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SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - HQS FEEDBACK ON ISSUES PENDING FOR INTERROGATIONS OF ABU ZUBAYDAH

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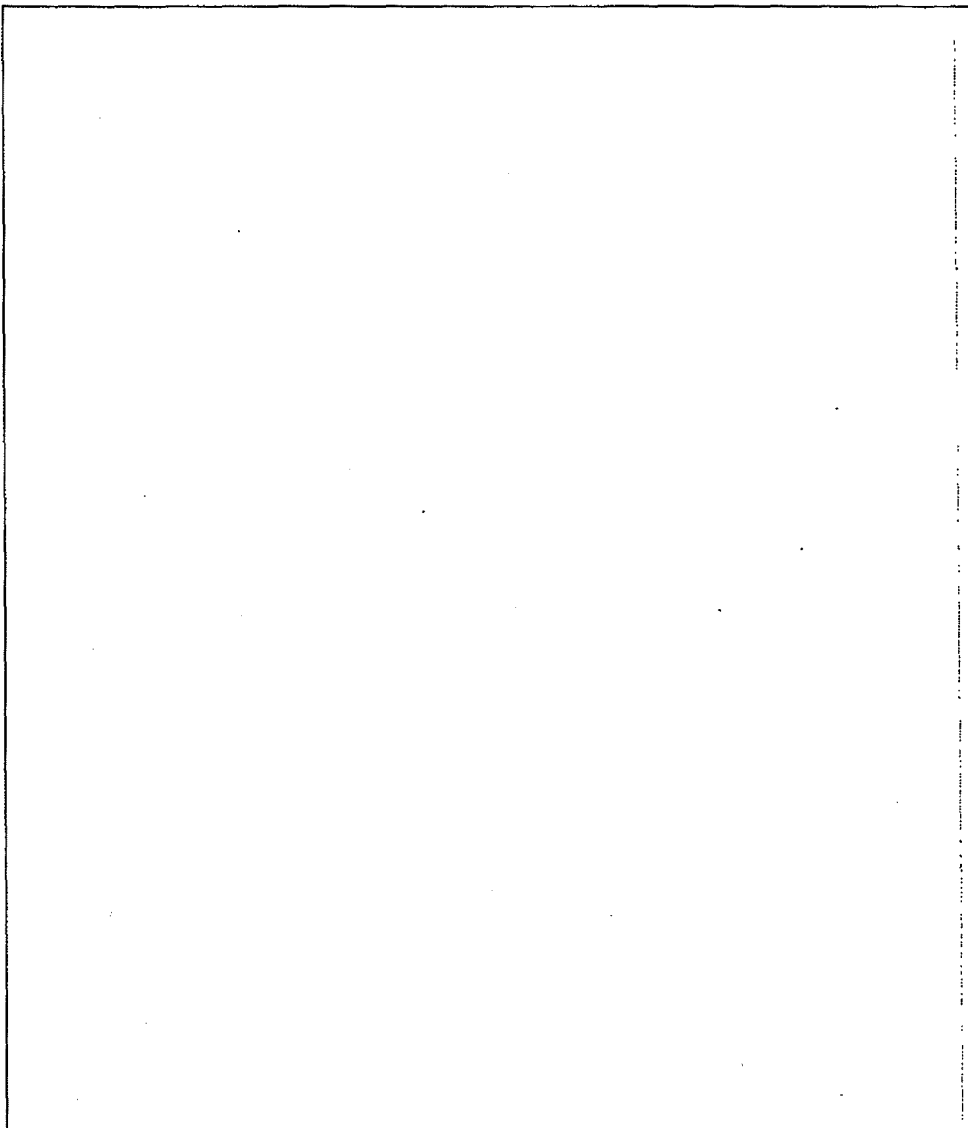
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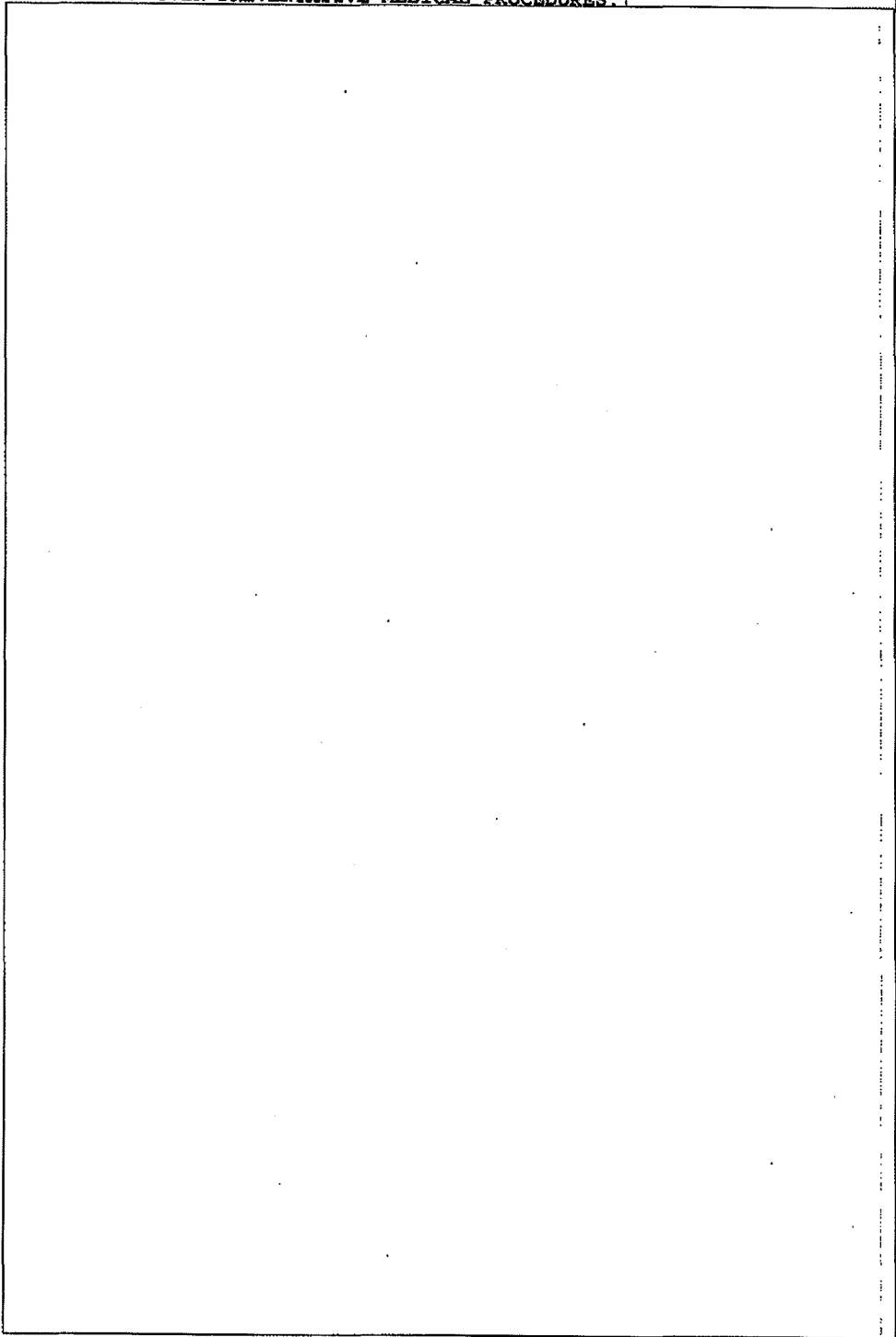


