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Australian journalist Peter Cronau and (ret.) U.S. Col. Ann Wright discuss the recently released Australian government report on war crimes in Afghanistan and the history of impunity of U.S. war crimes. Ann Wright is an adviser to War Criminals Watch.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation "Four Corners" journalist Peter Cronau and (ret.) U.S. Col. Ann Wright discuss the recently released Brereton Report on war crimes in Afghanistan by Australia's Special Forces as well as the long history of impunity of U.S. war crimes.

Wright, who helped reopen the U.S. embassy in Afghanistan in 2001 as a U.S. diplomat, speaks of the America's unspeakable crimes in that country and elsewhere and why they will continue until one thing happens.

The Australian report confirms revelations by ABC journalist Dan Oakes and Sam Clark in his 2017 "The Afghan Files," after the military whistle-blower David McBride handed over about 1000 pages of classified material detailing the incidents. Nearly two years later, the national broadcaster was raided by the Australian Federal Police and both Oakes and McBride were charged.

A month before the release of the Brereton report, police decided to drop the charges against the journalist, after it was deemed by the Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) to be not in the public interest. The prosecution of McBride continues however.

The ABC's investigations team at Four Corners, led by Mark Willacy, continued to work on the story, and this led to the emergence of a second military whistle-blower, Braden Chapman, a Signals Intelligence officer who witnessed many of the alleged war crimes at close range. The result was a 44-minute documentary called 'Killing Field', which was aired in March 2020.

Willacy has just been awarded the Gold Walkley, Australia's equivalent of the Pulitzer, for his reporting.

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