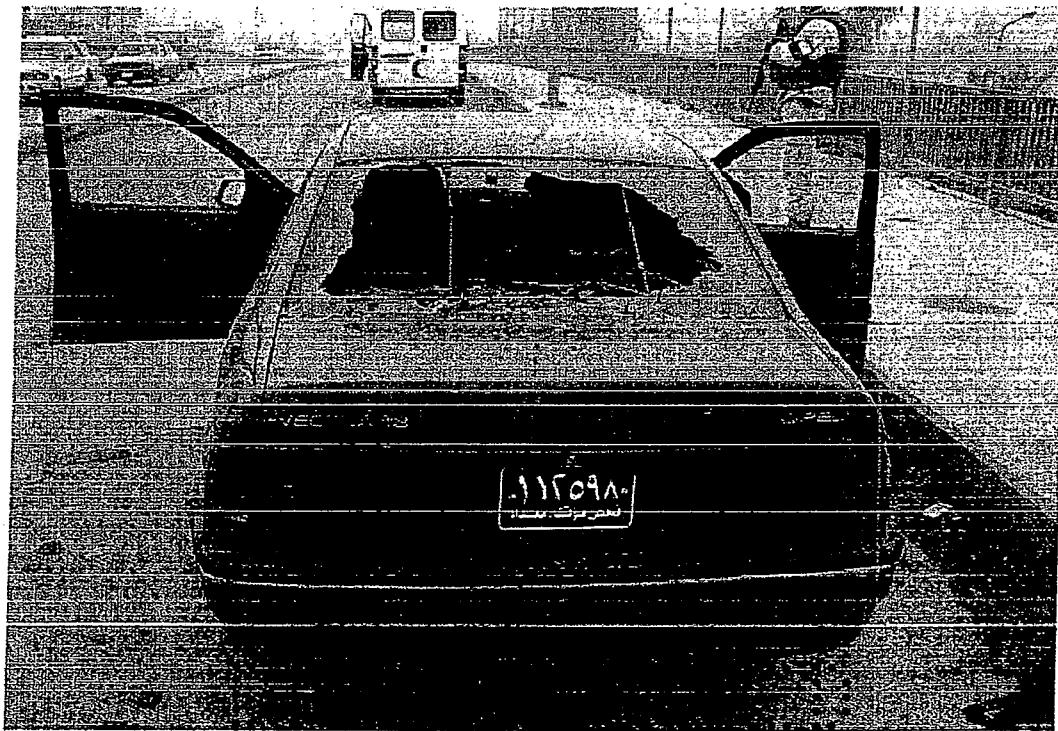
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Front View of Suspect Vehicle



Rear View of Suspect Vehicle

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Probable Warning/Disabling Shot Impacts to Front of Suspect Vehicle

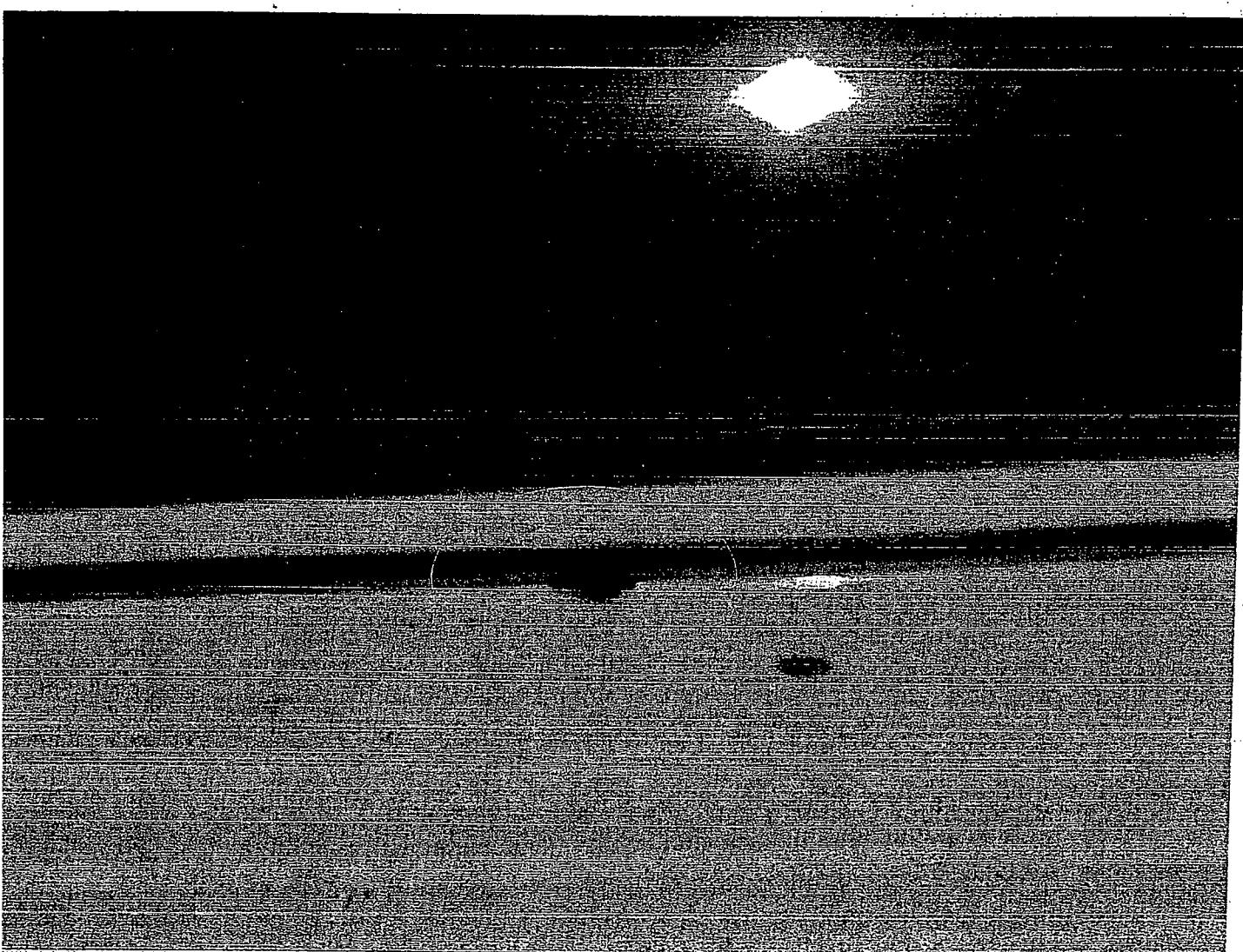
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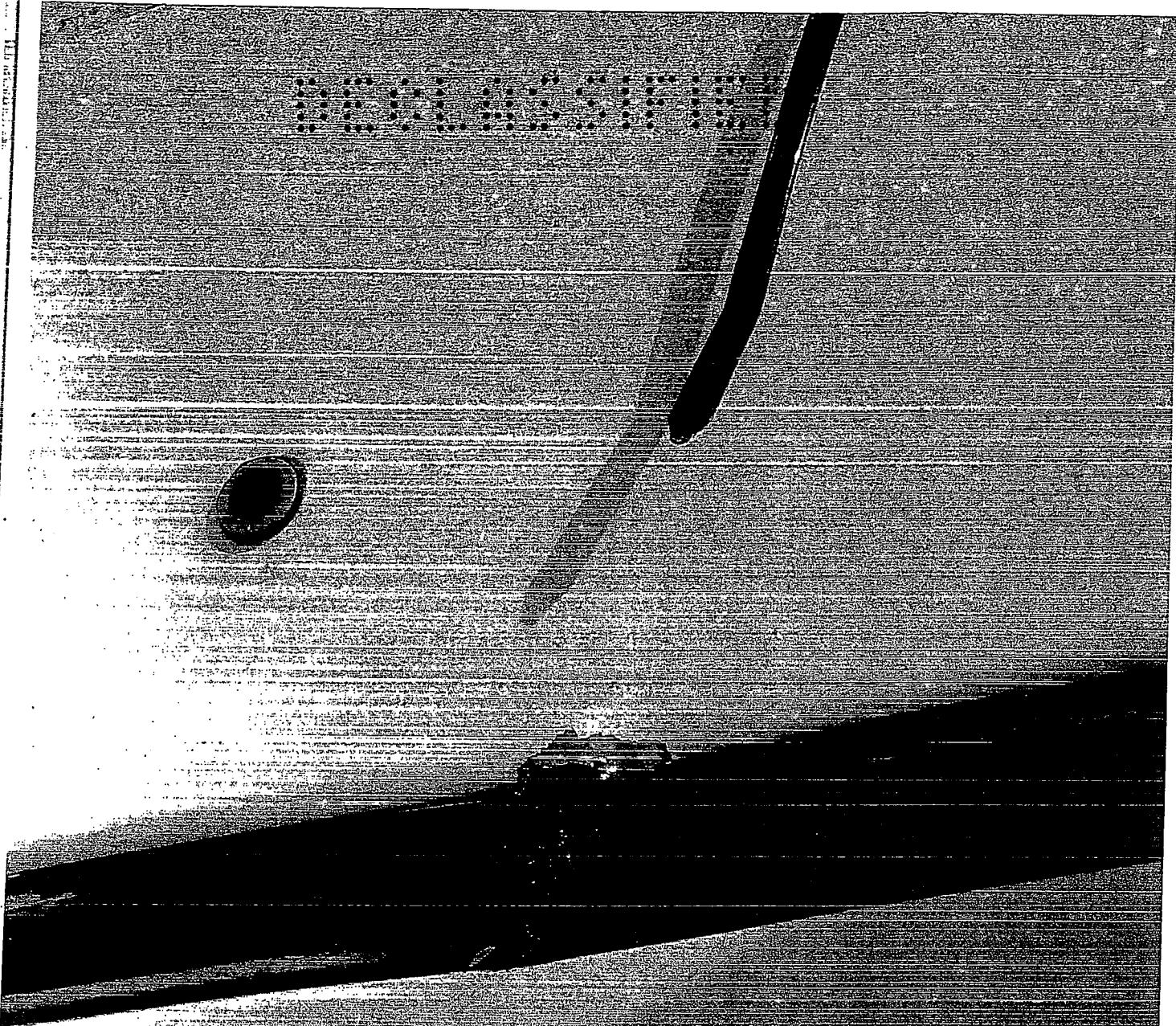
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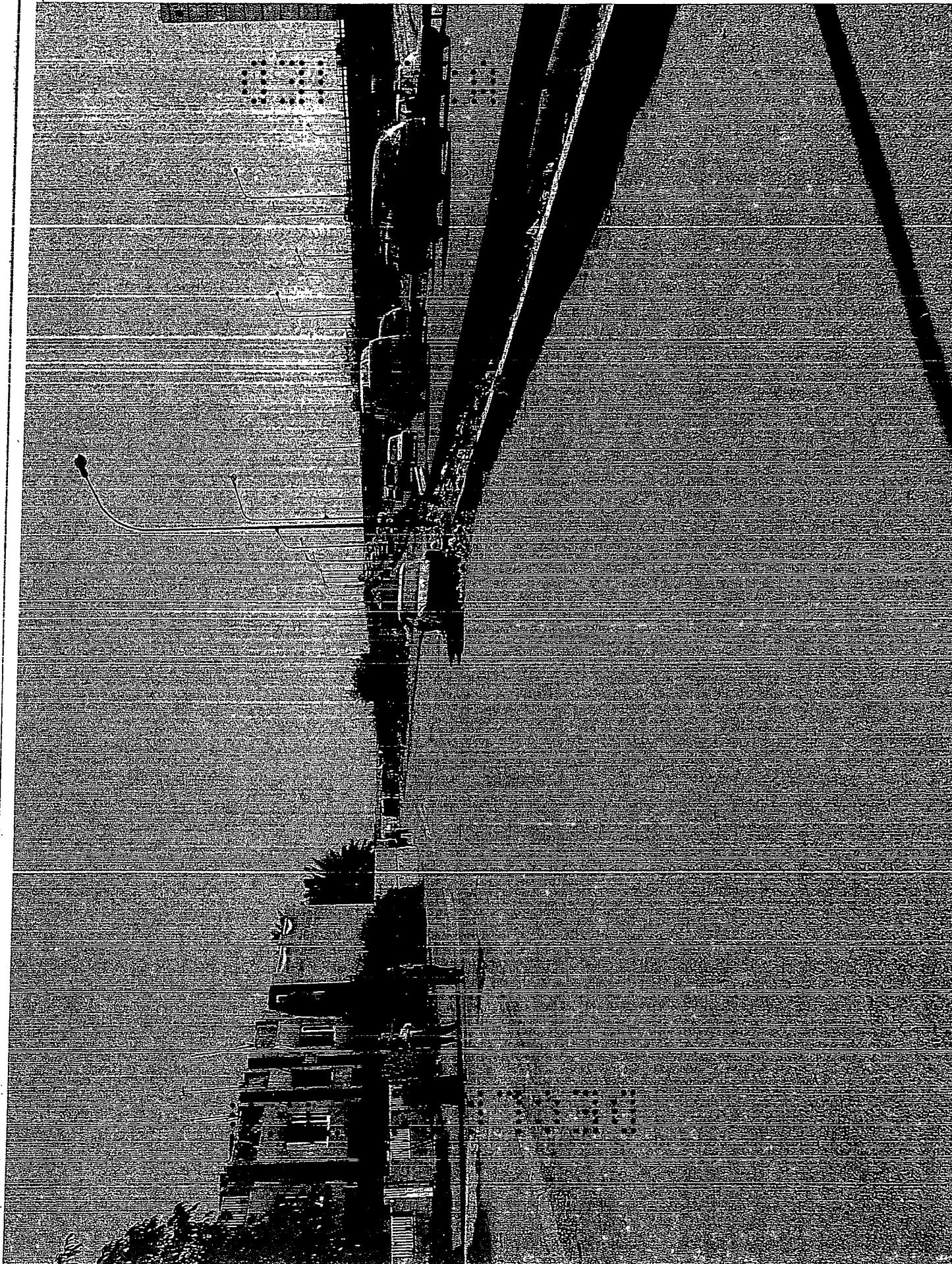
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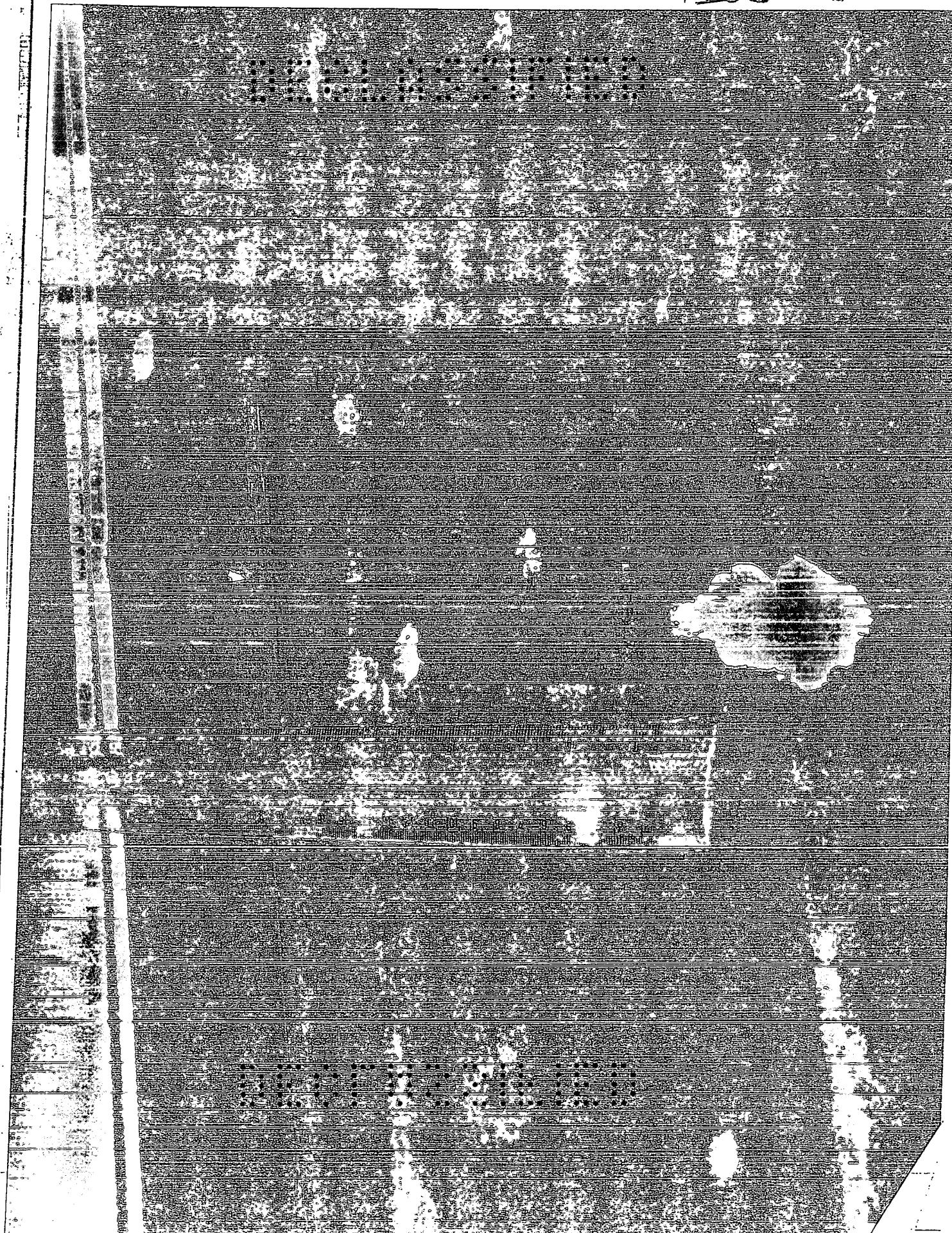


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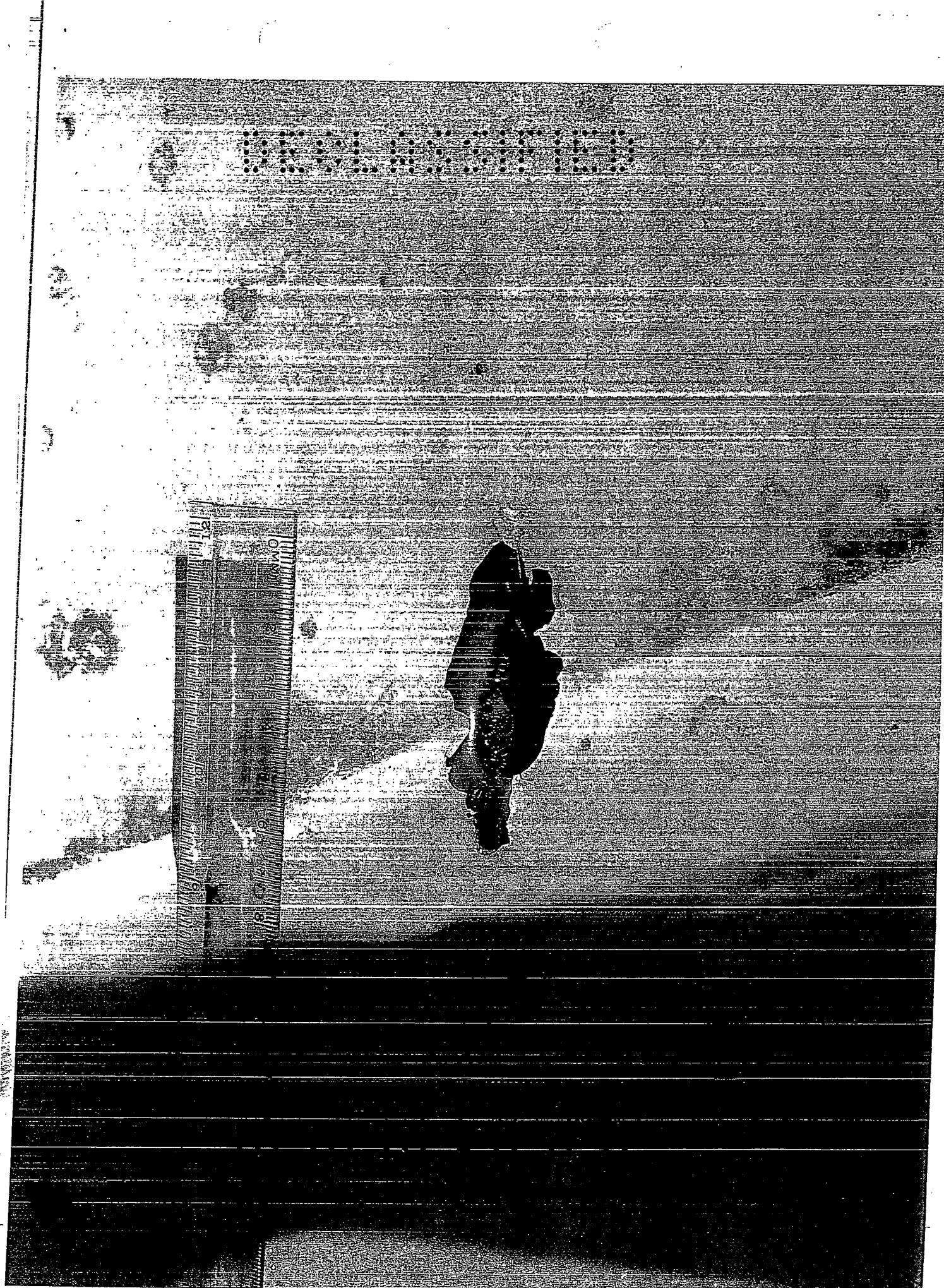


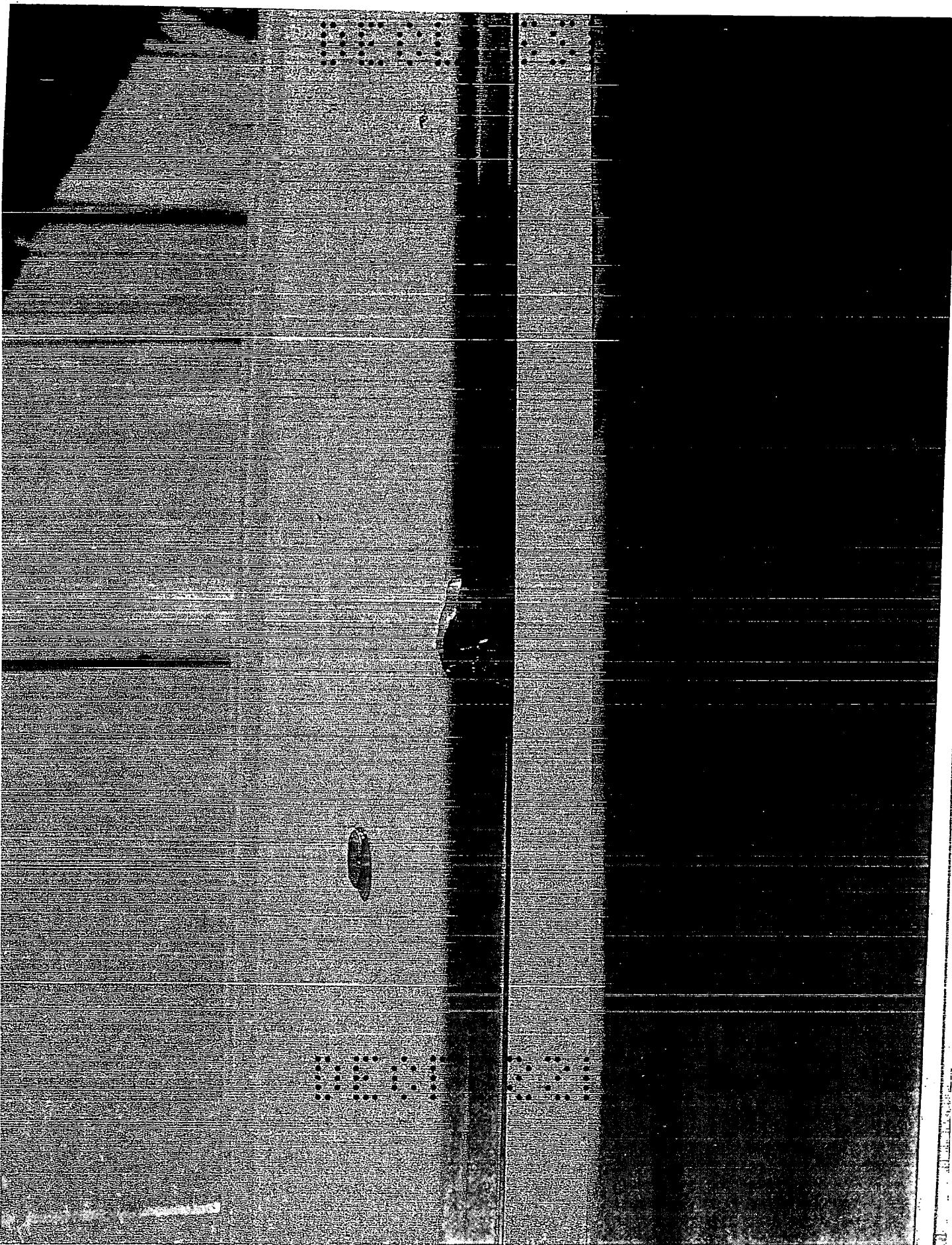


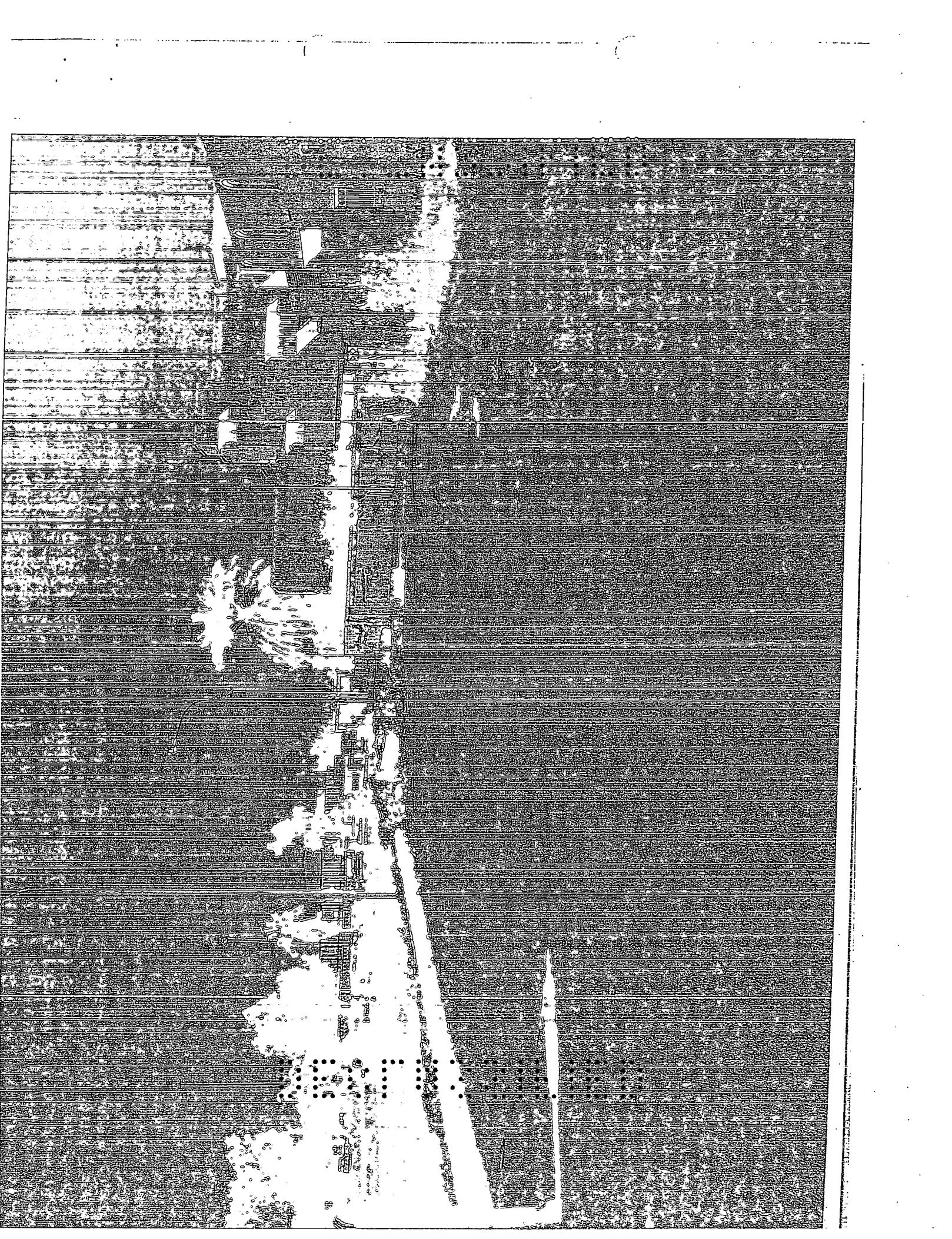
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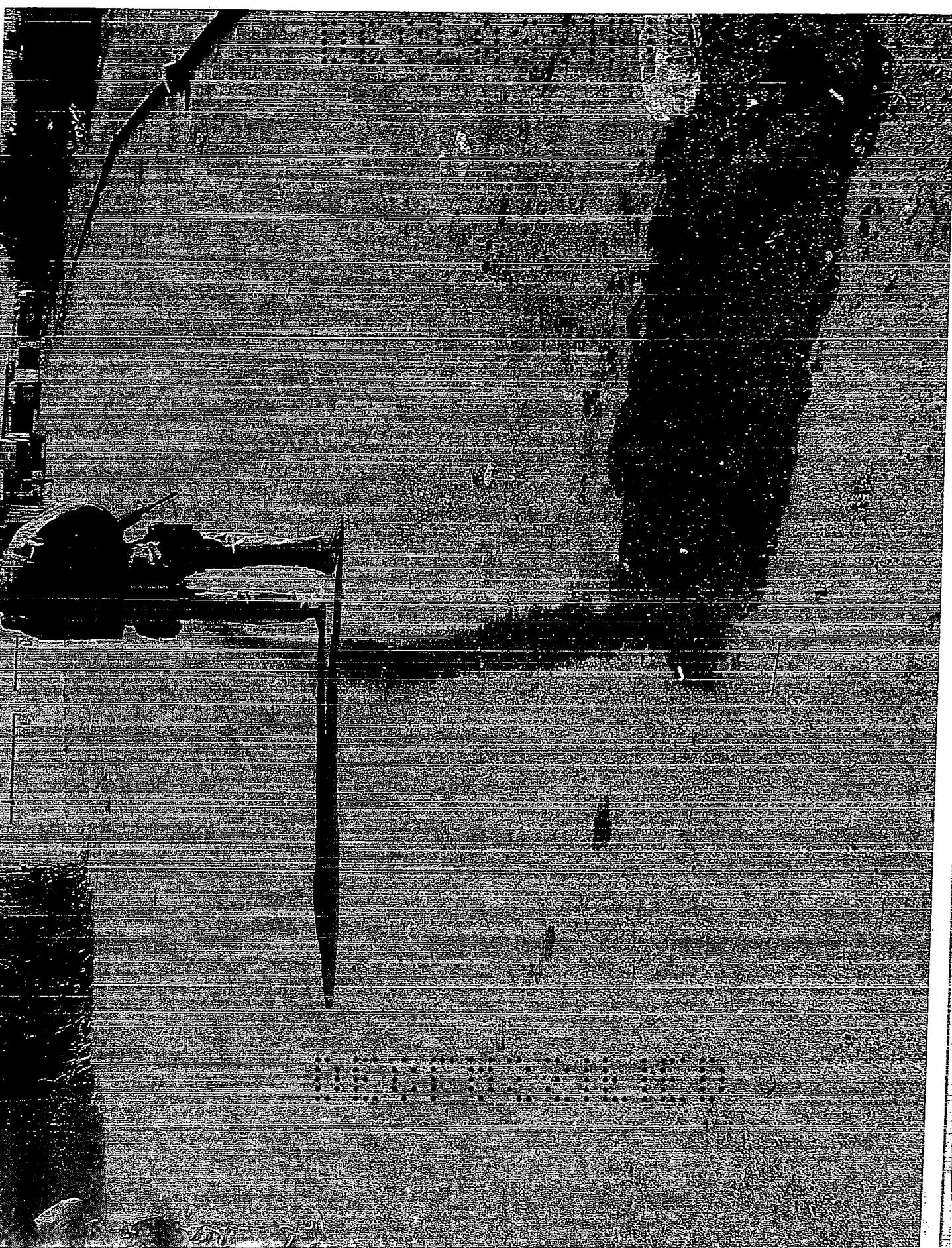
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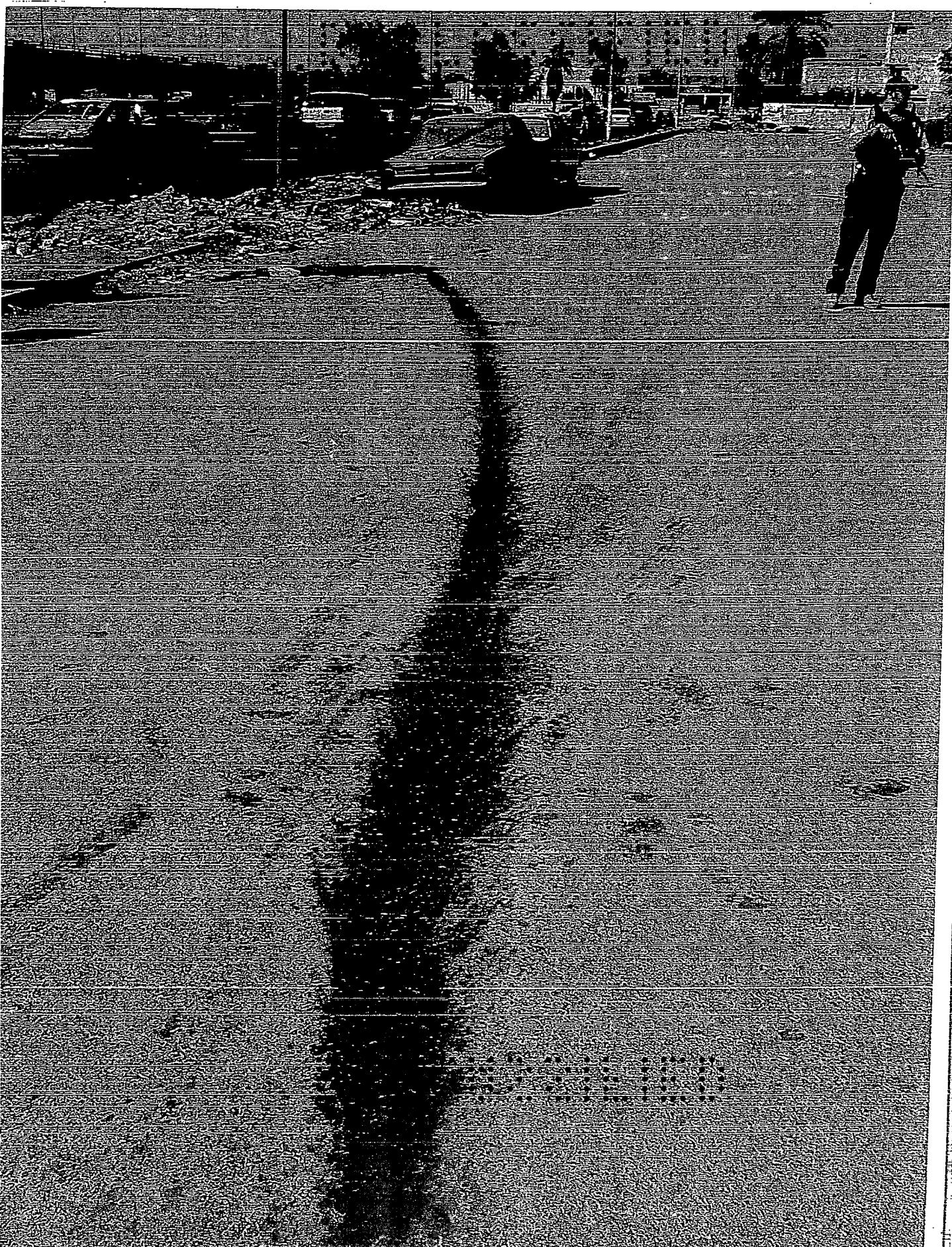


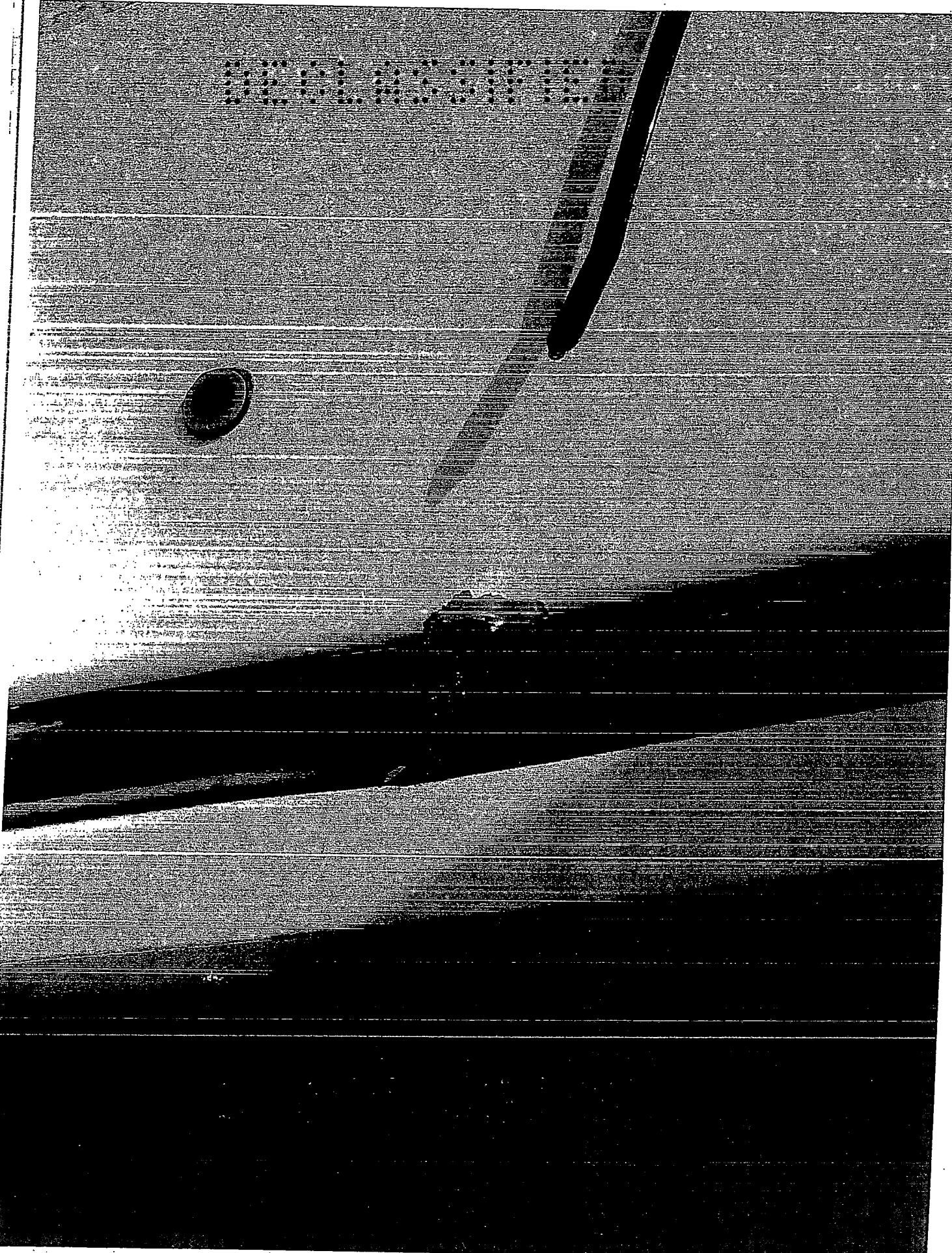


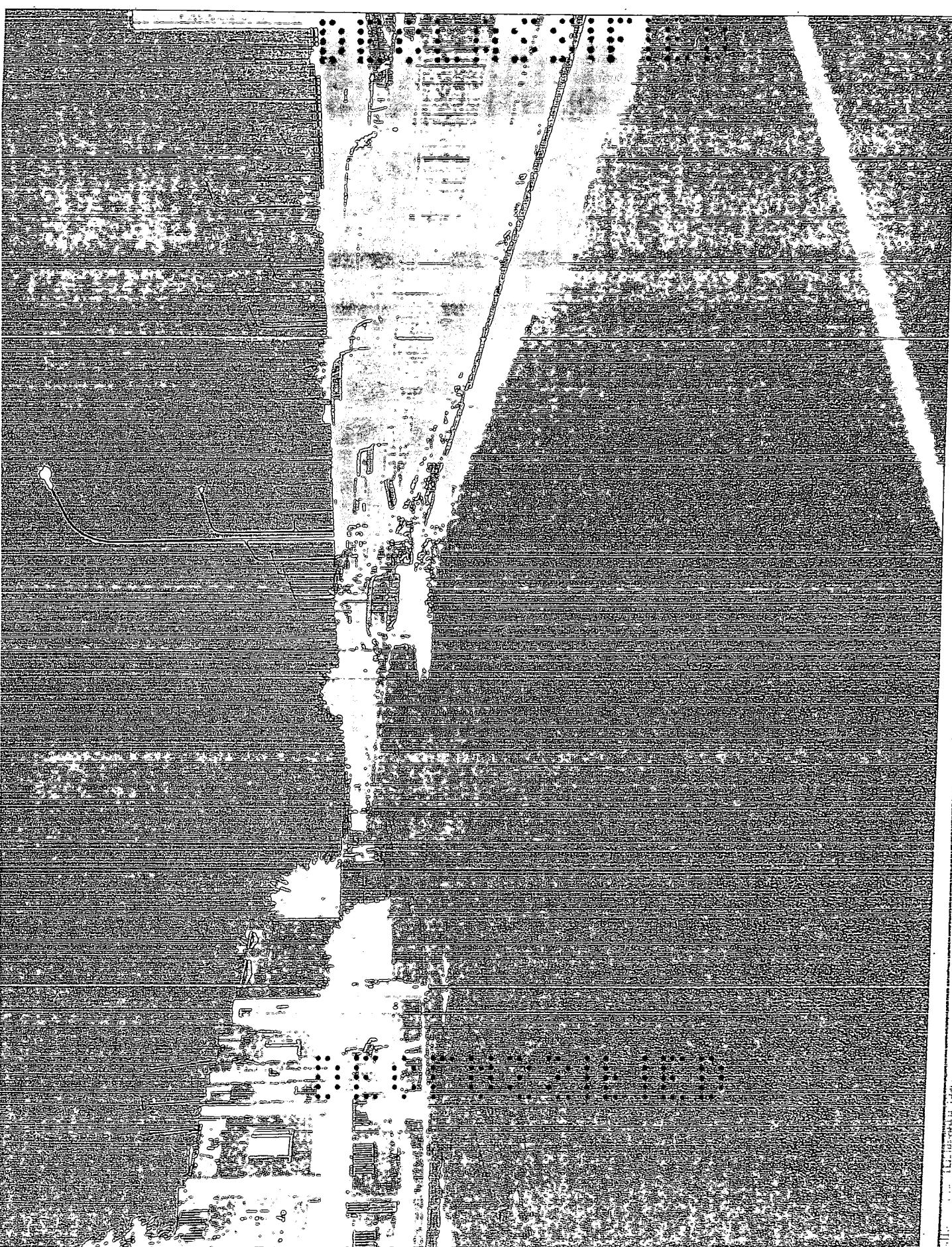












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stop firing almost @ same time

↳ when stopped fire, veh. was stopped,

<10m

from veh. #

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when fired
(# round, some rate of speed)

when fired again, veh. came to abrupt stop

driver came out

w/ hands

raised, & yelled for him to remain in veh.

↑ traffic cleared and pulled out

↳ # 3 veh. 20 yds or less from other m-cade veh front + rear

past overpass; ~~on left side~~ ^{at intersection, buildings}
but not sure which

(R) intersection
after (E) turn

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b "gave every warning w/o jumping up and down or hood"

~~F~~ 1st incident → veh. stopped at
an angle

not
sure
what
aimed
at

could see
corner of
bumper and
grill

access rod = ~~say~~ paved,
not sure where
dumps

b normal 2 lane
residential

b dirt \Rightarrow ^{street} 2-3 ft wide
curl separate
ramp + road

b didn't see weapon, hear or
see incoming fire

b didn't see anyone near target

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b doesn't remember any comment
from others in veh. after
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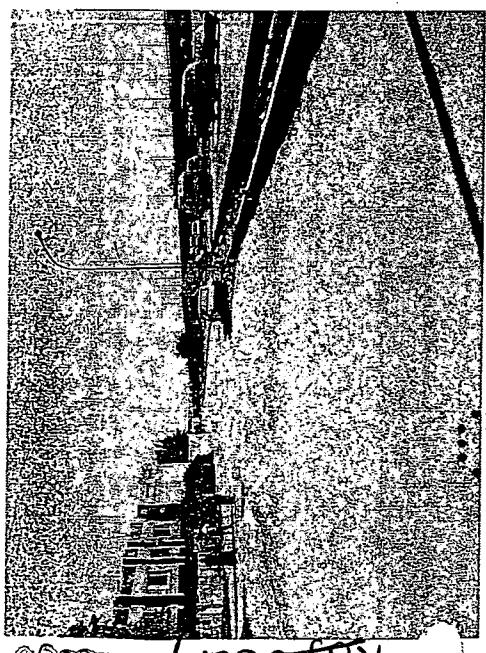
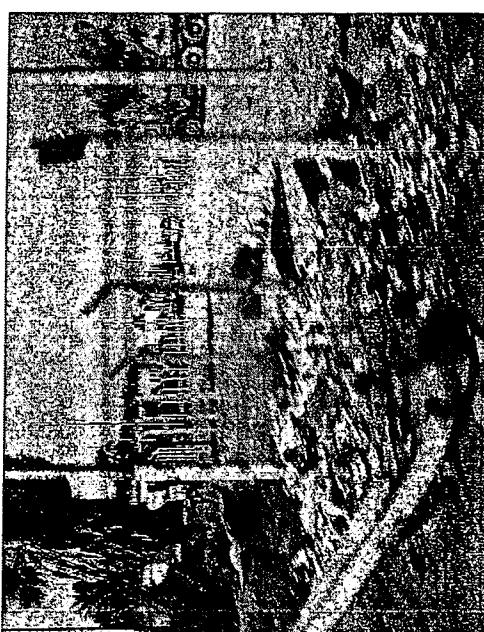
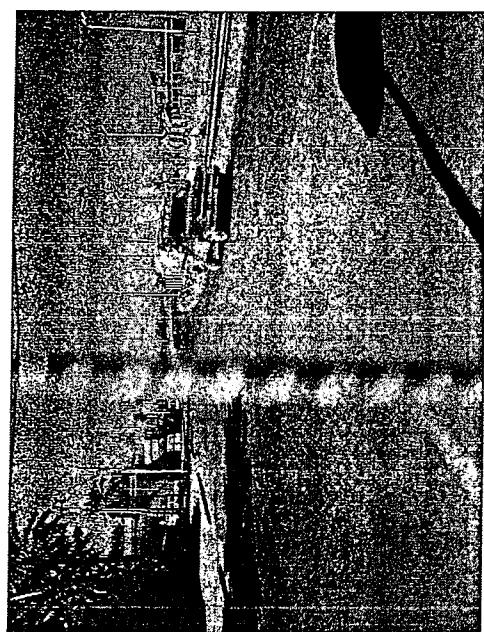
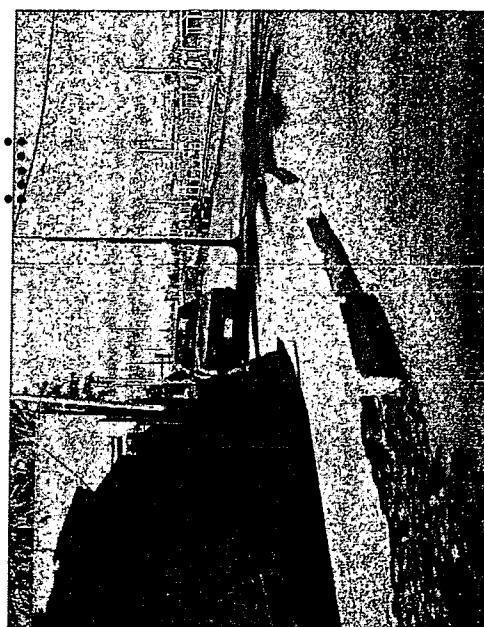
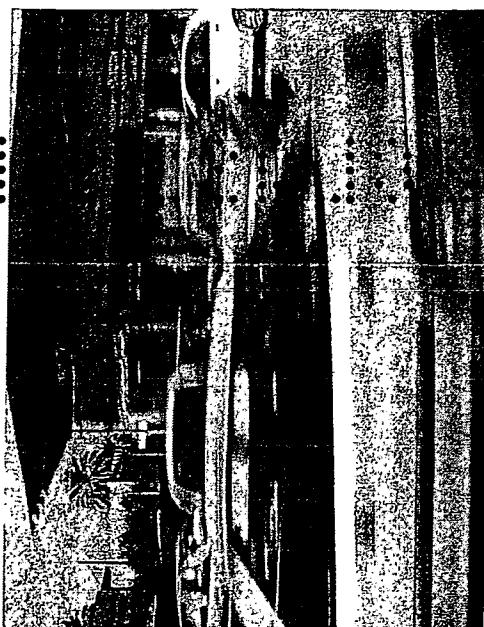
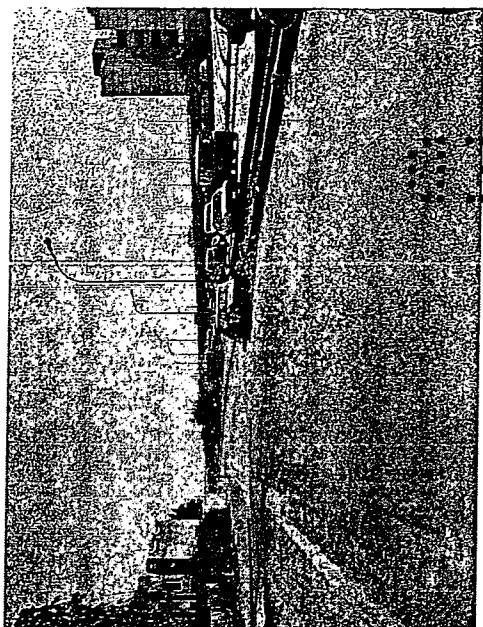
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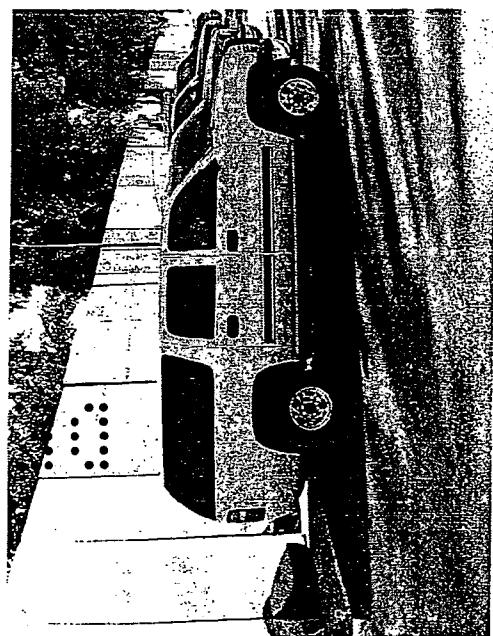
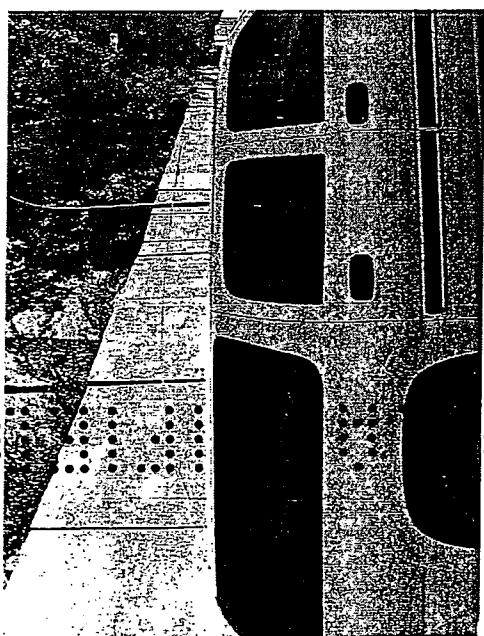
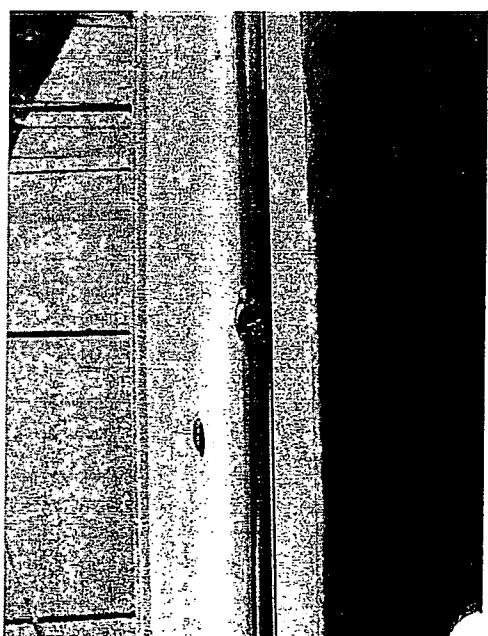
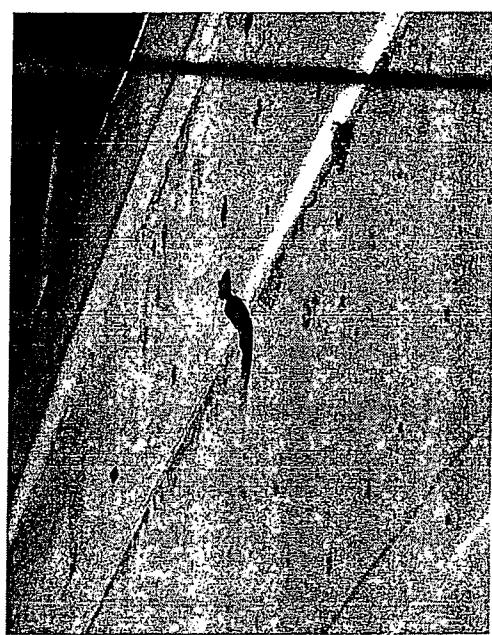
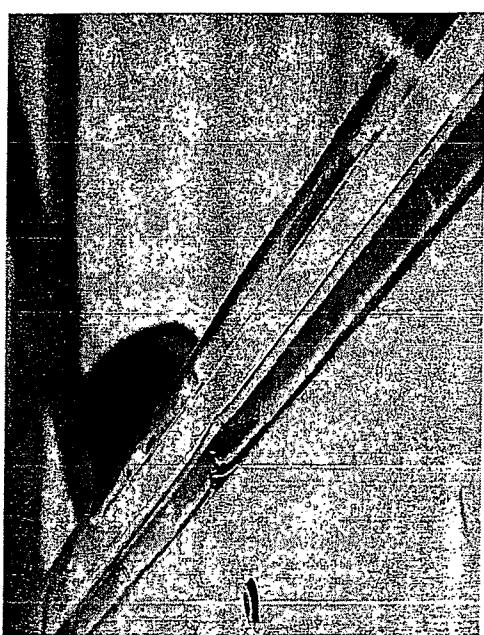
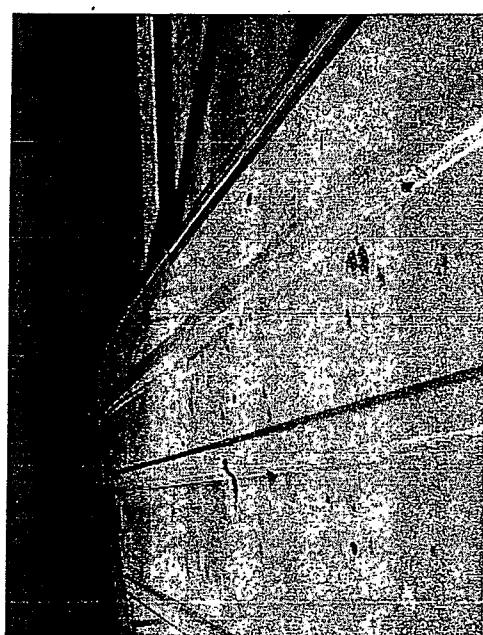
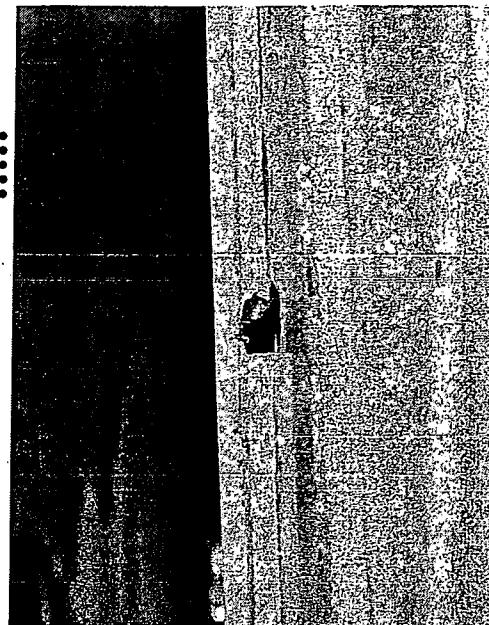
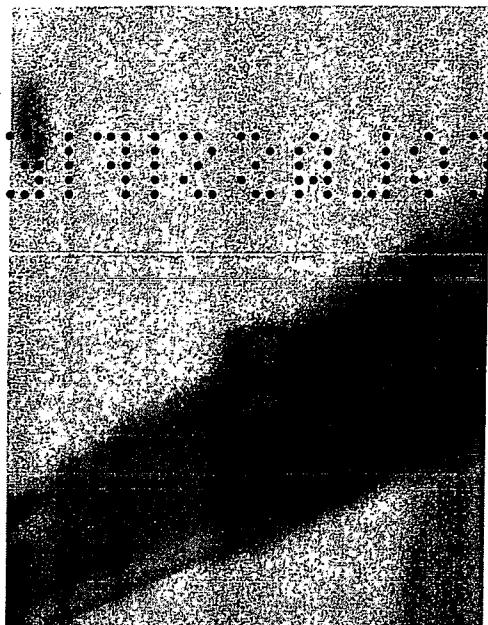
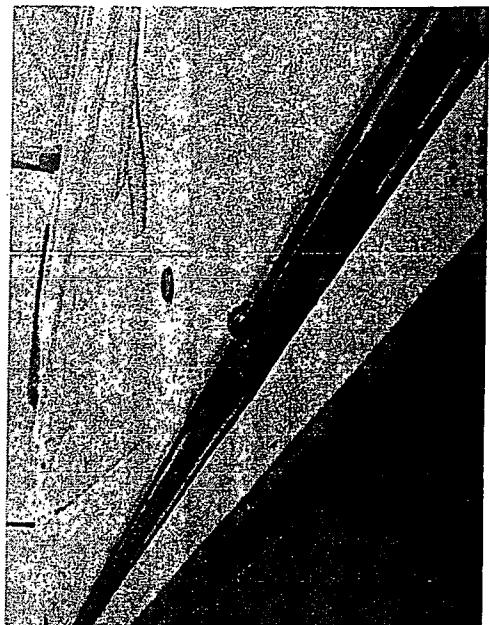
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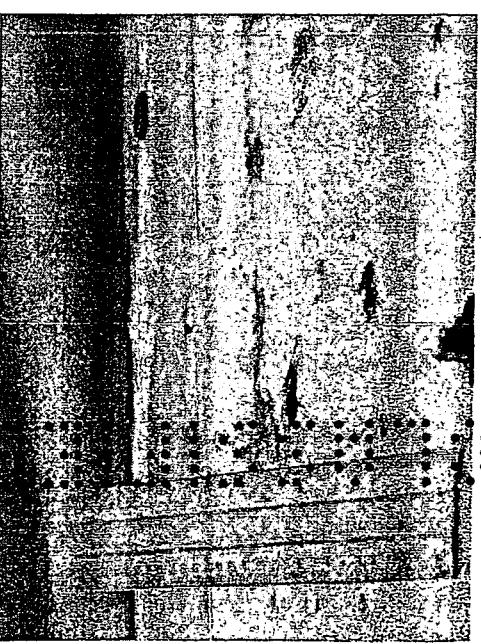
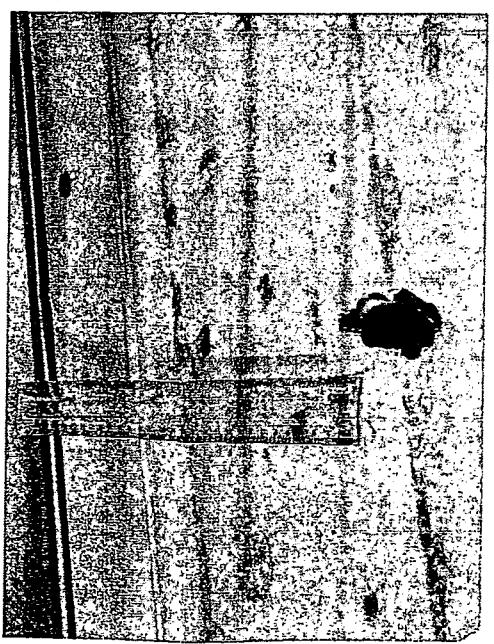
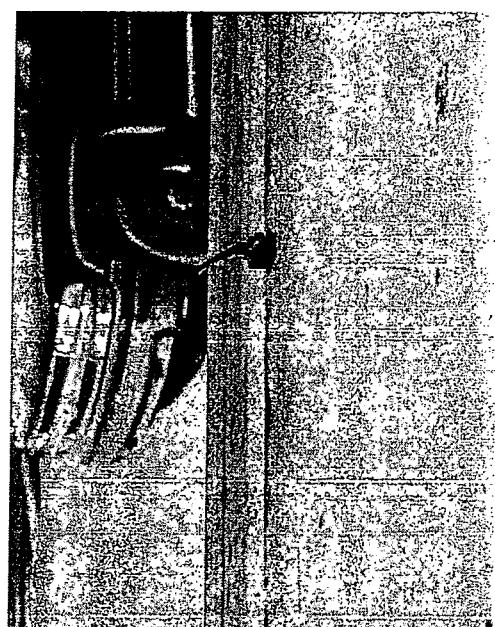
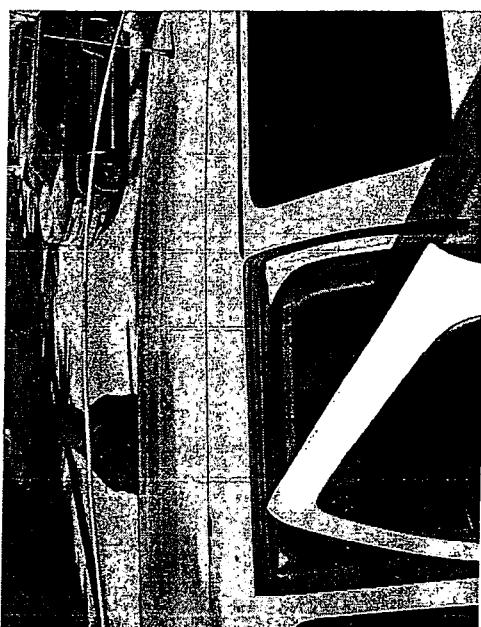
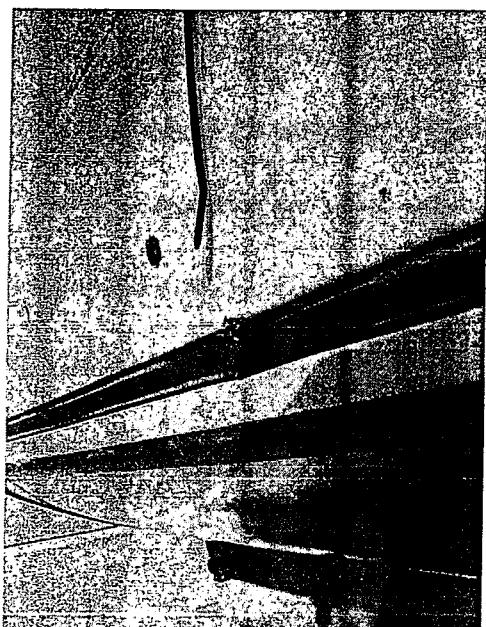
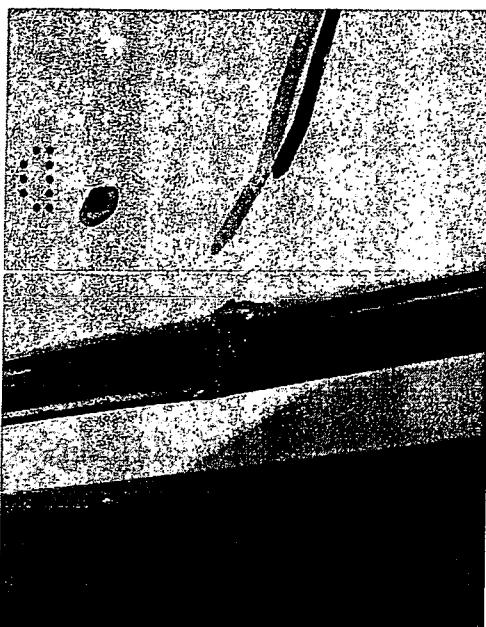
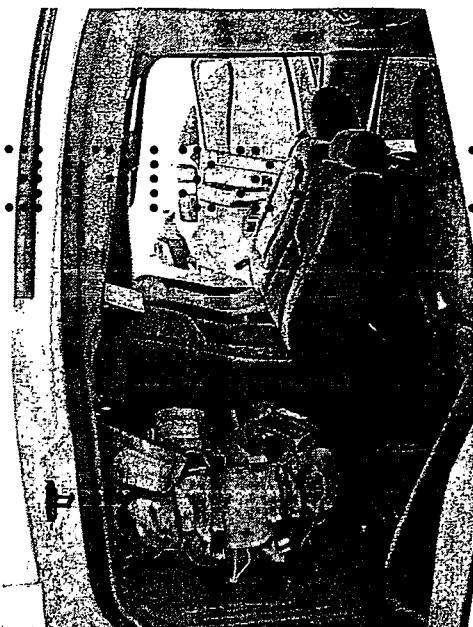
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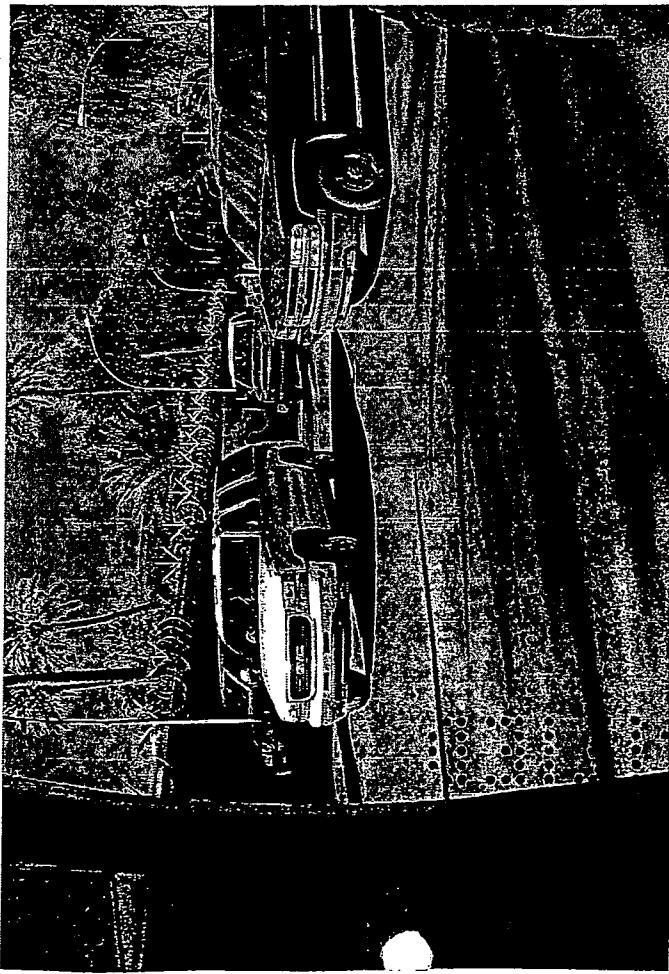


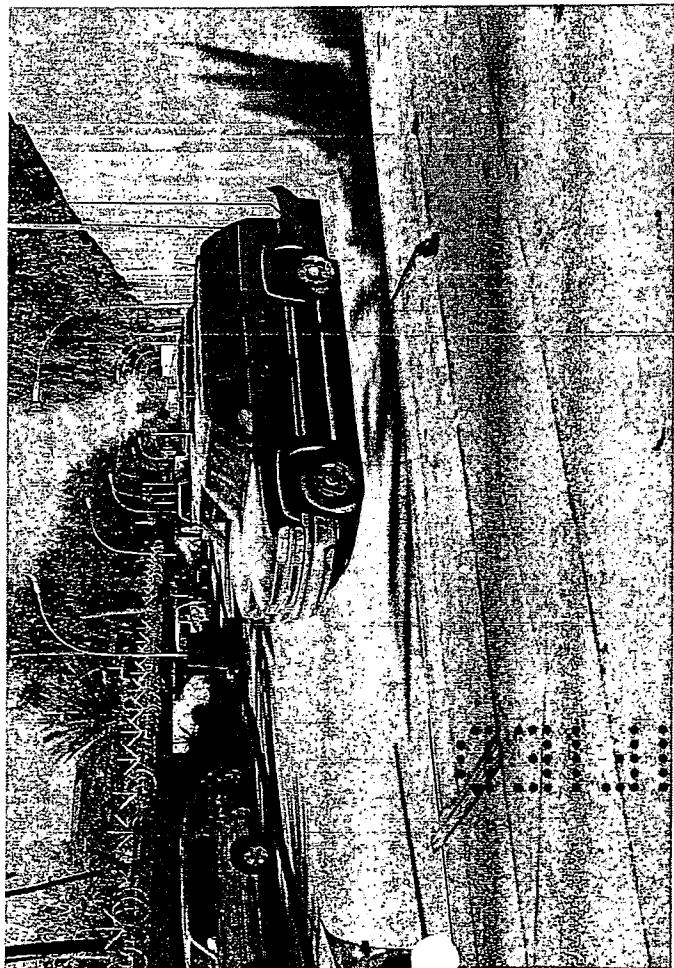
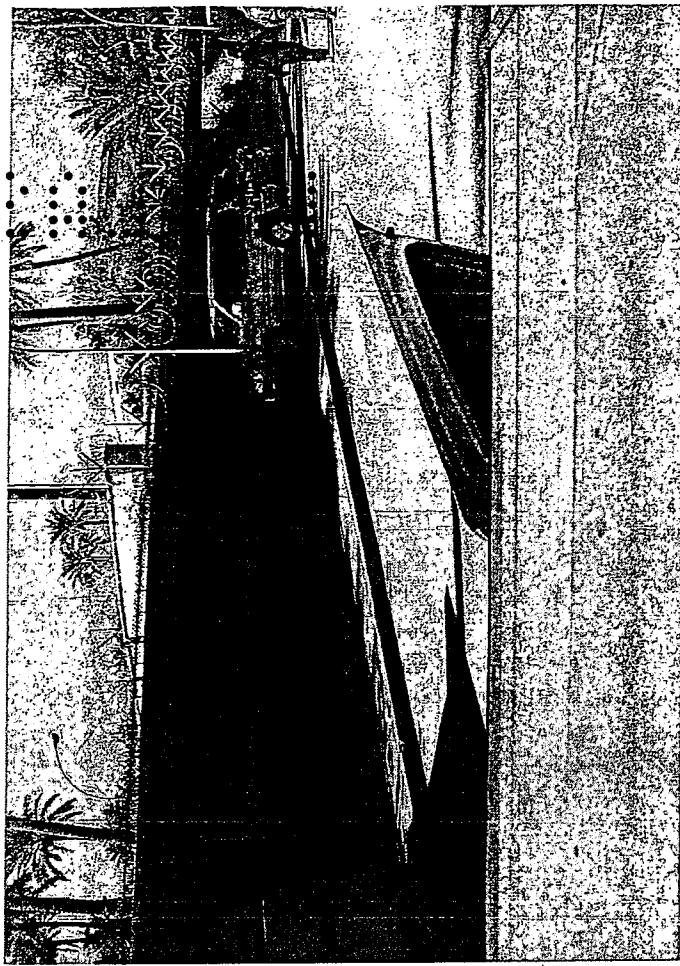
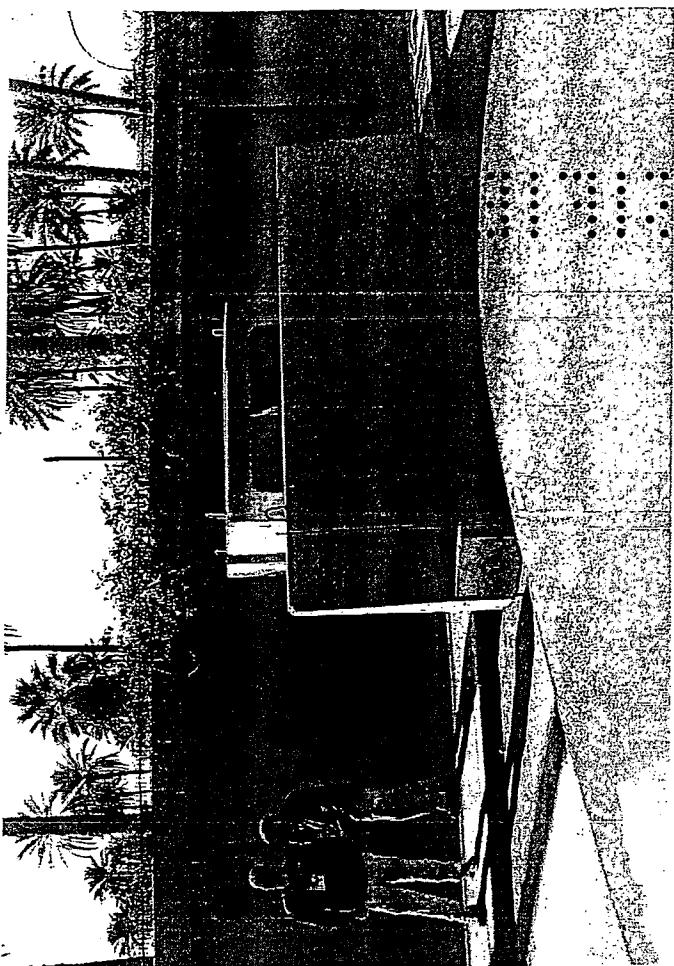
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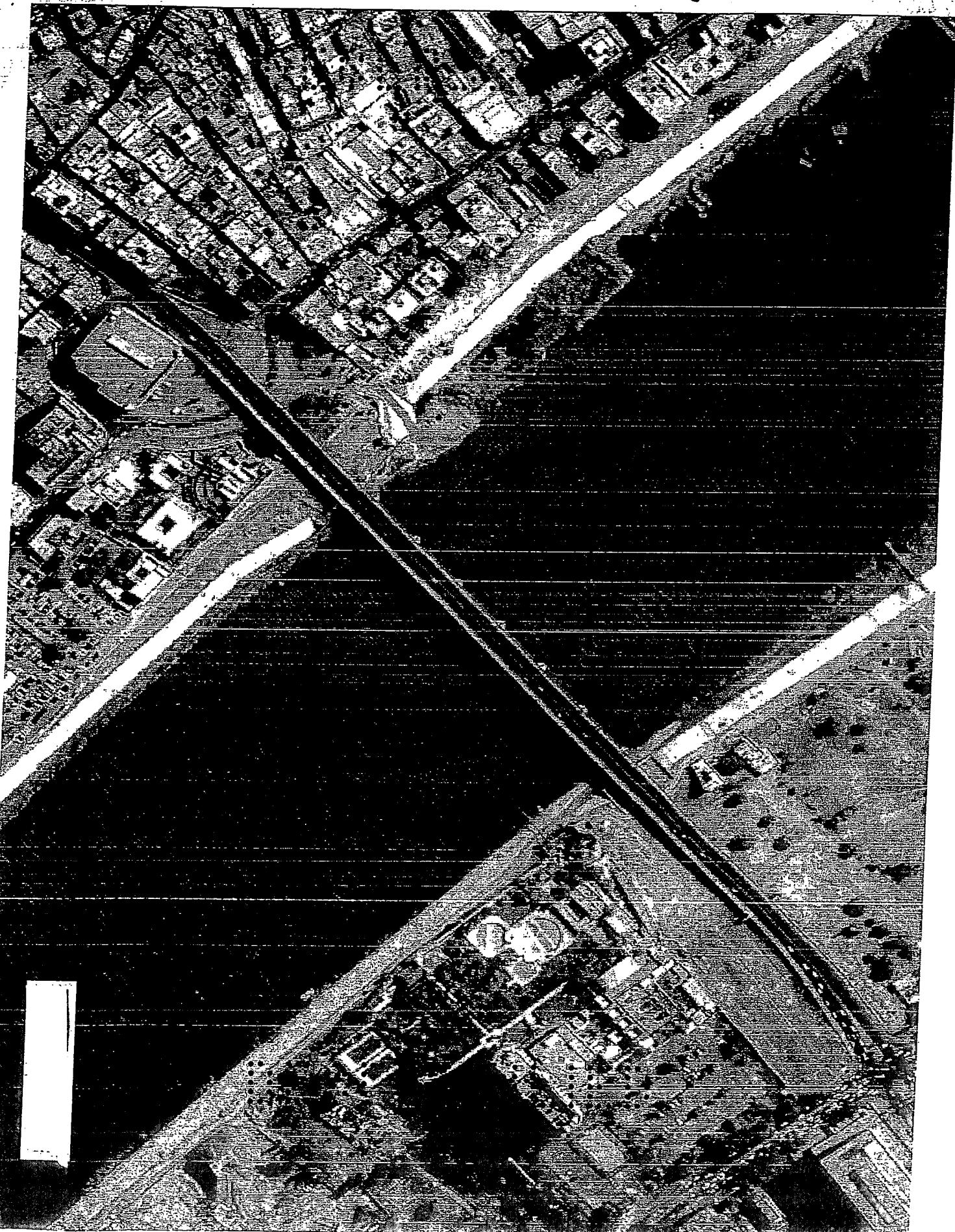
April 4 Shooting

On April 4, 2005 around [] was driving the follow car in the Templar 20 motorcade. While leaving from MO Finance, returning [] and approaching [] we were halted and holding all cars to the rear at a safe distance. A car apparently broke the bubble we had, ignored all visual and verbal warnings, and continued its approach until the rear gunners engaged with warning shots. The car came to a halt and we immediately broke from the area and continued on our route. We returned to [] and sometime after 12 noon left again to head to our next venue. We encountered heavy traffic to our front and while we were inching our way onto [] and forming our bubble to the front we had a car weave through traffic and break out of the rear bubble we had formed and speed towards our motorcade. The rear gunners were already out so they had been giving the car visual and verbal warnings and continued to do so until they deemed it necessary to fire into the car which they did with short bursts and continued to do so as the car continued to approach even after being fired upon. The vehicle finally came to a halt about 15m from us. We immediately moved to put distance between ourselves and the car. [] who was in the well position of our car stated at the time that he saw an individual exiting the vehicle as we were leaving. I would like to say that both of the individuals on the rear doors go above and beyond anyone else I have seen yet as far as getting more of their body out of the suburban and vigorously giving visual and verbal warnings before they engage any vehicles.

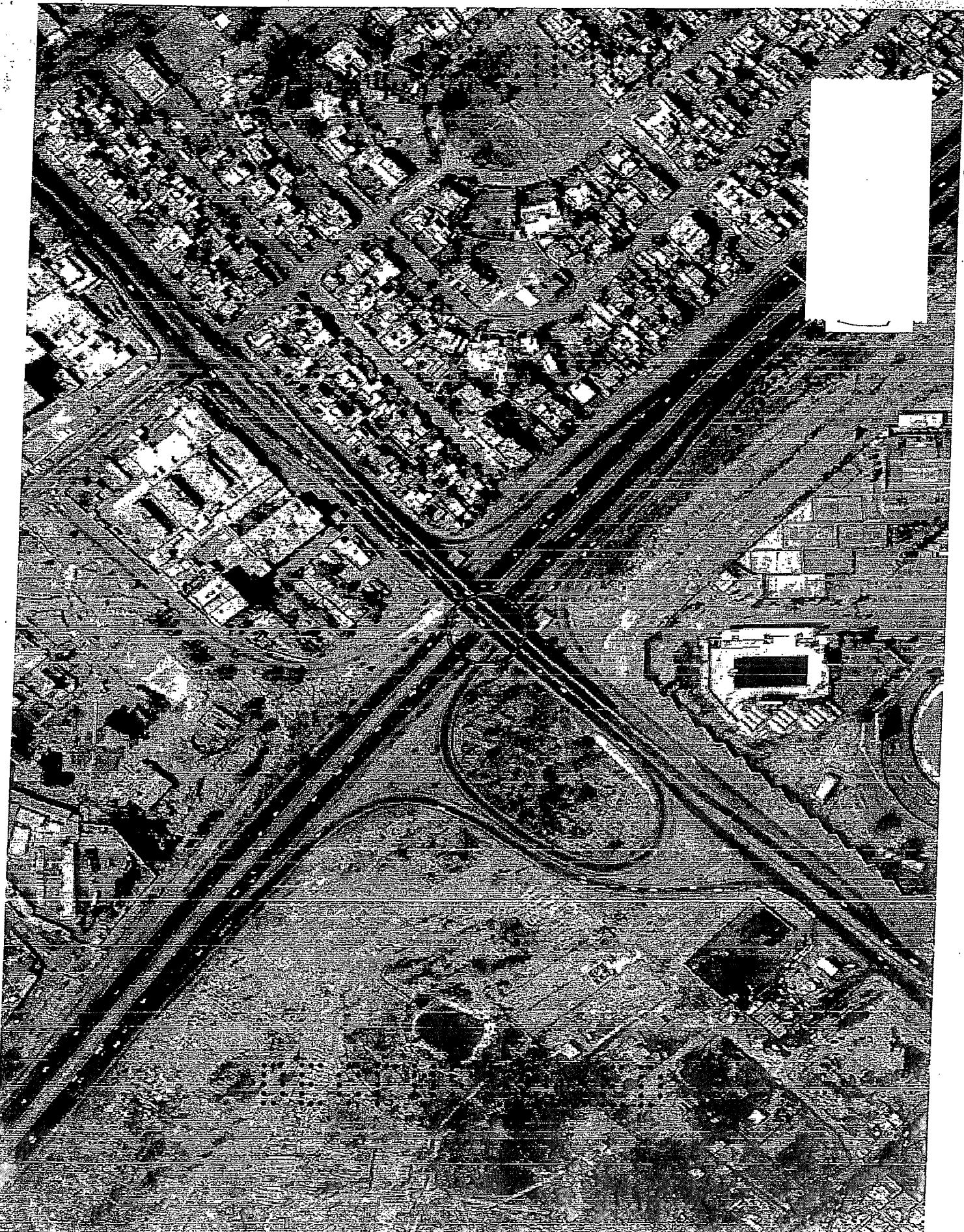
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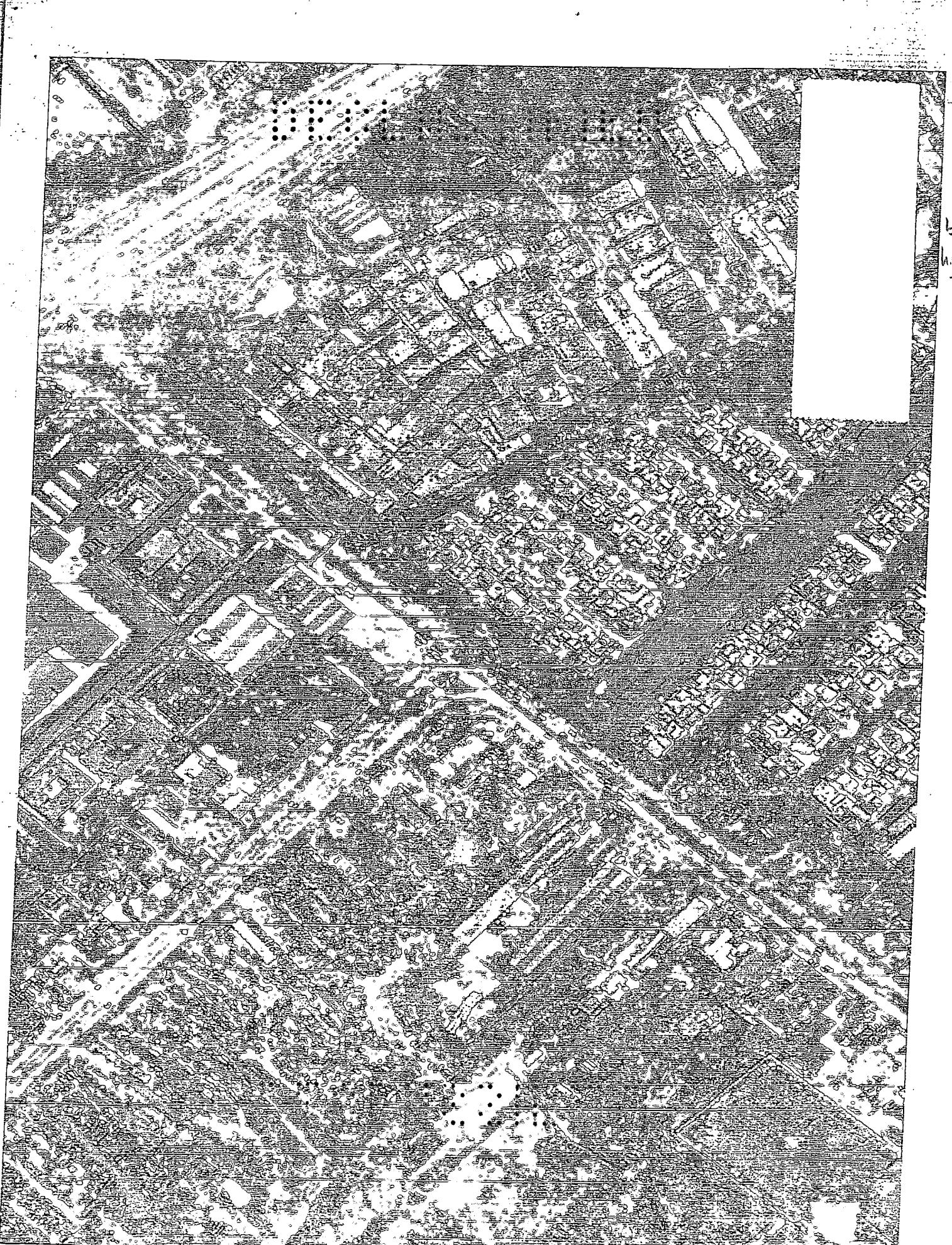
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From: [REDACTED] Team 20
To: [REDACTED] Team Leader, Team 20
Subj: AAR

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At approximately 0840 on 04.04.05, I was riding in the left rear of vehicle 4 in a [] b2 high vehicle motorcade enroute to Ministry of Finance in advance support of Team 8.

[REDACTED] At approximately 0840 on 04.04.05, our motorcade encountered extremely heavily congested traffic and became stopped on the 'X' waiting to make a right hand turn. Due to our diligent and vigorous hand gestures and voice commands, we were able to create and maintain a bubble to our 6 o'clock of 100 meters; traffic on our 6 o'clock was completely stopped. As we continued to wait on the 'X' a dark grey van aggressively accelerated out of the halted traffic at our 6 o'clock position directly toward the rear vehicle [REDACTED] in our motorcade. As the vehicle breached the limit of advance, I issued verbal warnings for the vehicle to STOP! followed by vigorous hand and arm gestures for the vehicle to STOP! ('have patience'). The driver of the vehicle failed to comply. As I continued my verbal commands and as the vehicle closed to within 50 meters still failing to comply, I raised my weapon and fired a 3-round burst into the front-driver's side tire flattening it. The vehicle continued to advance, and the right rear door gunner engaged the aggressive vehicle with a 3-round burst to the center of the grill. The vehicle still continued to advance on our motorcade and was now within approximately 35 meters. I again engaged the hostile vehicle with a 3-round burst impacting the engine compartment. The subject vehicle became immediately disabled and came to a complete stop approximately 30 meters from our halted motorcade. Its occupants (2 Iraqi males mid-30's) were seen exiting to assess the damage to the vehicle. At this time, the motorcade began to roll and continued without further incident to our avenue.

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At approximately 1240 on 04.04.05, I was riding left rear of vehicle 4 in a [] b2 b7L motorcade enroute to the Ministry of Industry in advance support of Team 16.

At approximately 200 meters NW of [REDACTED] our motorcade again encountered [REDACTED] b2 b7L extremely heavily congested traffic and became stopped on the 'X' while going up hill on the bridge at that location. We were able to create and maintain a bubble to our 6 o'clock of 75 meters due to our diligent and vigorous voice commands and hand and arm gestures. While on the 'X' I observed a blue in color BOLO vehicle with a single male Iraq driver aged 25-30 years old, breach the limit of advance to our 6 o'clock position and aggressively accelerate directly toward the left rear of our halted motorcade. I immediately issued verbal commands for the vehicle to STOP!, followed by vigorous hand and arm gestures to STOP! ('have patience'): The driver of the hostile vehicle failed to comply and continued to accelerate uphill towards our motorcade. I then engaged the vehicle at 50 meters with a 3-round burst to the engine compartment. The vehicle continued to maintain its course accelerating uphill when the right rear gunner placed a 3 to 5 round burst into the engine compartment and hood. The vehicle again failed to comply and continued its forward hostile movement advancing on the motorcade. I again engaged at 40 meters striking the windshield center mass with a 3 round burst. The driver then took cover below the dash, yet maintained his course and

acceleration. The right rear gunner then engaged the hostile vehicle at 30 meters with a 3 round burst striking the windshield. The vehicle then stopped its aggressive movement, completely halting 20 meters off of our follow vehicle. At this time, the motorcade began to roll off of the 'X' and it was noted that the driver of the subject vehicle was seen exiting the passenger side of the vehicle. The motorcade continued without further incident.

Respectfully Submitted,

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From: _____
To: _____

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On April 4th 2005 at approximately 0840, I was riding in the rear right door of vehicle four. While stopped at _____ due to heavy traffic, a grey vehicle broke our security bubble (from our six o'clock). Myself and _____ recognized the possible threat at gave exaggerated hand signals and loud voice commands to gain the vehicles attention. The vehicle's drive did not comply and at fifty meters _____ fired a 3-4 round burst into the front, lower left portion of the vehicle. I then fired a 3-4 round burst, center-mass, into the vehicles grill. The vehicle still traveled towards our motorcade. _____ then fired and additional 3-4 round burst; disabling the vehicle. The vehicle came to rest approximately 35 meters from the motorcade. The driver and the passenger both exited the vehicle to exam the damages. At this time our convoy was able to filter through traffic and continue on to our venue.

On April 4th, 2005, I was riding in the right rear door of the fourth vehicle. While enroute to our venue the motorcade was prevented from moving near _____. Our vehicle quickly established a security bubble at approximately 75-100 meters. Within minutes of holding our security bubble a blue vehicle broke the vehicle "line" it was in and entered our lane. At this time the vehicle began to accelerate towards our vehicle. I yelled and waved my left arm-wildly while gesturing "patience" to get the vehicle to stop. The vehicle still advance uphill toward our vehicle at this time _____ fired a 3-4 round burst into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle did not slow, I then fired my own 3-4 round burst into the hood of the vehicle. Again, the vehicle did not slow. At this time _____ fire a 3-4 round burst into the windshield of the approaching vehicle. The vehicle was approximately 30 meters away and not stopping. I then fired a burst into the driver's portion of the windshield. The car came to a rest about 20 meters from my position. The motorcade was able get off the "x" at point and I returned my attention to the right side of the vehicle. I was later informed that the 'well' for vehicle four watch the driver of the blue care get out the passenger side door.

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To: ~~REF ID: A11284~~

From: ~~REF ID: A11284~~

Templer 20 TM LDR

Date: 04 April 2005

Subject: Templer 20's Shooting Incidents

On 04 April 2005, while conducting PSD advance operations in route to (2) two, different venues Templer 20 engaged with small arms fire (2) different vehicles.

The first engagement occurred in the vicinity of ~~REF ID: A11284~~ as we departed the Ministry of ~~REF ID: A11284~~ Finance. The motorcade had come to a stop preparing to merge with traffic in a right hand turn, and had established a bubble to the rear of about 100m. While stopped a dark gray van accelerated from the 6 o'clock moving towards the follow vehicle of the motorcade. I heard the well position call the contact and overheard both door positions give verbal commands for the vehicle to stop. Shortly after I heard what appeared to be three, 3 to 4 round bursts from the rear of my vehicle and looked into the passenger side mirror and saw two to three rounds impact into the pavement and bounce up possibly hitting the van in the front grill.

According to the accounts of ~~REF ID: A11284~~ left door manning an ~~REF ID: A11284~~ and ~~REF ID: A11284~~ right door all so carrying an ~~REF ID: A11284~~. The van accelerated through the line of traffic forming our rear bubble towards the rear of our motorcade. When the vehicle closed with in 50 meters and after challenging the approaching van several times the left door position fired a 3 round burst hitting the van's left front tire and bumper. The van continued to approach and was then engaged with a second 3 round burst from the right door position, with his round impacting the grill of the van. The van was still maintaining forward momentum towards the motorcade and was re-engaged by the left door position with a third 3 round burst aimed at the grill of the van. After the third burst the vehicle stopped moving towards the follow vehicle and both the driver and passenger were observed exiting their van and looking at the damage to the front of the vehicle.