A. DECISION AUTHORITY: ORDINARILY, HQS WILL BE THE DECISION-MAKER WITH REGARD TO INTERRUPTING OR STOPPING THE ONGOING INTERROGATION OF ABU ZUBAYDA. IN SOME CASES, THERE MAY BE INSUFFICIENT TIME TO SOLICIT AND ACQUIRE A DECISION FROM HQS. IN THOSE CASES, ALL SIGNIFICANT MEMBERS OF THE INTERROGATION TEAM MUST BE ADEQUATELY CONSULTED AND SUCH A DECISION MUST BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED. REQUESTS TO STOP OR INTERRUPT THE INTERROGATION PROCESS, INCLUDING THOSE BY MEDICAL AND SECURITY PERSONNEL, MUST BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER. WE REALIZE THAT A SITUATION MAY ARISE WHERE SUCH CONSULTATION WITH HQS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE, BUT WE ANTICIPATE THIS WILL BE IN ONLY THE MOST EXTREME CASES.

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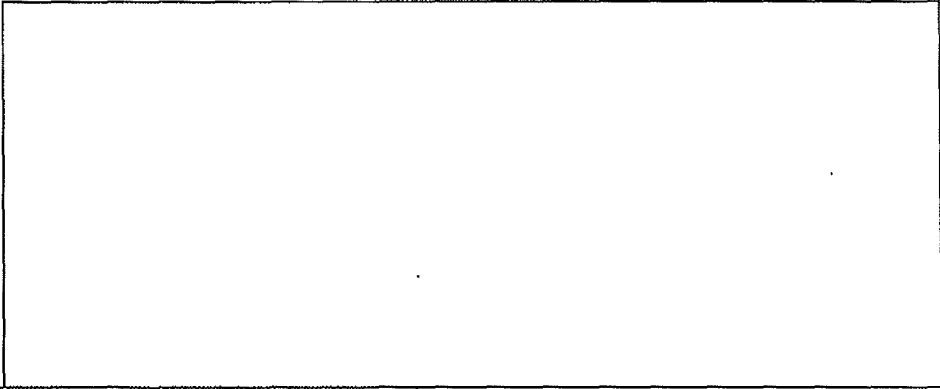
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[redacted] UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INTERROGATION PROCESS TAKES  
PRECEDENCE OVER PREVENTATIVE MEDICAL PROCEDURES. [redacted]

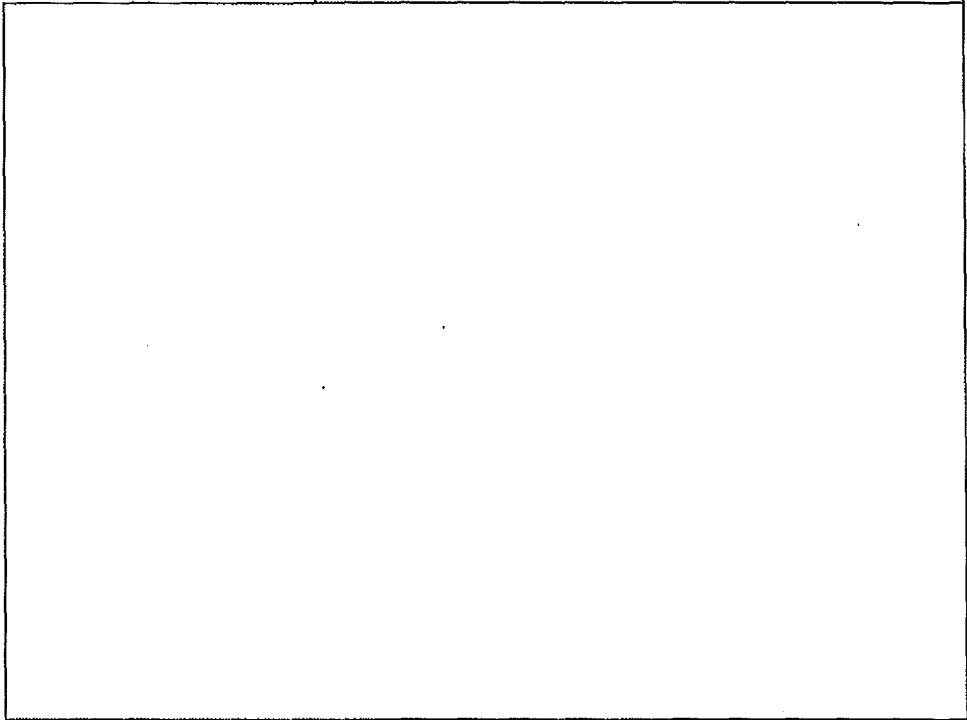


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[REDACTED] THERE IS A FAIRLY UNANIMOUS SENTIMENT WITHIN HQS THAT AZ WILL NEVER BE PLACED IN A SITUATION WHERE HE HAS ANY SIGNIFICANT CONTACT WITH OTHERS AND/OR HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE RELEASED. WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS AT THIS POINT, ALL MAJOR PLAYERS ARE IN CONCURRENCE THAT AZ SHOULD REMAIN INCOMMUNICADO FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS LIFE. THIS MAY PRECLUDE AZ FROM BEING TURNED OVER TO ANOTHER COUNTRY, BUT A FINAL DECISION REGARDING HIS FUTURE INCARCERATION CONDITION HAS YET TO BE MADE. [REDACTED]



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