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Some highlights: how standard operating procedure was ignored time and again (awarding contracts rarely followed the rules), how incompetence was the order of the day (truck drivers in Iraq begged for regular maintenance and tried to explain to idiotic superiors that they were transporting goods in a stupid dangerous fashion), how wastefulness was a way of life (trainees were put up in luxury hotels back in America when Motel 6 would have been more appropriate) and why nothing will be done about it (the Republicans control both Houses). Engrossing.



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