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1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI ONLY.

2. ON [redacted] NOVEMBER, [redacted] AGGRESSIVE PHASE INTERROGATIONS OF SENIOR AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVE 'ABD AL-RAHIM AL-((NASHIRI)), AKA MULLAH ((BILAL)) (SUBJECT) UNDERWENT THREE SEPARATE DEBRIEFING SESSIONS. BELOW ADDRESSES THE THIRD OF THREE SESSIONS, SESSIONS ONE AND TWO WILL BE ADDRESSED SEPTEL. DURING THIS FINAL AFTERNOON SESSION SUBJECT PROVIDED DETAILS ON REF REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE [redacted] DETAILS ON

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3. INTERROGATORS, TRANSLATOR, AND SECURITY TEAM ENTERED SUBJECT'S CELL AT 1345 [REDACTED] REMOVED SUBJECT FROM LARGE BOX AND INSTRUCTED SUBJECT TO WALK OVER TO WALLING WALL. SUBJECT COMPLIED. A TOWEL WAS PLACED AROUND SUBJECT'S WAIST AND THE ROLLED TOWEL/NECK SUPPORT WAS PLACED AROUND HIS NECK, AND SUBJECT WAS ASKED TO SIT IN CHAIR. ONCE SUBJECT WAS SEATED, [REDACTED] ENTERED THE CELL AND BEGAN THE INTERROGATION BY QUESTIONING SUBJECT ON REF REQUIREMENTS.

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[REDACTED] AT THIS POINT THE INTERROGATION WAS STOPPED, [REDACTED] WAS ASKED TO LEAVE THE ROOM FOR A MOMENT, AND INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT THAT HE WAS NOT BEING FORTHCOMING ON WHAT HE KNOWS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT WAS WALLEED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. SUBJECT RESPONDED THAT HE KNOWS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RE-ENTERED THE ROOM AND QUESTIONING RESUMED. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT WAS TOLD BY INTERROGATORS THAT THE ISSUE WOULD BE REVISITED LATER IN

INTERROGATION, AS IT DID NOT SEEM THAT SUBJECT WAS BEING TOTALLY FORTHCOMING ON HIS RELATIONSHIP AND CONTACTS WITH KHALLAD. SUBJECT ADVISED THAT BADR AND KHALLAD WERE CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND BOTH WERE IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH ((MUKHTAR)) AKA KHALID SHAYKH ((MUHAMMAD)).

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ONCE AGAIN, [REDACTED] WAS ASKED TO LEAVE THE INTERROGATION ROOM, SUBJECT WAS TOLD TO STAND AND INTERROGATORS, USING ATTENTION GRAB, TOLD SUBJECT THAT HE HAD BETTER COOPERATE FULLY AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY. [REDACTED] RE-ENTERED THE INTERROGATION ROOM AND QUESTIONING RESUMED. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT PROVIDED

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON REF NAMES OF YEMENI CELL MEMBERS:

--((MUS'AB)) AL-TA'IZI: SUBJECT HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT MUSAB WAS A YEMENI WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE HORMUZ OPERATION WHO HAD RETURNED TO YEMEN FROM DUBAI WHEN THIS OPERATION WAS TERMINATED.

--((KHUTHAYMA)) AL-HADRAMI: SUBJECT ADVISED THAT KHUTHAYMA WAS MARTYRED IN THE ATTACK ON THE FRENCH OIL SHIP.

--((ABU AL-BARA)): SUBJECT ADVISED THAT HE WAS FROM YEMEN, A MEMBER OF WALID'S GROUP AND LIKELY STILL IN YEMEN. HE IS ABOUT 27 YEARS OLD, 165 CM TALL, THIN, LIGHT OLIVE COMPLEXION, SHORT BLACK HAIR, THIN MUSTACHE, AND NO DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS.