~~REF ID: A11284~~ who was in the well position confirmed that there appeared to be no injuries to the two Iraqi males that had been in the vehicle and reported seeing both males exit the vehicle.

The second incident happened while in route to the Ministry of Interior at 1240 hrs approximately 200 meters N/W of ~~REF ID: A11284~~ at the approach to the bridge. The motorcade ~~REF ID: A11284~~ had stopped waiting for a front bubble to form so we could move forward. The rear bubble was about 75 meters from the rear of the follow vehicle. ~~REF ID: A11284~~ in the well sounded the alarm that a small dark gray/blue vehicle had broken the bubble and was closing rapidly to the motorcades 6 o'clock. I heard both door positions, manned by ~~REF ID: A11284~~ (left door) and ~~REF ID: A11284~~ (right door), begin to yell warning to halt and shortly after began firing at the approaching car. From their reports ~~REF ID: A11284~~ opened fire when

the car came within 50 meters of the follow vehicle traveling up hill. I heard what appeared to be one long burst from the rear of my vehicle. But interviewing both men upon arrival at the venue I determined that both men engaged the vehicle in rapid succession of each other. [redacted] fired at the car hitting the hood with a 3 to 4 round burst with no effect. This was immediately followed by [redacted] engaging the car with a short 3 to 4 round burst into the windshield, also with little effect on the vehicle's forward progress. [redacted] re-engaged the car which had closed to within 30 meters of the rear vehicle of our motorcade, hitting it with a 6 to 10 round burst center mass in the windshield. I saw round hitting windshield through my passenger side mirror. [redacted] located in the well reported that he saw the driver described as an Iraqi male age from 25-30 years of age duck down below the dashboard. The vehicle finally stopped 20 meters to our rear. I ordered for us to move forward to get away from the contact fearing an explosion of follow up attack. As we moved away from the scene [redacted] saw the man exiting the passenger side of the vehicle and appeared to be uninjured. The total number of rounds fired between the two guns was about 20 to 25 rounds.

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Teen²⁰ Since mid-December

Vehicles in Motorcade

Approaching T-intersection - Traffic heavy. Tried

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to Form Bubble. Vehicle approaching from Rear

RR + LF Heard Verbal Warning Commands

= Not Sure how many Commands.

- Deer crossed // L/R Rear half body inside half outside

- Not sure if well gave any commands

- LR RR Giving commands - Not Commands to SL
Later heard it was a Van (ADR)

- Never saw Vehicle.

- Unsure who fired first. LR or RR

- Heard 2 or 3 bursts believe Short Bursts.

- Not sure if still giving verbal commands.

- Vehicle started Moving forward.

5-10 sec later Motorcade started

Moving.

- Incoming shots Authorized > believe Go to the
Ghillie first.

* Believe Roe on to kill the driver

- Has A positions several times. In his lines

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- Usually T P @ intersection. Unsure if present on 4 Apr 85.

- Inside street. Distance between 3/4 vehicles
15 to 20 meters; offset to (R) side

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T. Harris bsc

- L+R Rec: Stripped from ~~Vehicle~~ ~~Mobile~~ ~~Mobile~~
- L+R Rec: fully ~~Mobile~~ as they might have been standing.

2nd Street

Team Room - & Ds went to Chew

Returned to MoI. No Discussion of shoot after return.

- Heading to MoI → enroute to MoI Incident took place.
- Same position in Motorcycle. New Bridges [] ^{bz high}
Through intersection. Found "Bubble" Traffic heavy.
Near the entrance to Bridge.
- ~~Saw~~ ^{Side} View mirror; Traffic stopped L+R
by other vehicles. one up ramp.
- Same vehicle right before ^{After} ~~shoot~~ ^{saw} blue car
- ~~Vehicle~~ ^{Was} U was moving slowly forward.
< Not sure if he'll said anything.
- L+R Rear - doors cracked & giving signals
Visible & Audible. Unsure if commands were given.
- Heard ~~shot~~ gun shots more than 1 burst
^{up} a large \leftrightarrow 3rdly Bursts. Saw Blue Car slowly rolling
~~Burst~~ Period 15m (approx) Then 1 more burst
Period ~~shorter~~ shortly thereafter the motorcycle
began to Roll.
- ADL in Tiny Room; No specifics were given.
didn't take about incident

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Incident Report

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Incident 1:

On April 4, 2005, at approximately 0840 hours, I was riding in the well position in the follow vehicle in a [] vehicle convoy, also present in this vehicle were [] (driver) [] (team leader), [] (right door) and [] (left door). At [] the motorcade had stopped preparing for a right hand turn. An approximate 100 yard open space was between the stopped vehicles and the rear of the convoy. Both doors were opened and the men were clearly visible to the vehicles at our rear. I observed a dark gray van accelerated around the parked vehicles headed into the open space toward our position. I heard someone yelling a warning and saw the muzzle of [] moving up and down out of my peripheral vision. I saw that the van was not stopping and heard a short burst from the [] and saw the rounds impact low on the vehicle's front grill area and observed the left front tire go flat. The van continued rolling forward, and I heard other short burst from one of the []. I also saw those rounds impact into the grill area of the oncoming van.

I then observed the van come to a stop, and watched as the passenger and driver of the van, both appeared to be Middle Eastern adult males, exit the vehicle and inspect the vehicle's damage. As the convoy began to roll away, I observed a bystander apparently admonishing the driver for his actions. I am not sure of the amount of rounds fired, but I would estimate less than ten rounds were fired at the vehicle during the incident.

Incident 2:

At approximately 1240 hours, the convoy was in route to another venue in the area about 200 yards Northwest of []. I was aware that we were going up one side of the bridge. The traffic was holding back and both doors were opened and the men visible to the traffic holding at our rear. I saw a small dark grey/blue Sedan, driven by one Middle Eastern adult male, approximately 25-30 year of age come around the left side of the stopped line of cars and accelerate toward us. I shouted to the guys on the doors, three times, that the vehicle was approaching. I heard the men yelling at the car as it approached approximately 75 yards out from our position.

I heard [] engage the vehicle with a short burst from his [] and observed the rounds impact in the grill and forward hood area of the oncoming vehicle. The vehicle was approximately 50 yards from the rear of our vehicle. I observed the vehicle as it continued to accelerate toward us and heard [] fire a short burst with his [] at the vehicle while it continued to close the distance. I saw the vehicle still traveling toward us and heard another short burst from []. I saw those rounds impact the front center mass of windshield of the oncoming vehicle and observed the driver duck down toward the passenger side of the vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop approximately 20 to 32 yards from the rear of the follow vehicle.

As the convoy began moving, I observed the driver get out of the passenger side of the vehicle and stand up. I am not sure of the number of rounds fired, but I think I heard three separate short burst fire during the incident. ***

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	4 Apr 2005	Time of Incident	1240 hours
Type of Incident <small>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)</small>	Use of Force – Discharging of Weapon to Stop Aggressive Vehicle		
Location of Incident <small>(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)</small>	About 200 meters NW of [redacted] The Advance Team was en route to the Ministry of Industry, Baghdad, Iraq <small>b2 b7c</small>		
Description of Incident <small>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident - all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, IGOs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</small>	The Advance Team motorcade had stopped waiting for the traffic ahead of the lead vehicle to move forward to increase the distance from the motorcade. The local traffic to the rear was approximately 75 meters from the rear of the follow vehicle. [redacted] in follow vehicle's left rear position, observed a Blue colored sedan, which he believed to possibly be the same Be On the Look Out (BOLO) vehicle, being driven by a single Arab Male who was approximately 25-30 years old. The driver of the BOLO vehicle was approaching from the 6 O'clock position and was aggressively accelerate directly toward the left rear of teams now stopped motorcade. [redacted] (Well Position) also noticed the vehicle and verbally alerted others when the small dark gray/blue sedan had moved away from the other local vehicles and rapidly approached the motorcade. The right rear, [redacted] and the left rear [redacted] both began yelling, warning to halt and shortly after began firing at the approaching car. In fear for their safety and the safety of their team member [redacted] shot at the vehicle with his [redacted]. The vehicle did not veer off and kept approaching at a fast speed. [redacted] fearing for their safety and seeing no effect from [redacted] impacts on the vehicle begin firing his [redacted] at the fast approaching vehicle. Both [redacted] and [redacted] fired several short bursts of three to four rounds. [redacted] shooting the vehicle hood and grill had no effect on stopping the vehicle. Both [redacted] and [redacted] began shooting into the windshield. The Well Gunner, [redacted] stated that he saw the driver duck down below the dashboard. The vehicle finally came to a stop approximately 20 meters behind the motorcades follow vehicle. The motorcade immediately drove away fearing an explosion from a probable Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED). [redacted] saw the man driving the vehicle exit the passenger side of the vehicle and appeared to be uninjured. No injuries were noted.		
Action Taken <small>(Describe in detail what actions were taken i.e. deployed pin mines, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</small>	All Team members riding within this vehicle wrote and submitted statements. Weapons deployed – [redacted] <small>b2 b7c</small>		
Follow-Up Required <small>(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</small>	The Advance Team motorcade continued their mission without further delay. Investigation as required by the RSO <small>b2 b7c</small>		

Operations(s) Involved	Tm Ldr Driver: LR: RR: Well:
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Vehicle(s) Involved	White ... Suburban GP#8550	Team(s) Involved	Team 20
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Detail Leader, IPD, Specialty Team
DSS Iraq Mission

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	April 6 2005	Time of Incident	1030
Type of Incident	Warning Shots into a grill of a bus.		
(e.g. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-Lethal/less-lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)			
Location of Incident	Vic grid. b2 b7c		
(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, approximate coordinates if known, etc.)			
Description of Incident	<p>I [redacted] was the well gunner for the CAV for blue team. Which was the fourth vehicle in a [redacted] motorcade. While traveling route [redacted] south of checkpoint 2. I then saw a BOLO of a black 5 series BMW. Which we have had reports on in the past of attacking motorcades. Approximately 300 yards later I heard a shot fired, I do not know where the shot came from. These events caused my threat level to rise. After these events our motorcade came to a stop at checkpoint 2. I then started to flash the rear flood lights of the CAV trunk to stop traffic at a distance. At which time I noticed a bus with no one in it but the driver. The bus approached our motorcade from the left side of the CAV at a high rate of speed. I then warned the left rear [redacted] of the approaching bus. The driver continued to approach the motorcade ignoring the flood lights.</p>		
Action Taken	<p>At 30 meters I fired a pen flare towards the bus. The driver still continued to approach the motorcade, ignoring the pen flare and flood lights. I then heard [redacted] fire two rounds from his [redacted]. Seconds after the rounds were fired the motorcade started to move.</p>		
Follow-Up Required			
(Indicate what, if any, follow-up action is required. e.g. further investigation, notifications, etc.)			

Operator(s) Involved	[redacted]	Vehicle(s) Involved	CAV	Team(s) Involved	Blue
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Date of Incident: April 6, 2005 Time of Incident: 1030

Type of Incident (e.g. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-lethal Force/Distraction Devices/Deployed Ambush)	2 Warning shots fired into grill
Location of Incident (Describe location in detail. Include route names, landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)	Vic grid. b2 b7d
Description of Incident (Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved. Principle US involved military, any other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, CNS and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)	I, _____ was the left door gunner for the CAV, which was the fourth vehicle in the _____ motorcade. While traveling route _____ South of checkpoint _____ heading north, we saw a black BMW that matched the description of a BOLO that was reported to recently attack motorcades. One minute later we heard a shot fired in close proximity to our motorcade. These two events raised our threat level posture. 300 yards later our motorcade came to a halt. The well gunner _____, called out an aggressive vehicle from the rear approaching quickly. The vehicle was an empty bus. He proceeded to warn the vehicle utilizing flood lights, made eye contact with the driver and gave the hand and arm signal to stop along with verbally warning him. The vehicle did not stop or show any intentions of slowing down. The well gunner proceeded to fire a pen flare. The vehicle kept aggressively approaching.
Action Taken (Describe in detail what actions were taken. i.e. deployed munitions, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)	At this point I called "going out". I elevated my position out of the window, made eye contact with the driver, gave the hand and arm signal to stop while verbally warning him. As the bus closed distance with our vehicle the driver dropped his right hand. At this time the driver of the bus was out of the well gunners field of fire. The fact that the bus was empty along with the drivers aggressive posture, lead me to believe the motorcade was in danger. I fired two shots in the grill of the bus and immediately aimed in on the driver. This show of force caused the driver of the bus to immediately stop the vehicle. I remained aimed in on the diver and deemed him no longer a threat. The Driver of the bus did not appear to be wounded in any manner. Because of where the shots were placed in the lower grill, they were well below coming in contact with the driver. The motorcade continued on its route with no further incidence.
Follow-Up Required (Indicate what if any follow-up actions is required. i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)	

Operator(s) Involved	Vehicle(s) Involved	CAV	Team(s) Involved	BLUE
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PRELIMINARY SPOT REPORT

On Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at approximately 0745 hours the Blackwater (B/W) Protective Security Detail (PSD) team assigned to the Karbala State Embedded Team (SET) was involved in a fatal shooting incident during the course of motorcade operations from Karbala to Al-Hillah.

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Immediately after the incident, the PSD team notified the U.S. Embassy Regional Office (USREO) Al-Hillah Operations Center and Regional Security Officer (RSO) Al-Hillah regarding the situation via two-way radio. Upon arriving at the USREO Al-Hillah compound at approximately 0800 hours, the PSD team members met and briefed the RSO regarding the situation. RSO Al-Hillah in turn notified RSO Baghdad and the Regional Coordinator assigned to Al-Hillah.

RSO Al-Hillah subsequently conducted individual interviews regarding the incident with each of the 15 PSD personnel traveling in support of this motorcade. USREO Al-Hillah's Assistant Regional Security Officer (ARSO) and the senior level manager in charge of B/W operations for South-Central Iraq were present for each one of these interviews. The purpose of these interviews was explained to each of the PSD team members. All PSD team members consented to be interviewed and provided relevant information under their own free will.

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As the PSD team approached Al-Hillah from the south, they were involved in a shooting incident with an indigenous vehicle in the vicinity of Salkhan [located approximately 2 1/2 miles due south of the USREO Al-Hillah compound]. According to statements made by several of the PSD team members, the indigenous vehicle circumvented other static indigenous vehicles and traffic congestion rapidly approaching and crashing into the PSD Counter Assault Team (CAT) vehicle traveling as the rear position in the motorcade.

According to several PSD personnel who observed the incident from start to finish, the indigenous vehicle continued to approach the PSD CAT vehicle at a high rate of speed despite repeated warnings to stay away. Several PSD personnel stated they observed the indigenous vehicle make its way through heavy congested traffic rapidly approaching the PSD CAT vehicle. One PSD personnel stated the indigenous vehicle had its flashing hazard lights on.

According to several PSD personnel, as the indigenous vehicle (a white colored Kia 4 door sedan) rapidly approached the PSD CAT vehicle from the rear, PSD CAT vehicle personnel utilized several visible warnings in an attempt to warn the indigenous vehicle to keep a safe distance. These warning include:

- Flashing blue police light mounted at eye level on rear of CAT vehicle;
- Flashing dual high-watt flood lamps installed on rear bumper of CAT vehicle;
- Highly visible signage in Arabic posted on the CAT vehicle advising to keep back;
- Hand signals to keep back;
- Eye contact;
- Displaying weapon muzzles from open windows directed in the direction of the approaching vehicle;
- A can flare fired as a warning in the direction of the approaching vehicle;

Several gunshots fired from the PSD CAT vehicle in direction of the approaching vehicle, aimed at and striking the front engine compartment. These shots were fired in an effort to immobilize the rapidly approaching vehicle.

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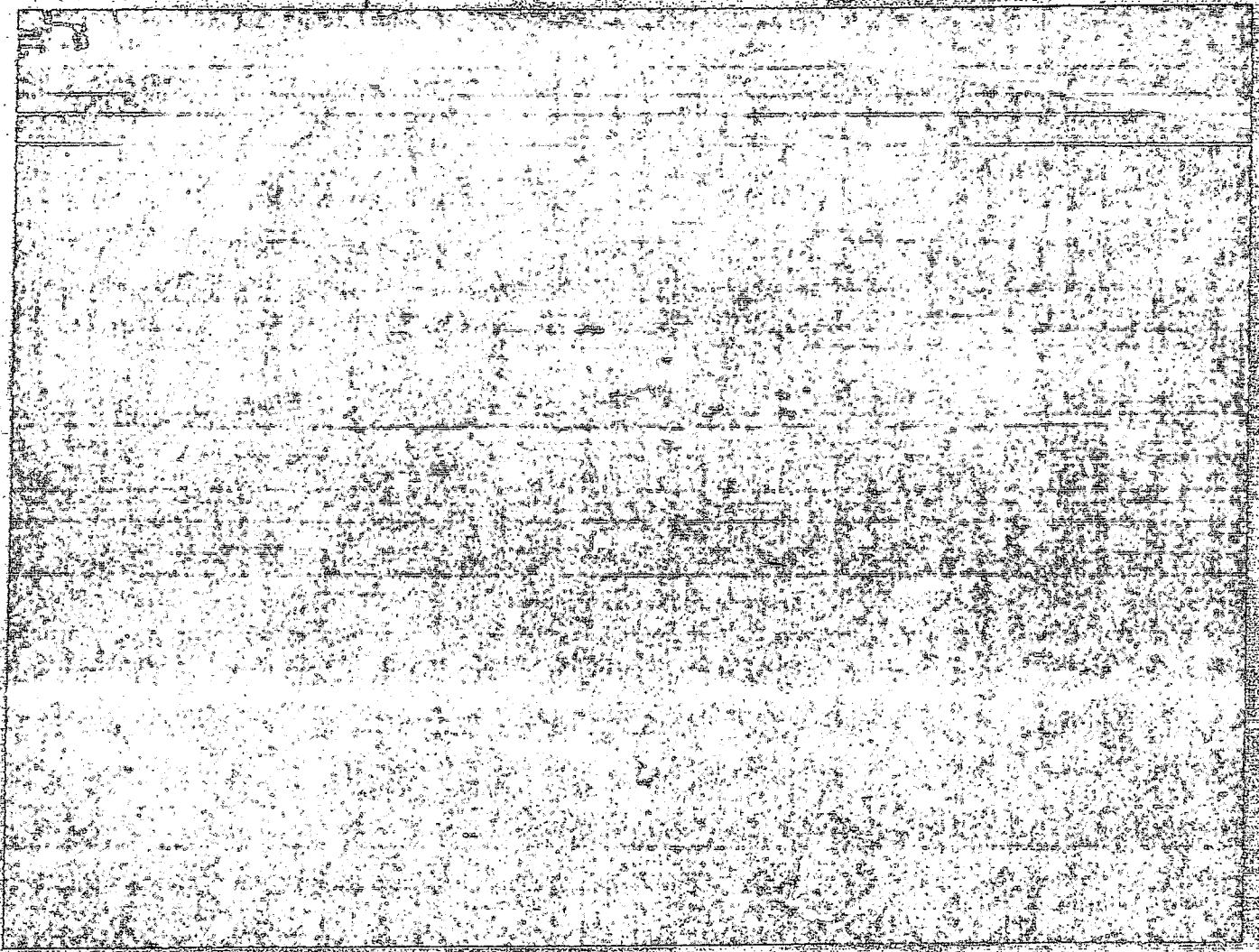
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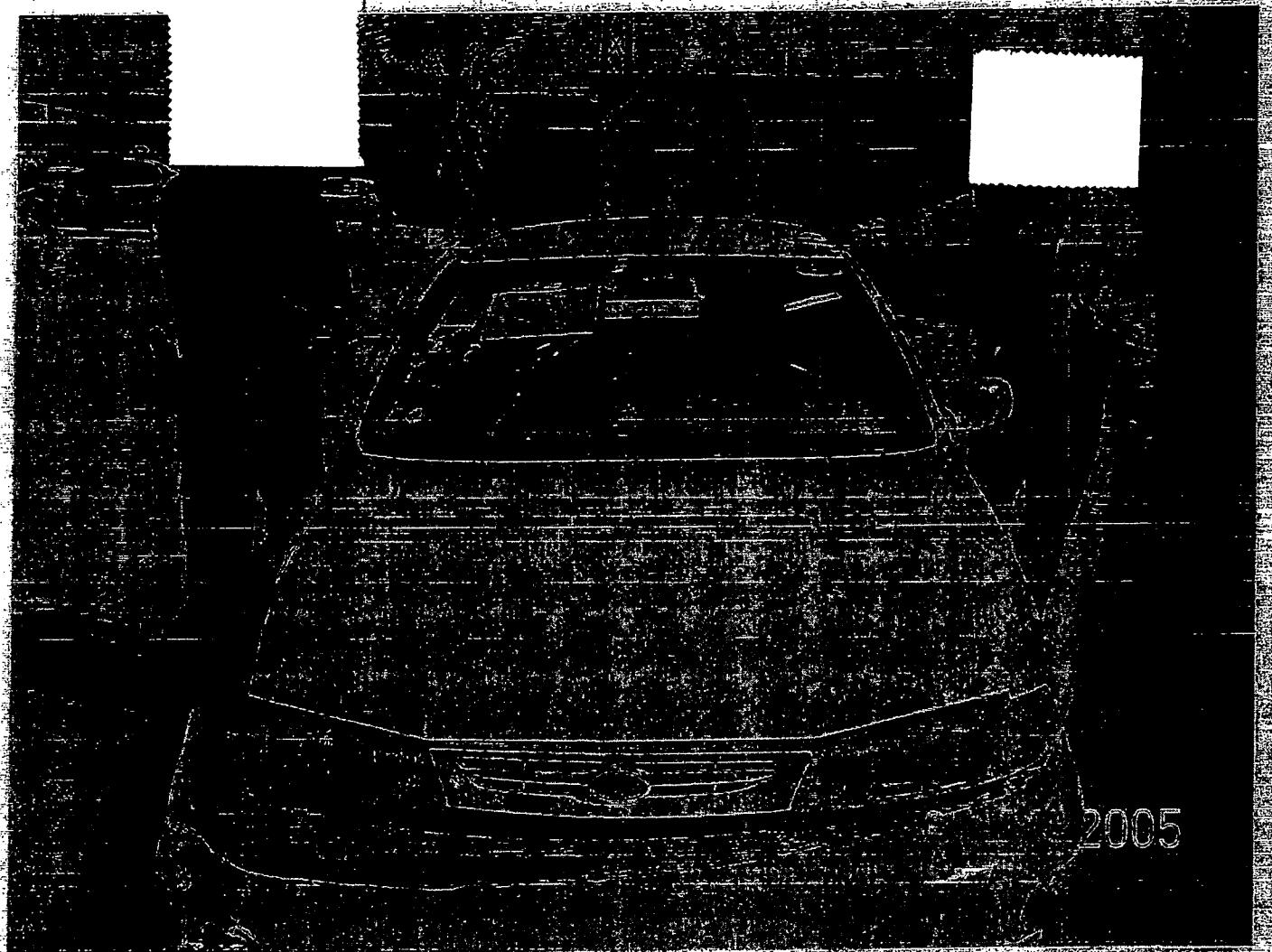
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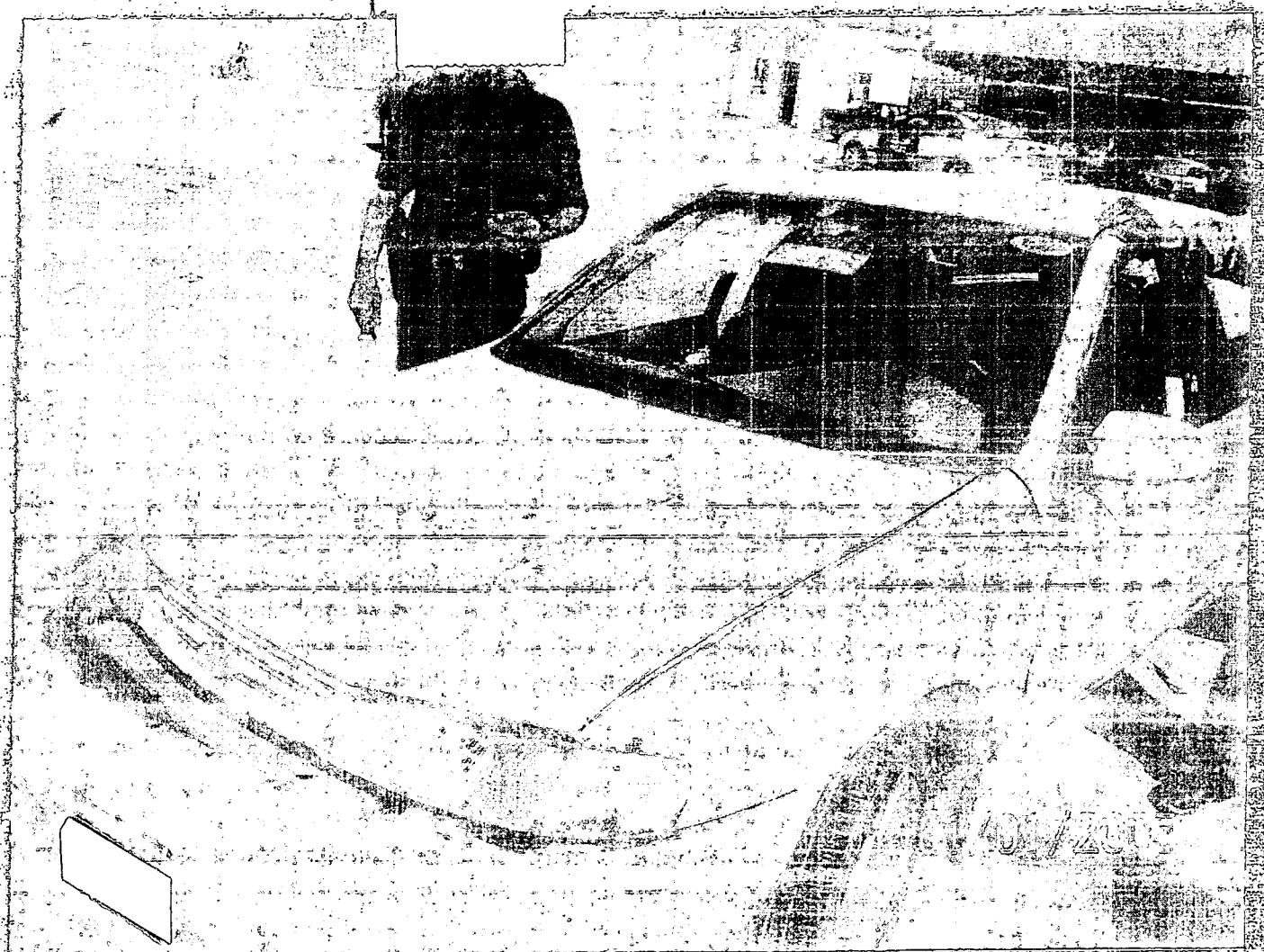
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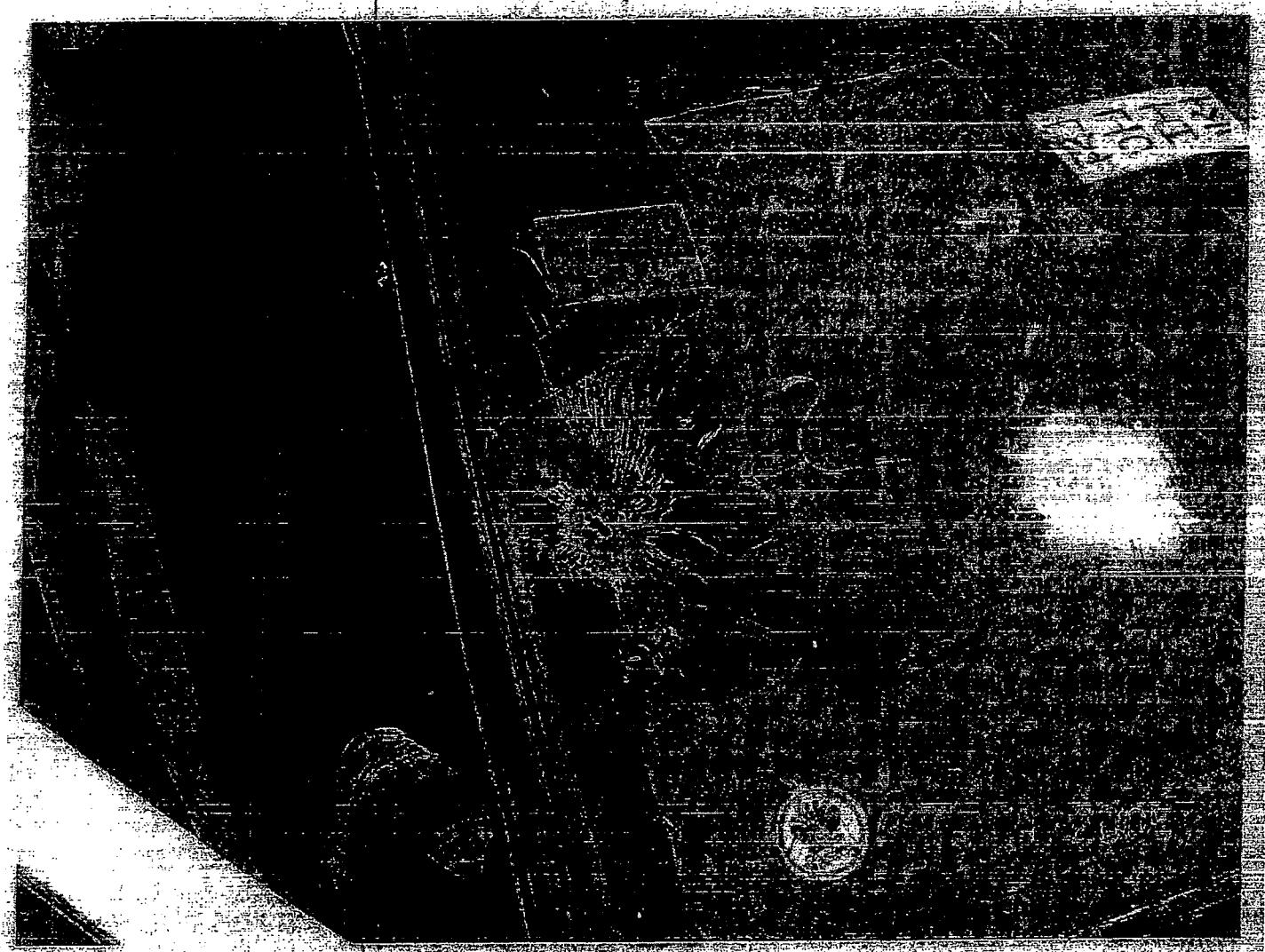
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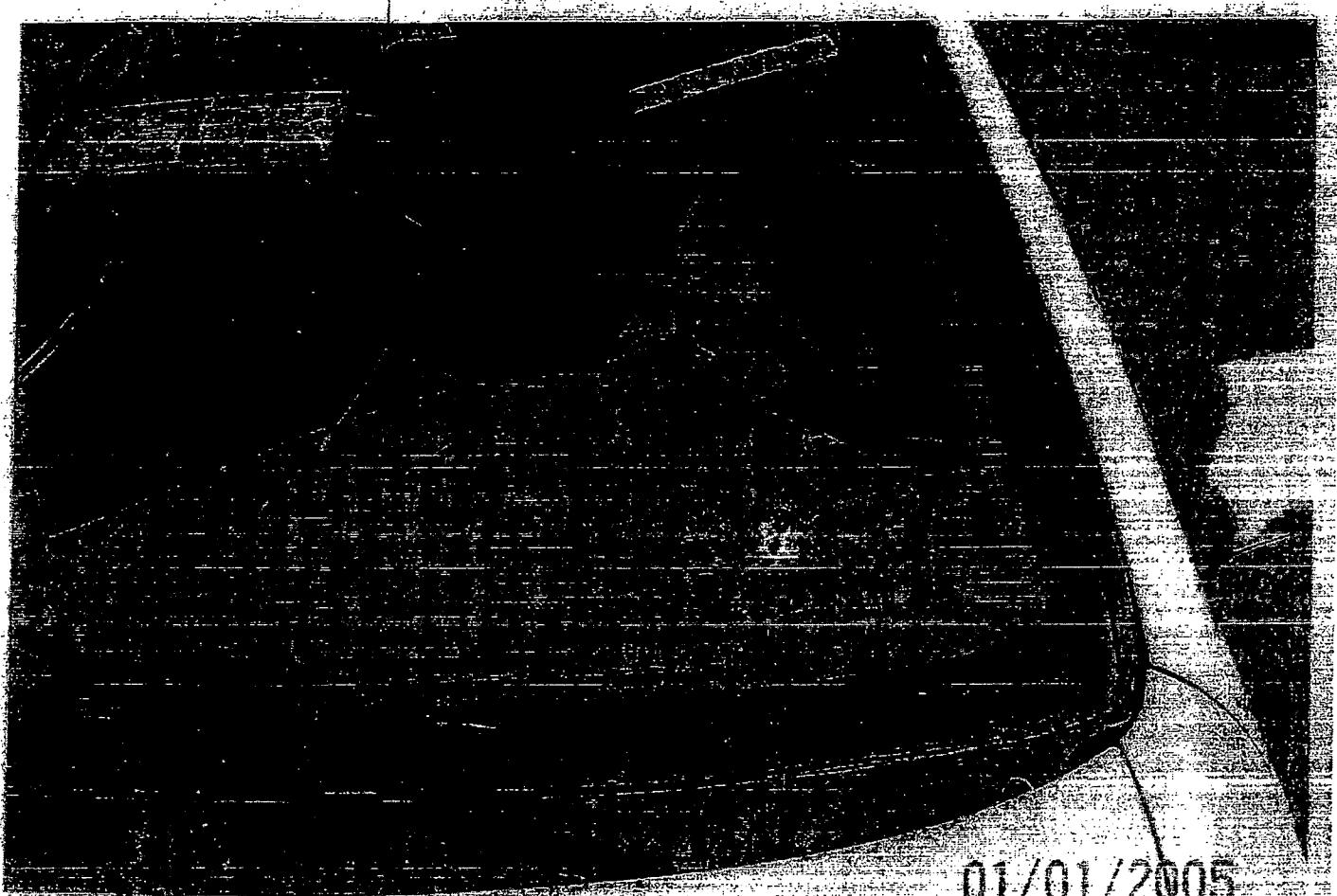
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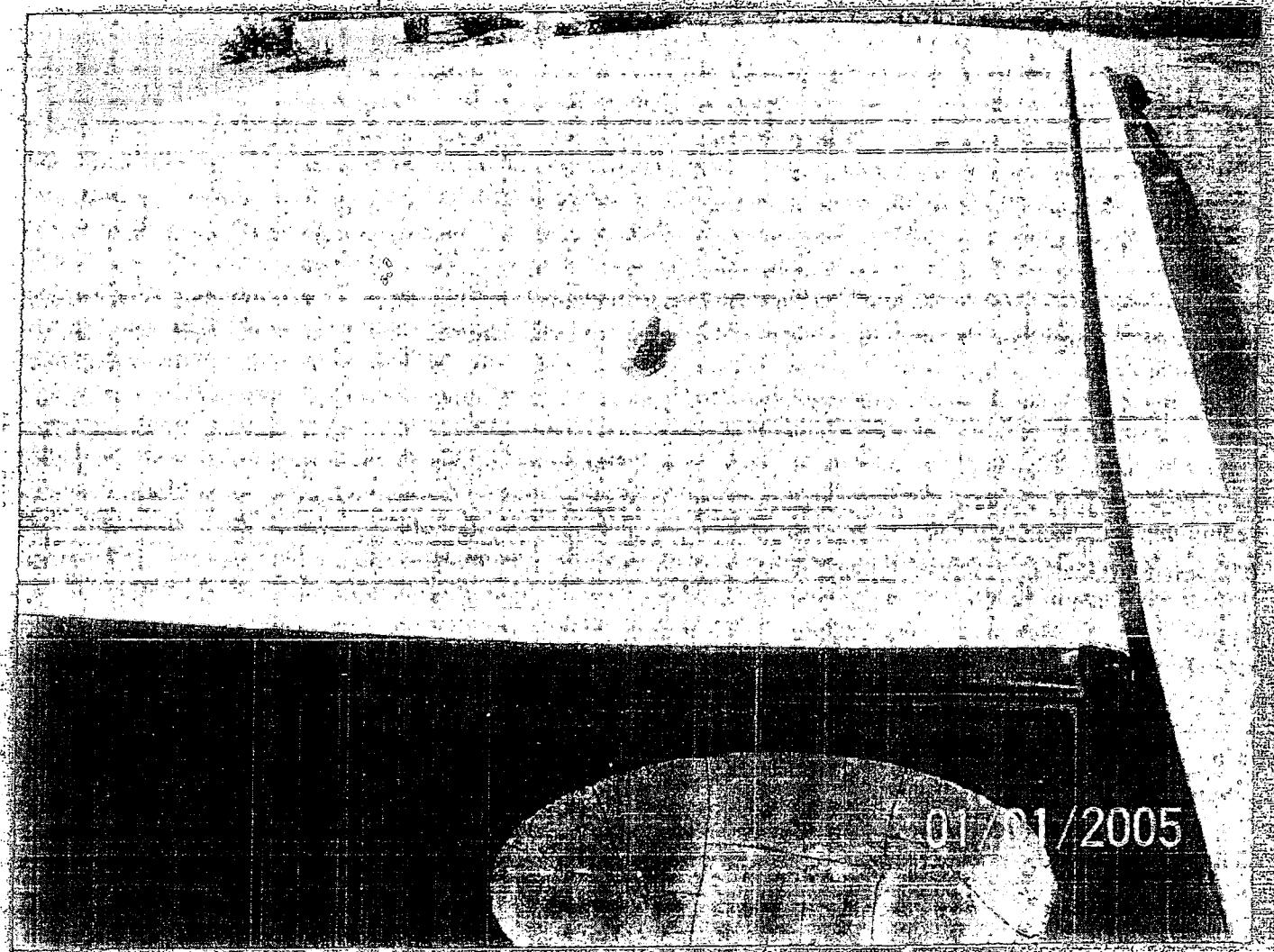
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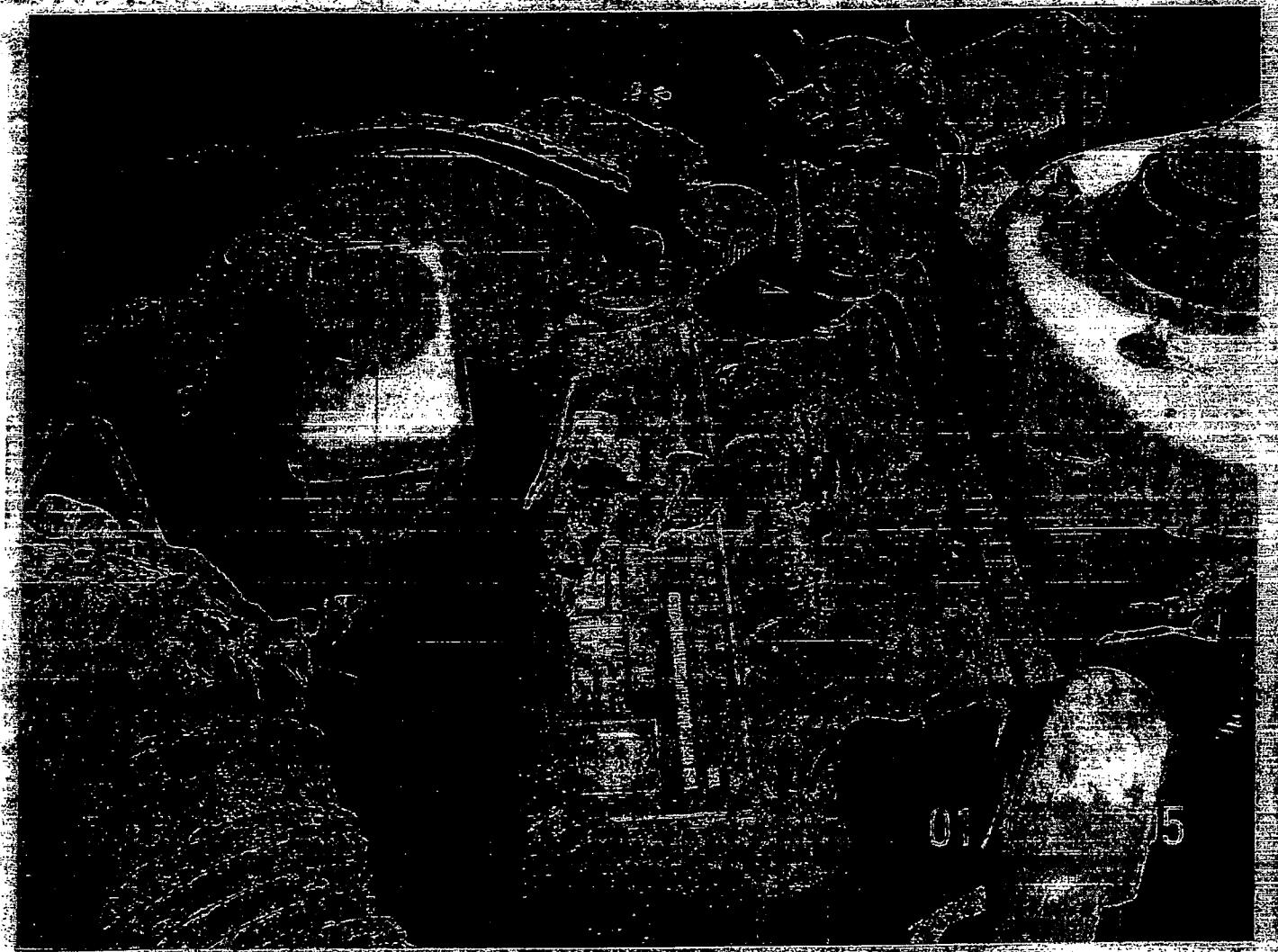
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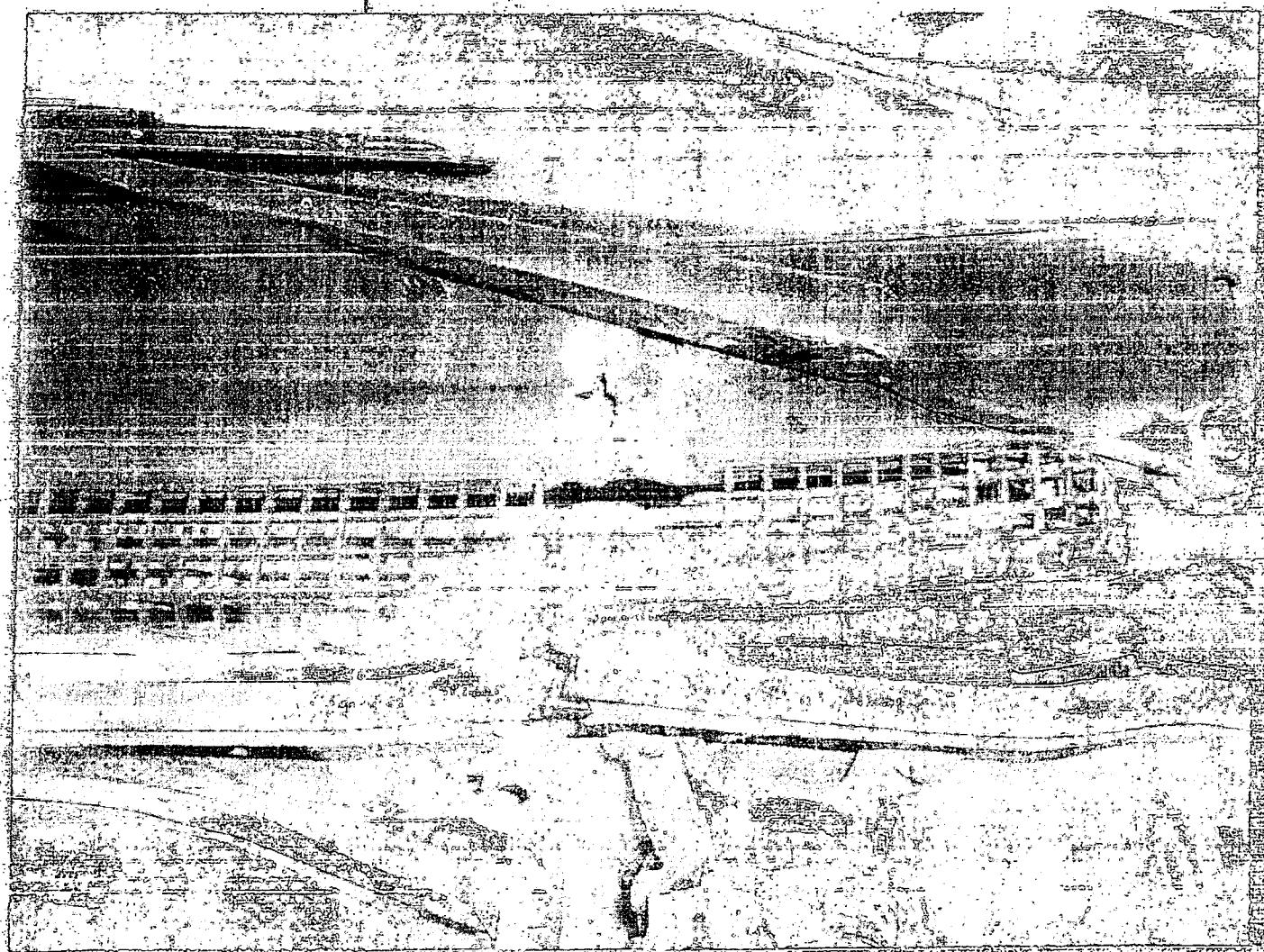
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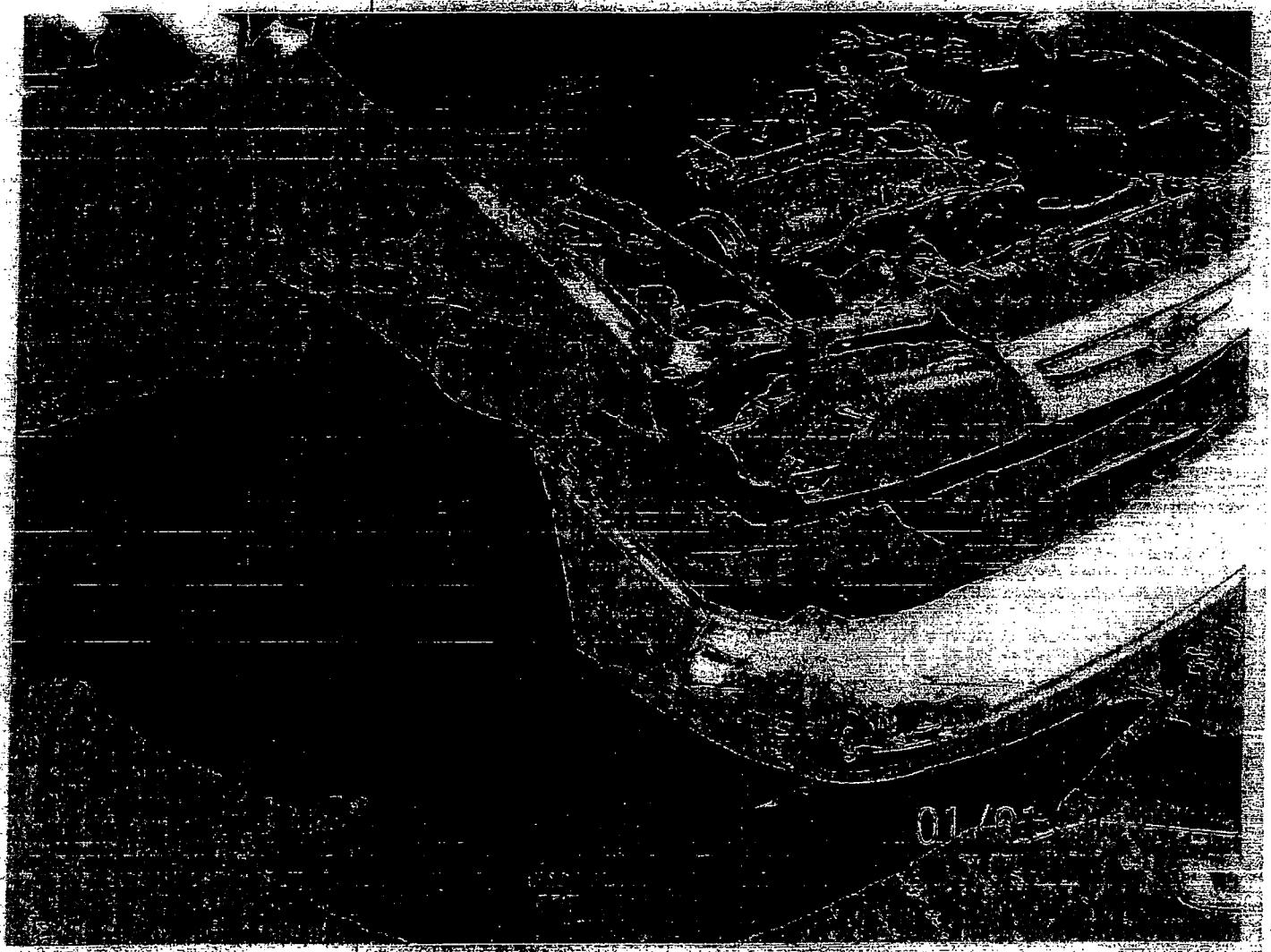
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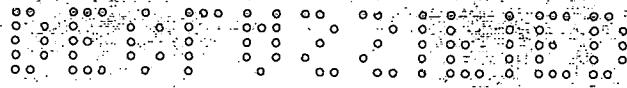
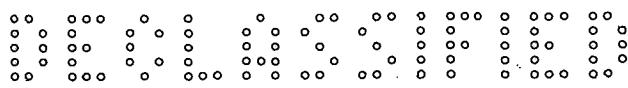
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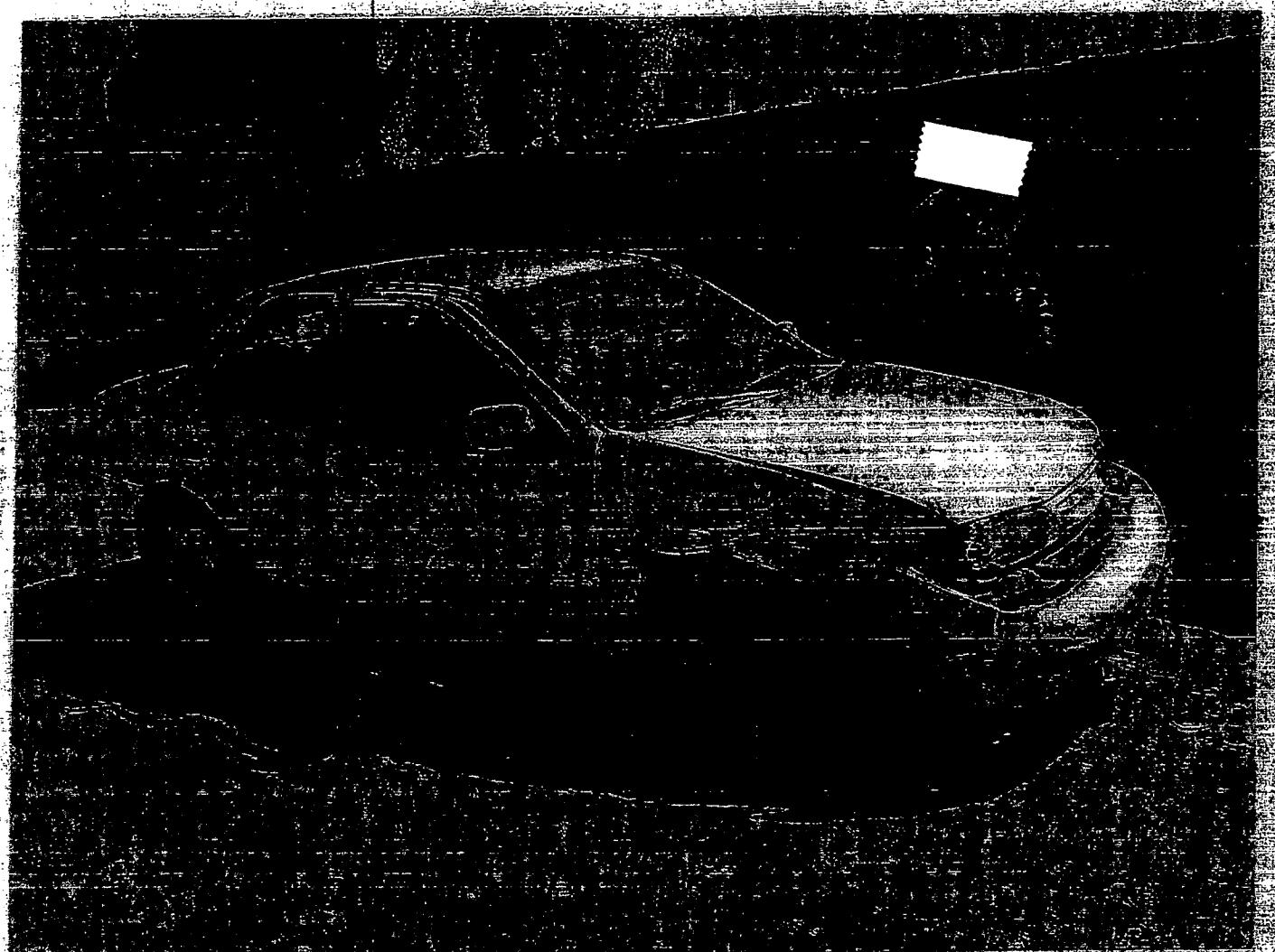
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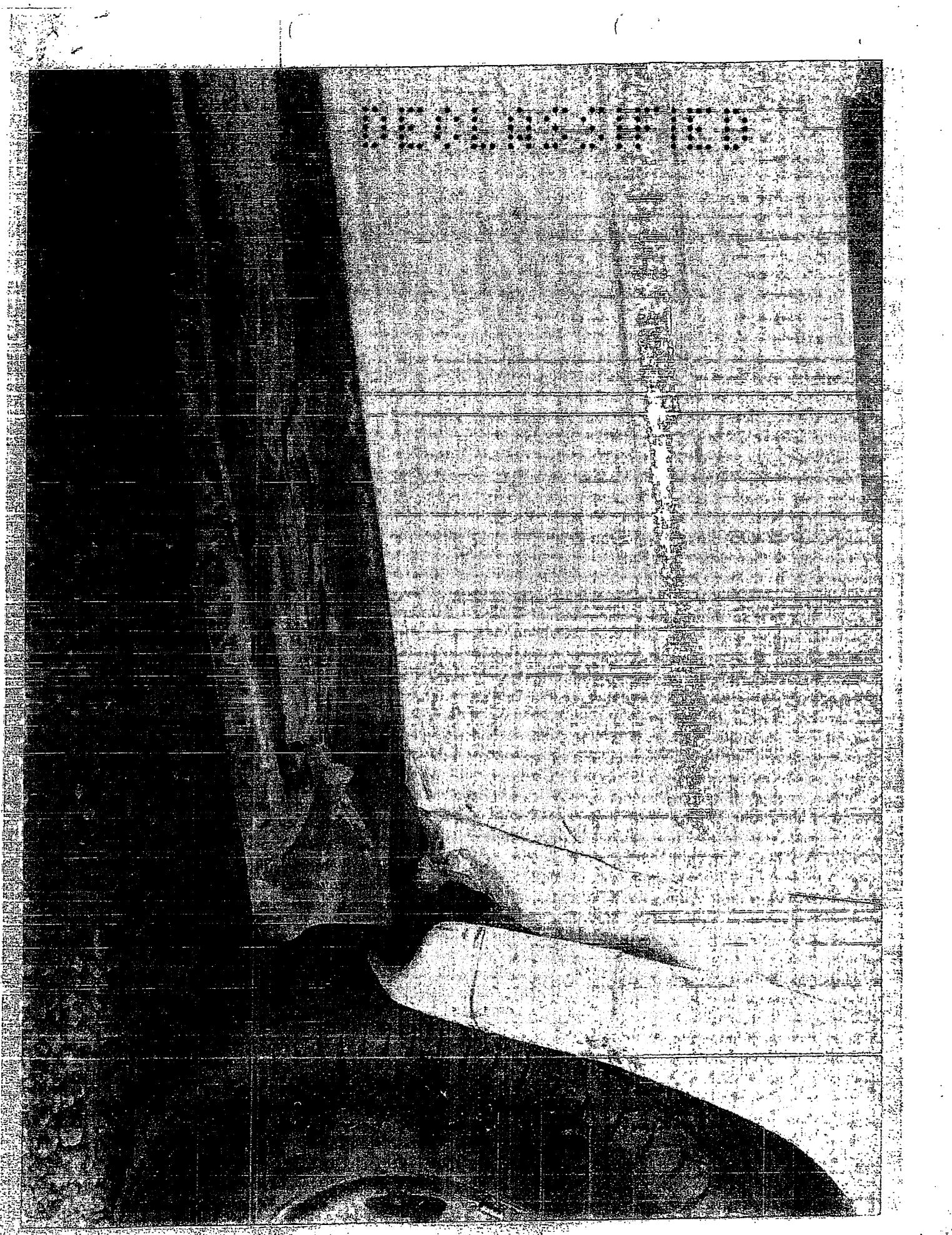
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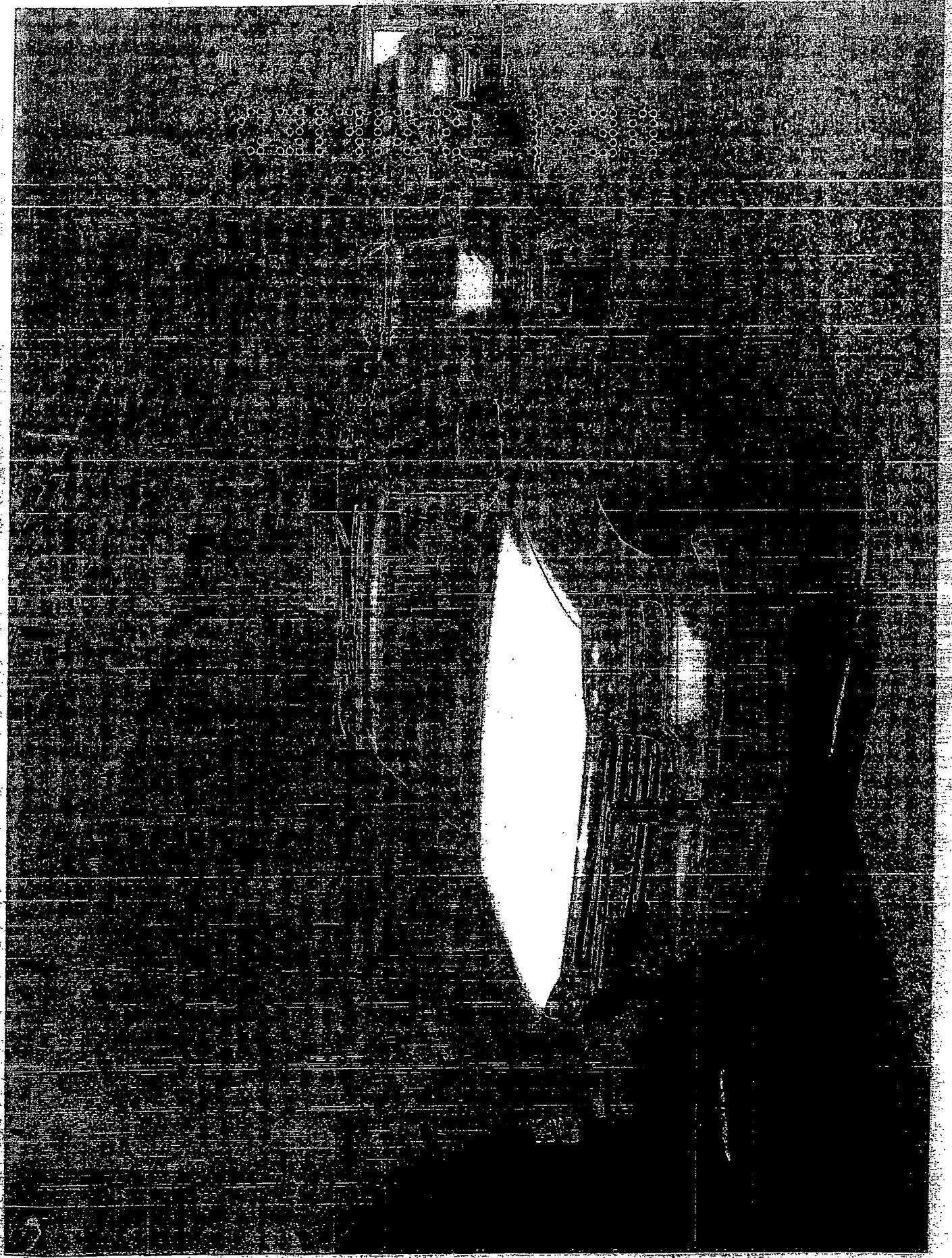
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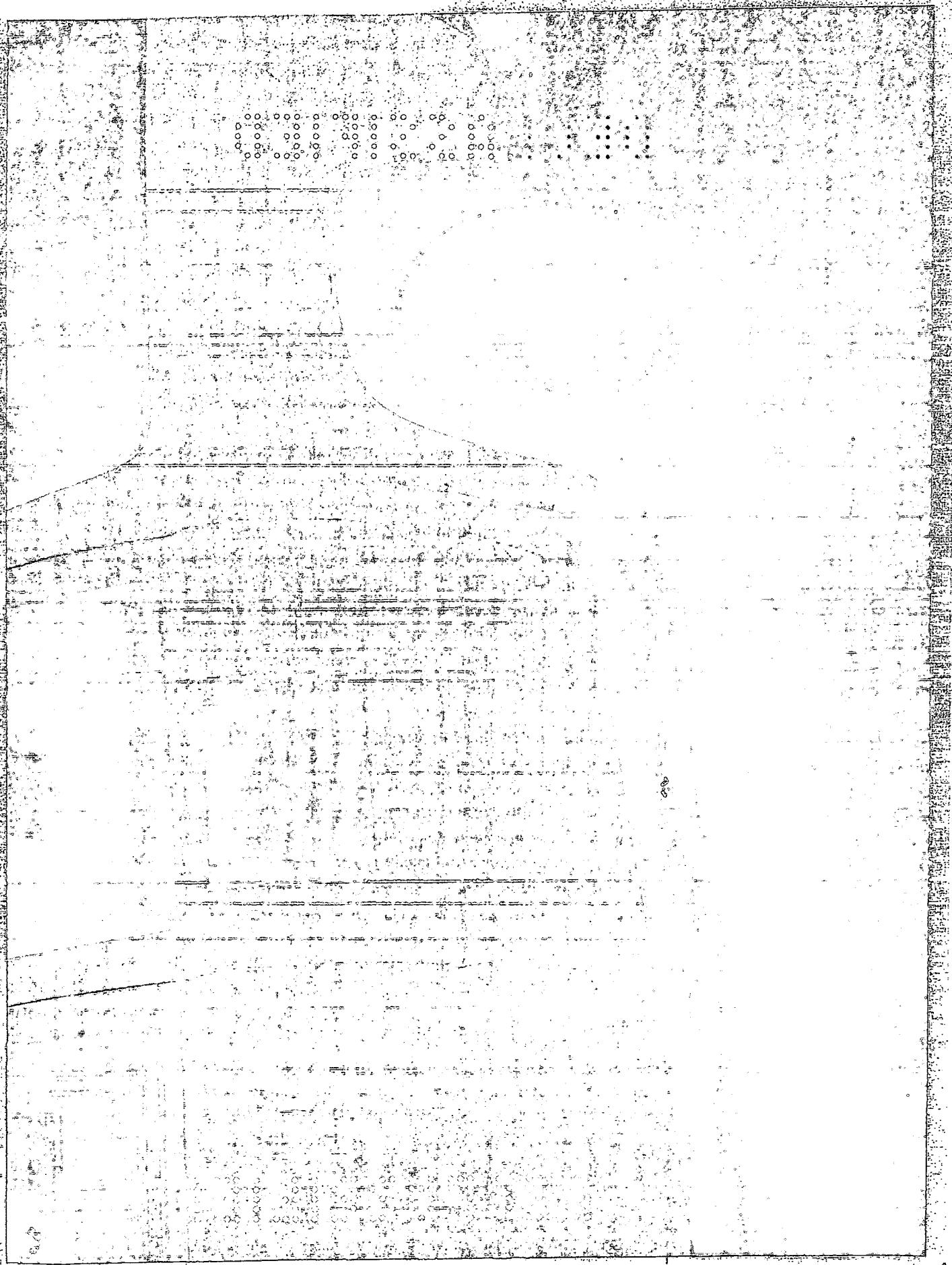


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SUBJECT: VEHICLE THREAT ENGAGED BY PSD TEAM RESULTING IN
THE DEATH OF ONE LOCAL NATIONAL

REF: RSO AL HILLAH SPOT REPORT DTD 04-14-05

1. (U) On Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at approximately 0745 the Blackwater (BW) Protective Security Detail (PSD) assigned to the State Embedded Team (SET) in Karbala was involved in a fatal shooting during the course of a motorcade movement from Karbala to Al-Hillah. The shooting occurred as the team approached Al-Hillah, in the vicinity of Salkhah, a town approximately 2 1/2 miles due south of REO Al-Hillah. While moving through congested traffic, a small 4 door white sedan, occupied by four local males, began moving aggressively through traffic, passing other stopped vehicles and drove towards the Counter Assault Team (CAT) vehicle.

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2. (U) As the vehicle began to approach the CAT vehicle, team members attempted to keep it away through several means. The CAT vehicle has a flashing blue bubble light affixed to the roof of the door frame, and on the box that helps protect the rear gunner a sign in Arabic that warns drivers to stay back. Additionally, the team members used several hand signals and attempted to make eye contact with the driver to keep him away. When those measures failed, the team exposed

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their weapons and raised them toward the vehicle. The rear gunner fired a pen-flare at the vehicle. The team then fired several shots into the engine block in an attempt to disable the vehicle. Despite all these efforts, the vehicle continued toward the CAT vehicle, ramming it in the left rear quarter panel. Immediately prior to the impact, the left rear gunner, in fear that the vehicle was a VBIED and intended to kill him and his team mates, opened fire on the passenger compartment of the vehicle.

3. (U) The vehicle only veered away after it struck the CAT vehicle and the left rear fired into the passenger compartment. The team immediately notified REO Al-Hillah via radio and gave a full report upon arrival. RSO Al-Hillah interviewed all team members individually and examined the CAT vehicle. An Iraqi police (IP) officer who works closely with the REO responded to the scene of the attack to liaison with the police in that area. The officer informed RSO Al-Hillah there were 3 Iraqi males wounded and one killed by the gunfire. RSO took photographs of both vehicles and the IP took photos of the subjects in the attacking vehicle. RSO Al-Hillah arranged for the survivors to be treated at a local hospital run by the Polish military. All three declined treatment.

4. (U) RSO Al-Hillah and the Iraqi Police continue to investigate the shooting. RSO Baghdad will monitor the progress and file additional reports SEPTEL. Electronic copies of the photographs will be forwarded to DSCC for distribution.

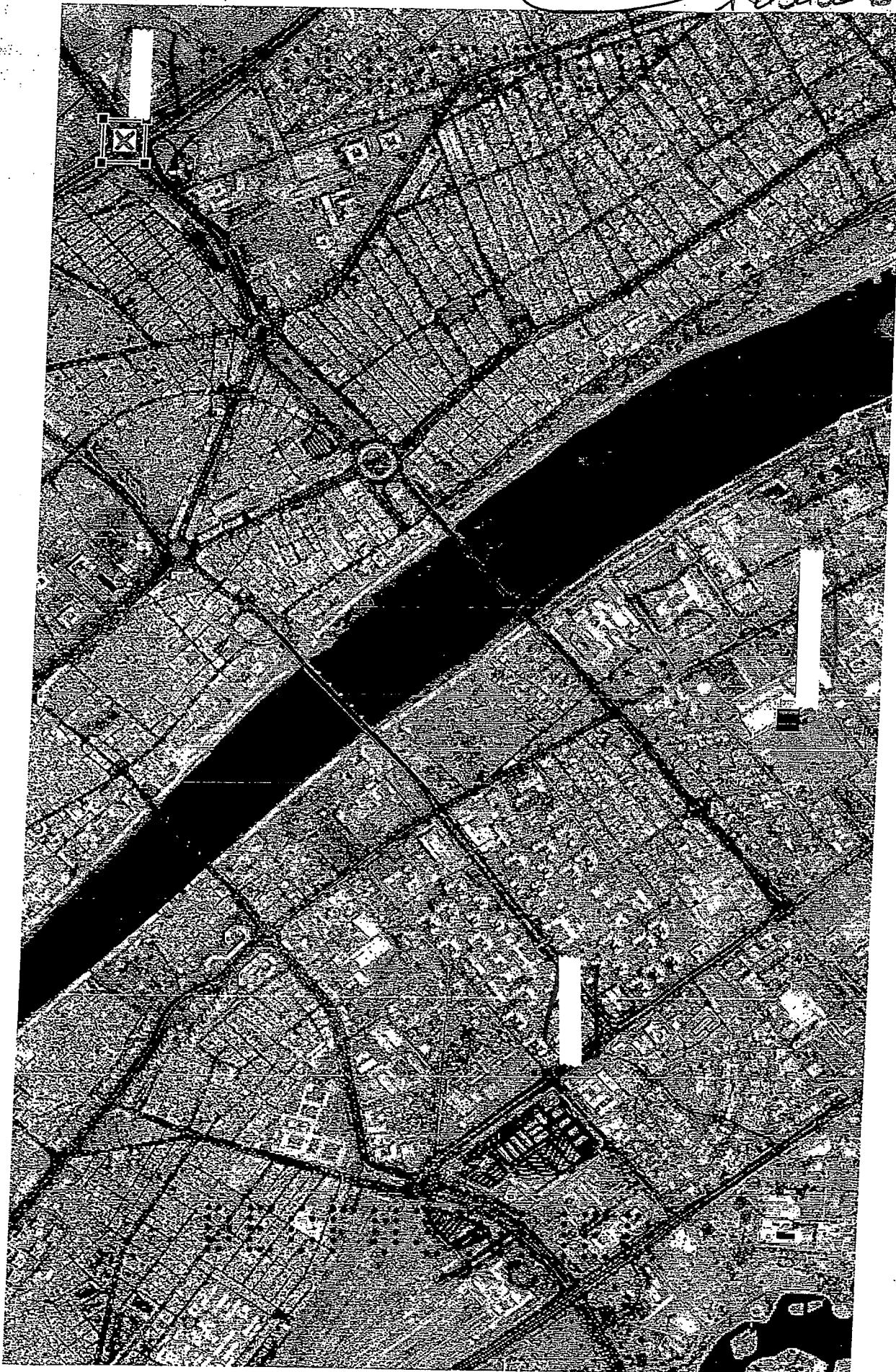
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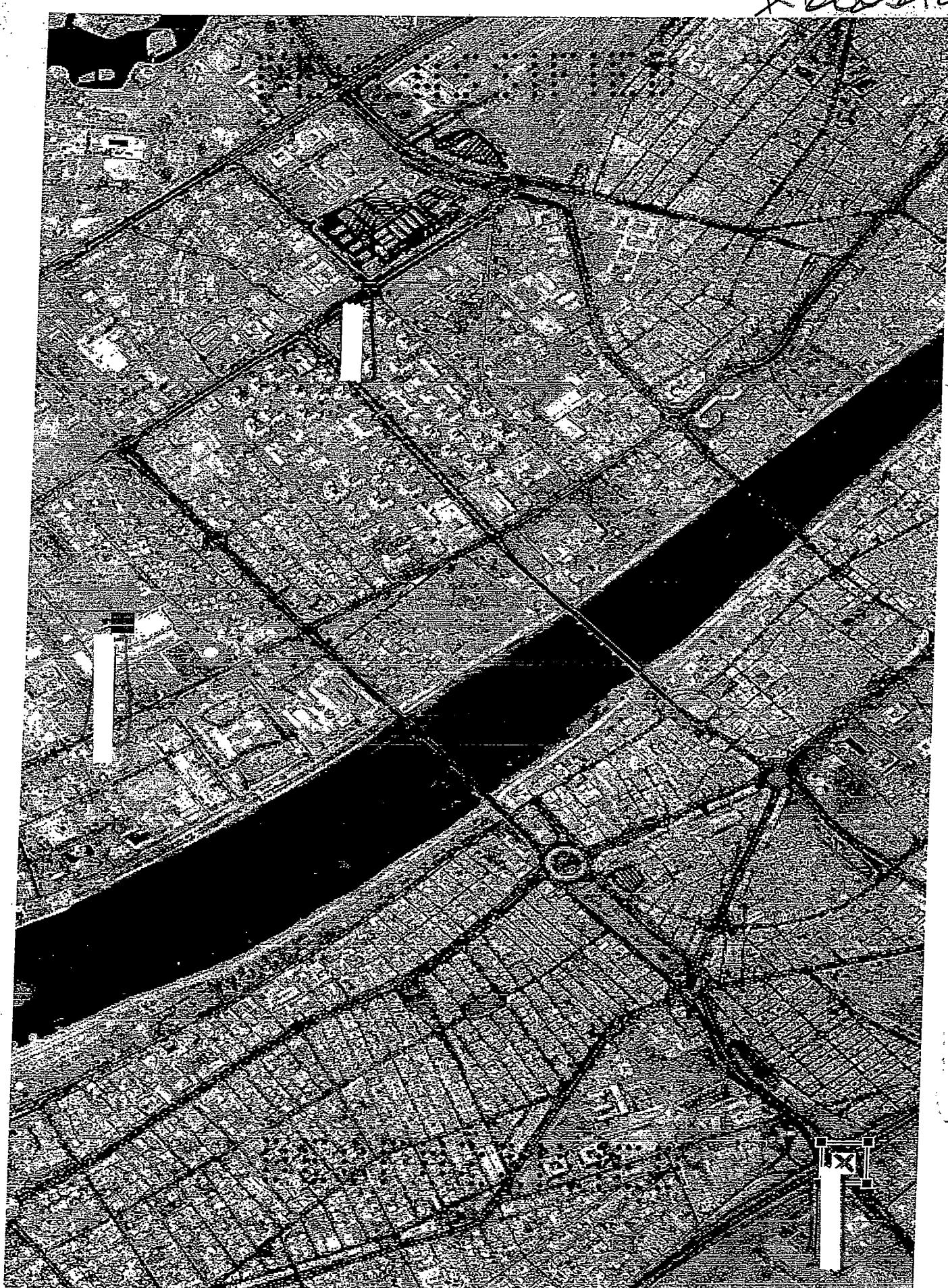
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From: Brian Bonfiglio [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2005 12:16 PM [REDACTED]
To: Piry, Frederic M; Nassen, Paul
Cc: DS HTPOPS; Brackins, David A (Baghdad)(Baghdad);
Mike Rush; [REDACTED]

Subject: BW SIR karbala PSD

ALL:

I DO NOT have the incident reports at this time, email is slow coming from Iraq, but I do have a PHONCON update from [REDACTED] BW in-country PM.

During a motorcade movement in the area of Karbala the BW DS contract personnel engaged a vehicle that had rammed a DS assigned suburban during a DS supported movement.

Prelim SITREP:

While approaching an Iraqi checkpoint the Karbala PSD Team stopped short of the checkpoint and began to observe the surrounding area while at a complete stop and vulnerable to potential attack. The motorcade observed vehicles approaching and had turned on their "police type" lights; grill lights, etc, to raise their official profile in an attempt to keep approaching local national vehicle traffic at distance.

During this time BW personnel observed a **White Sedan** attempting to make its way through traffic in an obvious attempt to break free from the line of cars. The vehicle did so in a very aggressive manner and began to approach the stopped DS motorcade. BW personnel attempted to keep the vehicle at distant by utilizing a wide spectrum of light, horn, and hand signals. The vehicle then increased its speed and began to drive a straight line at the still stopped DS motorcade. BW personnel fired a PEN Flare at the approaching vehicle in a last attempt to get it to stop its approach. The vehicle continued to approach and based on the short distance of travel from where the vehicle began until it reached the motorcade, force continuum actions happened very quickly and were not effective.

The LN White Sedan struck one of the motorcade vehicles (rammed it) at which time there was an escalation and **use of firearm engagement**. Initial reports indicate all personnel in the White Sedan were wounded with possibly one (1) KIA. No BW personnel were injured; waiting further, clearer reporting on what transpired.

BW in-country PM has notified POST/RSO and is waiting until RSO personnel complete a motorcade movement to discuss this incident further.

THIS IS A PRELIM REPORT AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS COMPLETE AND FACTUAL AT THIS TIME. I WILL FORWARD ALL INCIDENT REPORTS AND FURTHER MY REPORT AS WELL SENDING TO ALL ONCE I HAVE DONE SO.

V/R,

Brian

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Receipt for Compensation

On Sunday, June 12, 2005, [REDACTED] acknowledges receiving \$3,000.00
(*Three thousand dollars*) as compensation for an incident resulting in the death of his
father [REDACTED] occurring in Al-Hillah on Wednesday
April 13, 2005.

During the course of this same incident, both a Kia sedan in which [REDACTED]
was a passenger and a GMC Suburban owned by the United States
Government mutually incurred serious damage rendering them inoperable.

The above funds are intended to provide [REDACTED] compensation and [REDACTED]
assistance in regards to the above incident. Upon acceptance of these funds,
[REDACTED] will consider this matter to be resolved and will not file any additional claims,
pursue this matter legally or request for compensation against the United States
Government or any other entity. Both the United States Government and [REDACTED]
consider this matter closed.

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident: 19 Apr 2005 Time of Incident: 1205 hours

Type of Incident:

(i.e. Use of Lethal Force / Use of Non-Lethal Force / Distraction Devices Deployed / Ambush)

Location of Incident:

(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, and coordinates if known, etc.)

Description of Incident:

(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principles involved, injuries, any other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, ICNs, and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)

Use of Force – Discharging of Weapon to Stop Aggressive Vehicle

In the vicinity of _____, as Team 20 was turning toward _____ in route to the Ministry of Finance, Baghdad, Iraq.

On April 19th 2005 at approximately 1205, I was riding in the rear right door of vehicle four. While merging at _____, a man driving a gray, two door sedan broke the security bubble that was established by vehicles 1, 2, and 3. The well position alerted me to the possible threat. It was at this time that I opened the door and gave exaggerated hand signals and loud voice commands to gain the vehicles attention. The vehicle's driver did not comply or slow its speed and was coming upon my position. I then fired a short burst into the front, lower right portion of the vehicle. The vehicle still did not slow and I verbally notified the rest of my vehicle that the threat was still coming forward. At this time I fired another short burst, into the vehicles front left tire. The vehicle was disabled and came to rest approximately 15 meters from the motorcade. The motorcade was able get off the "x" at this time and arrived safely to the venue.

Action Taken:

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed personnel, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

Verbal, and hand & arm signals were used.

Weapons deployed - [redacted]

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The Advance Team motorcade continued their mission without further delay.

None

Follow-Up Required:

(Indicate if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

Operator(s) Involved	Tm Ldr.
	Driver:
	LR:
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By: _____

Vehicle(s) Involved	White Suburban	Team(s) Involved	Team 20
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Date of Incident	21, APR 05	Time of Incident	2145 approx.
Type of Incident (i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)	Use of Lethal Force		
Location of Incident (Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)	Highway 4 between Kirkuk and Sulaymaniyah, approx. _____ (four digit grid) b2		
Description of Incident (Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other U.S. government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)	<p>Templar 12 (Bravo Team) was returning from Kirkuk Regional Airbase, with principals, to As Suliyaniyah. We were traveling in a motorcade. I was traveling in the rear vehicle as the left rear rifleman. Around 9:45pm a fast moving vehicle approached the convoy from the rear on Highway 4. The right rear rifleman _____ and myself both flashed the vehicle with our weapon mounted Sure Fires when it was approximately 100 meters away, through the back windows. The vehicle continued on at the same rate of travel with no change in direction (it was in the left lane). _____ and I both called out "cracking". I opened my door and signaled with my hand to back off, he continued to advance. I flashed with the flash light several times in front of and then at the vehicle. He continued to advance. The hand signals and flashing of the light took place between approximately 80-50 meters. I then fired two rounds in the pavement approximately half way between the vehicle and our vehicle when the vehicle was between 40-25 meters. The vehicle made no change in stance or speed. Continuing to advance, he was approximately 20 meters away and I took two well aimed shots at the radiator of the vehicle utilizing my iron sights. The vehicle then changed to the right lane and out of my range. It was then engaged with a single round by _____ The vehicle then began to drop away. It was not a rapid stop, but a gradual deceleration.</p>		
Action Taken (Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)	<p>The right rear rifleman _____ and myself both flashed the vehicle with our weapon mounted Sure Fires when it was approximately 100 meters away, through the back windows. The vehicle continued on at the same rate of travel with no change in direction (it was in the left lane). _____ and I both called out "cracking". I opened my door and signaled with my hand to back off, he continued to advance. I flashed with the flash light several times in front of and then at the vehicle. He continued to advance. The hand signals and flashing of the light took</p>		

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Follow-Up Required

(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

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Vehicle(s)
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Team(s)
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Date of Incident	21 April, 2005	Time of Incident	Aprx.2140 Local
Type of Incident (i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)	Use of Lethal Force		
Location of Incident (Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)	Hwy. 4 East Between Kirkuk and As Sulaymaniyah, Iraq Vicinity of _____ b/t L		
Description of Incident (Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)	<p>I [redacted] on April 21, 2005 was the driver of the Follow vehicle of [redacted] motorcade for Templar 12B. I observed in my side view mirror a vehicle attempting to pass at a high rate of speed. As I held to the center of the road, the vehicle steady at roughly 80 kph. The vehicle behind us seemed to increase their speed, [redacted] (left rear) and [redacted] (right rear) opened their doors and continuously attempted to discourage the vehicle with hand/arm and flash light signals. They then verbally communicated there concerns to the Shift Leader [redacted] about the rapidly approaching vehicle. [redacted] communicated that he was going to place shots at the ground in front of the vehicle and did so. While scanning my dashboard and my following distance with the vehicle that was in front of me I then observed the approaching vehicle moving erratically from side to side in my side and rearview mirrors and seemed to be coming closer. The driver ignored the warnings and [redacted] said that he was going to have to shoot the grill. [redacted] then shot the radiator of the vehicle 2 times. Then the vehicle swerved to the left rear of our vehicle. [redacted] said that he was going to shoot. I was looking forward then trying to hold the vehicle steady. [redacted] then shot the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle continued driving behind the formation while loosing power and speed. I observed the vehicle then pull off the road to the shoulder and stop. I looked in the mirrors and it seemed like the vehicle was a football field behind us when it pulled off the road.</p>		
Action Taken (Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)	Hand and arm signals, SureFire Tactical Lights, [redacted]		
Follow-Up Required (Indicate what if any follow-up)	[redacted]		

Action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

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Operator(s) Involved		Vehicle(s) Involved	White Suburban, Unknown Vehicle	Team(s) Involved	Templar 12B
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	21 Apr 05	Time of Incident	2145 local (approx.)
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Type of Incident <i>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)</i>	Lethal force employed to stop an aggressive vehicle. _____ and _____ fired _____ in a controlled manner to the pavement in front of and at the grill of an aggressive vehicle rapidly approaching the rear of the motorcade.
Location of Incident <i>(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)</i>	Incident occurred on a scheduled pickup of incoming principals returning from Kirkuk Regional Airbase (KRAB) to base of operations in Sulaymaniyah on highway 4. Incident occurred vicinity grid coordinate. _____ b2 b7c
Description of Incident <i>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principals involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</i>	<p>On 21 Apr 05, Templar 12B departed base of operations in As Sulaymaniyah, Iraq for KRAB, Iraq at approximately 1000 hours with 1 principal in the motorcade. The run was comprised of a _____ motorcade in order to pickup 6 principals incoming to the Regime Crimes Liaison Office (RCLO) North mission. I was seated in the Shift Leader's position, right front of the follow vehicle. When pickup of incoming principals was complete at KRAB, the motorcade (Now transporting 7 principals) departed KRAB for base at approximately 2040 hours. The follow vehicle was driven by _____. After the motorcade was traveling for slightly more than an hour, while traveling at approximately 80 KPH, a sedan-type vehicle approached the rear of the motorcade in a fast manner. According to the personnel seated in the left and right rear of the follow vehicle (_____) and (_____), respectively), a vehicle was approaching in a rapid fashion. I glanced in the right side-view mirror and this sedan-type vehicle had no distinguishing markings or color that was visible to me. _____ and _____ stated that the vehicle was within 75 meters when they opened the left and right side doors and began signaling to the vehicle with hand signals, weapon-mounted Sure-Fire lights and _____. The vehicle continued to progress toward the rear of the motorcade. There were no other vehicles close to the motorcade at this time. As the vehicle continued to progress toward the motorcade, _____ stated that he was going to shoot the pavement in front of the vehicle. _____ then shot twice on semi-automatic, stating that he shot the pavement in front of the vehicle, which was then located (according to _____) approximately 50 meters from the left rear of the follow vehicle. _____ then stated that the vehicle was still moving toward the rear of the motorcade and stated that he was going to shoot the grill of the vehicle. _____ then shot two rounds from</p>

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[REDACTED] his [REDACTED] on semi-automatic and stated that they were placed in the grill of the vehicle. I was continuously looking ahead at this point and scanning to the left and right front to ensure the safety and progress of the motorcade, pausing once to check the grid coordinates on my GPS placed on the dashboard of the vehicle.

[REDACTED] then stated that the vehicle was coming to his side (right) and shot once on semi-automatic. [REDACTED] stated that he shot the grill of the vehicle. [REDACTED] drove the vehicle steadily, moving at approximately 80 KPH and driving in a straight and controlled manner while [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were signaling and then firing at the vehicle. After firing at the vehicle, both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle continued to try to stay with us, but was not closing the distance to the motorcade. At that point, I called "Up ten" over the radio to increase the motorcade's speed to get away from the vehicle. After my radio call, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle was falling back and closed the left and right side doors. Several seconds later, they stated that the vehicle appeared to be pulling over. At that point, I called "Up ten" over the radio to increase our speed to get away from the vehicle. The team continued to base of operations in Sulaymaniyah without further incident. The team and principals suffered no injuries and the principals were not directly involved. There was no damage to Templar 12 vehicles or equipment. There was no damage or injuries to other vehicles, equipment or bystanders.

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Action Taken:

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

fired on semi-automatic setting at vehicle in a controlled manner after repeated signaling attempts to get a vehicle to move away from the motorcade failed.

Follow-Up Required:

(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

Follow-up may be required through diplomatic channels.

Operator(s) Involved:

(Team Leader)

Vehicle(s) Involved:

Sedan-type vehicle (vehicle fired upon), White Suburban b2
[REDACTED]
Vehicle fired from

Team(s) Involved:

Templar 12B

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	4-22-05	Time of Incident	Approx, 2145
Type of Incident <i>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)</i>		Use of lethal force when attempting to stop a vehicle from passing.	
Location of Incident <i>(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)</i>		On route back to Sulaymaniya from Kirkuk. About 1 hour out of Kirkuk, along the main hwy 4.	
Description of Incident <i>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</i>		<p>Our Blackwater Bravo team was making our way back to Sulaymaniya from Kirkuk with multiple principals when around 2145 a fast moving and reckless driving vehicle approached our motorcade. I was sitting in the rear of the follow vehicle on the right side and another Blackwater personnel named _____ was sitting on the left side rear. This vehicle (white car) that was behind us was coming up rapidly and with what looked like devious intent.</p> b7c	
Action Taken <i>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</i>		<p>From at least 60 meters back we were giving this vehicle multiple hand signals along with flashlight signals to slow down and not get any closer. Both me and the left rear occupant _____ had both rear doors open with our bodies exposed and were giving this driver numerous signals including pointing our weapons at him to not come any closer. When the driver of the vehicle ignored our signals and was within 20 meters or less of our follow vehicle the left rear occupant _____ and I started to worry for the safety of our principles lives along with our own safety. So at this point we communicated with each other and with our team leader telling him that this vehicle is still approaching fast, and also telling him that with the way he is driving and ignoring our weapons being pointed at him that it looks like he has dangerous intent. The vehicle which was in the middle lane at this time moved over into the left lane as to get closer to the middle of our motorcade. _____ the left rear personnel in our vehicle fired two rounds from his _____ and aimed right below the front bumper of the vehicle. The vehicle at this time does not slow down but continues with his intent. So _____ fired two rounds into the radiator of the vehicle, and still the vehicle approaches but this time he moved into the right lane and tried to pass our follow vehicle on the right side. At this point he was in my direct line of sight, and I had a good firing position and clear sight.</p> b7c b2 b7c	

[REDACTED]

picture of his radiator grill so I fired one round into his radiator. The vehicle was now damaged badly due to the rounds in the radiator and is slowly falling back due to mechanical damage. He continued to fall back a couple of hundred meters when I saw him pull over to the right side shoulder. At this point our team leader got a head up to make sure that we are okay and that none of us were injured, and we continued with our mission.

Follow-Up Required

Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

Operator(s)

Involved

Vehicle(s)

Involved

Follow vehicle

Team(s)

Involved

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PRELIMINARY SPOT REPORT

4/20/05

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On Saturday, April 23, 2005 at approximately 1520 hours the Black Water (B/W) Protective Security Detail (PSD) team 40 assigned to the Regional Embassy Office (REO) Al-Hillah was involved in a shooting incident during the course of motorecade operations from the IZ to Al-Hillah.

Immediately after the incident, the PSD team continued their mission and returned to U.S. Regional Embassy Office (USREO) Al-Hillah and notified the Assistant Regional Security Officer (ARSO). Team 40 arrived at USREO Al-Hillah compound at approximately 1600 hours, the PSD team members met and briefed the ARSO regarding the situation. ARSO Al-Hillah in turn notified the RSO TOC Baghdad.

ARSO Al-Hillah subsequently conducted individual interviews regarding the incident with each of the personnel of the Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV). USREO Al-Hillah's ARSO and the senior level manager in charge of B/W operations for South-Central Iraq were present for each one of these interviews. The purpose of these interviews was explained to each of the PSD team members. All PSD team members consented to be interviewed and provided relevant information under their own free will.

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As the PSD team approached Al-Hillah from the north, they were involved in a shooting incident with an indigenous vehicle in the vicinity of the bridge.

located 10-15 kilometers south of the Clover Leaf. According to statements made by several of the PSD team members, the indigenous vehicle circumvented other static indigenous vehicles and traffic congestion rapidly approaching the CAV.

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According to several PSD personnel who observed the incident from start to finish, the indigenous vehicle continued to approach the PSD CAV at a high rate of speed despite repeated warnings to stay away. Several PSD personnel stated they observed the indigenous vehicle make its way through heavy congested traffic rapidly approaching the PSD CAV.

According to several PSD personnel the indigenous vehicle (a blue colored van) rapidly approached the PSD CAV from the rear. PSD CAV personnel utilized several visible warnings in an attempt to warn the indigenous vehicle to keep a safe distance. These warning included:

- Flashing dual high-watt flood lamps installed on rear bumper of CAV;
- Highly visible signage in Arabic posted on the CAV advising to keep back;
- Hand signals to keep back;
- Eye contact;

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-Displaying weapon muzzles from open doors directed in the direction of the approaching vehicle;

-A pen flare fired as a warning in the direction of the approaching vehicle;

During the high speed approach of the van, the PSD personnel positioned in the left rear seat of the CAV opened his door and provided visual hand signals to get the driver to stop. Once the vehicle approached within 30 meters of the CAV the left rear gunner stated "I believed the van to be a VBIED" and fired 3 rounds into the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The Well gunner also provided visual warnings to the vehicle. The Well gunner shot a pen flare at the vehicle from approximately 60 meters away. The van still continued to approach the CAV at a high rate of speed. At approximately 35 meters, the Well gunner fired one shot in the grill and one shot into the passenger compartment.

After the vehicle was shot at the van swerved to the left into the median. The van rolled to a stop and the right rear door came open. Dark curtains were hanging throughout the vehicle which prevented the PSD personnel from seeing inside. The vehicle commander gave the order to deploy smoke to cover the CAV and driver was to told to move the CAV closer to the Follow car. After about 30 seconds an alternate route around traffic was selected and the motorcade returned to USREO Al Hillah.

More information to be reported as this situation develops.

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Hill, Anthony J (Al Hillah ARSO)

From: Hill, Anthony J (Al Hillah ARSO)
Sent: Saturday, April 23, 2005 4:17 PM
To: RSG_TOC Baghdad; Brackins, David A (Baghdad)
Cc: Bishop, Michael E (Al Hillah RSO)
Subject: Incident (Blue Team 40)

Dave,

On 4-23-05 about 1525hrs Blue Team was traveling back from BIAP. The team was stop by traffic near the Bridge, which is located 10-15 kilo south of the _____ clover leaf. All traffic behind the team was stop about 200 meters behind the last vehicle. Then a green van cut through the stopped cars and headed toward the motorcade. The van was warned with lights, flares and hand signals. The van continued to accelerated toward the motorcade. When the vehicle closed within 30 meters the two gunner shot at the vehicle. The van turn toward the median and stopped. The right side door came open and a dark blanket covered the opening. After about 30 seconds the motorcade started moving. Air cover assisted in providing a route through the dia to work around the traffic. A more detail report to follow.

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Anthony Hill
ARSO
Regional Embassy Office - Al-Hillah, Iraq

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From: Hill, Anthony J (Al Hillah A/RSO)
Sent: Saturday, April 23, 2005 11:50 PM
To: Brackins, David A (Baghdad), RSO, TOC Baghdad
Cc: Bishop, Michael E (Al Hillah RSO)
Subject: Incident (Blue Team 40)

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Dave,
I'm enclosing the Preliminary spot report of the incident with Team 40. I have also enclosed the incident reports provided to me by the Black Water personnel. As more information comes available I will keep you informed.

