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Excerpt From Blackwater Press Release, December 8, 2008, "BLACKWATER STATEMENT ON INDICTMENTS OF FORMER CONTRACTORS"

Blackwater Statement on Plea Deal of Individual Former Contractor

Blackwater is extremely disappointed and surprised to learn that an individual independent contractor has said he committed wrongdoing related to his activities on September 16, 2007. If true, at the time of the incident and in the months that followed, this individual gave false information to the company to conceal that behavior. Both the conduct itself and misleading

Blackwater after the fact would violate the high standards of conduct required of each Blackwater independent contractor.

This development does not change our support for those who maintain that they acted appropriately in response to a perceived threat. Blackwater does not have access to all of the information gathered by investigators. Based on the information available to us, however, we understand that these individuals acted within the rules set forth for them by the government and that no criminal violations occurred.