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--AL-((HADRAMI)): SUBJECT BELIEVED THAT THIS MAY BE IDENTIFIABLE WITH WALID, WHO IS ALSO KNOWN AS ((WALID AL-HADRAMI)) OR POSSIBLY WITH ((HAYTHAM AL-BARA)).

--((ABU AL-HARITH)) AL-BADAWI: SUBJECT HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT ABU AL-HARITH WAS MARTYRED IN THE ATTACK ON THE FRENCH OIL SHIP.

--((JAMAL)) AL-BADAWI: SUBJECT ADVISED THAT HE IS ALSO KNOWN AS ((ABU JAMAL)). JAMAL IS A MEMBER OF WALID'S GROUP, IS FROM YEMEN AND PARTICIPATED WITH SUBJECT AND OTHERS IN THE USS COLE OPERATION, HAVING PURCHASED THE BOAT. JAMAL WAS CHOSEN TO PURCHASE THE BOAT AS HE WAS A RESIDENT OF YEMEN. AT THE ONSET OF THE PLANNING FOR THE COLE, JAMAL WAS CHOSEN TO BE ONE OF THE MARTYRS, BUT WAS EVENTUALLY REPLACED. SUBJECT BELIEVES THAT JAMAL IS STILL IN PRISON, HAVING BEEN ARRESTED BY THE YEMENIS FOR HIS ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE COLE ATTACK. HE IS ABOUT 25 TO 26 YEARS OLD, 165-170 CM TALL, LIGHT COLORED SKIN, BLACK EYES, SHORT BLACK HAIR, SHAVEN, BUT MAY HAVE MUSTACHE, WITH NO DISTINGUISHING FEATURES.

-- ((GHARIB)) AL-TA'ZI: SUBJECT ADVISED THAT GHARIB IS A MEMBER OF SUBJECT'S HORMUZ GROUP, BUT DID NOT TRAVEL TO UAE TO ASSIST IN THE OPERATION AS HE COULD NOT ACQUIRE A VISA. SUBJECT IS NOT AWARE IF HE WORKED ON THE OPERATION TO TARGET THE FRENCH VESSEL IN YEMEN AND BELIEVES THAT HE IS STILL IN YEMEN. SUBJECT STATED HE DOES NOT MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH GHARIB. HIS LAST CONTACT WITH GHARIB WAS AT BADR'S HOUSE ONE MONTH BEFORE 11 SEPTEMBER, WHEN BADR AND SUBJECT WERE MOVING THE GROUP OF YEMENIS FROM AFGHANISTAN TO PAKISTAN TO YEMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HORMUZ OPERATION (AND WALID'S OPERATION TO TARGET SHIP IN YEMEN). SUBJECT DESCRIBED GHARIB AS BEING 25 TO 30 YEARS OLD, LIGHT OLIVE SKIN, BLACK EYES, SHORT BLACK HAIR, SHORT BEARD, AND NO DISTINGUISHING FEATURES. SUBJECT SAID HE DID NOT HAVE DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH GHARIB, BUT WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH AL-SHAHID (WHO TOOK OVER LEADERSHIP OF CELL FOLLOWING WALID'S DEATH).



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6. ECONOMIC/OIL TARGETS: SUBJECT WAS QUERIED AS TO WHETHER HE WAS AWARE OR HAD HIMSELF BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY PLANS TO TARGET OTHER OIL FACILITIES, IN ADDITION TO THE PLOTS HE HAD ALREADY TOLD US ABOUT TO TARGET U.S. OIL CARRYING VESSELS. SUBJECT WAS REMINDED THAT HE PREVIOUSLY TOLD INTERROGATORS THAT BIN LADIN HAD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS MADE KNOWN THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF OIL AS A TARGET - ONE THAT COULD BE USED TO, IN ESSENCE, CRIPPLE THE U.S. ECONOMY. SUBJECT WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE DETAILS ON ANY OPERATIONS DIRECTED BY BIN LADIN,

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