V/R

Anthony Hill
ARSO
Regional Embassy Office - Al-Hillah, Iraq

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Sworn Statement

Date 17 May 2005	Time 1045 1345
Location US Embassy Annex Baghdad, Iraq	

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, hereby make the following statement voluntarily to _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent /Security Officer of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand and agree that this statement may be used in an administrative or judicial proceeding, and that I maybe identified as the person making the statement. I further agree to appear in person as a witness should this be deemed appropriate.

I am _____ years of age, was born on _____ at _____, b7C
and currently reside at _____.

On 17 May 2005 while traveling to the Ministry of Culture in support of the Public Affairs Office, I engaged one vehicle only after the following occurred. The vehicle's driver ignored hand signals and shouts from other motorists. The driver made eye contact with me and ignored ~~the~~ hand signals and shouts to stop. I then raised my weapon and again gave the hand signal to stop. He still ignored this and continued to advance. I took aim and discharged one single round into the center of the vehicle's grill. The vehicle immediately stopped. The driver put up his hands and we continued our mission. The event occurred at [redacted] at 1045 b2b4L

Nothing Followed

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I understand that knowingly and willfully making a false statement is subject to the penalties under 18 USC 1001. I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge or belief

Signed	
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Address	

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of
_____, 20 _____.

Signed
Printed

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature
Printed
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Sworn Statement

Date	17 MAY 05	Time	1330
Location	BAGHDAD, RSO OFFICE		

I, [redacted] b7c, hereby make the following statement voluntarily to RSO, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent /Security Officer of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand and agree that this statement may be used in an administrative or judicial proceeding, and that I maybe identified as the person making the statement. I further agree to appear in person as a witness should this be deemed appropriate.

I am [redacted] years of age, was born on [redacted] at [redacted] b7c and currently reside at [redacted]

AT APPX 1045 17 MAY 05 TEMPLAR 22 WAS TRAVELLING IN A FOUR CAR MOTORCADE IN A NORTH WESTERLY DIRECTION JUST PAST THE MOTORCADE TOOK A LEFT TURN ON A MAIN ROAD AND HAD ESTABLISHED A SECURITY BUBBLE APPX 100m OFF THE 6 O'CLOCK OF THE REAR VEHICLE. A BLUE 4 DOOR COMPACT CAR STARTED PUSHING HIS WAY THROUGH THE MANY VEHICLES WE HAD BACKED OFF FROM THE MOTORCADE. THERE WAS ONE MALE OCCUPANT IN SAID CAR SITTING IN THE DRIVERS SEAT. HE CONTINUED TO ~~PUSH~~ DRIVE CLOSER TO THE MOTORCADE INSPIRE OF THE HAND JESTURES TO HALT MADE BY THE NEARBY IRAQI DRIVERS. OUR FOLLOW VEHICLE HAS LARGE WRITING IN ARABIC : ENGLISH TELLING ALL TRAFFIC TO STAY BACK 100m. THE BLUE CAR w/ONE OCCUPANT BROKE THE 100m...STAND OFF AT WHICH POINT THE LEFT REAR SECURITY PERSONAL IN THE FOLLOW VEHICLE INITIATED THE INITIATED THE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM BY ISSUING THE HAND SIGNAL TO STOP. THE VEHICLE DID NOT COMPLY. THEN RAISED HIS WEAPON AND STILL THE CAR DID NOT STOP LASTLY, PLACED ONE WELL AIMED SHOT IN THE [redacted] b7c b7c

GRILLED IN ORDER TO NEUTRALIZE
THE THREAT. THE VEHICLE FINALLY STOPPED
AND THE ~~MAJOR GATE~~ CONTINUED TO VENUE
W/O INCIDENT. ~~DRIVER~~ INDICATED TO ME
THE ~~DRIVER~~ APPEARED UNINJURED.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 17 day of
May, 2005.

Signed	
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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature	
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT 20163

Date of Incident: 19 May 05 Time of Incident: 1049

Type of Incident:
Use of lethal force in the course of less lethal crowd control devices
Report #4, TBL

Shots fired at aggressive vehicle

Description of Incident:
Incident involved members of the
Templar team, and personnel involved
Principals involved include Party
other law enforcement and NGOs
involved include national SFG
army and government agencies
involved in

1. Templar 26 was supporting Templar 12 on a mission in the red zone running a CAT behind the team. We were turning onto the highway at 0802. We were moving along slowly after we had stopped oncoming traffic from our left when a **Black BMW (700 series)** started to swerve in and out of the stopped vehicles towards us. We make hand gestures, threw water bottles at the vehicle several times, but the vehicle did not heed our warnings. When the vehicle got within 10 meters from the lead vehicle, [] did a disabling fire consisting of 3 shots into the front of the vehicle. There were no injuries on either side.
2. Templar 26 was escorting Templar 4 to their venue in the Red Zone. We had just passed [] at 0905 heading towards [] when we had a very aggressive vehicle (**gray 2 door sedan, Japanese model**) that was not heeding any of our warnings. We made numerous attempts by hand gestures and multiple water bottles tossed at the single occupant vehicle but kept trying to merge closer to the lead vehicle. [] executed a disabling shot at the left quarter panel of the vehicle and the vehicle came to a stop. There were no injuries to either side.
3. Templar 26 was escorting Templar 4 for a return trip from their venue back to the IZ. We had pulled aside in front of Check Point 11 to let the Team by so we were at a stand still for approximately 1 minute. Our rear gunner [] made numerous gestures to a **white and orange taxi** stationary to not move towards us and thought he had made contact with the driver. The rear gunner lost site for a second from the aggressive vehicle letting the front gunner what was going on and noticed that the vehicle had closed the distance from 50 meters away to within 10 meters in a short time. The rear gunner executed a disabling shoot into the grill with one shot and the vehicle came to a slow stop and the ING's around the vehicle pulled the driver out. There were no injuries to either side.

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Action Taken <i>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployment, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</i>	Used verbal (in Arabic), visual (hands), weapon pointing and pointing at vehicle, and on the first two incidents, water bottles tossed at the vehicles.
Follow-up Required <i>(Indicate what if any follow-up actions are required like further investigation, notifications, etc.)</i>	wrote up statements attached to this incident report. b7c

Operator(s) Involved <i>(List names of operators involved)</i>	1. <u> </u> up gunner	Vehicle(s) Involved <i>(List vehicles involved)</i>	White Cougar White Saxon	Team(s) Involved <i>(List teams involved)</i>	Templar 26
	2. <u> </u> "A" gunner				
	3. <u> </u> Rear gunner				

Shift Leader Team 26

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

19 May 2005

Spot Report - 051905- 04

Subject: COM/PSD Advance Team engages aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Vehicle fired on by Blackwater COM/PSD Advance team.

Upon returning from the Ministry of Electricity, at approximately 1310 on the above date, a red Opal sedan approached the rear of the slowed [redacted] motorcade. The Right Rear attempted to wave off the oncoming car utilizing visual signals. The Opal appeared to veer into a blind spot to avoid line of sight. At this time, the Right Rear raised his [redacted] to indicate he was preparing to shoot unless the driver stopped his advance. When this tactic failed to deter the driver, the Right Rear fired a single round into the center grill area of the vehicle. The Opal slowed to a stop, and it appeared to be leaking fluid, from the grill area and spewing steam. It did not appear that either of the two occupants had been injured.

No one in the motorcade was injured from the altercation.

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Two principals were present during the incident.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad Iraq

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From: Hill, Anthony J (Al Hillah ARSO)
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To: Brackins, David A (Baghdad)
Subject: FW: Spot reports - 051905 1, 2, 3

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Dave,

Correction to my earlier Spot report:

- CAV (Counter Assault Vehicle) was approaching a traffic circle when an aggressive vehicle approached the motorcade from behind. The vehicle went around all stopped traffic. We have a blue flashing light on the back of the CAV and a sign that seems to stay back. The CAV had stopped due to traffic. The Well gunner used his flashlight to signal the car to stop. Then he fired a warning at the vehicle. The vehicle kept coming at a high rate of speed. The left rear had the door open and gave hand and arm signals for the car to stop but he kept coming. The left rear then fired one round into the grill of the car and paused. The car then sped off and the left rear in rear for this. He fired two rounds into the cabin of the vehicle. The vehicle was less than 50 meters away. After the shots were fired into the cabin the vehicle turned left into the median. The motorcade then continued to their venue. Upon leaving the scene a IP car with flashing lights and sirens was making its way through the traffic.

IPs met up with the team at the venue and gave the initial report the man in the car was hit in the leg. Later the IPs said the man was killed. The final report is the man is in the hospital alive. We have confirmed that he is in the hospital. I have just completed my interviews of all the members involved and the position leaders. A complete report to follow.

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Anthony Hill
ARSO
Regional Embassy Office - Al Hillah, Iraq

From: Brackins, David A (Baghdad)
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2005 9:40 PM
To: Hill, Anthony J (Al Hillah ARSO)
Subject: FW: Spot reports - 051905 1, 2, 3

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Anthony,

The Charge is asking.

Dave

David A. Brackins
Special Agent, Diplomatic Security Service
Regional Security Office
Baghdad, Iraq
MCI - [redacted]

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From: Young, John B (Baghdad)
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Dave?

I need as much info as possible by 1000. I'm bugging you.

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From: Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad)
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To: Young, John B (Baghdad), Satterfield, David M

Subject: FW: Spot reports - 051905-1, 2, 3

John, what's going on out there? We are up to four shootings in one day, including a fatality. Please get more information on the guy killed. How do they know he is dead. What is a "CAV." What were we doing in Kut? etc etc. We are going to have to review procedures asap. Jim

Original Message

From: Havens, Jonathan C (Baghdad)
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2005 4:20 PM
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To: RSO TOC Baghdad
Cc: Brackins, David A (Baghdad)
Subject: Incident - Initial report

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Today a BW Team operating in Al Kut had a shooting incidents:

-Team 42 was slowed while approaching an IP checkpoint. An aggressive vehicle approached the motorcade from behind. The team used visual warnings and fired a pen flare. The vehicle continued toward the motorcade. The CAV fired on the vehicle wounding the driver. The driver later died of his wounds. The principle was taken to his scheduled venue without harm. Upon the teams return I will interview everyone involved and more details will follow.

V/R

Anthony Hill
ARSO
Regional Embassy Office - Al Hillah, Iraq

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Cc: RSO - TOC Baghdad; Stuckart, Matthew W (Al Hillah PSD)
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Dave,
I'm enclosing the Preliminary spot report of the incident with the Black Water team here in Al-Hillah. I have also enclosed the incident reports provided to me by the Black Water personnel. As more information comes available I will keep you informed.

V/R

Anthony Hill
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Regional Embassy Office - Al-Hillah, Iraq

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	05-19-05	Time of Incident	1030
Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force		
Location of Incident	Al Kut		
Description of Incident	<p>I was the Green Team Leader for the Mission to Al Kut, Iraq on 5-19-05. We executed a [redacted] convoy for this operation with approximately 18 personnel. We left Al Hillah at approximately 0700 and arrived in Al Kut at 0850. Our first stop was the SCTR HQ's. Once the visit to this venue was complete we left for the PCC venue. We went through a series of traffic circles - the last circle was just before the PCC (North of the venue) - the first 3 vehicles arrived at the circle and were "waved through" by the IP's manning the checkpoint. As we went through the circle I observed a "pen flare" in my right side view mirror (presumably from the CAV vehicle) bouncing across traffic - seconds later I heard the CAV state "pen flare" as we continued to proceed to the PCC - we arrived at the PCC and I immediately gathered and placed the "Principle" into the meeting area in venue - at that time I was informed via radio that we had a shooting at the intersection - I immediately went to meet with the CAV Personnel to discuss what had happened. Once informed I alerted the AIC to pass to the "Principle" that we had a shooting and relayed the details that I thus far had knowledge of. I did not see the shooting nor did I learn of the use of lethal force until we arrived at the PCC venue.</p>		
Action Taken	<p>The pen flare incident was reported to the Principle immediately as we arrived at the PCC - once the shooting had been reported by the CAV TIC, I immediately notified the principle again through the AIC.</p>		
Follow-up Required			
Operator(s) Involved	Vehicle(s) Involved	Team(s) Involved	Team 40

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Green Team Leader
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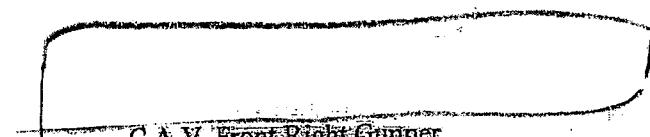
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Report Date	05-19-05	Time of Incident	1030
Use of Lethal Force			
<p><i>b7c</i></p> <p>AT 1030 while riding as the Front Right Gunner of the C-A-V track was witness to a shooting incident in Al-Kut Iraq on 19 May 2005. While traveling southeast and I the motorcade came to a stop before the traffic circle. At that point the C-A-V vehicle stopped all oncoming traffic from the rear approximately 50 meters out. I heard yelling for someone to stop. I heard fired a open fire at the approaching vehicle. I then hear continuing to yell for the vehicle to stop several times. It was at this point that one shot was fired and a second later followed by two quick shots. We continued toward our destination. This resulted in no damage to the motorcade. Visual was lost due to heavy traffic. The motorcade continued on to the POC in Al-Kut, Iraq.</p> <p>The open fire and shots were immediately reported by the CAV IC and upon reaching the POC venue, the convoy commander was briefed on the incident.</p>			
Action Taken			
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Soldier(s) Involved	Vehicle(s) Involved	Team(s) Involved	Team 40
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C.A.V. Front Right Gunner

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of incident	05-19-05	Time of incident	1030
Type of incident	Use of Lethal Force		
Location of incident	Al Kut		
Details of incident	<p>While riding as the well gunner in the C A V truck was witness to a shooting incident in Al Kut Iraq on 19 May, 2005. While traveling southeast, grid [REDACTED] the motorcade came to a stop before the traffic circle. At that point the C A V vehicle stopped all oncoming traffic from the rear approximately 50 meters out. At this point, I flashed my flashlight to signal the traffic to stay stopped. A white four door sedan weaved through traffic on the left side of the road. I then fired a pin flare at the approaching vehicle. The vehicle continued forward at that point. As I was transitioning to my [REDACTED] gave him the stop sign and [REDACTED] gave verbal warning 3 times. Ignoring all verbal warnings, he fired one shot into the grill to stop the white four door sedan approximately 25 meters out. The driver, a middle aged man with a dark mustache and hair, and a green dishdasha, accelerated faster towards the motorcade [REDACTED] fired 2 shots into the windshield, disabling the driver causing the vehicle to impact the median approximately 10 meters from the C A V vehicle. An Iraqi Police car with lights flashing was maneuvering through traffic toward the disabled vehicle about 100-150 meters away from the incident as we continued forth. This resulted in no damage to the motorcade. Visual was lost due to heavy traffic. The motorcade continued on to the PCC in Al Kut, Iraq.</p> <p>The pin flare and shots were immediately reported by the CAV TC and upon reaching the PCC venue, the convoy commander was briefed of the incident.</p>		
Details of suspect			
Details of victim(s)			
Details of witness(es)			
Details of investigation			

Operator(s) involved	Vehicles involved	CAV	Agents involved	Team 40
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C.A.V. Well Gunner

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	05-19-05	Time of Incident	1030
Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force		
Location of Incident	Al Kut		
Description of Incident	<p>While riding as the right rear gunner in the CAV truck I witnessed to a shooting incident in Al Kut, Iraq on 19 May 2005. While traveling southeast, mid-circle, the motorcade came to a stop before the traffic circle. At that point the CAV vehicle stopped all oncoming traffic from the rear approximately 50 meters out. I heard _____ and yelling for someone to stop. Turned to see a white four door sedan weave through traffic on the left side of the road. _____ fired a pen flare at the approaching vehicle. I saw the vehicle moving forward but lost sight due to my position. I heard _____ continuing to yell for the vehicle to stop several times. It was at this point that one shot was fired and a second later followed by two quick shots. Returning my attention to my sector, I saw an Iraqi Police car with lights flashing was maneuvering through traffic toward the disabled vehicle from 100-150 meters away as we continued toward our destination. This resulted in no damage to the motorcade. Visual was lost due to heavy traffic. The motorcade continued on to the PCC in Al Kut, Iraq.</p>		
Action Taken	The pen flare and shots were immediately reported by the CAV TC and upon reaching the PCC venue, the convoy commander was briefed of the incident.		
Follow Up Required			

Operations Involved

Vehicle(s) Involved	CAV	Team(s) Involved	Team 40

C A V Right Rear Gunner
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	19 May 05	Name of Incident	1030
Type of Incident	Shooting Incident		
Location of Incident	[Redacted] ✓ b2b3		
Description of Incident	<p>I was left rear door gunner in the C.A.V vehicle, which is the forth car in a motorcade. While traveling southeast grid 3, the motorcade came to a stop before the traffic circle. At that point the C.A.V. Vehicle stopped all oncoming traffic from the rear approximately 50 meters out. A white four door sedan weaved through traffic on the left side of the road. At that point our well gunner flashed his flashlight and fired a pen flare at the approaching vehicle. The vehicle continued forward at that point I gave him the stop sign and gave verbal warning 3 times. Ignoring all verbal warnings, I fired one shot into the grill to stop the white four door sedan approximately 25 meters out. At that point the driver, a middle aged man with a dark mustache and hair and green dishdashah, accelerated faster towards the motorcade. At that point I fired 2 shots into the windshield, disabling the driver causing the vehicle to impact the median approximately 10 meters from the C.A.V vehicle. An Iraqi Police car with lights flashing was maneuvering through traffic toward the disabled vehicle about 100-150 meters away from the incident as we continued forth. This resulting in no damage to the motorcade. Vision was lost due to heavy traffic. The motorcade continued on to the PCC in Al Kut, Iraq.</p>		
Action Taken	TC called up pen flare and shots fired immediately and briefed the motorcade commander of the incident that occurred at the next venture.		
Follow Up/Gen Info			
Operator(s) Involved	Vehicles Involved	Cav	Teams Involved Team 40

C.A.V. left rear gunner

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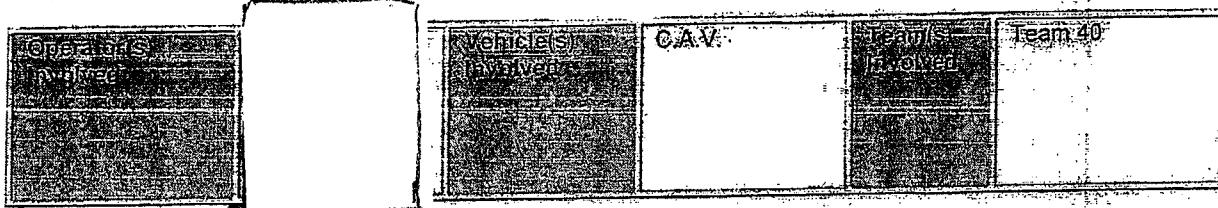
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	05-19-05	Time of Incident	1030
Use of Lethal Force			
Al Kut <p>While I was driving the C.A.V truck, I was a witness to a shooting incident in Al Kut, Iraq on 19 May, 2005. While traveling southeast one [REDACTED] the motorcade came to a stop before the traffic circle. At that point I stopped C.A.V. vehicle, all traffic was stopped by the two door gunners, approximately 50 meters out. I heard [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] yelling for someone to stop. I then heard [REDACTED] fired a pen flare at the approaching vehicle. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] continued to yell for the vehicle to stop several times. It was at this point that one shot was fired and a second later followed by two quick shots. We continued toward our destination. This resulted in no damage to the motorcade. Visual was lost due to heavy traffic. The motorcade continued on to the PCC in Al Kut, Iraq.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>I the T.C. reported the pen flare and shots immediately and briefed the Green Team IC upon reaching the PCC venue of the incident.</p>			
Action Taken	[REDACTED]		
Follow-up Required	[REDACTED]		



C.A.V. TC/Driver

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD



19 May 2005

Spot Report - 051905-02

Subject: COM/PSD QRF motorcade engages aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Interloping vehicle fired on Blackwater COM/PSD QRF team.

At approximately 1017 on the above date, a blue taxi entered a moving motorcade between the lead and second vehicles. The verbal and visual signals failed to get the attention of the lone occupant of the car. The Right Rear proceeded to raise his weapon towards the driver to no avail. The Right Rear then fired two shots from his [redacted] into the front grill of the taxi, just above the bumper. The vehicle then swerved out of the motorcade and came to a stop on the side of the road. It did not appear that the occupant had been injured. No one in the motorcade was injured from the altercation.

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No principal was present during the incident.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad Iraq

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May 20, 2005

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE Charge d'affaires

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TO: The Charge
FROM: Regional Security Office – John Young
SUBJECT: Shooting of Iraqi National-Operated Vehicle at Traffic Control Point

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On May 20, 2005, at approximately 09:00 a.m., a Marine guard of A Company, Anti-Terrorism Battalion, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade assigned to the southern Traffic Control Point (TCP) of the Embassy Annex fired upon a vehicle. The Iraqi national driver, later identified as [REDACTED] bodyguard employed with the Iraqi Commission on Public Integrity, was unharmed, and his vehicle sustained only minor damage. The Regional Security Office responded and conducted an investigation into the circumstances of the incident. This investigation concluded that the Marine acted within the parameters of his Rules of Engagement.

The incident began when [REDACTED] proceeded forward into the TCP without having been called forward by the Marines guards. Signs instruct those entering the checkpoint not to proceed beyond a certain point toward the Marine guards without having been so ordered. These signs also warn that lethal force will be used on anyone failing to comply with the instructions. [REDACTED] stated that he had driven through the checkpoint [REDACTED] on numerous occasions.

As [REDACTED] was approaching the Marine TCP, a vehicle crossed directly to his front from a side street. As the vehicle cleared his front, [REDACTED] proceeded forward and failed to stop at the designated point, instead continuing to move at a high rate of speed into the checkpoint. Seeing this, a Marine guard stepped toward the vehicle and gave both verbal and hand instructions to stop. When [REDACTED] did not comply with the instructions, the Marine guard fired two aimed rounds into the vehicle's grill.

[REDACTED] immediately brought his vehicle to a halt and complied with all further instructions from the Marine guards. [REDACTED] was unharmed, and his vehicle was fully functional. [REDACTED] apologized to the Marine guards for causing the incident to occur.

The Marine guard at the TCP acted within the scope of his Rules of Engagement, having provided verbal and visual warnings, as well as having fired so as to disable the vehicle. Statements from the other Marine guards present at the TCP and [REDACTED] the observations of Regional Security Office investigators, and digital video recordings of the incident support this conclusion. RSO considers this matter closed.

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Incident Diagram

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I, [redacted] make the following statement: b7c

At 0905, I was at TCR [redacted] in the left hand entry lane, when a black Honda car failed to stop at the stop sign. He failed to obey the signs in front of the post and drove past the stop sign at a pretty high rate of speed toward me. I gave verbal and physical commands to stop. The driver failed to do so. I then pointed my weapon and continued to yell. He still did not stop so I chambered a round. He still did not stop so I fired 2 rounds into his engine compartment. The driver then stopped. He was pulled out of the vehicle and searched. The vehicle was pulled to the side of the PSD lane until the watch officer and RSO came out and took over the scene. b7c

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make the following statement: b7c

I was working at TGP checking badges in the right hand lane. At approximately 6240L 0905 I heard [REDACTED] yelling stop. I glanced over my shoulder and saw him chamber a round. He yelled stop again and the vehicle did not stop. [REDACTED] then fired 2 shots into the front of the car, at which point the car stopped. The driver was removed from the car and searched. I moved the car out of the entrance lane and opened all the doors and hood and trunk and searched it. [REDACTED] held security on the driver until RSO agent and watch officer arrived and took command of the scene.

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I. [REDACTED] make the following statement: b7c

At 0905 I was working TCP [REDACTED] when a vehicle ran the stop sign in the left hand entry lane with out being called into the checkpoint. [REDACTED] yelled stop and motioned the vehicle with a closed fist numerous times. The vehicle failed to stop. At this point [REDACTED] chambered a round. The vehicle still failed to stop. [REDACTED] was in front of me, closing on the vehicle and fired twice at the car. The vehicle then stopped. The driver was compliant and exited the vehicle. [REDACTED] moved the vehicle out of the lane as requested by me. RSO and watch officer arrived on scene and took over.

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[REDACTED] make the following statement: b7c

I was on post at TCP [REDACTED] as the NCUIC. I was covering [REDACTED] as he was checking badges in the right hand lane. I heard [REDACTED] yelling for a car to stop. I then turned to observe, just as [REDACTED] chambered a round. He then commanded the vehicle to stop again. The driver not paying attention kept driving. [REDACTED] then fired 2 rounds into the front of the car. We then pulled the driver out and searched him and the vehicle. [REDACTED] then held security on the driver until Matt McCormack and [REDACTED] arrived and took charge.

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I, [redacted] make the following statement: b7c

I was standing in the right lane of regular entry traffic. [redacted] was in the lane to my left. A car was coming slowly down the exit lane so I gave him an arm signal to go ahead and exit. I then turned back to face the entering traffic. I saw a black car roll through the stop sign without stopping and without being called forward. There appeared at that time to be only one person in the car. At that time [redacted] yelled stop twice. The vehicle did not stop so he raised his weapon and then racked a round into the chamber. The vehicle was still not stopped so [redacted] yelled stop one last time and then fired twice into the engine compartment. The vehicle stopped and the driver was removed and he and the vehicle were searched. They were clear and were then moved to the side of the PSD lane. At that time the SOG arrived and took command.

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I [redacted] make the following statement: b7c

I was standing near the NEQIC diamond drinking a Gatorade. [redacted] was working the left lane of regular entry traffic. I noticed a vehicle coming down his lane, that had not been called forward. [redacted] yelled for the driver to stop, then he yelled and gave a hand signal to stop again. The car still did not stop so he yelled to stop again and raised his weapon. The vehicle still did not stop so [redacted] racked a round and fired two shots. The vehicle stopped. The SOG and watch officer came out and took over the scene.

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Incident Report

Location: TCP [redacted] b2 b7c

Watch Office

Number of Individuals involved: 2

Watch Chief: [redacted]

Date/Time: 0905/050520

On Scene Commander: [redacted] b2 b7c

Description of Event: At 0905 [redacted] was the NCOIC of

TCP [redacted] He was assisted by [redacted]

[redacted] A black Honda 4 door sedan, driven by an Iraqi male named [redacted] approached the TCP in the left lane of regular traffic. The vehicle was not traveling at a high rate of speed but failed to stop at the posted stop signs. [redacted] was working the left lane of traffic and noticed that the vehicle had not stopped, and he had not called the vehicle forward. He gave a verbal warning to stop three times. He then escalated his posture by raising his weapon and once again giving a verbal warning to stop. He then chambered a round and gave one more verbal warning to stop. The vehicle still did not stop so he fired (2) [redacted] rounds out of his [redacted] into the engine compartment of the vehicle. The engagement distance was approximately 15 meters, due to the fact that [redacted] used the continuum of force and gave the driver every chance to stop. The vehicle immediately stopped and the driver was removed and he and the vehicle were searched. The vehicle and driver were cleared and moved out of the TCP on the side of the PSD lane. At approximately 0910 the Watch Officer [redacted] arrived on scene. At that time the situation was under control and traffic was back to a normal flow. The watch officer had the Marines shut down the lane in order to preserve evidence and look for possible round impacts in the pavement or jersey barriers. There were no round impacts to be found. The ejected casings landed in the right lane of regular entrance traffic. At approximately 0915 ARSO Matt McCormack arrived on scene. He took over the investigation and called for an interpreter to be brought to the scene. He questioned the individual and reiterated the proper procedures to be used when entering Marine TCP's.

The driver, [redacted] is an Iraqi national. He was driving a black 4 door Honda. He had in his possession 1 yellow JASG International Zone badge. He had one Republic of Iraq Ministry of Interior Id Department weapons card for a Glock 19, which was current and valid. He also had another Id badge that was completely in Arabic. His car was drivable and appeared to not have any permanent damage. The rounds impacted the lower left portion of the engine compartment, when facing the car. There were no injuries to Marines, the driver or any bystanders. His pistol was confiscated by Matt McCormack who also gave him a receipt. He was told to leave and not to enter the compound today.

The watch officer and Matt McCormack found the two initial entry holes in the car. However limited collateral damage could be identified. It appeared that the rounds either struck metal and disintegrated or embedded themselves somewhere in the engine block.

The lane where the shots were fired was searched for evidence of rounds missing the car, but no evidence could be found.

The watch officer and Matt McCormack concluded that the shooting was valid. The Marine used the proper continuum of force and escalation of force and the driver was clearly in the wrong. The watch officer considers this matter closed.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**



TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
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TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE	
		Administrative	
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
Embassy Baghdad	20 May 2005	20 May 2005	S/A Matthew McCormack
SYNOPSIS			
<p>On 20 May 2005, at approximately 0900 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the southern traffic control point [] of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring verbal and hand commands to stop. The occupant of the vehicle suffered no/no injuries in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted, as well as statements by the occupants of the vehicle. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards assigned to the TCP, and digital video of the incident was reviewed. No evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine guards acted outside established Rules of Engagement. Case closed.</p>			
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1. On 20 May 2005, at approximately 0905 hours, RA monitored radio traffic from the southern traffic control point [] of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle operated by an Iraqi male. TCP [] is manned by Marines of Alpha Company, Anti-Terrorism (AT), 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The marines reported that no/no injuries resulted from the engagement of the vehicle. b2
2. At approximately 0907 hours, RA and [] of the AT Company were dispatched to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. RA and [] arrived at TCP [] at approximately 0915 hours. RA briefly questioned [] as to the circumstances of the shooting. [] stated that a black, four-door, Honda sedan attempted to enter the TCP without being signaled to proceed forward. [] explained that he provided the verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. [] explained that when the driver failed to heed the warnings, he raised his weapon, chambered a round, and fired two shots at the vehicle's grill.
3. RA and [] inspected the vehicle which had been moved forward past the TCP entrance after the shooting occurred. The vehicle was a black, four-door, Nissan sedan, VIN# [], Iraqi license plate number []. There was one visible bullet hole located in the front bumper of the vehicle. A further inspection of the front grill area revealed that one bullet had penetrated the vehicle frame slightly to the left of the radiator. A small piece of bullet fragmentation was recovered from the site where the vehicle was engaged. A search of the TCP where [] was standing revealed two spent [] casings. Photographs of the vehicle and the incident scene were taken and are attached to this report. b2 b3
4. RA spoke with [] regarding the incident. RA utilized Department of State interpreter [] to provide translations for the interview. During the course of the interview, [] provided the following information. [] stated that he is a bodyguard for the Iraqi Commission on Public Integrity and was in-route to their office located between the two Marine TCP's. RA questioned [] if this was the first time he had entered the TCP's to which he stated it was not and that he had been through the TCP many times. [] informed RA that he believed he could just drive forward to the entrance. He stated that sometimes he waits to be called forward and other times proceeds forward of his own accord. RA explained that if a person drives forward without the Marines waiving that individual forward, there is a strong possibility that the vehicle will be drawn down on or engaged. RA again questioned [] about his actions at the TCP to which he stated that he did not wait for the Marine to call him forward and failed to provide a reason why he disregarded the TCP procedures. RA questioned [] if he recalled seeing the warning sign at the entrance. [] stated that he was aware of the sign and understood the meaning.
5. At approximately 1630 hours, [] A Co. AT, obtained written statements regarding the incident from the Marines at TCP []. In addition, [] obtained a written statement from the Watch Officer on duty at the time of the incident. These statements and a copy of the Use of Force Policy were provided to RA and are attached to this ROI.

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- b2 b7c 6. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] at approximately 1751 hrs, while standing watch at [REDACTED] a Black Daewoo vehicle with two occupants turned onto Palace road from a side street located near the TCP. [REDACTED] explained that he the vehicle drove forward towards the TCP without being motioned to move forward. [REDACTED] stated that after giving verbal and hand commands for the vehicle to stop repeatedly, he raised his [REDACTED] in the direction of the vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle continued to drive forward at which time [REDACTED] chambered a round and fired two rounds into the grill area of the vehicle.
- w2c 7. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] he was located in the second regular lane of inbound traffic when he noticed a vehicle traveling towards his position without being summoned to come forward. [REDACTED] recalled hearing [REDACTED] providing verbal commands for the driver of the vehicle to stop. [REDACTED] stated that he heard the commands issued several times before [REDACTED] raised his weapon, chambered a round, and fired two rounds at the vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop after [REDACTED] fired the two shots.
- b2 b7c 8. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] was serving as a sentry at [REDACTED] and was facing away from the direction of inbound traffic assisting a vehicle exiting the TCP. [REDACTED] stated that as he turned around, he identified a black vehicle with one occupant coming towards the sentry post. [REDACTED] recalled hearing [REDACTED] providing verbal commands for the vehicle to stop. [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle continued to move forward despite the verbal and physical gestures to stop. [REDACTED] explained after exhausting all other means [REDACTED] chambered a round and fired two rounds into the engine compartment of the vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle stopped and the vehicle driver was removed at that time.
- b2 b7c 9. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] at approximately 1751 hrs, while serving as a sentry at [REDACTED] a black Daewoo four door vehicle with two occupants turned right onto Palace road from a side street located near the TCP. [REDACTED] explained that the vehicle was not called toward to their position but began driving towards the TCP. At that time [REDACTED] stated that he and the other Marines at the TCP yelled for the vehicle to stop. The vehicle failed to stop after the commands were provided at which time he chambered a round into his [REDACTED]. Shortly after raising his weapon at the vehicle [REDACTED] fired two shots at the engine area of the vehicle. The vehicle stopped after being fired upon. At that time he provided commands for the vehicle occupants to remain in the vehicle.
- b2c 10. At approximately 1000 hrs, RA took custody of [REDACTED] firearm a Glock, model 19, 9mm, SN# [REDACTED] was in possession of a legitimate weapon carrying permit issued by the Iraqi Minister of Interior (MOI). [REDACTED] was informed that the weapon would be turned over to the RSO TOC until this investigation was closed.
11. At approximately 2100 hours, [REDACTED] A Co. AT, provided RA with a physical count of the number of rounds remaining in [REDACTED] magazines. The count revealed that two rounds were missing from one thirty round magazine.

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12. At approximately 1130 hours, RA reviewed digital video of the incident captured by a closed circuit television camera positioned immediately south of [REDACTED]. The digital video showed at 0905 hrs, [REDACTED] vehicle approached the entrance to [REDACTED]. The vehicle can be seen driving slow over the tank track obstacle and waiting for a truck to move from his front. The vehicle then proceeded to drive quickly past the warning signs and through the intersection. [REDACTED] can be seen moving forward from the control point and pointing his weapon towards the vehicle as it continued traveling forward. The vehicle then came to a stop approximately 20 meters from where the Marines were standing. The digital video lacks sufficient clarity to determine when [REDACTED] fired at the vehicle. Bullet impacts on the vehicle cannot be discerned.
13. Based on the statements from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as well as the digital video, there is No/No evidence that the Marine guards acted in contravention of their Rules of Engagement when [REDACTED] opened fire on the vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

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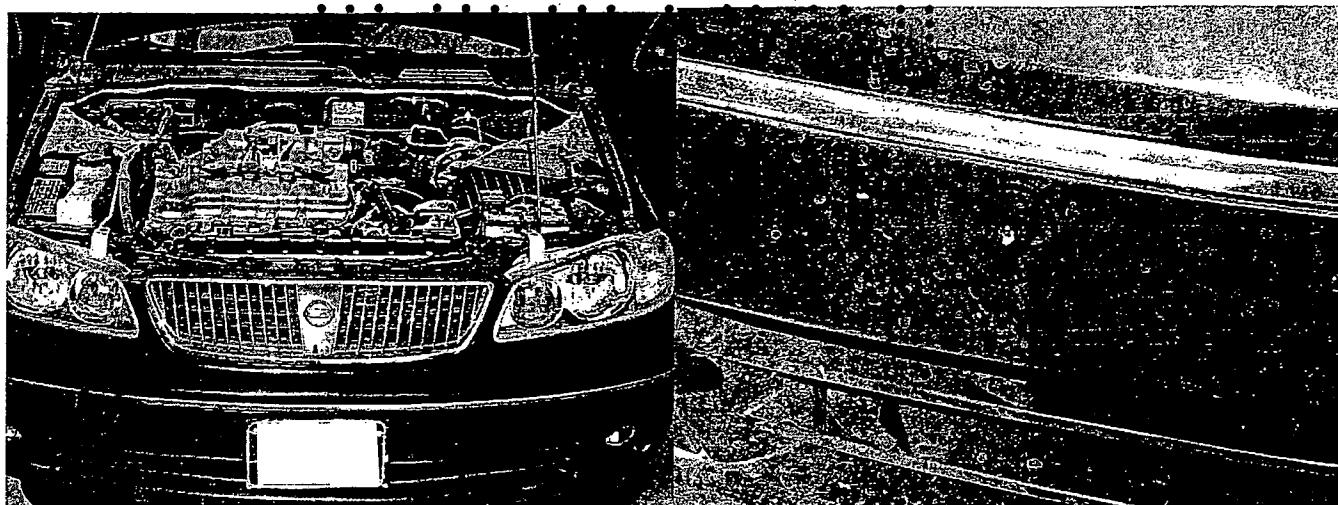
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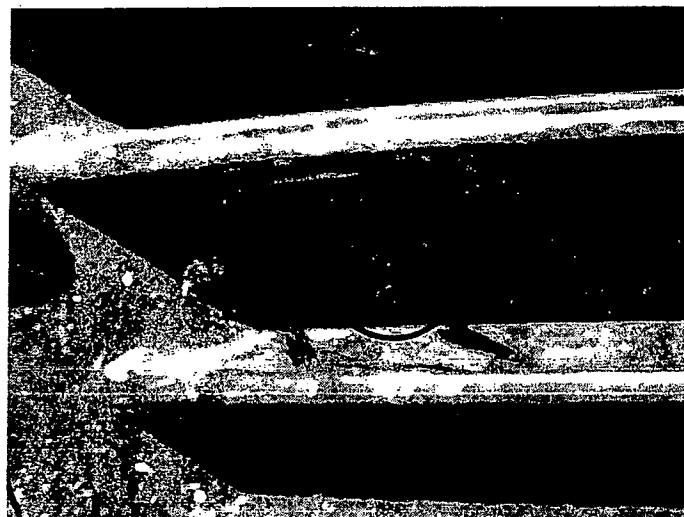
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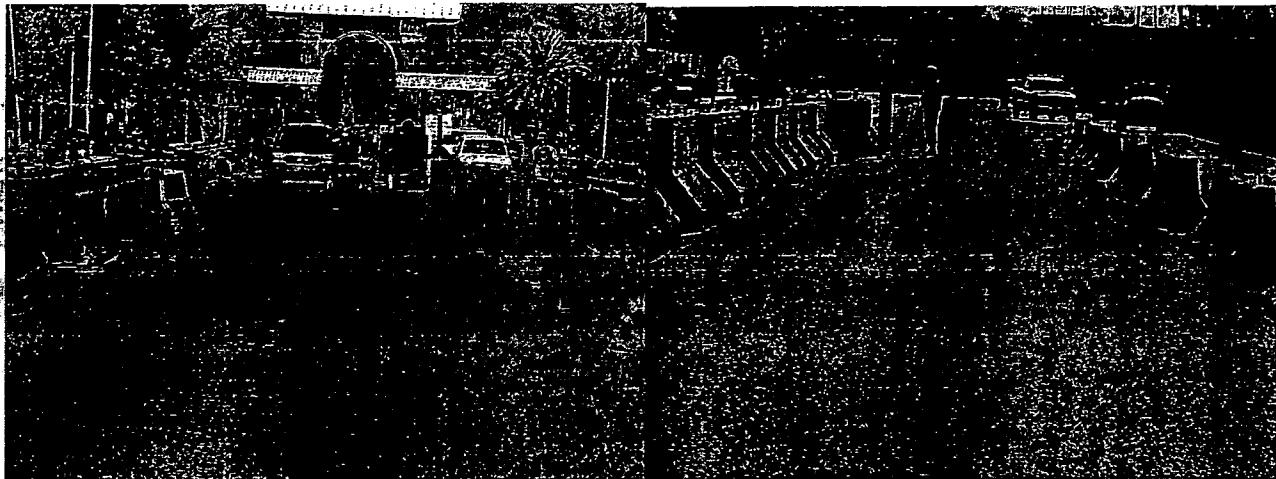
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

31 May 2005

Spot Report - 053105- 1

Subject: DynCorps COM/PSD Member Fires On Vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Vehicle approaching venue fails to stop and is fired upon.

At approximately 1225, on the above date, a single PSD member attempted to secure an intersection by the Meeting Hall For Sheiks' Congress venue. The team member, with the support of a local national bystander, used visual and verbal signals to dissuade oncoming traffic from approaching their position. A **single gray four-door sedan** failed to heed the warnings and continued toward the intersection.

When the vehicle was within thirty meters of the intersection, the team member fired three rounds into the grill of the vehicle. Upon the engagement, the vehicle slowly reversed out and attempted to make his way through the area by other secured routes.

The vehicle was eventually stopped, and the driver, [REDACTED] apologized for his actions. He stated he is a resident of the area and was just attempting to make his way home.

No injuries were reported based on the altercation. The principal was secure within the venue during the incident.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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Bishop, Michael E (Al Hillah RSO)

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From: McNamara, John T (Al Hillah FAO)
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2005 11:35 AM
To: Bishop, Michael E (Al Hillah RSO)
Subject: FW: Initial Med Rpt-Kut Incident (19 May 05)

Mike
Here is what I have on our man in Kut.

Thanks
John

From: McNamara, John T (Al Hillah FAO)
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 7:55 AM
To: Blaschke, Brent E (Al Hillah RCO); Hill, Anthony J (Al Hillah A/RSO); Foote, Wade A (Al Hillah FAO)
Subject: Initial Med Rpt-Kut Incident (19 May 05)

Brent/Anthony/Wade

Here is the Med Rpt forwarded by the WashPC on yesterdays incident. Last night, Zeyad also spoke to the Security Ctrng Chmn, who was at the hospital and confirmed the man was in stable condition. If we hear anything more in the next few days, ill pass it on.

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Best Regards

John

Name: _____

Age: 1

Job: Baker man

The Car properties : A white Toyota car (Mark 2) 1992 japan made

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The patient is conscious at the time of examination.

There is an inlet of a bullet injury at the lower part of the left side of the chest, another deep wound to the lateral aspect of the left thigh probably caused by a fragment injury. A deep wound has been caused by inlet of a Bullet which has led to distortion of the upper tibia probably caused by fracture of the left distal condyles, swelling of the left knee joint- haemarthrosis.

Department of Emergency,
Al Zahra Hospital- Kut

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Recipient for Compensation

On Sunday, June 12, 2005 [redacted] years of age, profession baker, citizen of Iraq) acknowledges receiving \$1,200.00 (*One thousand two hundred dollars*) as compensation for injuries (gun shot wound and other related injuries) and property damage (related damage to a Toyota vehicle) as result of an incident occurring in Al-Kut on May 19, 2005.

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The above funds are intended to provide [redacted] compensation and assistance in regards to the above incident. Upon acceptance of these funds, [redacted] will consider this matter to be resolved and will not file any additional claims, pursue this matter legally or request for compensation against the United States Government or any other entity. Both the United States Government and [redacted] consider this matter closed.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

6 June 2005



Spot Report - 060505-1

Subject: REO Mosul COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Blackwater PSD fires on approaching vehicle.

At approximately 1140, on 5 June 2005, a REO Mosul PSD motorcade observed a red four-door vehicle, containing four individuals, weaving through traffic toward them. At approximately 200 meters from their motorcade, the turret gunner attempted to use hand and arm signals to deter the approach of the oncoming car.

When the vehicle failed to slow their approach, the follow vehicle fired a burst aimed at the driver's front quarter panel. The vehicle continued its approach, forcing a second burst of fire towards the car. At this point the vehicle stopped on the side of the road. The motorcade continued on their mission. No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

[redacted] was the principal in the motorcade. 672

Location: Mosul, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

11 June 2005

Spot Report - 061105-1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires on approaching ambulance.

At approximately 1035, on 11 June 2005, a COM PSD Team en-route from Najaf to Al-Hillah noticed a rapidly approaching ambulance without its emergency lights running. The well gunner, fearing the ambulance may be a VBIED, fired two rounds from his ~~gun~~ into the grill area. The well gunner did not believe anyone in the ambulance was injured from the incident. The motorcade continued on their mission. No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

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There was one principal in the motorcade.

Location: Al-Hillah, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

12 June 2005

Spot Report - 061205-1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires on approaching sedan.

At approximately 1030, on 12 June 2005, a COM PSD Team en-route to conduct an advance at the Ministry of Electricity, noticed a rapidly approaching white, four-door Opel. The Right Rear attempted to ward off the single occupant from continuing his approach utilizing verbal and visual signals. The Right Rear, who had eye contact with the driver, determined he was not going to stop, and fired one round from his [redacted] into the grill area of the Opel. The driver immediately slammed on his brakes, sliding almost parallel to the Follow Vehicle. The driver appeared uninjured but very frightened.

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The motorcade continued on their mission. No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

There were no principals in the motorcade.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	12 June 05	Time of Incident	10:30
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Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force Used / Non-Lethal Force / Distraction Devices Deployed / Ambush
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Use of Lethal Force

Location of Incident	Describe location in detail including nearest local landmarks, inter-coordinates, town, etc.
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2 lane road heading E appx 300 meters west of [redacted]

Description of Incident	US motorcade was heading East to conduct a venue reconnaissance at the MO Electricity. While stationary the team established a 100 meter security zone at the motorcade's 6 o'clock. A middle aged Iraqi male operating a white Opal broke the security barrier and headed for the motorcade at appx 30 mph. The driver failed to obey commands given by the security personnel and the vehicle sign to stay away from the motorcade.
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Templar 22, a [redacted] motorcade, was heading East to conduct a venue reconnaissance at the MO Electricity. While stationary the team established a 100 meter security zone at the motorcade's 6 o'clock. A middle aged Iraqi male operating a white Opal broke the security barrier and headed for the motorcade at appx 30 mph. The driver failed to obey commands given by the security personnel and the vehicle sign to stay away from the motorcade.

Action Taken	(Describe what actions were taken re: deployed irritants, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)
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Fearing the occupant presented an immediate threat to all U.S. personnel, the vehicle was fired upon. The vehicle sustained damage to its front end with no injury to the sole occupant. The vehicle halted its aggressive approach and the motorcade continued without further incident.

Follow-Up Required	(Indicate what any follow-up action is required re: further investigation, notifications, etc.)
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The Department of State T.O.C. was immediately notified of the incident. Upon return from mission, a written statement was provided to D.S. agents.

Operator(s) Involved	[redacted]	Vehicle(s) Involved	White Suburban	Team(s) Involved	Templar 22
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

13 June 2005

Spot Report - 061305- 1

Subject: COM PSD Advance Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires on approaching compact car.

At approximately 1208, on 13 June 2005, a COM PSD Team entering Checkpoint One returning from the Baghdad Railway Station noticed a **burgundy Mazda** pull into their protective bubble from a side street. The Left and Right Rears attempted to ward off the vehicle from continuing his approach utilizing verbal and visual signals. The Right Rear determined the vehicle was not going to stop, and fired one round from his [redacted] into the grill area of the car. The driver immediately came to a stop, at which time; Iraqi Authorities overtook it. It did not appear any occupants of the aggressive vehicle were injured. The motorcade continued back to the Embassy Annex. No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

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There were no principals in the motorcade.

Location: Checkpoint One, Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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Date of Incident	13 June 13, 2005	Time of Incident	1209 Hrs

Type of Incident

Use of Lethal Force, Use of Non-Lethal Force, Force Distracted Devices Deployed/Ambush

Location of Incident

(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)

Description of Incident

(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, NGOs and/or US government agencies involved, etc.)

Action Taken

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, to deployed initiates, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

Follow-Up Required

(Indicate what type of follow-up action is required for further investigation, notifications, etc.)

Use of Lethal/Disabling Force

Two-lane road heading west from Check Point 2 towards Check Point 1.
Approx. 25-30 yards west of Check Point 1

Templar 20, in a [REDACTED] motorcade, was headed back to the International Zone CP 1 from the Iraqi Railroad Station. I was riding in the right rear gunner position of the follow vehicle and we were maintaining a bubble to the rear approximately 100 yards long. We were observing two aggressive vehicles trying to make their way to the front of the traffic which was backed up at the beginning of our bubble. We then noticed a small burgundy car enter into our bubble as we went past from the right side of the road and begin accelerating towards us. I opened my door and began signaling to the vehicle, as did the left side door gunner. Our vehicle at that time came to a stop as our lead vehicle began its turn into Check Point 1. The well gunner [REDACTED] continued calling the status of the vehicle which was continuing to close on our motorcade and fearing for my life and the lives of my teammates, I fired a disabling shot into the grill of the vehicle and immediately transitioned to the drivers windshield as the vehicle was now approximately 25-30 yards away. The vehicle came to an abrupt controlled stop and I held my fire. Iraqi Troops at the Check Point came back to the follow vehicle and immediately took control of the burgundy car.

Fearing the vehicle presented an immediate threat to my life and my Team Members, I fired a Disabling shot into the grill of the burgundy vehicle and the vehicle then came to an abrupt/controlled stop and halted its approach to our motorcade.

My TL, [REDACTED] immediately notified the US Department of State T.O.C. via radio. Upon return from mission, DS Agent conducted a short interview and a written statement was provided to that agent.

Operator(s)
Involved

[REDACTED]

Vehicle(s)
Involved

White
Suburban #
[REDACTED]

Team(s)
Involved

Templar 20

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

15 June 2005



Spot Report - 061505-2

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on approaching vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: PSD fires a pen flare, single █ round into approaching car. b2 b7c

At approximately 1100, on 15 June 2005, a COM PSD Team embedded in Karbala en-route from the Karbala Gov't. Center to Camp Lima encountered an aggressive vehicle bearing down on their motorcade. A PSD team member fired a pen flare followed by a single █ round into the grill area of the oncoming car. b2 b7c

Following the shooting, the same team was involved in a vehicle accident involving the lead vehicle. The lead vehicle remained drivable and the team was able to return to Karbala without further incident.

There was one principal in the motorcade.

No other information is available at this time.

Location: Al-Hillah, Iraq

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	20 Jun 05	Time of Incident	0802
Type of Incident	Shots fired at aggressive vehicle (Black BMW W/1 male occupant)		
Location of Incident	b2 b7j		
Description of Incident	<p>At 0802 on 20 June Templar 26 was supporting Templar 12 to the Ministry of Electricity. As my vehicle approached the intersection I observed that all traffic had been stopped by Iraqi Police, leaving a clear path through the intersection for the motorcade. When the motorcade began to pass through the intersection, a black BMW with one male occupant broke from all other stopped traffic and approached the Cougar in an aggressive manner. The vehicle accelerated as it closed on the Cougar from my assigned area of responsibility. I yelled a verbal warning made a hand signal for the vehicle to stop and finally pointed my weapon at the vehicle but it continued to accelerate toward the Cougar in a threatening manor.</p> <p>Due to the aggressive actions of the black BMW I feared for my safety and the safety of everyone in the motorcade. When the vehicle was approximately forty feet from the Cougar and closing rapidly I fired three aimed rounds to disable the vehicle. The first round struck the right front tire, the second hit the grill, and the third impacted on the hood. The vehicle immediately veered away from the Cougar and came to a complete stop. There were no resulting injuries to PSD members, surrounding personnel or the driver of the aggressive vehicle.</p>		
Action Taken	Used verbal (in Arabic), visual (hands, and water bottles tossed), and fired three quick shots into the vehicle		
Follow-Up Required	Team leader contacted TOC and informed them of incident.		

Operator(s) Involved	Vehicle(s) Involved	Team(s) Involved	Templar 26
Left rear gunner on Cougar	Cougar (Lead Vehicle)		

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	20 June 05	Time of Incident	1445
Type of Incident	Disabling Force		
Location of Incident	Route [redacted] just southwest of [redacted] b2bigh		
Description of Incident	<p>This Member Of Service was assigned to Team 20 as the team leader and was riding in vehicle 3 passenger side of a [redacted] motorcade. Team 20 was in route to the Al Sabah News located at [redacted] to advance Team 22 at that location. While in route to that location, Team 20 was traveling northeast on Route [redacted] when this MOS heard the Well Gunner, [redacted] call out a fast moving vehicle moving in and out of traffic closing the distance between him and the motorcade. Left side gunner [redacted] and right side gunner [redacted] both opened their doors and signaled to the vehicle to stop. At that time this MOS could hear the well call out that the vehicle is still coming and not stopping. At that time the left door gunner fired one shot at the vehicle in question. The right door gunner then closed his door and this MOS could see out the side mirror that a white Crown had pulled to the right side of the roadway. As the motorcade continued towards [redacted] the white vehicle then pulled back on the road and continued toward the motorcade again closing the distance and a rapid rate. Again both door gunners opened their doors and were ready to shoot again. As the motorcade approached [redacted] the motorcade went to the right in the traffic circle and the white Crown continued into the traffic circle and was last seen going through the traffic circle, making a U turn and heading in the opposite direction. This MOS then notified the TOC of the incident.</p>		
Action Taken	Left Rear Door Gunner fired one round at White Crown. Also should be noted that the Follow Vehicle is clearly marked in English and Arabic to Keep Back 1000 Meters.		
Follow Up Required	N/A		

Operator(s) Involved	[redacted]	Vehicle(s) Involved	White Suburban	Team(s) Involved	Team 20
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Team Leader Team 20
 IPD Advance Team
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Incident Report

Date of Incident: 20 June 2005

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Location: ASR [] 30-45 km south of Kirkuk Regional Airbase (KRAB) towards Tikrit

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Reporting Officer: Ed Nguyen, Special Agent/Security Officer (ARSO) Erbil

PSD Position: Agent in Charge (AIC)

Incident: IED and Small Arms Fire (SAF) attack on USAID/Dyncorp PSD motorcade

At approximately 1720 hours on 20 June 2005, Dyncorp PSD personnel and Dept of State ARSO/AIC Ed Nguyen experienced an IED and SAF attack while transporting 1x principal/protectee, USAID Northern Region Director, []. Personnel were traveling in [] motorcade, to include a Counter Assault Team (C.A.T.) vehicle.

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Prior to the incident, USAID [] motorcade had dispatched 2 vehicles at KBR-KRAB for routine vehicle maintenance. After vehicle servicing, motorcade departed the KRAB for next venue, on ASR [] traveling south to Tikrit. All PSD personnel were pre-briefed on the route's potential IED activity, and hazardous road conditions (remnants of past IED incidents). As such, it was agreed among detail members to maintain a significant distance in between all motorcade vehicles on the open highway.

Approximately 30-45 minutes after departing the KRAB, USAID [] motorcade had passed through at least 3 major Iraqi National Guard (ING) or Iraqi Police (IP) checkpoints. Less than 5 minutes after passing through a checkpoint, ARSO Nguyen observed a considerable explosion occur to the front of the Lead Suburban (while driving up an incline). After the explosion, a large cloud of black smoke encompassed the area, limiting visibility of the Lead Suburban's status and surrounding areas. ARSO Nguyen immediately instructed the principal, [] to "get down", and advised limo driver/medic (LD []) to continue driving (per Operational Plan). ARSO Nguyen and LD [] agreed to continue driving at a reduced rate of speed, and to observe for any potential follow on attacks.

While observing the USAID [] PSD team from the rear, ARSO Nguyen noticed the Lead Suburban come to a complete stop, and the Follow Suburban park parallel for possible assistance. Shift Leader (SL) [] informed ARSO Nguyen per radio contact that "we (have) a vehicle down". ARSO briefly observed the team initiate a vehicle extract of personnel. []

As the Limo Suburban continued to drive on, ARSO Nguyen made several attempts to contact SL [] and remaining detail members via radio. All attempts were met with no success after driving for approximately 5-10 minutes.

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Limo Suburban then approached what appeared to be an ING/IP checkpoint with a substantial hard building structure surrounded by a perimeter of Hesco barriers. A road running east and west also intersected the PSD team's route of travel at (or slightly beyond) the checkpoint. It appeared that the ING/IP checkpoint was set up to cover the 2 main roads and avenues of approach.

ARSO Nguyen advised LD [] to pull off to the side of the checkpoint and remain in the vehicle with the principal. ARSO Nguyen then disembarked the vehicle and made an attempt to negotiate with ING/IP personnel for the use of their checkpoint as a safe area (while awaiting additional arrival/assistance from remaining PSD elements). Although the ING/IP personnel did not speak adequate English, ARSO Nguyen arranged for them to keep watch on the road and provide a perimeter watch for any hostile activity. (Note:

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Shortly arriving at the checkpoint, ARSO Nguyen received positive radio contact from SL [] advising that the team had "one injured, [] requesting Medic". (Note: [] served as Tactical Commander (TC, Lead Right Front) for the PSD detail). SL [] further requested for support from ING to block off all roads, and maintain significant standoff distance of any personnel or vehicles from the checkpoint area and PSD motorcade. ARSO Nguyen advised LD/Medic [] to respond to the injured PSD member(s) as soon as a perimeter was set up to secure the principal and Limo Suburban. (Note: ARSO Nguyen later spoke w/ other PSD members in the disabled vehicle, who appeared to have minor injuries f/ the incident {i.e. scratches, bruised shin, headaches}).

SL [] immediately delegated responsibilities to remaining PSD members, who expeditiously set up and augmented a 360 degree perimeter, covering all sectors of observation. LD/Medic [] then transferred to the Follow Suburban for treatment of TC []

SI [] briefed ARSO Nguyen on the extract and situation that occurred prior to arriving at checkpoint. SL [] informed ARSO that a SAF attack (from the west of []) towards PSD members occurred during the extract/cross load of 3 PSD members from Lead Suburban. CAT Suburban set up to assist in drawing and providing cover fire upon hostile AIF elements during the vehicle extract/cross load. SL [] informed ARSO Nguyen that the PSD team observed approximately 5-6 AIF were killed in action (KIA) as a result of the engagement (later discovered that possible 8 AIF KIA). Please refer to SL [] and other team members' reports for further details on extract and engagement.

While USAID [] PSD team was holding position; all vehicles approaching checkpoint were warned by ING/TPs to maintain significant stand off (verbally, hand signals, warning shots). b2 b7c

ARSO Nguyen then attempted to contact RSO TOC Kirkuk via [] cell phones and vehicle radios were out of range. After discussion w/ SL [] ARSO Nguyen agreed that the desired course of action would be returning to the KRAB. b2 b7c

ARSO Nguyen briefed ARSO Kirkuk, Al Wittliff on the situation, and provided grid coordinates for the checkpoint/holding position and attack site/disabled vehicle location. ARSO Nguyen requested Quick Reaction Force (QRF) or US Army assistance for an escort back to the KRAB and EMEDS (emergency medical facility) for treatment of injured PSD member. ARSO Wittliff informed ARSO Nguyen that RSO Kirkuk, Rich Soler would attempt to contact US Army elements for assistance. ARSO Nguyen then agreed to intermittently contact RSO TOC Kirkuk for updates.

Approximately 10 minutes after speaking w/ RSO TOC Kirkuk, ARSO Nguyen observed US Army elements arrive from the South, who did not appear to be with the 116 Brigade (f/ KRAB). They immediately augmented w/ DynCorp and ING personnel to reinforce/enhance 360 coverage of the area. The team leader (Staff Sergeant) informed ARSO Nguyen and SL [] that they were a unit that was located closer to the checkpoint and were requested to provide temporary support until 116 Brigade elements arrived. (ARSO Nguyen is unsure of specific Unit designation. Team came from [] b2 b7c

ARSO was informed (via contact through PSD team members in contact w/ IPs) that local police were securing the area around the disabled vehicle. IP's asked if towing to the nearest IP station was desired. ARSO Nguyen advised not to tow the vehicle, as we were waiting for US Army 116 elements to arrive remove vehicle. IP forces agreed to remain with and secure the area around the vehicle.

ARSO Nguyen made contact w/ RSO TOC Kirkuk for a second time, providing RSO Soler with additional details on the incident (grids, injured personnel name, etc). RSO Soler informed ARSO Nguyen that US Military assistance from the KRAB was on its way, and to hold position.

After approximately 30-45 minutes, ARSO Nguyen and SL [] were informed by team Staff Sergeant that the KRAB's 116 Brigade elements had arrived at the disabled vehicle's location (approx 5 minute drive north). Staff Sergeant asked if it was desired to remain in position or drive north w/ his team's escort to meet with 116 Brigade team. ARSO Nguyen and SL [] decided that team should head north to link up w/ 116 Brigade elements at the disabled vehicle/attack site.

Upon arriving disabled vehicle site, team members and ARSO Nguyen took several pictures of vehicle damages, blast crater, and surrounding areas. At this time, injured

PSD member, TC [REDACTED] was loaded onto a US Army Medical Ambulance and the disabled vehicle was getting hitched for a tow. US Army elements were also patrolling surrounding areas for AIE bodies and additional enemy elements. ARSO was later informed (through IP and US Army translator) that IPs observed a pickup truck pull up to the attack site after the engagement and load several bodies onto a truck before driving off.

ARSO Nguyen contacted RSO TOC Kirkuk and informed ARSO Wittliff that all personnel were standing by at the disabled vehicle/attack site. ARSO Wittliff informed ARSO Nguyen that the Blackwater team f/ REO Kirkuk was awaiting USAID/Dyncorp Erbil team's arrival at the KRAB EMEDS for additional escort and support for escort back to the REO Kirkuk for RON (Rest of Night).

After all US Army patrols were completed, ambulance set up, and disabled vehicle hitched, US Army convoy and PSD members drove together to the KRAB. Upon arriving KRAB (approximately 2230 hours), several EMEDS personnel treated injured PSD member, TC [REDACTED]. One other team member was assessed, treated, and released. The disabled vehicle was left at KBR KRAB, w/ unsuccessful contact/notification w/ KBR at the time. ARSO Nguyen, Principal [REDACTED], SLI [REDACTED] and LD/Medic [REDACTED] stood by at EMEDS for updates. All were informed that PSD member, [REDACTED] would remain overnight for recovery after surgery, and that a possible Medevac would be arranged. EMEDS advised that contact would be maintained with REO Kirkuk regarding follow on action for TC [REDACTED].

From the onset of the incident's occurrence, ARSO Nguyen provided frequent situational updates to the principal, [REDACTED]. Protective coverage on the principal was maintained during and after the incident. [REDACTED] did not exit the vehicle until PSD motorcade arrived at [REDACTED] (KRAB) EMEDS facility. SI [REDACTED] continuously provided updates to ARSO Nguyen on the PSD team's status and actions.

USAID [REDACTED] PSD Team returned to REO Kirkuk at approximately 2345 hours for RON without incident. All team members and principal accounted for.

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I, [redacted] make the following statement:

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At 0820, I was working [redacted] and was checking vehicles and badges in the left hand lane. As I was working traffic I noticed [redacted] call a vehicle forward and the vehicle behind it, a black suburban, followed without authorization. The vehicle was told to stop by verbal and visual signals. The vehicle still did not stop, so [redacted] raised his weapon and racked a round. The vehicle still failed to stop so [redacted] fired (2) rounds into the vehicle. The driver immediately stopped and got out of the vehicle. He explained that he was looking to his left and not paying attention to the checkpoint. The COG, COG, and Watch Officer were called and arrived on scene to take over.

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I, [redacted] report shooting at [redacted] b2 b7c
Sat. 05, June, 25 I was working me in the right lane calling vehicles forward and
checking badges. At 0820 I called a vehicle forward, and the vehicle behind it, a black
GMC Suburban, came in right behind, running the stop sign. We yelled and gave hand
and arm signals to stop several times. The vehicle did not stop so we went to condition
one because the driver did not obey the commands. The driver still didn't stop and that is
when [redacted] fired two rounds into the Suburban. After the shots the Suburban came
to a stop and we told the driver to get out of the vehicle. After the driver got out of the
vehicle [redacted] called the COC, SOG, and COG to inform them of the shooting
that had happen at our post. Once they arrived at the post, me and [redacted] began
sending traffic through the open lane until both lanes were opened back up.

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On 25 June 2005 at 0820, one individual in a black Suburban approached checkpoint _____ When the vehicle in front of him was waved forward, the Suburban rolled through the stop sign without authorization. Myself and the other Marines on post yelled stop three to four times, raised the weapons, racked a round, said stop two more times, ther _____ fired two rounds into the grill of the vehicle. At that point, the vehicle stopped, and the driver got out of the vehicle and was taken to the T-wall. The individual and vehicle were thoroughly searched. Immediately after the shots were fired, COG was contacted, and notified of the situation. COG, SOG, and Watch Officer arrived on scene and took command. The RSO agents arrived shortly after along with the Commanding Officer. The driver was eventually told he could leave and the post returned to normal status.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

25 June 2005



Spot Report - 062505- 2

Subject: Marine Security Forces engage vehicle at US Embassy TCP**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC – Baghdad**Summary:** Two rounds fired into Suburban's grill area.

On 25 June 2005, at approximately 0820 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the southern traffic control point (TCP) [redacted] of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle (dark Chevrolet suburban) attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring verbal and hand commands to stop. One of the Marines at the checkpoint fired two rounds into the engine compartment of the vehicle, causing the vehicle to stop approximately twenty-five feet from the inspection area. The occupant of the vehicle suffered no injuries in the incident.

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RSO Action: Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted. Statements were obtained from all parties on scene. The digital video of the incident is being reviewed by RSO investigators. Based upon the contents of the statements and tape, it appears that the Marines acted in accordance with CFLCC (Coalition Forces Land Component Commander) Use of Force Doctrine, as well as post's Use of Deadly Force Policy.

Location: US Embassy Annex, International Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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Incident Report

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Location: [REDACTED]

Watch Officer: [REDACTED]

Number of Individuals involved: 5

Watch Chief: [REDACTED] bx

Date/Time: 25 June 0820

On Scene Commander: [REDACTED] bx

Description of Event: At approximately 0815 on 25 June 2005, [REDACTED] was standing as post NCOIC of [REDACTED]. Assisting him on post were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was working the right hand entry lane and [REDACTED] was working the left hand entry lane. [REDACTED] was monitoring foot traffic and at the time of the incident was in the NCO diamond behind [REDACTED]. As [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was monitoring the traffic from the NCO diamond, he noticed a black suburban attempting to piggy back, or come through right behind the vehicle in front of it. The black suburban had not been signaled to enter the TCP, due to the fact that SOP on all Marine TCP's is one vehicle at a time. [REDACTED] immediately yelled for the black suburban to stop as well as used a hand signal. The vehicle did not stop and so [REDACTED] yelled stop again as well as chambered a round and raised his weapon. The vehicle still did not stop so [REDACTED] yelled stop one last time and fired two rounds into the front of the vehicle. One round impacted in the top of the bumper directly below the GMC logo. This round entered the lower portion of the radiator and caused a considerable leak. The second round ricocheted off the hood and entered the lower center portion of the windshield creating a small hole in the windshield. The driver was not injured due to the fact that the suburban had an armor kit. The vehicle immediately stopped and the driver was removed from the vehicle. He was moved away from the vehicle to the NCO diamond and the vehicle was searched. The vehicle was not able to be driven and remained in the left hand entry lane. KBR towing was called and a wrecker was dispatched.

At approximately 0825, [REDACTED] arrived on scene. The driver of the suburban was one [REDACTED] employed by Black Water. He was in possession of a DoD CAC card and a blue embassy card, badge number [REDACTED]. The vehicle is a 2003 GMC Suburban 8100 V8. License number is [REDACTED] and the VIN is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he had been through the TCP more than once. He stated that he had pulled to the stop sign, looked both ways and then proceeded through. He said he did not see the visual signals from the Marines or hear their verbal warnings. However the Marines on post used the continuum of force properly and once engaged, the vehicle stopped approximately 10 meters from the NCO diamond.

At approximately 0845 2 RSO agents arrived on scene. They took pictures, collected the expended shell casings and a statement from [REDACTED]. At approximately 0900 the damaged vehicle was towed by KBR towing. The left hand entry lane remained closed due to the large amount of spilled radiator fluid. At approximately 0945, [REDACTED] reported that KBR HAZMAT had arrived, cleaned the spill and that the TCP was back to normal operating status.

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of the Event	04 23 2005	Time of the event	1520
Use of lethal force			
<p style="text-align: right;">b2 b7c</p> <p>I was the left door gunner position in the Counter Assault Vehicle. We where The fifth vehicle in a motorcade. When our motorcade came to a stop due to a military convoy. I then cracked my door and leaned out to give the hand and arm signal to all approaching vehicles to stop at a 100m away. At which I observed a dark blue van approaching at a high rate speed. I then told the crew of the approaching van. I then gave the hand signal to the on coming van. The van still approached the motorcade passing all stopped traffic. I continued to give verbal and visual signals to the van to stop.</p>			
Action Taken	<p>At approximately 60m the well gunner fired a pen flare to the left of the van. The van still approached at a high rate of speed. at this time I believed the van to be a VSED, and was in fear of my life and the lives of my teammates. At approximately 30m. I fired three shots at the driver. at 20m the van swerved to the left of the median. while it was coming to a stop the side door opened. The vehicle had curtains hanging throughout the vehicle. which prevented me to see what was inside. I then told the driver to move the vehicle forward. I then threw a green smoke as another warning to on coming vehicles and to cover the CAV. The motorcade then began to move a minute after the smoke was deployed.</p>		
Follow up Required			
<p>Further investigation notifications etc</p>			

Operator(s) Involved	Vehicles Involved	C.A.V.	Team(s) Involved	Team 40
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C.A.V. Left door gunner

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	04-23-2005	Time of Incident	1520
Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force		
Location of Incident	[Redacted] b2 b7j		
Description of Incident	<p>I was in the Driver position in the Counter Assault Vehicle. We were the fifth vehicle in a [redacted] motorcade. When our motorcade came to a stop due to a military convoy, the door gunners stopped all traffic that was behind us about 150m away from our motorcade by using the hand signal to stop. A blue van passed all traffic that was stopped at a high rate of speed. The well gunner called that a blue van was approaching. The van still approached the motorcade passing all stopped traffic. The Door Gunners continued to give verbal and visual signals to the van to stop.</p>		
Action Taken	<p>When verbal and visual warnings were not adhered to, I heard the well gunner fire a pen flare. It was called that the van was still approaching at a high rate of speed, then I heard [redacted] fire three and I [redacted] fire two shots. At that time [redacted] screamed for me to move the vehicle forward. At this time I believed the van to be a VBIED, and was in fear of my life and the lives of my teammates. [redacted] then threw a green smoke as another warning to on coming vehicles and to cover the CAV. The motorcade then began to move a minute after the smoke was deployed. I did not fire any rounds at the vehicles nor did I observe the occupant(s) of the vehicle.</p>		
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Operator(s) Involved

Vehicle(s) Involved	C.A.V.	Team(s) Involved	Team 40
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

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C.A.V. Driver

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	04-23-2005	Time of Incident	1520
Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force		
Description of Incident	<p>b2 b7c</p> <p>Was the right door gunner position in the Counter Assault Vehicle. We where The fifth vehicle in a motorcade. When our motorcade came to a stop due to a military convoy. We the door gunners stopped all traffic that was behind us about 150m away from our motorcade by using the hand signal to stop. A blue van passed all traffic that was stopped at a high rate of speed. The well gunner called the blue van out and began to give the hand signal for it to stop. The van still approached the motorcade passing all stopped traffic. I continued to give verbal and visual signals to the van to stop.</p>		
Action Taken	<p>At approximately 00m the well gunner fired a pen flare to the left of the van. The van still approached at a high rate of speed. At this time I believed the van to be a VBIED and was in fear of my life and the lives of my teammates. At around 60 to 40m, _____ fired three shots at the driver and _____ fired two shots. Around 30m the van swerved to the left of the median while it was coming to a stop the side door opened. The vehicle was dark inside, which prevented me to see what was inside. At that time I told the driver _____ to move the vehicle forward. _____ then threw a green smoke as another warning to on coming vehicles and to cover the CAV. The motorcade then began to move a minute after the smoke was deployed. I did not fire any rounds at the vehicles.</p>		
FOLLOW UP REQUESTS			
Operators Involved	Vehicles Involved	C.A.V.	Team Involved
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C.A.V. Right door gunner

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date Incident:	04-02-2005	Date of Report:	1520

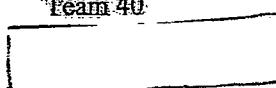
Incident Details	Use of Lethal Force
Details of Incident	b7d b7L
Details of Incident	I was in the well gunner position in the Counter Assault Vehicle in the last car of a motorcade. We were traveling south on 3. The motorcade came to a stop. The left and right door gunners had their doors cracked stopping traffic while I was flashing the rear warning lights. We had all lanes of traffic stopped behind our vehicle at 200 meters. A dark blue van passed the stopped traffic on the left at a high rate of speed.
Action Taken	As the aggressive vehicle approached the motorcade, I shot a red flare at the vehicle. The speeding vehicle did not slow down or deviate from it's course. The vehicle kept coming at a high rate of speed ignoring all warning signals from the well gunner and the left/right door gunners. At approximately 35m I feared for the safety of my fellow team members, the left door gunner and I opened fire on the vehicle simultaneously. I fired one shot in the grill and one shot at the drivers location. The left door gunner fired 3 shots into the drivers position of the aggressive vehicle. The vehicle swerved left into the median. The left door gunner called out "move, move, move" to the driver of the CAV, as the aggressive vehicle came to a halt. The left door gunner then threw a smoke grenade to the rear of our vehicle. The aggressive vehicle had darkened windows. Due to the low visibility into the vehicle, I could not identify if anybody was shot. No other vehicles approached our motorcade. Our motorcade then continued on it's route back to Hillah.
Follow Up Requests	

Operators Involved	Vehicle(s) Involved	Team(s) Involved	Team 40
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C.A.V. Well Gunner

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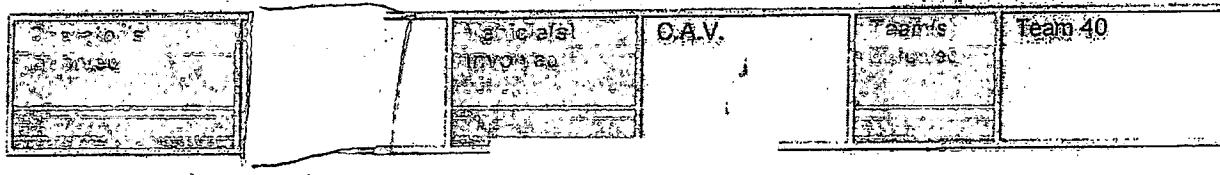
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Location	04-23-2005	Date of Incident	1520
Description of Incident	Use of lethal force		
Actions	<p>On 4/23/05 at approximately 1440 I was commanding a motorcade enroute to the Al Hillah Reg. Embassy. We were southbound on [redacted] when we came upon heavy traffic, causing our motorcade to stop in place. Due to the heavy traffic in the area, I was employing the [redacted] in an effort to reduce the likelihood of a VBIED or IED from exploding near our principal. As a result I was unable to hear any transmissions from the CAV commander. Upon returning to Al Hillah, I was informed of the incident.</p> <p>Upon observing we were coming to a choke point, I instructed all vehicle drivers to spread the convoy out and stop any traffic from encroaching closer than 100 meters. This was accomplished and I was able to visually see all but the CAV vehicle through my side mirror. I was focused on traffic conditions, and trying to determine an alternate route so I did not see or hear the incident. We were able to start moving about the same time the incident took place and returned to Al Hillah without further incident. Upon returning, I was briefed by the CAV Commander that a vehicle had approached our stopped motorcade at a high rate of speed, ignoring visual warnings and deployment of a pen flar. He further indicated two of the CAV team members employed their [redacted] in an effort to keep the vehicle from reaching the principal's vehicle. He also advised me that the vehicle had stopped prior to striking the CAV vehicle or breaching our motorcade. As an additional safety measure, a smoke canister was deployed to give the motorcade cover.</p>		
Follow Up Required	<p>Indicate what if any follow up action is required (e.g. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>		



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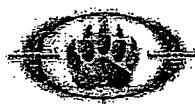
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	04 23 2005	Time of Incident	1520
Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force		
Description of Incident	Traveling South on [redacted] our motorcade was stopped due to traffic. I gave the order to stop traffic until the road cleared. At that time the Left Door Gunner [redacted] informed me that a dark blue van was approaching at a high rate of speed, passing all the stopped traffic. This was confirmed by the Well Gunner [redacted].		
Action Taken	I heard a pin flare deployed by Well Gunner [redacted] followed by 2 shots. Left Door Gunner [redacted] fired 3 shots. I was informed at that time the vehicle stopped. I then told the door gunners to throw smoke. We proceeded without further incident.		
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Operator(s) Involved	Vehicle(s) Involved	Team(s) Involved	Team 40
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	24 April 2005	Time of Incident	1030 hours	SEARCHED
Type of Incident	Shooting at threatening vehicle			
Location of Incident	Vehicle entrance point of CP1			
Description of Incident	<p>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principles involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, IGOs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</p> <p>My position is right rear gunner on the follow vehicle (4th) in the Templar 20 standard motorcade. My assigned fields of fire are the 9 o'clock to the 6 o'clock and to keep all traffic back approx. 100m.</p> <p>At approximately 1030 hrs immediately outside CP 1 our motorcade came to a stop at the vehicle entrance point of CP1. The motorcade had stopped traffic entering the intersection approx. 70 meters to the rear creating a security "bubble". We had been halted in that position for nearly 2 minutes when at 150m I began to give the hand signal to stop towards an approaching white sedan at my 5 o'clock position. At nearly 100m I was giving the verbal stop command along with raising my weapon towards the vehicle. When the vehicle passed other stopped traffic on the edge of our security bubble and began to enter the intersection I aimed in on the vehicle and gave one last verbal command. When the vehicle continued its forward movement towards the motorcade, I began to fear for the safety of the motorcade and myself.</p>			
Action Taken	<p>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</p> <p>I engaged the left front tire with a 5 round burst and walked it up into the engine block. I then shot another 3 round burst into the upper engine compartment before the vehicle came to a sudden stop. I was aware while firing that at least one other weapon was also engaging the approaching vehicle with good effects. Once the vehicle had stopped the driver raised his hands and remained in the vehicle. He appeared uninjured. I quickly scanned my sector one last time and then buttoned back up in the vehicle.</p>			
Follow-Up Required	As Required			

Operator(s) Involved		Vehicle(s) Involved		Team(s) Involved	Team 20
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	24 April 05	Time of Incident	App 10:20	IED
Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force (no injuries)			
(e.g. use of firearms, explosive devices, Nuclear, Chemical, Biological weapons, Lethal Force, Distraction devices deployed/Ambush)				
Location of Incident	b2 b7c			
(Describe location in detail, include route name, location and parts, approximate coordinates if known, etc.)				
Description of Incident	<p>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principles involved, injuries, injury to other US government personnel, NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCOs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</p> <p>b2 b7c</p> <p>IC _____ and _____ were in the 3rd vehicle (8600) of the convoy, stopped just outside of gate #1 awaiting entry. A white truck and a white 4 door sedan were approaching from the rear towards the convoy. IC _____ gave numerous warnings for the vehicles to stop, both visually and verbally. IC _____ observed the white truck come to a complete stop at a safe distance. The white 4 door sedan continued towards the convoy not adhering to the warnings given. IC _____ then muzzled the vehicle with his _____ as another warning while continuing to give the verbal command to stop. The vehicle continued towards the convoy, at which time IC _____ fired 2 rounds into the right front tire. The vehicle continued at which time 2 more round were fired into the grill area of the vehicle. The suspect vehicle then came to a complete stop at which time IC _____ felt that the threat was stopped and no other force was necessary. IC _____ then evaluated the driver and observed that he was not injured and was complying as he raised his hands.</p>			
Action Taken	Deployment of: _____ and four Rounds			
(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pointables, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)				
Follow Up Required				
(Indicate what, if any, follow up action is required re further investigation, notifications, etc.)				

Operator(s) Involved		Vehicle(s) Involved	Blue 8600	Team(s) Involved	Team 20 Team 18
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	24 April 05	Time of Incident	App 10:20
Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force (without killing) <i>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force, Use of Non-or-Less Lethal Force, Extraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)</i>		
Location of Incident	<i>(Describe location in detail. Include town name, local landmarks, grid coordinates, etc.)</i> b2 b6L		
Description of Incident	<i>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principals involved, injuries if any, other US government agents or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</i> Motorcade was halted attempting to enter Gate 1. Vehicle approached motorcade with driver failing to respond to instructions given by me verbally and physically on two occasions. I then engaged the vehicle by shooting two rounds into the front passenger tire. The vehicle proceeded toward the convoy I then fired two rounds into the grill. The vehicle then stopped forward motion. The threat was over and the driver of the vehicle got out of his vehicle. Our convoy proceeded into the checkpoint without further incident.		
Action Taken	Deployment of _____ and four Rounds <i>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed munitions, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</i>		
Follow-Up Required	<i>(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigations, notifications, etc.)</i>		

Operator(s) Involved		Vehicle(s) Involved	Blue 8600.	Team(s) Involved	Team 20 Team 18
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K-9 Handler, IPD
DSS Iraq Mission

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Date of Incident	04/27/05	Time of Incident	1600	IED
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Type of Incident	Vehicle Disabled – Shot Fired
(e.g. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-Lethal Force, Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Ambush, etc.)	

Vehicle Disabled – Shot Fired

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Location of Incident	(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, geo coordinates if known, etc.)
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On April 27, 2005, I, [REDACTED] was working as a Personal Security Specialist for Blackwater Iraq Protection Detail Templar Two. At approximately 1600, coming from [REDACTED] while en route to [REDACTED], I engaged one vehicle with one round from my [REDACTED]. While stopped at [REDACTED] I spotted a white Opel-style vehicle with one occupant sporadically driving to my position. I delivered numerous hand and verbal signals. As the driver did not respond to those signals, I presented my [REDACTED] towards the directions of the oncoming vehicle. The vehicle continued towards my position and at approximately 25 meters away, I fired one round into the grill of the vehicle.

I observed the driver of the vehicle raise both hands and he appeared to have no wounds. Templar Two Leader, [REDACTED] notified the TOC of the incident.

Action Taken	N/A
(Describe in detail what actions were taken re-deployed/limbered, deployed specific weapons/systems, etc.)	

N/A

Follow-Up Required	Statement written by [REDACTED]
(Indicate what, if any, follow-up action is required, i.e., further investigation, notifications, etc.)	

Statement written by [REDACTED]

Operator(s) Involved	[REDACTED]	Vehicle(s) Involved	Follow HUMVEE	Team(s) Involved	Templar 2
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Date of Incident: 04/28/2005 Time of Incident: 1100 hrs

Type of Incident:

(e.g. Use of lethal force/Use of Non-lethal Force/Use of Distraction Devices Deployed/Amber)

Vehicle Disabled

Location of Incident:

(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)

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Description of Incident:

(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principals involved, injuries, "any other U.S. government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, NGOs and/or non-U.S. government agencies involved, etc.)

This mission was in support of Templar 22 to the Palestine Hotel dated 28 Apr 05 at approximately 1100 hrs. While outside the hotel venue, I observed a **bright red station wagon** approaching our motorcade not responding to my verbal warnings and hand gestures to stop. At this point I felt it was an immediate threat to me and the members of our motorcade. I engaged the vehicle at an estimated 15 meters with two rounds from my [redacted]. This did not hinder the vehicle as it kept approaching. I engaged again with another two shots. The vehicle finally stopped at less than one meter and no further incident to either Templar 22 or Templar 2 was sustained. End of report.

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Action Taken:

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, re-deployed position, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

Included in narrative

Follow-Up Required:

(Indicate whether follow-up action is required, re-further investigation, notifications, etc.)

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Narrative forwarded through chain of command.

Operator(s) Involved: [redacted]

Vehicle(s) Involved:

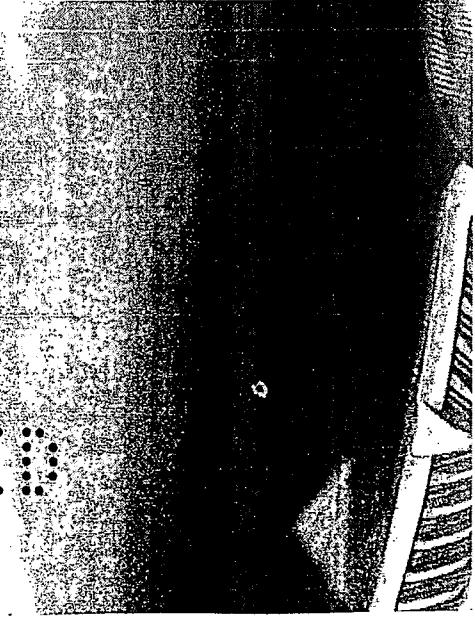
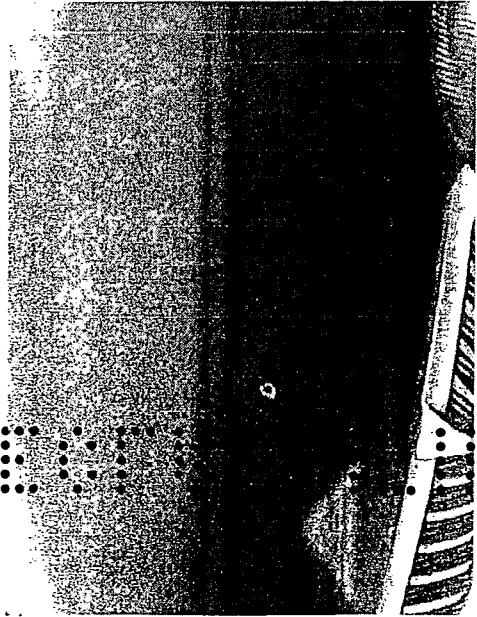
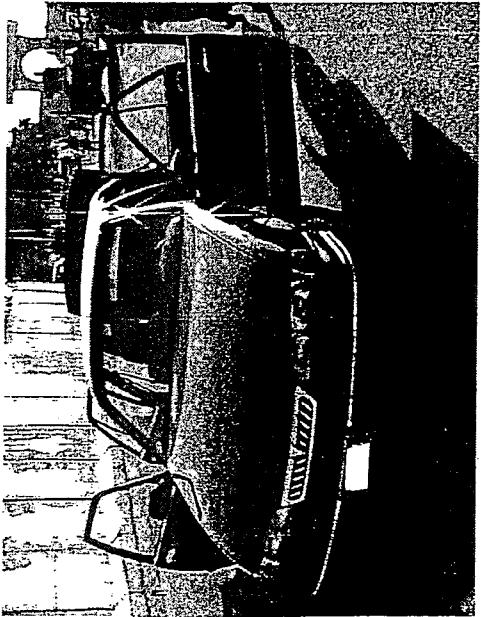
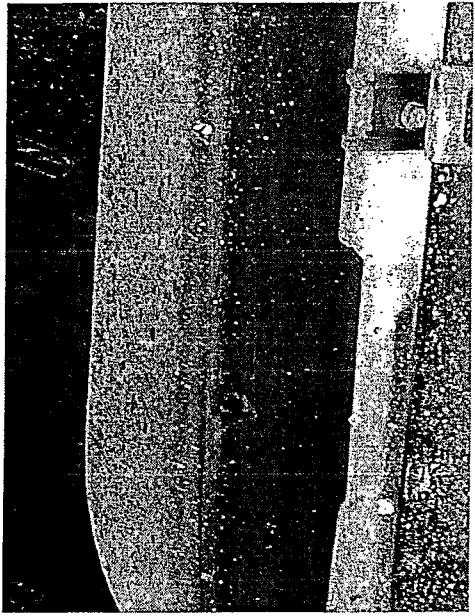
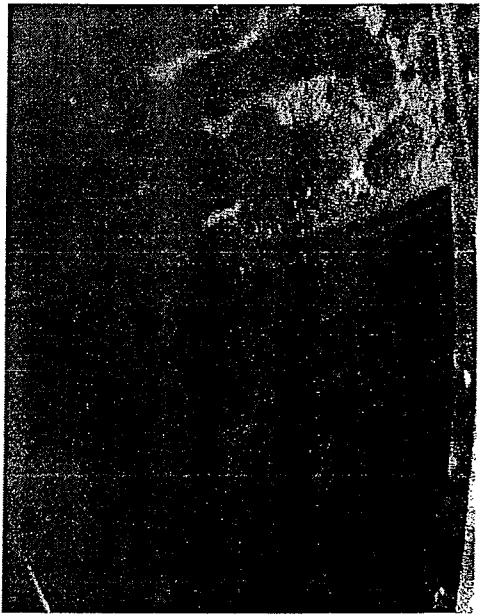
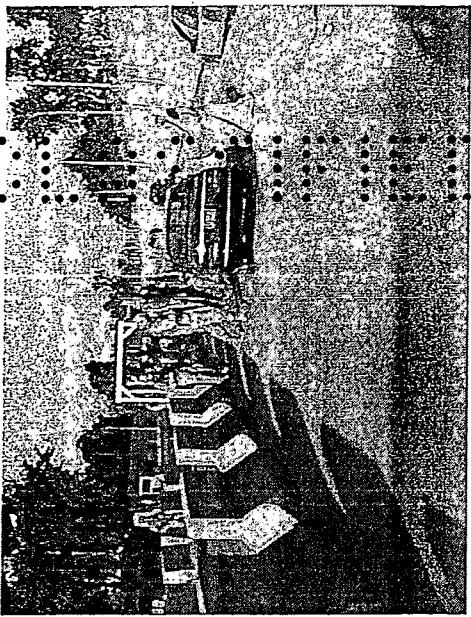
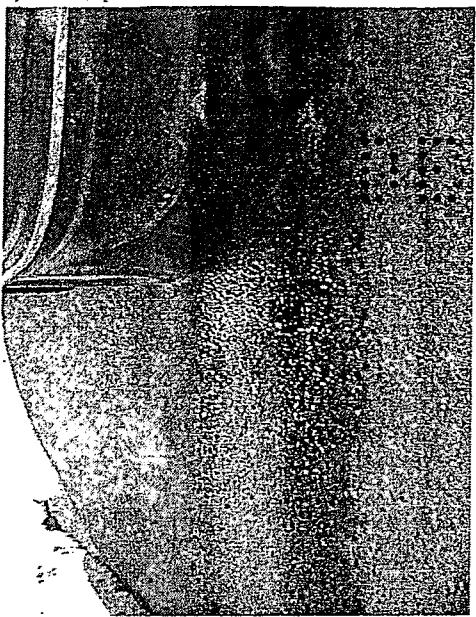
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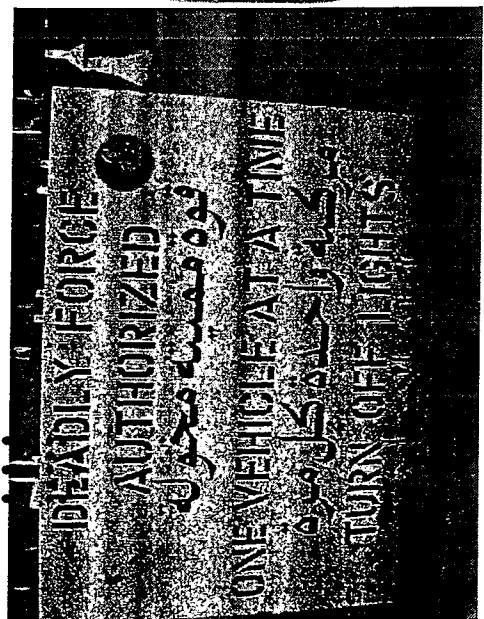
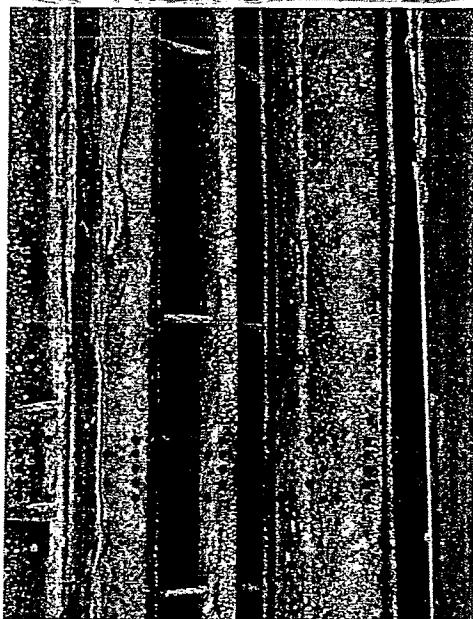
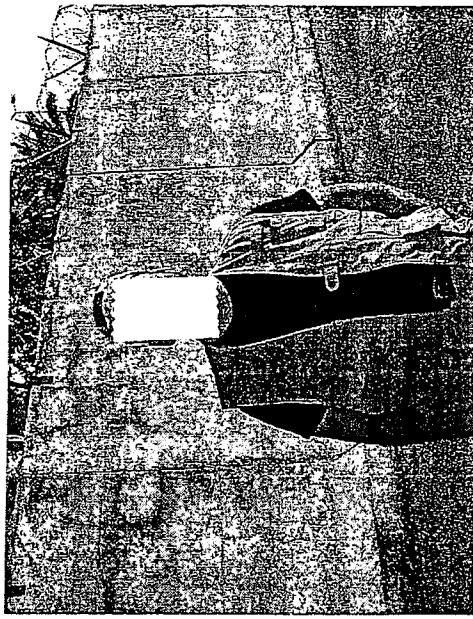
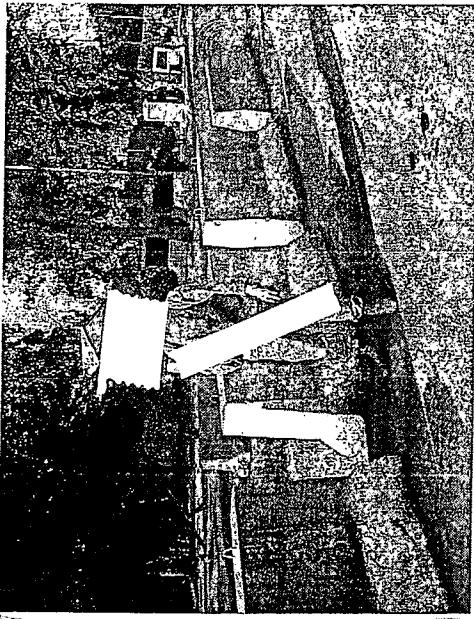
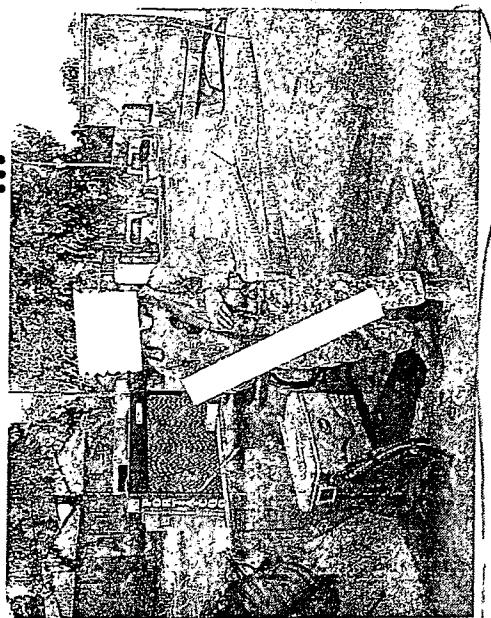
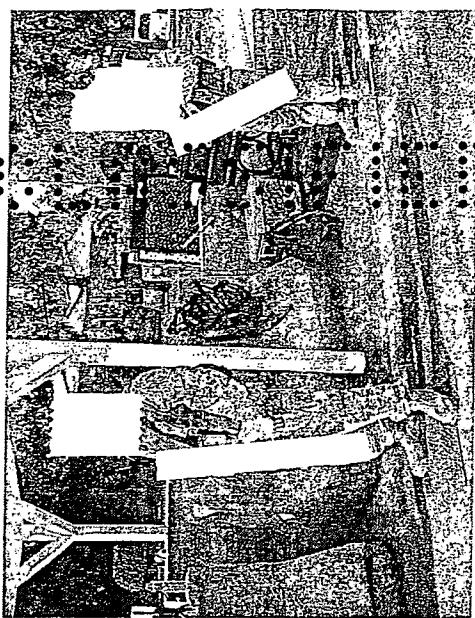
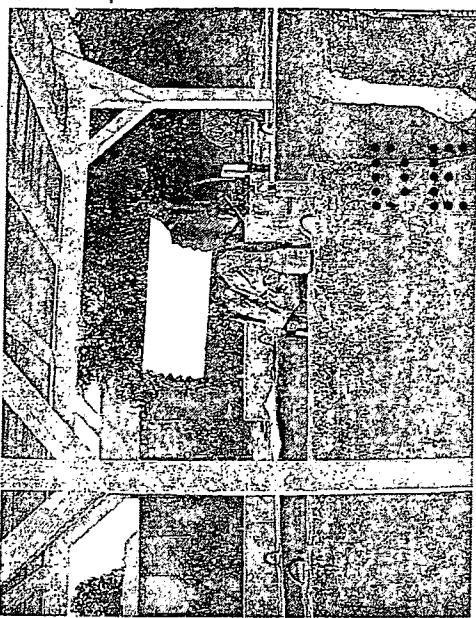
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In the afternoon of April 30th, 2005, [REDACTED] and I were at [REDACTED]. At 1751 hrs a black Daewoo Prince with two occupants came out of [REDACTED] ORA Rd. and turned right into my lane of operation without my waving them forward. I put the fist of my left hand into the air and yelled, "stop." I paused and repeated the same command. The vehicle did not stop and I then proceeded to raise my weapon. The vehicle continued to move forward to within roughly twenty meters of my position. I then looked over my sights and fired two shots into the hood of the vehicle. The vehicle then immediately stopped at about 15m from our position and the driver poked his head out of the window and yelled, "What the fuck are you doing, we're Americans." The two occupants then tried to get out of the vehicle and I ordered them to stay in the car. They told us that they were a Warrant Officer and a Master Sergeant in the US Army. The individuals remained calm inside of the vehicle and at roughly 1752 hrs. notified the COC of the incident. A couple of minutes later the gun truck arrived to our post and [REDACTED] jumped out of the HMMWV and started screaming at them to get out of the vehicle. The Warrant Officer and Master Sergeant proceeded to argue with [REDACTED] in regards to the manner in which he was speaking to them. The Warrant Officer and Master Sergeant argued with [REDACTED] until they were both posted by the T-wall. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then conducted a hasty search of the individuals and took the weapons they had on them. Each individual had a [REDACTED] which was placed on the passenger seat of the car [REDACTED] and myself then searched the vehicle. Inside the vehicle we found (1) [REDACTED] (1) [REDACTED] with a suppressor, flash bang grenades, and ammo for their weapons. While we were searching the vehicle, the SOG [REDACTED] showed up and a couple of minutes later [REDACTED] and DSA, Matt McCormick arrived at [REDACTED] and took charge of the scene. [REDACTED]

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USMC do make the following statement:

While operating as a sentry on post at [] on 050430 at roughly 1751 hrs a black 4-door Daewoo came out of ORA road taking a right into the lane right of the PSD lane. The vehicle was not called forward but continued to travel down the lane so we began yelling for the vehicle to stop. The driver did not appear to be complying then drew his weapon up and gave the verbal warning to stop, however, the vehicle continued to move towards us. During this time I was located behind him off to the left. I then chambered a round. Immediately after this act or during, at approximately 1752, fired two rounds into the engine area while the vehicle was about 20 meters. The vehicle then finally stopped. Afterwards the driver poked out his head and yelled out that they were Americans and something to the effect of "What the fuck are you doing." Right at this point [] started to contact the Corporal of the Guard to inform him of the incident. We informed the two individuals to stay in the vehicle. The MSF security gun truck arrived about a minute and a half after shooting. Then [] told us to inform the two individuals in the vehicle to get out and to get against the T-wall. The two individuals moved towards the wall but continued to argue with us. Both individuals put their hands on the T-wall with their backs to us as instructed. I proceeded to take one individual's sidearm, a while [] took the other sidearm, both of which were []. Then [] and [] started searching the vehicle. They found weapons, flashbangs, and some fragmentation grenades. I also noted some hollow point [] rounds in the magazines in the vehicle though some of the other magazines contained regular [] rounds when I did a quick check of it. During the search the Sergeant of the Guard, began speaking with the two individuals. At roughly 1755 hrs, the Corporal of the Guard, [] and Matt McCormick, the DoS Agent, arrived on scene. Mr. McCormick took charge of the scene and immediately began surveying the site of the incident.

