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SUBJECT: Death of Detainee Gul Rahman

(TS/ [ ]) This is to advise you of the results of a CIA Directorate of Operations investigation into the [ ] November 2002 death of Gul (Rahman), an Al Qa'ida operative and HIG/Hekmatvar associate, who was being detained at [ ] prison facility that is funded by CIA and operated [ ]. You were initially notified of his death on [ ] November 2002.

(TS/ [ ]) Investigation by the Directorate of Operations, which included an autopsy and toxicology, disclosed that Rahman's death was accidental and most likely resulted from hypothermia. Rahman was incarcerated in the prison facility from [ ] November 2002 until his death on [ ] November 2002.

(TS/ [ ]) During his incarceration, Rahman threatened several times to kill [ ] guards. At 1500 on [ ] November 2002, [ ] guards entered Rahman's cell to deliver his food. Rahman had last eaten the prior day. Rahman again threatened to kill the guards and threw his food, waterbottle, and waste bucket at the guards. At the time, Rahman was nude from the waist down. As a result of his violent behavior, and following procedures recommended by the US Bureau of Prisons, Rahman was shackled to the wall in a "short chain" position which prevents prisoners from standing upright. Rahman was then chained to a metal grill located low on the wall of his cell.

(TS/ [ ]) [ ] prison guards made their normal rounds and checked Rahman's cell at 2200 and 2300 on [ ] November and found him alive and seated upright. Rahman's cell was checked again on [ ] November at 0400 and 0800. Again, he was found alive and seated upright. Guards noted that he was shivering; however, they noted that all prisoners frequently shiver. The guards checked Rahman's cell again at 1000 and found him lying on his side. The guards attempted to rouse Rahman by knocking on his metal cell door with their nightsticks; however, he did not move. [ ] notified several CIA officers who were present at the facility in conjunction with the interrogation of another prisoner. The CIA personnel entered Rahman's cell and found him lying on the floor with a small amount of blood coming from his nose and mouth. CIA personnel checked his pulse and, finding none, unsuccessfully tried to resuscitate Rahman. CIA Station medical personnel were also notified. They examined Rahman's body and declared him dead.

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