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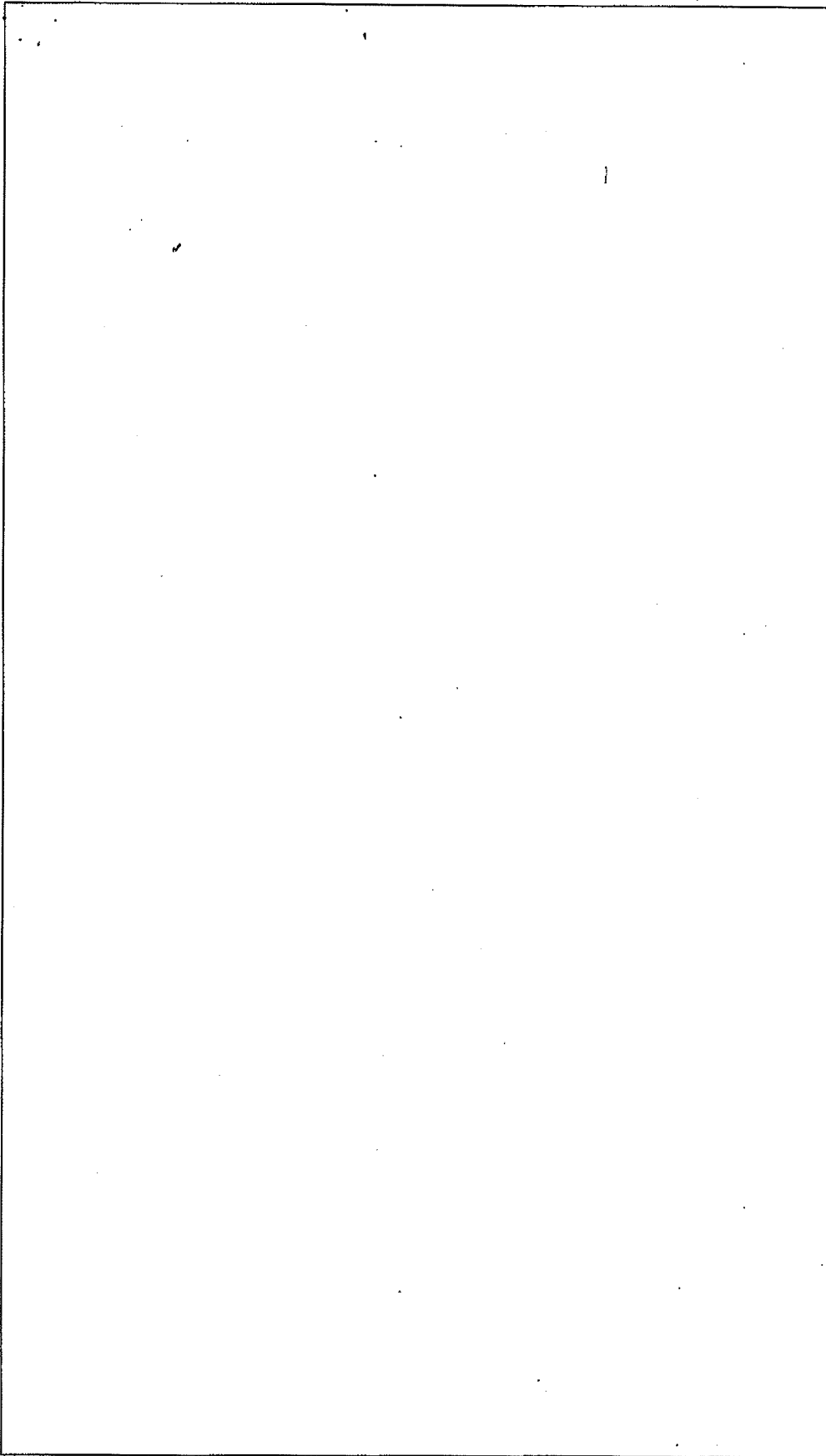
1. ACTION REQUIRED: REQUEST ALEC/HQS COMMENTS ON ESTABLISHING THE PRIORITY FOCUS OF THE ONGOING INTERROGATIONS OF ABU ZUBAYDAH. DEFER TO HQS FOR APPROPRIATE COORDINATION WITH FBI HQS.

