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SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - THE NEXT PHASE OF THE ABU ZUBAYDAH INTERROGATIONS

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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR HQS/ALEC GUIDANCE  
ON THE NEXT PHASE OF THE ABU ZUBAYDAH INTERROGATIONS.

2. SUMMARY: ON  JUNE 2002, HQS/ALEC HELD A MEETING TO  
DISCUSS THE NEXT PHASE OF INTERROGATIONS OF ((ABU ZUBAYDAH)) (AZ).  
THE MAIN HQS PLAYERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE  CTC   
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[ ] CTC/LGL [ ] OTHER NOTABLE ATTENDEES WERE [ ]  
 [ ] SECURITY OFFICER [ ] AND IC SERE  
 PSYCHOLOGIST [ ] AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTS [ ] ALL  
 PARTIES WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT AZ IS WITHHOLDING CRITICAL  
 INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY ON DIRECT THREATS AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS  
 BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND OVERSEAS. HE IS LYING LESS, BUT LEAVING  
 MORE OUT. WHILE AZ IS COMPLYING WITH THE INTERROGATORS ON SELECT  
 TOPICS, HQS/ALEC BELIEVES THE INTERROGATIONS NEED TO TAKE A HARDER  
 LINE AND MOVE AWAY FROM THE CURRENT STATUS, WHICH RESEMBLES MORE  
 OF A DEBRIEFING. THIS CABLE CONSTITUTES FULL HQS APPROVAL AND  
 SUPPORT TO MOVE THE INTERROGATIONS IN THE DIRECTION DESCRIBED  
 BELOW.

3. THE NEXT PHASE (ISOLATION): IN DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF  
 THE AZ-INTERROGATIONS, A VARIETY OF PLANS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO  
 DATE. [ ] WE SHOULD  
 AVOID THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW INTERROGATORS INTO THE SCENARIO WITH  
 AZ. THEREFORE, [ ]

PROPOSED ISOLATION OPTION: IN EXECUTING THIS OPTION, AZ WILL BE  
 PLACED IN PSEUDO-ISOLATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE WEEKS, WITH  
 LIMITED/LIMITED VISITS FROM MEDICAL AND SECURITY PERSONNEL TO  
 HANDLE DAILY RESPONSIBILITIES. DURING THIS THREE WEEK PERIOD, THE  
 CURRENT [ ] INTERROGATION TEAM WILL RETURN TO HQS FOR  
 CONSULTATIONS.

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4. SPECIFICS AND TIMELINE: THE ISOLATION PHASE WILL BEGIN ON  
 20 JUNE, NOTWITHSTANDING UNFORESEEN DELAYING CIRCUMSTANCES. IC  
 SERE PSYCHOLOGIST [ ] IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE [ ]

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[ ] WILL BE ABLE TO FILL IN ANY HOLES LEFT BY THIS  
 CABLE AND ASSIST IN ORCHESTRATING THE ISOLATION.

[ ] WILL REMAIN BEHIND TO MONITOR THE  
 SITUATION AND CAREFULLY SUPERVISE THE ACTIVITY OF MEDICAL AND  
 SECURITY ELEMENTS. HE WILL BE ASSISTED BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL [ ]

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-- AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK OF JULY [ ] THERE WILL BE A  
HQS MEETING REQUIRING THE PRESENCE OF ALL INVOLVED PARTIES.

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[ ] WILL RETURN [ ] TO PARTICIPATE.

-- IF AZ INDICATES A WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION  
DURING THE ISOLATION PHASE, HE WILL BE PROVIDED PAPER AND A  
WRITING INSTRUMENT FOR A LIMITED PERIOD TO MAKE HIS STATEMENTS.  
HIS STATEMENTS WILL THEN BE CHECKED FOR ACCURACY AND RELEVANCE.

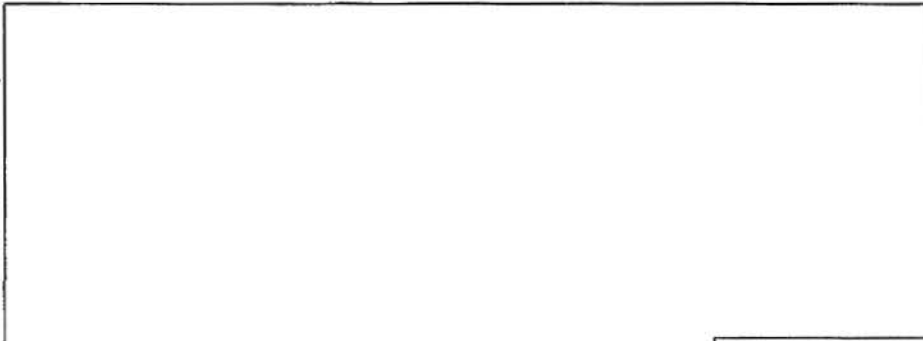
[ ] THE INTENT OF THIS PHASE IS TO SET THE STAGE TO  
RATCHET UP THE INTERROGATIONS OF AZ -- EFFORT BY AZ TO INITIATE  
CONTACT WILL BE RESISTED.

