The report concluded that Donald Rumsfeld and other high-level officials of the administration consciously adopted a policy for the torture and abuse of prisoners held in the war on terror. It also found that they attempted to cover up their conduct by waging a P.R. campaign to put the blame on a group of young soldiers they called "rotten apples." Lawyers figure prominently among the miscreants identified. Evidently the torture policy's authors then enlisted ethics-challenged lawyers to craft memoranda designed to give torture "the appearance of legality" as part of a scheme to create the torture program despite internal opposition. A declassified summary of the report can be read here; the full report is filled with classified information and therefore has been submitted to the Department of Defense with a request that the materials be declassified for release. (Don't expect that to happen before January 20, however).

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