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Guantanamo Bay abuse allegations bolstered

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WASHINGTON, DC (UPI) -- Recently released FBI memos bolster abuse allegations made by about 10 former and current detainees at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The Washington Post reported Sunday the American Civil Liberties Union released FBI memos, obtained via a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, that describe agents witnessing or learning of serious mistreatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

"On a couple of occasions, I entered interview rooms to find a detainee chained hand and foot in a fetal position to the floor, with no chair, food or water," an unidentified agent wrote on Aug. 2, 2004. "Most times they had urinated or defecated on themselves, and had been left there for 18, 24 hours, or more."

Even some detainees' attorneys said they had been skeptical of the initial abuse allegations at Guantanamo Bay, but the government documents bolster their case.

Pentagon officials have said the military has been careful not to abuse detainees and has complied with treaties on the handling of enemy prisoners in the middle of a war.