



HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE DUNCAN HUNTER – CHAIRMAN

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Hunter Statements from Today's News Conference on Guantanamo *Current Menu for Detainees Attached*

Washington, D.C. – House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) made the following statements regarding the Joint Task Force Guantanamo facility:

“We are taking good care of the detainees at Guantanamo. We are taking care of 545 people who have killed innocent women and children, including a detainee named Qatani who was stopped before he could board one of the planes used to strike the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. We are also taking care of Osama Bin Laden’s bodyguards, other members of Al Qaeda and related terrorist networks, as well as members of the Taliban.

“We give them copies of the Koran. We give them prayer rugs. We give them prayer beads. We call for prayer over the Guantanamo broadcast system five times a day.

“The way people are fed is a manifestation of the way they are being treated. We go to great lengths to make sure that food is consistent with their religious beliefs. We spend \$2.5 million annually on special food for the detainees. That’s over \$12.00 per detainee each day.

“We should not let myth become fact. The detainees have never been treated better or eaten better in their lives – unless eating chicken three times a week is real torture.

“Currently 234 detainees have been released from Guantanamo and 12 have been positively identified as having returned to the fight. There could be even more who returned to the fight and were killed.”

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