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USMC do make the following statement:

While posted as [REDACTED] at 1751 hrs a black Daewoo 4-door [REDACTED] vehicle with a black Iraqi license plate driven by two personnel pulled out of ORA Rd and entered the lane right of the PSD lane coming inbound without being waved in by the sentry. The vehicle continued to move toward us. We yelled stop 2 times then we raised our weapons. Again we continued to yell stop, and the vehicles did not make any attempt to slow down. [REDACTED] fired two rounds in to the hood of the oncoming vehicle. The vehicle was approximately 20 meters from our position when [REDACTED] fired his weapon. The vehicle immediately stopped roughly 15 meters away and steam rouse from the hood as water spilled down from the engine. The driver immediately yelled that they were Americans and why the (fuck) did we shoot at them. The personnel attempted to exit the vehicle. I told them to stay in the vehicle. At roughly 1752 hrs I called the COG, [REDACTED] and reported the incident. Soon after, the MSF security gun truck showed up on scene. [REDACTED] instructed the individuals to exit their vehicles [REDACTED] and I got the individuals out of the vehicle and up against the T- wall. At first the individuals did not want to be compliant. They kept saying were active duty military and that we needed to calm down. They finally complied with our verbal commands and placed their hands on the T-wall. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] disarmed the personnel who were carrying two [REDACTED] service pistols. Then [REDACTED] and I searched the vehicle and found assorted small arms and 2 flash bang grenades. We took all weapons and placed them on the front passengers seat. As soon as the SOG, [REDACTED] arrived on scene and identified himself, they became compliant. We identified the personnel as active duty U.S. Army servicemen. Then they told us that they were Special Forces group 10. At roughly 1755 hrs the Sergeant of the Guard, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] USMC make the following statement:

On 050430 I was one of the four sentries posted at [REDACTED]. At approximately 1752 I [REDACTED] was checking a vehicle for proper identification in the third lane from left T-wall when I heard [REDACTED} giving loud verbal commands to "stop". He gave the command twice when I heard two shots fired. I immediately looked towards the left lane and noticed a small black compact vehicle, disabled from the rounds fired, with two individuals sitting in it. The two individuals then proceeded to get out of the vehicle. I immediately put my weapon in condition one and asked them to get back into the car. Shortly after, the MSF security gun truck pulled up on scene with [REDACTED] told the two men to get out of the vehicle and get against the wall. The [REDACTED] both complied by putting their hands against the wall. I provided cover for [REDACTED] while he conducted the search of one of the individuals. One [REDACTED] was confiscated from that individual. Upon completion of the search of the first individual, [REDACTED] covered me as I searched the second individual. I confiscated one [REDACTED] from that individual. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all searched the vehicle where small arms and more ordnance were found. I ensured the weapon I confiscated was in condition four and added it to the collection of weapons that were found in the vehicle. I was then told to go back to the right lane by [REDACTED] and continue to let traffic through.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
30 April 2005 Shooting at [redacted] b2 b7c		2005-0025	
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE	
		Administrative	
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
Baghdad	30 April 2005	30 April 2005	S/A McCormack

SYNOPSIS

On 30 April 2005, at approximately 1800 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the southern traffic control point [redacted] of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring verbal and hand commands to stop. Both occupants of the vehicle suffered no/no injuries in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted, as well as statements by the occupants of the vehicle. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards located at the scene, and digital video of the incident was reviewed. No evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine guards acted outside established Rules of Engagement. Case closed.

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1. On 30 April 2005, at approximately 1755 hours, RA monitored radio traffic from the southern traffic control point [] of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle [] operated by two American service members. [] is manned by Marines of Alpha Company, Anti-Terrorism (AT), 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The marines also reported that no/no injuries resulted from the engagement of the vehicle. *b2 b7c*
2. At approximately 1800 hours, RA and [] of the AT Company were dispatched to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. RA and [] arrived at: [] at approximately 1810 hours. RA briefly questioned [] as to the circumstances of the shooting. [] stated that a vehicle operated by [] DOB: [] SSN# [] and [] DOB: [] SSN# []. [] attempted to enter the TCP from a side road just before the entrance to the TCP. [] further stated that he stepped into the street and gave verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. [] explained that when the driver failed to heed the warnings, he raised his [] chambered a round, and fired two shots at the vehicle's grill. *b2 b7c b7d*
3. RA and [] inspected the vehicle which had not been moved since the incident. The vehicle was a black four door Daewoo Prince, VIN: [] Iraqi license plate number []. There were two visible bullet holes located in the grill and hood of the vehicle. A further inspection of the engine area revealed that one bullet had penetrated the radiator and the other had penetrated the engine block of the vehicle. No bullets or fragmentations were recovered from the vehicle. A search of the TCP where [] was standing uncovered two spent [] casings. Photographs of the vehicle and the incident scene were taken and are attached to this report.
4. At Approximately 1830 hrs [] and [] were escorted to the RSO TOC. S/A's Ray Baroni and Heidi McMichael met with the two SUBJECTS and had them provide written statements regarding the incident. (See attached) *b7c*
5. At approximately 1835 hrs, Kellogg, Brown, and Root (KBR) dispatched a tow truck to [] to move the vehicle from the scene. *b2 b7c*
6. According to [] statement, he was the driver of the vehicle and was coming out from the side road leading onto the Palace road close to []. [] stated that he observed the Marine at the TCP looking at him, [] believed this to mean that it was OK for him to pull forward. [] turned right onto the Palace road and as he drove forward he looked down to raise his ID badge. As he continued driving in the direction of the TCP, he looked to his right where [] was also looking. (Agent Note: to the right of the vehicle is a row of 10 foot Texas walls which run the entire the length of Palace road.) At that point [] stated that he heard two shots fired at him and then stopped the vehicle

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7. According to [REDACTED] statement, he was the passenger of the vehicle. [REDACTED] explained that the vehicle he and [REDACTED] were driving was coming out from the side road leading onto the Palace road close to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he made eye contact with the marine at the TCP at which time the driver [REDACTED] turned right to approach the TCP. [REDACTED] then stated that as he raised his ID to show the Marines, he observed the Marines become "agitated" explaining that one of Marines raised his weapon in their direction while another raised a closed fist. [REDACTED] stated that shortly after observing the Marine's actions he heard two shots fired. [REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED] stopped the vehicle at that time.
8. At approximately 2030 hours, [REDACTED] USMC, obtained written statements regarding the incident from the Marines at [REDACTED]. In addition, [REDACTED] obtained a written statement from the Watch Officer on duty at the time of the incident. These statements and a copy of the Use of Force Policy were provided to RA and are attached to this ROI.
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9. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] at approximately 1751 hrs, while standing watch at [REDACTED] a Black Daewoo vehicle with two occupants turned onto Palace road from a side street located near the TCP. [REDACTED] explained that he the vehicle drove forward towards the TCP without being motioned to move forward. [REDACTED] stated that after giving verbal and hand commands for the vehicle to stop repeatedly, he raised his [REDACTED] in the direction of the vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle continued to drive forward at which time [REDACTED] chambered a round and fired two rounds into the grill area of the vehicle.
10. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] at approximately 1752 hrs, he was located in the third lane from the Texas wall checking a vehicle for the proper ID at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he heard [REDACTED] giving loud verbal commands to "Stop". [REDACTED] recalled that he heard [REDACTED] give the commands twice and then heard two shots fired. [REDACTED] then noticed a black vehicle with two occupants had stopped in the second lane from the Texas wall. The two occupants had attempted to exit the vehicle when [REDACTED] chambered a round in his [REDACTED] and commanded them to return to the vehicle.
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11. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED], at approximately 1751 hrs, a black Daewoo four door vehicle with two occupants turned right onto Palace road from a side street located near the TCP. [REDACTED] explained that the vehicle drove forward without the Marine sentry motioning or calling him forward. As the vehicle traveled towards their position, he and [REDACTED] gave commands for the vehicle to stop and subsequently raised their weapons after the vehicle failed to stop. [REDACTED] stated that as the vehicle approached within twenty meters from their position, [REDACTED] fired two rounds into the vehicle. [REDACTED] explained that the two occupants of the vehicle stated that they were Americans and attempted to exit the vehicle. [REDACTED] told the two occupants to remain in the vehicle.
12. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED], at approximately 1751 hrs, while serving as a sentry at [REDACTED] a black Daewoo, four door vehicle with two occupants turned right onto Palace road from a side street located near the TCP. [REDACTED] explained that the vehicle was not/not called forward

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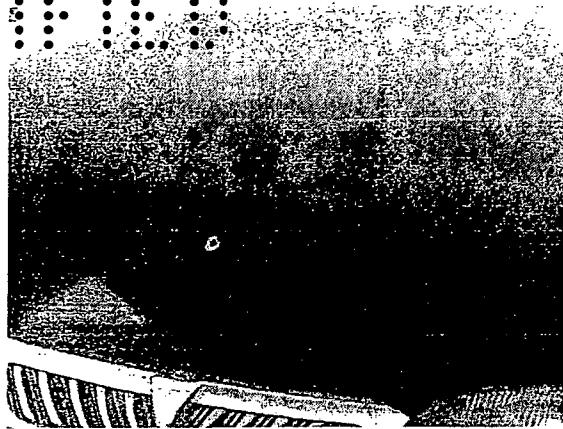
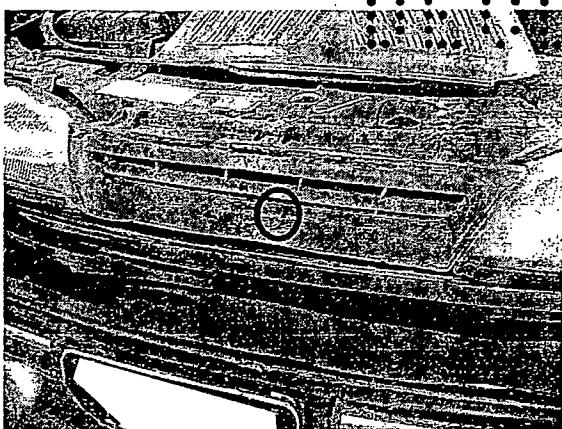
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to their position but began driving towards the TCP. At that time [redacted] stated that he and the other Marines at the TCP yelled for the vehicle to stop. The vehicle failed to stop after the commands were provided at which time he chambered a round into his [redacted]. Shortly after raising his weapon at the vehicle, [redacted] fired two shots at the engine area of the vehicle. The vehicle stopped after being fired upon. At that time he provided commands for the vehicle occupants to remain in the vehicle.

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13. At approximately 2100 hours, [redacted] USMC, provided RA with a physical count of the number of rounds remaining in [redacted] magazines. The count revealed that two rounds were missing from one thirty round magazine.
14. At approximately 2100 hours, RA reviewed digital video of the incident captured by a closed circuit television camera positioned immediately south of [redacted]. The digital video showed at 1752 hrs, [redacted] anc [redacted] vehicle approaching the entrance lane for [redacted] can be seen stepping into the street and pointing his weapon in the direction of the vehicle as it continued traveling forward. The vehicle then stopped in close proximity to where the Marines were standing and the passenger can be seen attempting to exit the vehicle. The digital video lacks sufficient clarity to determine when [redacted] fired at the vehicle. Bullet impacts on the vehicle cannot be discerned.
15. Based on the statements from [redacted] nd [redacted] as well as the digital video, there is no/no evidence that the Marine guards acted in contravention of their Rules of Engagement when they opened fire on [redacted] and [redacted] vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

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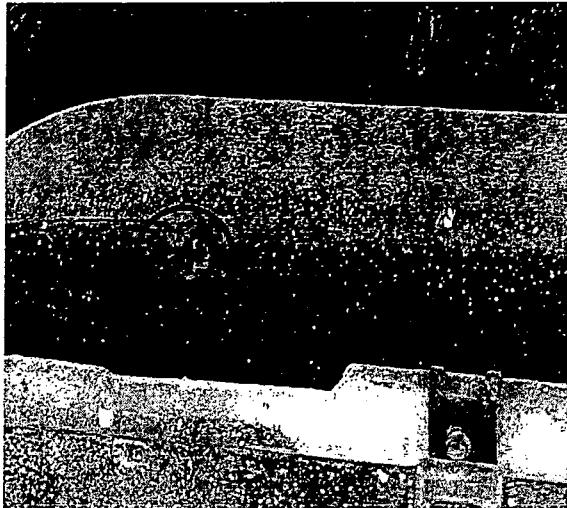
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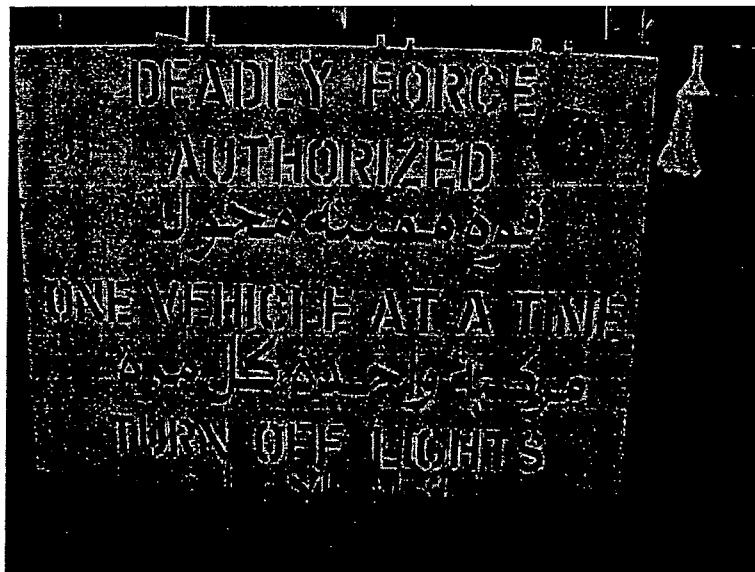
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WARNING SIGN LOCATED AT SIDE ROAD BEFORE [REDACTED]

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Incident Report

Location: [redacted] b7c

Number of Individuals involved: 4

Date/Time: 050430-1752

On Scene Commander: [redacted] b7c

Watch Office

Watch Chief: [redacted] b7c

Description of Event:

On the afternoon of April 30th, 2005, [redacted]

were assigned to post at [redacted]. At 1751 a black Daewoo Prince with two occupants turned onto the Palace Road from B Street, heading north on Palace road. The vehicle turned right into the lane right of the PSD lane without the Marines at the checkpoint waving them forward. [redacted] then stuck his left fist into the air and yelled "stop." The vehicle continued forward and [redacted] in addition to [redacted] and [redacted]

again ordered the vehicle to stop. Following continuum of force, [redacted] in addition to [redacted] proceeded to raise their weapons at the vehicle, again indicating for the vehicle to stop. [redacted] then racked a round into the chamber of his weapon and again raised his weapon. The vehicle continued to move forward to within roughly twenty meters of [redacted] position when he then fired two rounds into the vehicle.

[redacted] was already in condition one because he was acting as the TCP coverman at that time. One round impacted in the vehicle's hood and the other in the vehicle's grill. The vehicle was occupied by two passengers in civilian clothing, members of a U.S. Army intelligence unit operating in the area. There were no injuries. The vehicle then immediately stopped and the driver poked his head out of the window and yelled, "What the fuck are you doing, we're Americans." When the two occupants tried to get out of the vehicle, they were ordered to stay inside by the Marines on post. The two individuals then informed the sentinels that they were a Warrant Officer and a Master Sergeant in the US Army. The individuals remained calm inside of the vehicle and at roughly 1752 hrs

[redacted] notified the COC of the incident. The MSF security gun truck arrived at [redacted]

[redacted] in response to the radio transmission. At this time [redacted] 0311 dismounted the HMMWV and yelled at the individuals in the vehicle, telling them to make their way out. The Warrant Officer and Master Sergeant proceeded to argue with [redacted] in regards to the manner in which he was speaking to them. This went back and forth between [redacted] and both the Warrant Officer and Master Sergeant until they both posted with their hands on the T-wall, backs to the Marines, in compliance with their instructions. [redacted] and [redacted] then conducted a hasty search of the individuals and took the weapons they had on them. Each individual had a

service pistol that was placed on the passenger seat of the car.

[redacted] and [redacted] then searched the vehicle. Inside the vehicle they found (1) [redacted] with a suppressor, flash bang grenades, and ammunition for the weapons. Upon reaching the TCP, the Sergeant of the Guard (SOG), [redacted], took control of the situation and began to speak with the Warrant Officer and the Master Sergeant. At approximately 1755 hrs the Corporal of the Guard (COG), [redacted]

[redacted], in addition to the Watch Officer, [redacted] and Department of State Agent, Matt McCormack, arrived at [redacted] and took

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charge of the scene [REDACTED] began photographing the scene and documenting the scene while Mr. McCormack began to question the individuals and analyze the incident site. At roughly 1840 hrs the tow truck moved the vehicle and the individuals were taken to the RSO TOC for questioning.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

08 May 2005



Spot Report - 050805-01

Subject: PSD fires on vehicle**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Hostile vehicle fired upon by PSD team

At approximately 1145, 08 May 05, after departing the Baghdad Hotel, a PSD team was aggressively approached by a white Toyota Supra while traveling through the Friridos Circle. The vehicle appeared to only be occupied by the driver. After failing to heed warning to back off, the PSD fired warning shots, both into the ground and the air. The team reported that the driver then ducked down, and rather than backing off, came up with a [redacted] pistol. The PSD team then engaged the threat by firing several rounds into the engine block and windshield of the vehicle. The vehicle subsequently broke off at that time. Further information concerning the status of the driver and vehicle are not available at this time.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

10 May 2005



Spot Report - 051005-02

Subject: DynCorps COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Aggressive vehicle fired upon by PSD team.

At approximately 0944, 10 May 05, a COM PSD team observed a **white sedan** approaching their motorcade while en route to a power plant in Qubas. The driver of the vehicle moved around a line of traffic, approximately 100 meters distant from the motorcade, failed to yield to hand signals and approached the motorcade as it was stopped in traffic. When the vehicle got within 50 meters of the motorcade, the turret gunner fired one [redacted] caliber round into the engine area of the car. The driver slowed his forward movement, and put the car in reverse. It is believed the driver was not injured during the altercation. No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

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There was one principal in the [redacted] motorcade at the time of the ✓
incident.

Location: Adhamiyah District, Baghdad Iraq

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From: Hill, Anthony J (Al Hillah A/RSO)
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2005 6:30 PM
To: RSO_TOC_Baghdad
Cc: Brackins, David A (Baghdad)
Subject: Incident - initial report

Today a BW Team operating in Al Kut had two incidents:

- While at the PCC in Al Kut a vehicle ran the IP check point and headed toward the team. A warning marker was fired and hit the vehicle. Marker hit the vehicle in the hood and bounce into the wind shield. No one was injured.
- While driving back from Al Kut the team was completing a U-turn when a van tried to get in between the vehicles. Shots were fired into the grill of the vehicle and the van stopped. No one was injured.

I will interview everyone involved and more details will follow.

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Anthony Hill
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To: RSG_TOC_Baghdad, Blackins, David A (Baghdad)
Cc: Bishop, Michael E (Al Hillah RSO)
Subject: FW: USGovt

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Dave,
I'm enclosing the preliminary spot report of the incident on 5-10-05. I have also enclosed the incident reports provided to me by the Black Water personnel. As more information comes available I will keep you informed.

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Anthony Hill
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Here is the preliminary spot report

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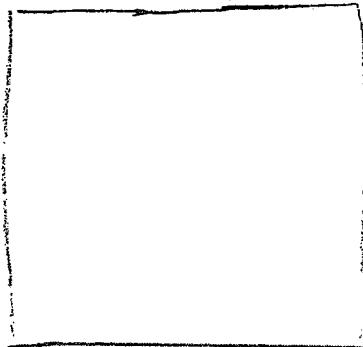
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May 10, 2005. I was the well gunner in the CAV. We were at the PCC venue we were at a three way intersection. I saw a sedan coming towards us; it drove quickly through an Iraqi Police checkpoint. The IP's merely waved the vehicle through without even getting up out of their chairs as they were all other vehicles. The vehicle was able proceed through the checkpoint without slowing down. The vehicle then quickly accelerated toward the CAV and I verbally warned the side gunners who were posted outside the vehicle for security. I also began yelling at the vehicle driver in order to alert him to stop. Our visual and verbal signals had been successful in stopping numerous other vehicles previous to this particular one. The vehicle continued to accelerate to a threatening speed and was dangerously close. our left door gunner started verbal warnings to stop as well but the vehicle continued coming towards us. Our driver, then shot a practice "chalk" round to the incoming and non-compliant vehicle. I heard the shot and saw that the round hit the deck approximately 5 feet in front of the vehicle, which made the driver stop and turn around.



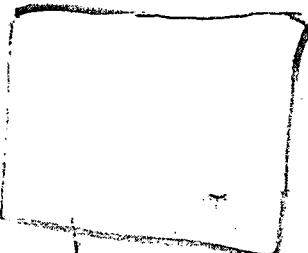
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On May 10, 2005 I [REDACTED] was the well gunner in the CAV we were leaving the SCIRI venue. We exited the venue and made a right on the main street leaving the venue. We were making an immediate U-Turn approximately 100 meters from the SCIRI exit. The motorcade came to an abrupt stop and the vehicle commander indicated to me hold traffic back at least 150 feet because the motorcade had become bottlenecked at the turn. I saw a vehicle coming towards us from the rear of the motorcade at a very high rate of speed. Quickly passing all other vehicles that had stopped for our motorcade. I then proceeded to give the vehicle a hand and arm signal to stop and yelled "KIF" and "STOP" to the driver of the vehicle. In most instances these actions have been sufficient to cause the driver of any oncoming vehicles to stop. The vehicle did not heed to my commands. In light of recent intel on VBIED threats in our area of operation then, I felt that the vehicle was a threat to the motorcade, the principal and myself. I then proceeded to fire three well aimed rounds from my [REDACTED] /to the grill of the vehicle and indicated my actions verbally to the other members of the CAV. The vehicle came to an immediate stop. We then proceeded with no further incidents.



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On May 10, 2005, [REDACTED] left rear gunner of the CAV was at the PCC venue in the city of Al-Kut. While providing security at an intersection of a major surface street and a side street, a vehicle came towards the CAV after passing an Iraqi police check point. I signaled to the vehicle to stop after passing the check point to have it turn around and go back the way it came from. The vehicle continued coming towards the CAV disregarding the hand and arm signal I gave it. That is when the CAV driver [REDACTED] shot a marker round at the vehicle. The round impacted in front of the vehicle. The vehicle immediately came to a stop and conducted a three point turn and left the way it came from with out further incident.

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On May 10, 2005 I [REDACTED] rear left gunner of the CAV, after leaving the SCIRI venue. Well Gunner, [REDACTED] yelled "KIE" and "STOP" to a vehicle approaching our motorcade. I then attempted to crack the vehicle door to see where the threat was coming from. That is when [REDACTED] announced to the CAV that he is going to employ his [REDACTED] with a three round burst. That is when he employed his weapon and disabled any threat to the motorcade. We continued with out further incident.



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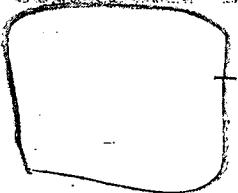
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CAV Driver

On 10 May 05 the detail was moving from SCIRI and making a right turn on to the main street. The detail then made a U-turn turning in a heavily congested area when a vehicle was speeding towards the rear of the CAV. The escalation of force was already in effect due to the congestion of the area. The well gunner yelled "stop" in Arabic and then followed with "three to the grill". The vehicle was then hindered of moving closer and the detail was able to move safely down the road.



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CAV Driver

On 10 May 09 the detail was at the venue Provisional Council in Al kut. The area is completely wide open to traffic in all directions. Due to the traffic and security, I as the driver had to leave the driver seat and pull security. The CAV was placed on the east side of the venue in order to block traffic on this side street from entering the parking lot. There is an Iraqi Police checkpoint about one hundred meters down this side street with stations in the road. A vehicle went through the checkpoint and began to pick up its rate of speed toward the CAV. I then visually made hand gestures to stop the vehicle from approaching and it did not. It came within forty meters of the CAV when I fired a marker round @ the ground in front of the vehicle. This non-lethal escalation of force caused some damage to the windshield of the vehicle due to its momentum but stopped the vehicle from approaching any further and possibly causing harm to my team.



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RE: Incident on 10 MAY 2005

Submitted by: [redacted] Vehicle Commander [redacted]

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On 10 MAY 2005, I was assigned as the commander of the Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV) attached to the B-W PSD team "Green". We were conducting a PSD movement in Al Kut, Iraq. We had completed all missions in the city and we were beginning our movement back to Al Hillah. We exited our last venue and turn right onto Route

[redacted] which is a fast moving highway. Shortly thereafter it was necessary for the motorcade to make a U-turn. There was a lot of congestion in the oncoming lane and a large truck failed to slow causing the motorcade to hold and bottleneck in the turn. Due to the vulnerable position of the motorcade and the principle therein, I directed the gunner to hold all traffic back. This is understood to mean at least 100-150 feet. Traffic was already converging at a very high rate of speed. It was an instance in which the events unfolded so quickly there was very little reaction time. The only option available to the well gunner was to engage to stop the oncoming vehicle with his weapon in hand, which was the [redacted]. The well gunner is instructed, and has experience, in utilizing his weapon to stop a vehicle by rendering it disabled while diminishing hazards to the occupants. This is accomplished by aiming at the area where the rounds would impact in the radiator and further into and stopped by the engine block. It is a tactic which has been safely used numerous times in the past. The well gunner indicated he was firing as he fired and that the vehicle was stopped. The turn was completed and the motorcade continued on safely and without further incident. I inquired and the well gunner indicated that his rounds impacted at his intended location and no one appeared to have been injured.

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Re: Incident on 10 May 2005

Submitted by [REDACTED] CAV Commander [REDACTED]

On May 10, 2005 I was assigned as the Vehicle Commander for the Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV) attached to the BW PSD team "Green". We were on station at a venue, which is one where the motorcade is left in a particularly vulnerable position after the Principle has been escorted inside the building. The venue has three fast avenues of approach from which we can be attacked and the motorcade must stage in a very large wide-open area through which local national vehicles are travel at rates of high rates of speed. Recent intel reports have indicated increased VBIED threats in our areas of operation to include this city. I was directed to block off one of the avenues of approach. The street we were blocking would provide an attacking vehicle direct access, by fire or crashing through as a VBIED to the humvee as it was staged. There were some ING's as well as IP's in the area however, they were not being helpful and reports in the past have indicated, and made me unlikely to, rely on them for the security of the principle and my men.

Approximately one block down on the street we were blocking was an IP checkpoint. It consisted of small rocks that most sedans could easily clear. These rocks were intended to slow down traffic. The IP's also were sitting under a tree in the shade and not checking vehicles in any way. They were waving them through from their seats.

Due to the openness of the venue I was forced to utilize the driver as additional security. Normally the driver would stay protected in the vehicle with the door closed prepared for the event in which we would have to leave the venue quickly. At this particular venue we needed more men on the ground due to the fact that there is no physical security outside the metal gate where we must stage the motorcade. There are no T-walls, Jersey barricades or "HESCO" barriers to protect the motoreade. All security on the ground outside comes from the physical presence of, primarily, the five members of the CAV team.

Prior to the incident in question, we had signaled numerous vehicles to stop and turn, indicating that there was no throughway on this street for this period of time. All other vehicles had heeded our signals and warnings. The vehicle in question proceeded through the checkpoint without slowing considerably due to having just been waved through by the IP's. My gunners and driver relayed these facts to me. My attention at the time was to the large open area in front of us covering the main street with an additional [REDACTED] I then heard the shot of the driver's weapon and he informed me that he had fired a non-lethal practice round. I turned to see that the vehicle was turning around to go back the way it came. I saw that there was chalk on the ground in front of the vehicle. I noted that the vehicle was dangerously close and we would have been killed at that distance if it had, in fact, been a VBIED. They explained to me that the vehicle had accelerated quickly and covered the area, in only the reaction time of the shooter, after passing the IP checkpoint. The round that was fired was a less than lethal training round filled with colored chalk.

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Date: 10 May, 2003

Subject: Incident Report for Green Team Move to Al Kut, Iraq

(Note: Green Team PSD for this move consisted of 2 motorcade (with ECM) b7c including a CAV Truck – a total of 18 PSD personnel and 3 VIP's made this trip)

The following is a synopsis of the incident(s) "as relayed to me by the CAV Truck Commander" and actions taken by members of PSD Green Team while conducting PSD movement to Al Kut on the above date – at approximately 1300 hrs Green Team with its principle arrived at the PCC/Al Kut venue to meet with members of the PCC Leadership and the designated Al Sadi representatives.

Once the principal was taken to the appropriate meeting area security was established both indoor and outdoor. The CAV Truck took up a position immediately to the front right of the PCC entrance where they could observe both vehicular and foot traffic – it was noted that IP's (although present) were not stopping any vehicles from attempting to enter the venue from any of the high speed avenues of approach – at approximately 1400 I was alerted (I was occupying a position in the PCC) that the CAV Truck had engaged a vehicle which had "blown through" a IP check point and was heading directly for the CAV Truck – members of the CAV Truck used visual and verbal commands to attempt have the vehicle stop but the vehicle remained on course with the CAV Truck – The PSD Team Member from the CAV Truck engaged the automobile with his personal weapon where he hit the vehicle just above the grill and the round followed through to the windshield. Upon my inspection of the vehicle and the surrounding area it is clear that the gunner:

1. Waited till the last possible moment before engaging the vehicle with the least amount of force the team had
2. The driver clearly did not stop for the IP's at the checkpoint nor did he stop/redirect for the CAV Truck Crew who also used hand and arm signals to communicate with the driver.
3. Had attempted to aim for the grill rather then the windshield

I visually inspected the vehicle and found/saw the impact point where the round made contact. The driver was questioned by IP's and bought inside the building – through an interpreter the vehicle owner stated that he did "not see" the IP checkpoint nor the CAV Truck or its crew.

Incident 2

I am the Green Team leader for the same mission as stated above – after leaving the final venue at approximately 1530 hrs (SCARI HQ's) Green Team (in convoy) began the trek back to Al Hillah – upon entering designated (sign present) U Turn area we executed a typical U-turn to move back to our egress route – I was in the lead vehicle and looked back after hearing shots fired (2-3) – I was notified by the CAV Truck Commander that in fact a vehicle had attempted to come up on the convoy while we were conducting the

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U-turn - after showing hand and arm signals (the CAV Truck has lights and a sign warning personnel to stay back) We immediately left the area and drove back to Al Hill without incident.

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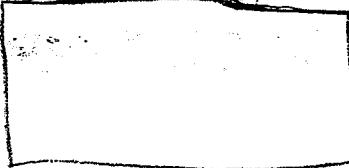
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While returning to the IZ between [redacted] and [redacted] called out a fast mover who breached our bubble. [redacted] was in the Right rear of the fellow and I was in the left rear of the fellow. I stepped out on the side rail gave hand signals to stop and yelled Stop. The vehicle kept coming. I presented my weapon and the vehicle kept coming. I then put two quick bursts into the radiator/engine and the driver sped up and kept coming. [redacted] called out he's S.F. 11 coming and I put a burst into the driver side windshield and the vehicle immediately stopped. I leaned back yelling changing mag and [redacted] at that point the convoy reached the off ramp and we proceeded to the IZ.

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ON 10 MAY 2005 AT APPROX 1345-1310 COMING DOWN FROM Ministry of Health AND [REDACTED] MY [REDACTED] Motorcade WAS APPRAACHED FROM + REAR BY A WHITE AND BROWN VAN COMING AT ADDITIVE SPEED MY Right Rear Gunner CALLED OUT FAST MOVE ON THE LEFT WHICH LEFT REAR GUNNER [REDACTED] popped the door HULLARS OUT SHOUTED TO STOP, RAISED HIS WEAPON Vehicle Kept COMING FORWARD PASSING Vehicles ON THE LEFT, [REDACTED] THEN SHOT A BURST INTO THE ENGINE BLACK Vehicle then Spins up which [REDACTED] shot ANOTHER BURST INTO THE Vehicle, WHICH DIDN'T STOP THE Vehicle SO HE HAS TO ENGAGE THE DRIVER, AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT I CALLED UP TO TOMAR BASE TO REPORT TO HIGHLL, WITH [REDACTED] NO INJURIES OR PERSONAL, NO DAMAGE TO VEHICLE AND NO NEED FOR ASSISTANTS, WAS ABLE TO GET THE MOTORCYLE BACK TO [REDACTED] WITH NO FURTHER INCIDENTS — END OF STATEMENT —

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I [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] REAR SAW A
white VAN come on the ACCESS RAMP. The VAN
then went from the Right hand side of the Road
to the LEFT at a high rate of speed. I called out
the threat. [REDACTED] the LEFT REAR then popped the door
and gave hand signals to back off. THE VAN did not
comply. [REDACTED] then muzzled the VAN and
the VANS response was to speed up. I then called
to shoot. [REDACTED] fired two burst into the grill.
At this time the VAN INCREASED speed once more.
Seeing this I Told him to take the Driver out.

[REDACTED] fired into the Drivers wind shield. It appeared
he hit the Driver the VAN went to a slow roll into
the center median. End of statement

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E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: PSD ENGAGES LOCAL VEHICLE WITH LETHAL FORCE

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Interviews of the shooter and two other PSD members who witnessed the incident were consistent and indicate that the use of lethal force was justified. RSO Baghdad has recommended to the DynCorp Project Manager that the shooter temporarily be removed from duty, his return to operational status to be determined by him and DynCorp. END SUMMARY

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[] and another team member who witnessed the incident, [] were instructed to complete written statements detailing the circumstances of the shooting. RSO Baghdad investigators were informed, reviewed the written statements, and interviewed [] b7c

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Templar 7 was moving in a four-car motorcade from the Iraqi Ministry of Health to the International Zone at the time of the incident. The motorcade had merged onto a six-lane highway and was moving at approximately 60 - 65 miles per hour. The motorcade was configured so as partially to control all three lanes of the highway in the direction of travel. Traffic to the motorcade's rear was maintaining speed but had dropped back approximately 70 - 100 meters. The Iraqi vehicle which was engaged, described as a tan and white van (NFI) occupied only by the driver, emerged from this traffic to the rear in the right lane of the highway. The van was traveling at a rate of speed greater than that of the motorcade and began to close the open distance to the follow car's rear.

[] first noticed the subject vehicle as it emerged from traffic on the right and observed that its speed was sufficient to overtake the motorcade. HE further noted that the subject vehicle moved from the far right to the far left, running partly into the dirt median. [] verbally informed [] of the approaching subject vehicle.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
Templar 7 shooting		2005-0028	
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE	
[REDACTED]		Administrative	
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
Embassy Baghdad	05/10/2005	05/10/2005	SA Hiemstra & SA Jagels

SYNOPSIS

On 10 May 2005, DynCorps, Personal Security Detail, Team Templar 7, during the performance of their assigned protective missions engaged one (1) suspected vehicle on route [REDACTED] in the vicinity of [REDACTED] Templar 7 engaged the suspected threat vehicle with their assigned small arms, [REDACTED] At the time of this report the number and extent of injuries and/or fatalities is unknown.

1. On 10 May 2005, Diplomatic Security Service, SA Jan Hiemstra and SA Eric Jagels were notified by RSO Tactical Operations Center (TOC) about a shooting which took place on 10 May 2005, by DynCorps Personal Security Detail (PSD) Team Templar 7, assigned to the US Embassy Annex, Baghdad, Iraq.
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3. [REDACTED] stated that he was assigned the position of right rear of the last car in the motorcade in the Templar 7 security detail. [REDACTED] stated the mission of the day was to transport an Army Colonel to the Ministry of Health from the International Zone (IZ) and back.

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4 _____ stated while traveling in the center lane south bound at approximately 45-60 MPH on Route [redacted] he noticed a group of approx 10 vehicles on the merge ramp waiting to get onto [redacted] those vehicles were letting the motorcade pass. In the middle of the group of vehicles he noticed a white van that "stuck out" to him because the roof was higher than the surrounding vehicles. After the motorcade passed the on ramp the vehicles began moving and maintained a safe distance behind the motorcade (approx 75-100m; this is referred to as the "bubble"). A short time later [redacted] noticed the same white van, he saw earlier on the merge ramp, make a rapid transition from the far right lane to the far left lane of a three (3) lane highway. This movement caught [redacted] eye because of the size of the vehicle, the rapid lane change, and when the van reached the far left side it's 2 left tires went onto the median, which "kicked up" a lot of dust, and started to proceed around the line of vehicles occupying all lanes from left to right.

5. _____ alerted the left rear, _____ of the perceived threat because the vehicle was moving into the area of responsibility of the left rear. At this time the white van entered into the "bubble" (the safe distance behind the motorcade). _____ stated _____ opened the rear left door of the vehicle and gave a visual and verbal signal to the van for it to stay back (according to _____ when the signal was given the van was approximately 60 meters away). The van continued at its same passing speed. _____ then stated he told _____ to fire warning shots. _____ stated: _____ fired two (2) bursts from an [redacted] into the grill of the van. _____ stated he observed the rounds impact on the grill, left of center, and the van being approximately 30-40 meters when _____ fired on it. After the shots were fired, the van did not change course or slow down and according to _____ it increased speed. After approximately 4-5 seconds _____ stated he yelled to "kill him" or "get him" because the van was not slowing down, at which time _____ fired a burst of rounds at the driver of the van. After firing at the driver _____ came back into the vehicle and called "reloading upon which" _____ stated he observed the van slowing to an eventual stop.

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I believe to be same car as

5/10/05

[redacted] b2 b7c

Temple 7, the person [redacted]

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Gincerely,

[redacted]



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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION



TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
Templar 7 Shooting		2005-0028	
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE	Administrative
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
Baghdad, Iraq	May 10, 2005	May 10, 2005	S/A Matthew McCormack

SYNOPSIS

On 10 May 2005, RSO received information regarding a DynCorp PSD team, Templar 7, who had been involved in a shooting incident during the course of their movements.

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1. On 10 May 2005, Special Agents Matthew McCormack (RA) and TJ Lunardi interviewed DynCorp PSD specialist [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] SSN# [REDACTED]. Prior to the commencement of the interview [REDACTED] was provided his administrative warnings. During the course of the interview [REDACTED] provided the following information. [REDACTED] stated that he is a member of the Templar 7, PSD team and has been since his arrival in country on 26 April 2005. [REDACTED] described his duties on 10 May 2005, as assigned to the left rear position of the follow vehicle. [REDACTED] informed the interviewers that there were [REDACTED] vehicles in his motorcade when they returned from their mission at the Iraqi Minister of Health (MoH). b2 b7c
2. [REDACTED] described after leaving the MoH, the motorcade traveled an alternate route back to the IZ. [REDACTED] stated that he and other detail members ended up running the fenders several times during their exit because of the high volume traffic. Additionally, [REDACTED] stated that the Iraqi Police (IP) assisted with traffic control until the motorcade entered the highway leading towards CP [REDACTED] described the traffic as being light on the highway. [REDACTED] informed RA that the speed of the motorcade was approximately 60~65 mph.
3. [REDACTED] explained that after entering the highway, they continued to drive in their offset formation with their vehicle positioned to the far left. [REDACTED] stated that their speed remained at 60~65 mph throughout their movement. [REDACTED] informed the interviewers that the motorcade was positioned in the right and middle lanes of the highway. After a short period of time, [REDACTED] recalled [REDACTED] the right rear specialist, verbalize that a white van was moving up fast in the left lane. [REDACTED] explained that traffic to the rear was remaining back approximately seventy five meters and saw the white van coming up on the left. [REDACTED] stated that he opened his door and stood out on the running boards of the vehicle and gave verbal and physical warnings for the white van to stay back. [REDACTED] explained that he was strapped in with a make shift harness which enabled him to put approximately 90% of his body outside the vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that the target vehicle was approximately 40~50 meters from the rear of their vehicle when he provided these commands. [REDACTED] explained that as the vehicle was approaching it was also changing lanes to the far right lane. RA questioned [REDACTED] if the driver of the van saw or heard the verbal commands he provided. [REDACTED] replied that because of the speed of the vehicles, he didn't believe that the van heard the audible commands and was unsure if the van saw the hand gestures.
4. [REDACTED] stated that after he provided the signals to the van and it failed to yield to his commands, he decided to shoot warning shots into the grill area of the van. [REDACTED] stated that 2-3 seconds after giving physical gestures, he fired two bursts of automatic fire, expending approximately 5-7 rounds per burst. RA questioned [REDACTED] if he knew whether the rounds impacted the grill area of the van. [REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED] told him that the rounds were on target, but that the vehicle was still approaching. [REDACTED] believed that the vehicle increased speed after the rounds impacted the vehicle. [REDACTED] informed the Agents that at that point he waited approximately 5-10 seconds, and decided to fire another burst of automatic fire from his [REDACTED] stated that he emptied the remaining rounds in his thirty round magazine into the driver's side front windshield. [REDACTED] explained to the Agents that he decided to fire at the front windshield because of the ineffectiveness the b6 b7c b2 b7c

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previous bursts aimed at the grill had on stopping the vehicle. [redacted] informed the interviewers that he did not have an [redacted] scope mounted on his weapon and fired all rounds using the iron sights of his [redacted]

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5. S/A Lunardi questioned [redacted] as to his last qualifications to which he stated that shortly after arriving in April, he performed a FAM fire. The last time he qualified was approximately one month ago at Crucible training area. Additionally, S/A Lunardi questioned [redacted] on his understanding of the Rules of Engagement (ROE). [redacted] explained that he was authorized to fire on individuals or vehicles which were either firing at him or his vehicle. Additionally, [redacted] explained that he could engage with his weapon if he believed that either himself, his motorcade, or his principle's life was in danger. [redacted] explained that he believed warning shots were authorized if a vehicle enters the motorcade security perimeter and fails to heed commands
6. RA questioned [redacted] about whether he fired at the vehicle of his own freewill or was prompted to fire from other members in the vehicle. [redacted] stated that he engaged of his own accord due to the perceived threat.
7. On 11 May 2005, RSO sent a cable to DS/IP/HTOP regarding the aforementioned incident. See cable BAGHDAD 01985.
8. RSO considers this investigation closed.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE Interview: [redacted] b7c		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER 2005-0028
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE Post Shoot Investigation
POST Baghdad, Iraq	DATE REPORTED May 10, 2005	DATES INVESTIGATED May 10, 2005
REPORTING AGENT Chad J. Schlereth		
SYNOPSIS SA BARONI and SA SCHLERETH interviewed Templar 7 shift leader [redacted] b6 b7c regarding a shooting incident, which happened between [redacted] on May 10, 2005. b7c		
[redacted] information is as follows: SSN: [redacted] b7c DOB: [redacted] POB: [redacted] Residence: [redacted]		
[redacted] stated that his PSD team was traveling southbound from [redacted] b2 b7c when they were approached by a vehicle moving at a high rate of speed towards their secure package. The PSD team was moving around 60-70mph while trying to maintain their standard protective "bubble" or gap of 100m to the front and rear of their package.		
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[REDACTED] said that the RR [REDACTED] called out a "fast mover on the left." This was later described as a white van with a brown stripe passing several vehicles on the left-hand side of the while rapidly closing on the motorcade. b7c

[REDACTED] heard the LR [REDACTED] "pop" the left-hand door and heard him giving the driver of the van verbal signals to stop. When the van did not stop, the RR instructed the LR to "Get him...get him," at which time the LR engaged the van's engine block with a full-auto burst from his [REDACTED] b2 b7c

Upon hearing the first burst cut loose, [REDACTED] stated that he got on the radio and instructed his team to "Push out...Push out." According to [REDACTED] the motorcade immediately began to increase speed. [REDACTED] also b7c got on the radio to inform TEMPLAR BASE of the situation.

Approximately 2-3 seconds after the first full-auto burst to the engine block, the LR fired a second burst into the engine block in an attempt to stop the vehicle. [REDACTED] heard the LR and RR communicating that the van was b7c "Still coming...still coming."

Another 2-3 seconds after the second burst, the LR opened fire with a third burst into the windshield in an attempt to neutralize the driver and stop the vehicle [REDACTED]; heard the RR state that there were multiple impacts to the windshield and he heard the LR call out "changing mags!" The command of "changing mags" was repeated by the RR. b7c

The motorcade began to pull off towards a median as a means of escape, at which time the LR and RR lost sight of the van. Approximately 45 seconds after the last rounds were fired, the motorcade was in the clear.

During additional questioning, [REDACTED] stated that his team had not been forced to shoot at a vehicle until today. Prior incidents ceased when the LR or RR pointed a weapon at the vehicle causing them to back off. b7c

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\approx 3 - 4 days
↳ friend

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driving to Service CAC
↳ line of vehicles

b7c
2024B

GMC Suburban
pewter (grayish)

driving
in left lane
toward [redacted]

ECP

went around
saw suburban
w/ tinted windows
in middle of
street

b2

↳ suburban in her lane
up toward Marine TCP

dark colored
sub in rear
w/ dark
tinted windows

recalls ↳ one other
sub in front of
her

I went to go around on left
 \approx 15-20 ft away

↳ door opened, hand
signal (back of hand)
x2

██████████ continued to drive
forward

I

raise and held → a simple flag

↳ person @ rear door
raised his gun at
P @ rickshaw

P stopped
her vehicle

no warning signs on
rear of subdu

≈ 10 feet

truck leaving [] b2
[] → veh was
blocking exit path

toward
parking
lot

→ P inched up to let
truck pass

① pass
rear
of
sub.

↳ PSD opened
door and raised
weapon again

same
as
before

PSD veh moved
past USMC drop
arm, P pulled
into ECP

↳ PSD sub in outbound
lane, perp to road to
trash pit

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vehicle waiting @ ECP, PSD
veh @ A boarders and
PSD officer directly looks

↙
C did not drive through
parking lot

↳ C driving ≈ 5 MPH
when approached PSD veh

↳ PSD → white male, beard

DETERMINED

Gray
or

RFB 06/03
1002 WZ

(P)

Dob:

SSN#

b7c

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b7c

Temper 8 - 8 months

20244

SL-1

b7c

*20 In Motorcade through the Service CAC.
Lead, Limo, Limousine, Follow - Coming Principles Approx 1600s
Suburban, like B7C Gray, entered Service CAC.

* Time was of concern & that may need through
Service CAC.

Approx 6 vehicles in line; cut ahead of them.
Head masters driving other vehicles from Rear

(LR) Signaller for ~~Vehicle~~ to stop. & it cuts into
P-lot. X)

Head car vehicle coming from Rear.

& Head ~~LR~~ tell him to Stop - ~~Vehicle~~

Approach vehicle stopped with high car parts

@ its

- Tell ~~LR~~ next to move R.
- If tell him not the lead car vehicle faster
left.

- B/C ~~Not to tell~~ Possible VBIED's
- The vehicles then noticed was adjacent to
didn't appear to be a VBIED type of
vehicle.

- Roll to the Left open to KBR compound
- Close close to Service CAC
- Motored

- Signs or Vehicle to Stop.
Near S. Back to Track
Under construction for meetings

b7c

- See Vehicles. Enter KBR Complex.
Knows that he

(L12)

Description of Trends // Office raised up.
No information about vehicle -/ van being
Tow / Bds vehicle.

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RBR 605
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↳ Tempstar 8

↳ 8 mos

↳ SL since late December

↳ \approx 20 times through SVCCAC previous

↳ \times 4 veh, lead, \times 2 lines, follow
white \times 2 block ? grey

↳ principals in lines changed
to white

↳ pulling in @ 1600

↳ chase SVCCAC b/c faster,
since SAKI slows things
up

↳ \approx 6 veh already in line,
went around them to left,
lead stepped right @
Marines

↳ 12th line even w/
cars in line to right

↳ started hearing from
Rear re: cars coming
up from behind

↳ first cars came

DELLINGER BY

✓ instructed LR not to initially smuggle any approaching veh. → 3rd veh. → mean LR shooting stop

✓ instructed not to allow veh. to pass on left

didn't see what happened, only heard what LR was saying

general security concerns re: VBIEDs, no further incident cars getting next to veh.

↳ cars on right did not fit description / profile of VBIED

✓ veh. on right were "work veh." & hence his lack of concern

↳ assumes road to left goes into KBR compound

at TICP would allow vehicles to come right up behind based on judgment of Recr agents → if do not seem to pose threat

~~SAKI~~

when first arrived,
DECIH used SVCCAC almost
exclusively

called ahead to SVCCAC, permission
to cut around waiting sash.

"PSD lane"

SAKI

search

takes too
long

I
don't want
AIC to have
to listen
to bitching

N/C can't use
SAKI PSD lane
anymore

still
searched

↳ believes veh. had

"stay back"

↳ all 4 veh. borrowed

↳ had no idea where going
*veh. never got past
m-cade*

↳ can use SVCCAC w/ principals
only

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↳ coming, stopped x? females,
coming again, stopped, gesturing

↳ generally only concerned w/ sections

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Temples 8 - Blackwater, LR Gunner
Service car 4 vehicles, Subuns white, 2 Black,
Black Ram

b7c

- MOPF Residence - TC ^{of} SL decided to go
through the Service car b/c
quicker

Principal

In hell -
Drive -
Last in note card.

RP

- = ~~TC~~ In route to Service Car. Pass a
water tree. 4 Vehicles in front of
the embassy entrance.
- All Bornee vehicles // no city
or Bed &
wani

Well Gunner - Red Sedan Opposite rear.
Saw the car passed their vehicle
left side & saw driver & 1 driver
make, Iraqi national

- SL - Told him Not to let other vehicle
- pass [for Service C.R.]
- ~~cross~~ Sign KBR Compound.

Pick up truck,

x 2 notes

b2

- Sub Creaked door - had to drive
Keras had to pass. drive harder to
turn into P-Lot - Turned into lot.
- 2nd Vehicle SUV (4x) and from P-Lot also
~~met~~ White Truck (p-up) car stopped
behind them.
5 min later - Well corner, brace out of
line and increase speed ^{space} travel on road.
~~Cut~~ through P-lot - Increased speed.
TAN TAN 529 x2 reaches, B/F
entry.
- Sub Creaked door - had to stop.
~~Sub~~ Under points & left a skid
to drive from. Sub raised his [redacted] b2
& pointed @ the TAN-TAN. Skid
to tell him to Stop. // which stopped.
- ~~had to~~ b6
- Increasing speed & not paying attention.

- Vehicle stopped & ID Reached @ Stop
from parking lot.

- Not been at Any Throats / Bells'
against TAN or Black females

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EMB. ANNEX

DOB:

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admin.

20247 b7c

- advisements given verbally - 1828
- assigned to Tempor 8

b7c varies mission-to-mission

follow LR today

mcaul

b7c

b2

high

b7c 4 veh. coming

into SCAC

coming from MoF Onbase

b7c 4 subs - 1 wh. sub, 2 black
sub lines, 1 black
sub follow

b7c was principal

three SCACs &c quicker,
decision made by Tc/Si

in lead line

w/ 2 others

2nd line had

x5 pos

b7c x5 pos in his veh

W -

RR -

D -

SL -

b7c

b7c last veh. in mcaul

b7c drove down River Rd.

b7c H2O truck on road, went
around it on L

arrived @ 2 SVCAE

... the x 3 truck in front
of them stopped
behind them

no
waiting
on
back
of
veh.

well gunner couldn't
open hatch



well called out red
sedan approaching

occ. from rear
pot noticed "Iraqi"
driver, veh
mate passed on 1 side

2nd time
cone through
SVCAE

told SL couldn't react,
SL said "no veh.
could pass from rear"

made more
than 40-50
trips

6 * [] ? 60

✓ pick-up truck, x2
males → stopped, pointed
to left lane / "no"/
pointed "turn around",
said "yes" → veh goes
into parking lot & turns

2nd @
entrance

closed to parking

to

6 veh behind him

SVCAE

(x 4 per SUV) did same

closed door → truck approached,
stopped then

well calls out w/ cutting
out of line and increasing
speed toward them

through parking
lot

approaching his
position "quite
rapidly"

*2 African-American females
one "quite large"

→ cracked door, Tahoe
stepped, driver motioned,
"L lane", P said "no"

*why? → Tahoe started coming

(flagged again, P raised
her weapon, Tahoe
came to abrupt stop,

threat told
I/c increasing
speed toward
his position,
didn't stop
when ignored
his initial commands

Tahoe
to
stop w/
L hand

DECTRS → was inc time

he did not consider
them a threat

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~~380590~~

1423

1000M

→ achievements - 1425 2024 b7c (P) b7h

↳ Temporär 7 - team member

↳ LR today

↳ assigned to team a few days ago, previously team 19

- arrived \approx 26 April in

b2 b3h counters

had QRF
on way
out but
not way
back

Mort

incident happened on return trip

VBIED 1500m away toward bridge
5 while @ MoH

- ↳ left Mott ran fenders for some distance going counter-flare
- ↳ missed turn x2

Ps... blocked onto
off-ramps and came
on freeway

b/c [] called out fast.

Driver []

↳ "stepped out"

full auto

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burst into driver's side
windshield

↳ running fenders - outside

MOT went counter-flow - PSDs
on foot pushing through
traffic

↳ x2 more times b/c missed
their turns so could flip
vehicles around

↳ got back on their alternate
route

↳ straight to highway
on-ramps

↳ x2 IP vehicles there
block traffic

↳ 60-65 mph on highway
(relatively light)
traffic

DETM [] passing
traffic

↳ RR

I noticed

brc

↳ [van] approaching first

↓
said "part - move your side,"

↳ cracked his door and leaned out → had retaining strap → stepped

(R) (D) moved shooter ↳ completely out ($\approx 90\%$ out of vehicle)

rest of traffic \approx 70m

behind van

↳ first hand/arms @ $\approx 40-50$,

(open palm / "wait")

↳ van doing closer to distance (70mph) 40

↳ made was close to far right, van was coming up on far left

home between m-code and van

↳ doesn't know if van driver saw him → (S) only saw driver

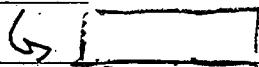
↳ van kept coming

↳ IT IS X 2 lowest into radiator

↳ "knows where aiming"

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b2 b4f → ?? bursts



On automatic

2000 rounds / burst
distance approx.

b2 believes both bursts hit radiator

believes
m-cade
keeping
constant
speed

b2 van then sped up

→ ~~was closing~~

distance faster

van still @ 40m

"all happened in a few seconds"

? POA

heard BR shout still coming, adjusted fire to driver's side windshield and fired one burst of remaining rounds

✓ van immediately slowed down

✓ distance between m-cade and van immediately increased

RTR did not engage
to no commo while reloading

↳ when finished firing,
~~DEB~~ saw impacts on
windshield and van
slowed

(3) V-11

RR-

SL-

D-1

b/c

↳ doesn't recall any commands
from shift leader once
stepped out

↳ locations?

↳ highway, far side
of river → could
not identify on map/
imagery

↳ first warnings to first
shots = 2-3 seconds

↳ van must have seen him
(@ wearing all khaki)

↳ 5 second pause between
first bursts and final
burst during which heard
RR "still coming"

↳ 3RD burst @ driver b/c had
tried to disable and
failed

↳ last qual → VA in
Beginning of April

automatic fire? → believe
there is, but wouldn't
swear to it

training @

↳ crucible → no live fire
from moving
vehicles →
sim only

↳ bursts at radiator through
iron sights → POA = center of
grill

↳ final burst through iron
sights → aimed at windshield
in vicinity of driver,
could not see driver
when fired b/c of
glare

↙ longer burst than first
two

↳ saw rounds impacting
on target

↳ felt no change in m-coal
speed during incident

b doesn't recall being told
to shoot / acting under
instructions to shoot

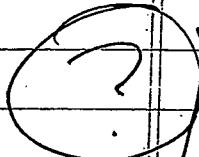
✓ prior to incident no car
had passed m-code on
R or left

↓ m-code had passed
cars, does not recall
passing that van

✓ - lethal force :- fire if fired
upon or
imminent threat
of harm to self
others

- warning shot:- when vehicle
encroaching
perimeter and
cannot get
to stop

↓ 1 warning



b believes
fallow has sign on rear

b believes changed route

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- Template 07 - ~~LR~~ assigned to team. Previously to ~~Q~~.
 - 26 APR 05 Arrived in country

4 vehicles, 1 / car / line / Follow. Min. of
Health. Restoring from M&H.

- 150 metres VRID Near Bridge.

- Ran fence & counter flow a few times.
All Poster IPS crossed or to Hwy.

Local | cut vehicle. Gone Signs.

2 Bursts into Grill kept coming // Back toe
into main drivers side. // Got off road
Ramp.
 - On Front directly traffic to get crowd traffic
circle. // Got lost & ran fence again
in follow vehicle on Ramp to Hwy.
IPS crossed in clearing traffic.

60~65 vehicle speed. Light Traffic and Hwy.

"Fest" corner side [] created close

→ steps = Rolling Board. Goli P Boddy
② Head Doctor stopped in w/ Tie down So
had to fall ab

(2)

Hard & Non Spots 40-50 meters Van location
other traffic 20 meters behind Veh. Far Right
or (Close to fire (2) Veh. was one lane
to left. this Spotter.

- Stop Signal - Unsure if drivers see.
Waves X1 in Veh (Driver only).

- Veh Speed 70 mph. Fired 2 shots into
pedestrian. Believes shots hit Pedestrian. (M4)
- Vehicle Speed up // his vehicle same speed (60-65)

Still 40m(?) meters. + Non Speeding
Now fired (Auto) @ Drivers Side window; emptied
magazine (29 rounds per mag). (1 Burst.)

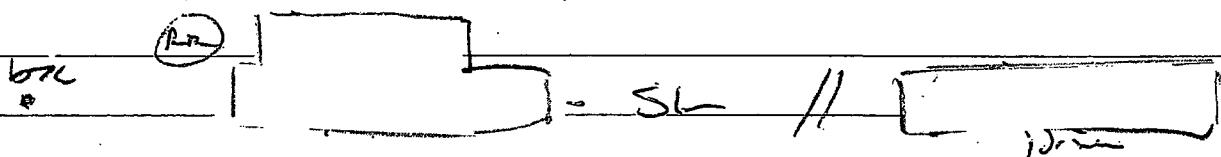
- Vehicle then slowed. (Distance was good
between 2 vehicles)

- Reloaded @ Time. No cover for other

Rear So veh

Slow before Reload.

- Unsure of the loose cover.



- On Hwy or Far Side River. Unsure where on
Hwy, or which Hwy.

- 2-3 seconds for Hwy/Signs till first
First Bursts.

- 5-10 seconds until next round of
engagement.

- Decided that the first 2 salvos were dead
up vehicle. Decided to fire on Drivers

(3)

- Qualified late April (Not sure if Farn fire) or
Qualified May 10th going over DS Qual
- PSD @ Crucible - No live fire exercise
- Two sites used for today's shooting.
- Aimed @ Radiator Centre Mass w/ Trees Sites
 - " Drives side window unsure if
in so vehicle driven (10-15 rounds)
so impacts on windshield
- Didn't feel his vehicle change speed
during the incident
- Sub decided to shoot not prompted
didn't shoot b/c someone advised him
to

Sign or
Best
B&L
Vehicle

EMT
stuck?
of 1012?

- ROE - fires when fired upon or intent
injury to self, Matesky, or principle
- known shots justified when enters SMC perimeter
or can not stop.
- Believes sign on vehicle " Back Sto. fd"?
- Charged Route b/c of earlier UBIED

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IP Vehicles following did not match sketch one

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* light traffic on 3 lanes immature

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* terrorist invasion state ~~SAF~~ by IP

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40 mph

* Threat was called because Van shot far from far right to far left + 2 wheels went on to median to get around traffic

* Van is going 10 mph faster

* Stop is being given a 60 meters back

* [] is being held

* Stop is given \rightarrow Van increasing speed!! b7C

* Van was in left lane & speeding

* When [] shot 30 Van was 30-40 meter. b7C

* 1st rounds hit Radiator Center Left

* After rounds hit the kept moving (about 4 sec. between ⁵ _{from hit to stop})

* Driver of Van did not move when shot at

* Did not

* wheel track from sensible broken to last round shot

* Van kept increasing speed

* No Oculation!! Drove straight. Did not stop after signs were given.

* Trace former Saver * important

* T/R Rounds for [] b2b/w

* Traces

* Integrated

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Sworn Statement

Date	16 MAY 05	Time	1350
Location	OFF RAMP OF [REDACTED] b7c		

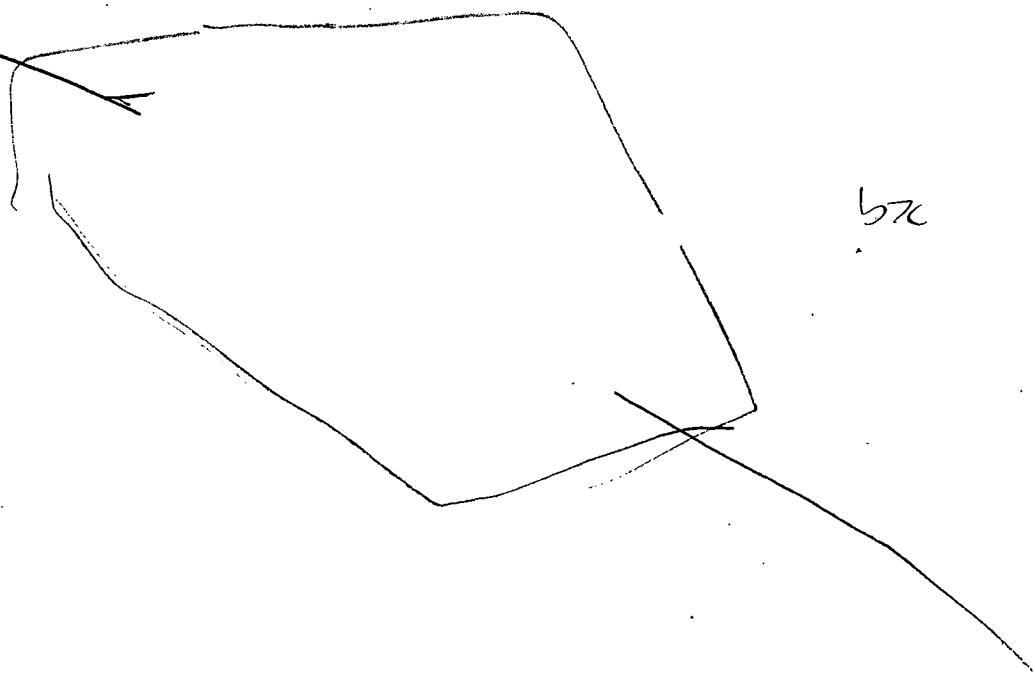
I, [REDACTED], hereby make the following statement voluntarily to TERRY HINTON, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent /Security Officer of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand and agree that this statement may be used in an administrative or judicial proceeding, and that I maybe identified as the person making the statement. I further agree to appear in person as a witness should this be deemed appropriate.

I am [REDACTED] years of age, was born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]
and currently reside at [REDACTED] b7c

I AM THE TL FOR TEMPLAR 26. WE WERE ON
A SUPPORT MISSION FOR TEMPLAR 8 OUT TO B36.
OUR VEHICLE CONFIGURATION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AS WE WERE ABOUT TO TURN RIGHT AT [REDACTED]
A BLUE VEHICLE WAS APPROACHING US FROM THE
RIGHT, FROM THE DIRT LOT. I GLANCED BACK DOWN
AT MY MAP, AND HEARD A ROUND BURST. I
NOTED IT WAS 1350, MAY 16 2005 AND MADE
A MENTAL NOTE OF INCIDENT. I DIDN'T
HAVE TIME TO CALL RIGHT AWAY AND

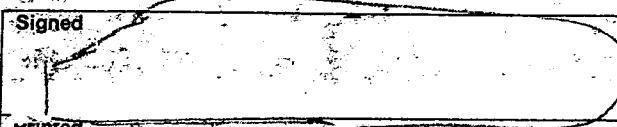
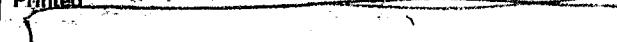
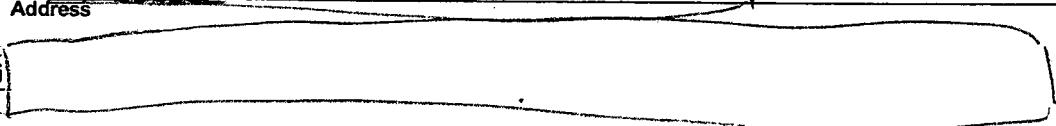
TO OUR ON GOING MISSION BUT CALLED
5 MINUTES LATER AFTER WE CLEARED
TRAFFIC. WHEN WE ARRIVED VENUE, I ASKED
WHAT HAPPENED AND WAS TOLD OF AN
AGGRESSIVE VEHICLE THAT WOULD NOT HEED
OUR WARNINGS. OUR REAR, RIGHT GUNNER
ON THE WHITE COUGAR, SHOT A 3 ROUND
BURST NEXT TO THE VEHICLE AS TO NOT
STRIKE THE VEHICLE, THERE WAS NO INJURY
IN THE AGGRESSIVE VEHICLE OR TO ANY OF
OUR TEAM MEMBERS.



~~DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE~~
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I understand that knowingly and willfully making a false statement is subject to the penalties under 18 USC 1001. I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge or belief

Signed	
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Address	

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of
_____, 20_____.

Signed	
Printed	

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature	
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Sworn Statement

Date	16 MAY 2005	Time	1350
Location	OFF RAMP FROM [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	b2 b7c

I, [REDACTED], hereby make the following statement voluntarily to [REDACTED] b7C, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent /Security Officer of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand and agree that this statement may be used in an administrative or judicial proceeding, and that I maybe identified as the person making the statement. I further agree to appear in person as a witness should this be deemed appropriate.

I am [REDACTED] years of age, was born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], and currently reside at [REDACTED].

ON 16 MAY 2005 AT APPROX 1350 HRS WHILE WORKING FOR TEMPLAR 26 ESCORTING TEMPLAR 8 TO LNU, I HEARD OUR L60 GUNNER YELLING "KGIF" AND "OGUT". I THEN OBSERVED THE L60 GUNNER TURN TO THE RIGHT AND MAKE A HAND GESTURE TO THIS VEHICLE TO STOP. I OBSERVED A SMALL BLACK VEHICLE APPROACHING OUR TRUCK FROM THE RIGHT SIDE AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. I OBSERVED THE VEHICLE TO BE CUTTING ACROSS A VACANT FIELD DIRECTLY TOWARDS OUR TRUCK. I OBSERVED THE VEHICLE TO TURN SLIGHTLY TO ITS LEFT, OUR REAR, WHEN I OBSERVED THE VEHICLE TURN SLIGHTLY TO THE RIGHT WHICH WAS IN ANOTHER DIRECTLY INTO TEMPLAR 8. I FIRED THREE SHOTS FROM MY [REDACTED] INTO THE OBT [REDACTED] PROJECTING THE VEHICLE. I THEN OBSERVED THE VEHICLE IN FLAMES. b2 b7c

HICO LEFT TURN AND CONTINUE AWAY FROM
OUR CONVOY TO THE ROAD AT A HIGH RATE
OF SPEED.

I OBSERVED NO OTHER VEHICLES OR SUBJECTS
NEAR THE BUS CAR WHEN I SHOT.

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Signed	
Printed	b7c
Address	

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of
_____, 20_____.

Signed
Printed

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature
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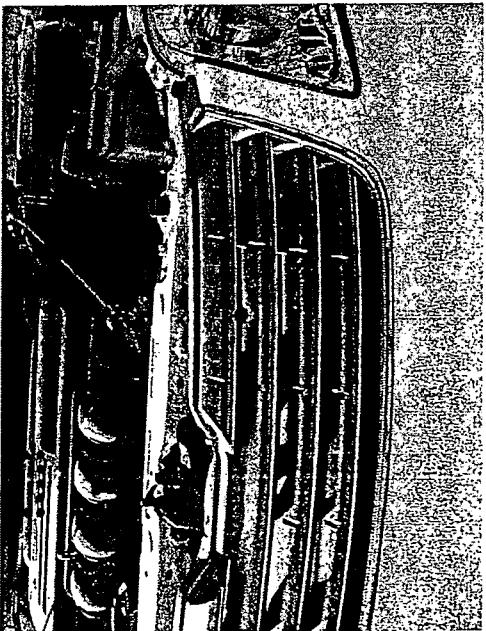
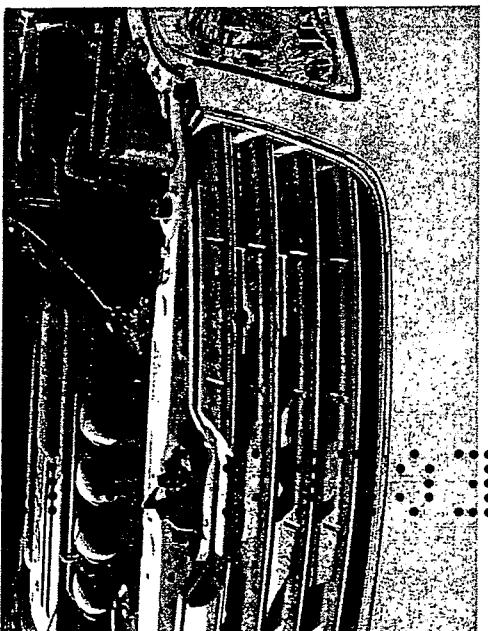
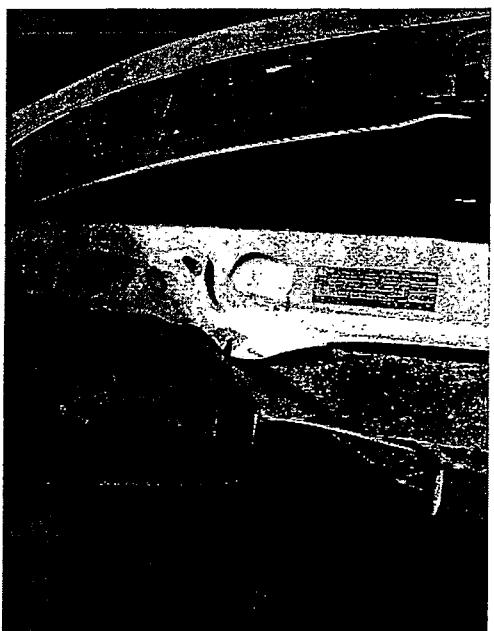
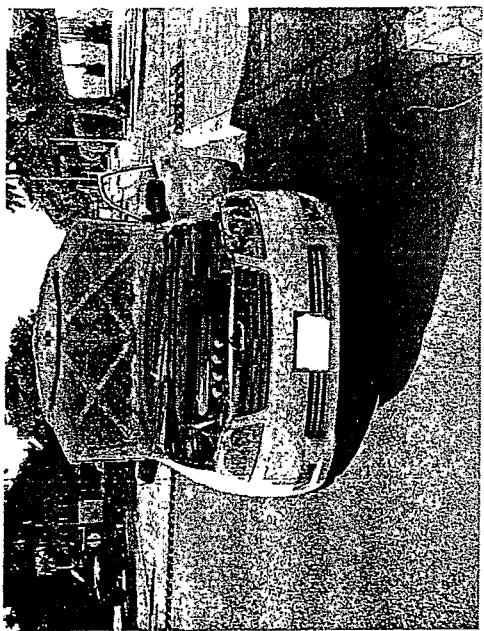
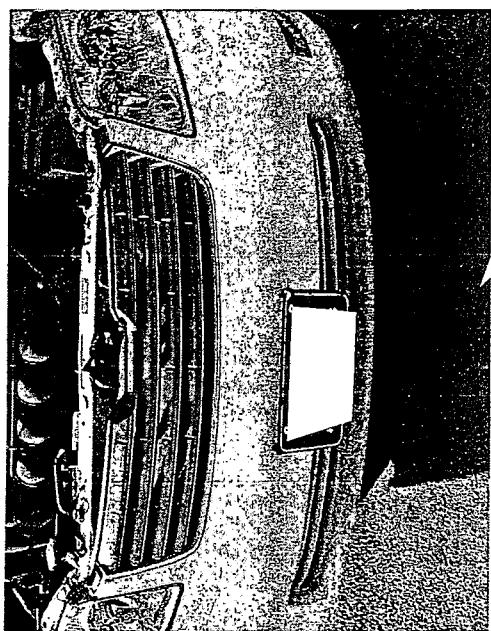
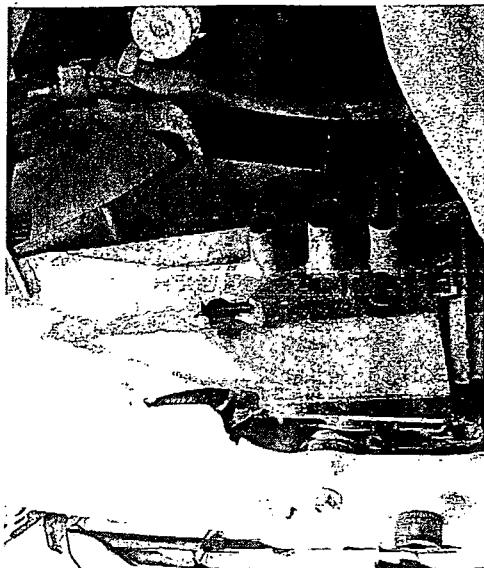
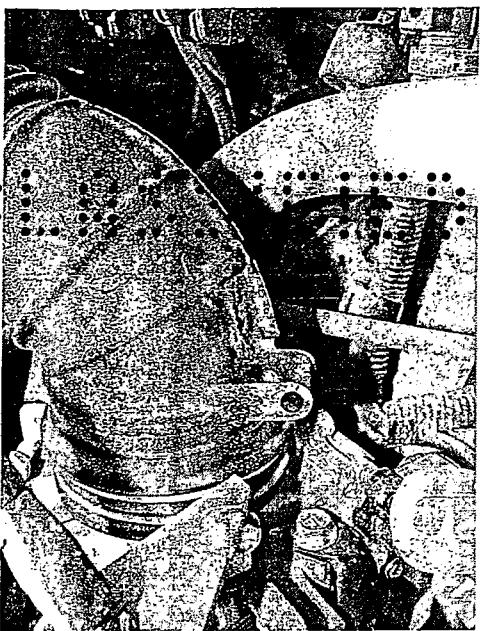
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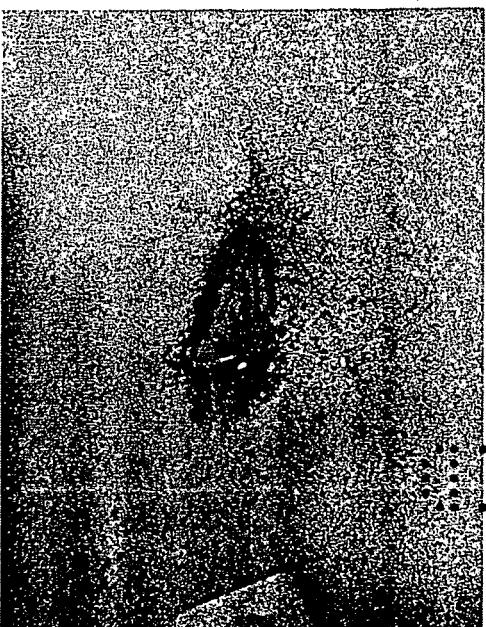
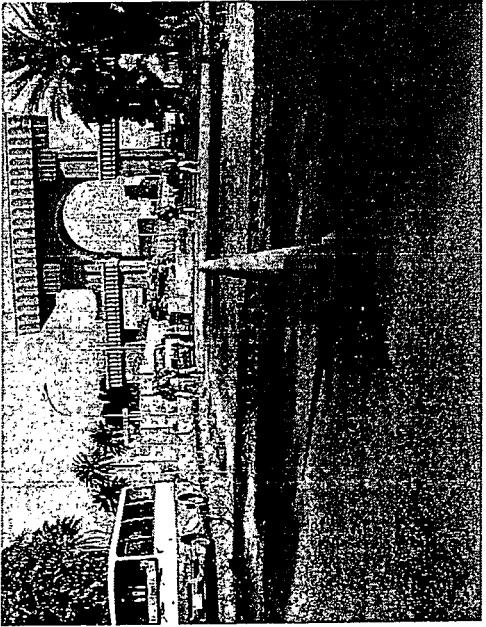
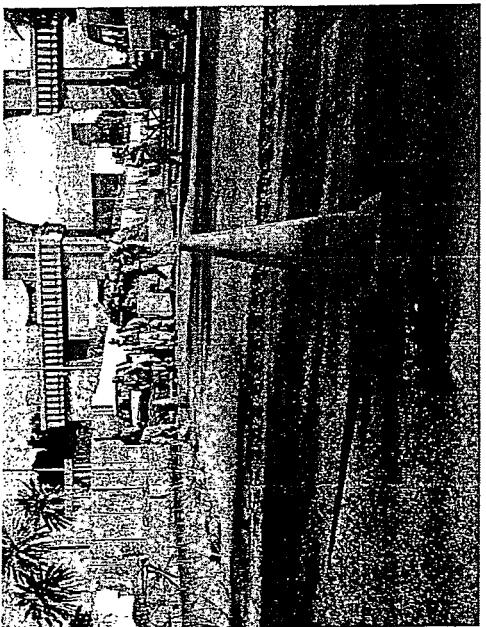
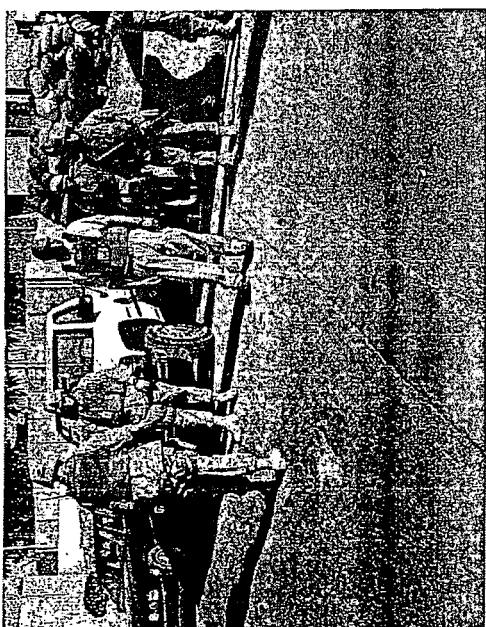
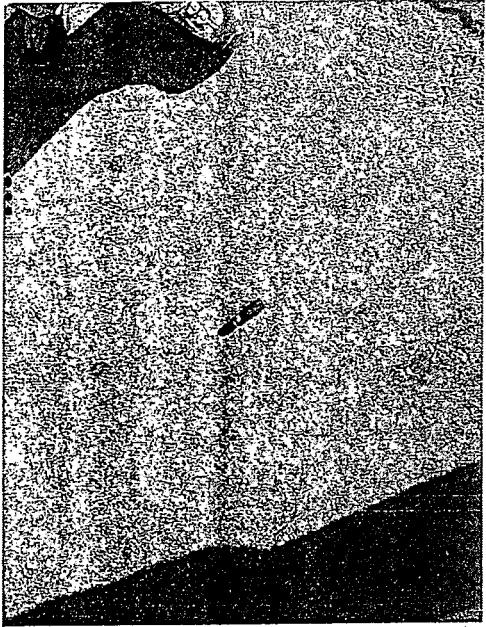
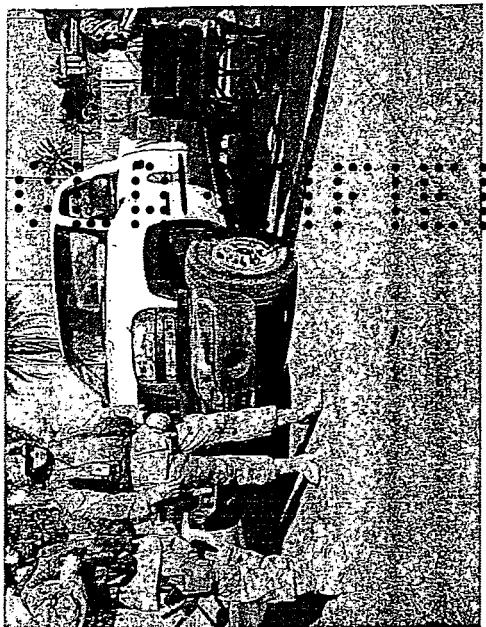
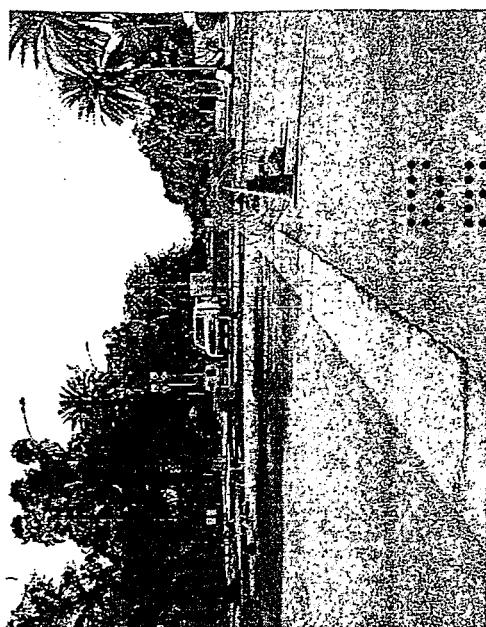
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Date of Incident	5/16/05	Time of Incident	13:56
Nature of Incident (e.g. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-Lethal/Lesser-Lethal Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Ambush)			
Location of Incident (Describe location in detail. Include route names, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)			
<p>Templar 26 was supporting Templar 8 on a mission in the red zone. We were getting off the off ramp _____ and about to turn right to go toward: _____ We were held up in a little traffic and a blue hatch back Japanese sedan (make unknown) came at a high rate of speed off to our right in an open dirt area heading towards our motorcade. Our motorcade consisted of:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 100px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p>b2 b7d</p>			
<p>Templar 8 was in our motorcade behind the white cougar. Our rear gunner heard the front gunner yell out to the vehicle approaching and looked to assist. The front gunner did not have a good angle on the blue vehicle so the rear gunner engaged the threat since all verbal and visual communication with the aggressive vehicle was not effective. The rear gunner shot a 3 round burst to the side of the vehicle in the dirt, but did not hit the aggressive vehicle. The vehicle immediately turned away but then drove parallel with the motorcade but was far enough away that we didn't engage twice. There were no injuries on the Iraqi side or our side. The fact that _____ had enough heads up to not do undo damage, and shoot into the dirt, kept our motorcade safe and on its way to the venue without further incident.</p>			
Action Taken (Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)	Used verbal (in Arabic), visual (hands), water bottles (thrown at vehicle), weapon (dipping up and down), and shot a three round burst next to the vehicle		
Follow-Up Required (Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)	I _____ and I went into the TOC and wrote up statements to Special Agent Hinter (DOS)		

Operator(s) Involved	Rear gunner	Vehicle(s) Involved	White Cougar	Team(s) Involved	Templar 26 Templar 8
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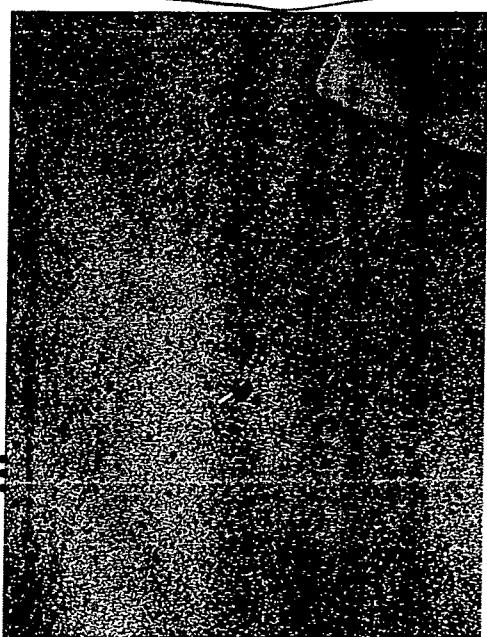
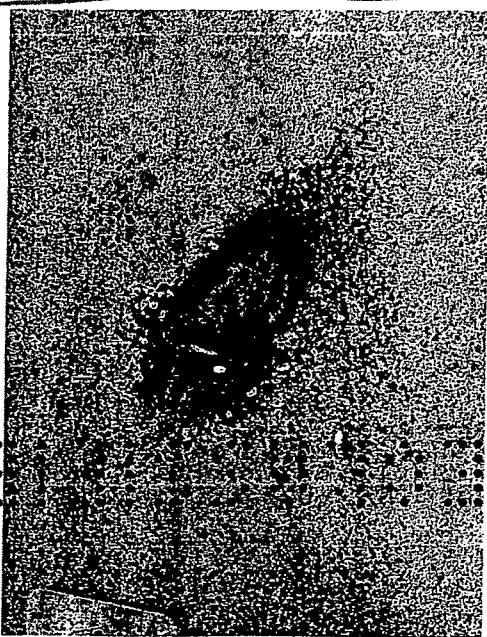
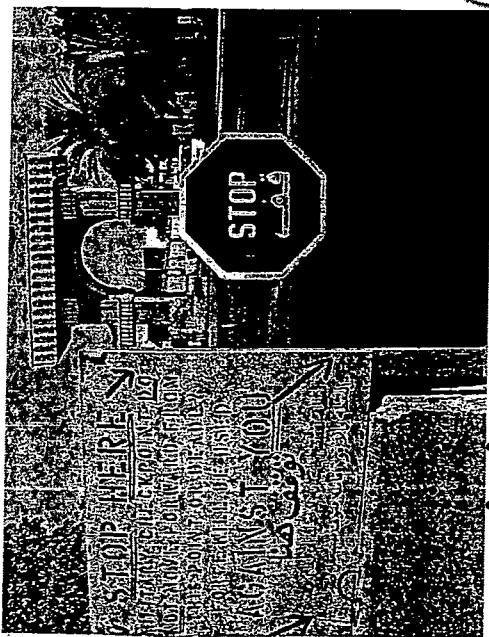
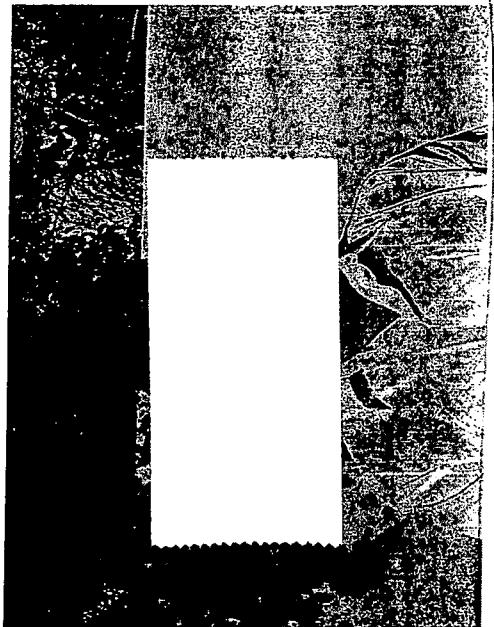
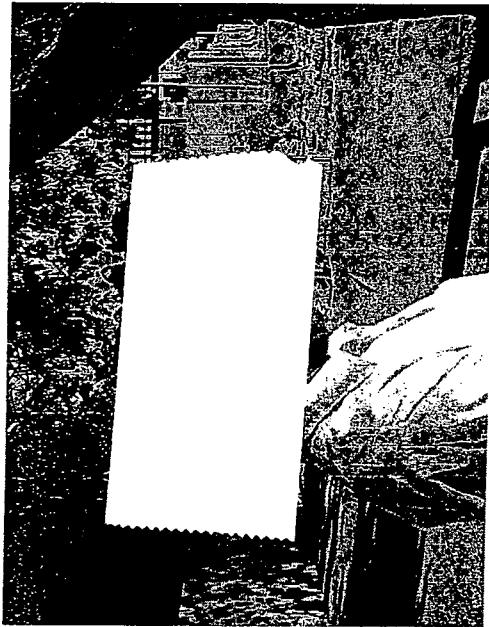
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make the following statement:

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At 1730, I was the ~~NCQIC~~ of ~~the~~ ~~Guard~~ when a white Toyota Corolla blew through the stop sign behind another vehicle that had been called forward. The white Toyota was not called forward. I raised my weapon and yelled stop. The driver failed to stop, so I went condition 1 with my weapon and fired a single [] through his engine block. After firing, the vehicle came to an immediate stop. I moved up to the car and pulled the driver out and asked him if he had seen the stop sign. He said that he had seen the sign. I asked him why he had kept coming, and he replied that he was not paying attention. I then had him move his car to the side of the exit lane and searched it. The Corporal of the Guard then called the COC to report the incident. I checked his badges and by that time [] and RSO agents were on scene and took over.

