

Rumsfeld Apologizes for Abuse of Iraqi Prisoners...No Wait, He Doesn't

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God forbid Donald Rumsfeld actually apologizes for US soldiers abusing Iraqi prisoners. Jim Garamone from the American Forces Press Service certainly interpreted Rumsfeld's comments as an apology.

Then Garamone sent out an email with the press release declaring a major moral statement from the US Secretary of War. The beginning of that email is below.

Then 4 hours and 18 minutes later, Garamone sends an amended press release, eradicating the apology. The beginning of that email is also below. The amended press release is the only one archived on the Pentagon's website. Email me if you would like to see the entire original email.

Rumsfeld was not apologizing. He was **only** saying that seeing the photos of those abuses would make any American apologetic. I guess just not him though.

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The first email, with the Rumsfeld apology begins like this:

Rumsfeld Apologizes to Iraqi Victims of Prison Abuse

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, May 5, 2004 - Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld apologized today to Iraqis abused by American prison guards in Abu Ghraib.

"Any American who sees the photographs that we've seen has to feel apologetic to the Iraqi people who were abused and recognize that that is something that is unacceptable and certainly un-American," Rumsfeld said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

The secretary left open the door that compensation could be paid to the abuse victims.

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[Prison Abuse 'Unacceptable, Un-American', Rumsfeld Says](#)

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Rumsfeld discussed the alleged abuse of Iraqi detainees by American guards at Abu Ghraib prison on ABC TV's "Good Morning America." The secretary left open the door that compensation could be paid to the abuse victims.

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