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## **Cheney Accidentally Shoots Hunting Partner; Should U.S. Send Troops to Darfur?**

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BLITZER: I want to ask you about the U.S. naval base, the Guantanamo Bay detention center. Detainees are being held. There's a story in the "Los Angeles Times" even as we speak today, quoting Manfred Novak, the U.N. special rapporteur on torture, who's got a draft report out that suggests this: "We concluded that the situation at GITMO" -- the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay -- "in several areas violates international law and conventions on human rights and torture."

Do you believe that the United States engaged in torture at Guantanamo Bay? And do you believe the U.S. should shut down that facility?

ANNAN: Let me say that, first of all, I've read -- I haven't read the full report, but I've seen the newspaper report of the -- of the work done by independent rapporteur of the human rights commission, working as individual rapporteur.

I think the debate on Guantanamo Bay has gone on for a long time and the question of treatment of the prisoners and the respect for the Geneva Convention on the human rights has been on the table for a long time.

I will need to study this particular report to make my own judgment. But I have said in the past that we need to be careful to draw -- ensure that we have an effective balance between action against terrorism, effective action against terrorism, and civil liberties and human rights.

If you are asked to give up your liberties and your human rights for security, and you do, do you in the end have security? So it is a very delicate balance, and we have to make sure that we do not think that there's (ph) a dramatic tradeoff.