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Latif Mahal Hamoud Sabawi

TF 1.4a High Value Detainee (b)(6)

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A Google search turned up the name of Latif Mahal Hamoud as the former governor of Basra during the suppression of the 1991 uprisings, in which the regime allegedly killed tens of thousands of Shiites.

In the spring of 2004, Latif Mahal Hamoud Sabawi was in Fallujah and Marine Lt Gen Conway cited him as a former major general who could command the Fallujah Brigade to end the conflict in that city.

I began by explaining who I was, my background, and my mission. I explained that Maj Gen Stone had wanted historians to talk with the High Value Detainees, that the documents would go to the archives.

Were it not for the war, Mahal wanted to become a philosopher/historian. He needs to be relaxed to conduct an interview. He was transferred from Camp Cropper to the IHT about a month ago. He has not been able to talk to his family and he does not know when he'll be able to leave the IHT, so his spirit is not right for an interview. I'm welcome to come interview him, but what he thinks most about is not having contact with his family. This morning, the guards come to his cell and told him to hurry up and get ready to go up stairs for an interview. He had no idea who had come to meet him. He did not know it was for the history interview. He is interested in an interview, but right now he feels overwhelmed with uncertainty over the situation and does not want to talk right now, but he'll be glad to at a later time if he can get notice ahead of time to prepare to talk about history.

His trial is going to continue on 13 May.

Unlike at Camp Cropper, the detainees can't call their families, and they're all very frustrated for not being able to talk to their families.

He wants to go back to Camp Cropper.

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