2. AS ALL ARE AWARE, ABU ((ZUBAYDAH)) (SUBJECT) HAS NOW BEEN IN CUSTODY FOR ONE MONTH. CAPTURING THIS SENIOR AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVE AND DEPRIVING THE ORGANIZATION OF HIS LEADERSHIP AND COMMAND WAS A TREMENDOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT AND HAS NO DOUBT DEALT A TREMENDOUS BLOW TO

AL-QA'IDA AND POSSIBLY EVEN DISRUPTED ONGOING TERRORIST ACTIONS. THE THREAT, HOWEVER, HAS NOT DIMINISHED. SUBJECT HIMSELF HAS NOTED THAT IN RESPONSE TO HIS ARREST, HIS "BROTHERS" WILL ADJUST AND ADAPT. SINCE DAY ONE OF HIS ARREST, THE MAIN OBJECTIVE AND FOCUS OF THE INTERROGATION OF SUBJECT HAS BEEN TO OBTAIN CRITICAL INFORMATION ON HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THREATS TO OUR INTERESTS - BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITH THE INTENT OF COLLECTING SUFFICIENT DETAILS ON THESE ISSUES TO EFFECTIVELY COUNTER SUCH THREATS.

3. FACTORING IN THE TIME SPENT ATTENDING TO SUBJECT'S MEDICAL CONDITION, THE ACTUAL SYSTEMATIC INTERROGATION OF SUBJECT HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR 12 DAYS. DURING THIS TIME, THE INTERROGATION TEAM, WORKING IN COORDINATION WITH HEADQUARTERS, HAS ATTEMPTED TO COLLECT CRITICAL THREAT INFORMATION BY EMPLOYING VARIOUS CONDITIONING FACTORS. THESE TACTICS HAVE MET WITH A VARYING DEGREE OF SUCCESS AND THE INTERROGATION OF SUBJECT HAS RESULTED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS. SPECIFICALLY CONCERNING THREAT-RELATED INFORMATION, SUBJECT HAS PROVIDED DETAILS OF THREE POTENTIAL PLANS TO TARGET U.S. INTERESTS: 1) THE POTENTIAL THREAT TO CROWDED PLACES IN THE UNITED STATES, TO INCLUDE U.S. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; 2) THE REPORTED PLAN FOR AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVES TO BUILD A RADIOLOGICAL OR URANIUM ENHANCED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE TO BE DETONATED IN AN UNSPECIFIED U.S. LOCATION; AND 3) A PLAN INITIATED BY SUBJECT TO REMOTELY DETONATE EXPLOSIVES IN U.S. RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUILDINGS TO FACILITATE THE RELEASE OF SHAYKH 'UMAR 'ABD AL-(RAHMAN)).

THESE CHANGES HAVE INCLUDED INITIATING PERIODS OF SLEEP DEPRIVATION, PERIODS OF ISOLATION WITH AND WITHOUT LOUD MUSIC (SUBSTITUTION FOR WHITE NOISE GENERATORS), OR BY REMOVING ITEMS OF COMFORT SUCH AS THE THIN SLEEPING MATTRESS OR SUBJECT'S TOWELS. AT NO POINT HAS SUBJECT'S MEDICAL CARE BEEN DIMINISHED OR AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES.



IT HAS BEEN FULLY EXPLAINED TO SUBJECT THAT HE CONTROLS HIS OWN FATE AND ENVIRONMENT. IF HE IS WILLING TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE, CURRENT INFORMATION ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE, THEN HE WILL EXIST IN RELATIVE COMFORT. IF HE CHOOSES TO CONTINUE TO EVADE ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THREATS, HIS ENVIRONMENT WILL BE ADJUSTED THROUGH THE REMOVAL OF CREATURE COMFORTS, THE PLAYING OF LOUD (PHYSICALLY NON-HARMFUL) ROCK MUSIC DURING EXTENDED PERIODS OF ISOLATION, OR A RETURN TO THE CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS OF SLEEP DEPRIVATION. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IF THE INTERROGATORS WOULD IMMEDIATELY EMPLOY A COUNTER MEASURE, SUCH AS LEAVING THE ROOM AND DEPRIVING SUBJECT OF CREATURE COMFORTS, WE WOULD LOSE EVEN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF INFORMATION WE ARE OBTAINING TO DATE. BUT IN NOT DOING SO, SUBJECT BECOMES MORE CONFIDENT IN HIS COUNTER INTERROGATION ABILITIES.

10. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT AND DIALOGUE WITH HEADQUARTERS TO GUIDE THE CONDITIONING AS APPROPRIATE AND TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ALWAYS WITHIN BOTH OUR LEGAL AND MORAL REQUIREMENTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] GIVEN THE REALITIES AS OUTLINED ABOVE, WE WELCOME ALEC/HQS COMMENTS ON CLEARLY IDENTIFYING THE USG'S COLLECTION PRIORITIES AND WE WILL WORK TO ADDRESS THESE PRIORITIES IN THE MOST

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EFFECTIVE MANNER POSSIBLE. THANKS AND REGARDS.

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