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I, [redacted] make the following statement:

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At approximately 1730 on 16 May [redacted] was the NCOIC of post. He was talking to the Corporal of the Guard when he noticed a vehicle roll through the stop sign without being called forward. The vehicle failed to heed [redacted] physical and verbal signals to stop. The vehicle was still coming toward the post, so after going through the continuum of force, [redacted] engaged the vehicle with one round to the engine block. During the shooting I was on the sidewalk, monitoring foot traffic. After the shot was fired, [redacted] and myself, approached the vehicle. He immediately admitted that he was not paying attention to the checkpoint or the Marines standing post. [redacted] directed him to move his vehicle to the side of the exit lane. We searched the driver, who repeatedly explained he was not paying attention to the checkpoint. We then conducted a vehicle search and found nothing suspicious. The driver was moved behind the bunker. At that time [redacted] and RSO agents arrived on scene and took command.

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[redacted] make the following statement: b7c

I was standing the post of Corporal of the Guard and at approximately 1730 I was in my vehicle at [redacted]. I was talking to NCOIC of the post [redacted] when he [redacted] noticed a vehicle moving through the stop sign behind another vehicle that had been waved through. The second vehicle had not been waved through. [redacted] reacted to the vehicle that was not called through the stop sign by using hand and arm signals and yelling to "stop". After the vehicle failed to stop, [redacted] fired a single round into the vehicle's engine block. The vehicle was a white four door Toyota Corolla. The vehicle stopped immediately after the round was fired. The driver was told to move his vehicle to the side of the road in the exit lane and get out. The driver's credentials were checked as well as he and his vehicle searched. The COC was notified of the situation. [redacted] and RSO agents responded to the scene. The driver was apologetic and admitted he had made a mistake.

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[redacted] make the following statement: [redacted]

At 1730 I was standing [redacted] post. At that time I motioned for a vehicle to come forward past the stop sign. The second vehicle in line followed immediately behind the one I had just motioned forward. [redacted] immediately noticed the vehicle and yelled "stop" at the vehicle twice. The vehicle failed to stop and [redacted] raised his [redacted] and went to condition 1. The vehicle still did not stop so [redacted] fired one round that hit the vehicle in the middle of the grill. The vehicle then stopped and [redacted] instructed the driver to park the car out of the way on the exit side of the road. The driver was then taken out of the car and him and the vehicle were searched. The driver was an Iraqi male and driving a white four door Toyota Corolla. The Corporal of the Guard, was on scene at the time, called the COC and advised them of the situation. Shortly after the COC was informed, the Watch Officer, [redacted] and RSO agents were on scene and took command.

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[redacted] make the following statement:

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On 16 May 2005 at 1730 an Iraqi national approached checkpoint [redacted] in a white Toyota Corolla. When the vehicle in front of him was waved forward, the man did not stop at the stop sign [redacted] yelled for him to stop several times, raised his weapon, racked a round and fired one round into the vehicle's grill. At that point the car stopped.

[redacted] had him get out of the car momentarily. When he decided the driver was not a threat, he had him get back in his car and pull it to the side of the exit lane. The driver was once again removed from the vehicle, and he and the car were thoroughly searched. Immediately after the round was fired, [redacted] called the COC. By the time the search of the individual was completed, [redacted] and RSO agents responded to the scene and took command. The driver was eventually told he could leave and the post returned to normal status around 1800.

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May 16, 2005

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE Charge d'affaires

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TO: The Charge

FROM: Regional Security Office – John Young

SUBJECT: Shooting of Iraqi National-Operated Vehicle at Traffic Control Point

On May 16, 2005, at approximately 5:30 p.m., a Marine guard of A Company, Anti-Terrorism Battalion, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade assigned to the northern Traffic Control Point [] for the [] Embassy Annex fired upon a vehicle. The Iraqi national driver, later identified as [] a member of the Minister of Planning's staff, was unharmed, and his vehicle sustained only minor damage. The Regional Security Office responded and conducted an investigation into the circumstances of the incident. This investigation concluded that the Marine acted within the parameters of his Rules of Engagement.

The incident began when [] proceeded forward into the TCP without having been called forward by the Marines guards. Signs instruct those entering the checkpoint not to proceed beyond a certain point toward the Marine guards without having been so ordered. These signs also warn that lethal force will be used on anyone failing to comply with the instructions. Prior to this incident, [] had never driven through [] and he was in the midst of a conversation on his cellular phone when he [] approached the Marine guards.

As the vehicle immediately in front of [] proceeded forward to be checked by the Marine guards, [] failed to stop at the designated point, instead continuing to move into the checkpoint. Seeing this, a Marine guard stepped forward and gave both verbal and hand instructions to stop. [] despite having his window down, failed to hear these admonishments. When [] did not comply, the Marine guard fired one aimed [] round into the driver's side of the vehicle's grill. [] immediately brought his vehicle to a halt and complied with all further instructions from the Marine guards. He was unharmed, and his vehicle was still functional, although damaged. [] was shaken, but expressed understanding of the circumstances leading to the incident.

The Marine guard involved acted within the scope of his Rules of Engagement, having provided verbal and visual warnings, as well as having fired so as to disable the vehicle. Statements from the other Marine guards present at the TCP and [], the observations of Regional Security Office investigators, and digital video recordings of the incident support this conclusion. RSO considers this matter closed.

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Incident Diagram

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Incident Report

Location:

Number of Individuals involved: 2

Date/Time: 050516/1730

On Scene Commander:

Watch Officer:

Watch Chief:

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Description of Event:

b2 The Corporal of the Guard, _____ and _____ were standing the post of TCP and was on scene. At 1730 the COC received a report that TC _____ had expended one round into a vehicle and b2 reported no injuries. The Marine standing post and checking Id's had motioned a vehicle forward from the stop sign. The vehicle behind it proceeded forward without being called forward. The post NCOIC, _____ immediately took notice and yelled for the vehicle to stop. The driver failed to heed instructions and _____ raised his shotgun at the same time chambering a round and yelled for the vehicle to stop. The vehicle still failed to stop, so _____ fired one round into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop and _____ had the driver move the vehicle to the side of the road and then searched the vehicle and the driver. The driver and the car had no weapons or suspicious items. The driver was an Iraqi male, _____ medium build named _____. He was driving a white four door Toyota Corolla license number in Arabic translates to _____. He was in possession of a blue JASG badge, a blue Iraq wide badge, an Iraq minister's council badge and a JASG convention center badge. At approximately 1733 ARSO's Matt McCormack, Kevin

Mann and TJ Lunardi responded to the scene. At approximately 1740, _____ was on scene and had taken charge. Vehicle traffic had returned to normal flow by that time, but was being rerouted around the area where the round had impacted the vehicle. The area was marked with an orange traffic cone. On the ground was a pile of black grainy material that had fallen out of the damaged engine compartment. It was not any dangerous substance but was leaking out of the distributor. The expended casing was found on the ground where it was ejected after the shot. The distance from the expended round to the point of impact was approximately 20 meters. The round entered the car in approximately the upper center of the grill and damaged the radiator, a hose and the distributor. The expended projectile was not recovered. The vehicle possessed the ability to be driven, and after the individual was questioned by ARSO Matt McCormack, was directed to leave the compound. A round count was conducted by _____ of _____ ammunition, after the post was relieved and _____ was

reported to have _____ and _____. He had assumed post with _____. The b2 driver was not arrested, was given his badges back and left the compound at approximately 1755. At approximately 1800, _____ and all ARSO's left the TCP.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**



TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
16 May 2005 Shooting at [REDACTED] b2 b7C		2005-0031	
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE	
		Administrative	
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
Embassy Baghdad	16 May 2005	16 May 2005	S/A Matthew McCormack

SYNOPSIS

On 16 May 2005, at approximately 1730 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the northern Traffic Control Point [REDACTED] of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring b2 verbal and hand commands to stop. The occupant of the vehicle suffered no/no injuries in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted as well as an interview of the occupant of the vehicle. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards located at the scene, and digital video of the incident was reviewed. No evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine Security Forces acted outside established Rules of Engagement. CASE CLOSED.

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- On 16 May 2005, at approximately 1732 hours, RA monitored radio traffic from the northern Traffic Control Point [] of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle operated by an Iraqi National. [] is manned by Marines of Alpha Company, Anti-Terrorism (AT), 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The marines reported that no/no injuries resulted from the engagement of the vehicle.
 - At approximately 1735 hours, RA and S/A TJ Lunardi were dispatched to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. RA and S/A Lunardi arrived at [] at approximately 1745 hours. S/A Lunardi briefly questioned [] as to the circumstances of the shooting. [] stated that a vehicle operated by [] assigned to the Iraqi Minister of Planning, attempted to enter the TCP without authorization. [] further stated that he stepped into the street and gave verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. [] explained that when the driver failed to heed the warnings, he raised his [] chambered a round, and fired one shot at the vehicle's grill.
 - RA and S/A Lunardi inspected the vehicle which had been moved to the opposite lane after the incident. The vehicle was a white, four door, Toyota Corolla Prince, VIN# [] Iraqi license plate number []. There was one visible bullet holes located in the grill of the vehicle. (See photos) A further inspection of the engine area revealed that one round had grazed the radiator and hit the distributor cap of the vehicle. Several [] fragments were identified at the scene but were not taken into custody. A search of the TCP where [] was located recovered one [] Federal spent casing. Photographs of the vehicle and the incident scene were taken and are attached to this report.
 - RA spoke with [] regarding the incident. During the course of the interview, [] provided the following information. [] stated that he was coming from the Minister of Planning enroute to the Embassy Annex. [] stated that he was going to the Embassy to meet with [] aid to Charge d'affaires Jeffries. The meeting with [] was to discuss Minister Barham Salah's traveling to the US. [] stated that although he has been to the TCP several times with the Minister's detail, this day was the first time that he drove through the TCP. [] informed RA that he was on his cell phone as he approached the stop sign prior to the Marine Post. [] explained that he wasn't paying attention as he drove forward at which point he heard the round strike his vehicle. At that point, [] quickly apologized to the Marines and was instructed to move his vehicle to the opposite traffic lane. [] informed RA that he was not/not injured and was sorry that he was not paying attention. RA walked with [] to the sign located at the entrance to the TCP. (See Photo) [] informed RA that he understood the sign verbage both in English and Arabic.
 - At approximately 2055 hours, [] A Company Commander, obtained written statements from the Marines a: [] regarding the incident. In addition, [] obtained a written statement from the Watch Officer on duty at the time of the incident. These statements were provided to RA and are attached to this ROI.

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6. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] at approximately 1730 hrs, while standing watch at [REDACTED] and speaking to the Corporal of the Guard, a white Toyota Corolla vehicle with one occupant was approaching the TCP entrance. [REDACTED] explained that as the vehicle drove forward towards the TCP without being motioned to move forward, he repeatedly gave verbal and hand commands for the vehicle to stop. As the vehicle didn't heed his commands or gestures, he raised his shotgun in the direction of the vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle continued to drive forward at which time [REDACTED] chambered a [REDACTED] and fired one round into the grill of the vehicle. After he fired the round, [REDACTED] approached the vehicle and spoke with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] informed him that he saw the sign but was not paying attention as he rolled forward past the sign.
 7. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] at approximately 1730 hrs, he was standing Post near the bunker at [REDACTED] when he waived a vehicle forward from the stop sign area. [REDACTED] stated that he heard [REDACTED] yell at a vehicle to stop several times. [REDACTED] explained that the vehicle was still moving forward when [REDACTED] raised his weapon towards the vehicle. [REDACTED] explained that as the vehicle kept coming forward. [REDACTED] stated that as the vehicle did not heed the verbal or physical commands, [REDACTED] fired one round from his weapon.
 8. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], at approximately 1730 hrs, a white Toyota Corolla vehicle was at the entrance to [REDACTED] described how when the vehicle in front of the white Toyota was signaled to come forward to the Marine, the white Toyota also drove forward. [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] providing loud verbal commands to the vehicle to stop. [REDACTED] explained that the vehicle didn't stop after the commands were issued. At that time [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] fired one round at the vehicle.
 9. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] at approximately 1730 hrs, while serving as a Corporal of Guard, he was speaking to [REDACTED] at the TCP. [REDACTED] stated that he observed a white Toyota Corolla moving forward behind another vehicle without being waived forward by the Marine. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] moved forward and gave verbal and physical gestures for the vehicle to stop. [REDACTED] explained that the vehicle failed to stop at which point [REDACTED] fired one round into the grill of the vehicle.
 10. At approximately 2100 hours, [REDACTED] USMC, provided RA with a physical count of the number of rounds [REDACTED] had after the engagement. The round count was conducted by [REDACTED] who stated that [REDACTED] was in possession of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had assumed post with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
 11. At approximately 2100 hours, RA and S/A Lunardi reviewed digital video of the incident captured by a closed circuit television camera positioned immediately south of [REDACTED]. The digital video showed at 1730 hrs, [REDACTED] vehicle was approaching the entrance to TCP Ison and was immediately behind a white truck at the stop sign area. [REDACTED] vehicle can be seen moving forward as the white truck arrives at the Marine checkpoint. [REDACTED] can be identified moving forward towards [REDACTED] vehicle and pointing his weapon in the direction of the vehicle as it continued traveling forward. The vehicle is then seen

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stopping shortly thereafter. The digital video lacks sufficient clarity to determine whether [redacted] fired at the vehicle. Bullet impacts on the vehicle cannot be discerned. [redacted] b7c

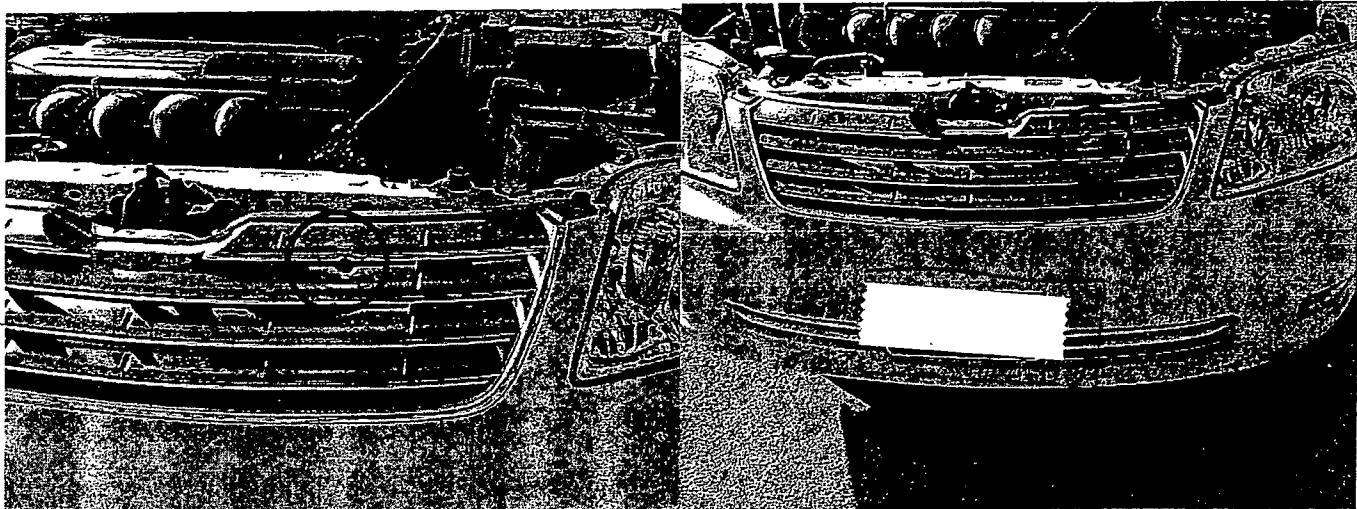
12. Based on the statements from [redacted] as well as the digital video, there is no/no evidence that the Marine Security Forces acted in contravention of their Rules of Engagement when [redacted] engaged the vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

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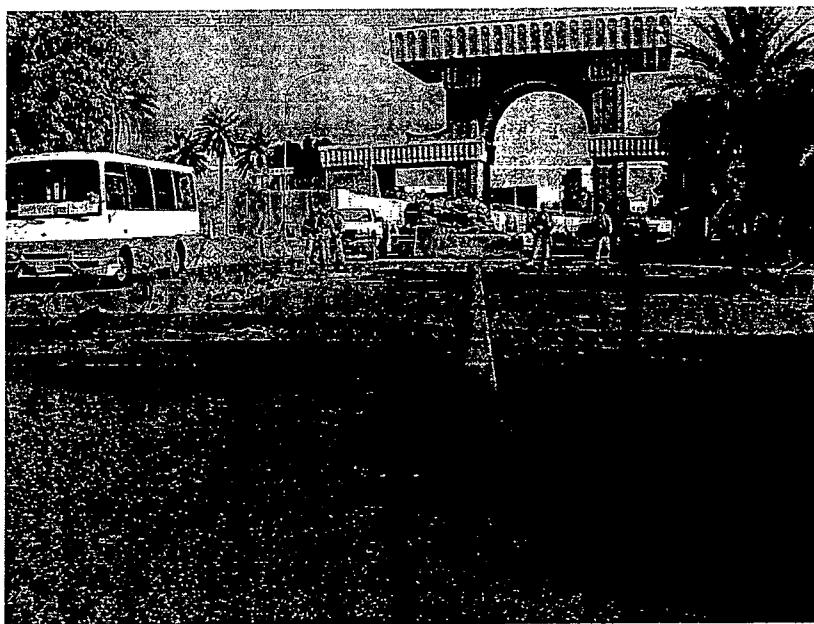
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At approximately 0820 I was standing post NCOIC at [REDACTED] I was standing b2 b7c
in the middle of the TCP in the diamond. [REDACTED] was to my right. [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] was in the left lane [REDACTED] was in the right lane when he called for a vehicle to come forward. At this time a black GMC Suburban was "piggy backing" the vehicle that was called forward. The black suburban was not called forward and had run the stop sign. At this time [REDACTED] and I used all of our escalation of force. This included verbal commands, hand and arm signals, pointing our weapons at the vehicle, going from weapons condition 3 to weapons condition 1 (This action is chambering a round). This was done because we do not go to post with a round already in the chamber. This allows for more time for the threat to comply with the orders from the sentry. The vehicle still did not stop. At this time I did a hammered pair (one sight alignment, one sight picture, 2 rapid trigger pulls) to the front of the vehicle. One round struck the front bumper and the other struck the top of the hood and ricochet into the windshield. The vehicle then stopped. The driver was told to get out of the vehicle he did so. The driver was very compliant at all times. The driver realized he had made a mistake and was apologetic. The guard chain of command was notified of the situation and arrived promptly on scene.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**



TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
25 June 2005 Shooting at [redacted] b2 b7c		2005-0045	
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE	
		Administrative	
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
Baghdad	25 June 2005	25 June 2005	S/A Hiemstra
SYNOPSIS			
On 25 June, at approximately 0820 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the southern traffic control point _____ of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring verbal and hand commands to stop. The occupant of the vehicle suffered no injuries in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted and a statement by the occupant of the vehicle. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards located at the scene and a digital video of the incident was reviewed. No evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine guards acted outside established Rules of Engagement. Case closed.			
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1. On 25 June 2005, at approximately 0820 hours, RA monitored radio traffic from the southern traffic control point [] of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle. [] is manned by Marines of Alpha Company, Anti-Terrorism (AT), 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The marines also reported that there were no injuries resulting from the engagement of the vehicle. b2 h2L
2. At approximately 0830 hours, RA and S/A Metcalf were dispatched to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. RA and S/A Metcalf arrived at [] at approximately 0840 hours. RA briefly questioned [] as to the circumstances of the shooting. [] stated that a vehicle operated by [] , Embassy ID# [] was "piggy backing" the vehicle called forward to the TCP for inspection. [] further stated that he gave verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. [] explained that when the driver failed to heed the warnings, he raised his [] , chambered a round, and fired two shots at the vehicle's grill. b2 h2L b7C
3. RA and S/A Metcalf inspected the vehicle, which had not been moved since the incident. The vehicle was a black four door 2003 GMC Suburban, VIN# [] license plate number [] There were two visible bullet holes located in the bumper and windshield of the vehicle. A further inspection of the engine area revealed that one bullet had penetrated the radiator and the other had penetrated the windshield of the vehicle. No bullets or fragmentations were recovered from the vehicle. A search of the TCP where [] was standing uncovered two spent [] casings. b2 b7C
4. At approximately 0900 hrs, Kellogg, Brown, and Root (KBR) dispatched a tow truck to [] to move the vehicle from the scene. b2 h2L
5. According to [] statement, he was the driver of the vehicle and was in line for inspection for entry into [] [] stated he thought he observed the Marine at the TCP giving him the go ahead to pull forward. [] stated he was moving forward and looking right at the same time following the vehicle in front of him, a white envoy, in the direction of the TCP. At that point [] stated that he heard two shots fired at him and then stopped the vehicle. b2 b7C
6. At approximately 1400 hours, [] USMC, submitted his completed Incident Report along with the written statements of the Marines at [] in accordance with Marine Corps policy. These statements and a copy of the Use of Force Policy were provided to RA and are attached to this ROI.
7. According to the written statement provided by [] at approximately 0820 hrs, while standing post NCOIC (Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge) at [] a Black GMC Suburban with one occupant drove forward towards the TCP without being motioned to move forward, "piggy backing" the vehicle called that was forward. [] stated that after giving verbal and hand commands for the vehicle to stop repeatedly, he raised his [] in the direction of the vehicle. [] stated that the vehicle continued to drive forward at which time [] chambered a round and fired two rounds toward the grill area of the vehicle. b2 b7C

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8. According to the written statement provided by [] at approximately 0820 hrs, he was located to the immediate right of [] in the left entry lane. [] stated that he observed a black suburban roll forward without authorization. He further stated he and other marines on post yelled "STOP" three to four times, raised their weapons, racked a round, said stop two more times, then [] fired two rounds into the grill of the vehicle. [] then stated the vehicle stopped and the driver got out of the vehicle and was taken to the T-wall. The individual and vehicle were thoroughly searched.
9. According to the written statement provided by [] he was working the right lane calling vehicles forward and checking badges. At 0820. [] stated he called a vehicle forward, and the vehicle behind it, a black GMC Suburban, came in right behind, running the stop sign. [] stated he yelled and gave hand and arm signals to stop several times. The vehicle did not stop so [] stated they went to condition one (rack a round in the chamber) because the driver did not obey the commands. The driver still didn't stop and that is when [] fired two rounds into the Suburban. After the shots, the Suburban came to a stop and they told the driver to get out of the vehicle.
10. According to the written statement provided by [] At 0820, he was working at TCP [] checking vehicles and badges in the left hand lane. As [] was working traffic he noticed [] call a vehicle forward and the vehicle behind it, a black suburban, followed without authorization. The vehicle was told to stop by verbal and visual signals. The vehicle still did not stop, so [] raised his weapon and racked a round. The vehicle still failed to stop so [] fired (2) rounds into the vehicle. The driver immediately stopped and got out of the vehicle.
11. At approximately 1100 hours, RA reviewed digital video of the incident captured by a closed circuit television camera positioned immediately east of: []. The digital video showed at 0820 hrs, [] vehicle approaching the entrance lane for []. [] can be seen rolling through the stop sign right after the initial vehicle. The digital video lacks sufficient clarity to determine anything regarding the shooting of the vehicle. Bullet impacts on the vehicle cannot be discerned.
12. At approximately 1430 hours, [], USMC, provided RA with a physical count of the number of rounds remaining in [] magazines. The count revealed that two rounds were missing from one thirty round magazine.
13. Based on the statements from [] as well as the digital video, there is no/no evidence that the Marine guards acted in contravention of their Rules of Engagement when they opened fire on []'s vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

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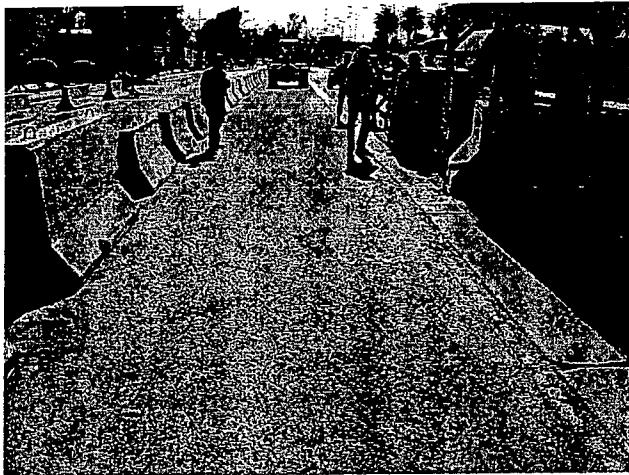


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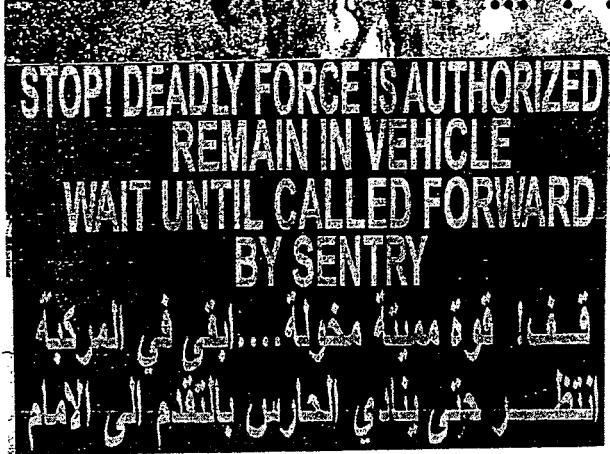
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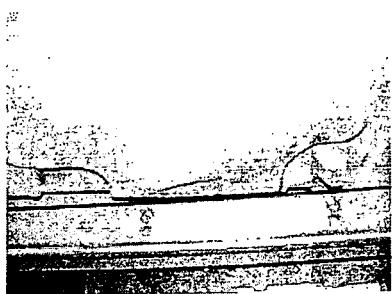
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PICTURES TAKEN OF INTERIOR FROM SUBURBAN GP. *b44*

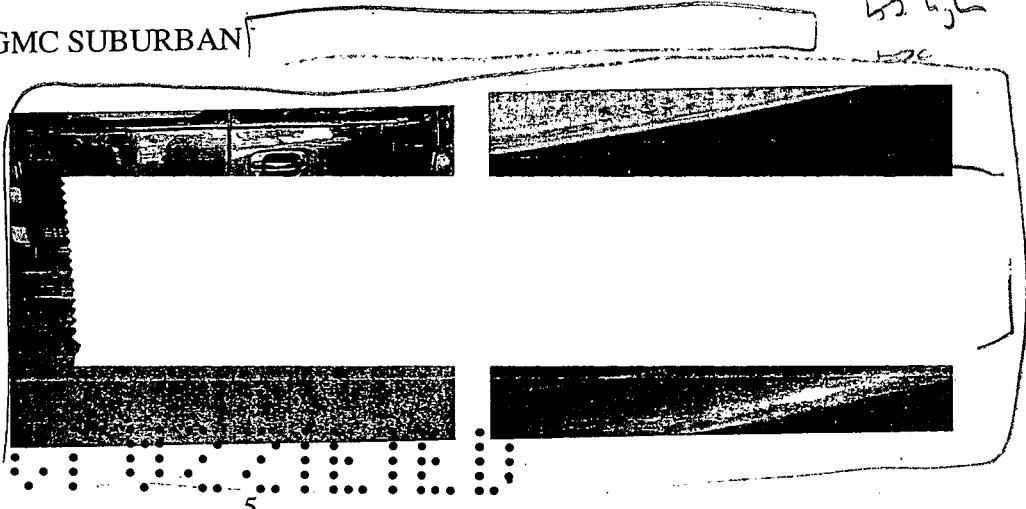
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Round impact, drivers side roof



Outside shot of inside roof impact

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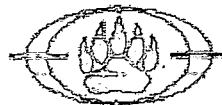
PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	25 June 05.	Time of Incident	Approximately 0845 hrs
Type of Incident	Use of Disabling Force		
(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-Lethal Force/Distractor Devices Deployed/Ambush)			
Location of Incident	} approximately 100 meters southwest of _____		
(Describe location in detail, include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)			
Description of Incident	<p>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</p> <p>At approximately 0845 hrs, while returning from a mission in support of Team 12, the lead vehicle (Cougar) that I was traveling in exited the tunnel at _____ and was blocking merging traffic from the north side of the tunnel in support of the rest of our motorcade when a mini-van with a single male occupant aggressively approached our vehicle, even though all other traffic had halted. The single male occupant of the vehicle ignored repeated arm signals and muzzle gestures from both _____ and I, _____ and continued to approach our vehicle in an aggressive manner. My position in the Cougar was rear gunner and _____ was front right hatch.</p>		
Action Taken	<p>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</p> <p>Once the mini-van got within 50 meters of our vehicle, and fearing for my own life and the lives of the occupants of our vehicle, I decided to use disabling force in order to halt the vehicle. I discharged a single round that impacted the right side of the mini-van's hood. The vehicle came to a halt within approximately 25 meters of our vehicle without any injury to the male occupant or others in the area. The remainder of our motorcade exited the tunnel and we proceeded to the gate at Checkpoint One.</p>		
Follow Up Required	<p>(Indicate what if any follow up actions required for further investigation, notifications, etc.)</p> <p>Immediately reported to the TOC with my Shift Leader, _____ and provided a verbal report to the DoS Agent on duty.</p>		

Operator(s) Involved	Vehicle(s) Involved	Team(s) Involved	Team 26
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Personal Security Specialist
Tactical Support Team
DSS Iraq Mission

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	29 June 05	Time of Incident	Approximately 1220 hrs.
Type of Incident	Use of Disabling Force		
(e.g. Use of Lethal - Greater Use of Non or Less Lethal; Force Distraction Devices Deployed; Ambush, etc.)			
Location of Incident	approximately 200 meters southwest of [] traveling from []		
Description of Incident	<p>At approximately 1220 hrs, the lead vehicle that I was traveling in entered the area between [] and []. At the same time as we were approaching the tunnel, a gray Nissan Pathfinder with two adult males estimated age between mid-twenties or thirties, merged towards our motorcade from the left side of the traffic circle upon departing []. The vehicle applied the brakes briefly, falling back to a distance between the middle and rear vehicle. The vehicle then began to speed up and accelerated aggressively alongside the middle vehicle and then towards the lead of our motorcade at a distance of approximately 25 meters. The occupants of the Nissan disregarded multiple audible and visual signals to stop including hand gestures and muzzle warnings.</p>		
Action Taken	<p>After failing to comply with our multiple warnings and fearing for my life and the lives of my fellow team members, I engaged the Pathfinder with two rounds. The rounds impacted low on the front grill. The Pathfinder immediately braked and came to a stop approximately 20 meters from the motorcade. Neither of the two passengers of the Pathfinder nor any bystanders appeared to be injured and the motorcade proceeded with our mission.</p>		
Follow-Up Required	Immediately reported to the TOC with my Shift Leader, [] and provided a verbal report to the DoS Agent on duty.		
(Indicate what if any follow-up actions are required, re: further investigation, notifications, etc.)			

Operator(s) Involved

**Vehicle(s)
involved**

Lead SUV

Team(s) involved

Team 2

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03-July 2005



Spot Report - 070305- 1

Subject: Blackwater K-9 Member Engages Aggressive Stray Dog.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** K-9 handler fires (1) round into aggressive stray dog. b2 b7c

At approximately 1650 on 03 July 2005, while securing a site at the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), a Blackwater K-9 handler advised that a stray dog reacted aggressively while approaching him and his bomb dog. As a result, the K-9 handler engaged (1) round into the aggressive stray dog preventing him and his bomb dog from harm or injury. There were no injuries to personnel during the altercation. b2 b7c

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending a written statement from Blackwater k-9 handler.**Location:** Ministry of Justice

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Spot Report - 070605-1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires one round into approaching vehicle

At approximately 1440 on 06 July 2005, a Blackwater/QRF Team returning from the Ministry of Finance to the International Zone (IZ) encountered an aggressive vehicle. The team was halted in traffic when the Follow element observed a single male driving a dump truck weaving through traffic and approaching the team from behind. The team's Follow element attempted to use verbal and visual signals in order to ward off the looming vehicle. The vehicle ignored these warnings and continued to within 35 meters of the motorcade, at which point, the Follow element's turret gunner fired one round into the vehicle's grille. The vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop. It did not appear to the team that the occupant was injured. The traffic flow resumed and the team's motorcade continued on to the IZ. There were no principals in the motorcade and no COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

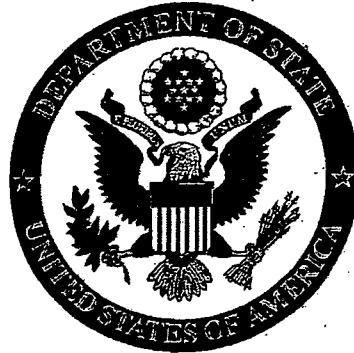
RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.**Location:** Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq, Grid [REDACTED]

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**U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD**

06 July 2005

Spot Report - 070605- 3**Subject:** COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires four rounds into approaching vehicle

At approximately 1444 on 06 July 2005, a Blackwater/Advance Team returning from the Ministry of Finance to the International Zone (IZ) encountered an aggressive vehicle. The Follow element observed an ambulance with two male occupants following their team with no lights or siren engaged. The ambulance paced the team for approx. 200 meters and then began to close in, at which point, the team's Follow element attempted to use verbal and visual signals in order to ward off the looming vehicle. The vehicle broke the 100 meter "stand-off bubble", ignored these warnings and continued to within 90 meters of the Follow element, at which point, the Left Rear fired four rounds into the vehicle's grille with a [redacted]. The vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop. It did not appear to the team that the occupants were injured. The team's motorcade continued on to the IZ without further incident.

There were no principals in the motorcade and no COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

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07 July 2005

Spot Report - 070705- 1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires one round into approaching vehicle

At approximately 1015 on 07 July 2005, a Blackwater/Advance Team returning from the Ministry of Transportation to the International Zone (IZ) encountered two aggressive vehicles. The Follow element observed a van approx. 100 meters behind the motorcade flashing its lights and approaching the motorcade. The Right Rear of the Follow vehicle waved this vehicle off twice and the vehicle relented and backed off twice. As the motorcade slowed in traffic, a blue/gray van driven by a single male occupant suddenly swerved around the first van and quickly approached the team from behind. The team's Follow element attempted to use verbal and visual signals in order to ward off the looming vehicle. The vehicle ignored these warnings and continued to within 20-30 meters of the motorcade, at which point, the Right Rear fired one round into the vehicle's grill area. The suspect vehicle's driver slammed on his brakes and came to a controlled stop. The Follow element maintained eye contact with the driver after the shooting and it did not appear to the team that the occupant was injured. The traffic flow resumed and the team's motorcade continued back to the IZ. There were no principals in the motorcade and no COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

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08 July 2005

Spot Report - 070705-2

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires two pen flares and two rounds into approaching dump truck.

At approximately 0930 on 07 July 2005, an REO Kirkuk Blackwater PSD Team en-route to a scheduled meeting in Erbil, Iraq encountered an aggressive vehicle. The team was slowed in traffic when the Follow element observed a single male driving a dump truck weaving through slowed traffic and approaching the team from behind. The team's Follow element attempted to use visual signals with a [redacted] marking panel in order to ward off the looming vehicle. The driver ignored these warnings and continued toward the team. The Well fired a single pen flare towards the truck with no affect. At this point the Follow's Right Rear fired a single pen flare into the dump truck's grill. The second pen flare failed to deter the driver from his advance, and the Right Rear then fired two rounds in the grill. The vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop, and the driver immediately raised his hands. It did not appear to the team that the occupant was injured. The traffic flow resumed and the team's motorcade continued on their mission. There was one principal in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

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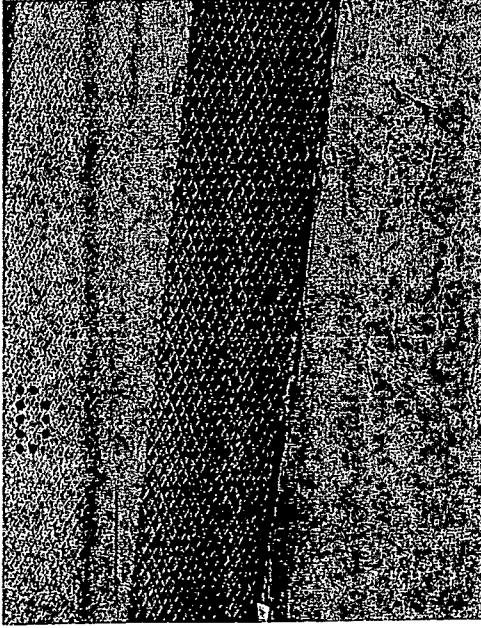
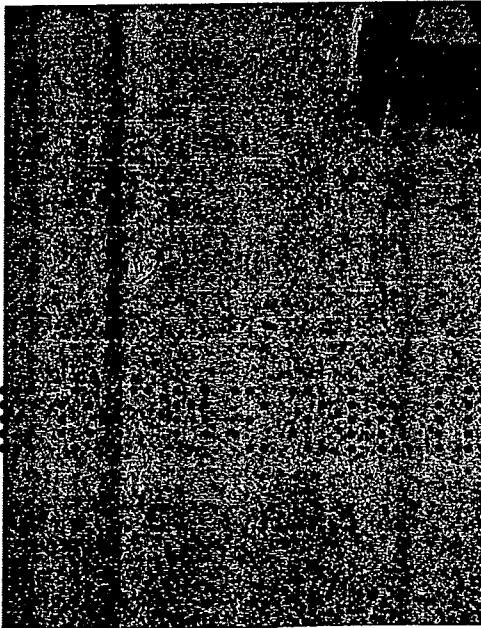
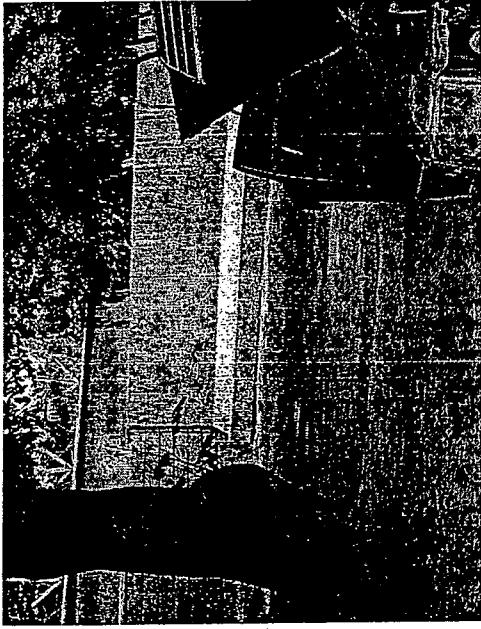
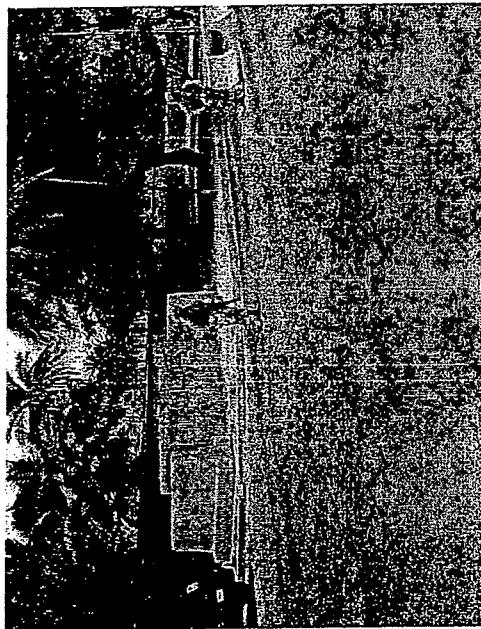
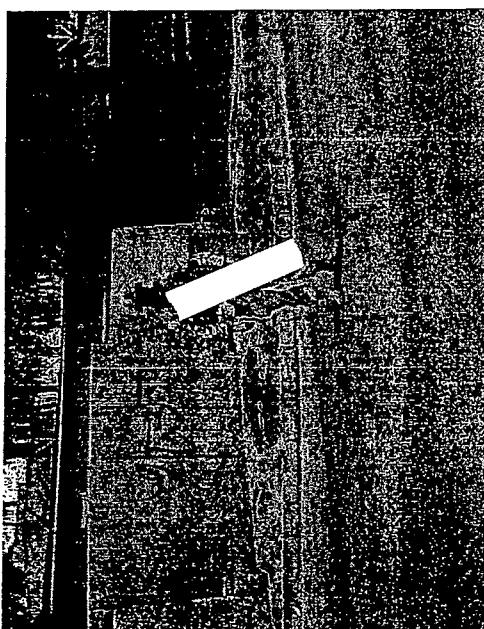
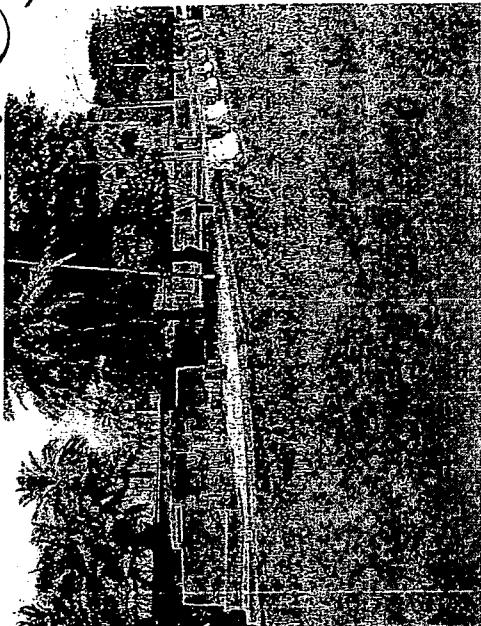
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD



10 July 2005

Spot Report - 071005-1

Subject: Shooting at Marine Checkpoint [redacted] b2 b7C

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Marine fires one round towards possible threat.

On 10 July 2005 @ approximately 1135 hrs while standing post at Marine Checkpoint [redacted], a Marine assigned to the Fourth Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorist) fired one [redacted] round at a champagne colored Mercedes Benz 300E sedan. The driver, a PCO-Foreign Service National (FSN), failed to stop and continued into the intersection, disobeying the numerous physical, verbal, hand signal instructions and warnings from the Marines at Checkpoint [redacted]. The [redacted] missed the Mercedes and impacted the base of a 6-foot tall steel "T-Wall" barrier located approximately 25 meters beyond the Mercedes. b2 b7C

The FSN claimed not to be paying attention to the Marines and instructions posted at Checkpoint [redacted] at time of shooting. The FSN was in conversation with passenger (also PCO-FSN) when shooting occurred. The FSN placed the Mercedes in reverse gear and attempted to back out of the intersection immediately following shooting. The Marines from Checkpoint [redacted] approached, ordered both occupants to exit the vehicle, searched the vehicle and detained the occupants until Regional Security Office Special Agents arrived on scene and conducted investigation. No injuries to FSN or passenger. No damage to the Mercedes was noticed and b2 b7C

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no injuries to by-standers were reported. Both FSNs were released at 1200 hrs upon completion of questioning.

Checkpoint [] is located to the just North of the North CAC of the *b2 b3* Embassy Annex.

Location: Baghdad, International Zone

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On July 10, 2005, at 1134 [REDACTED] witnessed a grey Mercedes car run the stop sign at TCP [REDACTED]. The vehicle was approaching at a high rate of speed. The Marines on post yelled to the vehicle to stop while also using hand and arm signals. The vehicle continued to move forward and as it did, we went from condition 3 to 1. I was standing in the right entry lane. [REDACTED] was standing to my right, in the front of the NCO diamond. The vehicle continued to drive forward until [REDACTED] shot at the car. The vehicle was 10 meters away from the Marine on post and positioned in a sharp angle to [REDACTED]. The round traveled directly over the hood of the vehicle and into the brick wall directly behind the car. The vehicle stopped, we told the people to get out, they stayed in the vehicle and started driving backwards. They finally stopped; we got them out of the vehicle and pulled them off to the side. The passengers said they were not paying attention to the area and to the Marines. The COG,SOG, and Watch Officer came to the scene followed by two RSO's

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I [redacted] was at post [redacted] at the time of 1145 when I called up a vehicle and the [redacted] silver four door Mercedes Benz behind it with two occupants inside followed and rolled right behind the first vehicle. Stop was yelled about 4 times before I went condition one. Yelled stop 3 more times before [redacted] shot one shot at the vehicle. The vehicle was about ten yards in front of me when [redacted] fired. The two occupants were told to get out of the vehicle and they proceeded to back up. Then they got out of the vehicle and brought onto the sidewalk to wait being searched and to be questioned. I watched the two occupants until others arrived. Then [redacted] arrived on scene and took control. There were no injuries.

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I, [redacted] make the following statement:

On 10 July at about 1135 I was directing foot traffic at TCP [redacted]. I heard [redacted] and [redacted] start yelling for a vehicle to stop. When I looked toward them, there was a silver Mercedes moving in a rapid speed past the stop sign.

[redacted] and the rest presented their weapons and went condition one. The vehicle still did not stop and that is when [redacted] fired (1) round. The vehicle was about 10 meters in front of [redacted] in the left lane. The shot was fired from near the NCO diamond at the left hand lane. The round went over the hood and impacted in the jersey barrier in front of the TCP. After the shot was fired, I reported the shooting to higher and then the COG, SOG and watch officer came and took over the scene.

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I [redacted] give this statement freely. b7c

On the 10th of July 2005, I [redacted] was standing NCOIC of checkpoint [redacted] b2bigh At 11:35 am a silver Mercedes approached the checkpoint. The vehicle passed by the stop sign without halting [redacted] and myself began giving hand and arms signal as well as verbal commands for the vehicle to stop. The vehicle continued forward in the far left lane heading toward [redacted]

[redacted], and myself presented our weapons and went weapons condition one. Still giving verbal commands the vehicle did not stop so I fired one shot at the hood of the vehicle. I shot from the far right lane at an angle into the far left lane. The vehicle was about ten meters away from [redacted]. The shot did not hit the vehicle but when across the hood and into the wall on the left side of the street. The round actually impacted in the metal Twall in front of the post, and caused no injuries to anyone. I then had the driver and the passenger step out of the vehicle and called for higher [redacted] and the SOG arrived and took command.

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SHOOTING AT MARINE CHECKPOINT

REPORTED BY: ARSO WILLIAM NOONE
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On 10 July 2005 @ approximately 1135 hrs while standing post at Marine Checkpoint [REDACTED], Badge # [REDACTED]

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First Squad, Second Platoon, Alpha Company, Fourth Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorist) fired one [REDACTED] round at a Champagne Colored Mercedes Benz 300E sedan driven by [REDACTED]. Badge # [REDACTED] expires [REDACTED]. PCO-Foreign Service National, after [REDACTED] failed to stop, continued into the intersection, disobeying the numerous Physical, Verbal and Hand Signal instructions and warnings from the Marines at Checkpoint [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] fired by [REDACTED] missed the Mercedes and impacted the base of a 6 foot tall steel "T-Wall" barrier located approximately 25 meters beyond the Mercedes.

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[REDACTED] claimed not to be paying attention to the Marines and instructions posted at Checkpoint [REDACTED] at time of shooting. [REDACTED] was in conversation with passenger when shooting occurred. [REDACTED] placed the Mercedes in reverse gear and attempted to back out of the intersection immediately following shooting. The Marines from Checkpoint [REDACTED] approached, ordered both occupants to exit the vehicle, searched the vehicle and detained the occupants until Regional Security Office Special Agents McMICHAEL, Heidi and NOONE William arrived on scene and conducted investigation. No injuries to [REDACTED] or passenger [REDACTED] Badge # [REDACTED] expires [REDACTED] PCO-Foreign Service National. No damage to the Mercedes was noticed and no injuries to by-standers were reported. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were released at 1200 hrs upon completion of questioning.

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Incident Report

Location: [REDACTED]

Number of Individuals involved: 6

Date/Time: 050710/1130

On Scene Commander: [REDACTED] b7c

Description of Event:

At approximately 1130 on 10 July [REDACTED] was standing NCOIC of TCP [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] assisted him. [REDACTED] was working traffic in the left most entry lane when a gray Mercedes ran the stop sign. [REDACTED] did not call the Mercedes forward because SOP on post is one car at a time and only after it stops at the stop sign. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both noticed the car and immediately yelled for it to stop. The car did not stop so the Marines then again yelled and used hand and arm signals. The car still failed to stop and the Marines continued to escalate force by chambering rounds and continuing to yell. After the car still failed to stop, [REDACTED] who was standing beside the NCO diamond, fired (1) round of [REDACTED] lat the car. When the shot was fired, the distance between the Marine on post in the left lane and the car was approximately (10) meters. The round did not hit the car; instead it went over the hood and impacted in the metal Twall North of the post. The driver then immediately stopped the car and reversed back toward the stop sign. The vehicle was not able to go very far due to a bus behind it. Once the vehicle stopped, the driver and passenger were both removed and the personnel and vehicle were searched and cleared.

At approximately 1140 [REDACTED] arrived on scene and took command. The gray Mercedes was being drove by one local national female, named [REDACTED] and the passenger was a local national male named [REDACTED]. Both possessed MNF-I Iraq wide badges and are employed by PCO. At approximately 1142 RSO agents arrived on scene and gathered statements and the expended shell casing and the expended projectile. The passengers admitted that they were not paying attention to their surroundings and were talking and failed to notice the stop signs or the verbal and visual signals from the Marines on post. No persons were injured and the projectile impacted safely in a metal barrier. The Marines used escalation of force correctly, and no injuries were incurred by the shooting.

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BUREAU OF DIPLOMATIC SECURITY(P)
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12 July 2005

Spot Report - 071205-1**Subject:** COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires one round into aggressive vehicle.

At approximately 0821 on 12 July 2005, a Blackwater/Advance PSD Team en-route to the Ministry of Oil encountered an aggressive vehicle. The team was waiting in traffic at an intersection approx. 100 meters from the venue. The team observed one male and one female in a red Toyota sedan weaving through halted traffic and approaching the team from the left side approx 50-55 meters away. The team's second element attempted to use visual signals in order to ward off the looming vehicle. The male driver ignored these warnings and continued toward the team. The Left Rear attempted to "flag" the vehicle with the muzzle of his [redacted] to gain the attention of the driver to no avail. When the suspect driver approached to approx. 30 meters from the motorcade, the Left Rear of the second vehicle then fired one round into the grill. The vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop, and the occupants immediately raised their hands. The team observed what appeared to be water leaking from the suspect vehicle's radiator. It did not appear to the team that either of the occupants was injured. The traffic flow resumed within 10 seconds and the motorcade continued on to the venue. There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Baghdad, Iraq

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	12 July 05	Time of Incident	Approximately 0820 hrs
Type of incident	Use of Disabling Force		
Reason for Use of Force (use of Non-Lethal Lethal Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/ Ambush)			
Location of incident	Approximately 50 meters northwest of [redacted]		
Description of incident	<p>Templar 12, a [redacted] motorcade, was en-route to The Ministry of Oil [redacted] in support of Templar 24. While the motorcade was turning right onto the road leading to the venue checkpoint, all civilian cross traffic at the intersection was holding at a distance of approximately 15 meters to the left of the motorcade. While executing the right turn, the left rear gunner of the second vehicle (K-9 vehicle), observed a male occupant driving a red Toyota 4 door sedan, maneuvering around traffic in an aggressive manner towards the motorcade. At a distance of approximately 50 meters the left door gunner attempted to stop the vehicle using hand signals and muzzle gestures. The driver of the vehicle failed to obey the hand and muzzle gestures continued towards the motorcade at an aggressive rate of speed. The vehicle was further occupied by a female who was in the front passenger seat.</p>		
Action Taken	<p>As the vehicle approached from the left side at a distance of approximately 25-30 meters, I feared for the safety of my life and the lives of my fellow team members, and fired once in an effort to immediately disable the vehicle. The vehicle's radiator was impacted and the vehicle came to a stop. The driver was observed exiting the vehicle and inspecting the damaged radiator. There were no injuries to the driver, passenger or others in the area. Shortly thereafter, the motorcade continued to the venue without further incident.</p>		
Follow Up Required	<p>The Department of State T.O.C. was immediately notified of the incident. Upon return from mission, a written statement was provided to D.S. agents.</p>		

Operator(s) Involved: [Redacted] Vehicle(s) Involved: [Redacted] White Excursion [Redacted] Team(s) Involved: [Redacted] Templar 12/18

**Personal Security Specialist
Explosive Detection Dog Handler
K-9 Team 18
DSS, Iraq**

Team Lead
Advance Team 12
DSS, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

14 June 2005

Spot Report - 071405- 4

Subject: Tikrit PSD Fires Warning Shots at Aggressive Vehicle

Reporting Office: RSO/TOC - Baghdad

Summary: At around xx:xx on 14 July 2005, a PSD team was in transit from Tikrit to Kirkuk and slowed for traffic on Tikrit Bridge. A vehicle passed an Iraqi Police vehicle who was holding traffic back, and approached the motorcade. The left rear PSD member opened the door and leaned out, waiving the approaching vehicle back. When the approaching vehicle failed to stop, the PSD member shot a pen flare toward the vehicle. The vehicle continued to approach, therefore the rear gunner fired a burst from the [redacted] at the approaching vehicle, and it began reversing away from the motorcade. No PSD personnel were injured during the incident, and no local nationals were reported injured.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

14 July 2005

Spot Report - 071405-1

Subject: Marine Security Forces engage vehicle at US Embassy TCP**Reporting Office:** RSO Investigations – Baghdad**Summary:** One round fired into a Volkswagen Vento bumper/grill area.

On 14 July, at approximately 0920 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the northern traffic control point (TCP) [] of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle (Blue Volkswagen Vento) attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring verbal and hand commands to stop. One of the Marines at the checkpoint fired one round into the engine compartment of the vehicle, causing the vehicle to stop approximately thirty yards from the inspection area. The occupants of the vehicle suffered no injuries in the incident.

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RSO Action: Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted. Statements were obtained from all parties on scene. The digital video of the incident has been reviewed by RSO investigators. Based upon the contents of the statements and tape, it appears that the Marines acted in accordance with CFLCC (Coalition Forces Land Component Commander) Use of Force Doctrine, as well as post's Use of Deadly Force Policy.

Location: US Embassy Annex, International Zone, Baghdad, Iraq~~DECLASSIFIED~~

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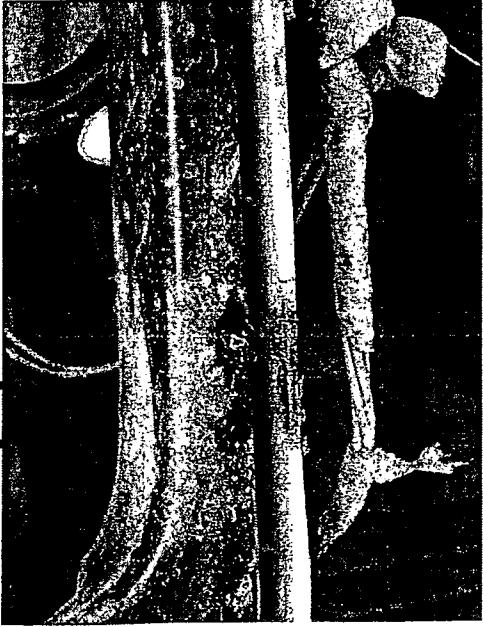
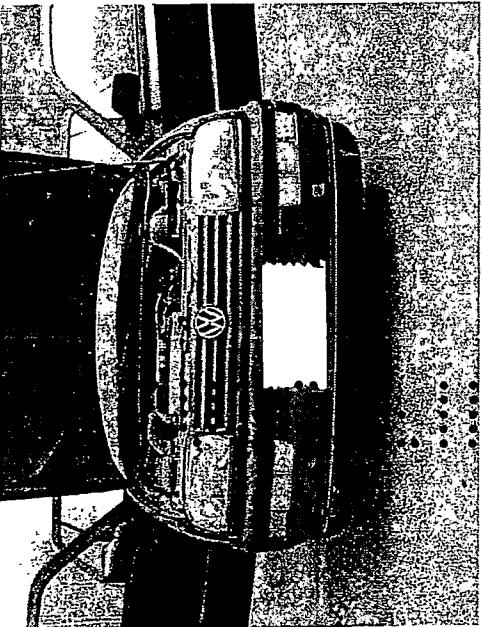
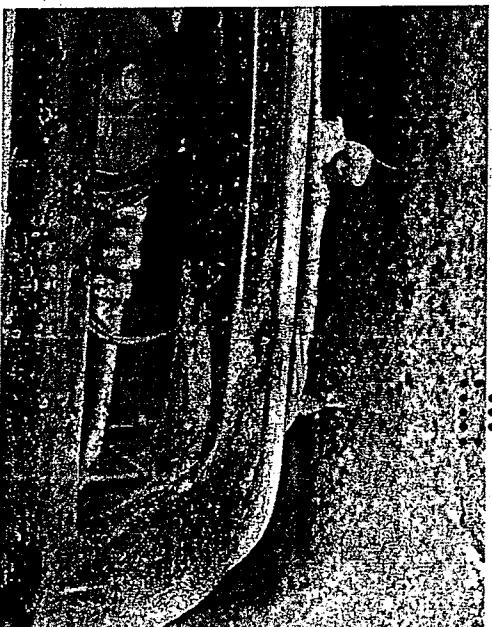
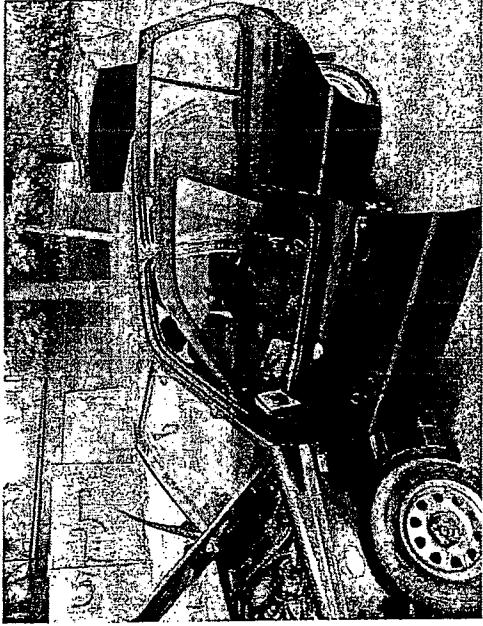
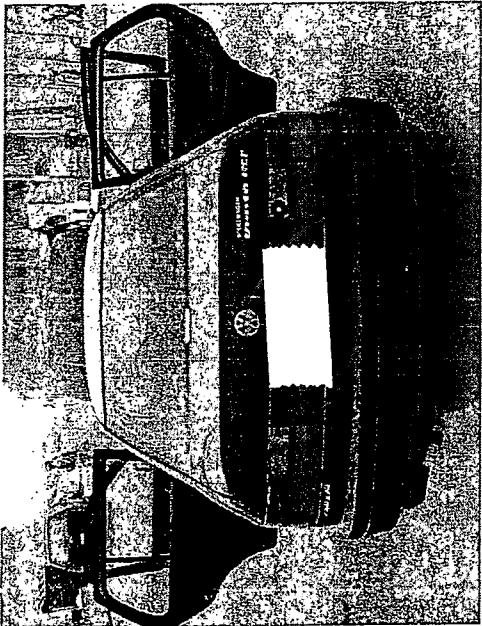
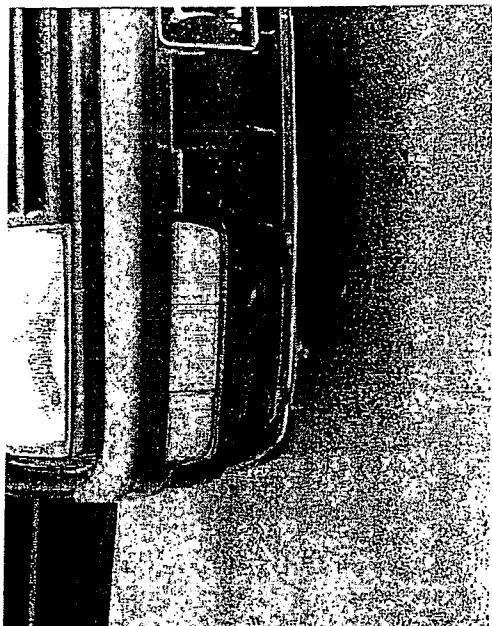
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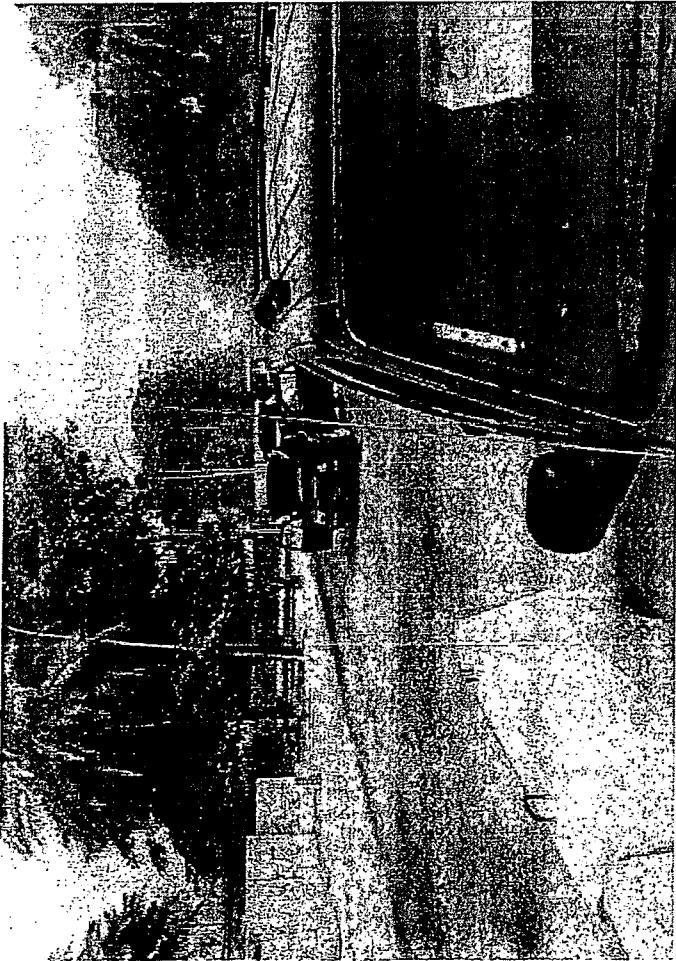
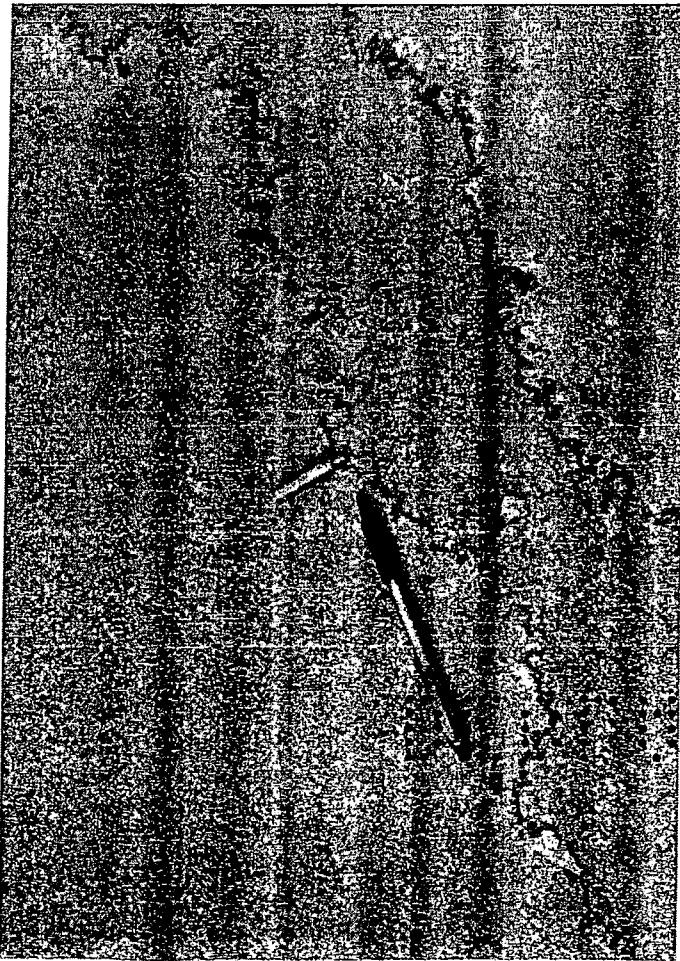
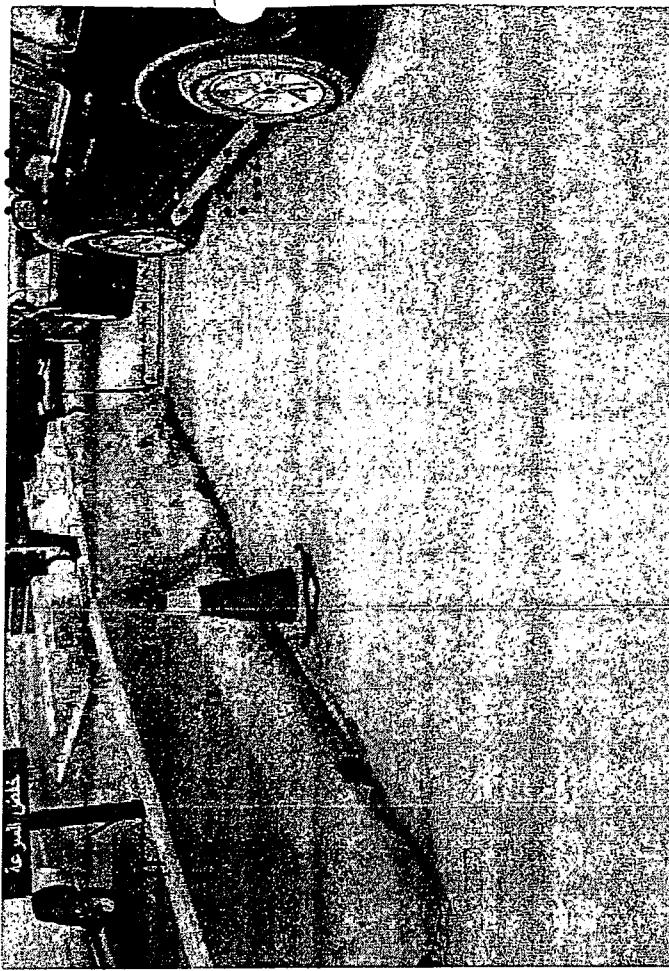
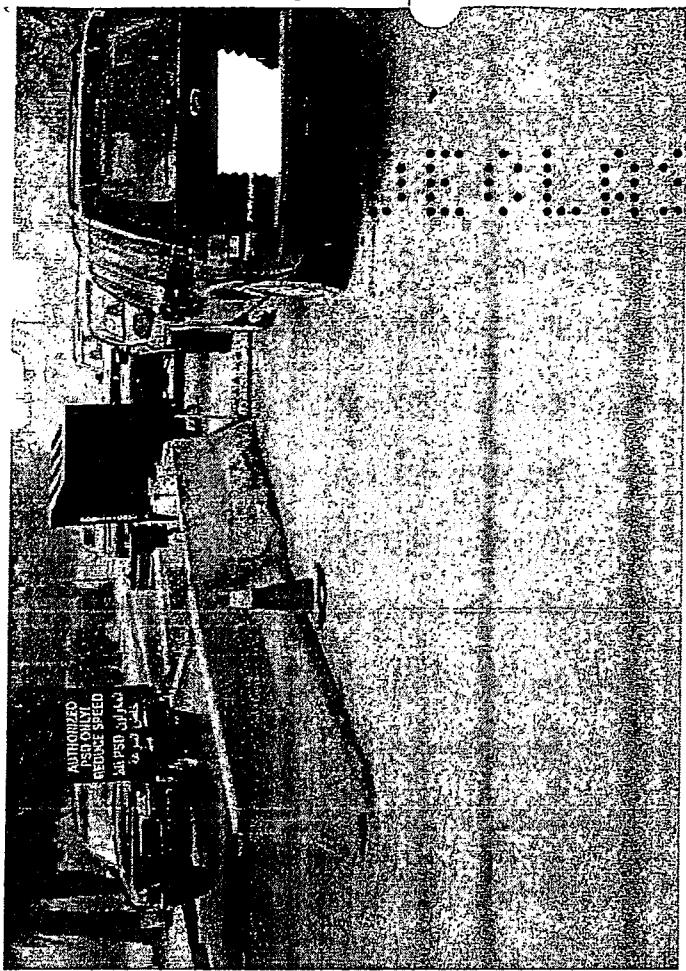
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

14 July 2005

Spot Report - 071405-3

Subject: Ramadi PSD Team involved in motor vehicle accident/use of force.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Blackwater PSD fires two rounds into approaching vehicle after collision with another local national vehicle.

At approximately 0900 on 13 July 2005, a [redacted] motorcade Blackwater PSD Team assigned to the SET (State Embedded Team) Ramadi departed their FOB en route to Baghdad. Ten minutes into the mission, the team encountered congested traffic and limited visibility due to a sudden sand storm. The motorcade slowed while the lead vehicle assessed the situation and looked for a route through or around the traffic. As the motorcade proceeded through the congestion, two of the team vehicles were involved in a collision with a blue Bongo truck. The motorcade came to a halt to assess the damage. The driver of the Bongo truck was not injured.

At this time, the door gunners in the Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV) began using hand and arm signals to the other local national vehicles to the rear to keep their distance. The approaching traffic acknowledged the signals and halted en masse at a distance of approximately 200 meters. After about one minute, a blue sedan began moving past the stopped traffic, approaching the team's motorcade. The Left Rear gunner of the CAV deployed a flash bang as the blue sedan maneuvered through the stopped traffic and approached the motorcade. The blue sedan did not stop after the flash was deployed and

continued to approach the motorcade. As the sedan continued to advance, the door gunner of the CAV presented his [redacted] but this still did not deter the oncoming vehicle. At this time, the Left Rear engaged the radiator of the sedan with two rounds from his [redacted]. The car was disabled and did not advance any closer to the motorcade. The driver of the sedan was not injured during the disabling of the vehicle.

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The two team vehicles involved in the accident were too badly damaged to continue towards Baghdad and were dropped at a nearby Coalition Forces Observation Post [redacted]. The remaining [redacted] vehicles of the motorcade returned to the base in Ramadi.

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No COM personnel were injured during the entire ordeal. There was one principal in the motorcade.

Location: Route [redacted] between Ramadi and Baghdad, Iraq

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Sworn Statement

Date 13 July 2006	Time Approximately 1020Hrs
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I, _____, hereby make the following statement at the request of _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I, _____, served in the United States Marine Corps. From 1998 through 2002. From 1998 through 2000, I was a rifleman in the infantry for 2nd Marine Division. I received training using rifles, pistols, M203 grenade launcher and machineguns and also attended Non-lethal weapons training. I trained in MOUT (Military Operations in Urban Terrain) which includes protection of civilians during military operations. I became a fire team leader and then a squad leader. During that time I performed Security Patrols, Security Operations and direct support for high ranking military officers at Howard Air Force Base in Panama.

In 2000 I went through screening and selection to become a Scout/Sniper and passed. I then went through Scout/Sniper school and graduated. I also went through SOTG (Special Operations Training Group) Urban Sniper School. From July to Sept. 2001, my Sniper team provided security and over watch for infantry units conducting cordon searches in Kosovo. From May to July 2001 my team provided counter sniper security from the bridge of the U.S.S. Kearsarge and U.S.S. Ponce during port visits.

In April 2004, I became employed with SOC-SMG inc. to perform mobile security/ personnel security to protect T.D. Williamson (Oil pipeline repair men) working in Iraq. We lived in the Mansour district and traveled all over Iraq to repair broken pipelines.

In July 2004, I completed a 90 day contract for MVM inc. in Baghdad, Iraq doing mobile security/ personnel security. Our clients included, FBI, ATF, U.S. Marshals.

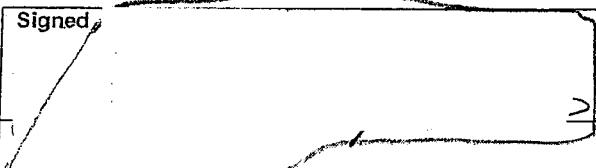
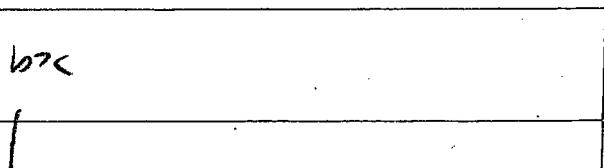
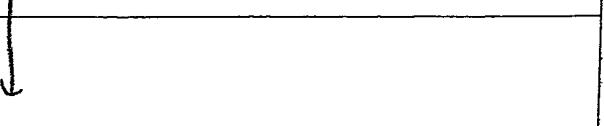
In May 2005, I was hired by Blackwater USA. After attending WPPS training I was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq and have been working there since. I have been on the TST, team 22 ever since.

On July 13, 2006 I was working as a member of a Tactical Support Team on Team 22 (Raven 22). I was part of a [redacted] motorcade and assigned turret gunner of the command vehicle which is the third vehicle in the convoy. We had departed the International zone in support of Team 10 and were just northeast of [redacted] traveling in a northwest direction approaching a traffic circle known as [redacted]. We were operating in a part of Baghdad where para-military forces are known to be hostile toward U.S. presence and attacks on U.S. Military and Civilians are common. As we approached the traffic circle at [redacted] Iraqi Police stopped all traffic for our motorcade which used sirens and flashing lights to warn oncoming traffic. Our lead Mamba went through with no problems and exited straight through to the other side of the traffic circle. The ERV also entered and exited the traffic circle with no problems. As our vehicle entered the traffic circle, I observed a blue/grey sedan weave around stopped vehicles at a high rate of speed and head directly toward our vehicle from my 11 o'clock position. The two (2) Iraqi males ignored the IP who was motioning for them to stop and was erratically heading toward our vehicle. At this time I yelled "kiff, kiff, kiff" and gave the visual hand signals to stop, by this time they were approximately 20 meters away the driver of my vehicle swerved right to put more stand off between the sedan and us. They still didn't slow or stop and ignored my warnings and knowing that insurgents are increasingly using VBIED's occupied by two subjects, and that the vehicle matched the description of a vehicle on the BOLO list, I fired two (2) rounds from my [redacted] aiming at the grill of the vehicle to disable the car. After the second shot the car came to a controlled stop. At this time our convoy kept moving in support of our mission. Injuries are unknown.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this [redacted] day of [redacted]

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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Blackwater USA	Statement Form		BLACKWATER	Date/Time of Statement
Name	b7c	Team	22	Incident Type
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature)			Incident Time	SHOOT TO DISABLE
			Aprx.1015	Incident Date
				13 July 2006

On Thursday July 13, 2006 at 0700 hours Raven 22, Tactical Support Team conducted a daily operations Mission Brief to support all teams operating in the red zone for the day. Raven 22's Mission Brief includes: an intelligence brief; routes, times and venue locations of the teams operating for the day; a brief of our movement; and ends with the rules of engagement.

At approximately 1000 hours, after assisting Raven 9 with a vehicle down due to mechanical problems, Raven 22 departed _____ in support of Raven 10 to Ministry of Health. As Raven 22 approached the traffic circle of _____ the Iraqi Police on duty halted all vehicles at the traffic circle, at this time the traffic circle was clear of all vehicles which allowed the first and second vehicle of our _____ motorcade to enter the traffic circle. As the command vehicle (third vehicle in the motorcade) approached the traffic circle [] a light blue-gray, four door sedan vehicle with two male occupants by-passed the Iraqi policeman and all other stopped traffic at a high rate of speed and towards our vehicles. The four door sedan was given physical and verbal warnings to stop by Command vehicle turret gunner. The vehicle failed to yield to the verbal and physical warnings and when the vehicle had closed to within 20 meters of the motorcade _____ fired two shots aimed at the grill / hood area of the vehicle. Due to the speed of the vehicle, and the swerve of our driver to avoid the vehicle, I observed the rounds impact the lower windshield area of the sedan, injuries were unknown. After our vehicle swerved to avoid contact with the sedan, the vehicle stopped approximately 5 to 10 meters from our vehicle. Shortly after Raven 22 passed the traffic circle, the Iraqi police approached the sedan, and a crowd of over 50 people formed around []. At this time Raven 22 continued to the Ministry of Health to support Raven 10 in that known high threat area. We continued on mission without further incident.

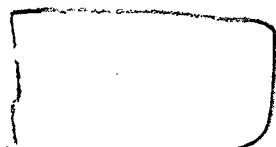
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Person giving statement

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On 14 July 2005 at 0924, a blue Volkswagen with three personnel in it approached checkpoint [REDACTED] The Volkswagen did not stop at the stop sign and _____ went towards the vehicle yelling Stop. I didn't see him approaching the car because I was searching a Parsons Bus, but I could hear him and _____ yelling stop numerous times. A shot was fired and that's when I made my way to the Volkswagen and we made the three personnel get out of the car and get on the ground. Myself and _____ took the three personnel to the side and searched them and tried explaining to them why we fired upon them but they didn't understand what we were saying. We waited until a translator got there so he could explain. They understood and were released shortly after.



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[redacted] make the following statement:

REF ID: A6520825

On 14 July 2005 at 0924, three individuals in a blue four door Volkswagen approached checkpoint [redacted]. When the vehicle in front of him was waved forward, the Voles Wagon [redacted] stopped at the sign, but then proceeded forward without authorization. [redacted] and

[redacted] yelled stop three to four times, raised the weapons, racked a round, said stop two more times, then [redacted] fired one round into the lower left passenger side of the vehicle. At that point, the vehicle stopped, and the driver and both passengers got out of the vehicle and were told to get down after a hasty search all three subjects were taken to the sidewalk. The personnel and vehicle were then thoroughly searched.

Immediately after the shot was fired, SOG notified COC of the situation. The Watch Officer arrived along with the RSO agents and took command. The driver was eventually told he could leave and the post returned to normal status at 0954.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE 10 July 2005 Shooting at _____ b2 h, L		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER 2005-0052	
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE Administrative	
POST Baghdad	DATE REPORTED 14 July 2005	DATES INVESTIGATED 14 July 2005	REPORTING AGENT S/A Hiemstra
SYNOPSIS			
<p>On 14 July, at approximately 0920 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the northern Traffic Control Point (TCP) _____ of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring verbal and hand commands to stop. The occupant of the vehicle suffered no injuries in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted and a statement by the occupant of the vehicle. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards located at the scene and a digital video of the incident was reviewed. No evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine guards acted outside established Rules of Engagement. Case closed.</p>			
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**OPTIONAL FORM 249
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**Exempt From Automatic Decontrol By Statute
CONTENT MUST NOT BE DISCLOSED TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS**

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1. On 14 July, at approximately 0920 hours, RA monitored radio traffic from the northern traffic control point [] of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle. [] b2 is manned by Marines of Alpha Company, Anti-Terrorism (AT), 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The h3L marines also reported that there were no injuries resulting from the engagement of the vehicle.
2. At approximately 0930 hours, RA and S/A Metcalf were dispatched to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. RA and S/A Metcalf arrived at [] at approximately 0940 hours. RA briefly b2 high questioned [] as to the circumstances of the shooting. [] stated that a vehicle operated by [] moved forward to the TCP without being called forward [] further stated that he gave verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. [] explained that when the driver failed to heed the warnings, he raised his [] chambered a round, and fired a shot at the b2 L b2L vehicle's grill. The [] round fired by [] passed through the right front bumper of the Volkswagen, impacted into the pavement.
3. RA and S/A Metcalf inspected the vehicle, which had not been moved since the incident. The vehicle was a Blue colored Volkswagen Vento. There was one visible bullet hole located in the right front bumper of the vehicle. A further inspection revealed the bullet had passed through the bumper and impacted into the pavement; no further traces of the round were found. A search of the TCP where [] was standing uncovered one spent [] cartridge. Photographs of the vehicle and the incident scene were taken and are attached to this report. b2C b2L b2L
4. According to [] statement, he was the driver of the vehicle entering the line for inspection for entry into TCP [] statement claimed he and his two passengers, [] and [] heard about the explosions at [] and decided to avoid that area, which brought them through [] further stated he had never passed through [] in the past and also did not see the warning signs. After the shot was fired, [] stated he immediately stopped the vehicle. b3C b2C
5. At approximately 1330 hours [] USMC, submitted his completed Incident Report along with the written statements of the Marines at [] in accordance with Marine Corps policy. These statements and a copy of the Use of Force Policy were provided to RA and are attached to this ROI.
6. According to the written statement provided by [] at approximately 0930 hrs, three individuals in a blue Volkswagen rolled through the well-marked stop sign at []. [] stated the individuals were told to stop several times by two of the Marines on post and the driver ignored the hand signals and verbal commands. [] stated he and [] both gave verbal and physical commands; the driver continued forward, so [] and [] both raised their weapons and chamber one round. [] stated he then took his weapon off safe and fired one round at the vehicle. There were no injuries.
7. According to the written statement provided by [] at approximately 0924, he had finished the inspection of a blue KBR bus and was turning around to make sure the tire spikes were back

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up. As [redacted] looked down to make sure the tire spikes were back up, he heard the words, "stop, stop, stop". [redacted] stated he then looked up and noticed a blue Volkswagen not stop and [redacted] and [redacted] point their weapons toward the vehicle while shouting, "stop" but the vehicle still did not stop. That is when [redacted] stated he observed [redacted] fire one round into the bumper of the vehicle and the vehicle stopped.

8. According to the written statement provided by [redacted] at approximately 0924, a blue Volkswagen with three personnel in it approached checkpoint [redacted]. The Volkswagen did not stop at the stop sign and he observed [redacted] go towards the vehicle yelling, "Stop". [redacted] stated he didn't see [redacted] approaching the car because he was searching a Parsons Bus, but he could hear him and [redacted] yelling, "stop" numerous times. [redacted] heard a shot fired and that's when he made his way to the Volkswagen.
9. According to the written statement provided by [redacted] at approximately 0924, three individuals in a blue four door Volkswagen approached [redacted]. When the vehicle in front of the Volkswagen was waved forward, the Volkswagen followed towards the checkpoint, failing to stop at the stop sign. [redacted] stated he was on the sidewalk to the right of the vehicle checkpoint checking foot traffic. When [redacted] noticed the vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign he started crossing the street toward the Volkswagen, telling the vehicle to stop. At this point he raised his weapon and chambered a round. While [redacted] was doing this, [redacted] maneuvered along side of [redacted] telling the vehicle to stop and raising his weapon. [redacted] stated he flipped his weapon off safe and aimed in on the hood of the vehicle. [redacted] fired one round into the right bumper of the vehicle.
10. According to the written statement provided by [redacted] at approximately 0924, three individuals in a blue four door Volkswagen approached checkpoint [redacted]. As the vehicle in front of the Volkswagen was waved forward, the Volkswagen stopped at the sign, but then proceeded forward without authorization. [redacted] stated he heard [redacted] and [redacted] yell "stop" three to four times, raising their weapons, chambering a round, and yelling "stop" two more times. [redacted] stated he then observed [redacted] fire one round into the right bumper of the vehicle. At that point, the vehicle stopped.
11. At approximately 1100 hours, RA reviewed digital video of the incident captured by a closed circuit television camera positioned immediately south of [redacted]. The digital video showed at 0920 hrs, [redacted] vehicle approaching the entrance lane for [redacted]. [redacted] vehicle can be seen rolling through the stop sign. The digital video lacks sufficient clarity to determine anything regarding the shooting of the vehicle. Bullet impacts on the vehicle cannot be discerned.
12. At approximately 1430 hours, [redacted] USMC, provided RA with a physical count of the number of rounds remaining in [redacted] magazines. The count revealed that one rounds was missing from one thirty round magazine.
13. Based on the statements from [redacted] as well as the digital video, there is no/no evidence that the Marine Security Forces acted in contravention of their Rules of [redacted]

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Engagement when they opened fire on [REDACTED] vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

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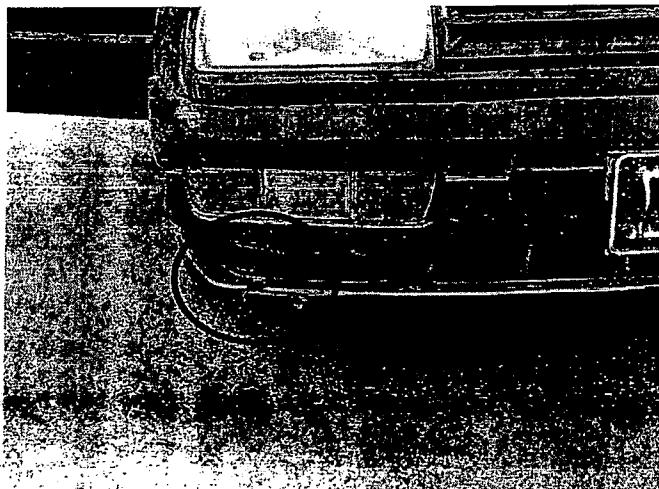
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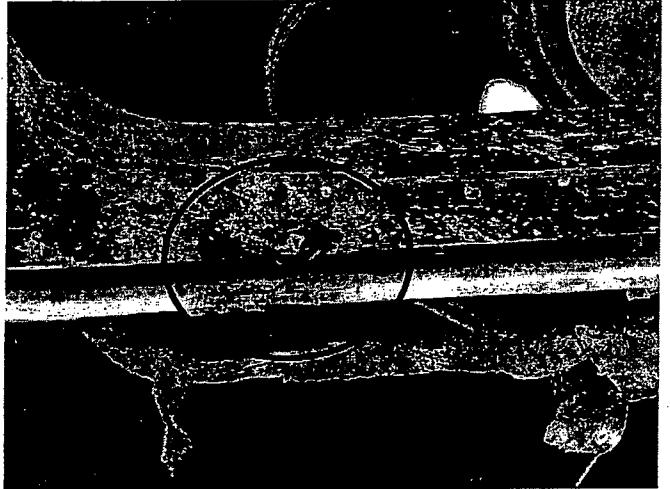
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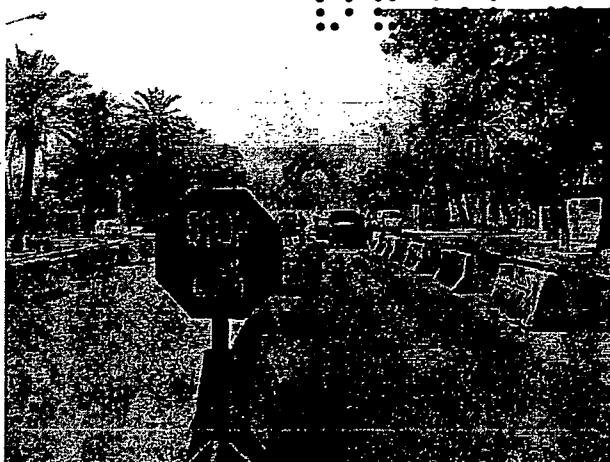
Round impact area (red circle)



Close-up round impact area right bumper

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Stop sign left side of lane



Warning sign, right side of lane



Full view of vehicle entry lane (red circle is subject vehicle)

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I [redacted] make the following statement: b7c

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On 14 July 2005 at 0924, three individuals in a blue four door Volkswagen approached [redacted]. When the vehicle in front of him was waved forward, the Volkswagen followed the vehicle in front of him towards the checkpoint, failing to stop at the stop sign. I was on the sidewalk to the right of the vehicle check point checking foot traffic. When I saw the vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign I started crossing the street. At the same time I was telling the vehicle to stop. I yelled at him to stop 2 times. At this point I raised my weapon and racked a round, going condition 1. While I was doing this [redacted] maneuvered along side of me telling the vehicle to stop and raising his weapon. At this point I flipped the weapon off safe and aimed it on the hood of the vehicle. [redacted] fired one round into the lower left passenger side of the vehicle. The vehicle stopped and the three passengers raised their hands in confusion. Myself and [redacted] told the 3 individuals several times to get out of the vehicle. After 3 times the individuals got out of the vehicle where they got on the ground. Myself and [redacted] got the 3 individuals away from the vehicle and up against a wall. I searched one of the individuals and [redacted] came over and told us not to search the other 2. While this was happening [redacted] and [redacted] searched the vehicle. The COC was notified and the Watch Officer and RSO agents arrived on scene and took command. The driver was notified to leave and the post returned to normal at 0954.

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I, [REDACTED] make the following statement

On 14 July 2005 at 0924 three individuals in a blue four door Volkswagen blew the stop sign at check point [REDACTED] follow a blue KBR bus that I had called forward. I turned [REDACTED] around to make sure that the tire spikes were up. As I turned my head down the make sure the tire spikes were up I heard the words shouted stop, stop, stop. I then looked up the vehicle had not stop and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had pointed the weapons toward the vehicles and said stop again vehicle still did not stop. That's when [REDACTED] fired one round into the bumper of the vehicle the vehicle then stopped. The two person in the front of the vehicle started getting out with there hands up. The individuals were then search and clear, and there vehicle was search and cleared. Immediately after the shot was fired, SOG notified COC of the situation. The Watch Officer arrived along with the RSO agents and took command. The driver was eventually told he could leave and the post returned to normal status at 0954.

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On 14 July 2005 at 0930, three individuals in a blue Volkswagen did not stop at the stop sign at [REDACTED]. The individuals were told to stop several times by two of the Marines on post, the driver ignored all hand signals and verbal commands. Myself and [REDACTED] both gave verbal and physical commands. The driver continued to not follow directions, [REDACTED] and myself both raised our weapons and went condition one. The individual still proceeded to drive through the check point. I took the weapon off safe and fired one round at the vehicle. The individuals were told to get out of the vehicle and get on the ground. The personnel were taken out of the vehicle and were searched. The vehicle was also searched by myself and another marine on post. The SOG radio up to the COC and the Watch Officer showed up on post.



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Incident Report

Location: ██████████ b7c

Watch Officer: ██████████

Number of Individuals involved: ██████████

Watch Chief: ██████████

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Date/Time: 0924 050714

On Scene Commander: ██████████ b7c

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Description of Event:

On July 14, 2005, at approximately 0924, ██████████ the NCOIC at checkpoint ████ fired 1 shot into the right front bumper of an oncoming vehicle that failed to stop at the posted stop signs. After repeated verbal commands and hand and arm signals, ████ went condition 1 with his rifle and elevated his mussel. At this point ████ who was already in condition 1, elevated his mussel and fired one round.

There were three local nationals in the vehicle, which stopped immediately after the round was fired. There were no injuries reported. The individual in the back seat was ██████████ working for the Ministry of Health, the two individuals in the front seat were his PSD. They were attempting to get to checkpoint ████ but were unfamiliar with the area. The two individuals in the front seats were escorted out of the vehicle and searched. ████ was questioned by the watch officer, ████ and the vehicle was also searched. Three Department of State agents arrived on scene and conducted their own investigation. Once they concluded their investigation the individuals returned to their car and were permitted through the checkpoint.

Five minutes prior to this incident, the Marines at ████ reported two explosions in the vicinity of checkpoint 2. The Marines on post had just been notified by the COC to begin conducting hasty searches on all non-military vehicles coming through the checkpoint and two react gun trucks were posted to reinforce checkpoint ████ and ████ due to two VBIED detonations and a suicide bomber at ████. The RSO spot report concluded that the Marines used the appropriate escalation of force in dealing with the situation.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

15 July 2005

Spot Report – 071505-1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: DynCorp PSD fires three rounds into aggressive vehicle.

At approximately 1409 on 15 July 2005, a DynCorp QRF Team in support of a second DynCorp COM PSD Team encountered an aggressive vehicle as they left the Marble Hotel. (The Marble Hotel is the site of the National Democratic Institute) The Well Gunner attempted to use visual signals in order to ward off an approaching Black BMW as it broke the protective “bubble” of slowed traffic, and was within 75 meters of the motorcade. The male driver initially slowed down and rejoined the slower following local vehicles. Soon after, the BMW broke from the pack once again and sped towards the Follow vehicle at approximately 55-60 miles an hour. The driver this time ignored the visual and verbal warnings and continued toward the team. The Well Gunner fired three rounds into the grill area of the BMW when it was within 50 meters of the motorcade. The vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop on the side of the road, and liquid was seen to be pouring out of the radiator area. It did not appear to the team that either of the two male occupants was injured. The motorcade continued back to the International Zone without further incident.

