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Intelligence Test

During the Korean War an American officer and a Turkish officer were talking together one day. After a while they began to argue about the intelligence of Turkish soldiers as opposed to the intelligence of American soldiers. When they could not agree on this subject, they decided to test the intelligence of each.

First they called an American soldier to them. The American officer farted and said to the soldier, "Here, take this and put it in the mail."

The American soldier answered, "That's not a letter. How can I put it in the mail?"

The American officer was very pleased with this response. He said to the Turkish officer. "You see! American soldiers are very intelligent!"

Then they called in a Turkish soldier, and the American officer farted again. Then he said, "Here, take this and put it in the mail.

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"Yes, sir," shouted the Turkish soldier and ran out to this command.

"You see! The Turkish soldier was unable to make any intelligent response," said the American officer.

The Turkish officer was just about to concede defeat when the Turkish soldier returned. He said, "I'm sorry, sir, but the post office was closed, and so I brought it to you."