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## **Was Threat Nonexistent?**

Letter to the Editor  
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Buried on page A4 (April 25) was some mind-boggling news: "U.S. will free nearly third of detainees." The Bush administration has done an about-face and will release 141 of the "roughly 490" people currently detained in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, having decided that they "pose no threat to U.S. security." Makes you wonder how they ever could have been that much of a threat, if they no longer are now. Were we wrong about them? True terrorists cling tenaciously to their warped views. If these people are "no longer threats," it's doubtful that they ever were.

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