-- ONLY IN THE EVENT AZ PROVIDES VERIFIED ACTIONABLE  
INTELLIGENCE ON DIRECT THREATS AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS WILL HQS  
CONSIDER DEVIATING FROM THE PLAN.

5. POST-ISOLATION PHASE: ON OR ABOUT [ ] JULY, INTERROGATORS  
WILL BE REINTRODUCED INTO THE SCENARIO. [ ]

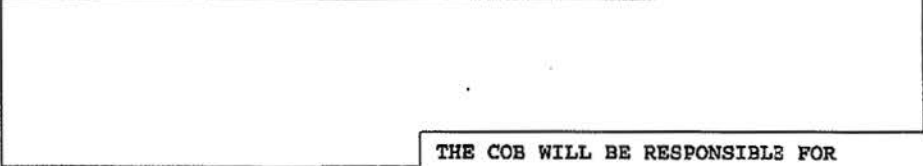
TO PRESS AZ HARD ON DIRECT THREAT INFORMATION AGAINST U.S.  
INTERESTS AND RETURN THE SITUATION TO A FULL FLEDGED  
INTERROGATION.

-- AFTER THE ISOLATION, HQS APPROVES CAREFUL INTRODUCTION OF  
THE INTERROGATION [ ]

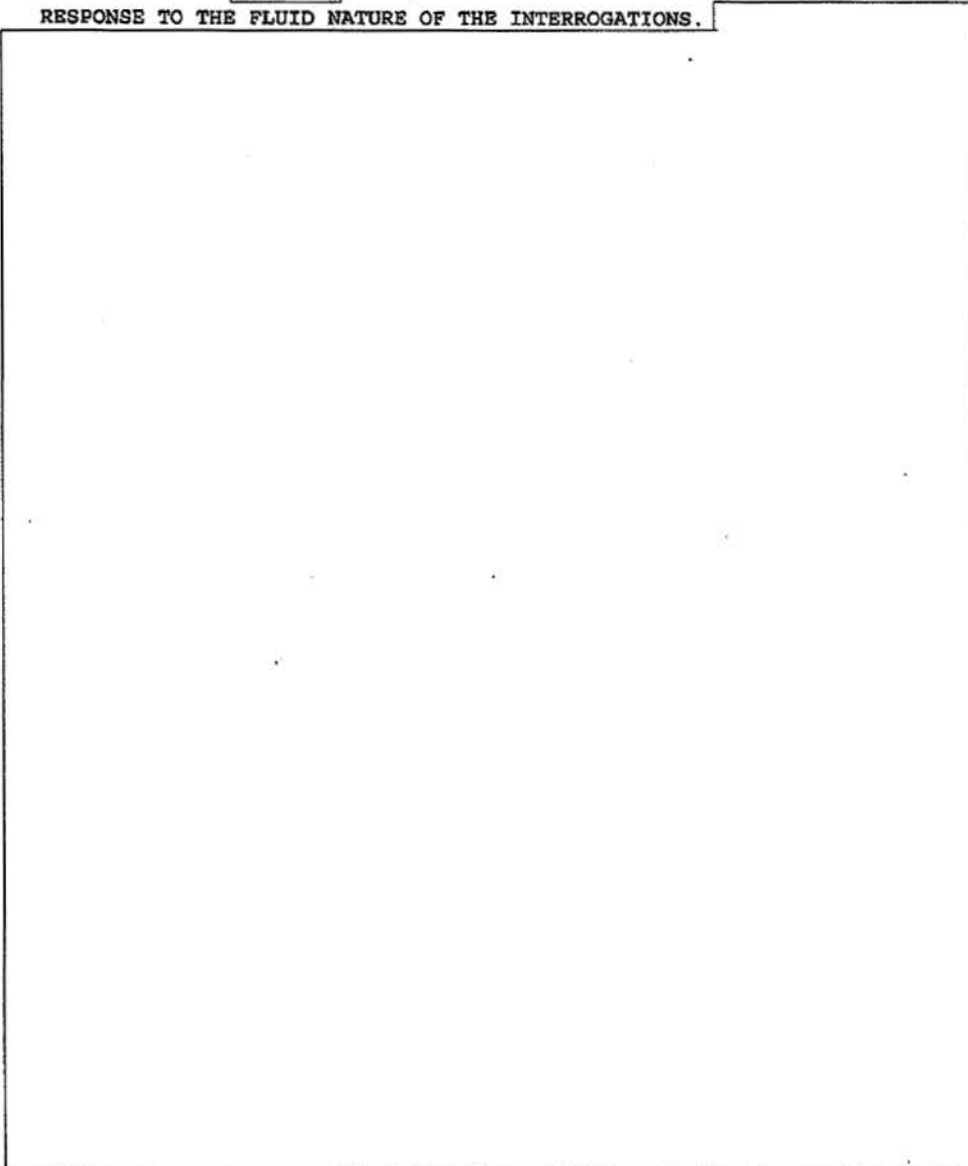


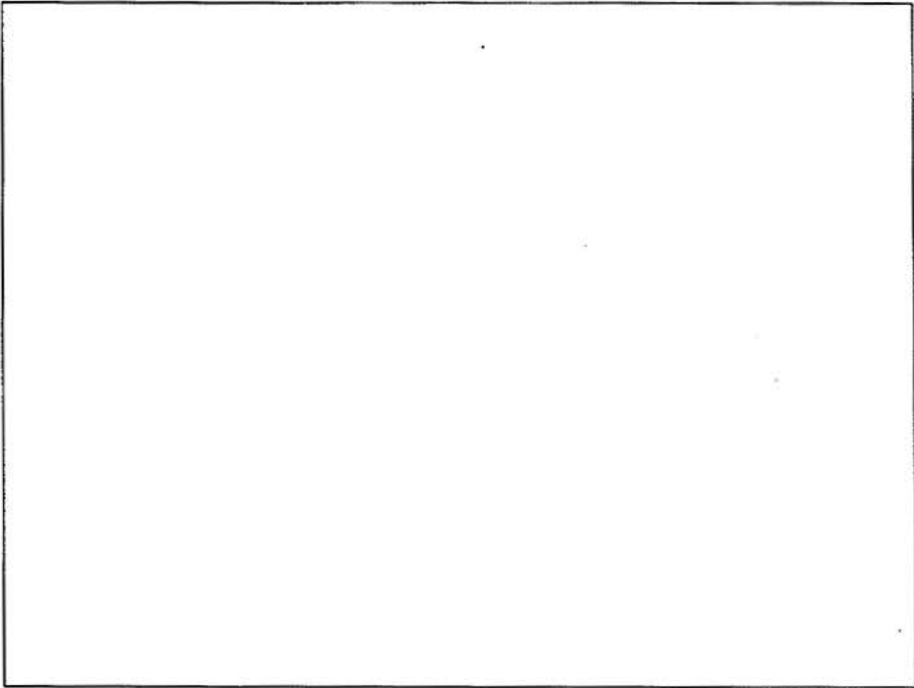
HQS WILL

IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE AS CHIEF OF BASE

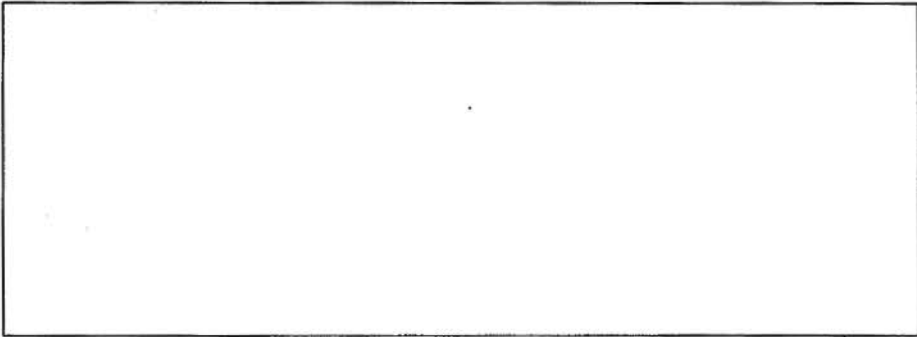


THE COB WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
ALL ASPECTS OF [REDACTED] AND EQUIPPED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE DECISIONS IN  
RESPONSE TO THE FLUID NATURE OF THE INTERROGATIONS.





