

Open letter to the RCFP on White House decision not to reveal ‘shock and awe’ photographs of detainee abuse

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MISSOULA, May 14 (Al-Masakin)—I strongly disagree with this position which I believe shows that the RCFP is incapable of viewing the release of these photos through the eyes of a Muslim.

This is not a question of secrecy, or 'secrecy files.' It's about not offending people at a time when such offending material will contribute to the recruiting efforts of terrorists and insurgents that responsible people within the Muslim community also seek to combat.

The Obama administration is wise in not handing over to the insurgency material which will hand them a powerful recruiting tool.

The RCFP should be reminded that under guidelines of editorial responsibility there are numerous photographs in the files of any police department that no responsible editor would ever publish, and the RCFP does not demand that they are published.

The question of the photos of the abuse of detainees, I suggest to you, is far more sensitive than any photograph you would find in police department files.

Nobody in the Muslim community aside from the enemies of America, and the friends of terror, want to see those photographs. No doubt there are those



within the American left who seek those images for the use as a propaganda weapon against the regime and they use these types of weapon not in the interest of defending us, but indeed at our expense.

We already know much of the content of these photos and to those who complain about so-called ‘censorship,’ ‘transparency,’ ‘openness, and alleged ‘promises’ made by the White House, who cannot be satisfied with forensic detailed written accounts of what happened during these interrogations, we in the Muslim community instead question the morality of those who believe they can only be satisfied by looking at sensitive graphic material.

I suggest that they are more concerned with satisfying their own thirst for ‘shock and awe.’ But satisfying their thirst for the profane does nothing to ‘protect,’ ‘help,’ or ‘defend’ our community. I suggest you satisfy your lust in private, away from us, and not in such a public way. Don’t exploit us for your private satisfaction, please.

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