There were four principals in the lead motorcade the QRF was supporting. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Baghdad, Iraq **Grid:** _____ | b2b2L

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

16 July 2005



Spot Report - 071605- 1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires three rounds into aggressive vehicle.

At approximately 1358 on 16 July 2005, a PSD Team conducting BIAP route reconnaissance encountered an aggressive vehicle, as they were enroute back to the International Zone from Camp Victory. The Left Rear of the Follow Vehicle attempted to use visual signals and the Follow's horn to ward off a **white sedan** approaching from a side road of stopped traffic. The male driver made eye contact with the Left Rear, ignored the visual and audible warnings, and continued toward the team. The Left Rear fired three rounds into the right front fender area of the vehicle when it was within 30-35 meters of the motorcade. The vehicle drove through the intersection and came to a stop on the side of the road. Both occupants immediately raised their hands, and it did not appear to the team that either of the individuals was injured. The motorcade continued back to the International Zone without further incident. There were no principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.~~SECRET//SI//LEO~~**Location:** Baghdad, Iraq

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	16 Jul 05	Time of Incident	1347
Type of Incident	Shots fired at aggressive vehicle (White Sedan W/2 male occupants)		
Use of lethal force (use of less than lethal force/distraction devices deployed/ambush)			
Location of Incident	Desert location, West of Basra, Iraq, coordinates [redacted]		
Description of Incident	<p>At 1347 on 16 Jul 2005, this writer was assigned to Templar 26 as the left gunner of the lead vehicle. Templar 26 and Templar 2 were returning from Camp Victory via Route [redacted]. As my vehicle, the lead Mamba # 4 was traveling south bound on Route Cardinals and approached the intersection of [redacted]. A white sedan with two male occupants traveling west at the intersection, which was previously stopped along with the other vehicles at the intersection, aggressively accelerated towards the motorcade.</p> <p>All traffic at the intersection was stopped due to the oncoming convoy. I gave hand and arm signals, verbal warnings, and the horn of our vehicle were all used to warn people that our motorcade was approaching the intersection. Upon entering the intersection I had made positive eye contact with the passenger of the vehicle, however despite the warnings the vehicle still proceeded to accelerate towards the motorcade.</p> <p>Due to the aggressive actions of the vehicle and fearing for the life of myself and the people in the motorcade, I fired a well aimed three round burst into the front right fender. The forward momentum of the vehicle carried it across the intersection before coming to a controlled stop. Once the vehicle came to a complete stop the occupants threw his hands in the air. There were no resulting injuries to PSD members, surrounding personnel, or the occupants of the aggressive vehicle.</p>		
Action Taken	Used verbal (in Arabic), visual (hands), and fired a three round burst into the front right fender of the vehicle		
Follow-Up Required	Tactical Commander and Team Leader contacted TOC and informed them of incident.		

Operator(s) Involved	Left gunner	Vehicle(s) Involved	Mamba(Lead Vehicle)	Team(s) Involved	Templar 26
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	18 Jul 05	Date of Incident	Approximately 0810 hrs
Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-Lethal/Critical Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Ambush		
Location of Incident	Approximately 300 meters northeast of [redacted]		
Description of Incident	<p>Templar 26, a 4 vehicle Quick Reaction Force (QRF) motorcade, was returning to the International Zone from the Ministry of Interior [redacted] in support of Templar 12 and to restage to support Templar 4's movement to the same venue. While traveling in a southwest direction the motorcade came to a stop allowing traffic to clear from the tunnel before proceeding through it. All civilian traffic to the rear was holding behind the motorcade at a distance of approximately 100 meters. While still stopped and prior to the motorcade starting movement through the tunnel, the rear hatch gunner of the follow Saxon observed a single male occupant driving a blue two-door hatchback sedan maneuver from a parking lot, located to the left of the motorcade, in an aggressive manner towards the motorcade. At a distance of approximately 25 to 30 meters the rear hatch gunner attempted to stop the vehicle using hand signals and muzzle gestures. The driver of the vehicle failed to obey the hand and muzzle gestures and was further observed leaning into the steering wheel and accelerating towards the motorcade at an aggressive rate of speed.</p>		
Action Taken	<p>As the vehicle approached from the left side and at a distance of approximately 15 meters, I feared for the safety of my life and the lives of my fellow team members, and fired three rounds in an effort to immediately disable the vehicle. The vehicle's radiator was impacted and the vehicle came to a stop. There were no injuries to the driver or others in the area. Shortly thereafter, the motorcade made its way through the tunnel and continued traveling southwest at approximately 30 mph and returned to the International Zone without further incident.</p>		
Follow-Up Required	<p>The Department of State T.O.C. was immediately notified of the incident. Upon return from the mission, a verbal statement was provided to DoS agents.</p>		

Operator(s) Involved	[redacted]	Vehicle(s) Involved	[redacted]	Team(s) Involved	[redacted]
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[redacted]
 Personal Security Specialist
 QRF Team 26
 DSS, Iraq

[redacted]
 Team Lead
 QRF Team 26
 DSS, Iraq



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Sworn Statement

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Date	18 July 05	Time	11:55 AM
Location	[redacted]	b7d	✓

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I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement voluntarily to [redacted] b7c,
JOHN KRAJICEK, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

On 18 July, 2005, I was the Shift leader for Temper 5 (QRF). We were enroute to the MDI complex to support Team 11's return trip to the IZ. We crossed [redacted] and made a right turn at [redacted] where we witnessed a local national in the b7d median recording our movement with a handheld type video recorder. We were traveling counter flow. Traveling South after the turn at [redacted] we ran into congested traffic and were at a dead stop. We were approximately roughly 100 m. South of [redacted] when we witnessed a black 4 door sedan with 1 male occupant parked on the right side of the road. He then pulled out and accelerated quickly at an angle which ultimately would have put him right into our vehicle. The left and right rear were deployed and were issuing hand and arm signals to stop. Eye contact was made with us and the occupant of the car and the driver made no effort to stop. The hell gunner of our vehicle fired 1 round with witness impact into the grill of the vehicle causing the driver to stop immediately. No injury to the driver occurred. End of Statement [redacted] b7c

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Date	18 July 05	Time	1154
Location	Median of [redacted]	bd high	

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I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement voluntarily to
JOHN KETISICK, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the
U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

ON 18 July 05 at about 1154 I was in the
T. C. position. As our team moved out to pick up team 11
(with temps QRF) [redacted] at that time, I spotted a mid to late 20's male filming an
attempt to tear 11 down. The location I spotted him was on
the median of [redacted]
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Date

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Time

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, hereby make the following statement voluntarily to

SA Ryan Metcalf, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

~~Officer~~ On July 18 2005 while in the position of Well Camera in the Follow FAV ^{for Team 5}, I observed a black in color sedan with one male occupant and a TAXI placard on the dash pull out from the right side of the south bound lane a cut through traffic that was stopped towards ~~the left~~ our motorcade, which was stopped against the median traveling South in the north bound lane. When I saw the vehicle moving around traffic we already had stopped I flashed a high power flashlight at the driver and heard the Right Rear, [redacted] open his door and give hand and verbal signals. The driver of the vehicle did not stop and was within 50 meter of our vehicle even though the back of our follow vehicle is marked in English and Arabic to stay back at least 100 meters. I then engaged the vehicle with 1 round to the grill which I saw impact at the place of aim. When the vehicle stopped it was approximately 25 meters from the rear of the motorcade. The driver of the vehicle did not appear to be injured. We continued to the venue and the vehicle remained where it stopped End of Statement

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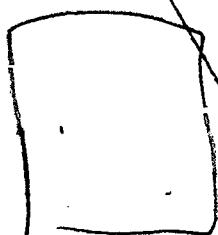
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Date	18 July 05	Time	12:10 PM
Location	50 meters east of [redacted] b2 b7c		

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I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement voluntarily to b7c
John Krajicek, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

On 18 July, 2005, I was the Shift leader for Tm5 (QRF). We were enroute from the MDI complex to the IZ escorting Tm 11. Approximately 50 meters east of [redacted]. Our motorcade was at a standstill due to traffic to our front. All traffic to our rear was stopped and the left and right rears were deployed. He witnessed at that point a white 4 door volkswagen with 1 male occupant drive around all stopped traffic on the right side. The driver had to drive over the high curb with the right side of the vehicle to pass the stopped cars. Once he passed the stopped traffic he failed to obey hand and arm signals to stop. He continued to accelerate and was still riding the curb. The well gunner fired one round with an [redacted] into the grill b2 b7c. The well gunner fired one round with an [redacted] into the grill with witness impact. It appeared at that point the driver's vehicle became stuck on the curb. No [redacted] injury occurred to the occupant of the vehicle. End of Statement

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Date	18 JUL 2005	Time	12:10 hrs
Location	50 meters East of [redacted] b7d		

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I, [redacted] b7c, hereby make the following statement voluntarily to
SA Ryan Metcalf, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the
U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

On July 18 2005 while in the position of Well Gunner in the follow FAV
for Team 5 we were stopped for Traffic ahead of the motorcade and
had traffic behind the motorcade stopped when a white VW sedan pulled
around a dump truck that was stopped and partially onto the curb and continued
to attempt to accelerate towards our motorcade. The left and right rear
wheels were both outside the vehicle giving hand sigl signals and shouting at the vehicle as
I flashed a light at the driver. When he failed to stop I engaged the vehicle
with one round to the grill and observed it strike the point of aim. The vehicle
then stopped and the driver appeared angry but unjured. When traffic cleared
we continued to the IZ with Team 11. End of Statement

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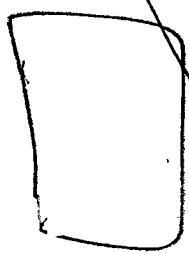
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

20 July 2005



Spot Report - 072005-2

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** DynCorp PSD fires one round into approaching car.

At approximately 1215 on 20 July 2005 a COM Protective Security Detail (PSD) encountered an aggressive vehicle while en-route to the National Democratic Institute (NDI). All local traffic was stopped as the motorcade was negotiating a traffic circle. After the PSD team had proceeded through the circle a group of cars surged forward and split the PSD team from their Quick Reaction Force (QRF) escort. A purple 4-dr sedan that had surged forward with traffic then accelerated and began approaching the PSD motorcade. The vehicle was approximately 100 meters from the motorcade when it began accelerating toward the detail. The vehicle moved to the left side of the motorcade and the Left Rear began giving verbal and visual signals to stop without effect. The vehicle then moved to the right side of the motorcade and continued accelerating. At this time the Right Rear began giving visual and verbal signals for the driver to stop his advance. After repeated attempts to wave off the driver the Right Rear fired one round into the grill of the approaching vehicle as it came within 40 meters of the follow car. The driver immediately pulled over to the side of the road and came to a stop with no apparent injury. The motorcade continued to the NDI without further incident. There was a principal in the motorcade at the time of the incident. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq-

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

20 July 2005



Spot Report - 072005-1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** DynCorp PSD fires one round into approaching car.

At approximately 1224 on 20 July 2005 a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Team encountered an aggressive vehicle while en-route to the international zone. The motorcade was stationary in traffic when a **white 4-dr sedan** occupied by two local national males darted behind the follow vehicle from a side street. The vehicle was 20 meters from the follow car when it pulled behind the motorcade and began advancing toward the detail. The Well Gunner Flashed his rifle mounted light at the driver without effect then fired one round into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle stopped approximately 15 meters from the motorcade and smoke was coming from the engine. The Left and Right Rear immediately deployed and began giving the driver verbal and visual signals to back up his vehicle. The driver then backed his vehicle away from the motorcade, and remained at a distance until the motorcade departed the area. The team reported that the driver and passenger did not appear to be injured. The motorcade continued to the International Zone without incident. There was no principal in the motorcade at the time of the incident. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

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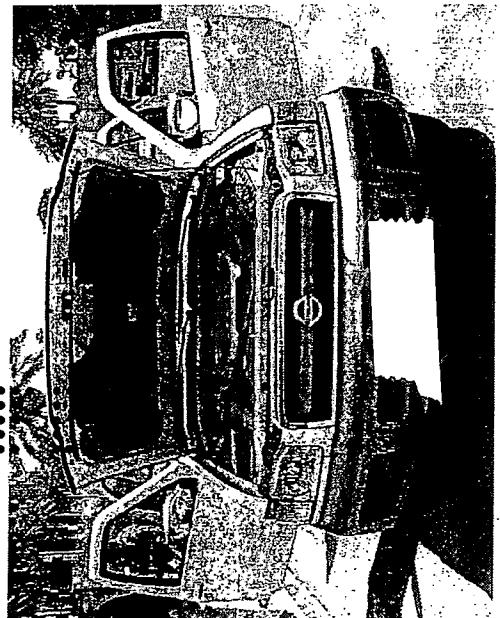
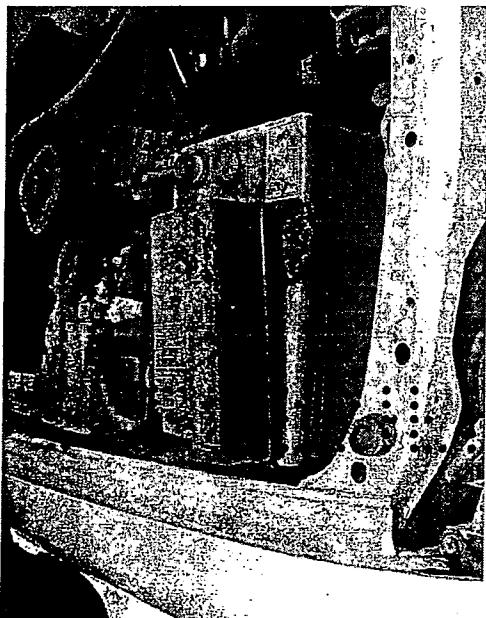
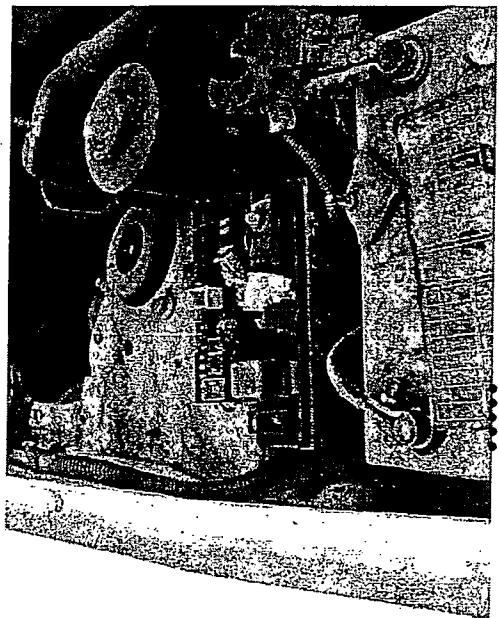
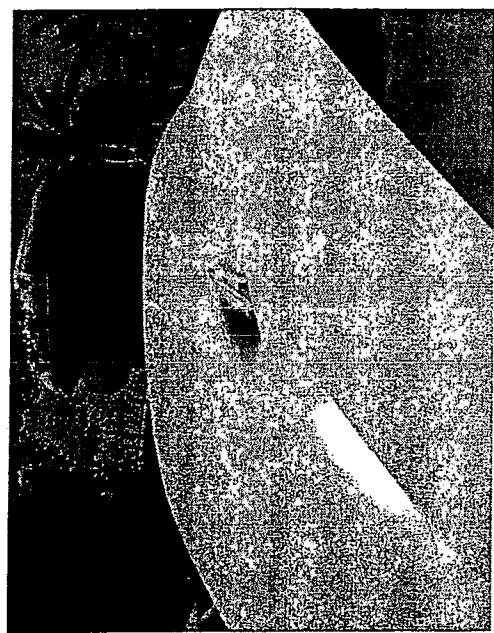
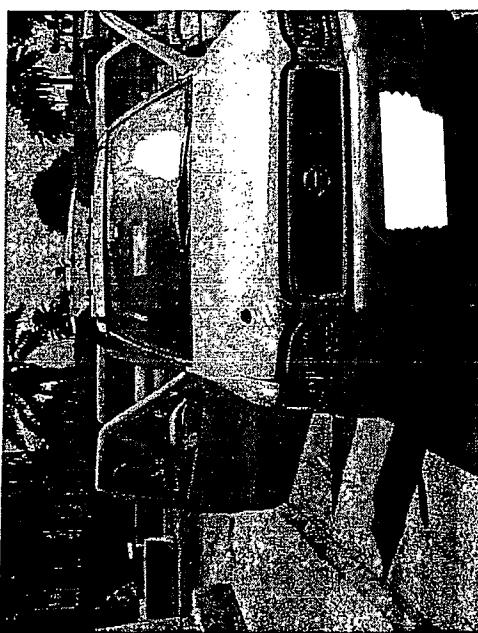
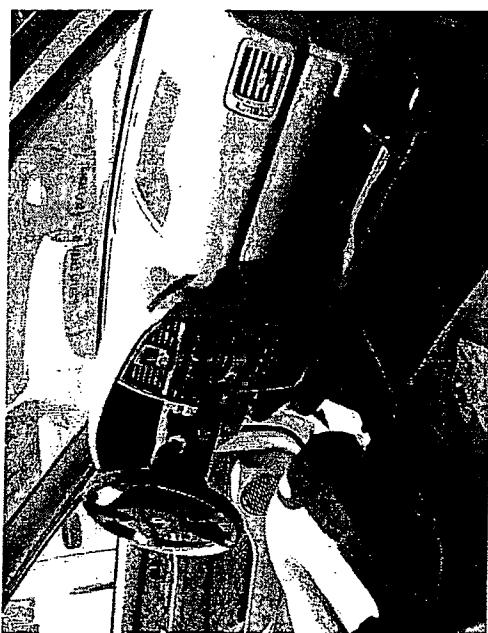
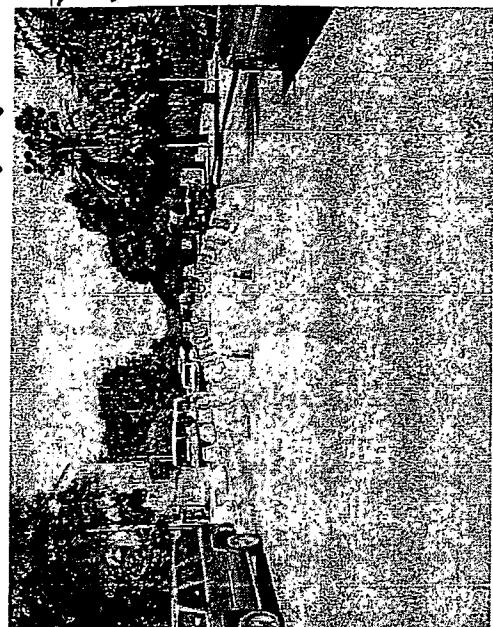
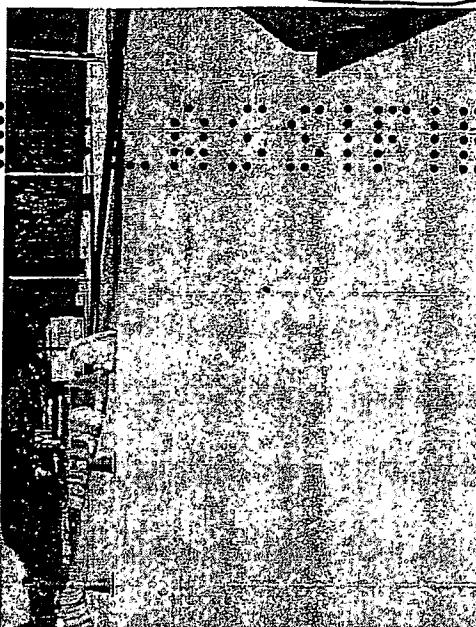
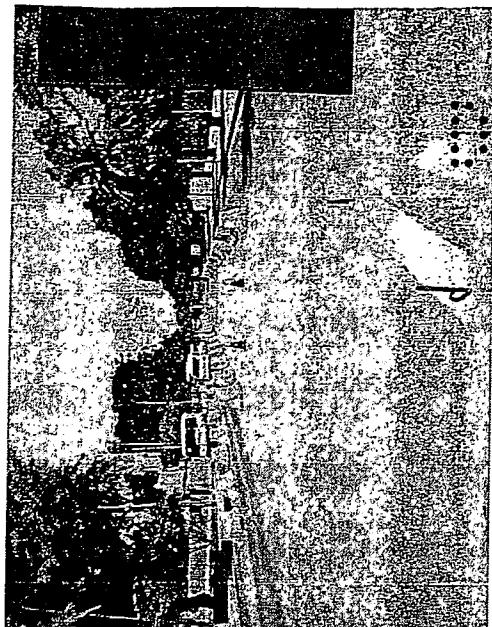
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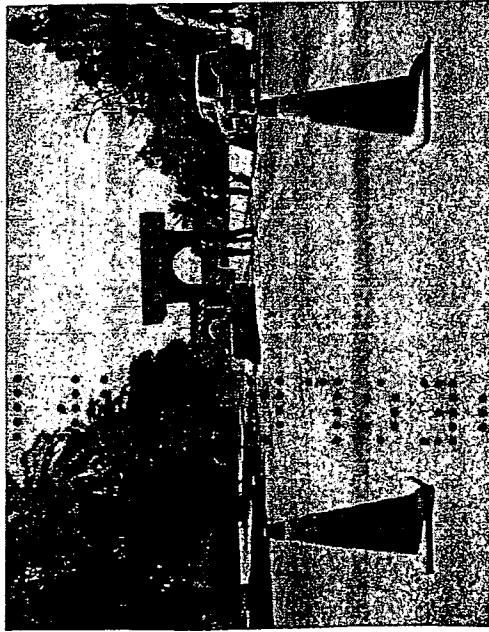
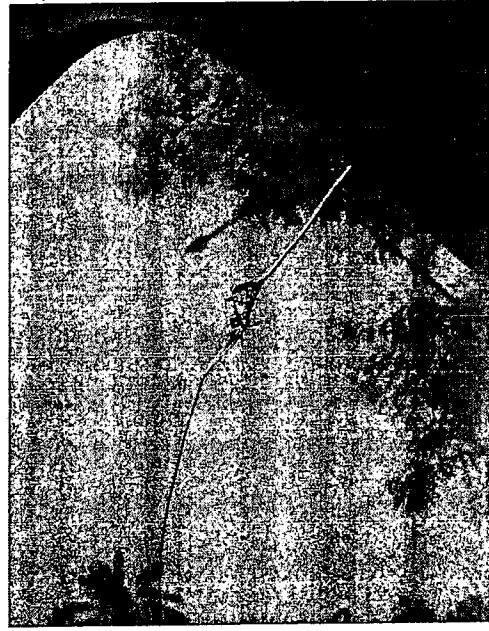
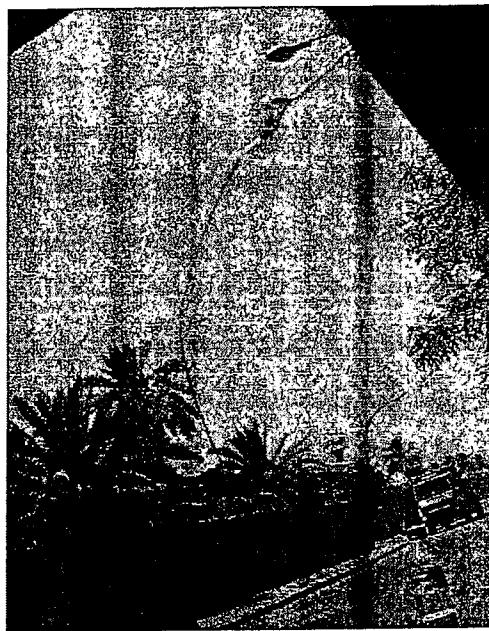
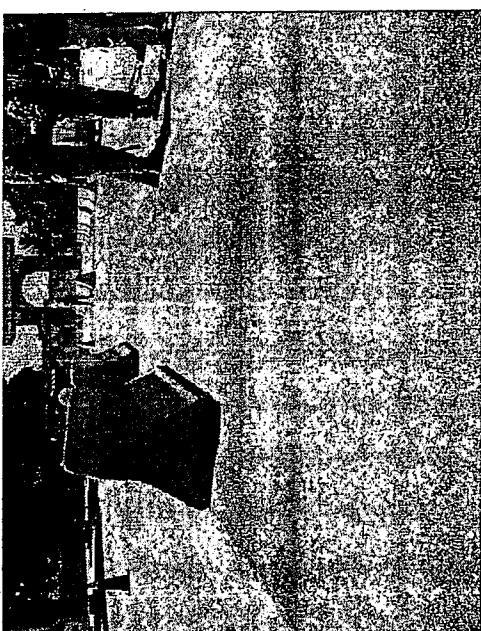
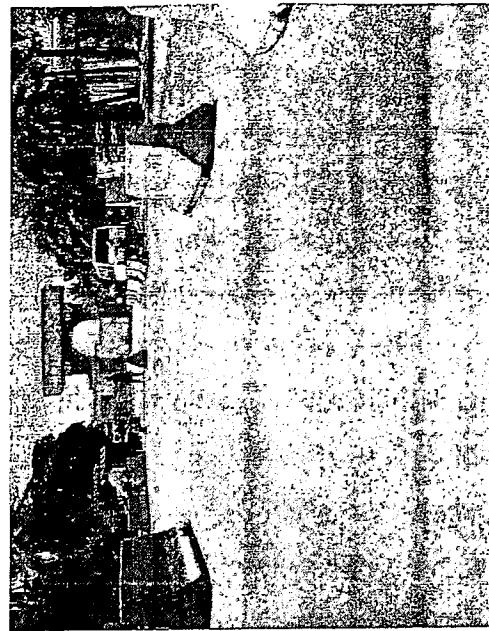
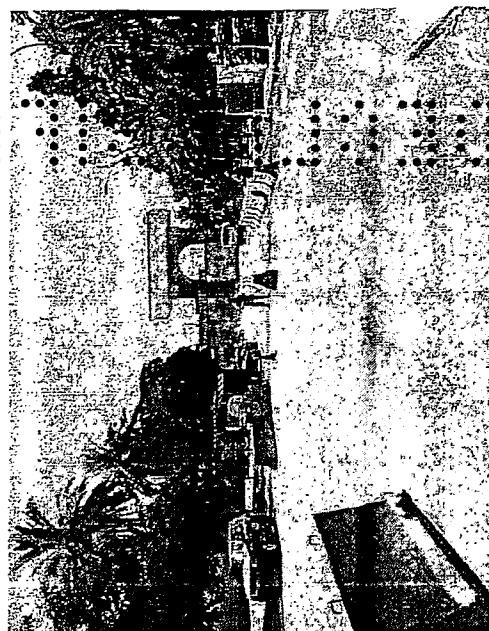
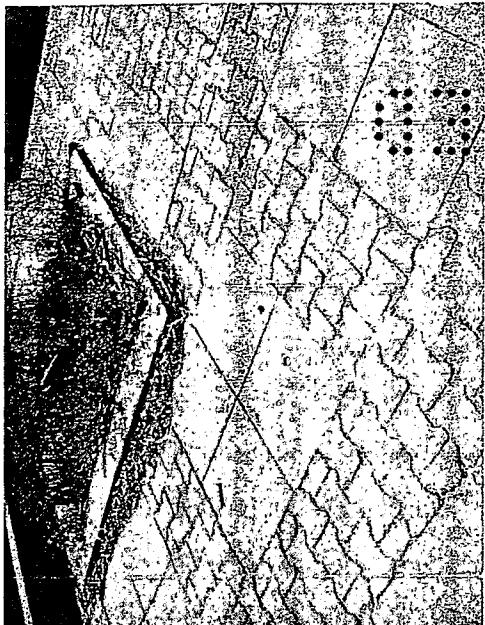
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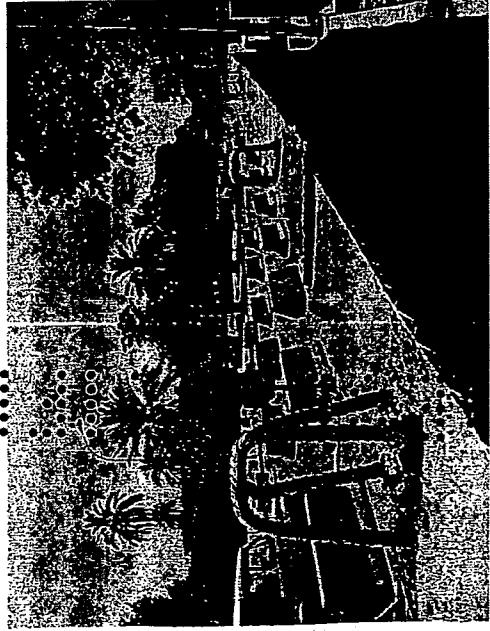
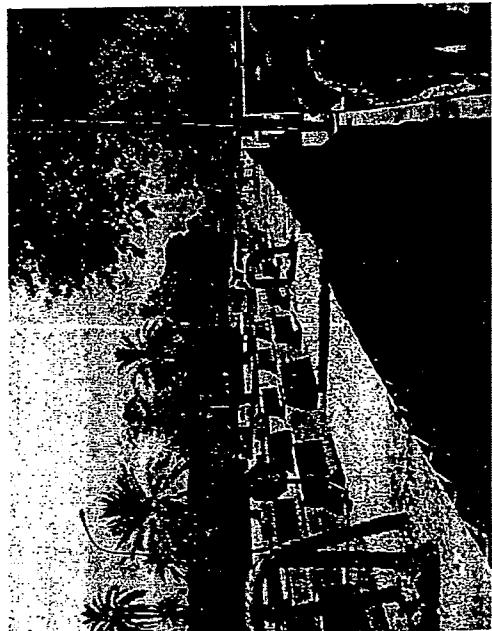
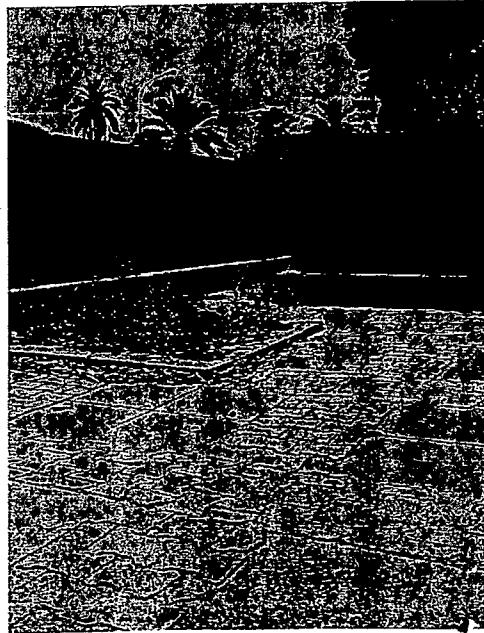
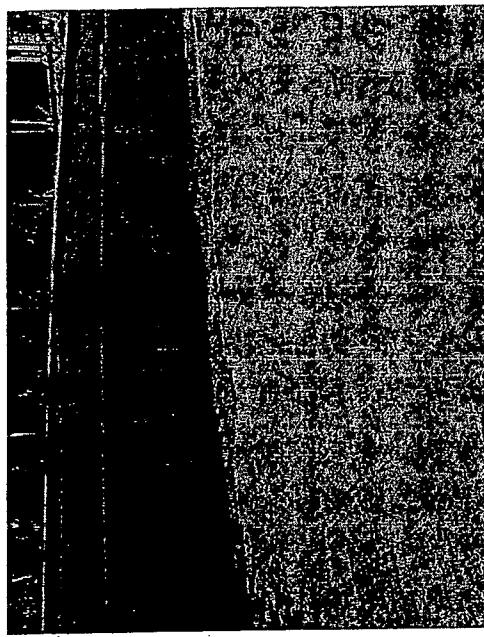
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

21 July 2005

Spot Report - 072105-1

Subject: Vehicle Fired on at Checkpoint *b2 b7c*

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Marines fire two rounds into local national vehicle

On 21 July 2005, at approximately 1125, The Marines reported that a white Nissan Pathfinder occupied by one local national male entered Checkpoint without stopping at the stop sign and being called forward. Marines manning the checkpoint immediately began giving visual and verbal signals for the vehicle to stop. After repeated attempts to signal the driver to stop, two Marines fired one round each into the grill/hood area of the vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop and the Marines called the driver out of the car. ARSO investigators spoke to the individual and discovered that he was talking on his cell phone at the time of the shooting. The driver admitted that he knew that it was against checkpoint policy to use the phone while approaching/entering the CP. Additionally, the driver stated that he travels through the CP approximately ten times per day and was aware that he must stop and wait to be called forward before entering the checkpoint. The driver stated that he was not injured and there were no injuries reported by the Marine Security Forces.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from Marine Security Forces.

Location: IZ Baghdad, Iraq

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Sworn Statement

Date
21 Jul 2005

Time
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Location

Baghdad, Iraq

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I, [redacted] b7c hereby make the following statement by order of

Matthew McCormack, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I am submitting this report on his order as a condition of employment. In view of possible job forfeiture, I have no alternative but to abide by this order. I further understand this statement will be used for fact finding only.

On 18 Jul 2005, at approximately 1255 hours, I was in the Tactical Commander position of the lead vehicle in a [redacted] Quick Reaction Force (QRF) team motorcade. While on return to the International Zone from the Ministry of Health the motorcade was providing support for Team 24. Team 24 was executing a U-turn over the median and our QRF team was stopped in the roadway providing over-watch for team 24's U-turn. While waiting in the roadway, I observed a red van to the right of my vehicle; however, because my attention was focused on Team 24's movement I did not see if the van was stopped or moving. At the same time I observed the vehicle, I heard the right hatch gunner yelling verbal commands for the vehicle to stop. At this point my attention was looking forward as my vehicle was starting to move over the median. After hearing several verbal commands, I heard the right hatch gunner take one shot with his [redacted] in an effort to stop the threat posed by the vehicle. After the shot was fired the motorcade, upon completing the U-turn, turned around and returned to the location where the vehicle was shot to render any assistance possible. After first aid was provided to the driver of the red van, who suffered a wound to his shoulder, the team returned to our vehicles and departed the area without further incident. This statement was prepared with the assistance of [redacted] Blackwater Red Group Deputy Detail Leader and reflects the true facts as I recall them and have related them.

I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

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Address

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[redacted]

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 20th day of July, 2005.

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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Sworn Statement

Date 21 Jul 2005	Time 2000
Location Baghdad, Iraq	

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I, [REDACTED] b7c hereby make the following statement by order of

Matthew McCormack, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I am submitting this report on his order as a condition of employment. In view of possible job forfeiture, I have no alternative but to abide by this order. I further understand this statement will be used for fact finding only.

On 18 Jul 2005, at approximately 1255 hours, I was in the left side turret gunner position of the lead vehicle in a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) team motorcade. While on return to the International Zone from the Ministry of Health the motorcade was providing support for Team 24. Team 24 was executing a U-turn over the median and our QRF team was stopped in the roadway providing over-watch for their U-turn. While waiting in the roadway, my attention was focused forward on traffic holding to the front of the motorcade at a distance of approximately 100 meters. At this point I observed a red van maneuvering forward around the stopped traffic. I gave verbal commands and hand gestures to the driver of the vehicle, which was ignored. Our vehicle at this point was starting forward movement and I and the right hatch gunner continued yelling verbal commands and hand gestures for the vehicle to stop. At this point after giving numerous verbal commands and visual hand gestures, I heard and observed the right hatch gunner take one shot with his [REDACTED] b7c in an effort to stop the threat posed by the vehicle. After the shot was fired the motorcade, upon completing the U-turn, turned around and returned to the location where the vehicle was shot to render any assistance possible. After first aid was provided to the driver of the red van, who suffered a wound to his shoulder, the team returned to our vehicles and departed the area without further incident. This statement was prepared with the assistance of [REDACTED] Blackwater Red Group Deputy Detail Leader and reflects the true facts as I recall and have related them.

I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed	[REDACTED]
Printed	[REDACTED]
Address Blackwater Security Consulting, DSS Team 2, Baghdad, Iraq	

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 20th day of July 2005.

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Date 21 Jul 2005	Time 2000
Location Baghdad, Iraq	

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I, [REDACTED] b7c hereby make the following statement by order of

Matthew McCormack, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I am submitting this report on his order as a condition of employment. In view of possible job forfeiture, I have no alternative but to abide by this order. I further understand this statement will be used for fact finding only.

On 18 Jul 2005, at approximately 1255 hours, I was in the right side rear interior position of the lead vehicle in [REDACTED] Quick Reaction Force (QRF) team motorcade. While on return to the International Zone from the Ministry of Health the motorcade was providing support for Team 24. Team 24 was executing a U-turn over the median and our QRF team was stopped in the roadway providing over-watch for their U-turn. While waiting in the roadway, my attention was focused on Team 24's limo movement through the U-turn. I heard the right hatch gunner yelling verbal commands for a vehicle to stop. At this point I turned my attention to the right and saw several vehicles side-by-side but did not focus on any vehicle in particular. After hearing several verbal commands, I heard the right hatch gunner take one shot with his [REDACTED] in an effort to stop the threat posed by the vehicle. After the shot was fired the [REDACTED] motorcade, upon completing the U-turn, turned around and returned to the location where the vehicle was shot to render any assistance possible. After first aid was provided to the driver of the red van, who suffered a wound to his shoulder, the team returned to our vehicles and departed the area without further incident. This statement was prepared with the assistance of [REDACTED] Blackwater Red Group Deputy Detail Leader and reflects the true facts as I recall and have related them. b7c b7d

I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Printed [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]	
Blackwater Security Consulting, DSS Team 2, Baghdad, Iraq	

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 20th day of July 2005.

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Date 21 Jul 2005	Time 2000
Location Baghdad, Iraq	

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I, [REDACTED], hereby make the following statement by order of [REDACTED] b7c

Matthew McCormack, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I am submitting this report on his order as a condition of employment. In view of possible job forfeiture, I have no alternative but to abide by this order. I further understand this statement will be used for fact finding only.

On 18 Jul 2005, at approximately 1255 hours, I was in the driver position of the lead vehicle in a [REDACTED] Quick Reaction Force (QRF) team motorcade. While on return to the International Zone from the Ministry of Health the motorcade was providing support for Team 24. Team 24 was executing a U-turn over the median and our QRF team was stopped in the roadway providing over-watch for team 24's U-turn. While waiting in the roadway, I observed a red van maneuvering around traffic that was stopped to the right of my vehicle. At the same time I observed the vehicle, I heard the right hatch gunner yelling verbal commands for the vehicle to stop. At this point I turned my attention forward as I was starting to move my vehicle over the median. After several verbal commands, I heard the right hatch gunner take one shot with his [REDACTED] in an effort to stop the threat posed by the vehicle. After the shot was fired the motorcade, upon completing the U-turn, turned around and returned to the location where the vehicle was shot to render any assistance possible. After first aid was provided to the driver of the red van, who suffered a wound to his shoulder, the team returned to our vehicles and departed the area without further incident. This statement was prepared with the assistance of [REDACTED] Blackwater Red Group Deputy Detail Leader and reflects the true facts as I recall them and have related them. b2 b7c

I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed [REDACTED]
Printed [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]

Blackwater Security Consulting, DSS Team 2, Baghdad, Iraq

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 20th day of July 2005

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Date 21 Jul 2005	Time 2000
Location Baghdad, Iraq	

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I, [redacted] b7c hereby make the following statement by order of

Matthew McCormack, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I am submitting this report on his order as a condition of employment. In view of possible job forfeiture, I have no alternative but to abide by this order. I further understand this statement will be used for fact finding only.

On 18 Jul 2005, at approximately 1255 hours, I was in the right hatch gunner position of the lead vehicle in [redacted] Quick Reaction Force (QRF) team motorcade. While on return to the International Zone from the Ministry of Health the motorcade was providing support for Team 24. Team 24 was executing a U-turn over the median and our QRF team was stopped in the roadway providing over-watch for their U-turn. While waiting in the roadway, my attention was focused on traffic which was stopped to the front and in the Northeast lane at a distance of approximately 100 meters from my vehicle. I, along with the left turret gunner, observed a red Kia van maneuvering around the stopped traffic in an aggressive manner towards our motorcade. Upon seeing the vehicle the left turret gunner and I started using hand gestures and yelling verbal commands in an attempt to stop the vehicle, however our commands were ignored by the driver. As the vehicle closed to a distance of approximately 50 meters I continued to attempt to stop the vehicle by using hand signals, verbal commands and muzzle gestures. The driver of the vehicle continued to disobey my hand and muzzle gestures and continued towards the QRF motorcade at an aggressive rate of speed. At this point, and when the vehicle was approximately 40 meters from the motorcade, I took one shot with my [redacted] in an effort to stop the threat posed by the vehicle. My point of aim was at the radiator of the vehicle; however, as I squeezed the trigger, the QRF vehicle's tires made it over the median causing the vehicle to bounce. The vehicle's windshield was impacted and the vehicle came to a stop. After observing the commotion around the red van, the Shift leader, who was in the follow vehicle, elected to turn the motorcade around and return to the location where the vehicle was shot to render any assistance possible. After first aid was provided to the driver of the red van, who suffered a wound to his shoulder, the team returned to our vehicles and departed the area without further incident. This statement was prepared with the assistance of [redacted] Blackwater Red Group Deputy Detail Leader and reflects the true facts as I recall and have related them.

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	18 July 05	Time of Incident	Approximately 1255 hrs
Type of Incident	Use of Deadly Force/Non Fatal		
Description of Incident	Approximately 500 meters Southwest of [redacted] b2LJ		
Description of Incident	<p>Templar 2, a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Team, was en-route to [redacted] from The Ministry of Health [redacted] in support of Templar 24. At a location approximately 500 meters Southwest of Templar 24's motorcade had to execute a U-turn over the median. Templar 2 at that point provided over-watch for the turn and held traffic in both the north and south bound lanes. Once Templar 24 completed their U-turn and was traveling Northeast, the lead vehicle of Templar 2 started to maneuver over the median. At that point the left hatch gunner observed a red Kia mini van maneuvering around traffic, which was stopped in the Northeast lane at a distance of approximately 100 meters from the QRF lead vehicle. The left hatch gunner gave hand signals, which were ignored by the driver. The lead vehicle continued to maneuver over the median and at that point the right hatch gunner, who now had a better view of the southbound lane, observed the same red Kia still maneuvering around the stopped traffic. At a distance of approximately 50 meters the hatch gunner attempted to stop the vehicle using hand signals and muzzle gestures. The driver of the vehicle failed to obey the hand and muzzle gestures and continued towards the QRF motorcade at an aggressive rate of speed. A male who was in the front passenger seat further occupied the vehicle.</p>		
Action Taken	<p>As the vehicle approached from the right side and at a distance of approximately 40 meters from the lead QRF vehicle, I feared for the safety of my life and the lives of my fellow team members, and fired once in an effort to immediately disable the vehicle. My point of aim was at the radiator of the vehicle; however, as I squeezed the trigger, the QRF vehicle's tires made it over the median causing the vehicle to bounce. The vehicle's windshield was impacted and the vehicle came to a stop. The passenger of the vehicle was observed exiting the vehicle and it was further observed that the driver was pulled from the vehicle. The follow vehicle of the QRF motorcade observed the commotion around the red Kia and elected to stop in an effort to render any assistance needed. Once Team 2's SL and other members of the follow vehicle were on scene it was observed the injured driver had been placed in a civilian vehicle. The Iraqi Police who were on the scene were requested to remove the injured individual from the vehicle so that first aid could be rendered. Pressure bandages were applied to the individual's shoulder wound and he was then placed into an Iraqi emergency vehicle where an unidentified individual related he was a doctor and would provide further care. At this point Team 2 departed the area and returned to B6 without further incident.</p>		
Follow-Up Required	<p>The Department of State T.O.C. was immediately notified of the incident. Upon return from the mission, a verbal statement was provided to D.S. agents in the T.O.C. Additionally, RSO personnel inspected the weapon used in the shooting, the remaining rounds of ammunition were counted, and RSO personnel retained the remaining 29 rounds found in the magazine as evidence. The weapon and the magazine were returned without further questions.</p>		

Operator(s) Involved		Vehicle(s) Involved	Lead Mamba #5	Team(s) Involved	Templar 2
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Personal Security Specialist
QRF Team 2
DSS, Iraq


Team Leader
QRF Team 2
DSS, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

22 July 2005

Spot Report - 072205-1

Subject: Vehicle Fired on at Checkpoint [redacted] b2 b7c

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Marines fire one round into local national vehicle

On 22 July 2005, at approximately 1114, The Marines reported that a blue 4-dr vehicle occupied by one local national male entered Checkpoint [redacted] without stopping at the stop sign and being called forward. Marines manning the checkpoint immediately began giving visual and verbal signals for the vehicle to stop. After repeated attempts to signal the driver to stop, a Marine fired one round into the grill/hood area of the advancing vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop and the Marines called the driver out of the car. ARSO investigators spoke to the individual and discovered that he was adjusting his car radio and drinking a soda as he was approaching the checkpoint. The driver admitted that because he was distracted he followed the car in front of him as it entered the checkpoint. Additionally, the driver stated that he has traveled through the checkpoint on more than one occasion and is aware that he must stop and wait to be called forward before entering the checkpoint. The driver stated that he was not injured and there were no injuries reported by the Marine Security Forces.

RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from Marine Security Forces.

Location: IZ Baghdad, Iraq

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I [redacted] make the following statement.

At approximately 11:30 I [redacted] was at [redacted] with [redacted] and [redacted] b2 b7c when a white pathfinder ran the stop sign. [redacted] yelled for the vehicle to stop, but he continued to come forward. [redacted] and [redacted] yelled stop as well as used hand and arm signals. A few seconds later [redacted] and [redacted] both fired one shot. Then a minute or so later [redacted] was on the scene as the one scene commander. b7c

Respectfully Submitted

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On 22 July 2005, at or about 1130, I [REDACTED] was the SOC and was at [REDACTED] While checking ID's on a KBR bus I heard one [REDACTED] (1) Shot fired from a [REDACTED] When I got off the bus I saw [REDACTED] yelling for the LN driver to get out of his of late model blue unidentified make and model 4 door car. I immediately contacted the COC and gave a SITREP on the situation. I then started to search the vehicle when the Watch Officer [REDACTED] arrived with RSO Matt McCormick, who started their investigation.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
21 July 2005 Shooting at [redacted] b2 b7c		2005-0055	
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE	
		Administrative	
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
Baghdad	21 July 2005	21-21 July 2005	S/A Lunardi

SYNOPSIS

On 21 July 2005, at approximately 1130 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the northern Traffic Control Point [redacted] of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring verbal and hand commands to stop. The occupant of the vehicle suffered no/no injuries in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted as well as an interview of the occupant of the vehicle. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards located at the scene, and digital video of the incident was reviewed. No evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine Security Forces acted outside established Rules of Engagement. CASE CLOSED.

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D E C L A S S I F I E D

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1. On 21 July 2005, at approximately 1130 hours, RA monitored radio traffic from the northern Traffic Control Point [] of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle. [] is manned by Marines of Alpha Company, Anti-Terrorism (AT), 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The marines reported that no/no injuries resulted from the engagement of the vehicle.

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 2. At approximately 1135 hours, RA and S/A Matt McCormack were dispatched to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. RA and S/A McCormack arrived at [] at approximately 1145 hours. RA McCormack briefly questioned [] and [] as to the circumstances of the shooting. [] and [] stated that a vehicle operated by [] attempted to enter the TCP without authorization. [] and [] further stated that [] stepped into the street and gave verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. Both recalled that when the driver failed to heed the warnings, each Marine independently and almost simultaneously fired one [] at the engine block of the vehicle.

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 3. RA inspected the vehicle which had been moved to a side street after the incident. The vehicle was a white, four door, Nissan Pathfinder, VIN# [] Iraqi license plate number []. There was one visible bullet hole located in the passenger side front of the hood. (See photos) Several b7c b2 fragments were identified at the scene but were not taken into custody. Only one impact could be identified on the vehicle, and a piece of wadding was located on the street at approximately the point at which the vehicle was struck. A second wadding was identified near a wall to the west of the TCP, although no impact in the wall or otherwise for this second round could be identified. A search of the TCP where [] was located recovered one [] spent casing. A second spent casing was found on the street approximately where [] was said to be standing. Photographs of the vehicle and the incident scene were taken and are attached to this report.

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 4. RA spoke with [] regarding the incident. [] stated that he is a driver for the [] of Iraq and was on his way to his office at the time he entered the TCP. [] stated that he drives through the TCP multiple times a day and is familiar with the requirement to stop until called forward by the sentry. [] informed RA that he was on his cell phone as he approached the stop sign prior to the Marine Post. [] admitted that he was not paying attention as he drove forward and that he ignored the posted stop sign. [] stopped immediately when the round impacted his vehicle. [] repeatedly apologized for his failure to follow proper procedures and accepted responsibility for the incident.

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 5. At approximately 1600 hours, [] A Company Watch Officer at the time of the incident, provided written statements from the Marines at [] regarding the incident. These statements are attached to this ROI.

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 6. According to the written statement provided by [] at approximately 1130 hrs, while standing watch at [] and speaking to [] and [] he noticed a white Pathfinder moving down lane two toward the sentry. [] explained that as the vehicle drove forward towards the TCP without being motioned to move forward, he noted that the driver was on a cell phone and failed to

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b7c b2 b7c heed verbal warnings and hand signals given by himself and [] As the vehicle didn't heed his commands or gestures, he raised his [] in the direction of the vehicle. [] stated that the vehicle continued to drive forward, at which time [] heard and saw [] fire one round at the hood of the car. [] further stated that a split second later, he chambered a [] and fired one round at the hood of the vehicle.

- b2 b7c 7. According to the written statement provided by [], at approximately 1130 hrs, he was standing Post at [] and speaking with [] and []. [] further explained that he noticed a white Pathfinder pass the posted stop sign without halting and continue to approach the sentry. [] stated that he yelled 'stop' and provided hand and arm signals while walking into the vehicle's lane of travel. When the vehicle failed to stop, according to [] he chambered [] and raised his []. When the vehicle again failed to yield, he fired one round at the hood of the vehicle. [] recalled that a second later he heard and saw [] fire a shot at the vehicle. [] recalled that when the vehicle stopped, he and [] removed the driver from the vehicle.
- b7c 8. According to the written statement provided by [], at approximately 1130 hrs, a white Pathfinder failed to heed the posted stop sign at the TCP entrance. [] recalled hearing [] shouting verbal commands to stop, followed by further shouts and hand and arm signals from [] and []. [] further recalled that a few seconds later he observed [] and [] each fire a shot at the vehicle.
- b7c 9. According to the written statement provided by [], at approximately 1130 hours, he waved forward a vehicle into his lane of the TCP []. [] recalled that a white Pathfinder followed directly behind this vehicle, failing to heed the posted stop sign. [] stated that he yelled stop twice and gave hand and arm signals. [] further recalled hearing [] and [] shouting verbal warnings. [] stated that he then observed [] and [] fire one round each at the vehicle. According to [] when the vehicle stopped, [] and [] removed the driver.
- b2 b7c 10. According to the written statement provided by [], at approximately 1130 hours he was inspecting [] and visiting the Marines on post, when he observed a white Nissan Pathfinder fail to heed the posted stop sign. [] recalled that the driver was an Iraqi national and was talking on a cell phone as he ignored the stop sign. He further recalled that [] both noted the vehicle's failure to stop and immediately began to yell stop at the vehicle. [] stated that both Marines yelled twice, then chambered rounds, then yelled twice again. When the vehicle did not stop, [] explained, each Marine fired one round at the vehicle. [] stated that the vehicle stopped immediately, at which time [] removed the driver of the vehicle.
- b2 b7c 11. At approximately 1245 hours, RA and S/A McCormack reviewed digital video of the incident captured by a closed circuit television camera positioned immediately south of []. The digital video showed at 1130 hrs [] vehicle was approaching the entrance to [] and was immediately behind a white vehicle at the stop sign area. [] vehicle can be seen moving forward as the other white vehicle approaches the Marine sentry and then stopping abruptly just

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before the sentry post. The digital video lacks sufficient clarity to determine any other probative information. Bullet impacts on the vehicle cannot be discerned.

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12. Based on the statements from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as well as the digital video, there is no/no evidence that the Marine Security Forces acted in contravention of their Rules of Engagement when [REDACTED] engaged the vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

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Vehicle final stopping point



Round impact area (red circle)

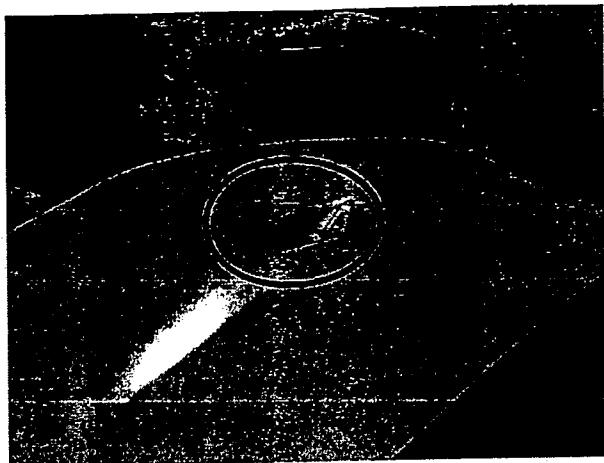
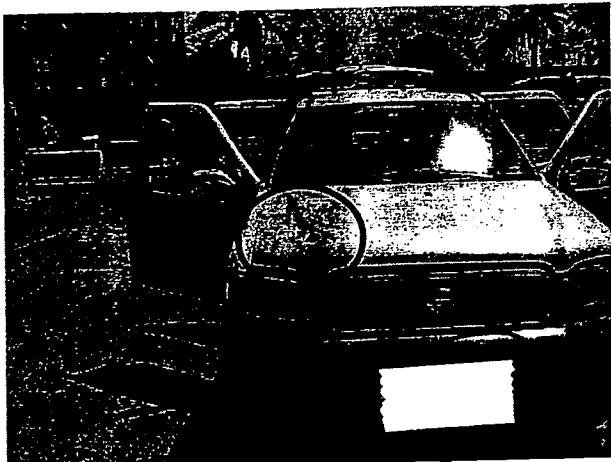
Close-up round impact area hood area

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Stop sign left side of lane



Warning sign, right side of lane



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I, [redacted] make the following statement:

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At approximately 1130 I was the NCOIC of [redacted] when a blue car driven by an Iraqi national ran the stop sign. I was talking walking from the NCO diamond to the PSD land when the car approached. [redacted] and I both yelled stop repeatedly to the driver. Then we kept yelling and used hand signals. The driver still did not stop so I fired (1) round into the car. The car then stopped, we removed the driver and moved his car to the side. We searched both of them and then the Watch Officer arrived on scene and took charge.

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I [redacted] make the following statement, b7c

At approximately 11:30 I [redacted] was standing in the right lane waving vehicles forward. I waved for a vehicle to come forward and a white pathfinder followed directly behind it running the stop sign. I yelled stop twice, as well as used hand and arm signals.

[redacted] and [redacted] were 5 to 10 meters to my right. I heard them also yell stop. They both racked rounds and fired one shot at the vehicle. The vehicle stopped at which time [redacted] and [redacted] pulled the driver out of his vehicle. Then a minute or so later [redacted] was on the scene as the one scene commander.

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I [redacted] make the following statement, b7c

At approximately 11:30 [redacted] had a vehicle in the far left lane, and [redacted] had a vehicle in his lane. [redacted] and I were talking to [redacted] when a white pathfinder started coming. I was in the diamond when I yelled stop and began using hand and arm signals. I then walked into the lane yelling stop again, at which time I racked a round and raised it. I then fired one round towards the vehicle. A second later [redacted] fired the second shot at the vehicle. When the vehicle stopped [redacted] and I pulled the individual out of his vehicle. A minute later [redacted] and a representative from the RSO's office came on scene and took over as the on scene commander.

Respectfully Submitted

[redacted]

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Incident Report

Location: [REDACTED] b2 b7c Watch Officer: [REDACTED]

Number of Individuals involved: 5 Watch Chief: [REDACTED]

Date/Time: 050721/1115

On Scene Commander: [REDACTED] b2 b7c

Description of Event: At approximately 1115 on 21 July [REDACTED] was standing NCOIC of [REDACTED] assisted him.

[REDACTED] was on scene inspecting the post. [REDACTED] was in the left entry lane and [REDACTED] was in the right entry lane when a white Nissan Pathfinder ran the stop sign. [REDACTED] did not call the Nissan forward because SOP on post is one car at a time and only after it stops at the stop sign. At that time [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were both standing at the NCO diamond with [REDACTED]. The car did not stop so [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both started to yell for the vehicle to stop. The driver was talking on a cell phone as he entered the TCP, which is also against post SOP and against the posted signs. The car did not stop so they yelled again and used hand and arm signals. The car still failed to stop and the Marines continued to escalate force by chambering rounds and continuing to yell. After the car still failed to stop, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] fired (1) round each of [REDACTED] at the car. The distance between the Marine on post and the car, when stopped, was approximately (10) meters. One round impacted in the left side of the hood, entered the engine compartment and stopped at the fire wall between engine and cab. The other round did not hit the car. The location of the second round could not be determined. However, after the vehicle was shot and moved out of the lane, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] went to all the cars that were waiting in line to check if any had been hit. No other vehicles were hit and no drivers or passengers were injured. After the shot, the driver then immediately stopped the car and got out. He was armed with a [REDACTED] (in a visible holster on his hip as well as a hand held Motorola radio. The weapon, radio and cell phone was removed and he was moved to the far right of the TCP and was searched. The vehicle was then promptly moved to the road adjacent to the left side of the TCP by [REDACTED] and was searched.

After the vehicle was cleared and searched, [REDACTED] took command. The post had been inspected for the second round's impact, but could not be found. The vehicle was searched, RSO's on scene and post was returned to normal. The vehicle was a white Nissan Pathfinder, license # (in Arabic) [REDACTED] was driven by one local national male, named [REDACTED] b2 b7c. He possessed an MNF-I Iraq wide yellow badge and a MOD badge. He stated that he was employed by the MOD and worked for a [REDACTED] of a ministry. At approximately 1130 RSO agents arrived on scene and gathered statements and the expended shell casings. The driver admitted that he was not paying attention to his surroundings, due to talking on his cell phone, and failed to notice the stop signs as well as the verbal and visual signals from the Marines on post. The Marines used escalation of force correctly, and no injuries were incurred by the shooting

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I [redacted] make the following statement, b7c

At approximately 1:30 [redacted] was standing post [redacted] and a white pathfinder was coming down lane two. [redacted] already had a vehicle in the lane. b2 b7c

[redacted] and I were standing around the diamond when the vehicle ran the stop sign. The driver who was talking on a cell phone failed to obey verbal warnings as well as hand and arm signals. At which time [redacted] and myself both racked our [redacted] and raised our muzzles towards the vehicle. [redacted] fired a shot and a split second later I fired the second shot into the hood of the car. At which time the information was passed to higher. [redacted] and a representative from the RSO's office came on scene and took over as the on scene commander.

Respectfully Submitted

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I [redacted] make the following statement:

I was at [redacted] inspecting the post and visiting the Marines when a white Nissan Pathfinder ran the stop sign. It was in the right hand entry lane and was driven by an Iraqi. He was talking on a cell phone. On my right was [redacted] and on my left was [redacted]. Both noticed the vehicle roll through the stop sign and immediately started to yell at the vehicle to stop. They yelled twice and the vehicle still did not stop. They then chambered rounds and yelled twice again. The vehicle still did not stop and both Marines fired one round each. The vehicle immediately stopped. [redacted] then had the driver get out of the vehicle. The driver had a [redacted] and it was immediately removed from his person when he exited the vehicle. The driver was taken to the foot mobile side of the TCP and searched. [redacted] then moved the vehicle into the road to the left of the TCP. At that time I called in the shots fired to the COC and the vehicle was searched. After the scene was cleared, only one impact was found in the hood of the vehicle. The other round was not found but all personnel in vehicles behind the shot were inspected and none were hit or injured. I took command of the scene at 1120. At about 1130 RSO's arrived on scene to take statements and question the driver. 1145 scene was cleared and returned to normal.

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I, [redacted] make the following statement: b7c

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I was on [redacted] with [redacted] [redacted] was checking vehicles in the left lane and I was in the right lane. I called a car up to my lane and was in the process of checking the driver's badge when a blue car ran the stop sign. [redacted] yelled stop. I turned and saw the car coming down the lane. I gave the hand signal and yelled to stop. At that time [redacted] fired one round and the car stopped. We moved the car and searched the car and driver. Then [redacted] arrived and took over the scene.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**



TITLE 22 July 2005 Shooting at TCP Ison		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER 2005-0056	
TRUE NAME [REDACTED]		CASE TYPE b7c	Administrative
POST Baghdad	DATE REPORTED 22 July 2005	DATES INVESTIGATED 23 July 2005	REPORTING AGENT S/A Matthew McCormack

SYNOPSIS

On 16 May 2005, at approximately 1730 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the Northern Traffic Control Point (TCP) of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring verbal and hand commands to stop. The occupant of the vehicle suffered no/no injuries in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted as well as an interview of the occupant of the vehicle. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards located at the scene, and digital video of the incident was reviewed. No evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine Security Forces acted outside established Rules of Engagement. CASE CLOSED.

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1. On 22 July 2005, at approximately 1115 hours, RA monitored radio traffic from the northern Traffic Control Point [] of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle. [] is manned by Marines of Alpha Company, Anti-Terrorism (AT), 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The Marines reported that no/no injuries resulted from the engagement of the vehicle.
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2. At approximately 1120 hours, RA was dispatched to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. RA arrived at [] at approximately 1130 hours. RA briefly questioned [] as to the circumstances of the shooting. [] stated that a vehicle operated by an Iraqi male, attempted to enter the TCP without authorization. [] further stated that he repeatedly gave verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. [] explained that when the driver failed to heed the warnings, he raised his [] chambered a round, and fired one shot in the direction of vehicle's grill.
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3. RA inspected the vehicle which had been moved to a side street shortly after the incident. The vehicle was a blue, four door, Volkswagen sedan, VIN# [] Iraqi license plate number []. There were no visible bullet holes located on the vehicle. A further inspection of the underside of the engine area revealed that one round had grazed the exhaust manifold area. (See photos) A search of the TCP where [] was located, recovered one [] spent casing. (See Photo) Photographs of the vehicle and the incident scene were taken and are attached to this report.
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4. RA spoke with [] regarding the incident. During the course of the interview, [] provided the following information. [] stated that he was in route to work at the PX, located within the TCP's and was approximately one hour late due to the traffic conditions. [] stated that he has been through the TCP many times but this was the first time he recalled driving through the TCP. RA questioned [] about his actions prior to reaching the signs. [] stated that he was drinking a soft drink and changing the radio station as he entered the TCP. [] explained that he wasn't paying attention and followed the vehicle that was driving in front of him. [] stated that he didn't realize what had occurred until he heard the shot. RA questioned [] if he knew what the verbiage on the signs prior to the TCP stated. [] stated that he knew that one was a stop sign and the other sign's writing meant that you should not proceed forward until a Marine calls the vehicle forward. [] informed RA that he was not/not injured and was apologetic for creating the incident
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5. At approximately 1445 hours, [] USMC, obtained written statements from the Marines at [] regarding the incident. In addition, [] submitted a written statement from the Marine COC regarding the incident. These statements were provided to RA and are attached to this ROI.
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6. According to the written statement provided by [], at approximately 1130 hrs, while standing watch at [] a blue sedan with one occupant approached the TCP entrance. [] explained that as the vehicle drove forward towards the TCP without being motioned to move forward, he repeatedly gave verbal and hand commands for the vehicle to stop. As the vehicle didn't heed his commands or gestures, he raised his [] in the direction of the vehicle. [] stated that the vehicle continued to
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drive forward at which time [] chambered a [] and fired one round into the vehicle. After he fired the round, [] approached the vehicle and removed the Iraqi driver from the sedan and then moved the vehicle to a side road.

7. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] he was standing Post checking ID's in the number two lane of [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was in the number one lane checking ID's at the time of the incident. [REDACTED] recalled checking the ID's of the individuals stopped in his lane when he heard [REDACTED] shouting at a blue car in number two lane to stop. [REDACTED] stated that he saw the blue car approaching and provided both hand and verbal gestures for the vehicle to stop. [REDACTED] explained that at that time [REDACTED] fired one round into the vehicle which stopped the forward progression of the vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that they moved the car and conducted a quick search of the vehicle.

8. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] he was the Marine Sergeant of the Guard (SOG) and was located at [REDACTED]. At approximately 1130 hrs, he was checking the ID's of several individuals on a bus stopped in the number one lane at the TCP. [REDACTED] recalled hearing one round fired from a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that as he exited the bus, he saw [REDACTED] motioning to the Iraqi driver to exit the blue sedan. [REDACTED] stated that he immediately called the Marine CoC to provide them the information of the incident. After finishing his transmission he stated that he assisted in the search of the vehicle.

9. According to the written statement provided by [REDACTED] at the time of the incident he was in the portable latrine. [REDACTED] recalled hearing loud shouting from outside followed by what sounded like a gunshot. [REDACTED] stated that as he quickly exited the latrine and saw a vehicle was parked on the side street and the Iraqi driver was out of the vehicle. (NFI)

10. At approximately 1500 hours, [REDACTED] USMC, provided RA with a physical count of the number of rounds [REDACTED] had after the engagement. The round count was conducted by [REDACTED] who stated that [REDACTED] was in possession of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had assumed post with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

11. At approximately 1400 hours, RA reviewed digital video of the incident captured by a closed circuit television camera positioned south of [REDACTED]. The digital video showed at 1117 hrs, [REDACTED] vehicle was approaching the entrance to [REDACTED] while a red vehicle was still being checked by the Marine. [REDACTED] vehicle can be seen moving towards the checkpoint shortly thereafter the Marines are directing the vehicle towards the side road. Based on the distance of the footage and the SOG vehicle's placement at [REDACTED] actions at the TCP are not clear and provide limited information.

12. Based on the statements from [REDACTED] as well as the statements from [REDACTED] there is no/no evidence that the Marine Security Forces acted in contravention of their Rules of Engagement when [REDACTED] engaged the vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

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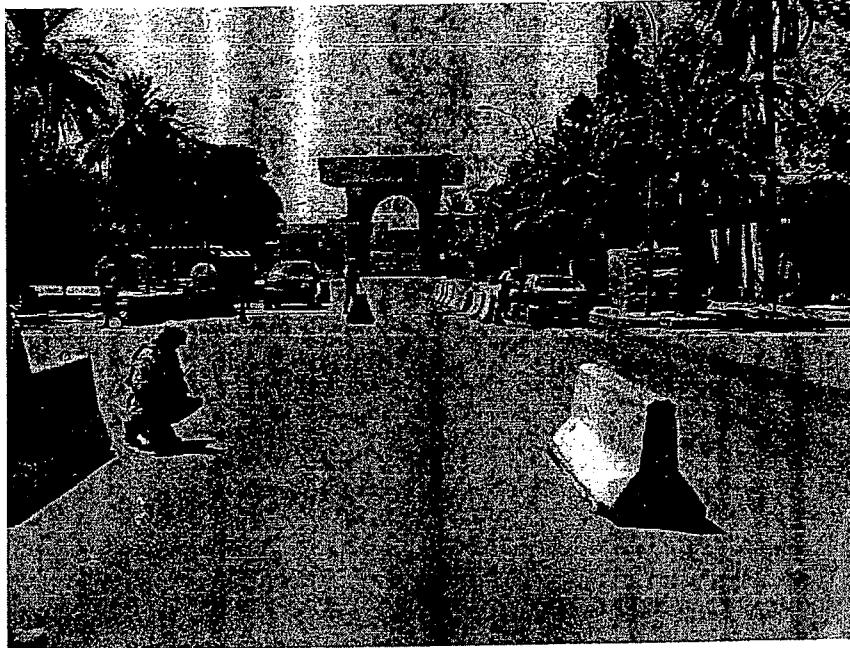
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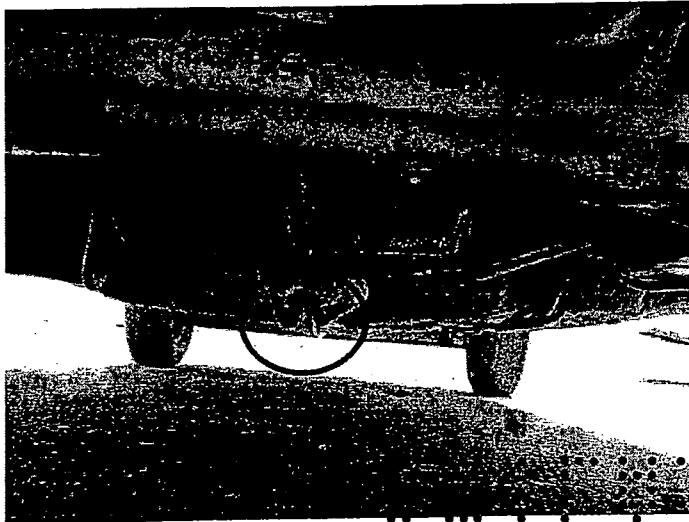
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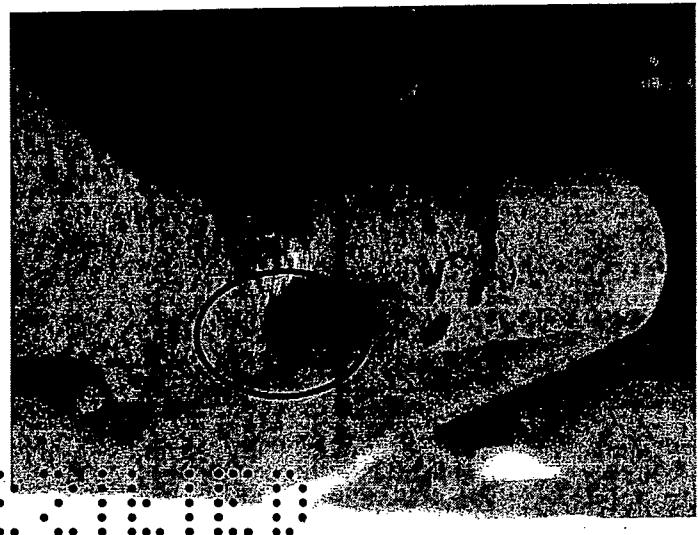
Vehicle final stopping point



Round impact area (red circle)



Close-up round impact area hood area



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Stop sign at the entrance to [] b2 b7c



Warning sign at the entrance to [] b2 b7c



[] casing fired from [] b2 b7c



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I [redacted] make the following statement:

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I was in the head when I heard what sounded like shouting. Then I heard a shot. I hurried to get out of the head and by the time I did, the vehicle was pulled to the side and the driver was out. The vehicle and driver was searched and cleared. Then the watch officer, Company Commander and RSO came to the scene and took charge.

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I, [redacted] make the following statement:

I was on [redacted] with [redacted] and [redacted] was checking vehicles in the left lane and I was in the right lane. I called a car up to my lane and was in the process of checking the driver's badge when a blue car ran the stop sign. [redacted] yelled stop. I turned and was the car coming down the lane. I gave the hand signal and yelled to stop. At that time [redacted] fired one round and the car stopped. We moved the car and searched the car and driver. Then [redacted] arrived and took over the scene.

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Incident Report

Location

Number of Individuals involved: 5

Date/Time: 1114/050722

On Scene Commander:

Watch Officer:

Watch Chief:

Description of Event: at 1114 [] was the NCOIC of [] Assisting him was [] and [] was in the head. [] was standing near the NCO diamond when he noticed a blue vehicle of unknown make roll through the stop sign. [] immediately responded to this violation of post procedure by yelling for the vehicle to stop. The driver did not hear the warning so [] started advancing toward the car while yelling to stop and giving a hand signal with his off hand.

[] at that time saw the driver was leaned over toward the passenger seat and was not paying attention. At that time [] fired (1) round of [] at the front of the car. The round went low, impacted the pavement, bounced up and impacted the belly of the car in the exhaust pipe. The driver and vehicle were moved out of the TCP to the road adjacent to the TCP and both were searched. The TCP was closed down immediately following the shot. [] arrived on scene around 1118 and

observed the vehicle search. An initial inspection for the expended [] round was conducted. The round could not initially be found and the vehicles in line behind the shooting were inspected for damage as were passengers. No injuries or damage to other vehicles was incurred. At approximately 1125 [] opened up the TCP for normal traffic flow. At approximately 1130 [] and RSO Matt McCormack arrived. [] and [] did a more thorough search and determined the round ricocheted off the pavement and impacted safely in the undercarriage of the vehicle. A fragment of the expended round was found in the area of the car upon being shot.

The driver was a local national male named []. He was driving a blue four door hatchback type car that resembled an old Chevrolet. He possessed a red International zone badge. His car was drivable and he was not injured. He was released to go about his business. Upon initial questioning by [] he stated that he was not paying attention, was looking at something in the passenger seat and does not usually come through []. He usually comes through [] where he knows that you must stop at the stop sign. He was informed that SOP is the same on all posts. He was released to go about his business. The Marines used escalation of force properly and enforced the rules of the post correctly.

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July 23, 2005

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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Deputy Chief of Mission
FROM: Regional Security Office – Mark Hunter
SUBJECT: Shootings of Vehicles at Traffic Control Point [] b2 b7c

In two separate incidents on July 21 and July 22, Marine guards of A Company, Anti-Terrorism Battalion, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade assigned to the northern Traffic Control Point (TCP) for the Embassy Annex fired upon vehicles that failed to follow posted instructions. The Iraqi-national drivers in both instances were unharmed, and their vehicle sustained relatively minor damage. The Regional Security Office responded and conducted an investigation into the circumstances of the incidents. These investigations concluded that, in each instant, the Marines acted within the parameters of their Rules of Engagement.

The incident on July 21 began when an Iraqi-national driver proceeded into the TCP without having been called forward by the Marines guards. The driver admitted that he was talking on a cellular phone (in violation of posted prohibitions) and was not paying attention when he ignored signs instructing drivers to stop and wait to be called forward by the Marine guards. The driver further admitted that he was aware of these signs and of proper procedures, and that he failed to comply in this incident. Marine guards shouted verbal warnings and gave visual instructions to stop. When the driver failed to comply, two separate Marines fired one round each at the hood of the vehicle. The driver immediately stopped. The driver was unharmed and the vehicle was still operable after the shooting.

The incident on July 22 occurred when an Iraqi-national driver proceeded into the TCP without having been called forward by the Marines guards. The driver admitted that he was drinking a beverage and changing the station on his car radio when he entered the TCP. He further admitted that, because of these distractions, he ignored the posted signs, despite being aware that they instructed him to stop and wait for instructions from the Marine guards. As he proceeded forward, Marine guards shouted verbal warnings and gave visual instructions to stop. When the driver failed to comply, a Marine guard fired one round into the hood the vehicle. The driver immediately stopped. The driver was unharmed and the vehicle was still operable after the shooting.

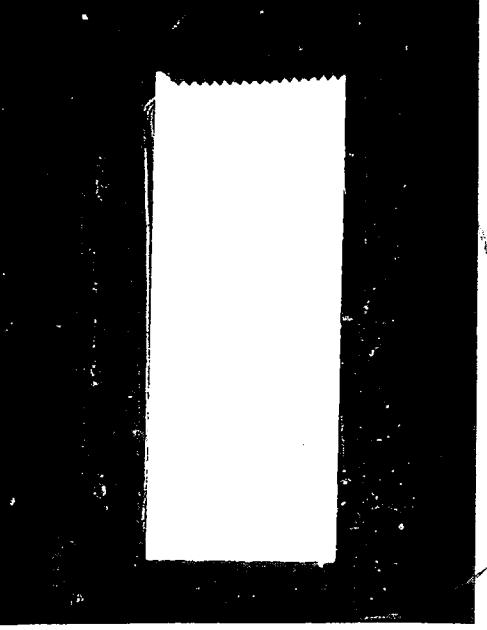
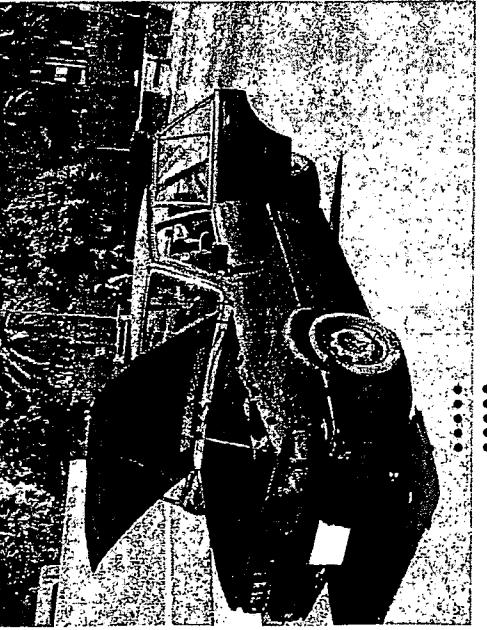
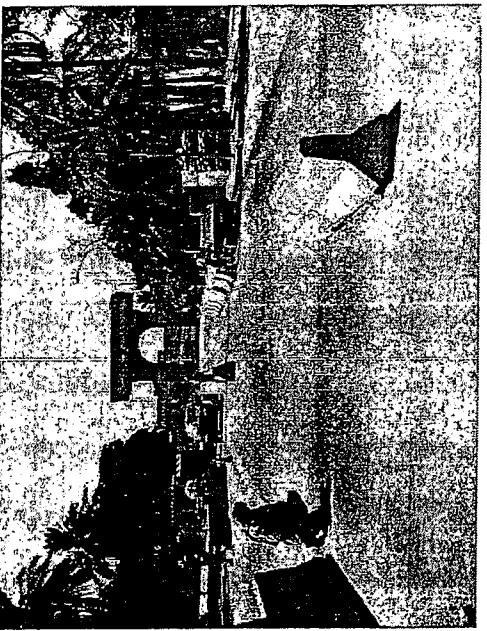
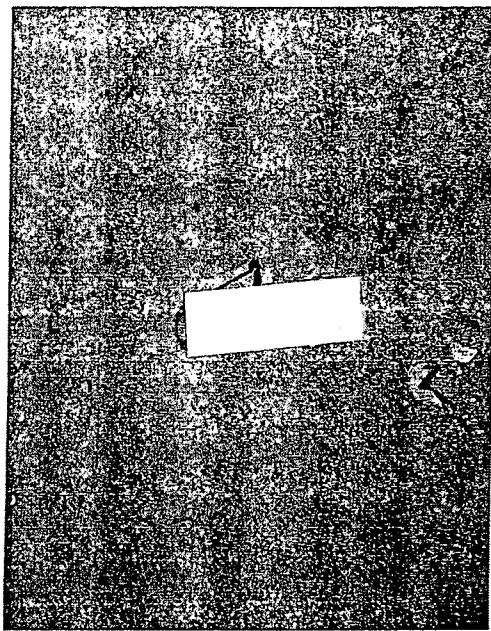
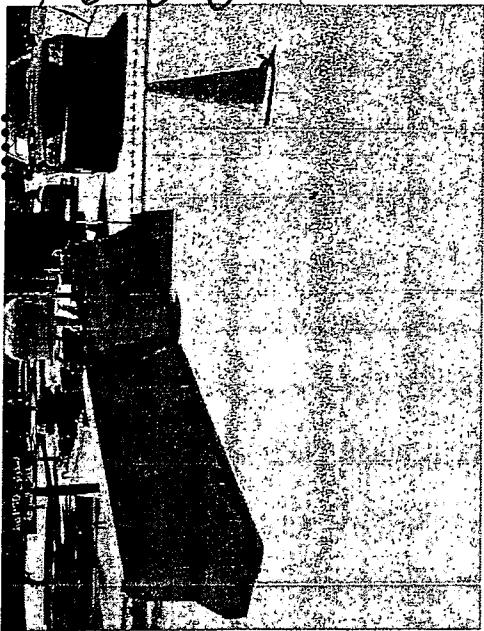
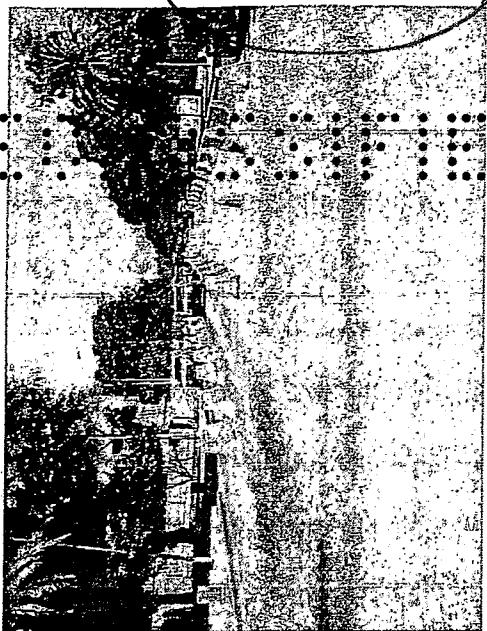
In both incidents, the Marine guard involved acted within the scope of their Rules of Engagement, having provided verbal and visual warnings, as well as having fired so as to disable the vehicle. The observations of RSO investigators and digital video footage of the TCP support this conclusion. RSO considers this matter closed. [REDACTED]

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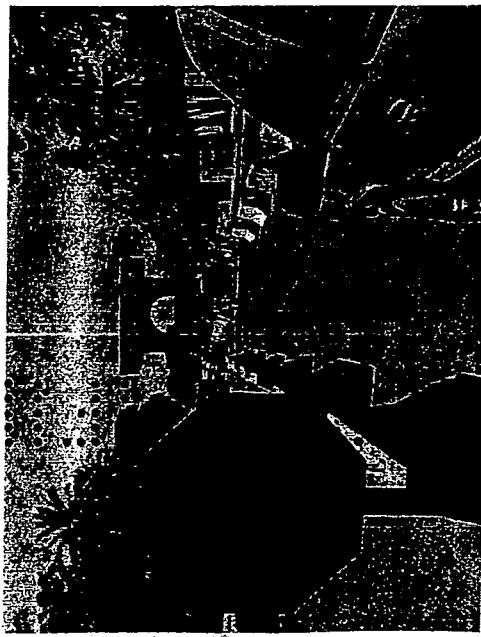
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

27 July 2005

Spot Report - 072705-1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: Blackwater PSD Team fires one round into approaching car.

At approximately 1230 on 27 July 2005 a COM Advance Team encountered an aggressive vehicle while en-route to the French Embassy. The detail signaled oncoming traffic in the opposite lane to stop so that the motorcade could conduct a U-turn through the median. The traffic stopped and the motorcade began driving over the median when a burgundy 4-dr vehicle pulled out from the stopped traffic and accelerated towards the motorcade. The vehicle was approximately 45 yards from the motorcade when it began accelerating toward the detail. The Right Rear in the lead car of the motorcade immediately began giving verbal and visual signals for the car to stop. After repeated attempts to waive off the approaching vehicle, the Right Rear of the lead car fired one round into the left grill area of the vehicle as it came within 15 yards of the motorcade. The vehicle then swerved away from the motorcade and continued driving. The team reports that the vehicle never stopped and the driver did not appear to be injured. The team lost sight of the vehicle and continued on to the French Embassy without incident. There was no principal in the motorcade at the time of the incident. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements
from PSD team members.

LOCATION
Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq [] b7b

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Date of Incident	July 27, 2005	Type of Incident (i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-Lethal Lethal Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Ambush)	Shooting of Vehicle
Location of Incident (Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, and coordinates if known, etc.)	Baghdad, Iraq b2 b7c		
Description of Incident (Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, # any other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, FCOs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)	<p>This is the statement of _____ involved in incident occurring on 27 July 2005, at approximately 1230 Hrs.;</p> <p>We, Team #22, departed from the Ministry of Public Works at approximately 1225 hours. We were proceeding to the French Embassy. Team #22 was a _____ motorcade without an assigned principle. I occupied the right rear seat of the lead vehicle. The vehicular traffic was medium to heavy in flow. We were initiating a left turn at or near _____. As we initiated the left turn I unsecured my door to signal approaching traffic of our approach into the flow of traffic. Traffic held at approximately 40 to 45 yards with one of the lead vehicles pulling right of the roadway and stopping. I was signaling utilizing hand gestures to halt traffic.</p> <p>I observed a burgundy four-door vehicle, operated by a single male occupant, pull around halted traffic and accelerate toward our motorcade. I also recognized a yellow type placard on the dash in the center and toward the passenger side of the vehicle. This placard appeared to be that of a taxi. I again signaled using hand gestures. The suspect's vehicle accelerated. The suspect vehicle's occupant made eye contact with me as I signaled. I began to combine audible with my visual signals, yelling, "Halt, ho, ho." The suspect vehicle was approximately 30-35 yards from our motorcade when both audible and visual signals were rendered. The suspect vehicle continued to speed toward our motorcade in our lane of travel.</p> <p>Fearing for the life and well being of the occupants of the lead vehicle, I fired a vehicle disabling shot into the suspect vehicle. I aimed at the left front quarter panel of the suspect vehicle. The single round fired impacted the area, which it was fired at. The suspect vehicle was approximately 15 yards away from the lead vehicle when I discharged my firearm.</p> <p>The suspect diverted his direction of travel and maneuvered to the right of our motorcade. The vehicle was last observed accelerating away from our motorcade toward _____. The suspect maintained control of his vehicle as he departed the area. This concludes my statement.</p>		

Action Taken <small>(Describe in detail what actions were taken re: deployed personnel, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</small>	See above remarks. DECODED
Follow Up Required <small>(Indicate what if any follow up action is required re: further investigation, notifications, etc.)</small>	None

Operator(s) Involved	<i>b7c</i>	Vehicle(s) Involved	<i>b7c</i>	Team(s) Involved	22s
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of incident: July 27, 2005

line of Incident 1230 hrs
Local time

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Type of Incident
Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-Lethal
Force/Distracting Devices/Physical Contact

Shooting of Vehicle

Describe location in detail. include route name, local landmarks, and coordinates if known, etc.

Baghdad, Iraq *b2 h2L*

(D) describe to C-3 all the nature of the incident all
dealing with US personnel, foreign individuals as "any
foreigner" or any NGOs involved, other
foreign-nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government
employees, etc.

This statement regards the shooting of a vehicle on 27 July 2005 at approximately 1230 hours local. Team 22 was departing the Ministry of Public Works enroute to the French Embassy using the primary route to conduct a pre advance visit of the Embassy.

As the motorcade moved from south to north at checkpoint gray 45, a dark 4 door sedan of unknown manufacture with a taxi sign on the dash driven by 1 male and no passengers, passed other vehicles that were stopped to allow the motorcade to pass and proceeded toward the motorcade at a high rate of speed.

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At this time the right rear security person in the lead vehicle gave the verbal and visual signals for the suspect vehicle to stop the driver of the suspect vehicle made eye contact and increased speed toward the motorcade. The security person seeing this fired one disabling shot into the grill area of the vehicle at that time, which caused the suspect vehicle to swerve away from the motorcade towards the parked cars on the right side of the street.

The suspect vehicle sped away in a northerly direction and was last seen moving through checkpoint _____ in a controlled manner with the driver appearing to be uninjured.

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No team members where injured and no State Department property where damaged or destroyed.

Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e.
deployed fire hoses, deployed specific weapons
systems etc.

See above remarks.

None

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None

Operator(s) involved		Vehicle(s) involved	62 high	Team(s) involved	22
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[Signature] I have read and understood the above terms and conditions and agree to them.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

28 July 2005

Spot Report - 072805-1

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** Blackwater QRF Team fires two rounds into approaching car.

At approximately 1230 on 28 July 2005 a COM Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Team encountered an aggressive vehicle en-route to the French Embassy from the International Zone. As the motorcade traveled through an underpass the lead vehicle in the motorcade held a defensive position ahead of the detail on the other side of the underpass. A white 4-dr Toyota occupied by two local national males began approaching the lead vehicle at a distance of 150 meters. The Left Hatch Gunner in the lead vehicle immediately began giving visual and verbal signals to the approaching driver to stop. After repeated attempts to waive off the driver, the Left Hatch Gunner fired one round into the grill and one round into the left rear quarter panel. After the second round was fired the driver pulled over to the side of the road and placed both hands on the steering wheel. The team reports that the driver and passenger did not appear to be injured. The motorcade continued to the French Embassy without further incident. There was no principal in the motorcade at the time of the incident. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq- [redacted]

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H50303**BUREAU OF DIPLOMATIC SECURITY Z0332****U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD**

August 1, 2005
Reporting Time: 5:55 a.m. EDT



Escalation of Force by REO Al-Hillah PSD

Subject: Escalation of Force by REO Al-Hillah PSD**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: At approximately 8:00 a.m. local time, a PSD team based at USREO Al-Hillah fired two shots into the grill of a local vehicle. The PSD motorcade was approaching congested traffic at an Iraqi Police checkpoint outside of Al-Hindiyah, when a **local vehicle** rapidly approached their position from the rear. Team members flashed lights at the approaching local vehicle and engaged the driver with hand signals to stay back. The local vehicle disregarded these indicators, and continued approaching the motorcade. A team member then fired one pen flare at the local vehicle, striking directly on the windshield. The local vehicle continued closing distance to the motorcade. At this time a PSD team member fired two rounds of _____ from his _____ into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop on the side of the road, and there were no apparent injuries to the two occupants of the vehicle.

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The PSD team initially reported this incident via telephone, before completing their missions to the scheduled venues. The PSD team filed a full report upon their return to USREO Al-Hillah.

RSO Action: RSO Al-Hillah reported the incident to RSO Baghdad via email and will review the report submitted by the PSD team to determine whether further inquiry is warranted.

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Location: IVO Al-Hindyan, Iraq.

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BUREAU OF DIPLOMATIC SECURITY

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

1 August 2005

Spot Report - 080105- 4

Subject: Escalation of Force by REO Al-Hillah PSD**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: At approximately 0800 hours a protective security detail (PSD) team based at USREO Al-Hillah fired two shots into the grill of a local vehicle. The PSD motorcade was approaching congested traffic at an Iraqi Police checkpoint outside of Al-Hindiyah, when a local vehicle rapidly approached their position from the rear. Team members flashed lights at the approaching local vehicle and engaged the driver with hand signals to stay back. The local vehicle disregarded these indicators, and continued approaching the motorcade. A team member then fired one pen flare at the local vehicle, striking directly on the windshield. The local vehicle continued closing distance to the motorcade. At this time a PSD team member fired two rounds of: [redacted] from his [redacted] into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop on the side of the road, and there were no apparent injuries to the two occupants of the vehicle.

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The PSD team initially reported this incident via telephone, before completing their missions to the scheduled venues. The PSD team filed a full report upon their return to USREO Al-Hillah.

RSO Action: RSO Al-Hillah reported the incident to RSO Baghdad via email and will review the report submitted by the PSD team to determine whether further inquiry is warranted.

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Location: IVO Al-Hindiyan, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

August 1, 2005

Reporting Time: 4:58 a.m. EDT

Two Escalations of Force by COM PSD Team**Subject:** Two Escalations of Force by COM PSD team**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: At approximately 10:30 a.m. local, a member of a COM protective security detail (PSD) motorcade fired one round of [redacted] from his [redacted] at the grill of a local national vehicle which apparently failed to heed instructions to remain 100 meters behind the motorcade. The vehicle stopped without further incident, and there were no COM injuries and no apparent injuries to the two local nationals in the vehicle.

As the motorcade continued on its route and within ten minutes of this first incident another member of the same PSD engaged a second local national vehicle with a single round of [redacted] from his [redacted] when the vehicle attempted to get close to the motorcade. The round apparently impacted the vehicle's grill and the vehicle stopped without further incident. There were no COM injuries and no apparent injuries to the two local nationals in the vehicle. *b2 b7E*

RSO Action: Per standard procedures, RSO investigators were notified. The involved detail members, as well as those who witnessed the incidents, have been instructed to complete written statements which will be reviewed by the Investigations Section to determine if further inquiry is warranted.

Location: Baghdad, Iraq.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

1 August 2005



Spot Report - 080105-2

Subject: 2 Escalations of Force by COM PSD team**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: At approximately 1030 hours local, a member of a COM protective security detail (PSD) motorcade fired one round of [] from his [] at the grill of a local national vehicle which apparently failed to heed instructions to remain 100 meters behind the motorcade. The vehicle stopped without further incident, and there were no COM injuries and no apparent injuries to the two local nationals in the vehicle.

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As the motorcade continued on its route and within ten minutes of this first incident, another member of the same PSD engaged a second local national vehicle with a single round of [] from his [] when the vehicle attempted to close with the motorcade. The round apparently impacted the vehicle's grill and the vehicle stopped without further incident. There were no COM injuries and no apparent injuries to the two local nationals in the vehicle.

RSO Action: Per standard procedures, RSO investigators were notified. The involved detail members, as well as those who witnessed the incidents, have been instructed to complete written statements which will be reviewed by the Investigations Section to determine if further inquiry is warranted.

U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

Location: Baghdad, Iraq.



PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	01 August 1, 2005	Time of Incident	1040hrs. local
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Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force/less than or equal to 100 meters
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Location of Incident	Baghdad Iraq.
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Description of Incident	I am the right rear security person of the follow vehicle for Team 22's motorcade operations. I am responsible for ensuring the rear of the motorcade is protected from any and all threats. On 1 August 2005 at approximately 1030 hrs I was carrying out my assigned duties. The motorcade was heading southwest at a slow pace on a main road vicinity grid
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Use of lethal Force.

