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Just in case you had not seen.

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NY Daily News, 21 April 2011
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The lawyer for the Army intelligence specialist believed responsible for the largest U.S. security breach in history has done yeoman's work in portraying his client as the victim of abuse while in military custody.

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David Coombs has masterfully created the impression that Bradley Manning, accused of aiding the enemy in the release of 250,000 diplomatic cables to WikiLeaks, might as well have been in Abu Ghraib as in the Marine brig at Quantico.

Why, even the United Nations special rapporteur on torture felt compelled to check up on Manning's handling. Torture? If that's what he was subjected to in the brig, then torture is widespread across the American penal system.

Manning complained that he was placed on suicide watch, kept in his cell alone for 23 hours a day and given only an hour of recreation by himself. At night, he had to sleep in a smock that was designed to be useless in a suicide attempt.

Hardly waterboarding. Hardly electrodes on the genitals. Hardly beatings. Hardly burns.

Although President Obama said the brig's protocol had "to do with Pvt. Manning's safety," Coombs alleged that Manning's rights were being violated because psychiatrists had determined he was not a threat to himself. He has begun legal proceeding to press the argument.

Now, the military is moving Manning to Fort Leavenworth, where, the government says, he will reside in a "more open" facility. Manning will undergo psychiatric assessment with the aim of allowing him three hours of recreation a day and the ability to interact with other inmates.

Presumably, he will no longer sleep in a smock, eliminating all claims that the U.S. is violating international standards of decency. The idea was absurd from the start, but it shows you how ready much of the world is to find America guilty if taking away a man's right to regular pajamas can be elevated into a crime against human rights.