

**AMBASSADOR KENNEDY:** No.

**QUESTION:** Is it, in fact, for the Iraqis or is it so that these guys can be -- the contractors can become attune to State Department diplomatic culture?

**AMBASSADOR KENNEDY:** No, it's -- it has a tri-fold purpose. It is to -- so that they are more in tune with Iraqi ways of thinking and operating, secondly that they also understand the diplomatic environment that they're in, and then lastly, that they understand the military environment that they're operating in. So it's -- the increased awareness is threefold, but the principal one is increase their understanding of the situation and the environment in Iraq.

**QUESTION:** And how do you respect that that would have changed the situation that we saw on the 16th of last month?

**AMBASSADOR KENNEDY:** I am not -- we, as a --

**QUESTION:** Or sorry, maybe -- then let's go back to the incident on -- you know, on Christmas Eve. How exactly have incidents that have happened now led you to believe that these contractors are not culturally aware or sensitive of --

**AMBASSADOR KENNEDY:** We don't say that they're not culturally aware and sensitive. We're saying that we're going to enhance and that there are -- there is training that goes on already when they arrive at posts. We are just going to expand that and move that to -- move that back to the pre-deployment.

**QUESTION:** Okay. And then just -- and I swear this is the last one. When you mentioned that two cases have been referred to Justice so far, one in -- one -- the Christmas Eve one and then one in September, which -- I'm not aware that -- I've been gone for a little bit, but what's the one in September? Is that the 16th incident?

**AMBASSADOR KENNEDY:** Yes.

**QUESTION:** Has that been referred to Justice?

**AMBASSADOR KENNEDY:** Well, the -- yes, the F -- I mean, the FBI is investigating it.

**QUESTION:** Oh, yeah, okay, you're --

**AMBASSADOR KENNEDY:** And so I'm including the FBI as part of the Department.

**QUESTION:** Okay. It hasn't been referred for prosecution, though, that you know of?

**AMBASSADOR KENNEDY:** No, no, no, because the investigation is ongoing.

**QUESTION:** Okay. Thank you.