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Subject: Saddam = ownt.

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the looting in iraq is in my opinion a terrible thing. i understand looting the warehouses filled with food that was supposed to be handed out to the people, and i understand the toppling of the statues. what i don't like is the looting of the palaces and museums and hospitals.

even some of the statues and signs of saddam should be preserved for historical value.

many of those iraqis are simply criminals who are trying to capitalize on saddam's fall for their own good regardless of the cost to their country when it comes to rebuilding and in the loss of valuable historical treasures.

much of this is like if someone were to nuke the smithsonian(sp?) many valuable historical artifacts have been lost. many valuable buildings will have to be rebuilt. many people are being hurt and denied services due to the unrest. i understand that the people have been oppressed for so long and now they are over joyed to be free. and mob mentality usually takes over like it does after a national championship or a bad court decision, but it sure would be nice if the iraqi citizens would take the gift of freedom they have been given and show the world that they are "adult" enough to be able to handle it and that they are capable of governing themselves in a mature free manner.

now, that being said... it is not the role of the marines and rangers and tank commanders etc. to be guarding this place from looters. they are soldiers not policemen. they don't know which building is which and it would be a big mistake to start harassing the citizens they just freed. the iraqis want to govern themselves? fine, they can start by showing some restraint instead of acting like a bunch of escaped criminals with the town keys.

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