Subject: Great Post!

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i hate to start the post with "check this out," but here we go: "Winning the hearts and minds" "According to the U.S. account, the house collapsed because of the heavy fire. When U.S. forces searched the rubble they found one man, the al-Qaida suspect, alive. He was arrested. They also found a dead man they believed to be connected to al-Qaida, two dead women and a dead child. But the report filed by the Joint Coordination Center, which was based on a report filed by local police, said U.S. forces entered the house while it was still standing. "The American forces gathered the family members in one room and executed 11 persons, including five children, four women and two men," the report said. "Then they bombed the house, burned three vehicles and killed their animals. "The report identified the dead by name, giving their ages. The two men killed were 22 and 28. Of the women, one was 22, another was 23, a third was 30 and the fourth was 75. Two of the children were 5 years old, two were 3, and the fifth was 6 months old, the document said. The report was signed by Col. Fadhil Muhammed Khalaf, who was described in the document as the assistant chief of the Joint Coordination Center. A local police commander, Lt. Col. Faroog Hussain, interviewed by a Knight Ridder special correspondent in Ishagi, said autopsies at the hospital in Tikrit "revealed that all the victims had bullet shots in the head and all bodies were handcuffed." Efforts to reach hospital spokesmen Sunday were unsuccessful. This is a translation of the Iraqi police report obtained by Knight Ridder, including accounts of events not related to the Ishaqi raid. In the name of God, the most merciful This is the morning and afternoon events of 15/3/20061. Interior Ministry Operations: All forces belonging to the Interior Ministry will go on 100 percent alert status starting Wednesday 15/3/2006 until 1000 hours Friday 17/3/2006.2. Coordination Center of BejiAt 810 gunmen in a white vehicle, duck type (a reference to the local name for a Toyota model) kidnapped the child Mohamed (Badei Khaled) from Samaha school in Beji (map coordinates 617667).3. Coordination Center of DujailAt 730 a benzene truck burned near Gassem al Queisy fuel station after one of its tires caught fire. The incident burned the driver (Hamed Abdalilah) and he was transported to the hospital (map coordinates 263519).4. Coordination Center of BaladAt 230 of 15/3/2006, according to the telegram (report) of the Ishagi police directorate, American forces used helicopters to drop troops on the house of Faiz Harat Khalaf situated in the Abu Sifa village of the Ishaqi district. The American forces gathered the family members in one room and executed 11 people, including 5 children, 4 women and 2 men, then they bombed the house, burned three vehicles and killed their animals (map coordinates 098702). They were: Turkiya Muhammed Ali, 75 years Faiza Harat Khalaf, 30 years Faiz Harat Khalaf, 28 yearsUm Ahmad, 23 yearsSumaya Abdulrazak, 22 yearsAziz Khalil Jarmoot, 22 yearsHawra Harat Khalaf, 5 yearsAsma Yousef Maruf, 5 yearsOsama Yousef Maruf, 3 yearsAisha Harat Khalaf, 3 yearsHusam Harat Khalaf, 6 months(Signed)Staff ColonelFadhil Muhammed KhalafAssistant Chief of the Joint Coordination Center3/16/2006And then there's this little tidbit out of Haditha, reported in Time magazine: But the details of what happened that morning in Haditha are more disturbing, disputed and horrific than the military initially reported. According to eyewitnesses and local officials interviewed over the past 10 weeks, the civilians who died in Haditha on Nov. 19 were killed not by a roadside bomb but by the Marines themselves, who went on a rampage in the village after the attack, killing 15 unarmed Iragis in their homes, including seven women and three children. Human-rights activists say that if the accusations are true, the incident ranks as the worst case of deliberate killing of Iragi civilians by U.S. service members since the war began. In January, after Time presented military officials in Baghdad with the Iragis'

accounts of the Marines' actions, the U.S. opened its own investigation, interviewing 28 people, including the Marines, the families of the victims and local doctors. According to military officials, the inquiry acknowledged that, contrary to the military's initial report, the 15 civilians killed on Nov. 19 died at the hands of the Marines, not the insurgents. The military announced last week that the matter has been handed over to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (ncis), which will conduct a criminal investigation to determine whether the troops broke the laws of war by deliberately targeting civilians."But that's OK, it's just a little My Lai.