-- WITH REGARD TO THE ONGOING CARE OF AZ'S WOUND AND UNDERLYING NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT, OMS BELIEVES WE CAN INTRODUCE MORE UNCERTAINTY AND UNPREDICTABILITY, AND LESSEN THE APPEARANCE OF EXCEPTIONAL MEDICAL ATTENTIVENESS, WITHOUT INCREASING THE RISK OF A SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL COMPLICATION. OMS HAS INDICATED THAT THE ENSURE SUPPLEMENT WHICH SUPPORTS THE WOUND HEALING CAN BE ADMINISTERED ON A MORE VARIABLE BASIS, AND CERTAINLY DOES NOT HAVE TO BE MADE OPTIMALLY PALATABLE. ESSENTIAL VITAMINS CAN BE INCLUDED WITH THE ENSURE, SO THAT AZ BELIEVES ONE OF HIS MEDICATIONS (THE VITAMIN PILL) HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED. SO LONG AS AZ IS TOLD THAT THE LIQUID SUPPLEMENT IS IMPORTANT TO HIS WOUND HEALING, THE PAST RECORD SUGGESTS THAT HE EVENTUALLY WILL TAKE IT. IF NOT, HE MIGHT BE TOLD THAT IT'S HIS OWN LEG THAT IS BEING JEOPARDIZED. MEDICAL PERSONNEL CAN MONITOR THE OVERALL INTAKE, AND OMS JUDGES THAT WITH AZ'S ESTABLISHED DIET EVEN A LESSER AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ENSURE STILL WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT AGAINST A NUTRITIONAL PROBLEM. MORE PALATABLY FLAVORED ENSURE OR OTHER DIETARY VARIETY CAN BE RESERVED AS A REWARD.



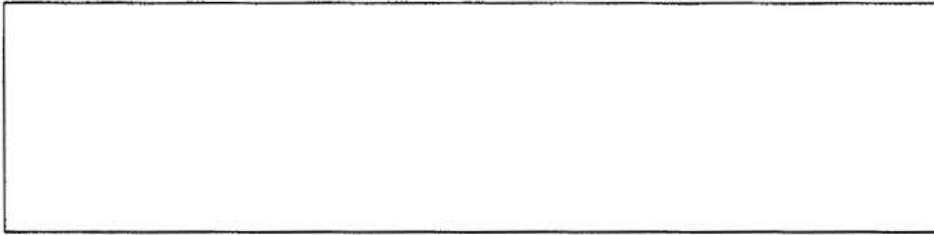
-- DRESSING CHANGES CAN BE UNDERTAKEN ON A MORE VARIABLE BASIS. SO LONG AS THE DRESSINGS ARE CAREFULLY MONITORED

EXTERNALLY FOR INDICATIONS OF A DEVELOPING INFECTION, SOME INTERVALS OF UP TO 24 HOURS BETWEEN CHANGES ARE ACCEPTABLE. IF THE INTENT IS TO UNDERScore A REDUCTION IN CARE, THERE MAY ALSO BE SOME MERIT IN INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DRESSING CHANGES IN THE SHORT TERM, AS THOUGH THERE WAS SOME CONCERN. THIS WILL DRAMATIZE A LATER REDUCTION IN REGULARITY AND FREQUENCY, WITHOUT INTRODUCING UNACCEPTABLE MEDICAL RISKS.

-- SO LONG AS AZ IS MONITORED FOR SIGNS OF DETERIORATION IN HIS WOUND REQUIRING MORE AGGRESSIVE MEDICAL CARE, ANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AT ANY TIME. IF ALL THESE CHANGES COINCIDED WITH THE TEAM'S DEPARTURE, AZ'S IMPRESSION OF ABANDONMENT MIGHT BE ENHANCED.

-- OMS ALSO BELIEVES THAT WE PRESENTLY ARE MOVING INTO THE FINAL PHASE OF WOUND HEALING, WITH SOME HOPE THAT A SCAR WILL HAVE CLOSED THE WOUND WITHIN THE NEXT 6-8 WEEKS. NOW THAT THE LESION HAS FILLED IN FROM THE BOTTOM, THE MARGINS SHOULD BEGIN TO CLOSE. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF FUTURE PHOTOGRAPHS WOULD INCLUDE A SMALL RULER PLACED BELOW THE WOUND TO ALLOW DOCUMENTATION OF THE RATE OF CLOSURE. CLOSURE OF THE WOUND WILL ENABLE EVEN MORE VARIABILITY IN AZ'S PERCEIVED MEDICAL CARE, AS DRESSING CHANGES WOULD NO LONGER BE REQUIRED AND NUTRITION WOULD BECOME LESS CRITICAL FOR WOUND HEALING.

7. HQS/ALEC APPRECIATES [ ] CONTINUED EFFORT IN THIS MISSION AND BELIEVES THE ABOVE DETAILS PROVIDE A CLEAR DIRECTION FOR THE FUTURE INTERROGATIONS OF AZ. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FEEDBACK. (IF DESIRED, WE ALSO WOULD SUPPORT A [ ] FOR A [ ] A TEAM MEETING WITH CTC/LGL WHILE TEAM MEMBERS ARE BACK AT HQS [ ] [ ] TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AND REASSURANCE ON THESE AND OTHER LEGAL ISSUES.) REGARDS.



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