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PURPOSE: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDES INITIAL DETAILS FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OBSERVED SERIOUS PHYSICAL ABUSES OF CIVILIAN DETAINEES IN IRAQ DURING THE PERIOD OF IT IS BEING FURNISHED TO THE DIRECTOR BASED UPON POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC, MEDIA AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST WHICH MAY GENERATE CALLS TO THE DIRECTOR.

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS MADE BY TO SACRAMENTO SPECIAL AGENTS

DESCRIPTION OF MATTER:

was advised that the Sacramento Field Office was not aware of any such report.
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came into the Sacramento Field Office and provided the following:

observed numerous physical abuse incidents of Iraqi civilian detainees conducted in Iraq. He described that such abuses included strangulation, beatings, placement of lit cigarettes into the detainees ear openings, and unauthorized interrogations.

was providing this information to the FBI based on his knowledge that were engaged in a cover-up of these abuses. He stated these cover-up efforts included

advised that an individual did, in fact, make a complaint with Sacramento FBI Office concerning Iraqi prisoner abuse.
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The Sacramento Division is continuing to interview and will forward FBIHQ all details of his interview in future communications. Investigation in Sacramento is continuing.