Yesterday I learned that Members of Congress would be permitted to view the remaining but unreleased photographs of prison abuse in Iraq. I felt it my duty to attend. I was able to stomach about 15 minutes and about a hundred pictures.

Sitting in the complete silence of a darkened room full of legislators and watching depictions of lurid images of US soldiers coercing prisoners to engage in obscene acts was revolting and saddening to me. I later told reporters that the photos were different in kind but not degree. Really, the scenes were much of what we've seen before just more sexual.

After seeing the photos and after yesterday's horrendous beheading of an American at the hands of our enemies, I am more convinced than ever that we must release all the photos to the public, get beyond this controversy and return our nation's singular focus to defeat the enemies of the free world in Iraq. mrp.