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SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - POST-ISOLATION PHASE OF THE ABU ZUBAYDAH INTERROGATIONS

REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR HQS/ALEC DETAILS ON THE POST-ISOLATION PHASE OF THE ABU ZUBAYDAH INTERROGATIONS OR THE RECORD

2. ON 1 JULY 2002, HQS/ALEC HELD A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE POST-ISOLATION PHASE OF THE ((ABU ZUBAYDAH)) ((AZ)) INTERROGATIONS. HQS PRIMARY PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED CTC, CTC/COFS,

CTC/JBL AND CTC/WH. ((IC SERE PSYCHOLOGIST INTERROGATION TEAM MEMBERS

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FBI SA AND RETURNED FROM AND WERE PRESENT FOR THE MEETING. IN ADDITION TO FBI OFFICERS PRESENT WERE

REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTS/OAD, OMS, AND THE OFFICE OF SECURITY WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. AS IN THE PREVIOUS 4 JUNE MEETING, ALL PARTIES WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT AZ IS WITHHOLDING CRITICAL INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY ON DIRECT THREATS AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND OVERSEAS AND INFORMATION ABOUT AL-QA'IDA PRESENCE IN THE U.S.

3. CURRENT STATUS: AZ IS PRESENTLY IN THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF HIS ISOLATION PHASE. DURING THIS PHASE, HIS CONTACT WITH OUTSIDE INDIVIDUALS IS LIMITED TO A CIRCA 20 MINUTE DAILY MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR HIS LEG WOUND. AZ HAS NO CONTACT WITH ANY INTERROGATION PERSONNEL AND HAS ACCESS TO WRITING MATERIAL AS HIS SOLE METHOD OF COMMUNICATION. DURING THE ISOLATION PHASE, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN AZ'S COMPLAINTS ABOUT HIS MEDICAL CONDITION. THE TEAM ASSESS THAT THIS IS PROBABLY A TECHNIQUE TO TEST THE RESPONSIVENESS OF HIS MEDICAL CARE AND/OR INITIATE SOME LEVEL OF HUMAN CONTACT. FOR THE MOST PART, AZ APPEARS QUITE BORED AND SHOWS NO SIGNS OF SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTRESS.

THROUGHOUT HIS ISOLATION, AZ HAS MADE NO/NO ATTEMPT AT PROVIDING INFORMATION ON DIRECT THREATS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

4. POST-ISOLATION PHASE: THE 1 JULY MEETING FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON THE NEXT PHASE OF THE AZ INTERROGATIONS. IT WAS CONCLUDED THIS PHASE WOULD BE THE LAST HARD PUSH IN THE INTERROGATIONS OF AZ AND CONCENTRATE ON TWO MAJOR ISSUES: 1) PENDING TERRORIST ATTACKS PLANNED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES OR OUR INTERESTS OVERSEAS, AND 2) THE TERRORIST SUPPORT NETWORK IN AMERICA AND SAUDI ARABIA. THE POST-ISOLATION PHASE WILL LAST APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS, AFTER WHICH THE TEAM WILL RETURN TO IMPLEMENT THE NEXT PHASE. AS THIS IS A EXTREMELY FLUID SITUATION, AZ'S BEHAVIOR DURING THE POST-ISOLATION PHASE MAY REQUIRE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE GENERAL BLUEPRINT OUTLINED ABOVE AND BELOW. IN ADDITION, A FOLLOW-ON MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JULY TO OUTLINE THE SPECIFICS OF BELOW GENERAL STRATEGY.

5. POST-ISOLATION STRATEGY: IN APPROACHING THE POST-ISOLATION PHASE, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE MUST ACT IN A WAY OUTSIDE AZ'S EXPECTATIONS AND FOLLOW THROUGH ON OUR THREATS.

WHILE THE FIRST OF THESE THREATS FACILITATED THE 19 MAY "REVELATION," EACH SUBSEQUENT EPISODE LACKED THE PROMISED REPERCUSSIONS, A FACT THAT WAS NOT LOST ON AZ. AZ HAS REALIZED THAT HIS TREATMENT HAS NOT CHANGED -- A REALIZATION THAT HE HAS

PERCEIVED AS A VICTORY. AZ HAS ALSO SCORED A VICTORY IN HIS MIND BY GETTING OUR MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO RESPOND TO HIS CONCERNS, PARTICULARLY ABOUT BLOOD IN HIS SEMEN. THESE VICTORIES BOLSTER AZ'S RESOLVE AND RESISTANCE STRATEGY, THUS DECREASING THE LONG-TERM OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERROGATIONS.

6. POST-ISOLATION STRATEGY (CONT'D): IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE DYNAMICS OF THE INTERROGATIONS.

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Jessen WHICH MAY END WITH TIME SPENT IN THE CONFINEMENT BOX. PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF [REDACTED], OTS/OAD IS IN THE PROCESS OF ACQUIRING THE SERVICES OF [REDACTED], WHO IS WELL-VERSED IN CONDUCTING SERE-LIKE HOSTILE INTERROGATIONS.

THE POST-ISOLATION STRATEGY WILL IMPLEMENT A SERIES OF INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES AND TOOLS, ALL OF WHICH WILL WITHIN OUR LEGAL GUIDELINES.

7. CTC/LGL HAS EMPHASIZED THAT WE SHOULD NOT/RULE OUT ANY METHOD OF INTERROGATION WHATSOEVER, SO LONG AS THE INTERROGATION TEAM BELIEVES IT WILL BE EFFECTIVE. OF COURSE, HQS WILL NEED TO DOCUMENT IN ADVANCE THE LEGAL ANALYSIS FOR SUCH METHODS, TO ENSURE THAT OUR OFFICERS ARE PROTECTED; ALONG THESE LINES, IF/IF REQUIRED BY A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL, WE WILL ASK THE DUTY TO SEEK A FORMAL DECLINATION OF PROSECUTION FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR ANY SPECIFIC METHODS WHICH THE TEAM BELIEVES WOULD BE EFFECTIVE BUT WHICH MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE BE PERMISSIBLE. IN SHORT, RULE OUT NOTHING WHATSOEVER THAT YOU BELIEVE MAY BE EFFECTIVE; RATHER, COME ON BACK AND WE WILL GET YOU THE APPROVALS. CTC/LGL OFFICERS REMAIN AVAILABLE 24/7 TO ENSURE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE AND DOCUMENTATION ON ANY PROPOSALS, AND THE OFFICE AND CONTACT NUMBERS FOR CTC/LGL ARE PROVIDED

(IT MAY BE OBSERVED THAT THE APPLICABLE U.S. LAW WITH RESPECT TO INTERROGATION METHODS IS MORE PERMISSIVE THAN, SAY, THE COMPARABLE EUROPEAN OR ISRAELI LAW: WE LAWFULLY MAY EMPLOY METHODS THAT EVEN THE ISRAELIS MAY NOT).

8. HQS/ALEC WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESULTS FOLLOWING THE 8 JULY HQS MEETING. REGARDS.

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