Baghdad Iraq. b2 b7c

I, [REDACTED] am the right rear security person of the follow vehicle for Team 22's motorcade operations. I am responsible for ensuring the rear of the motorcade is protected from any and all threats. On 1 August 2005 at approximately 1030 hrs I was carrying out my assigned duties. The motorcade was heading southwest at a slow pace on a main road vicinity grid

Past experience and intelligence on many occasions indicated that this area was a known site for a high volume of Anti Coalition Forces activity. Knowing this, I established a good security bubble of 75 meters to the rear of the motorcade using proper hand and arm signals. There was an Iraqi Police vehicle just inside the 75 meter security bubble with lights flashing and hazards on. It seems he was helping the motorcade maintain the security bubble; they were doing this for the last 750 meters. There were approximately 25 vehicles behind the IP vehicle, some with their hazards flashing as well. The team had just passed an on ramp when I noticed a blue older model sedan in poor condition turn on to the on ramp. At that time I opened my door and stood out on the running board and made a bold hand and arm signal for the blue vehicle to stop. The vehicle continued to accelerate down the on ramp toward the motorcade. I continued giving the halt signal thinking that the vehicle would slow down and merge in behind the IP vehicle that was assisting us. The blue vehicle merged in behind the IP vehicle. Ignoring the IP vehicle with the flashing lights and my hand and arm signal, the blue vehicle passed the IP vehicle on the right. From that distance it appeared that both occupants of the blue vehicle were looking at me. At that moment, I felt the blue vehicle posed a deadly threat to me and my fellow team members; therefore, I raised my [REDACTED] and fired one round at the oncoming threat hitting the vehicle in the grill on the driver's side. I engaged the threat approximately 50 meters from our motorcade. I immediately reacquired my sight picture and was getting ready to fire another round into the driver's windshield. The driver, however, slammed on the brakes and turned right into the curb before I was able to reengage. I saw both occupants of the vehicle put their hands up while slouching behind the dashboard; they appeared to be unharmed. I felt that the vehicle and its occupants no longer posed a deadly threat and continued to scan my sector for others.

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Action Taken	See above statement.
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Follow-Up Required	None.
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None.

Operator(s) Involved	Right Security	Vehicle(s) Involved	Team(s) Involved	Team 22
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	01 August 1, 2005	Time of Incident	1040 hrs. local
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Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non Or Less Lethal Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Arrested
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Location of Incident	(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, and coordinates if known, etc.)
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Description of Incident	(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principles involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, NGOs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)
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Use of lethal force	
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At approximately 1040 hrs. On the 1st of august 2005 while returning from a technical site survey mission a vehicle from team 20 who were assisting team 22 developed transmission problems, allowing for only speeds of about 30 km. per hour. Team 20 vehicle stated that at this speed they could probably get the vehicle home for repairs.

While traveling from south to north along the _____ the motorcade entered traffic at _____ and moved along the highway keeping the distance of 100 meters from the motorcade to the rear. After moving a short distance along the road a white van of unknown manufacture with 2 male occupants passed the other vehicles that were maintaining the 100 meter distance and proceeded toward the motorcade, the left rear security person then opened the door and gave the verbal and vision signals to halt and when the vehicle did not comply but continued to close with the motorcade in an aggressive manner I gave the ok for the left rear security person to engage the vehicle. One shot was fired into the grill of the vehicle and it immediately stopped forward movement toward the motorcade at the time the shot was delivered the vehicle was less than 50 meters from the follow vehicle.

At that time the motorcade continued along the route and moved through an underpass designated _____ the follow maintained the 100 meter standoff while the lead cleared the far side of the underpass, after the lead vehicle called the far side clear the motorcade moved as rapidly as possible to the far side. After exiting the underpass and moving in an easterly direction a older model 4 door sedan of unknown manufacture with 2 male occupants entered the road from the side street and moved toward the motorcade, the right rear security person then gave both the visual and the verbal signals which went unheeded as the sedan continued to close the distance to the motorcade after exhausting all other means to stop the vehicle I cleared the right rear security person to engage the vehicle. One shot was fired into the grill and the vehicle came to an immediate stop and the motorcade continued. At the time the shot was delivered the sedan was also less than 50 meters from the motorcade.

During both of the incidents no local residents where injured and no State Department personnel injured nor property damaged and both incidents where immediately relayed to the operations center.

Action Taken	(Describe in detail what actions were taken, e.g. deployed spinners, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)
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See above statement.

Follow-Up Required	(Indicate what type of follow-up action is required, e.g. further investigation, notifications, etc.)
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None. b2 b7d

Operator(s) Involved	Shift leader	Vehicle(s) Involved	Team(s) Involved	Team 22
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PSD: INCIDENT: REPORT

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Date of Incident	01 August 2005	Time of Incident	1040 hrs. local
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Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force (Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Ambush)	Use of lethal force.
Location of Incident	(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)	Bağdad Iraq. b2 b7c
Description of Incident	(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, NGOs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)	At approximately 10:40 on 1 Aug 2005, my team and I were returning to base after conducting a technical site survey. As we merged onto the expressway heading north, about 500 – 700 meters after merging we had our 100 meter security bubble around us established. When a "beat up," white van weaved through the traffic that was obeying the "100 meter rule," closed on our position, at an aggressive rate of speed. I then opened the door and immediately went into our continuum of force with verbal, and physical commands. It was apparent to me that both the male driver and passenger were completely aware of their surroundings. Being in fear of my life as well as my teams life I then engaged the vehicle with (1) one round into the grill. The vehicle stopped immediately well under 50 meters from us, as we pulled away from the scene. I observed that neither occupant in the engaged vehicle sustained any injury.
Action Taken	(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)	See above statement.
Follow-Up Required	(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)	None.

Operator(s) Involved	Left Security	Vehicle(s) Involved	Team(s) Involved	Team 22
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

1 August 2005



Spot Report - 080105-3

Subject: Marine Security Forces Engage Vehicle at Traffic Control Point**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: At approximately 1140 hours local, a member of the Marine Security Forces assigned to the traffic control point south of the Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle which failed to follow posted procedures, and did not heed visual and verbal warnings to stop. The Marine involved fired two rounds of [redacted] from his [redacted] into the grill of the vehicle and the vehicle immediately stopped. The two local national occupants of the vehicle were not injured, and the driver admitted to RSO investigators who responded to the scene that she knew she failed to follow proper procedures.

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RSO Action: Per standard procedures, RSO investigators were notified and dispatched to the traffic control point to collect physical evidence, document the scene, and interview the Marines involved. A complete report of their investigation will be forthcoming.

Location: Baghdad, Iraq.

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It was 05/08/01 1240 when I was standing over on the sidewalk checking personnel badges when I heard shot twice I looked up and by that time the two shots were fired at the vehicle by [REDACTED] and that is what stopped the vehicle and that was all I saw. Everyone came out but I stayed over on the side walk checking personnel badges.

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I, [REDACTED] make the following statement:

At roughly 11:40 this morning (August 1st) a vehicle approached checkpoint [REDACTED] and the individual that was driving the vehicle failed [REDACTED] to stop and ran one of the three stop signs that are clearly posted in the checkpoint. The individual was driving a Ford explorer and had an Iraqi National as a passenger. Both of the individuals work inside the compound. As the vehicle passed the stop sign located at the front of checkpoint [REDACTED] all Marines on post at that time who were dealing with [REDACTED] vehicle traffic went to condition one. While [REDACTED] (myself) took a few steps toward the vehicle and proceeded to shout out stop and attempt to wave the vehicle down. The vehicle failed to notice and continued on its path. At this time I shot twice into the front of the car. The first shot hit in the Grill and punctured radiator while the second shot struck a little distance up and to the right of the first (location unknown further than what is stated) However it still struck low and in the front of the vehicle. The vehicle slowed and stopped shortly after receiving the second shot. The persons from the vehicle were approached by myself and [REDACTED] and taken from the vehicle, questioned for weapons and Id's. Both individuals were shaken yet helpful in terms of no resistance and compliance in questions. Shortly after this the Rso's and higher ranking personnel arrived on scene and took charge of the situation. A tow truck was called and removed the car from the point of contact. The persons were taken by the tow truck driver after being questioned. I was than questioned by the Rso's as to what took place. The individuals left the scene and post activities continued as normal.

This concludes my statement of the events that took place on the morning of August 1st 2005.

Respectfully
Submitted

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It was 05/08/01 about 1140. [redacted] was in the far left lane, I was in the next lane to his right and [redacted] was in the PSD lane while [redacted] was checking personnel. I just got finished checking my vehicle and it was pulling over the spike strip when I heard [redacted] yell "Stop" at least two times, then he racked a round and pointed at the weapon at the vehicle as he yelled stop once more then he fired 2 shots because the vehicle still had not stopped. I had already racked a round and aimed in on the vehicle. After [redacted] fired the vehicle did not immediately stop, so I was about to fire when it finally stopped. [redacted] was pulling up and called it in. We stopped traffic pulled her and her passenger out and took them to the side. That's when [redacted] and RSO agents arrived on scene and took command.

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I was standing post with [REDACTED] At approximately 1:40, I was standing by the NCO diamond when a tan SUV ran the stop sign in the far left lane being worked by [REDACTED]

Upon seeing this [REDACTED] yelled stop several times, at that point he raised his rifle and racked a round. The driver didn't take heed to the warning and [REDACTED] put 2 shots into the radiator of the car. At this time I was in the PSD lane weapon raised at the vehicle. The vehicle continued to move forward so I and [REDACTED] approached the car and then it stopped moving. We immediately got the driver and the passenger out the vehicle and assessed the damage to the situation. At about that point [REDACTED] the SOG came out and took charge as on scene commander.

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Embassy of the United States of America
Baghdad, Iraq

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July 23, 2005

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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TO: John Harmsen, Kellogg Brown & Root International Inc. b7c

FROM: Regional Security Office, Mark Hunter

SUBJECT: Vehicles Shooting at the Northern Traffic Control Point

On August 1, 2005, a Marine guard of A Company, Anti-Terrorism Battalion, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade assigned to the northern Traffic Control Point for the Embassy Annex fired upon a vehicle that failed to follow posted instructions. The driver of the vehicle } was unharmed, and the vehicle sustained relatively minor damage. The Regional Security Office responded and conducted an investigation into the circumstances of the incident. The investigation concluded that in this incident the Marines acted within the parameters of the Rules of Engagement.

The incident on August 1, 2005 began when the driver proceeded into the TCP without having been called forward by the Marines guards. The driver ignoring signs instructing drivers to stop and wait to be called forward by the Marine guards decided to drive ahead into the inspection lane with complete disregard for the posted signs. Marine guards shouted verbal warnings and gave visual instructions to stop. When the driver failed to comply the Marine guard fired two rounds, each at the grill of the vehicle with a rifle. The driver immediately stopped unharmed. The vehicle was rendered inoperable after the shooting. One of the rounds discharged at the vehicle punctured the radiator the other grazed the fan belt. The driver admitted to persons of the Regional Security Office that it was her fault and that she knew the proper procedures when entering a vehicle checkpoint and she failed to comply with them.

In this incident, the Marine guard involved acted within the scope of the Rules of Engagement, having provided verbal and visual warnings, as well as having fired so as to disable the vehicle. The observations of RSO investigators and digital video footage of the TCP support this conclusion. RSO considers this matter closed.

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August 1, 2005

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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TO: John Harmsen, Kellogg Brown & Root International Inc. b7c
FROM: Regional Security Office, Mark Hunter
SUBJECT: Vehicles Shooting at the Northern Traffic Control Point

On August 1, 2005, a Marine guard of A Company, Anti-Terrorism Battalion, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade assigned to the northern Traffic Control Point (TCP) for the Embassy Annex fired upon a vehicle that failed to follow posted instructions. The driver of the vehicle, [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED], SSN: [REDACTED], was unharmed, and the vehicle sustained minor damage. The Regional Security Office responded and conducted an investigation into the circumstances of the incident. The investigation concluded that in this incident the Marines acted within the parameters of the Rules of Engagement.

The incident on August 1, 2005 began when the driver proceeded into the TCP without having been called forward by the Marines guards. The driver, ignoring signs instructing drivers to stop and wait to be called forward by the Marine guards, decided to drive straight up to the Marine inspection point. As the vehicle proceeded forward Marine guards issued verbal and visual warnings. Since the driver failed to comply the Marine guard fired two rounds at the grill of the vehicle. The driver immediately stopped the vehicle and was unharmed. The vehicle was inspected after the incident and one round punctured the radiator and the other grazed the fan belt. The driver admitted to investigators of the Regional Security Office that she made a mistake and knows the proper procedures of entering an Embassy Checkpoint. The driver also stated she has been in country for the past three years and has passed through this particular checkpoint on numerous occasions.

In this incident, the Marine guard involved acted within the scope of the Rules of Engagement, having provided verbal and visual warnings, as well as having fired so as to disable the vehicle. The observations of RSO investigators and digital video footage of the TCP support this conclusion. RSO considers this matter closed.

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Incident Report

Location _____

Watch Office: _____

Number of Individuals involved: 6

Watch Chief: _____

Date/Time: 050801/1140

On Scene Commander: _____

Description of Event: At approximately 1130: _____ was NCOIC of _____ and was assisted by _____ was at the NCO diamond, _____ was in the right hand lane. _____ was in the left hand lane and _____ was working foot traffic. A grey Ford explorer license# _____ approached the TCP and entered the left hand lane. It was occupied by one female named. _____ employed by KBR and in possession of a DoD contractor badge and a KBR subcontractor badge. The passenger was an Iraqi male named _____ employed by KBR finance and possessing Iraq Wide MNFI badge.

As the car entered the TCP there was no other cars in front so the driver did not stop at the stop sign and instead just rolled forward without being called forward by Marines.. When _____ saw this he immediately raised his hand and yelled to stop. The vehicle did not stop so he again shouted for the vehicle to stop. When it did not again stop _____ chambered a round and yelled stop once more. The vehicle still failed to stop and so _____ fired (2) rounds of _____ into the front of the car. The car continued to roll forward but stopped before the Marines fired again. The driver and passenger were removed and searched as well as the vehicle. They were both cleared but the vehicle remained in the lane due to its undrivable condition from a punctured radiator. At approximately 1134: _____ and RSO agents arrived on scene and took command. After gathering evidence and taking pictures, the vehicle was towed by KBR towing.

Upon questioning the driver admitted to using the TCP several times a day but failed to stop because of no traffic in front of her. She did not hear the verbal warnings of the Marines on post due to her windows up and radio on. Marines used proper continuum of force to respond to and engage the threat.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**



TITLE 01 Aug 2005 Shooting at TCP b2 b7c		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER 2005-0061	
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE Administrative	
POST - Baghdad	DATE REPORTED 01 Aug 2005	DATES INVESTIGATED 01 Aug 2005	REPORTING AGENT S/A Hiemstra

SYNOPSIS

On 01 Aug, at approximately 1140 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the northern Traffic Control Point (TCP) of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring verbal and hand commands to stop. The occupant of the vehicle suffered no injuries in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted and a statement by the occupant of the vehicle. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards located at the scene and a digital video of the incident was reviewed. No evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine guards acted outside established Rules of Engagement. Case closed.

--CLOSED--

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- On 01 Aug, at approximately 1140 hours, RA monitored radio traffic from the northern traffic control point _____ of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle. _____ is manned by Marines of Alpha Company, Anti-Terrorism (AT), 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The marines also reported that there were no injuries resulting from the engagement of the vehicle.
 - At approximately 1140 hours, RA and S/A Wysowaty were dispatched to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. RA and S/A Wysowaty arrived at TCF _____ at approximately 1150 hours. RA briefly questioned _____ as to the circumstances of the shooting. _____ stated that a Grey 2003 Ford Explorer operated by _____ DOB: _____ moved forward to the TCP without being called forward. _____ further stated that he gave verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. _____ explained that when the driver failed to heed the warnings, he raised his _____ chambered a round, and fired two shots at the vehicle's grill. The _____ rounds fired by _____ passed through the front bumper of the Explorer and impacted into the engine compartment.
 - RA and S/A Wysowaty inspected the vehicle, which had not been moved since the incident. The vehicle was a Grey colored 2003 Ford Explorer, VIN: _____ Lisc# _____. There were two visible bullet holes located in the front bumper of the vehicle. A further inspection revealed that one bullet had passed through the bumper and impacted into the radiator and the other bullet nicked the fan belt; no further traces of the rounds were found. A search of the TCP where _____ was standing uncovered two spent _____ cartridges. Photographs of the vehicle and the incident scene were taken and are attached to this report.
 - According to _____ statement, she was the driver of the vehicle entering the line for inspection for entry into _____. _____ statement claimed she and her passenger, _____ entered _____ on their way into the palace area. _____ stated she did not see anyone in front of her at the checkpoint stop sign, so decided to NOT stop and continue moving forward to the Marine inspection area. _____ explained the next thing she heard was shots, so stopped her vehicle immediately. Upon direct questioning of agents, _____ stated she knew she made a mistake and has driven through the checkpoint on numerous occasions, fully aware of the procedures.
 - At approximately 1500 hours, _____ USMC, submitted his completed Incident Report along with the written statements of the Marines at _____ in accordance with Marine Corps policy. These statements were provided to RA and are attached to this ROI.
 - According to the written statement provided by _____ at approximately 1140 hrs, a vehicle approached checkpoint _____ and the individual that was driving the vehicle failed to stop, bypassing one of the three stop signs clearly posted. The individual was driving a Ford explorer and had an Iraqi National as a passenger. Both of the individuals work inside the compound. As the vehicle passed the stop sign located at the front of checkpoint _____ all Marines on post at that time who were dealing with vehicle traffic went to condition one, round in the chamber. _____ stated he took a few steps toward the vehicle, shouted, "Stop" and attempted to wave the vehicle down. The

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vehicle failed to notice and continued. [redacted] fired two rounds into the front of the car. The first shot hit in the Grill and punctured the radiator and the second shot grazed the fan belt. The vehicle slowed and stopped shortly after receiving the second shot. There were no injuries.

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7. According to the written statement provided by [redacted] at approximately 1140 hrs he was standing over on the sidewalk checking personnel badges. [redacted] looked up, and by that time the two shots fired by [redacted] the vehicle, stopping it, had already taken place.
 8. According to the written statement provided by [redacted] at approximately 1140 hrs, he was standing by the NCO diamond when a tan SUV ran the stop sign in the far left lane. [redacted] observed [redacted] yell "Stop" several times, raise his rifle, and rack a round. The driver didn't take heed to the warning and [redacted] was forced to fire 2 shots into the radiator of the vehicle. There were no injuries.
 9. According to the written statement provided by [redacted] at approximately 1140 hrs, he was standing post with [redacted] who was located in the far left entry lane, and [redacted] was in the next lane to his right. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was in the PSD lane while [redacted] was checking pedestrian personnel accessing the embassy compound. [redacted] just got finished checking a vehicle and it was pulling over the spike strip when he heard [redacted] yell "Stop" at least two times, [redacted] racked a round, pointed his weapon at the vehicle, yell "Stop" once more and fire 2 shots into the grill of the vehicle. There were no injuries.
 10. Based on the statements from [redacted] as well as the digital video, there is no/no evidence that the Marine Security Forces acted in contravention of their Rules of Engagement when they opened fire on [redacted] vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

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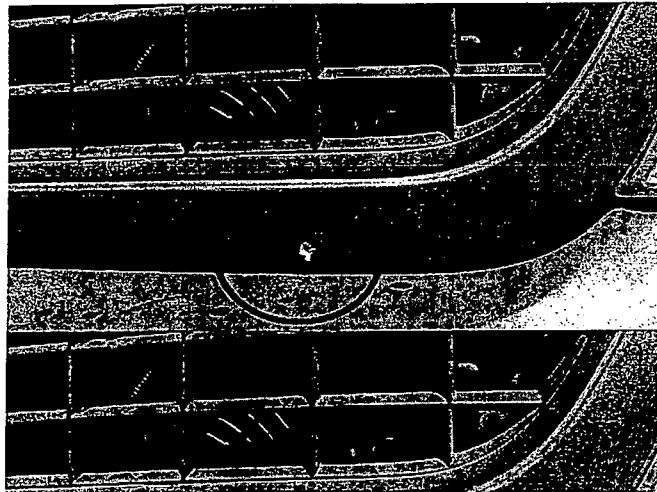
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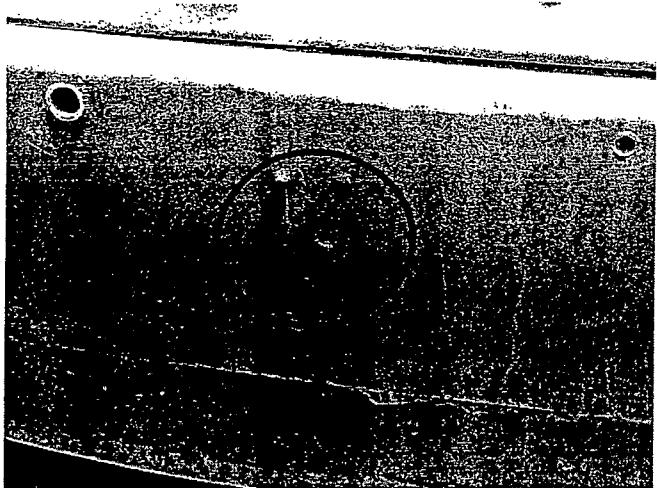
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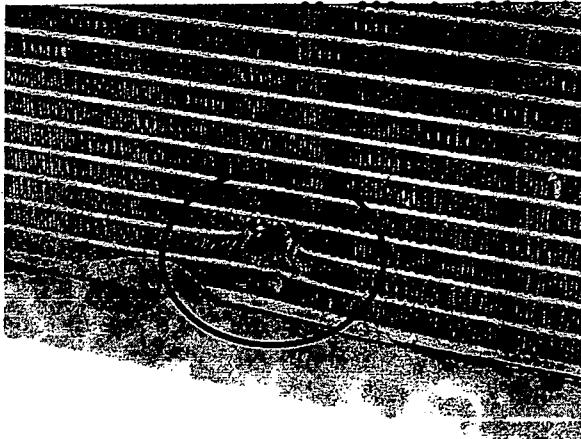
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2nd round impact area bumper

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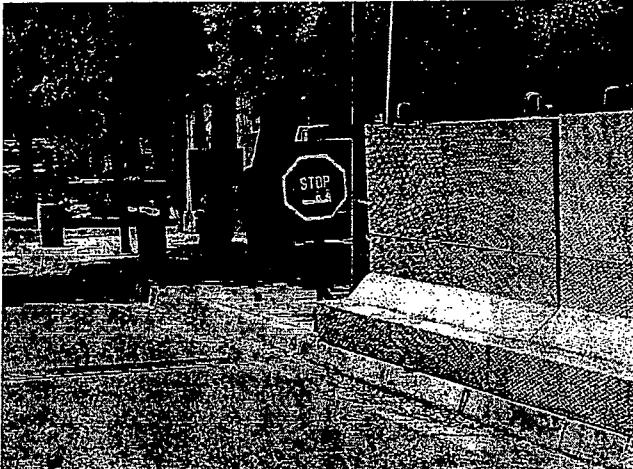
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1st round impact close-up



2nd round impact close-up

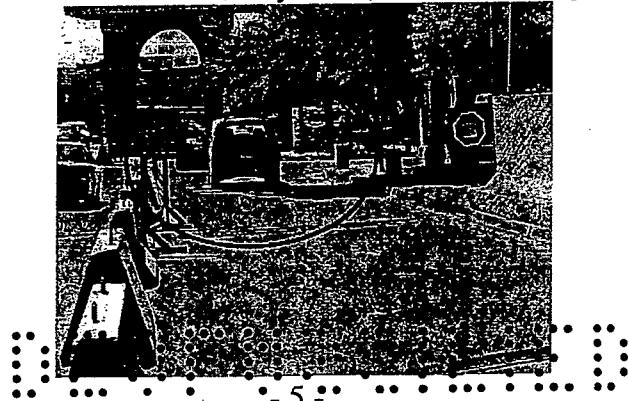


Stop sign right side of lane



Warning/stop sign, left side of lane

Full view of vehicle entry lane (red circle is subject vehicle)



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Hiemstra, Jan (Baghdad)

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Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2005 8:21 PM
To: McCormack, Matthew C (Baghdad); Linardi, Timothy J (Baghdad); Wysowaty, Joe (Baghdad); Hiemstra, Jan (Baghdad)
Subject: FW: Statements from Team 2

FYI – Aug 2 shooting incident w/injury to an Iraqi National.

John Krajicek
Intelligence and Investigation Program Manager
RSO Coordination Center
U.S. Embassy Baghdad
Office: (703) 34 [redacted]
DSN:
Cell: [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2005 7:51 PM
To: Brackins, David A (Baghdad)
Cc: Hunter, Mark J (Baghdad); Krajicek, John (Baghdad); [redacted]
Subject: Fw: Statements from Team 2

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

[redacted]
[redacted]
A.K.A. [redacted]

Deputy Project Manager
DSS Iraq Program
BLACKWATER-Department of State Programs

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Original Message

From: Anthony Sanqanetti

To: [redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2005 6:57 PM

Subject: Statements from Team 2

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High Threat Protection Specialist
Red Group Specialty Teams Deputy Detail Leader
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Caramelo, Michael D

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2 August 2005Time
1022 hours

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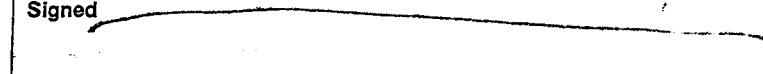
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who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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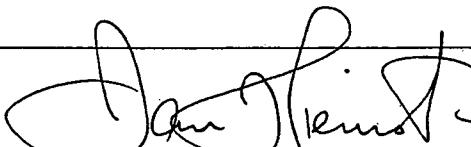
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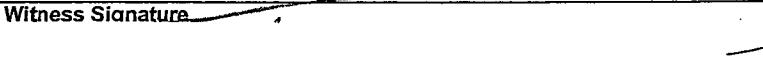
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 5TH day of

August, 20 05

b7c

Signed	
Printed	<u>JAN THIEMSTRA</u>

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature	
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Address	

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1200 hrs. Last vehicle RBB0517

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Team Leader.

Left front seat — forward.

In support of Team 4

Right - turn — single shot

couple seconds — 2 more shots.

Looked while turning.

noticed occupant x2 Landcruiser.

talking w/ Army and ING.

1405. b7c

Right side Mamba → Trail Vehicle.

Heard a shot — initially thought shots
were at him.

2 more shots. right after.

White Landcruiser. stop. (25m)

slow roll

↓ pulled over to right side
2 males got out.
→ JPI's military go fwd. (

possible gesturing by occupant

stated

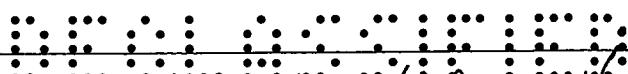
made a comment "I told him to."

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In Country about 1 yr / August 4/04

On leave 30 days.

Qualified → yr ago, zeroed.

Position - Left rear turret gunner, responsible
for 5 - 11 o'clock.

Right turn - for u-turn. - looking at
Bridge 1. - SUV blew through intersection.

75m

Initiated w/ stop signal. 2/3 X
1st rnd 50m ± 30 mph.

rolling along.

2 nds. 25m double tap. hammered pair.

Observed driver open door. ING. came up to car.
→ quick stop.

→ 6 months ago. tng transition drills. Team 12.

Leave - trained w/ personal weapons.

= weapon charged hands 3 times.

turned into the armo... →

does not know
what happens in the armo... →





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Sworn Statement
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Date
2 August 2005

Time
1030 hours

Location

Baghdad, Iraq

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On 2 Aug, 2005 I was the Team Leader of Tactical Support Team Two. We were returning from a support mission of team 4 from the Iraq Central Bank, we were following Team 4 to Check Point One. As we approached

[redacted] travelling from [redacted] we made a right turn at the [redacted] intersection in front of Check Point [redacted]. After completing the right turn I heard one shot fired followed by two more shots a second later. The shots were followed from the follow Mamba by the left hatch gunner [redacted]

[redacted] After the shots were fired I received a quick sit rep from the team and reported the incident to the TOC. As we turned into the check point I observed a white SUV disabled at the intersection. I did not observe any injuries or casualties. We continued back to [redacted] with no further incidents or problems. Myself and both hatch gunners reported to the TOC as soon as we arrived at [redacted]

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DECORATED

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Signed	
Printed	b7c
Address	

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of

_____, 20_____.

Signed	
Printed	JAN HIEMSTRA.

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature	
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Sworn Statement

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Date
2 August 2005

Time
1050 hours

Location

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My Team had just turned off Hafia Street to enter Check Point [redacted] of the International Zone. A white SUV was coming down off Bridge [redacted] and did not stop at the intersection in front of Check Point [redacted]. The vehicle was approaching my team from the rear. I signaled the vehicle to stop using hand and arm signals and it did not respond. It was gaining speed and was within 50 meters of my team when I fired my first shot at the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle continued toward me and was accelerating. I fired two more rounds into the vehicle and the vehicle came to a stop 25 meters from my position. I felt the vehicle was posing a threat to my life and the lives of my teammates. I would also like to add that I have not had the opportunity to zero my weapon. This is due to the fact that we have no firing range available.

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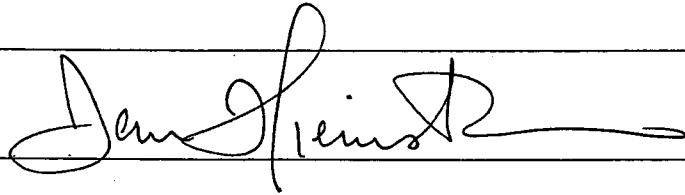
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JAN HIEMSTRA

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Sworn Statement**Date**

2 August 2005

Time

1022 hours

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North Gate, on feet, with his badge... they shot him
when they saw him without asking any question. he didn't see the shots

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he was with his friend, his friend is good, [REDACTED]

there were some people that seen [REDACTED] what had happened

one of the people called [REDACTED] works here inside the [REDACTED]

b/c

[REDACTED]
he is working here, but where? I don't know
he don't know how to read or write.

Bunshot victim. 6 Jun 1973

b/c

Baghdad.

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8-5-05

Team 2 / B/A

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TL NUMBER #700016

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- Left Front seat

- heading to T2 ~~through~~ ^{To} Checkpoint
- Supporting Team 4
- made a right turn
- 1 shot and then a few seconds later
2 more shots
- Fired into vehicle, fail to yield
- Did not see shooting because of
location, until turned into checkpoint
then see vehicle disabled
- only two witnesses were 2 Hatch gunners
-
- called fire, no injury or -
- witnesses occupied vehicle out side of it.

- Right side of road ?
 - ~~that vehicle identified~~
 - Saw my Iraqi Police at street
 - made fun, threatened & threatened
 - heard shots, I thought he may have been hit.
 - SAW - shot still and realized it was him, and heard him say "tell him to stop"
 - vehicle moved ~~out~~ over to side of road
 - saw two males exit vehicle
 - saw FOP's ~~out~~ go over to vehicle
 - found into checkpoint
 - shooter name Dazy

w/c

- [] immediately called for support
- maybe 5 mph when shooting occurred
-

□ Position 8-12' 6-11' o'clock
L/R ~~toward passenger side~~

□ R/H off of Hawk st.

□ SUV drove through intersection

□ Fired into vehicle one and the two shots

□ Base of Bridge - 75-100 meter

□ gave him 2 red stops - hand signals
held hand up for vehicle

- mouthed him, Fired one and the two

□ 50 meters for first shot, did not stop
kept coming,

□ Armed grill

□ distance for second volley was 25 m

□ Two aiming shots, double tap - Quick's Tap

□ Vehicle stopped, ~~two~~ door drivers open
door, after 1st 19 come up to car

- year in County, 8/04 three weeks
- year ago he worked w/ weyan no preference
w/ inyan since then
- Day in sights b2 high
- No range - no place to train w/ weyan in Black
- DSS asked one year ago
- Transter bulls 6 mos ago, in Sully
difficult team T-12
- Facts prepared to go out and do this job
- 10 years in seals team 4
- shooting or alone, mag exchanges, drills etc
b2 high
- Weyan has changed hands three times -
Every time he goes or leaves he has to turn it
in
- was not angry in direction of Red gate -

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**



TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
Echo Two Shooting		2005-0064	
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE	
		Administrative	
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
US Embassy Baghdad	5 Aug 2005		S/A Joe Wysowaty

SYNOPSIS

On 02 Aug 2005, at approximately 1100 hrs, RA was notified by the RSO Tactical Operations Center (TOC) about a shooting of a local national vehicle by the Blackwater Echo Two PSD Team. The initial reports suggested that Echo Two had been involved in the shooting of a local national vehicle in close proximity to Check Point [REDACTED] b7c ✓

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1. On 05 Aug 2005, RA and S/A Jan Hiemstra interviewed [REDACTED] of Blackwater PSD Team Echo TWO, regarding the shooting that took place adjacent to Check Point [REDACTED]. Prior to commencing the interview RA provided [REDACTED] his administrative warnings. RA questioned [REDACTED] about Echo Two's involvement in the shooting and the following was discussed.
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2. [REDACTED] informed RA that he was acting as the Team Leader for Echo Two, sitting in the left front seat of Mamba number seven. Echo Two was traveling towards Check Point [REDACTED] heading into the International Zone in a supporting role for Echo Four.
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3. [REDACTED] explained that while in support of the Echo Team Four, his team was traveling past [REDACTED] and made a right turn as they approached [REDACTED] heading towards Check Point [REDACTED]. Shortly after making the turn, [REDACTED] reports hearing a single shot, then a brief one-second pause followed by two more quick shots.
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4. [REDACTED] stated that he did not see the shooting occur because of his position in the front of the vehicle. When the vehicle performed the u-turn into Check Point One, [REDACTED] was able to see the disabled vehicle with two of the occupants standing next to it. [REDACTED] informed RA that the only two persons to witness the shooting were the hatch gunners.
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5. [REDACTED] immediately informed the RSO Tactical Operations Center of the shooting and that to the best of his knowledge there were no injuries to report.
6. [REDACTED] stated that after arriving at the Embassy Annex, he was instructed to write a statement about the incident. [REDACTED] stated that he was not directed or coerced into making any specific statements.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION



TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
Echo Two Shooting		2005-0064	
TRUE NAME		b7c	CASE TYPE Administrative
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
US Embassy Baghdad	5 Aug 2005		S/A Joe Wysowaty

SYNOPSIS

On 02 Aug 2005, at approximately 1100 hrs, RA was notified by the RSO Tactical Operations Center (TOC) about a shooting of a local national vehicle by the Blackwater Echo Two PSD Team. The initial reports suggested that Echo Two had been involved in the shooting of a local national vehicle in close proximity to Check Point [redacted]

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(FORMERLY DS-838)
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DEPT. OF STATEExempt From Automatic Decontrol By Statute
CONTENT MUST NOT BE DISCLOSED TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS

1. On 05 Aug 2005, RA and S/A Jan Hiemstra interviewed [REDACTED] of Blackwater PSD Team Echo TWO, regarding the shooting that took place adjacent to Check Point [REDACTED]. Prior to commencing the interview RA provided [REDACTED] his administrative warnings. RA questioned [REDACTED] about Echo Two's involvement in the shooting.
2. [REDACTED] informed RA that he was in Mamba number seven and was manning the right turret position of the tail vehicle. Echo Two was traveling towards Check Point [REDACTED] heading into the International Zone in a supporting role for Echo Four.
3. [REDACTED] explained that he was scanning his sector when the detail made a right turn and traveled a short distance when he heard the shots occur. [REDACTED] stated he heard the first shot, a brief pause and then two more shots. [REDACTED] after scanning the area recognized the shooter as being [REDACTED] also posted in the turret position. [REDACTED] stated he heard the shooter say, "I told him to stop".
4. [REDACTED] stated he witnessed the vehicle pull over to the side of the road and the two occupants exit the vehicle. [REDACTED] observed members of the Iraqi National Guard that witnessed the event walk over to the disabled vehicle. [REDACTED] immediately heard his Team Leader [REDACTED] request a situation report as to what had just occurred.
5. [REDACTED] stated that after arriving at the Embassy Annex, he was instructed to write a statement about the incident. [REDACTED] stated that he was not directed or coerced into making any specific statements.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION



TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
Echo Two Shooting		2005-0064	
TRUE NAME		<i>b7c</i>	CASE TYPE
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
US Embassy Baghdad	05 August 2005		S/A Hiemstra

SYNOPSIS

On 02 August 2005, Blackwater Protective Security Detail, (PSD) Echo Two was involved in a shooting incident involving a local Iraqi vehicle. The shooting took place as the detail was entering checkpoint At the time Echo 2 shot the local Iraqi vehicle a local Iraqi citizen about to enter the IZ and was struck in the side of the face by a bullet, caliber unknown. U.S. soldiers rushed the local national to the Military Hospital, 86th CSH, located within the IZ. Based on the statements from there is no/no evidence that the PSD QRF Team Echo two acted in contravention of their Rules of Engagement when they opened fire on a white SUV and the simultaneous injury of a local National entering the pedestrian entry point of checkpoint RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

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1. On 02 August 2005, at approximately 1100 hrs, RA was notified by the RSO Tactical Operations Center (TOC) about a shooting of a local national vehicle by the Blackwater Echo Two PSD Team. The reports suggested that Echo Two had been involved in the shooting of a local national in the vicinity of the vehicle shot at Checkpoint^{b7c b7g}
2. On 05 Aug 2005, RA and S/A Wysowaty interviewed [redacted] regarding the incident that took place at checkpoint one involving Echo Two. Prior to commencing the interview RA provided [redacted] his administrative warnings. During the course of the interview [redacted] provided the following information. [redacted] stated he was the left rear turret gunner for Mamba 7. He has been in country since August of 2004 and has now been back from a thirty-day leave break for about three weeks. [redacted] describes his job responsibilities as providing security for the left side of Mamba 7, from about the 5 o'clock position to the 11 o'clock position, and acting as part of the Quick Reaction Force for any Echo teams requiring additional security.^{b7c}
3. RA questioned [redacted] as to the events that occurred on 02 Aug 2005 to the best of his recollection. [redacted] stated that Echo two was returning from their venue in Mamba 7, as the trail vehicle. The team was making a right turn from Haifa Street onto Yafa Street to gain entry into Checkpoint [redacted]. According to [redacted] they were established on Yafa Street, moving at a slow rate of speed, when a white SUV came down from bridge one failing to yield at the intersection of Haifa and Yafa Street. [redacted] further stated the SUV was closing in on their vehicle at approximately thirty mph so through hand and arm signals, two to three times, attempted to stop the SUV. The SUV failed to adhere to the visual signals so [redacted] stated he aimed in his [redacted] rifle to attempt to stop the oncoming SUV. The SUV, according to [redacted] was now about fifty meters from the rear of the convoy, breaking the 100-meter safety bubble, and still closing in on the rear of the convoy. [redacted] stated he then fired one round out of his [redacted] rifle, at about 50-meters, into the grill of the SUV; the vehicle did not respond so [redacted] engaged with two more rounds, a hammered pair, at the grill of the SUV. The SUV stopped at approximately 25-meters from the rear of Mamba 7, which was moving at slow rate of speed the entire engagement.^{b7c b7d b7e}
4. [redacted] further explained that when the vehicle stopped, after the shots were fired, his team leader requested a situation update. [redacted] updated his team leader and at the same time observed the driver of the SUV exit his door, while Iraqi National Guard (ING) soldiers came up to the SUV, and engage in conversation with the ING. The last thing [redacted] noticed was the driver of the SUV slap his hands on his chest numerous times. [redacted] stated he did not know what the gesture meant.^{b7c}
5. RA questione [redacted] on the last time he qualified with his weapon. [redacted] stated he shoots his [redacted] rifle with hard sights and qualified with that weapon approximately a year ago. The last time he had trained on a range was about six months ago in Baghdad and when he was on leave in the U.S. he conducted some personal weapon's training at a range near his house. [redacted] stated he owns his own [redacted] rifle and some handguns.^{b7d b7e}

6. _____ stated that he was not directed or coerced by any individual into making specific statements about this incident. _____ was unaware there were any injuries related to the shooting at checkpoint one. b7c
7. Based on the statements from _____ there is no/no evidence that the PSD QRF Team Echo two acted in contravention of their Rules of Engagement when they opened fire on a white SUV and the simultaneous injury of a local National entering the pedestrian entry point of checkpoint _____. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

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Sworn Statement

Date 03 August 2005	Time 1450 hrs
Location TOC	DECLASSIFIED

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I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of

[redacted] who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

* See attached statement.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 03 day of

AUGUST, 20 05.

Signed

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Karen Kanahole

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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On 03 August 2005, at approximately 1050 hours, Team 5 was escorting Team 17 to their venue. After passing through the intersection of [redacted] headed to [redacted] identified a white 4-door sedan with one male occupant as a threat due to his aggressive driving tactics. I had held all traffic at 100 meters to the rear of the motorcade and the sedan had moved through other traffic and approached the motorcade at a high rate of speed. The follow vehicle has a posted warning sign on the rear commanding all vehicles to remain 100 meters back in both English and Arabic. I gave verbal commands followed by hand commands to halt. The vehicle proceeded forward and I used the white light to flash the vehicle to gain his attention with no response. At this point the vehicle was 20-25 meters from the rear of the motorcade, I feared for the safety of myself, my team, and the principle. I switched my weapon off safe acquired sight picture and fired 3 rounds into the front grill of the vehicle. The vehicle immediately veered sharply to the right shoulder of the street and the driver placed his hands in the air. It did not appear that he had suffered any injuries.

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Team 5 Member

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Sworn Statement

Date	03 August 2005	Time	1450
Location	DECODED In the area between [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] b7c		

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[REDACTED] b7c hereby make the following statement at the request of

Craig Kanahete, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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In regards to the incident that involved [REDACTED] b7c
team member [REDACTED] engaging and disabling [REDACTED] b7c
the white four door Sedan between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
I [REDACTED], was the Shift leader for the day.
I was seated in the front passenger seat. I heard [REDACTED] verbally call out the threat he perceived and heard him verbally command the vehicle to stop. I did not have a visual angle on the vehicle and did not witness the event visually. End of Statement

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

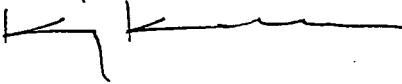
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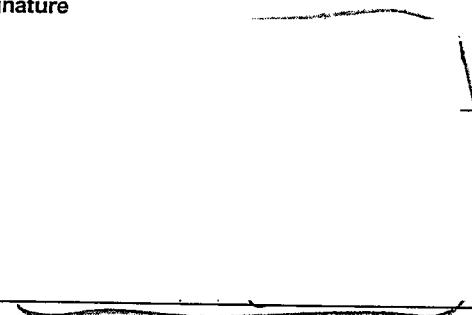
I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed	
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 3 day of
Dec, 2005.

Signed	
Printed	Kraig Kanane
SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE	

Witness Signature	
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PSD - Mission Information Sheet



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Administrative Information					
Call Sign:	Traveler	Date of Mission:	4 Aug. 05	Mission No.:	
Destination Name(s):					
Destination Grid(s):			None		
Stage Time:	1500	Depart Time:	1515	Return Time:	1600
AIC Name:		SL Name:			
AIC MCI:		SL MCI:			
Primary Channel:		Sec. Channel:		Mobile BFT No.:	
Mission in Support of:					
Date Mission Received:	03 Aug 05.	Time Mission Received:	1900		

Principals and Passengers					
	Name			Name	
1			2		
3			4		
5			6		
7			8		

Name of Person to be Visited or POC @ Venue					
	Name			Name	
1			2		
3			4		

PSD Shift Personnel [Not Needed When Load Plan Submitted]					
	Name			Name	
1			2		
3			4		
5			6		
7			8		
9			10		
11			12		
13			14		

Support Unit(s) Requested								
TST:	No.	AIR:	No.	K-9:	APD	ADV:	APD	FSNI:
								No

AIC Comments								
Picking the ambassador up								

TOC USE ONLY					
Actual Departure Time:	1513	Actual Return time:			
Mission Package Includes: Cover Sheet - Load Plan - Route Plan - Topical Photo of Venue					
TOC OPS Reviewer:		Date:			
RSO Reviewer Approval:		Date:			

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PSD - Mission Information Sheet

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Administrative Information			
Call Sign:	Date of Mission:	Mission No.:	b7c
Destination Name(s):	Adnan al-Dulaimi's Residence		
Destination Grid(s):	Blue Code(s):		
Stage Time: 1615	Depart Time: 1630	Return Time: 1815	
AIC Name:	SL Name:		
AIC MCI:	SE MCI		
Primary Channel:	Sec. Channel:	Mobile BFT No.:	
Mission in Support of: DCM			
Date Mission Received: 080405	Time Mission Received: 1315		

Principals and Passengers

	Name		Name
1	DCM	2	+ 3 PAX's
3		4	
5		6	
7		8	

Name of Person to be Visited or POC @ Venue

	Name		Name
1	Adnan al-Dulaimi's	2	
3		4	

PSD Shift Personnel [Not Needed When Load Plan Submitted]

	Name		Name
1		2	
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Support Unit(s) Requested

TST: X	AIR:	K-9:	ADV: X	FSNI:
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AIC Comments

Meeting with above POC listed : TM's # 3 & 5 will be in support. Tm 3 will conduct the ADV to above venue. Tm 5 will provide the QRF. A British PSD/Gen. Detail will also make it to the venue and will follow our motorcade.

TOC USE ONLY

Actual Departure Time:	Actual Return time:
Mission Package Includes: Cover Sheet - Load Plan - Route Plan - Topical Photo of Venue	
TOC OPS Reviewer:	Date:
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Lead Vehicle					
Type:	Suburban	Color:	BLK	GP No.:	BFT No.:
Position				Name	
Driver:					b7c
Tac. Cmdr.:					
Left Rear:					
Right Rear:					
Well:					

Limo No. 1					
Type:	Suburban	Color:	BLK	GP No.:	BFT No.:
Position				Name	b7c
Driver:					
AIC:					
Pax 1:					
Pax 2:					
Pax 3:					b7c
Pax 4:					

Limo No. 2					
Type:	Van	Color:	White	GP No.:	BFT No.:
Position				Name	
Driver:					
AIC:					
Pax 1:					
Pax 2:					
Pax 3:					
Pax 4:					

Follow Vehicle					
Type:	Suburban	Color:	WHITE	GP No.:	BFT No.:
Position				Name	
Driver:					
Shift Leader:			b7c		
Left Rear:					
Right Rear:					
Well:					

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

04 August 2005

Spot Report - 080405-3

Subject: COM QRF Engagement of Vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 1732 hours August 4, 2005, a DynCorp Quick Reaction Force (QRF) engaged a black, four (4) door BMW sedan with (1) round of Small Arms Fire (SAF). The QRF was staged in a street intersection near an official venue. QRF were re-directing traffic in order to establish "Stand Off" distance for the official venue. One (1) Local National (LN) occupied the subject vehicle as it approached the QRF location at a high rate speed. After unsuccessfully attempting to stop the oncoming vehicle by using hand and arm signals, the upgunner on the closest Armored Humvee fired into the vehicle's engine compartment with (1) round [] of SAF. The subject vehicle then came to an immediate stop and then turned right down an adjacent street. There are no known casualties resulting from this engagement and the QRF continued its mission without further incident.

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RSO Action: Investigation as required. Written statements will be obtained.**Location:** Baghdad "Red Zone," Iraq

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Sworn Statement

Date
4 August 2005

Time
1100 hours

Location

Baghdad, Iraq

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I, [redacted] b7c hereby make the following statement at the request of Craig Kanhale

Who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service? I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

On 4 Aug, 2005 I was the Team member of Tactical Support Team Two. We were in a static position in vicinity of [redacted], (Grid [redacted]) in support of team 8 to the Iraq Central Bank. The team was positioned under bridge [redacted] 500 meters east of [redacted]. While in a static posture, I was located inside the Saxon #2 waiting for our next movement. While inside the vehicle a heard one shot fired, I did not know who or what was shot until my team leader [redacted] asked for a sit rep from the team. It wasn't till after the sit rep. that I understood the actions of the turret gunner [redacted]. There were no futher actions executed by myself. END OF STATEMENT [redacted]

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge. Page 1 of 2 Pages

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Address

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of
_____, 20_____.

Signed

Printed

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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Date
4 August 2005

Time
1100 hours

Location

Baghdad, Iraq

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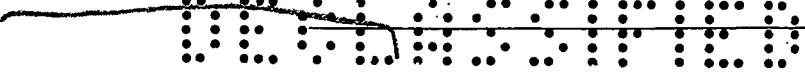
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I, [REDACTED] b7c hereby make the following statement at the request of Craig Kanhale

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On 4 Aug, 2005 I was the Team member of Tactical Support Team Two. We were in a static position in vicinity of [REDACTED] (Grid [REDACTED]) in support of team 8 to the Iraq Central Bank. The team was positioned under bridge [REDACTED] 500 meters east of [REDACTED] While in a static posture, I was located in the rear hatch of Saxon #2 waiting for our next movement. While pulling security to the rear of the vehicle, I heard a shout from the direction of the hatch behind me, then one shot fired. I turned quickly to look behind me and saw a black mid-90's Daewoo prince with three or four Iraqi male occupants to the immediate front of our parked Saxon. I did not know who or what was shot until my team leader [REDACTED] asked for a sit rep from the team. It wasn't till after the sit rep. that I understood the actions of the turret gunner [REDACTED]. There were no futher actions executed by myself. END OF STATEMENT. b7c

I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed	
Printed	b7c
Address	

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of
_____, 20_____.

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature	
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Address	



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Sworn Statement

Date
4 August 2005
Location

Time
Approximately 0840 hrs

Just Northeast of [redacted]

I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of Craig Kanhale

who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I was in the turret of the number 2 saxon, for team 2, after supporting an advance team to the central bank of Iraq. We were staged under bridge [redacted] just northeast of [redacted] at grid [redacted]

The four vehicles of the team were facing the Al Mansur Hotel, with the hotel parking lot approximatley 100 meters away to the eleven o'clock. A small road ran from Hiafa street to the front of the parking lot and around under the bridge. Many vehicles came down the road and were told to either turn around, or go into the hotel parking lot. A few vehicles tried to take the route under the bridge, but were immediately turned away. After a while, some employee's from the hotel came outside to tell approaching cars that they couldn't go under the bridge. At approximately 08:40, a black sedan with 5 male occupants of military age came down the road from the left and were stopped by the hotel employee's. After being told that they could not go under the bridge, and in clear sight of our four vehicles, the black sedan sped forward into the route under the bridge. I was in the closest vehicle to car and in the turret at this time. I immediately gave the driver hand and arm signals to stop as well as verbal commands. After repeated failed signals, I muzzled the vehicle with my rifle and continued to yell verbal commands. I was sure that the occupants of the vehicle were aware of my warnings, but they continued to move forward at a fast rate of speed. When the vehicle reached approximatley 50 meters away from my own vehicle without slowing down, and fearing for the lives of my teammates, myself, and surrounding civilians, I engaged it with one round to the front grill. At this time, the employee's of the hotel ran out and told the driver to back away and turn around. The driver did so, and all of the occupants got out unharmed and walked away. End of Satement.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge. Page 2 of 2 Pages

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 4 Aug 2005 day of _____, 2005 _____.

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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RB80455
Sworn Statement

Date
4 August 2005

Time
1100 hours

Location

Baghdad, Iraq

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I, [REDACTED] b7c hereby make the following statement at the request of Craig Kanhale

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On 4 Aug, 2005 I was the Team Leader of Tactical Support Team Two. We were in a static position in vicinity of [REDACTED] (Grid [REDACTED]) in support of team 8 to the Iraq Central Bank. The team was positioned under bridge [REDACTED] 500 meters east of [REDACTED]. While in a static posture, a black sedan with four male occupants approached the team from the front when the lead vehicle (Saxon #2) identified the threat first. The front turret gunner [REDACTED] started giving hand and arm signals at about 100 meters and continued the signals until the vehicle was about fifty meters. With no regard to the signals given by the turret gunner, [REDACTED] fired one shot into the front grill of the sedan. After the round impacted the front grill, the sedan backed out of area to a far end of the parking lot at the Al Mansur hotel. There were no friendly or Iraqi national injuries. Team two continued on with the mission with no futher incidents. The shot was fired at 0840 hours and reported to TOC shortly after. **END OF STATEMENT** [REDACTED]

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Sworn Statement

Date
04 August 05
Location

Time
Approximately 0840 hrs

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I, [redacted] b7c, hereby make the following statement at the request of Craig Kanhale

who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I was assigned as driver of saxon no. 2. We were on location approximately 30 minutes. While staged, I observed a parking attendant for the Al Mansur Hotel preventing vehicles from entering our area, (under bridge). Upon stopping traffic, he would approach the drivers and point in our direction. At that time, cars would turn around and leave in the same direction they came. After observing several cars being turned away, I noticed a black sedan approach my position after being warned by the parking attendant. I then heard two or three verbal commands for the vehicle to stop, followed by one shot. I witnessed the vehicle come to a complete stop before reversing back from the direction it came. End of Statement

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Date	05 AUG 2005	Time	10:25 AM
Location	US DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE BAGGAGE EXAMINATION ROOM		

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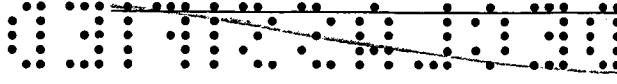
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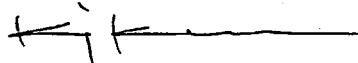
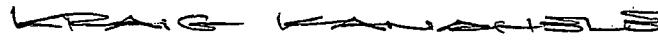
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STATEMENT

Name: [REDACTED]

Team: 5 QRF

Date: 05 Aug 2005

Time: 10:05

Location: Anan Al-Dulaimi resident

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On 04 Aug 2005, at 1700 Team 5 QRF was holding and intersection near Team 3's venue Anan Al-Dulaimi residence. I was located in the turret of Team 5's hummwv, which was sitting directly in the center of the intersection facing on-coming traffic. Accompanied by a armored suburban in the parallel lane to hold traffic from coming counter flow. There were also approximately 12 shooters on the ground to include British military units.

Team 5 was holding the intersection to re-direct traffic away from the venue to create a safe stand-off distance from any possible threats. The distance made from the hummwv was about 150 meters, where a side street was located that the re-directed traffic could turn. At about 1732 hrs a black four door BMW sedan came at a high rate of speed around traffic that had been diverted down the side street approaching the intersection that we held. I gave many verbal commands and hand gestures, along with orienting my weapon in the BMW's direction. All the units on the ground were doing the same. The BMW made no compliance to any of the commands from my self or any of the units on the ground to stop. The vehicle still traveling at a high rate of speed, came within 25 to 30 meters with no indication of stopping. Fearing for my life and the lives of the others on the ground, and knowing the BMW to be a known bolo, I fired one round with my [REDACTED] into the front grill the vehicle. When the round made contact with the vehicle the driver then locked his brakes causing the vehicle to come to a screeching halt. The driver then turned at the adjacent street and stopped before getting out. No injuries was noted to the operator at that point of time. At about 1740 hrs the diver returned to his vehicle and drove away from the area. The incident was immediately reported to base via radio.

Team 5 carried-on with the mission with no further incident.

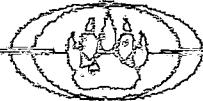
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	4 August 05	Time of Incident	Approximately 0840 hrs
Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Strategic Devices, deployed/ Ambush		
Description	Describe action. Be as inclusive and narrate local area, roads, etc. If possible, attach sketch.		
Personnel Involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any			
Agencies Involved, etc.			
Action Taken	After repeated hand and arm signals, I muzzled the vehicle while continuing to yell verbal commands. When the vehicle continued to approach, I fired one shot into the front grill of the vehicle at approximately 50 meters away.		
Follow-Up Required	The Department of State T.O.C. was immediately notified of the incident. Upon return from mission, a verbal statement was provided to D.S. agent in the T.O.C. Additionally, the weapon used in the shooting was inspected by RSO personnel and the remaining rounds of ammunition were counted. The weapon was returned without further questions.		

Operator(s) Involved	Vehicle(s) Involved	Saxon #2	Team(s) Involved	Templar 2
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Personal Security Specialist
QRF Team 2
DSS, Iraq

Team Lead
QRF Team 2
DSS, Iraq

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Z0372**U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD**

Reporting Time: 9:42 a.m. EDT
August 7, 2005

COM Protective Security Detail fires on aggressive vehicle

Subject: COM PSD Engagement of Vehicle

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: At approximately 9:22 a.m. (local time), a Blackwater Protective Security Detail (PSD) team member engaged a **green, four (4) door Toyota sedan** with (1) round of Small Arms Fire (SAF). No injuries were reported.

The PSD motorcade was stopped in traffic outside the International Zone en route to their official venue. The Follow Left Rear PSD team member observed a vehicle traveling around three lanes of stopped traffic accelerating toward the stopped motorcade. An older male driver appeared to be the sole occupant of the vehicle. The Follow Left Rear PSD member gave hand and verbal commands to the driver of the vehicle, yet the vehicle did not stop on its direct path toward the stopped motorcade. This PSD team member fired into the vehicle's engine compartment with (1) round

SAF. The vehicle came to an immediate stop and the driver placed one hand out of the driver's side window and places the other one up above his head. There appeared to be no known casualties resulting from this engagement and the PSD Motorcade continued its mission without further incident.

Next Step: Investigation as required. Written statements will be obtained.



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Sworn Statement

Date 7 August 2005	Time 1240 hrs
Location Outside the International Zone, Baghdad, Iraq	

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I, [REDACTED], hereby make the following statement at the request of Anthony [REDACTED], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I was the right rear PSD team member in the follow vehicle of Team 22's motorcade. My duties and responsibilities during motorcade operations are to protect the rear and right side of the motorcade from any threats. At appx 0930 hrs on 7 August 2005 our motorcade was stopped in an intersection at [REDACTED]. There was a large amount of traffic coming from two different streets to our rear. I had stopped the flow of traffic appx 30 meters to the rear and the right side of the motorcade. My fellow PSD member in th left rear of the vehicle stopped the flow of traffic to the left rear of the vehicle about 30-40 meters back. I was standing on the running boards watching my sector when I heard the left rear PSD member yell something. I turned to see if there was an oncoming threat to the left rear of the motorcade. I saw a green 4 door older model vehicle with one occupant accelerating around the 3 lanes of stopped traffic and heading in our direction. At that point, the left rear PSD member engaged the oncoming threat with one round from his [REDACTED] at appx 30 meters distance. Observing the aggressive behavior and being fully aware of the increased threat of VBIED around the IZ, I would have engaged the vehicle as well. The position of the vehicle, however, did not afford me a clear shot. Once the PSD team member shot, the vehicle came to an abrupt halt and the driver raised both hands. He appeared to be unharmed. I turned and continued to watch my sector for any other threats.

I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Sworn Statement

Date 7 August 2005	Time 2031 hrs
Location OUTSIDE THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE	
Outside The International Zone, Baghdad, Iraq	

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I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of

Anthony Campagna, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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I am the driver of the follow vehicle. On August 7, 2005 we were on our way to a site recon. The time was around 0930. We were in heavy, stop and go traffic and at the moment were stopped attempting to gain some stand-off. I remember someone yelling for a vehicle to stop. I heard a shot but actually saw nothing. Afterward, I saw the green car out of my mirror and remember being alarmed at how close it was. Then we continued with the mission.

OUTSIDE THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE

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Sworn Statement

Date 7 August 2005	Time 2013 hrs
Location Outside the International Zone, Baghdad, Iraq	

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I, [redacted] b7c hereby make the following statement at the request of

Anthony Campagna, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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I was the acting shift leader for team 22 in the follow vehicle of the motorcade. At approx 0930 hrs 7 August 20005 we were on a side road entering the intersection of [redacted]. Lead vehicle stopped traffic on the road as we were closing on [redacted]. The first two vehicles entered the road safely, as as we pulled into traffic we had stopped all vehicles on the road behind us. I heard [redacted] yell out to the vehicle to stop, After I heard him yell there was a pause and then a shot. After the shot was fired we continued mission. I immediately called the shot fired into [redacted] base and gave them a brief description on the incident.

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Date August 7, 2005	Time 1240
Location Outside the International Zone, Baghdad, Iraq	

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On August 7, 2005 at approximately 0922 hrs my team was en route to Baghdad News to perform a technical site survey. I was riding in the follow vehicle in the rear left position. The motorcade had stopped because traffic to our front was backed up. I had opened my door in order to tell traffic behind us to stop, to keep away from the motorcade. Traffic was stopped three abreast behind the follow vehicle. A green Toyota four-door sedan made its way around the right side of the traffic as I was looking at it. Once it cleared traffic, it accelerated in the direction of the motorcade. I gave hand and verbal signals for the car to stop. The car continued in the direction of the motorcade. Knowing the increased threat level from VBIED and fearing for the safety and lives of me and my teammates, I felt I had no other option but to shoot. I fired one round of [redacted] into the engine compartment of the vehicle. The driver, an older male who appeared to be the sole occupant of the vehicle, immediately stopped the car. He placed his left hand out of the window and put his right hand above his head. There appeared to be no one injured or killed. Our team then continued on to our venue.

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SD INCIDENT REPOR

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Date of Incident	09AUG05	Time of Incident	1350	b7c
Type of Incident	Use of Lethal force or Vehicle 20377			
(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-or-Less Lethal Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Ambush)				
Location of incident (Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)	This location is typical of divided four lane roads in northern Iraq. Two north bound lanes with a center divider being 10" raised curbing. This incident occurred immediately following a traffic circle moving north. The traffic circle includes an off ramp lane from [REDACTED]. This off ramp lane becomes a right hand merge moving north.			
Description of Incident (Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCO's and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)	<p>Incident Report Synopsis:</p> <p>While traveling north on [REDACTED] returning to FOB [REDACTED] from Provincial Hall with Regional Coordinator, Carl Gettinger, Political Officer, Mark Wells, and interpreter [REDACTED]. The motorcade consisted of [REDACTED]. Immediately following the motorcade was a second motorcade consisting of [REDACTED] have two Department of State Approved weapons. One with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the other with [REDACTED] times two. While at Provincial Hall the PSD Team leader received from the Iraqi Police operations center a report of 5 Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Devices. (VBIED) Detailed descriptions of the vehicles were passed to all members of the two PSD Teams involved in the move that day. The Iraqi Police had secured the outbound route for the PSD by shutting off all traffic from Provincial Hall to the [REDACTED] approximately 500 meters. After clearing the bridge, the PSD maneuvered through a Kurdish controlled area for 2 kilometers north then traveled on [REDACTED]. While approaching the [REDACTED] overpass, the Tactical Commander noted upon clearing the traffic circle that there was a Black Opel sedan approaching at an unusually fast rate of speed. Note: This vehicle matched the description of one of the VBIED's known to be in the operations area. The sedan actually veered around another vehicle that had stopped to allow the motorcade to pass and continued on directly into the side of the motorcade near the first limousine in the second motorcade. This vehicle had been "called out" as a possible threat by the Shift Leader as he passed the merge lane in the number three vehicle of the first motorcade.</p>			
Action Taken (Describe in detail what actions were taken; i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)	The tail gunner in the lead HMMWV, watching the situation develop, attempted to waive the car to a stop with standard hand and arm signals, the vehicle continued to close on the motorcade from the merge lane. The gunner believing that the limousine in the second motorcade was about to be hit with a			

VBIED, engaged with two contrc [redacted] bursts of two rounds each from his [redacted]. The back stop on the threatening vehicle was a roadside tree-line. Once he fired the vehicle came to an immediate stop and the motorcade continued to FOB [redacted] without further incident. The rounds were seen impacting next to the Black Opel sedan and there were no injuries to either PSD Team members or the local national driver.

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Follow-Up Required
(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

The mission use of force policy has been reviewed with the team members. This report will be forwarded up the Blackwater chain of command as well as turned into the ARSO at Regional Embassy Office Mosul, Iraq.

Operator(s) Involved
[redacted]

Mosul PSD
Green Team
CAV Tail
Gunner

Vehicle(s) Involved
[redacted]

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Team(s) Involved
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Mosul PSD
Red & Green
Team

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Sworn Statement

Date	09 August 2005	Time	1235 HOURS
Location	Parking lot at WPPS Camp Baghdad		

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I, Kanahole, hereby make the following statement at the request of

Kanahole, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

On August 9th, 2005, at 1139 Hours I was one of two UP gunners on Saxon #3, the follow vehicle for Team 26. At the intersection of [redacted] our team turned left and from a side road on the left of our vehicle, a dark green/blue vehicle approached our vehicle. The side road was hard to see down, due to tall trucks parked in island between our road and side road. The vehicle approaching us had already seen the other 3 vehicles in our convoy and still traveled toward our vehicle. When the vehicle came into view of our vehicle, I noticed it was one male by himself and he was not slowing down. I gave the driver the sign to stop and yelled Kiff (or stop in english) and the vehicle continued. I then fired two shots into the front grill of the car and it stopped. The driver put his hands in the air and was not harmed. The vehicle was about 20 feet when I could first see it and sign for it to stop and then I fired and it stopped at about 15 feet. The End

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 7 day of
Dec, 2005.

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K. KANAHOE

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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Sworn Statement

Date <u>08/09/05</u>	Time WRITTEN / INCIDENT <u>1230 / 1139</u>
Location <u>WRITTEN</u> <u>PARKING LOT BEHIND [REDACTED]</u>	INCIDENT <u>[REDACTED]</u>

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I, _____, hereby make the following statement at the request of

KANAHEI, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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ON 08/09/05 AT APPROX 1139 HRS I WAS RIDING AS REAR GUNNER IN THE TURRET OF SAXON #3 OF TEAM 26. WHILE IN A HEAVILY CONGESTED AREA OF [REDACTED] b7c b7d I HEARD OUR "A" GUNNER FIRE TWO SHOTS SHORTLY AFTER YELLING "KIFF!" I LOOKED TO MY 9 O'CLOCK POSITION AND NOTICED A DARK COLORED, DUST COVERED VEHICLE STOPPED A FEW METERS FROM US. THE DRIVER HAD BOTH HANDS IN THE AIR. I TRACKED THE VEHICLE FOR ANY FURTHER THREAT. [REDACTED] b7c NO FURTHER. [REDACTED]

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 8 day of

Aug, 2005.

Signed

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K. Kanahole

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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Sworn Statement

Date	08-09-05	Time	12:38	INCIDENT
Location	WRITTEN PARKING LOT OF			INCIDENT

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I, _____ hereby make the following statement at the request of

KAWAHELE, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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ON 08-09-05 AT APPROX 1139 HRS, I WAS RIDING IN SAXON #3 (FOLLOW VEHICLE). I HEARD THE "A" DRIVER YELL "KIF" AND I HEARD TWO SHOTS. I DID NOT OBSERVE WHAT WAS BEING FIRED AT. END OF STATEMENT. _____

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Dec, 2005.

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K. Konavole

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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Date	09 JULY 2005	Time	11:39
Location	[REDACTED]		

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, hereby make the following statement at the request of

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At the time of shooting I was riding below the "A" gunner position in the fire team leader seat.

There was heavy traffic and we were in Saxon #3 as follow vehicle. From my position I was unable to see what or why shots were fired. I heard 2 shots and the convoy continued RTB.

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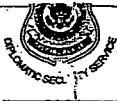
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I am positioned on the inside rear of the follow Saxon. I heard two shots. Through the small gun port, all I saw was a car in the stopped position. I saw an individual in the drivers position with the hands up. That is all I saw or heard, due to looking through a gun port & limited visibility due to sand storm.

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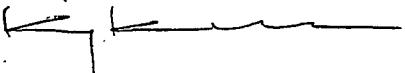
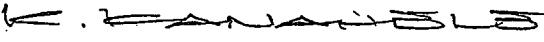
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ON THE ABOVE DATE AND TIME I WAS DRIVING SAXON #3, THE FOLLOW VEHICLE IN A FOUR VEHICLE CONVOY. WE WERE EN ROUTE BACK TO HEAVY. AS WE APPROACHED AND TRAFFIC WAS VERY HEAVY. I OBSERVED A BLUE SEDAN MERGING FROM THE LEFT. THE REST OF OUR CONVOY HAD PASSED THE INTERSECTION AND THE VEHICLE WAS NOT SLOWING DOWN. I HEARD "KIF". THE VEHICLE WAS NOT STOPPING, AND WAS WITHIN 15 FEET OF OUR TRUCK. THE VEHICLE PASSED OUT OF MY VIEW. I THEN HEARD TWO ROUNDS DISCHARGED.
NO FURTHER INFORMATION

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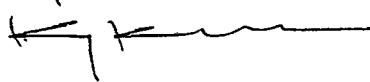
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Sworn Statement

Date	09 Aug 05	Time	1236 1139
Location	<u>near 26 Staging Area</u>		

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, hereby make the following statement at the request of

Terry B. Shaffer who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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On 09 Aug 05 at 1139, in the immediate vicinity of [REDACTED] I heard two shots fired. Started inside the Fellow Saxon. I observed nothing more.

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08-10-05	13:49
Location	
WPPS Camp Baghdad, IZ	

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I was in the well gunner position of the follow vehicle in a [] motorcade. We had just departed Musafa Dak and were enroute back to the IZ. At approximately 449, our motorcade got held up because of heavy traffic ahead. The left and right door gunners and I had traffic stopped to the rear at 75 - 100M. I then picked up a fast moving vehicle as it aggressively broke free of the already stopped traffic. The vehicle's description was a black four door sedan type, listed on the bolo list as a VBIED, and was occupied by a single Iraqi male in his thirties. I then called out, "Fast mover from the rear!" I gave verbal warnings and hand signals, along with a surefire flashlight as a visual warning to stop. The vehicle did NOT stop or attempt to slow down, and maintained a high rate of speed. The driver appeared to be intent on closing the distance between himself and the motorcade. I called out, "he's not stopping." "He's not stopping!" The shift leader called out, "he's too close!" At that point I feared for my life and the lives of my fellow crew members, and determined

The vehicle to be a threat to the motorcade I fired

one shot at the grill of the vehicle and armed it up

the driver stopped. The vehicle stopped skidded to a halt.

All traffic remained stopped, and we encountered no other threats.

Our motorcade cleared the traffic, blocking our route ahead. We left the scene of the incident, and returned to the IZ. Having the new "fighting follow", allowed me to control the vehicles to the rear of the motorcade, creating necessary space to ensure our safety in this high risk environment.

Well Gunner
Team 20

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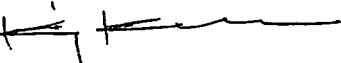
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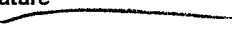
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Sworn Statement

Date <u>10 Aug 05</u>	Time <u>1330 HRS</u>
Location <u>WPPS Camp Baghdad, Iraq, Blackwater</u>	

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I, _____, hereby make the following statement at the request of

Kraig K. Knoblauch, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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On 10 August 2005 at about 1130 HRS

In the area of [REDACTED] we (Echo 20) were [REDACTED] travelling inbound to the IZ from our venue.

We were approximately halfway on our return route when an aggressive driver approached our motorcade from the rear. I was seated in the left rear of the follow vehicle.

As the vehicle approached I was watching my sector when I heard [REDACTED] indicate that he had a fast moving aggressive vehicle approaching from the rear. At that point I turned to see if I could assist him in trying to get the vehicle to stop. I could see that he had the traffic stopped in a group approximately 100 to 150 meters away from our rear. The vehicle was driving toward us in a aggressive manor at a high rate of speed. I immediately felt threatened and feared for my life due to the circumstances and past experiences.

I could see that [redacted] was trying [redacted]
to give hand signals and flash a light
at him to get him to stop. It was obvious
that the driver was not going to stop. As
the vehicle, which was [redacted] a black four door
sedan with one male driver closed the distance
[redacted] fired one shot into the grill of the
vehicle. At a distance of approximately 75 meters
the driver turned [redacted] very hard to his right
(our left) and stopped. I did not have
a clear shot on the vehicle and as a result
did not fire. Only one shot was fired from
our vehicle by [redacted] From my vantage
point I could clearly see the driver and
I feel he could see the flashing light
and safety warnings on the back of our
"fighting follow". I feel that had the
vehicle gotten closer and possibly denoted
our chances of survival would have been
greater because of the configuration of the
vehicle.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Date	10 August 2005	Time	1340 hours
Location	WPPS Camp Baghdad, Iraq		

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On 10 August 2005 I was operating the "Follow" vehicle as part of Team 29's motorcade on route to the IZ after leaving the b2b venue (MUSAFA DAK). At that time my vehicle was also occupied by [Shift Leader], [Left Rear Gunner], [Right Rear Gunner], and [Well Gunner]. At approximately 130 hours the motorcade was approaching [when we encountered traffic b2b congestion which significantly slowed our movement. At that point I instructed the team, via radio communications, to create a "bubble". The left and right rear gunners in my vehicle immediately opened their respective doors and began giving hand signals to stop the civilian traffic that was approaching from the rear. The civilian traffic complied and slowed/stopped which created a 100 meter reactionary gap to our rear that was clear of all traffic. Suddenly I heard at least two team members in my vehicle exclaimly state that a vehicle had broken the "bubble" and was approaching rear at high speed. I looked in my mirror

And observed a black sedan, which had separated from the stopped civilian traffic, approaching the motorcycle at high speed. I then maneuvered the vehicle in an attempt to give the right rear gunner a good angle and to shield the other vehicles in the motorcycle. I was looking forward when I heard a single discharge from a weapon within my vehicle. When I looked in my mirror I observed that the approaching vehicle had come to a stop approximately 20 - 30 meters to our right rear. At that point we continued our movement and returned to the IZ without further incident.

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Date	08-10-05	Time	1400
Location	WPPS CAMP, BAGHDAD IRAQ		

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I WAS RIDING IN THE REAR RIGHT POSITION
OF THE FOLLOW VEHICLE. AFTER WE LEFT THE VENUE FOR [REDACTED] WE
ENCOUNTERED TRAFFIC NEAR [REDACTED]. AT THE TIME WE ENCOUNTERED TRAFFIC
WE SLOWED DOWN TO CREATE A BUBBLE OF STAND OFF DISTANCE FOR
SECURITY. AROUND A BLACK SEDAN WITH A SINGLE MALE OCCUPANT
FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF A VEHICLE ON THE BOLO LIST SWERVED
AROUND STOPPED TRAFFIC AND CAME SPEEDING TOWARDS OUR MOTORCADE.
THE WELL-GUNNER CALLED OUT A SPEEDING VEHICLE TO THE REAR.
AT THAT TIME THE WELL GUNNER MADE VERBAL AND PHYSICAL GESTURES
FOR THE AGGRESSING VEHICLE TO STOP. THE AGGRESSOR CONTINUED
SPEEDING AT OUR MOTORCADE. AT THAT TIME I ATTEMPTED TO OPEN
MY DOOR TO USE DISABLING FORCE ON THE POTENTIAL THREAT
TO PROTECT MYSELF, MY TEAM AND THE INNOCENT BY STANDARDS IN THAT
AREA, BUT DUE TO SELF LOCKING AUTOMATIC LOCKS WAS UNABLE
TO GET THE DOOR OPEN IN TIME. THE WELL GUNNER SHOT ONE ROUND
INTO THE GRILL OF THE THREAT VEHICLE AND SUCCESSFULLY DETERRED
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Date	10 Aug 2005	Time	1515
Location	WPPS Camp Baghdad IZ	b2 L2	b7c

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08-10-05 at approximately 1115 hours while operating in a Suburban motorcycle

returning to the International Zone from the Rusafa-DAK venue located at in the area identified as [REDACTED] The motorcycle encountered heavy traffic to

The front gunner was forced to come to a stop. As the shift lead I determined that it was safer to create a stand off distance than attempt to push through the traffic. Utilizing Team SOPs in creating this stand off distance, also referred to as "a bubble" the follow vehicle's door positions and the well gunner began signaling using visual hand signals and the well gunner intermittent white light signaling to the traffic that we were approaching the motorcycle from the rear to stop. The traffic following the motorcycle had been standing off at approximately 100 meters prior to encountering the stopped traffic ahead as the follow vehicle has written in both English and Arabic instructions for motorists to stay back 100 meters. When the stand off was created

The motorcycle waited for the traffic to begin to move, during this time frame a black

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4 door vehicle was observed by the well gunner to be maneuvering around the X-ray row of vehicles that were stopped and respecting the stand off. The well gunner,

announced loudly to the other occupants of the vehicle the actions of the black vehicle. I looked into the rearview mirror of the passenger side and observed a black van affix the motorcycle and closing the distance between us & the rest. I announced that the vehicle was too close indicating that the door gunners should not open their doors, as per team SOP the vehicle was approaching within 30 meters. A shot rang out from the well gunner position and it was noted that the vehicle had stopped. I checked the rearview mirror and observed the van had stopped. I noted what appeared to

~~On occasion I have noted in the vehicle~~ Due to the breakdown
of the Standoff distance, the evasive maneuver used by the other
Vehicle to break the Stand off, The high rate of speed of the
other vehicle, The fact that the vehicle's description matched That
of current lists identifying Potential VBIED Vehicles, I was in
fear of my life and the life of the other members of the team.
I was not in a position to engage the vehicle but was quite relieved
when the well gunner did. The traffic shortly thereafter began to move
and we continued our route back to the International zone & notified the
R&O TOC of the incident via the radio.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

11 August 2005

Spot Report – 081105- 2

Subject: Blackwater PSD Engages an Aggressively Operated Vehicle.

Reporting Office: REO Tikrit via RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary:

The Tikrit team was traveling to a venue in Sharqat. As the motorcade passed the city limits a suspicious vehicle started to follow. The rear gunner, _____ notified the team and was told to keep eyes on it. After the motorcade made a button hook turn towards the venue the suspicious vehicle was still following. Right after the button hook turn, traffic came to a stop. At that point the **suspicious vehicle** sped up, ignoring visual signals to stop. The rear gunner fired a 3 round burst from the _____ into the lower part of the engine block. The motorcade went across the median and travelled counter-flow the rest of the way to the venue in order to get away from the threat.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Tikrit, Iraq

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18 August 2005



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Spot Report - 081805-1

Subject: Marine Security Force Engage vehicle at Traffic Control Point**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

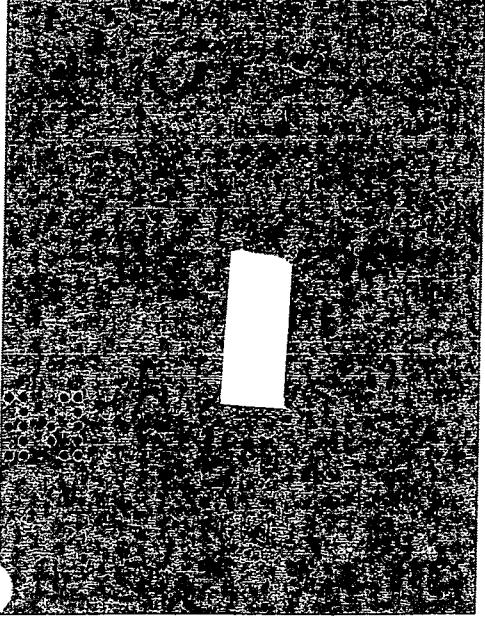
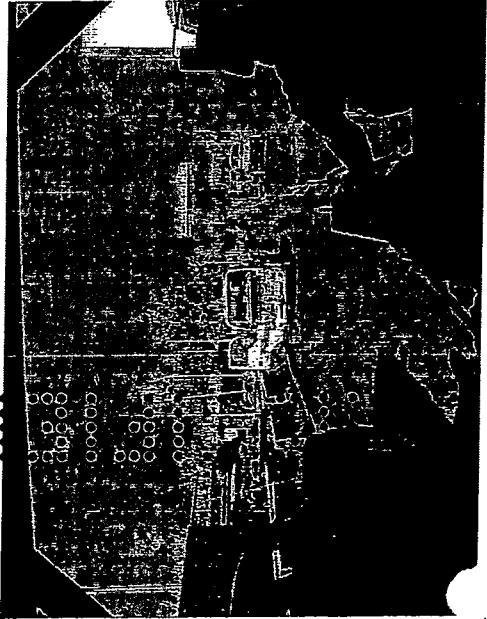
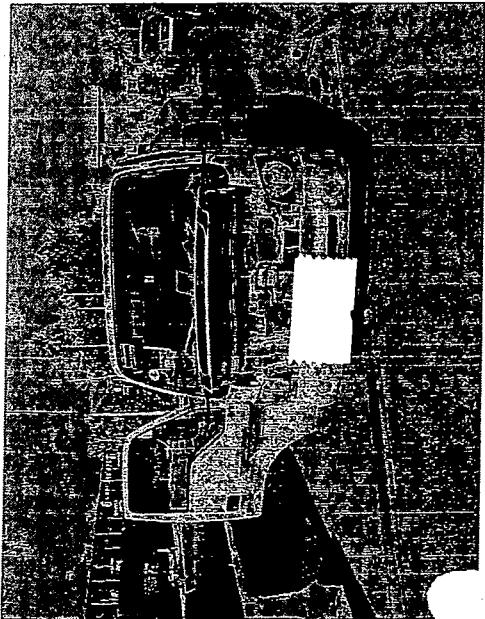
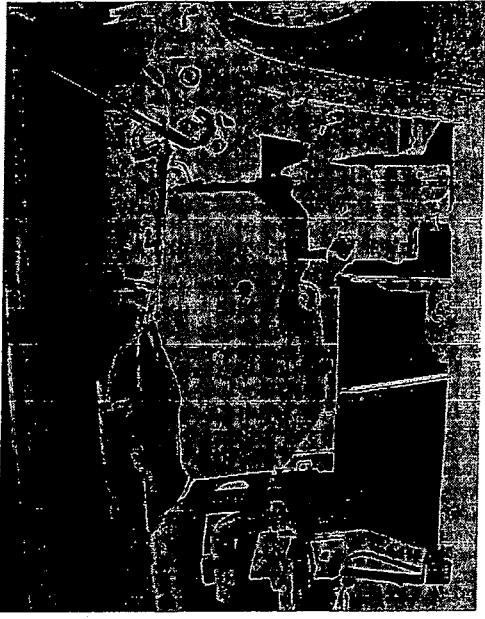
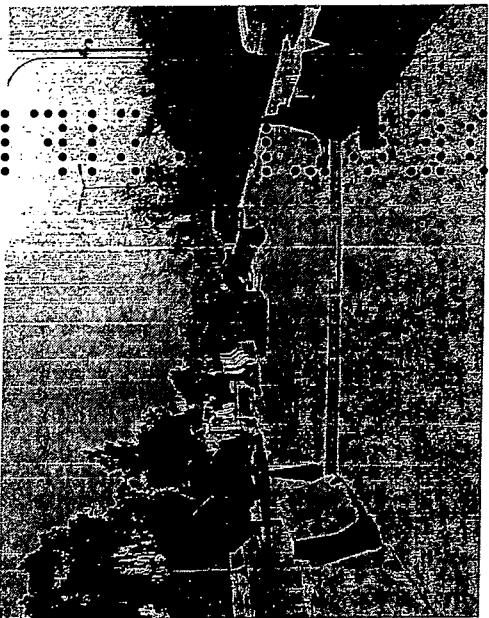
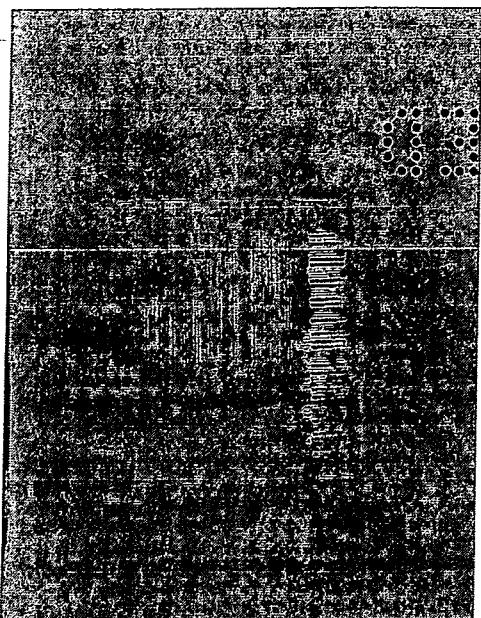
Summary: At approximately 0831 Hrs, a member of the Marine Security Forces assigned to the traffic control point south of the Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle which failed to follow proper procedures, and did not heed visual and verbal warnings to stop. The Marine involved fired one [] round from his [] into the front grill and the vehicle immediately stopped. The vehicle was occupied by two host country national's (HCN) who failed to respond to verbal and hand signals and stop the vehicle. Neither of the two occupants inside the vehicle was injured.

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RSO Action: As per standard procedure, RSO investigators were notified and dispatched to the traffic control point to collect physical evidence, document the scene and interview the individuals involved.

Location: CP [] Baghdad, Iraq. b2 b7c

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Incident Report

Location: [REDACTED] Watch Officer: [REDACTED] Z0392
Number of Individuals involved: 6 Watch Chief: [REDACTED]
Date/Time: 050818/0830
On Scene Commander: [REDACTED] b7c

Description of Event: At approximately 0830 on 18 August [REDACTED] was NCOIC of [REDACTED] and assisted by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was standing in the NCO diamond and [REDACTED] was working traffic in the left hand entry lane, and [REDACTED] was working traffic in the right hand entry lane and [REDACTED] was working foot traffic. [REDACTED] at the time of the incident, had a car stopped at the spike strips in the left hand lane. As [REDACTED] was checking the ID of the car, [REDACTED] looked up and noticed a white KIA Bongo Frontier truck roll through the stop sign without being called forward. [REDACTED] immediately yelled "Stop" but the vehicle did not stop so [REDACTED] yelled stop again and raised his hand to signal stop. [REDACTED] then looked up and yelled stop. After the second time, [REDACTED] racked a round and yelled "Stop" one last time. When the truck still failed to stop, [REDACTED] fired (1) round of [REDACTED] into the front of the vehicle. The round went through the windshield wiper fluid reservoir and through the firewall and impacted on a piece of metal behind the steering column. The round was recovered intact and no injuries were incurred.

The driver was an Iraqi male, in possession of an International Zone badge named [REDACTED]. He is employed by KBR at Camp Freedom. The passenger was an Iraqi female named [REDACTED] and is employed by KBR inside the compound in possession of an International Zone badge. The driver said that he comes every day to the compound to drop his passenger off at work, but usually comes through [REDACTED]. Today he came through another TCP and thought that post procedure was different at [REDACTED]. He was informed that it was not and admitted that he realized he was incorrect. He was questioned by RSO agent Jan Hiemstra and was released to go about his business. Due to the proper escalation of force and the fact that the shooting was conducted while another vehicle was stopped in the TCP, this shooting is found to be valid and justified.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**



TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
18 August 2005 Shooting at [REDACTED] b7c		2005-0071	
TRUE NAME [REDACTED] b7c		CASE TYPE Administrative	
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
Baghdad	18 August 2005	18 August 2005	S/A Becht

SYNOPSIS

On 18 August 2005, at approximately 0845 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the southern traffic control point [REDACTED] of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring verbal and hand commands to stop. Both occupants of the vehicle suffered no/no injuries in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted, as well as statements by the occupants of the vehicle. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards located at the scene, and digital video of the incident was reviewed. No evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine guards acted outside established Rules of Engagement. Case closed.

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- b2 b7c 1. On 18 August 2005, at approximately 0845 hours, RA monitored radio traffic from the southern traffic control point [] of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle operated by two Iraqi nationals. [] is manned by Marines of Alpha Company, Anti-Terrorism (AT), 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The Marines also reported that no/no injuries resulted from the engagement of the vehicle.
- b2 b7c 2. At approximately 0855 hours, RA and S/A Hiemstra were dispatched to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. RA and S/A Hiemstra arrived at [] at approximately 0900 hours. S/A Hiemstra briefly questioned [] as to the circumstances of the shooting. [] stated that a vehicle operated by an Iraqi national attempted to enter the TCP from the main road. [] stated that he and [] gave verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. When the driver failed to heed the warnings, [] raised his [] loaded a round into the chamber. And fired one [] at the vehicle's grill.
- b7c 3. RA and S/A Hiemstra inspected the vehicle, which had not been moved since the incident. The vehicle was a white Kia light truck, with Iraqi license plates. There was one visible [] hole located in the grill of the vehicle. A further inspection of the engine area revealed that one [] had penetrated the windshield wiper fluid container, hit the steering column in the cab, and dropped to the floor. One [] was recovered from the vehicle. A search of the TCP where [] was standing uncovered one spent [] shell. Photographs of the vehicle and the incident scene were taken and are attached to this report.
- b2 b7c 4. RA interviewed the vehicle occupants. Driver [] did not speak English, so passenger [] acted as translator. [] stated that she works as a secretary for [] in the KBR electrician shop. [] who works at Camp Freedom, was giving her a ride to work in a vehicle he owns. This was [] first trip through [], and he claimed that he was confused by the rules. He attempted to follow the vehicle immediately preceding him, although signs printed in English and Arabic clearly warned that drivers are to wait for sentry signal before proceeding. [] stated that he can read and understand Arabic writing.
- b7c 5. S/A Hiemstra counseled [] that he must obey all signs posted outside Embassy checkpoints. [] stated that he understood and would not repeat his mistake. After ensuring that there were no injuries, RA and S/A Hiemstra released [] and their vehicle.
- b2 b7c 6. At approximately 1000 hours, S/A Hiemstra reviewed digital video of the incident captured by a closed circuit television camera positioned immediately north of []. The digital video showed [] vehicle approaching the entrance lane for [] without stopping at the stop sign.
- b7c 7. Based on the statements from [] as well as the digital video, there is no/no evidence that [] acted in contravention of the Rules of Engagement when he opened fire on []'s vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

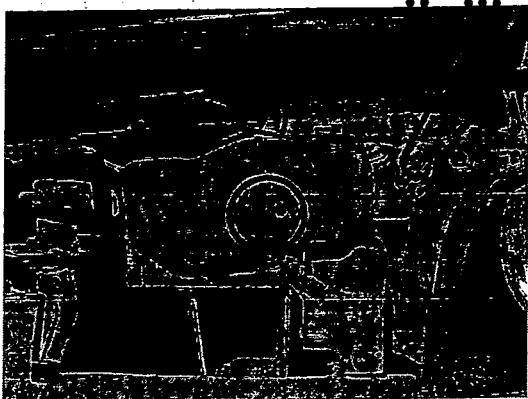
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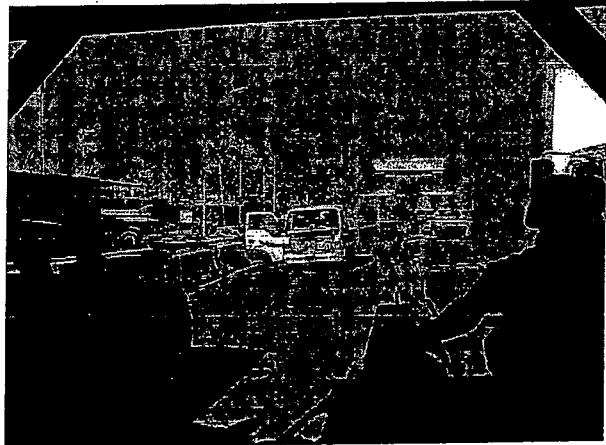
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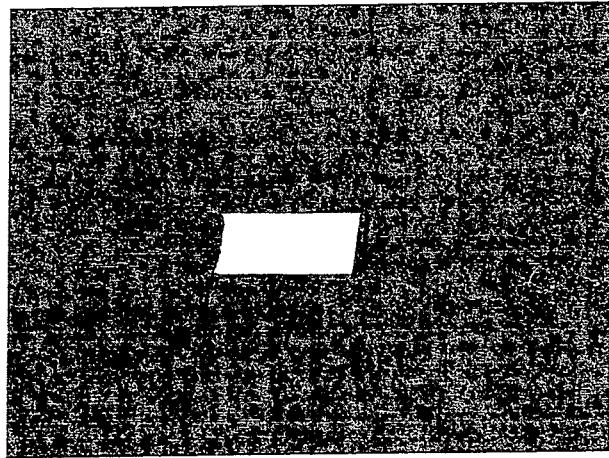
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INDICATED WITH CIRCLE)



INTERIOR OF VEHICLE, INCLUDING
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VIEW OF VEHICLE FROM [REDACTED] b2 b7c



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STATEMENT OF MARINE

It was 05/08/18 about 0830. [REDACTED] was in the left lane I was in the triangle [REDACTED] was in the right lane and [REDACTED] was checking pedestrian traffic. [REDACTED] was checking a vehicle and a car came through the lane passing the stop sign. I yelled stop twice, held up my hand while I racked a round and yelled stop one more time. At the same time [REDACTED] yelled stop, but the vehicle did not stop so I yelled stop once more and shot the vehicle. Once I fired, the vehicle immediately stopped, personnel were removed and they and the vehicle were searched. We moved the Iraqi nationals out to the side to wait for the Watch Officer and ROS agents to arrive on scene.

R/S

STATEMENT OF MARINE

The following is a statement of the events that occurred at the time of 0830 on the morning of the 18th of August. I [REDACTED] was located in the left lane when the situation took place. I called a vehicle forward and while I was checking that vehicle that I called forward, another vehicle approached my position. At that time [REDACTED] loudly called out to the vehicle to stop. When the vehicle failed to stop [REDACTED] shot the vehicle which immediately stopped and the persons of that vehicle were escorted to a secure location and the proper authorities were notified.

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STATEMENT OF MARINE

At 0830 [REDACTED] was in the left lane, [REDACTED] was in the middle, and [REDACTED] was in the right lane. I was monitoring pedestrian traffic. I saw [REDACTED] call forward a vehicle at this time another vehicle was approaching the same lane with faster speed. [REDACTED] than told that vehicle to stop. at this time the vehicle did not stop and [REDACTED] fired one shot into the vehicle. The Iraq nationals were than escorted over to the side and the proper personell were alerted of the situation.

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STATEMENT OF MARINE

I am sending this statement in regards to the events that took place at 0830 this morning of the 18th of August at checkpoint [REDACTED]. Very shortly after checking a vehicle [REDACTED] shouted out for a vehicle to stop and when that vehicle failed to stop I heard one shot ring out and the vehicle stopped very quickly. At this time the person driving the vehicle were taken to the side and searched. The COG and SOG were notified and they assumed command of the post at this time while there investigation was going on. Shortly after the SOG arrived on scene, the post status returned to normal.

R/s.

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R/s.
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**U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD**

18 August 2005

Spot Report - 081805-03**Subject:** COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad.**Summary:** DynCorp PSD fires two rounds into approaching car.

