

IF EVER YOU DOUBTED WATER-BOARDING KSM WAS A BAD DECISION...

✖ George Bush is on the rubber chicken circuit in anticipation of the release of his book, *A'm the Deciderer Decision Points*. Which means he's now out in public defending two of his "greatest" decisions, side-by-side:

George Bush admitted yesterday that Khalid Sheik Mohammed, the self-proclaimed mastermind of the 9/11 attacks, was waterboarded by the US, and said he would do it again "to save lives".

"Yeah, we waterboarded Khalid Sheikh Mohammed," the former president told a business audience in Grand Rapids, Michigan. "I'd do it again to save lives."

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In his speech, Bush also defended the decision to go to war with Iraq in 2003. He said ousting Saddam Hussein "was the right thing to do and the world is a better place without him".

Of course, Bush has absolutely zero proof that waterboarding KSM saved lives. Just as he can't be sure that the world is better without Saddam, hundreds of thousands of Iraqis (and almost 5,000 American servicemen and women), with the US deep in debt, and the seeds of the same kind of abusive government—this one with close ties to Iran—in place in Iraq.

But the really telling bit about this news is that it puts the decision to waterboard KSM right there next to the decision to launch a war of choice rather than focus on beating the terrorists who attacked us. That is, it puts Bush's decision to embrace torture right there

next to what many consider one of the biggest
foreign policy mistakes in history.