At approximately 1044 on 18 August 2005, a COM Team en route from the International Zone (IZ) to a venue in the Red Zone encountered an aggressive vehicle. While attempting to travel with the flow of traffic and approaching a highly congested intersection with traffic stopped in front of the motorcade, the motorcade began to travel counter flow against traffic in the adjacent lanes. The Humvee turret gunner noticed a green Mercedes operated by a single male occupant making his way though traffic towards the intersection. The motorcade had almost cleared the intersection and the Humvee follow turret gunner heard the Humvee driver sound the vehicle's horn and the turret gunner spun around and saw the same green Mercedes approximately seven meters from the motorcade. The turret gunner used a verbal command in an attempt to stop the approaching vehicle and then fired two rounds from the [redacted] into the vehicle's engine block. The vehicle pulled to the right side of the roadway and stopped. The driver of the vehicle exited the vehicle and didn't appear to be injured. Immediately after the shooting two Iraqi National Guard personnel approached the green Mercedes to make certain the vehicle was not a further threat. There were two COM principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed; pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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Sworn Statement

Date 08/18/05	Time 1115
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I,

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, hereby make the following statement at the request of

, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed	b7c
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Address	

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of
_____, 20_____.

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature
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Address

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To: Deputy Detail Leader/ PSS Iraq
From: Team 5
RE: Incident Report

This statement is given in response to the events that occurred on this, the 18th day of August, 2005. The aforementioned occurred at approximately 1115 hours while Team 5 was running in direct support of Team 17 (2 COM principles aboard) and their move to Ministry of Electricity. After attempting to travel regular flow as the motorcade approached [] the lead HMMWV made the call to go counter flow to help ensure an expedited passing through the area. Traffic approaching the intersection was extremely heavy on the regular flow side due to the number of Iraqi National vehicles coming counter- flow in addition to traffic that was headed for the intersection. The follow HMMWV turret gunner [] had noted a green Mercedes sedan with a single male occupant acting aggressively in the regular flow lane. After noting the proximity of the vehicle to the motorcade and the fact that a median of about 15 feet separated the Mercedes from the motorcade, the follow turret gunner turned back to cover the six o'clock. As Team 5's assault vehicle passed through the intersection, the same green Mercedes entered the roadway at the follow vehicles 2 o'clock after threading through traffic on the motorcades right. The driver of the follow HMMWV sounded the vehicles horn as the vehicle approached the intersection, whereupon the follow turret gunner spun around to see the aforementioned Mercedes sedan attempting to fall into the motorcade directly after the assault vehicle had cleared the area and made the left turn onto River Road. Traffic had stopped approximately 3 meters from the path of travel to allow the motorcade clear passage through the intersection and the Mercedes sedan had passed the waiting cars and entered the roadway. This presented a clear threat to the safety and integrity of the motorcade and it's principles. The follow turret gunner [] gave a verbal warning in the form of a yell before engaging the vehicle with two rounds from his [] into the engine block. After the strike of the rounds, the driver of the Mercedes veered off to the right- hand side of the road where he was then set upon by two armed ING personnel to ensure that he was not a further threat. The man was seen getting out of his vehicle and no injuries were apparent. After said defensive shooting, the report was made to the TOC via VHF radio and the motorcade continued on toward the designated venue.

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Date	18/AUG/2005	Time	1115
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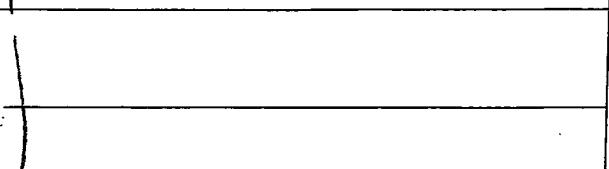
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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Signed

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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Statement

On 18 Aug 05 while driving down River Road I was watching out the left rear window of the follow Hummer, I heard the turret gunner yell at a vehicle then I heard two shots fired. We moved on with no further incident.

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On 18 Aug 2005 Team 5 was escorting Team 17 to their venue. I was driving the follow Hummer we where making a left on ~~to~~ South River Rd at ~~... .~~ When the turret gunner started yelling stop then I heard the turret gunner fire two shots.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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To: Deputy Detail Leader [REDACTED] DECODED
From: [REDACTED] Team 5 TL [REDACTED] DECODED
Ref: Team 5 Incident Report 18 Aug 2005

On 18th Aug 2005 Team 5 was running in direct support of Team 17 from the IZ to the Min Of Electric. I was in positioned as Shift Lead sitting in the front right seat in the rear HMMWV. We were traveling counter flow because of heavy traffic. As the motorcade entered an extremely heavy intersection at [REDACTED] I heard my turret gunner, [REDACTED] yell verbal commands for a vehicle to stop and then I heard 2 rounds fired from his [REDACTED]. I then observed outside of my side window a green Mercedes coming to a stop, and at the same time I observed two ING personnel approach the green Mercedes with weapons readied. I was unable to see any further because of the forward motion of the motorcade.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge. [REDACTED]

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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Statement

On 18 August 2005 while driving down River Road I was watching out the right rear window of the follow Hummer, I heard the turret gunner yell at someone then I heard two shots fired.

Dvncorp-WPPS Team 5

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On 8/18/05 AT APPROXIMATELY 1230 HRS, I,

~~██████████~~ WAS THE DRIVER OF THE ~~██████████~~ b2
FOLLOW VEHICLE, THE LAST VEHICLE IN A ✓
CONVOY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR TEAM 8.

WE WERE RETURNING FROM THE MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRY AND MINERALS TRAVELING WEST
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WITH MODERATE TO HEAVY TRAFFIC, WE HAD
ESTABLISHED A 125-150 METER BUFFER

BETWEEN US AND THE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO
OUR REAR. AS WE BEGAN TO ACCELERATE FROM
A STOP, THE LEFT REAR, CRACKED b2

HIS DOOR AND BEGAN GIVING REPEATED HAND
SIGNALS TO STOP AS WELL AS SIGNALING WITH HIS
SEVERAL SECONDS LATER I HEARD WHAT b2 h2
SOUNDED LIKE TWO SHOTS FIRED BY I WAS ~~IN~~
UNABLE TO SEE WHAT WAS SHOOTING AT DUE
TO THE FACT THE LEFT REAR DOOR WAS BLOCKING
MY VIEW IN THE SIDE MIRROR. THE INCIDENT WAS
CALLED INTO THE TIC AND MISSION WAS COMPLETED.

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I, [REDACTED] b7c, hereby make the following statement at the request of [REDACTED], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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We (Team 10) were the advance team for Team 8 at the Ministry of Industry and Minerals. Upon their departure from the venue we were to CAT team back for them on our [REDACTED]. My position in the follow vehicle was Right Rear. Team members in the Follow Vehicle were communicating back and forth calling out suspicious vehicles, pedestrians, and potential threats. As we were traveling along, the Well [REDACTED] position called out a vehicle coming up fast on our rear. At this time we had a protective bubble of at least 100 meters in distance. I believe we were momentarily paused moments before due to traffic condition delays, but when we did accelerate the grey or silver grey sedan must have passed the stopped traffic to our rear. I heard the Left Rear [REDACTED] open the door. I heard additional communication between the Well and Left rear of a more urgent nature. I then heard a shot after a long pause of the door being opened. I turned my head to look at our rear, because I had nothing in my sector to cover, and I saw the threat vehicle within about 50 meters of us. I heard one or two more shots, but I'm not certain of the number fired. The vehicle then veered off to the right side of the road and I lost visual of it. Soon after this I heard the Shift Lead [REDACTED] call in a SITREP to the TOC regarding the shoot. This all happened at about 1230 hours on Thursday, August 18, 2005. //END OF STATEMENT

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Date 18 AUG 05	Time 1235
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ON 18 AUGUST, 2005, I WAS THE SHIFT LEADER FOR TEAM 10. WE WERE RETURNING TO THE PALACE ANNEX FROM THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND MINERALS, AND WERE SERVING AS THE COUNTER ASSAULT TEAM (CAT) FOR TEAM 8, WHO WAS TRAVELING APPROX. 200 METERS AHEAD OF US WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL. OUR VEHICLE WAS THE FOLLOW VEHICLE IN THE CAT.

WE HAD BEEN ON THE HIGHWAY FOR APPROX. 6 KILOMETERS, AND THEREFORE HAD ESTABLISHED A SIZEABLE SECURITY BUFFER, APPROX. 200 METERS, BETWEEN OUR VEHICLE AND THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC.

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WHILE TRAVELING SOUTH ON THE HIGHWAY, APPROX. ✓
ONE KILOMETER SOUTH OF BRIDGE [REDACTED] b2
REAR SECURITY SPECIALIST, [REDACTED] b7c
OPENED HIS DOOR AND BEGAN SIGNALING TO AN APPROACHING VEHICLE. I LOOKED IN MY SIDE VIEW MIRROR (RIGHT), BUT DID NOT SEE THE THREAT.

APPROX. 10 SECONDS LATER FIRED THREE ROUNDS. b7c
I IMMEDIATELY TURNED TOWARD THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE AND SAW A SMALL, OLDER MODEL, GRAY OR SILVER SEDAN APPROX. 60 METERS TO OUR REAR, SLOWING AS WE PULLED AWAY. I THEN MARKED THE LOCATION USING MY GPS AS [REDACTED] b2 b7c
THE TIME AS 1235, AND REPORTED THE DEFENSIVE SHOOTING TO THE TOC.

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My POSITION DURING THE MOVEMENT WAS LEFT REAR OF THE FOLLOW VEHICLE ON TEAM 10. DURING MOTORCADE MOVEMENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND MINERALS BACK TO THE IZ, TEAM 10 WAS ACTING AS A COUNTER ASSAULT TEAM IN SUPPORT OF TEAM 8.

WHILE TRAVELING ON THE HIGHWAY, EN-ROUTE FROM VENUE to the IZ, TEAM 10 WAS MAINTAINING A PROTECTIVE "BUBBLE" OF APPROXIMATELY 150M TO THEREAR. AT APPROXIMATELY 12:30 HRS LOCAL TIME, THE TEAM MEMBER [REDACTED] IN THE FOLLOW WELL b7c WARNED OF A VEHICLE APPROACHING OUR LEFT REAR. I OBSERVED

A GRAY/SILVER SMALL SEDAN WITH ONE MALE DRIVER PASSING THE TRAFFIC, THAT WAS HOLDING BACK APPROXIMATELY 150M, ON THE MEDIAN SIDE OF THE ROAD. AT THAT TIME I OPENED THE LEFT REAR DOOR AND GAVE MULTIPLE VERBAL AND VISUAL SIGNALS INCLUDING b7c HAND SIGNALS AND FLAGGING THE MUZZLE OF MY [REDACTED] IN AN b7c EXAGGERATED UP AND DOWN MOTION. THE SILVER/GRAY SEDAN CONTINUED TO CLOSE THE DISTANCE TO THE MOTORCADE AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. I CONTINUED SIGNALLING THE VEHICLE. CONSIDERING THE ERRATIC BEHAVIOR OF THE DRIVER/VEHICLE IN QUESTION AND THE FACT THAT AN IED EXPLODED IN THE VICINITY EARLIER IN THE DAY, I FEARED FOR MY LIFE, THE LIVES OF MY TEAM MATES, THE LIVES OF THE PRINCIPAL AND THE LIVES OF THE TEAM WE WERE SUPPORTING. WHEN THE SILVER/GRAY VEHICLE FAILED TO OBEY THE VERBAL/VISUAL SIGNALS AND HAD APPROACHED WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 50M, I FIRED 3-4 DISABLING ROUNDS ON SEMI AUTOMATIC INTO THE FRONT PORTION OF THE VEHICLE. (CONTINUED ON SHEET 2 OF 4)

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18 AUG 05, TEAM 10). DISABLING ROUNDS APPEARED TO STRIKE VEHICLE IN THE GRILL AND FRONT TIRE AREA. AT THAT POINT THE SILVER/GRAY SMALL SEDAN PULLED TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD AND STOPPED ON ITS OWN POWER. DUE TO THE SWEEPING CURVE IN THE ROAD, I WAS NOT ABLE TO FURTHER OBSERVE THE OCCUPANT OR THE VEHICLE AFTER IT CAME TO A HALT. SHIFT LEAD IMMEDIATELY ASSESSED SITUATION AND RADIOED THE TOC. LAST BZD OF, WAS APPROXIMATELY MID MARCH TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION.

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On Thursday August 18, 2005 I was working on Echo 10 as the follow vehicle well gunner. At approximately 12:20pm we departed venue and were returning to _____ using our _____ route.

At approximately 12:35pm we were caught up in heavy traffic along the way. While we were slowed to speeds of about 5-10 mph I noticed a silver sedan approximately 250 meters away. The silver sedan was approaching at a rate of speed much greater than that of the other vehicles in its vicinity. At that point our vehicle started to speed up. The silver sedan was still _____ approaching our position, at which time I notified _____, who was riding as our vehicle's left rear gunner, of the vehicle.

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As I continued to watch the silver sedan I noticed it was weaving in and out of traffic and using the median in an attempt to pass all of the other vehicles around it, which the silver sedan accomplished. At this time, the silver sedan was ahead of all other traffic in its area and approximately 50 yards behind our vehicle.

The next thing I saw was two rands strike the silver sedan. The first rand impacted the grill of the silver sedan, and the second rand impacted the front left tire of the vehicle. After the rands impacted the vehicle, the silver sedan immediately pulled over on the shoulder of the road.

We then continued onto b3 h3 without further incident.

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident: 18 AUG 05 Time of Incident: 1235

Type of Incident

(Use of Lethal Force, Use of Non-Lethal Force, Distraction Devices Deployed/ Ambush)

Location of Incident

(Describe location in detail, include route name, location, landmarks, and coordinates if known, etc.)

Description of Incident

(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principles involved, injuries, any other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, ICNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)

[Redacted]

Action Taken

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, weapons deployed or fires, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

Follow-Up Required

(Indicate what if any follow up actions is required for further investigation, notifications, etc.)

Use of Lethal Force

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On August 18, 2005, Echo 10 was returning to the Palace Annex from the Ministry of Industry and Minerals, and was serving as the Counter Assault Team (CAT) for Echo 8, who was traveling approximately 200 meters ahead of us with their principal. Our vehicle was the follow vehicle in the CAT.

We had been on the highway for approximately 6 kilometers, and therefore had established a sizeable security buffer, at least 200 meters, between our vehicle and the following traffic. While traveling south on the highway, approximately one kilometer south of Bridge [redacted] the left rear security specialist in the follow vehicle, [redacted] opened his door and began signaling to an approaching vehicle. This vehicle maneuvered around the slowed buffer cars, and drove on the median to gain clear roadway. This vehicle did not respond to hand and arm signals or muzzle waves, and continued to close the gap. When the threat vehicle did not respond to signals and continued to approach, fearing for his life and the life of others, fired three rounds into the grill of the vehicle when it was approximately 50 meters away.

The marked the location using GPS was [redacted] b2 b7L

Reported the incident to the TOC.

None

Operator(s)
Involved

[Redacted]

Vehicle(s)
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Follow Vehicle
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18 August 2005

Spot Report - 081805- 06

Subject: Marine Security Force Engage vehicle at Traffic Control Point**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: At approximately 1248 Hrs, a member of the Marine Security Forces assigned to the traffic control point north of the Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle which failed to follow proper procedures, and did not heed visual and verbal warnings to stop. The Marine involved fired three rounds of [redacted] from his [redacted] into the front grill and the vehicle immediately stopped. The vehicle was occupied by three US State Department Employees who failed to respond to verbal and hand signals and stop the vehicle. The three employees were not injured in the incident.

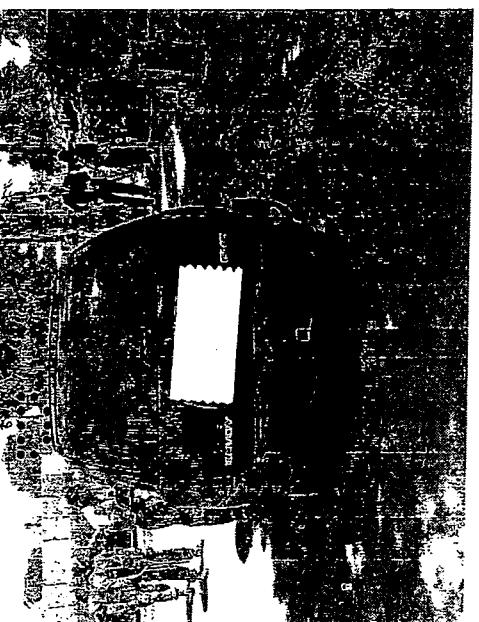
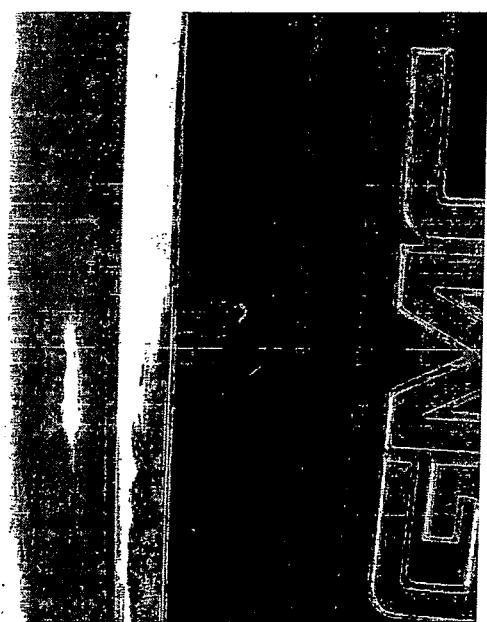
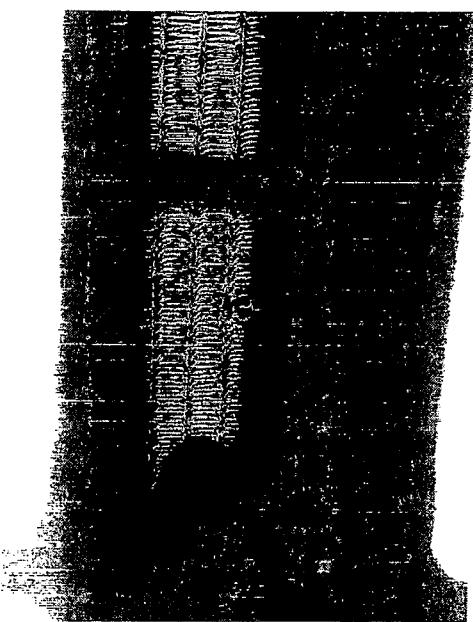
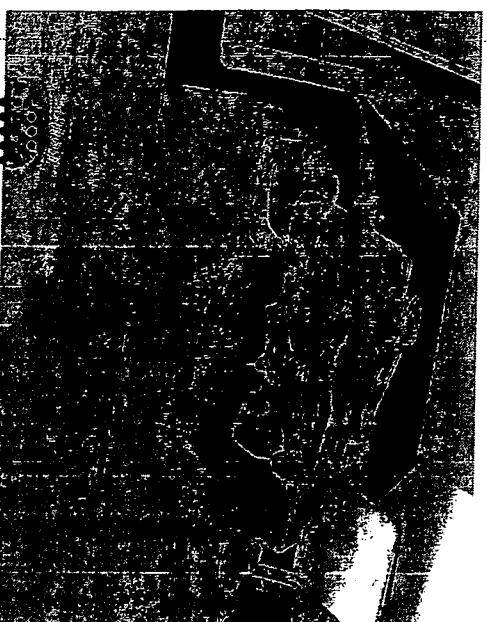
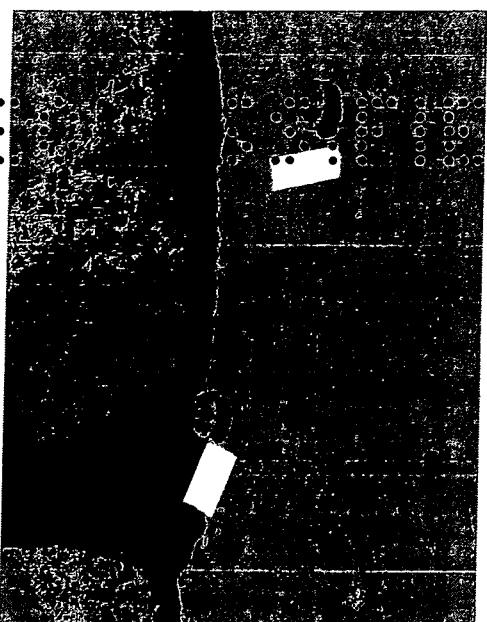
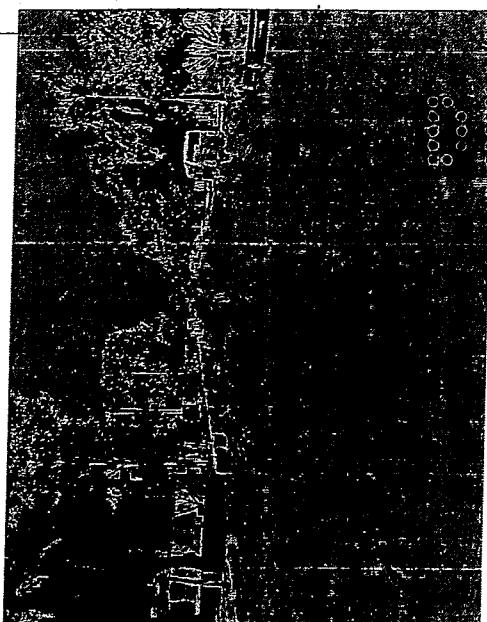
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RSO Action: As per standard procedure, RSO investigators were notified and dispatched to the traffic control point to collect physical evidence, document the scene and interview the individuals involved.

Location: CP [redacted] Baghdad, Iraq.

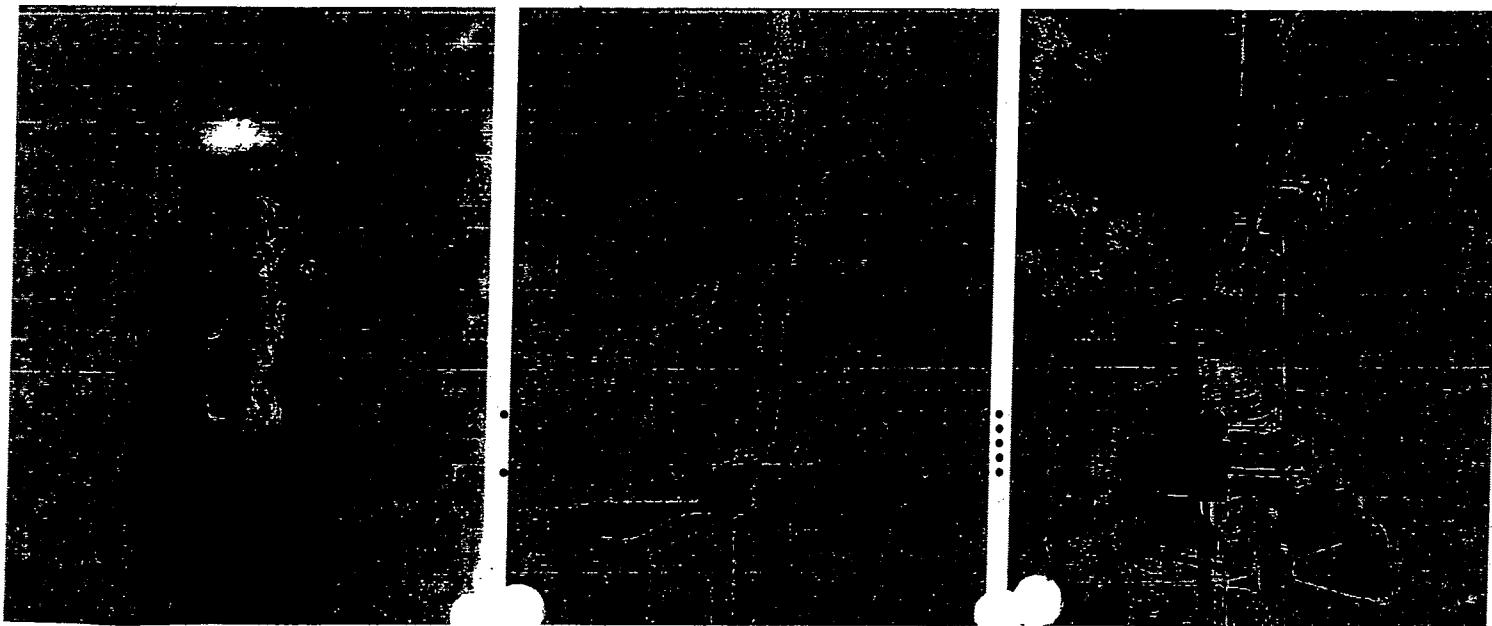
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Incident Report

Location [REDACTED] Watch Officer [REDACTED]
Number of Individuals involved: 4 Watch Chief: [REDACTED]
Date/Time: 050818/1245
On Scene Commander: [REDACTED] b7C

Description of Event: At approximately 1245 on 18 August, [REDACTED] was the NCOIC of [REDACTED] and assisted by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was standing in the PSD lane adjacent to the NCO diamond, [REDACTED] was standing in the PSD lane to the left of [REDACTED] was working traffic lane one and [REDACTED] was checking IDs on a bus in traffic lane two. As the vehicle approached the stop sign he came to a brief pause and then continued through the stop sign without being motioned forward. When [REDACTED] saw this he yelled "stop" three times while holding up his fist and gesturing for the vehicle to stop. [REDACTED] also raised his fist and advanced towards the vehicle yelling for the vehicle to stop. As the vehicle continued to move towards the checkpoint [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] raised their weapons and went to condition 1; continuing to use verbal and hand and arm signals in an attempt to stop the vehicle. When the vehicle did not stop [REDACTED] fired three rounds into the front of the vehicle. Once the rounds were fired the vehicle stopped and the occupants were instructed to get out. [REDACTED] inquired about any possible injuries and when none were found instructed the three personnel to stand by the bunker.

The driver was [REDACTED] Blue Embassy Badge # [REDACTED]
(Yellow Embassy Badge [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (Blue Embassy Badge # [REDACTED]; were passengers riding in the back seat of the vehicle. The driver stated that he uses [REDACTED] at least once a day and that on this occasion he failed to follow the proper procedures for [REDACTED]. He said that there was a conversation going on in the vehicle and admitted to hearing and seeing the Marines, but failed to stop. The vehicle was approximately 15 meters past the stop sign and 13 meters from [REDACTED], when the rounds were fired. The driver was questioned by RSO agent Jan Hiemstra and was released to go about his business. Due to the proper escalation of force and the fact that the driver admitted to failing to follow the TCP procedures, this shooting is found to be valid and justified.

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On the 18th of August at [REDACTED] three shots were fired by [REDACTED] into a red GMC Envoy, at 1250. I [REDACTED] was standing in the PSD lane to the left of [REDACTED]. The vehicle approached the checkpoint stop sign and continued forward at this point I yelled stop as I moved forward, continuing to yell stop and using hand signals. I came to a stop raised my weapon, yelled stop again and then proceeded to rack a round. At this point [REDACTED] fired three rounds into the vehicle. At this point I stopped where I was, keeping my weapon trained on the vehicle until [REDACTED] had all three occupants out of the vehicle and assessed that there was no longer a threat.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE 18 Aug 2005 Shooting at [redacted] b2 b7c		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER 2005-0072
TRUE NAME [redacted] b7c		CASE TYPE Administrative
POST Baghdad	DATE REPORTED 18 Aug 2005	DATES INVESTIGATED 18 Aug 2005
REPORTING AGENT S/A Hiemstra		

SYNOPSIS

On 18 Aug 2005, at approximately 1250 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the northern Traffic Control Point [redacted] b2 b7c of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring verbal and hand commands to stop. The occupants of the vehicle suffered no injuries in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted and a statement by the driver of the vehicle was taken. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards located at the scene and a digital video of the incident was reviewed. No evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine guards acted outside established Rules of Engagement. Case closed.

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1. On 18 August 2005, at approximately 1250 hours, RA monitored radio traffic from the northern traffic control point _____ of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle. _____ is manned by Marines of Alpha Company, Anti-Terrorism (AT), 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The Marines reported that there were no injuries resulting from the engagement of the vehicle. b2 b7c
2. At approximately 1253 hours, RA and S/A Hiemstra were dispatched to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. RA and S/A Hiemstra arrived at _____ at approximately 1156 hours. RA briefly b2 b7c questioned _____ as to the circumstances of the shooting. _____ stated that a maroon GMC Envoy [operated by: _____] US Embassy Baghdad Political Officer, Embassy ID _____ moved forward to the TCP without being called forward. _____ stated that he gave verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. When the driver failed to heed the warnings, _____ raised his _____ chambered a round, and fired three shots at the grill of the vehicle. b7c
3. RA and S/A Hiemstra inspected the vehicle, which had been moved to a side road after the incident. The vehicle was a maroon GMC Envoy, VIN: _____ LIC: _____. There were three visible bullet holes located in the front of the vehicle. A further inspection revealed that one bullet had passed through the bumper and impacted into the radiator, the other bullet impacted the hood latch, and the third round impacted into the armored window; no further traces of the rounds were found. A search of the TCP where _____ was standing uncovered three spent cartridges. Photographs of the vehicle and the incident scene were taken and are attached to this report. b2 b7c
4. According to _____ statement, he was the driver of the vehicle entering the line for inspection. _____ statement claimed he and his passengers, _____ and _____ entered _____ on their way into the palace area. _____ stated they had just returned from a meeting and were in deep discussion about what had occurred at the meeting. _____ further stated he was not paying attention to what the Marines were doing or the signals they were issuing. _____ explained the next thing he heard was his passengers yelling at him to stop. Upon direct questioning of agents, _____ stated he knew he made a mistake and has driven through the checkpoint on numerous occasions, fully aware of the procedures, and apologized. b2 b7c
5. At approximately 1500 hours, _____ USMC, submitted his completed Incident Report along with the written statements of the Marines at _____ in accordance with Marine Corps policy. These statements were provided to RA and are attached to this ROI. b2 b7c
6. Based on the statements from the Marines, the vehicle passengers, and the review of the digital video, there is no/no evidence that the Marine Security Forces acted in contravention of their Rules of Engagement when they opened fire on _____ vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed. b7c

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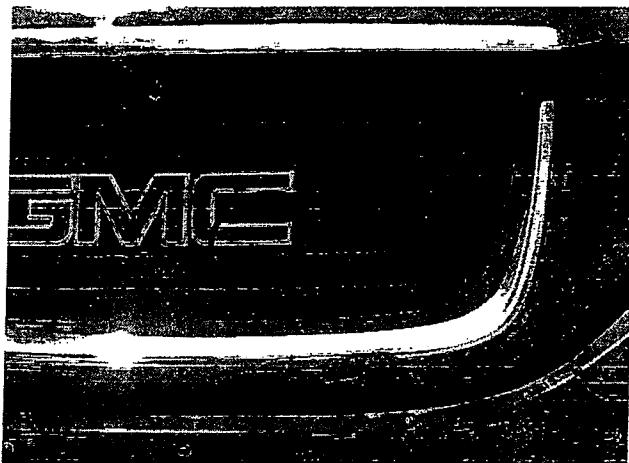
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Overall Vehicle picture
GMC Envoy VIN: [redacted]

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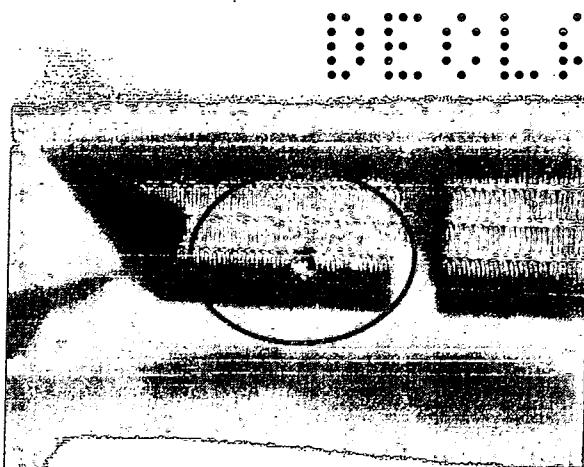
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1st round impact close-up



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At approximately 1800 hrs. On the 20st of august 2005 while returning to Ramadi from a resupply mission in Baghdad. The motorcade was moving from east to west near Fallujah on the Highway (Route _____. The motorcade came upon an army convoy and closed the distance between vehicles to identify all vehicles to the army motorcade. The 100 meter distance was established with all vehicles following the motorcade. At that time an **orange and white taxi** with 4 male occupants went around the other stopped vehicles and moved on the motorcade in an aggressive manner. The visual signs were given and the command to stop was also given, the vehicle refused to comply and continued toward the motorcade. All other alternatives being exhausted and fearing for my safety and the safety of my team one shot was fired into the grill of the car causing it to stop all forward movement. No casualties occurred to the occupants of the car and they were seen exiting the vehicle to inspect it as we drove away.

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At approximately 1800 hours local on the 20th of August 2005 while the Ramadi based PSD team was returning to their home base from Baghdad after dropping off personnel and getting repairs and routine maintenance.

The team was moving basically west along Route _____ near Fallujah when a military convoy was encountered at that time the motorcade slowed down to identify itself to the military and the follow vehicle was told to get the 100 meter stand off that was required. Initially all vehicles complied with the demand then a **2 tone taxi** with what appeared to be 4 male occupants swerved around the stationary vehicles and moved toward the momentarily halted motorcade. At that time the left rear gunner opened the door and gave the visual command to halt the vehicle continued to move then the verbal command Keff and the visual was given again, still the vehicle did not comply. Finally the left rear gunner engaged the vehicle with 1 disabling shot to the grill.

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The vehicle immediately rolled to a stop steering to the side of the road and exited the vehicle to examine the damage. During this incident no local casualties were inflicted, No team members were injured and no State Department property was damaged or destroyed.

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INCIDENT REPORT
This report may be in addition to DS SPOT reporting.

Date of Report: 22 August 2005

Location: Basra, Iraq

Task Order: 058A

Person Releasing Report:

Title of Person Releasing Report:

Date of Incident: 22 AUG 2005

Time of Incident: Approx 0825 Local

Contractor Involved: PSS Member b7c

Detail Location of Incident: [redacted] b2 b7c

kilometers south of Camp Abu Naji coalition base

Personnel Involved:

First: Name [redacted] b7c

Last Name: [redacted] b7c

Incident Synopsis:

Triple Canopy was moving in a [redacted] motorcade with a [redacted] Counter Assault Team (CAT) which was traveling north on Route [redacted] en route b2 b7c to Al Amarah. There were two principles riding in the Limo. The motorcade was stopped and waiting to go through an Iraqi checkpoint at grid [redacted] b2 b7c

[redacted] The rear CAT vehicle was approximately 40-50 meters behind the motorcade vehicles. CAT vehicles had opened doors and were holding traffic approximately 10-15 meters to their rear. A single white sedan drove through traffic traveling between 30 and 40 miles an hour, ignoring all Triple Canopy personnel and vehicles, including the warnings printed on the rear doors of the Triple Canopy vehicles (in English and Iraqi). The sedan cut sharply to the left of the rear CAT vehicle while maintaining its high rate of speed. At this point, if no immediate and decisive action was taken, the sedan presented a serious threat to the limo and the rest of the motorcade through small arms fire, a VBIED attack, or a ramming attempt. As the vehicle cut to the left, the individual in the rear of the CAT [redacted] fired one round into the grill of the sedan. The driver of the rear cat swerved forward and left in an attempt to block the sedan from advancing further, and the sedan stopped immediately. One individual got out immediately. The CAT vehicles continued to cover the offending vehicle. After approximately b7c

45 seconds, a second individual got out. Neither individual was injured. The CAT continued to cover the sedan as the motorcade negotiated the checkpoint. The individuals in the sedan showed no further threat, and did not follow the motorcade out of the checkpoint.

Additionally, there were several vehicles moving at high rates of speed which appeared to be probing the motorcade's reactions prior to this incident. On arriving at Camp Abu Naji, we learned that there has been a significant recent increase in insurgent activity, including IEDs and small arms attacks, in recent days due to the development of the new Iraqi constitution.

Outline injuries if applicable: None

Supervisor Actions to Mitigate Adverse Actions or Preclude Re-occurrence:
It is my assessment that [redacted] acted accordingly and used sound judgment given the perceived threat, current hostile environment and based on the established SOP's. His actions effectively and safely neutralized the threat and directly prevented the vehicle from coming into close contact with the Limo and principles. A thorough after action was conducted and all options were reviewed and discussed with all team members. It was further concluded by the team that [redacted] used sound judgment and operated within the guidelines of the deadly force policy and all SOP's.

[redacted] - Red Team Shift Leader

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Personnel Notified of Incident:

Shift Leader: [redacted]

Shift Leader: [redacted]

PM: [redacted]

APM: [redacted]

RSO Paul Davies

Program Manager – Kim O'Connor

Supervisor synopsis of local impact of incident:

There appeared to be no local response to the incident. Prior to the incident, several vehicles were probing the motorcade, including following closely at high rates of speed. After the incident, local traffic seemed more passive.

En route to the scheduled venue, the PSD team was diverted back to base due to local protest, thought to be related to the Iraqi Constitution issue.

**Additional Reports Generated:
None at this given time... CLASSIFIED**

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

25 August 2005

Spot Report - 082505-01

Subject: COM PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: BlackWater PSD fires three rounds into approaching vehicle.

At approximately 0948 on 25 August 2005, a COM Team en route from the International Zone (IZ) to a venue in the Red Zone encountered an aggressive vehicle. The vehicle traffic in front of the motorcade had come to a complete stop and the motorcade came to a stop and the motorcades tactical commander called for a standoff "bubble". The follow vehicle, Left Rear Gunner opened his door and began to give oncoming traffic hand and verbal signals to stop. The oncoming traffic stopped and a four door black sedan operated by a single occupant accelerated quickly and passed the traffic that was stopped on the left side. The Left Rear Gunner continued to use hand and verbal signals in an attempt to stop the vehicle but the driver ignored all of the warnings. The vehicle was approximately 60 meters from the motorcade when the Left Rear Gunner fired a three round burst from an [redacted] into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop in the left side of the roadway. It did not appear to the team that the occupant was injured. The traffic in front of the motorcade began to move and the motorcade continued to the venue. There was one COM principal in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during the altercation.

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RSO Action: Further investigation as needed, pending written statements from PSD team members.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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Date 8-24-05	Time 1314
Location US EMBASSY (TOC)	

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ON 8-24-05 AT APPROXIMATELY 0930 HRS,

b6 b7c I WAS DRIVING THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE

b6 b7c FOR A MOTORCADE PSD OPERATION ENROUTE

TO MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY + MINERALS. THE VEHICLE

WAS EQUIPPED WITH FLASHING LIGHTS (RED + BLUE) IN
THE FRONT AND STENCILED LETTERING IN THE
REAR BOTH IN ENGLISH + ARABIC. THE LETTERING
WAERS DRIVERS TO STAY BACK 100 METERS. AT

APPROXIMATELY 1000 HRS, ON A MAJOR HIGHWAY NEAR
OUR VENUE, THE MOTORCADE SLOWED DOWN FOR TRAFFIC.

WE CREATED A "BUBBLE" TO KEEP VEHICLES BACK.

I CANTED THE VEHICLE TO THE LEFT AND KEPT
MY EYES COVERING A 10-2 POSITION. I
READ MY REAR WELL + GUNNERS TALKING ABOUT A
VEHICLE. I DID NOT HEAR SPECIFICS. SHORTLY AFTER,
I HEARD 3-4 ROUNDS SHOT FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
GUNNERS. (LATER IDENTIFIED AS) AT A VEHICLE
TO OUR REAR. DUE TO THE FACT I WAS FACING THE
FRONT, I DID NOT SEE SPECIFICS OF THIS EVENT.

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Date 25AUG05	Time 1338 hrs
Location TOC BAGHDAD EMBASSY	

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Jane Doherty, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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DURING PSD OPERATIONS, IN VICINITY OF MY PSD TEAM WAS FORCED TO ENGAGE AN AGGRESSIVE VEHICLE. THIS OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 hrs IN ROUTE TO THE VENUE, INDUSTRY AND MINERALS. I HEARD VOICE COMMANDS REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES AS WELL AS THE FOLLOW LEFT AND RIGHT DOORS OPENING. MY SECTOR DID NOT ALLOW ME TO SEE THE SHOOTING TAKE PLACE_S BUT I DID HEAR THE BURST. AFTER ENGAGEMENT I RECEIVED SITREP'S FROM MY VEHICLE AND PASSED THOSE ON TO HIGHER LOCATED AT THE TOC.

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Date 8/25/05	Time 1315
Location Embassy	DECLASSIFIED

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[redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of
James Doherty, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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While on a PSD mission to Ministry of Industry & Minerals, I was the right rear gunner in the follow vehicle. The motorcade encountered heavy traffic and the TC [redacted] ordered us to keep a bubble behind the motorcade. Traffic stopped about 100 meters or so behind us when myself and [redacted] cracked the doors and began using visual and verbal signals to get them to stop. I noticed a black 4 door sedan weaving through traffic trying to close in on the motorcade. I began giving the signal to stop when the vehicle swerved to the left on [redacted] side and headed toward the motorcade. The vehicle was moving at a high rate of speed as it disregarded our signals to stop.

[redacted] then fired a 3 round burst into the grille of the vehicle at which point the vehicle came to a screeching halt. I then saw the driver stick his hand out of his window to signal he was stopping. At that point I shifted my attention to traffic merging from the right [redacted]

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Date	Aug 25, 05	Time	1325
Location	T.O.C.		

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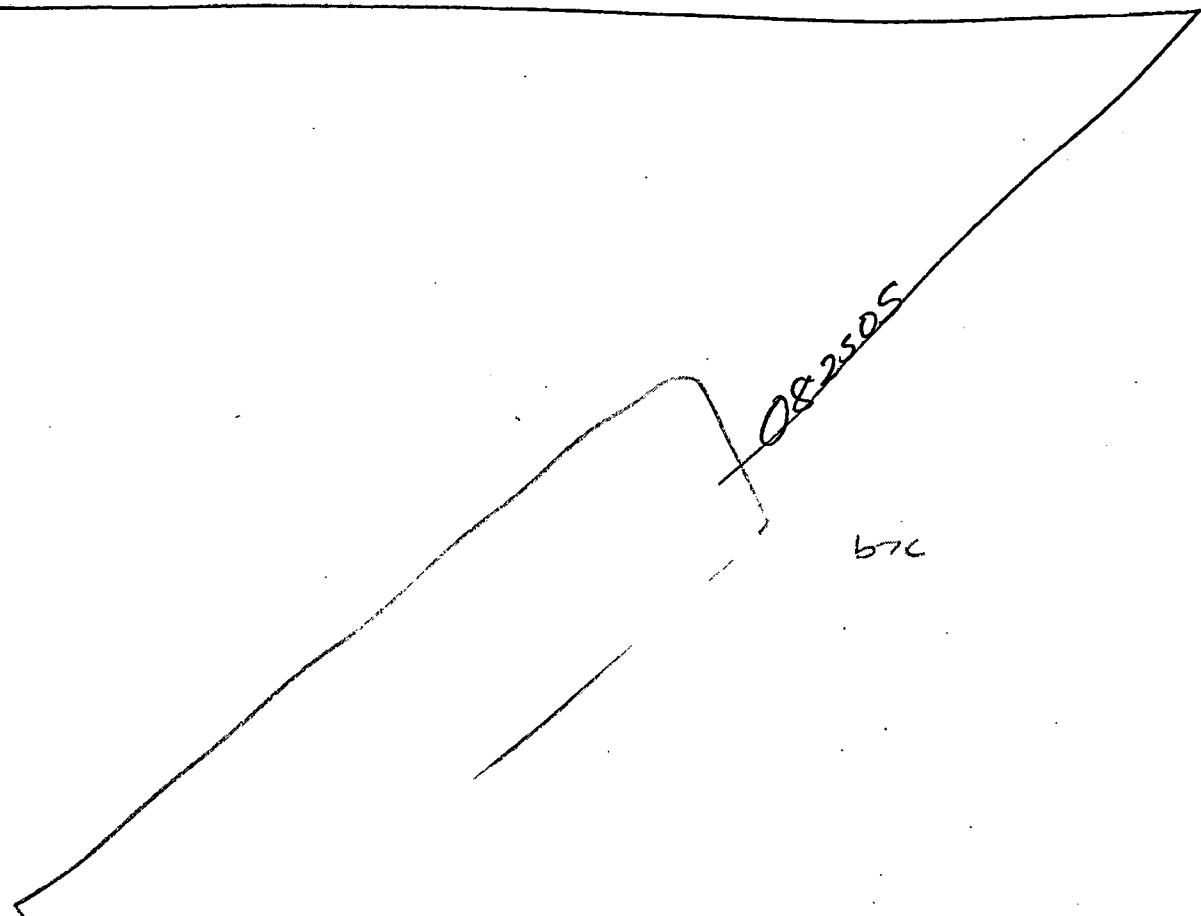
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ON 082505, PM 24 WAS ENROUTE TO VENUE FROM THE J2. VIA RED ZONE. AROUND : THE MOTORCADE CAME TO A HALT DUE ^{b2}_{b7c} TO HEAVY TRAFFIC CALLED OUT BY THE TACTICAL Commander. THE TC CALLED OUT TO CREATE A BUBBLE. I WAS THE LEFT REAR DOOR GUNNER IN THE FOLLOW VEHICLE. WHEN THE TC CALLED OUT "BUBBLE" I POPPED MY DOOR OPENED AND GOT IN A GOOD SHOOTING POSITION AND STARTED TO GIVE HAND AND VERBAL SIGNALS FOR ALL TRAFFIC BEHIND US TO STOP. THE VEHICLE'S BEHIND US CAME TO A STOP APPROX 100M BEHIND US. I THEN SAW A BLACK 4DOOR SEDAN SPEED PASS THE STOPPED TRAFFIC ON THERE LEFT SIDE. THERE WAS ONE PASSENGER in the vehicle. I WAS GIVING THE HAND AND ARM SIGNALS TO THE VEHICLE TO STOP, HE IGNORED MY SIGNAL, AT WHICH I RAISED MY : ON THE VEHICLE ^{b2}_{b7c} AND CONTINUED TO YELL AND.. RAISE.. MY LEFT ARM TO WAVE STOP HE IGNORED MY : Warnings, AT THAT TIME. I FELT THREATENED FOR MY TEAM AND FOR THE PRINCIPLE WE HAD. THE VEHICLE WAS APPROX 60m FROM OUR MOTORCADE AND I FIRED A

3 ROUND BURST INTO THE GROUND - KILLED VEHICLE.
THE DRIVER STOPPED IMMEDIATELY AND PUT HIS HANDS
OUTSIDE OF WINDOW AS TO HE STANDS. I VISUALLY
SAW HE WAS NOT INJURED. THE MOTORCADE
THEN CONTINUED TO MOVE, AND WE WENT TO THE VENUE



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Sworn Statement (P)

Date 25 August 2005	Time 1328 hrs
Location Embassy TOC BAGHDAD	

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AT OR ABOUT 1000HRS TODAY WHILE CONDUCTING A PSD MARCHMENT, I WAS POSITIONED AS THE LEFT GUARDER IN OUR FOLLOW VEHICLES. I WITNESSED A DARK COLOR FOUR DOOR VEHICLE MAKING ITS WAY THROUGH TRAFFIC. THE TRAFFIC HAD BEEN STOPPED APPROXIMATELY 100M+ BEHIND THE MOTORCADE. I CALLED OUT THE BLACK VEHICLE WAS PUSHING ITS WAY THROUGH THE STOPPED TRAFFIC. (RIGHT REAR GUARDER) b7c

4x8 (LEFT REAR GUARDER) ACKNOWLEDGED THE APPROACHING VEHICLES. I HEARD THEM CRACK OPEN THEIR DOOR AND YELL 'KIFF'. THE VEHICLE PROCEEDED TO CLOSE ITS DISTANCE QUICKLY ON THE MOTORCADE. AT ABOUT 60M FROM THE MOTORCADE I HEARD SHOTS FROM THE VEHICLE. THE VEHICLE STOPPED AT THAT POINT. I MADE VISUAL OF THE DRIVERAVING HIS LEFT HAND OUT THE WINDOW. b2 b7c

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Date	08/25/05	Time	1230 hrs
Location	BAGHDAD, IRAQ		

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On 25 AUGUST 2005 AT 1040 hrs while in Convey
I HEARD A SINGLE SHOT FIRED FROM THE AREA
OF THE REAR VEHICLE. I WAS COVERING MY AREA
OF RESPONSIBILITY AND WAS NOT IN POSITION TO
SEE WHO FIRED OR THE EFFECT OF THE SHOT. I
HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION TO ADD AT
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Sworn Statement

Date 25 AUGUST 2005	Time 1251 hrs
Location BAGHDAD, MANCAMP Room	b2 low

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ON AUGUST 25, 2005 AT APPROXIMATELY 1050 AM MY TEAM WAS ON OUR WAY BACK FROM A VENUE IN THE RED ZONE. I WAS RIDING IN THE FOLLOW CAR REAR LEFT POSITION. OUR MOTORCADE HAD STOPPED BECAUSE TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF US WAS STOPPED. I HAD OPENED MY DOOR IN ORDER TO STOP TRAFFIC BEHIND US AND GET SOME STANDOFF. TRAFFIC STOPPED BEHIND US APPROX 75 METERS. A LIGHT BLUE FOUR DOOR SEDAN TURNED ITS FLASHERS ON TO WARN OTHER CARS TO STOP. A BLACK OR DARK BLUE SEDAN MADE ITS WAY AROUND THE RIGHT SIDE, AS I WAS LOOKING AT IT, OF THE STOPPED TRAFFIC. ONCE IT CLEARED TRAFFIC IT ACCELERATED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE MOTORCADE. MYSELF AND THE RIGHT SIDE GUNNER GAVE BOTH VERBAL AND HAND SIGNALS TO STOP. THE CAR CONTINUED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE MOTORCADE. I SIGHTED IN ON THE GRILL AND FLIPPED MY SAFETY OFF AND WAS ABOUT TO FIRE WHEN THE RIGHT GUNNER FIRED. THE DRIVER A MIDDLE AGE MALE WHO APPEARED TO BE THE ONLY OCCUPANT OF THE VEHICLE IMMEDIATELY STOPPED THE CAR. HE THEN GOT OUT OF THE VEHICLE, WALKED AROUND THE FRONT OF IT AND LOOKED AT THE GRILL. THERE APPEARED TO BE NO INJURIES OR DEATHS. OUR TEAM THEN CONTINUED ON WITH OUR MISSION.

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Date 15 Aug 2005	Time 1255
Location 600 man camp, 1Z BAGHDAD, IRAQ	

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I AM THE RIGHT REAR SECURITY PERSON IN THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE OF TM Z2'S MOTORCADE. I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING RIGHT AND REAR SECURITY FOR THE MOTORCADE. AT APPROXIMATELY 1045 HRS ON 25 AUG 05, TM Z2 WAS RETURNING FROM A VENUE IN THE RED ZONE TO THE 1Z. WE WERE STOPPED IN TRAFFIC 200-300 METERS SOUTH OF IN A FOUR LANE ROADWAY W/ A MEDIAN DOWN THE MIDDLE. DUE TO THE INCREASED THREAT OF VBIEDS, I ESTABLISHED A 75 METER SECURITY BUBBLE TO THE REAR OF THE MOTORCADE. WE WERE STOPPED IN TRAFFIC FOR SEVERAL MINUTES AND THE CIVILIAN TRAFFIC TO OUR REAR WAS COMPLYING WITH OUR HAND AND ARM SIGNAL AND WARNING SIGN OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE TO STAY BACK. IN FACT, ONE CIVILIAN VEHICLE HAD ITS HAZARD LIGHTS ON WHICH IS A COMMON PRACTICE USED TO LET FELLOW CIVILIANS KNOW THAT A MOTORCADE IS AHEAD W/ A SECURITY BUBBLE ESTABLISHED. I THEN OBSERVED A BLACK SEDAN W/ A SINGLE MALE OCCUPANT MAKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE STOPPED TRAFFIC TO OUR REAR. AT THAT TIME, I STOOD

OUT ON THE RUNNING BOARD AND MADE A BOLD GESTURE TO THE DRIVER TO HALT. THE LEFT SIDE SLOWLY PERSON DID THE SAME. THE VEHICLE PASSED ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CLOSEST CIVILIAN VEHICLE W/ ITS HAZARD LIGHTS ON. THE VEHICLE ACCELERATED; WE CONTINUED TO GIVE THE HALT GESTURE. AT THAT POINT THE VEHICLE WAS 65 METERS FROM THE MOTORCADE. I FELT AS THOUGH THE VEHICLE'S DRIVER'S AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR AND HIS DISREGARD FOR THE NUMEROUS VERBAL, VISUAL AND WRITTEN WARNINGS TO STAY BACK INDICATES TO ME THAT HE WAS A POSSIBLE SUICIDE BOMBER WHO POSED A DEADLY THREAT TO ME AND my TEAMMATES; THEREFORE, I ENGAGED THE ONCOMING THREAT w/ ONE ROUND OF BALL WHICH IMPACTED IN THE GRILL OF THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER IMMEDIATELY STOPPED THE VEHICLE AND GOT OUT. HIS BODY LANGUAGE INDICATED HE WAS NO LONGER A THREAT AND UNINJURED. Team Z2 CONTINUED ON TO THE IZ w/o FURTHER INCIDENT.

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Date	Time	RB30421
25 Aug 2005	10:45 hrs	(P)
Location		b7c
Mar Camp	Baghdad, Iraq	b7c
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On 25 Aug 2005 at or around 10:45 hrs Team 22 was traveling South about 1 Km from [redacted] b7c
in Route back to [redacted] I am the Shift Leader for the team and am located in the Rear vehicle, while I was following along on the map where we were. I heard verbal commands given and then a single shot fired, As soon as I heard the shot I looked in my Side rear view mirror and saw a dark in color vehicle stop in the middle of the road, about 60 m away. the sole occupant of the vehicle exited and was unharmed, I called the incident into the TOC and gave them a brief initial statement and dissemination of what happened. After that we continued our mission. b7c

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Sworn Statement

Date 25 AUG 2005	Time 10:45 AM	Location Intersection Southeast of [redacted]	RPB0420 (P) b2 b7c b7C 20429
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On 25 August 2005, At approximately 10:45 AM, Team 22 was en route back to the International Zone after completing an advance for Team 24. The motorcade was travelling southeast, on a road past the intersection identified as [redacted]. I was the tactical commander and rode in the lead vehicle. Our route took us past a local hospital, identified as [redacted]. And I guided the motorcade onto this street by making a right turn. Upon executing the move, the road ahead was blocked by several Iraqi Police, which caused us to halt our forward progress.

During this time frame, I heard a gunshot come from the vicinity of our rear vehicle. Team Leader [redacted] notified the TOC via the radio that a civilian vehicle had been engaged by our team. I did not witness the shooting, but saw the suspect vehicle afterwards halted in the street with steam emitting from its grill. Several Iraqi civilians had gathered around the dark colored car when I witnessed the male driver emerge from it with no apparent injuries sustained from the incident.

I guided the motorcade to an alternate route and the team returned to the International Zone without further incident.

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Sworn Statement

Date	8/25/05	Time	1500
Location	Main Camp - Baghdad, Iraq		

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On the listed date at approximately 1053 hours I was assigned to the "Weil" position in the follow vehicle of P.S.D. team 22. Our team was returning from a venue, in the red zone, and was stopped in the roadway attempting to make a turn. We had established a "Vehicular Standoff" to the rear of approximately 75 meters. A small dark colored sedan pulled around the left side of the other vehicles in the standoff. The vehicle began to accelerate in what I perceived as an aggressive manner. The driver was operating the vehicle in a manner consistent with reports of recent

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"VBIED" attacks, and I was concerned for my safety as well as that of my team mates. I advised my team mates of the approaching vehicle. Both the left and right rear team members had already seen the approaching vehicle and deployed to positions on the running boards. The vehicle continued toward our motorcade and I heard my team mates issue verbal commands for the vehicle to stop. When the vehicle came within approximately 60 meters I heard 1 shot fired. The aggressive vehicle came to a stop, the driver exited the vehicle and began to check damage to his vehicle. Our motorcade then proceeded back to base.

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Date	28/AUG/05	Time	1450
Location	[Redacted] b2 b7c		

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I, [Redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of [Redacted], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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On 8/28/2005, I [REDACTED] was assigned to the turret gunner position for team 5. After the team dropped off team 11 at the MO Justice, we preceded to our stage area at [REDACTED] for team 17's move back the IZ. As we came upon [REDACTED] at about 1050 Hours the motorcade came to [REDACTED] complete stop on a one lane market street. I had the rear traffic stopped about 40 meters back behind us to give us a good bubble. b7c

I then noticed a sliver 4 door sedan with a single occupant trying to pass the stopped traffic very aggressively on the left hand side of the road. I yelled out stop a number of times. The vehicle didn't stop; I then threw a water bottle and gave the hand signal to stop, while yelling stop. The vehicle continued to proceed in our direction breaking the 40 meter bubble that was established, and clearly ignoring the visible sign that is written in Arabic and English on the rear of the Humvee, stating "Stay Back".

I then felt that the on coming vehicle was a Imminent threat and grave danger to my self and to my fellow team members. I then fired one round from my [REDACTED] into the engine block of the vehicle. After I shot the engine block the vehicle moved to the right side of the road and slowly stopped, I continued to monitor the vehicle and my sector for further threats. At this time there appeared to be no injuries. No further actions taken. b2 b7L

End of Statement

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28 AUG 2005

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Sworn Statement

Date	8-28-08	Time	10:00 AM
Location	DECPOL		

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Date: 8/28/05

To: Deputy Detail lead

From: (Team 5 TL)

Ref: Incident that occurred on 8/28/05

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REF ID: A65121
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On 8-28-05 at approximately 1050 hrs I was the shift leader in the follow HUMVEE for team 5. While in route from the Ministry of Justice to the Ministry of Electric the Motorcade entered the traffic Circle at [REDACTED] After exiting the east side of the circle I heard my Turret Gunner [REDACTED] yell stop several times, and then I heard one round fired from his [REDACTED] I then notified the TOC immediately regarding the incident.

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Upon arriving at [REDACTED] I reported to the TOC with [REDACTED] He gave his verbal statement at that time.

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Team 5 TL

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REF ID: A65121
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Sworn Statement

Date 28 AUG 05	Time 1050 1600
Location US EMBASSY - BAGHDAD, IRAQ	

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Statement of _____ provided on 28 Aug 05.

On 28 Aug 05, I was performing duties as the right rear gunner in the follow Humvee for Team 5. The convoy was stopped in traffic in the vicinity of _____ in a busy market area. While I was observing my area of responsibility, I heard the turret gunner, _____ yell stop several times in a loud voice. I then heard the T/C, _____, give the command to open the rear doors. As I was opening my door, I heard one shot fired. I continued to cover my area and did not observe any injuries or other threats to the convoy.

Upon return to _____ I went to the RSO TOC and was provided statement forms to record my observations.//NOTHING FOLLOWS///

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Date	5/24/05	Time	17:05	Time of Incident	1050
Location	<u>U.S. Embassy</u>				b7c
<u>Location of incident:</u>				b7c	20434

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On August, 28 2005, I was assigned the left rear position for the follow vehicle for Team 5. Near [redacted] the motorcade was stopped in heavy traffic. I heard the turret gunner, [redacted] yell "stop" several times. The TC, [redacted] then gave the command to open the rear doors. As I was opening my door, I heard one shot. I observed a grey 4 door vehicle stopped behind the motorcade. I did not observe any injured persons.

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Sworn Statement

Date	28 August 2005	Time	10:50 hrs
Location	Near [redacted] b2 b7c		

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Statement of _____ for the Events of 28 August 28, 2005

On 28 August 2005 I was in the position of Driver in the Follow Hummer. When we were stopped in traffic near [REDACTED] I heard the Turret Gunner [REDACTED] yell loudly for a vehicle to stop. The Shift Leader [REDACTED] then told the Left and Right Rears to pop open their doors. I then heard one round fired from the turret. When traffic moved on we continued in route and the Shift Leader notified the TOC.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE	Shooting	b2 b7c ✓	DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	2005-0076
TRUE NAME		b7c	CASE TYPE	Administrative
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT	S/A Becht
Baghdad, Iraq	30 August 2005	30 Aug 2005		

SYNOPSIS

On 29 August 2005, RSO received information about a Blackwater PSD (Team 26) shooting incident near the entrance to the Ashure TV venue, in the "Red Zone." Team 26 served as tactical support to Team 10 on this deployment. The two teams missed the turn into the venue and had to back the motorcade approximately 25 feet. As the motorcade was backing up, a blue Volkswagen Golf pulled out of a line of stopped traffic and advanced towards the motorcade's limo. To stop the vehicle, the left hatch gunner on the last tactical support "Mamba" vehicle fired two rounds into the engine block. The vehicle failed to stop, so the gunner fired one round at the driver. The round struck the top of the vehicle's hood and then struck the driver on the top of his head before exiting the rear window. The driver slumped down towards the passenger's seat and the vehicle rolled away from the limo, coming to a stop. The supported team continued into the venue with their COM personnel. The TST team rendered first aid to the driver and an ambulance was notified.

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1. On 30AUG2005, RA and S/A Hiemstra interviewed [] who served as the left hatch gunner on the rear tactical support "Mamba" vehicle. [] stated that he was the team member who fired at the blue Volkswagen Golf. According to [] all oncoming traffic cooperated with the motorcade by stopping as it approached the venue, the Ashure television station. As the motorcade reversed in order to recover a missed turn, one vehicle pulled away from the line of stopped vehicles and sped towards the limo. b7c
2. According to [] this suspect vehicle approached the motorcade's limo from the limo's front left at a high rate of speed. Due to the position of the follow Suburban, the "Mamba" vehicle closest to the approaching vehicle did not have a clear line of sight [] stated that he did not have time to issue any verbal warnings or hand signals; instead, he fired two rounds into the front grille of the suspect vehicle. When this failed to stop the vehicle, [] reassessed the situation and aimed for the suspect vehicle's driver. [] stated that the suspect vehicle stopped approaching the limo, and the driver slumped in his seat.
3. According to [] the Volkswagen was approximately 50 meters away from his position and moving in an aggressive manner when he fired at it. [] stated that he used an [] sighting system on his [] rifle, and that he last zeroed the [] and trained with the [] approximately four to six months ago. b2 wjL b7c
4. RSO feels that this incident was a clean shoot. [] reacted to a situation unfolding too quickly to allow for lesser uses of force. After shooting at the engine block failed to stop the suspect vehicle, [] did reassess the situation before shooting at the driver. RSO is concerned, though, that the limo did not take any evasive action as the suspect vehicle approached it.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE Shooting <i>b7d b7e</i> ✓		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER 2005-0076	
TRUE NAME [Redacted]		CASE TYPE b7c Administrative	
POST Baghdad, Iraq	DATE REPORTED 30 August 2005	DATES INVESTIGATED 30 Aug	REPORTING AGENT S/A Hiemstra

SYNOPSIS

On 29 August 2005, RSO received information about a Team twenty six shooting incident which took place near the entrance to the Ashure TV venue, in the red zone. The teams traveled past the venue approximately 25 feet, so the team was stopped, and started backing up in order to make the right turn into the venue. Traffic stopped approximately 100 meters to the rear of the motorcade and oncoming traffic was stopped directly to the left of the motorcade on the far side of their lane. The road is a two lane roadway with no center divider. A Blue Volkswagen Golf, with a single occupant, pulled out of the line of the oncoming traffic towards the motorcade's limo. To stop the vehicle, the left hatch gunner fired two rounds into the engine block. The vehicle failed to a stop and the gunner fired one more round, this time at the driver. The round struck the top of the vehicle's hood and then struck the driver on the top of his head, and out of the rear window. The driver slumped down towards the passenger's seat and the vehicle rolled away from the limo, coming to a stop. The supported team continued into the venue with their COM personnel. The TST team rendered first aid to the driver and an ambulance was notified.

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1. On 30 August 2005, RA and S/A Becht interviewed PSD specialist [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] SSN# [REDACTED]. Prior to the commencement of the interview [REDACTED] was provided his administrative warnings. During the course of the interview [REDACTED] provided the following information. [REDACTED] stated that he is a member of the Team twenty-six. [REDACTED] described his duties on 29 August 2005 as the shift leader of the follow vehicle of the Tactical Support Team (TST). [REDACTED] informed the interviewers that his motorcade contained three mamba vehicles and three suburbans and had traveled to the Ashura TV venue on the 29th of August in support of team ten.
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2. [REDACTED] stated the motorcade he was supporting, Team 10, overshot their venue and had come to a halt. The motorcade consisted of [REDACTED] mambas were part of the TST. [REDACTED] stated he was in the rear Mamba as the shift leader and his mamba was located to the rear of the right turn into the venue. According to [REDACTED] the mamba to his direct front was about even with the turn.
3. [REDACTED] further described his mamba being at an approximate 45 degree angle, blocking traffic approaching to the rear of the motorcade. As the shift leader, [REDACTED] could see that traffic in the opposing lane was also stopped, but pushed to the side of the road. The amount of cars on the other side of the lane and in a row, one behind the other, was guessed, by [REDACTED] as being about seven cars.
4. According to [REDACTED] while the motorcade was in the process of backing up to make the turn into the venue, a blue Volkswagen golf pulled out of the row of oncoming traffic stopped on the side of the road, driving toward the motorcade. The Limo of the motorcade, which had their principle inside of it, was offset more to the left than the other suburbans in the motorcade. The Volkswagen that pulled out of the row of cars was heading straight at the Limo of the motorcade at an approximated speed of 25mph. [REDACTED] heard two shots and witnessed the rounds impact into the grill of car with the car still moving forward. The next thing [REDACTED] witnessed was a third round fired through the windshield of the Volkswagen and exiting through the rear window of the car, shattering it completely.
5. [REDACTED] stated that he noticed the driver getting grazed over the middle of head, slumping over, raising his hands, and the vehicle stopping. The motorcade proceeded into the venue and [REDACTED] stated he directed his medic to render aid to the injured Iraqi National and called the incident into the TOC. Medical aid was rendered and an ambulance requested through the local security at Ashure.
6. When asked by agents if the Limo, or any other vehicle, took evasive action when the Volkswagen approached [REDACTED] stated, he did not see the suburbans react, nor did they indicate any stop signals. According to [REDACTED] there was no visual or verbal stop warnings/signal provided since the incident evolved in a small window of time, requiring immediate action.

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Date 29 AUG. 2005	Time 12:21
Location [Redacted]	[Redacted] b2 b7c

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Team 26 was on a mission escorting Team 10 to a venue. I was riding in the tail end
Mamba, seated in the very rear. I am the team medic, my job was to help watch our
and to provide medical care.

I heard three single shots fired from our vehicle, but I did not see what the up gunner was
shooting at as I was facing to the rear.

I was told to exit the vehicle because there was an injury. After getting out of the vehicle
I saw a local man walking towards me bleeding from what appeared to be a scalp wound.
On examination the man had an injury to scalp appeared to be from some type of
shrapnel, man would not hold still for more thorough exam. I placed a trauma dressing
over wound secured it with curlex.

The man was ambulating on scene, awake, alert, oriented to his surroundings, and did not
appear to be in pain. I tried to make him sit down, but he insisted on returning on his way.
After a few minutes of discussion with the Pt. he proceeded on his way driving himself
from the scene. The bleeding had appeared to have stopped prior to Pt. leaving.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 29 day of

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Date

29 August 2005

Time

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Location

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On 29 AUGUST 2005 at approximately 1221 hrs, I was positioned in the rear vehicle of Echo 26 FST Team. I was assigned this position by Team Leader

At this time, as we began to slow down, I was looking out of this vehicle at a 6 o'clock position. I heard approximately 2-3 shots being fired from atop of this vehicle. I continued to look out of the rear of this vehicle so that I could visually see what was being shot at. Almost immediately after the shots were fired I heard T/L contact [redacted] Base and advised them of the shots that were fired. I continued to watch the rear of my vehicle with Medic [redacted]. I could not identify any vehicle at that time that appeared to have been shot.

Team Leader [redacted] then hollered to the back of the vehicle where [redacted] and I were sitting. He told [redacted] to get out and render aid to the injured local national. I then looked to the 9 o'clock position and saw a L/N sitting in a small blue vehicle and appeared to be bleeding around the head area. He appeared to be coherent but hysterical. I relayed to [redacted] to get out and aid the L/N, which he did. I yelled to [redacted] that I was exiting the vehicle to provide security for [redacted] and he stated "OK".

I got out of the vehicle and before I could access the scene, [redacted] came back to me and told me to get his medic bag. I got back in the vehicle and unattached the medic bag and threw it to the ground and I exited the vehicle again. I took the medic bag to [redacted] who was attempting to calm the L/N. As he provided medical attention to the L/N, I provided security for [redacted].

After [redacted] attached a 4x4 and gauze to the L/N, we escorted him to the street curb and made him sit down in attempts to calm him down. We re-assured the L/N that he was going to be ok. After a few minutes, a couple of [redacted] team members re-positioned the vehicles and several members exited the vehicles and assisted me in providing perimeter security for the [redacted] and the injured L/N.

The L/N asked us for water and [redacted] retrieved a bottle of cold water and instructed him to drink it, which he did.

[redacted] continued to provide medical attention to the L/N and I continued to provide security for him. T/L [redacted] exited the vehicle and accessed the situation. He then spoke with the L/N security forces at the venue and they contacted local EMS. We continued to provide medical attention to the L/N for a length of time. After several request by the L/N, we allowed him to leave. We told him to go to the hospital however he indicated that he did not want to. He wanted just to go to his father's house.

It was apparent at that time that EMS would not be coming anytime soon so we allowed the L/N to get into his vehicle and leave the scene.

The L/N at first appeared to be hysterical however he was coherent and appeared not to be seriously injured. [redacted] and I had to instruct the L/N several times to calm down and that he was going to be ok.

After the L/N left the scene, [redacted] and I got back into our vehicle and the Team left the scene.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

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Address

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of
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Sworn Statement

Date	29 Aug 05	Time
Location	[redacted] b2 b7c	

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On or about 29 Aug 05 at approx 1222 hrs while
my team was escorting Team 10. when we arrived at [redacted] b2 b7c
I heard 3 shots as I was watching my sector (6 O'clock position).
I continued to watch the 6 O'clock position until the local
national was treated by our team medic and we returned
to [redacted] b2 b7c

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 29th day of

August, 20 05.

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Sworn Statement

Date 8-29-05	Time 1221
Location b2 b7c b2 b7L	

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1221 on Aug29. I was driving the Follow Mamba escorting Team 10 to their venue

We were paused in the road near the entrance waiting for the detail to back us as they had just barely driven by the entrance. A blue VW that was traveling in the opposite direction pulled out of traffic and approached the detail's limo. One of the up-gunners fired three shots into the car which then pulled over. We pulled forward to investigate and upon seeing that the Iraqi was injured our TL sent out medic out to render aid. The rest of the team set up a perimeter while he did so. Doc patched him up and he got in his car and drove off.

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Signed

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Sworn Statement

Date 29 AUG 2005	Time APPROX 1221
Location AOSACBUT [] b2 b3c	

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On 29 August 2005, at approx. 1221 hrs I was working as the left hatch gunner on the follow or rear vehicle for TST#26 while we escorted Team#10, a PSD Team with principle from [REDACTED] to their venue at [REDACTED], b2 b7c

As we approached the venue the majority of the convoy had gone past the entrance except for our vehicle. All traffic in front, to the rear and next to the convoy was stopped. The vehicles next to the convoy were all directed to the curb on my left. I observed several cars all stopped adjacent the curb as the PSD team started to back up to make the right hand turn into the venue.

I then observed a blue in color Volkswagen Golf two door occupied by one arabic male pull from the curb and drive towards the limo vehicle of Team 10. I fired two shots into the engine block attempting to stop the vehicle. When I observed the vehicle to continue forward I fired one shot at the driver. I observed the driver slump over in his seat towards the passenger side and the vehicle to slowly roll away from the PSD Team. When I observed the vehicle come to a complete stop, I saw the driver rise up in his seat waving his hands and yelling "sorry, sorry." I then observed members of my team deploy including our medic who rendered first aid to the driver of the vehicle.

After approximately 15 minutes. I observed the driver of the vehicle to get back inside his car under his own power and drive away.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Address

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 29TH day of
AUGUST, 2005.

Signed

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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- LEFT SIDE W/ GUNNER ON MOTO

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- TOP SIDE OUTSIDE OF HATCH

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- EXPORTING TEAM 10

- OVERSHOT VENTURE

- ALL TRAFFIC STOPPED

- VW GOLF PULLED OUT OF LINE OF CARS, NOT
FAR FROM MOTORCYCLE

- NOT NOTICED PRIOR TO MOVEMENT

- NO IDEA HOW MUCH TIME PASSED

- VW WAS APPROX 50 METERS

- NO OTHER SHOOTING, NO ONE ELSE
SEEMED TO NOTICE

- 3RD SHOT INTENDED TO HIT DRIVER

- [] b2 L/H

- ONE PERSON IN VEHICLE

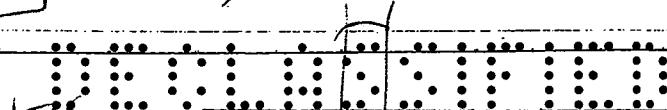
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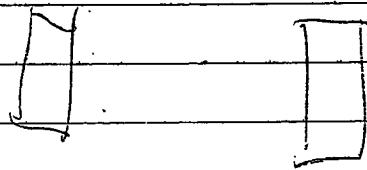
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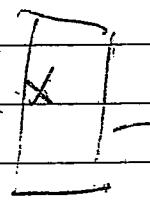
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VENUE



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~~DATE~~ left side of gunner. follow vehicle.
In Country: Nov 2004 - June 2005.

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- overshoot vehicle. -

Subject vehicle behind entrance.

• VW golf. moving two Limis. aggressive.

not sure if vehicle was stopped (mamba)

- believed everyone knew what was
going on.

± 50 m from mamba. when shots
pretty close to Limis. fired.

time between shots short.

3rd shot aimed at the driver.

6 months ago zeroed ✓

Used same weapon entire time here.

Trained 1- part 4-6 months.



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Sworn Statement

Date 29 AUG 05	Time INCIDENT 1221
Location ASHURE TV	b7c

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[REDACTED] was escorting [REDACTED] to their venue at Ashure TV. As we were approaching the venue, the detail over shot their turn and the follow Mamba stopped to hold up traffic so the detail could back up to go into their venue. The Lead Mamba was approximately 50 meters in the front with the detail behind them and the middle Mamba was at the point of the turn at the venue. The follow Mamba backed up to block the oncoming traffic which was already stopped 100 meters behind us. As the detail started to back up to the entry point of the venue, a car that was stopped behind 6 vehicles on the left side of the lane started to pull out and was headed towards the Limo on the detail. The follow Mamba's left hatch gunner took two shots at the vehicle approaching the Limo into the grill. The vehicle did not stop so another shot was fired at the driver and I saw the bullet exit out of the rear windshield. The driver immediately stopped and I could see the driver pull over and stop and put his hands up towards his head then up motioning surrender. I then saw that there was blood on his hands and made the call to dispatch our team medic and render assistance to the driver. We secured the area while the driver was being attended to. I asked the guards at the venue to dispatch an ambulance and they said it was on the way. The driver did not want to remain at our location but I insisted so we could further evaluate him for shock and blood loss. Our medic stopped the bleeding from the top of his head so I let the driver drive away since it didn't seem as though the ambulance would show up any time soon. We took photos of the area, driver and car and released him and we made our way back to the IZ. There were no injuries to the US side of the incident.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

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Address

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 30TH day of
AUGUST, 2005.

Signed

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MAMBA #4

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MAMBA #5 - SHOOTING

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A SURE

DETAIL OVERSHOT VENUE

- MAMBA #5 BACKED UP TO BLOCK TRAFFIC FIRST
- DRIVER DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO SIGN. NN.
- 2 SHOTS TO GRILLE, ONE TO DRIVER SIDE WINDSHIELD
- APPROX 25 METERS, OTHER VEHICLES STILL BACKING UP
- 2 LANE ROAD
- NO TIME FOR ANY WARNINGS B/F SHOOTING
- OTHER VEHICLE moving 20/25 MPH.
- CHECKPOINTS
- NO PEOPLE OUT FROM DETAIL
- NO IQ POLICE
- THIS VEHICLE HAD TO PASS THROUGH MOST OF MOTORISTS
- NO WARNINGS PAINTED ON VEHICLES, BUT SUBURBANS HAD LIGHTS BURNING

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Incident Report

Location: [redacted] b2 high

Watch Officer

Number of Individuals involved: 4

Watch Chief: [redacted]

Date/Time: 050831

On Scene Commander: [redacted] b7c

Description of Event: At approximately 0906 [redacted] was standing post NCOIC of [redacted] and assisted by [redacted]. [redacted] was standing in the diamond with a [redacted] was working traffic in the left lane and [redacted] was working traffic in the right lane and [redacted] was standing beside the PSD lane. At 0906 a black Chevrolet suburban owned by DynCorp, bumper number [redacted] VIN# [redacted] rolled through the stop sign in the right lane without being called forward. This is a direct violation of post procedure and there is a stop sign present as well as signs alerting drivers that they are entering a Coalition checkpoint where deadly force is authorized.

[redacted] saw the black suburban roll through the stop sign and immediately began to escalate force. He first yelled STOP while moving toward the right lane. [redacted] also started yelling to stop and gave hand signals. As [redacted] was moving to the right lane he continued to yell and give hand signals. The vehicle still failed to stop and all Marines on post went to condition 1. [redacted] then fired (2) rounds into the front of the suburban. The suburban immediately came to a halt and the personnel were removed from the vehicle. The vehicle was undrivable due to a punctured radiator. A tow truck and HAZ MAT were called to the scene. At 0930 [redacted] and RSO agents were on scene.

The vehicle was driven by [redacted] in possession of a DoD contractor badge. Passenger was named [redacted] and possessed a yellow Embassy badge. They are employed by CPATT and the vehicle is owned by DynCorp. The driver admitted to driving through the TCP before, has read the RSO memo's about Marine checkpoint procedures and admitted that he was at fault in the incident. It is of note that the driver was showing the passenger how to approach and proceed through military checkpoints. The distance between the vehicle and the Marine when the rounds impacted was approximately 5-8 meters. Marines on post used escalation of force correctly to enforce post procedure and no injuries were incurred.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE 31 August 2005 Shooting at [redacted] b2 b7c		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER 2005-0077
TRUE NAME [redacted] b7c		CASE TYPE Administrative
POST Baghdad	DATE REPORTED 31 August 2005	DATES INVESTIGATED 31 August 2005
		REPORTING AGENT S/A Hiemstra

SYNOPSIS

On 31 August 2005, at approximately 0915 hours, Marine Security Forces assigned to the southern traffic control point [redacted] of the U.S. Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle attempting to enter the TCP after ignoring verbal and hand commands to stop. Both occupants of the vehicle suffered no/no injuries in the incident. Inspections of the vehicle and scene were conducted, as well as statements by the occupants of the vehicle. Statements were obtained from the Marine guards located at the scene, and digital video of the incident was reviewed. No evidence was uncovered which indicates the Marine guards acted outside established Rules of Engagement. Case closed.

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JULY 1996
DEPT. OF STATE

Exempt From Automatic Decontrol By Statute
CONTENT MUST NOT BE DISCLOSED TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS

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1. On 31 August 2005, at approximately 0910 hours, RA monitored radio traffic from the southern traffic control point [] of the U.S. Embassy Annex that indicated shots had been fired at a vehicle [] operated by two individuals. [] is manned by Marines of Alpha Company, Anti-Terrorism (AT), 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The Marines also reported that no/no injuries resulted from the engagement of the vehicle. b2 b7c
2. At approximately 0915 hours, RA and S/A Becht responded to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. RA and S/A Becht arrived at [] at approximately 0930 hours. S/A Hiemstra briefly questioned [] as to the circumstances of the shooting. [] stated that a vehicle operated by an American National attempted to enter the TCP from the main road []. [] stated that he gave verbal and visual warnings for the vehicle to stop. When the driver failed to heed the warnings, [] raised his [] rifle, loaded a round into the chamber and fired two rounds into the vehicle's grill. b2 b7c
3. RA and S/A Becht inspected the vehicle, which had not been moved since the incident. The vehicle was a black 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe Suburban, VIN# [] license# []. There were two visible holes located in the radiator of the vehicle. A search of the TCP where [] was standing uncovered two spent [] cartridges. Photographs of the vehicle and the incident scene were taken and are attached to this report. b2 b7c
4. RA interviewed the vehicle occupants. Driver [] stated that he works for CPATT and his passengers name was [] who works as a translator for CPATT. [] stated he was explaining to [] how to enter the Marine checkpoints. As their vehicle approached the initial stopsign [] thought the Marines gave him the proceed sign. As [] explained, instead of confirming with another glance, he was looking and talking to his passenger, [] so missed all the verbal and visual signals to stop, the Marines were giving, when he proceeded without authorization. [] admitted to agents that he was the one at fault when failing to adhere to the warning signs and verbal announcements to stop. b2 b7c
5. RA instructed [] and their immediate supervisor [] that all signs posted outside Embassy checkpoints must be strictly obeyed. [] stated that he understood and would not repeat his mistake. After ensuring that there were no injuries, RA and S/A Becht released [] and their vehicle. b2 b7c
6. At approximately 1100 hours, S/A Hiemstra reviewed digital video of the incident captured by a closed circuit television camera positioned immediately north of []. The digital video showed [] vehicle approaching the entrance lane for [] without stopping at the stop sign. b2 b7c
7. Based on the statements from [] and [] as well as the digital video, there is no/no evidence that [] acted in contravention of the Rules of Engagement when he opened fire on [] vehicle. RSO Baghdad considers this case closed.

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FRONT OF VEHICLE



REAR OF VEHICLE



CLOSE-UP OF ROUND IMPACT



2ND CLOSE-UP OF ROUND IMPACT

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DECLASSIFIED**STATEMENT OF MARINE**

If [redacted] NCOIC of post [redacted] was involved in a shooting that took place on 31 Aug 2005 at 0915. I was located in the middle lane when a black suburban started approaching the right lane without authorization from the [redacted] who was in that lane. [redacted] and I yelled stop 3 times which then lead to us all racking a round. As I was about to pull the trigger, [redacted] had just fired 2 shots into the radiator block. There were two passengers in the vehicle and none of them were injured. We then detained the two individuals and notified the guard chain of command. After everything was done, we then resumed normal posture.

Respectfully Submitted

USMC

STATEMENT OF MARINE

I [redacted] while standing guard as a sentry at [redacted] was involved in a shooting that took place. The vehicle was a black suburban with two white male passengers. [redacted] was in the lane that the vehicle was shot. The vehicle in question ran the stop sign and immediately was told to stop. Despite the verbal warnings and hand signals the vehicle failed to stop. All persons on this post went to condition one with [redacted]. The vehicle failed to stop. At this time, I shot twice into the front of the vehicle and the rounds impacted into the radiator. The vehicle stopped immediately and the two passengers from the vehicle were moved to the side of our post and the appropriate persons were contacted. Once the situation was over and the correct personnel were notified, the post was returned to normal procedures.

Respectfully Submitted

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STATEMENT OF MARINE

[redacted] was directing traffic in the right lane and checking personnel's I.D. when the shooting occurred. [redacted] was directing traffic in the left lane at this time. [redacted] was in the center pit and [redacted] was across the road checking foot traffic. At 09:15, I called up a vehicle and was checking I.D.s. After I was done, I looked behind making sure the vehicle I checked was making it over the speed bump. Just when I turned back around, a vehicle was approaching my lane without me signaling it in. At that time, I heard [redacted] yell stop three times and then rack his weapon. Without hesitation, I turned around and racked my weapon also. The vehicle would not stop as [redacted] instructed them to do. He then fired two shots at the vehicle. The vehicle was disabled and the passengers were alright. I had the radio and quickly informed the COG of what happened. The RSO, SOG, and COC were notified and on scene minutes later. After the RSO and Plt Cmdr photographed the passenger's I.D. and vehicle, hazmat and a tow truck were called. After the vehicle was removed and everything cleaned, [redacted] reopened and continued as normal.

Respectfully Submitted

USMC

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STATEMENT OF MARINE

A vehicle had just been called to the right lane while another vehicle ran the stop sign. The vehicle at that time was informed of the necessity to stop by verbal commands. However the vehicle failed to notice the hand and verbal commands and was continued on its path while the weapons of that post were brought up to the direction of the vehicle. At this time the vehicle was shot by [redacted] twice in the lower part of the radiator. The correct personal were notified and informed of the situation that took place and took control of the situation when they came on post. The individuals were taken to the side and kept under watch while the other persons from that post. (ie. Myself [redacted] and [redacted]) The Rso's were notified and were on scene shortly after to get there statements and pictures. The post was resumed as normal and the rest of the day continued as planned.

Respectfully Submitted

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Incident report for events happening on the thirty-first of August between the times of 0915-0945

I _____ while standing guard as a sentry at _____ was involved in a shooting that took place. The vehicle was a black suburban with two white male passengers _____

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These are the events in the order that they happened on the morning of August 31 between the times of 0915-0945.

Respectfully Submitted

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Incident Report: 31 Aug 2005 (0915-0945)

RBS0395

[REDACTED] NCOIC of post [REDACTED] was involved in a shooting that took place b2 b7c
on 31 Aug 2005 at 0915. I was located in the middle lane when a black suburban started
approaching the right lane without authorization from the [REDACTED] who was in that
lane. [REDACTED] and I yelled stop 3 times which then
lead to us all racking a round. As I was about to pull the trigger [REDACTED] had just fired
2 shots into the radiator block. There were two passengers in the vehicle and none of
them were injured. We then detained the two individuals and notified the guard chain of
command. After everything was done, we then resumed normal posture.

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Respectfully Submitted

[REDACTED]
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Incident Report: 31 Aug 2005 (0915-0945)

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Respectfully Submitted
USMC

[redacted] 4th MEB ATBN ACo

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Report of shooting by:

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This report is in regards to the shooting that took place on the thirty first of August at approximately nine ten in the morning.

A vehicle had just been called to the right lane while another vehicle ran the stop sign. The vehicle at that time was informed of the necessity to stop by verbal commands. However the vehicle failed to notice the hand and verbal commands and was continued on its path while the weapons of that post were brought up to the direction of the vehicle. At this time the vehicle was shot by [] twice in the lower part of the radiator. The correct personal were notified and informed of the situation that took place and took control of the situation when they came on post. The individuals were taken to the side and kept under watch while the other persons from that post. (ie. Myself, [] and [])

The Rso's were notified and were on scene shortly after to get there statements and pictures. The post was resumed as normal and the rest of the day continued as planned. These are the events that took place on this day and time.

Respectfully Submitted

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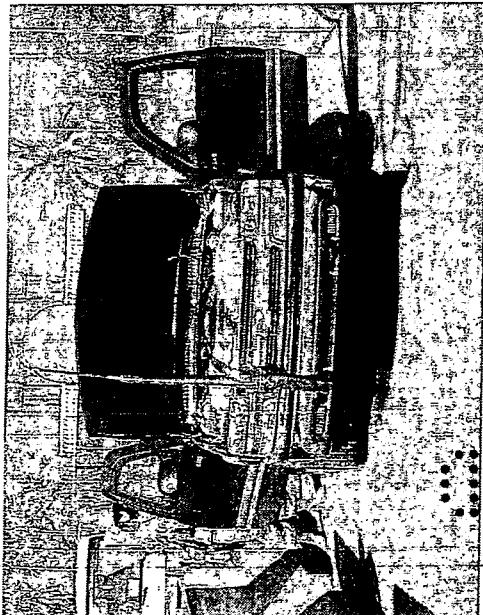
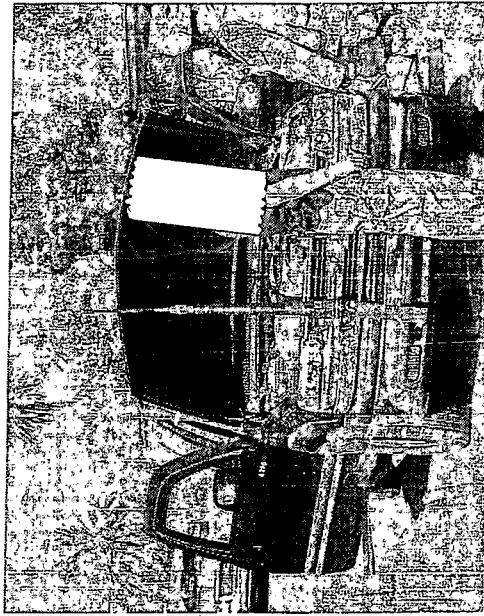
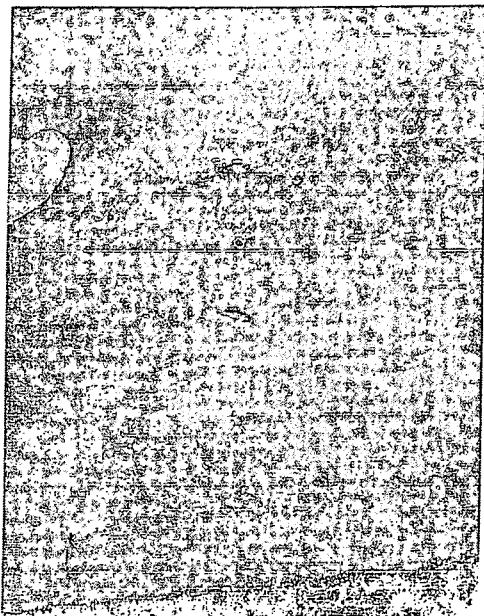
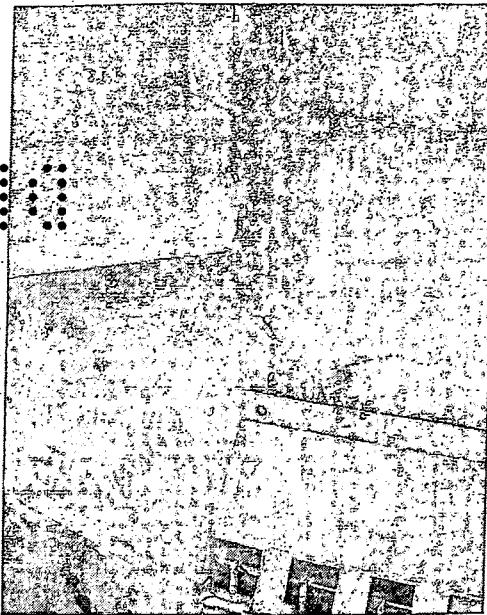
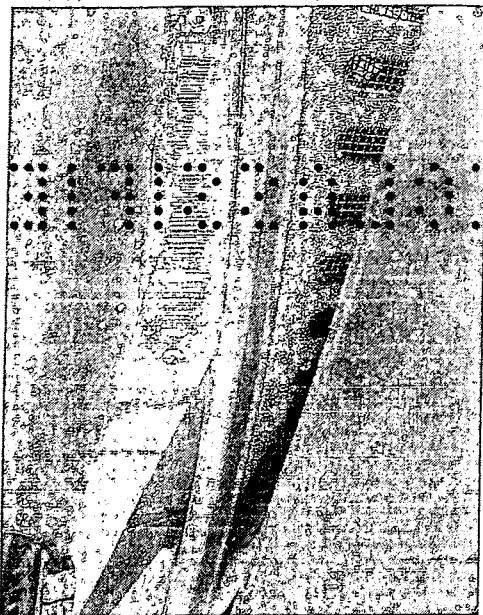
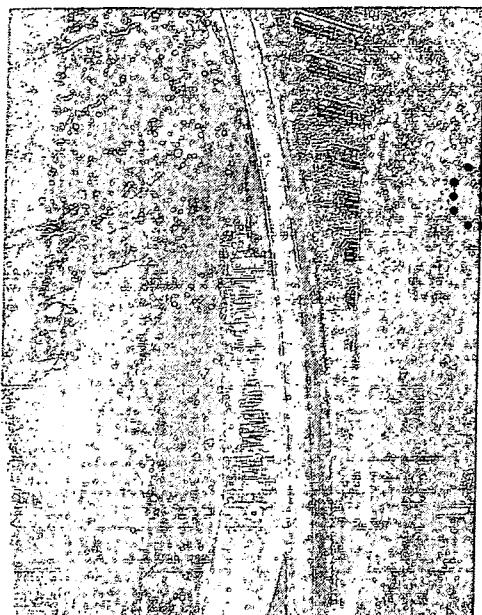
Spot Report - 083105-01

Subject: Marine Security Force Engage vehicle at Traffic Control Point**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: On August 31, 2005 at approximately 0909 Hrs, a member of the Marine Security Forces assigned to the traffic control point south of the Embassy Annex engaged a vehicle which failed to follow proper procedures, and did not heed visual and verbal warnings to stop. The Marine involved fired two rounds from his [redacted] into the front grill and the vehicle immediately stopped. The vehicle was occupied by one COM personnel, driver and one host country national (HCN), passenger and the interpreter for the COM person. The driver stated there was a vehicle in front of his, the Marine had signaled that vehicle forward and he thought the Marine also signaled his vehicle forward. He said he started toward the Marine and turned his attention to the passenger and began to explain to him the proper procedure for entering a Marine checkpoint. The shots were fired and the vehicle came to a stop. The driver admitted that he wasn't paying attention driving through the checkpoint. Neither of the two occupants inside the vehicle was injured.

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RSO Action: As per standard procedure, RSO investigators were notified and dispatched to the traffic control point to collect physical evidence, document the scene and interview the individuals involved.**Location:** CP [redacted] Baghdad, Iraq. b2 b7c



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