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**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE TASK FORCE (CITF)
REPORT OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY****4. REMARKS**

Subject Interview of: (UNK) [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5

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On 18 Jul 03, [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5, Internment Serial Number (ISN) [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5

[REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5, Federal Bureau of Investigation, SA [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5

another US Government official at Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The interview was conducted in Pashtu

and translated by [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 provided the following information:

[REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 complained of being mistreated by US forces while in detention in Bagram and during his transit to Camp Delta. [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5

[REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 pointed to marks on his wrists that he claimed were caused by the shackles. Additionally,

[REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 claimed that he was upset by having to wear a hood while in transit and that guards did not respond to a pain in his

ear. Further, [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 alleged that the guards beat him. While in transit, [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 informed the translator of his ill and

was told that a doctor would see him later.

According to [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5, he was innocent of any offense. US forces came to his house while he was having a meal with

guests. US and Afghan military personnel entered his home and started searching. US forces showed

[REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 a picture of his brother that they had found in his house and asked who it was. [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 admitted that it was his brother,

and further stated that his brother was out of town. [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 was told that weapons had been found in his house, but

[REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 countered that they were actually found at his brother's house. [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 was extremely upset that he was

detained in front of the female members of his family and stated that he was innocent of any crime.

[REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 later modified his story regarding the weapons and admitted that only two weapons were found at this house. [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5

One of these weapons was a Kalashnikov and the other was a British weapon that did not work. During this later

recant, [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 stated that the two weapons were used for bird hunting. [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 further stated that any

additional weapons may be the property of his brother, and that if there were any weapons, they had been acquired from a

mujahadeen eight-to-ten years ago that was acquainted with his brother. Another theory suggested by

[REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 was that the weapons may belong a village leader, and reiterated that his brother would know the provenance of the

weapons. [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5

On multiple occasions, [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 asked that his accuser be presented to him. According to [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5, an enemy of his

family had perpetrated an unsubstantiated rumor that [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 had weapons. However, the basis for this allegation

was an argument that [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 brother [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-3 (phonetic) had had with [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-3 (phonetic).

[REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 and [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-3 had a long-standing disagreement over money. Further, [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 was in the Afghan

Army and used his relationship with US forces to convince the US that [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 had weapons at his house.

[REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 insisted that he had been wrongly accused and implicated with the weapons.

[REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5 described an added dimension to the conflict between his brother and "enemies of his family."

According to [REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5

[REDACTED] -b(7)(C)-5, a member of one tribe was killed, so someone from the offending tribe killed a member of the

opposing group. This occurred approximately eight years ago and was a factor in the animosity held against [REDACTED] family. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 b(7)(C)-3

[REDACTED] stated, "This man [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 is the cause."

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On multiple occasions, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 asked for proof that he had committed some offense. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 opined that if he were a

fighter, he would have killed [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-3 and then himself. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 insisted that he was a simple farmer and that it

was only the false allegations of [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-3 that had drawn the attention of the US onto [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 suggested

that his brother would straighten out the situation, but that US forces would not let him communicate with his brother. As an additional mark of his innocence, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 opined that there was no reason to arrest him and asked,

"why me and not my brothers?" who were also present at the meal. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 explained that his brother

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-3 had traveled to speak with a district official named [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-3 about a road that was to be built near

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 family compound, and that this was why his brother was unavailable to corroborate his story.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 insisted that he knew nothing of the weapons found by US forces in his family's compound. Further,

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 directed US forces to interview the people of his village. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 insisted that the people of the village would support

his story and corroborate that he knew nothing of the weapons and was just a simple farmer. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated that only

"commanders have weapons, little people don't," and that he was a simple, uneducated farmer. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 claimed to

be unable to read or write Pashtu. The only formal education he had was through religious training. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 did

admit to knowing a few words of Dari, but no other languages.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated that his family farmed a plot together and grew vegetables, specifically onions and pomegranates.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated that his hands were smooth and did not reflect hard manual labor because the "doctors gave him

something to soften them." To explain how his hands could heal from the rigors of farm work, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated that,

"my hands just got better" and "If you cut me it will heal in four months." [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 family had maintained the farm since moving to [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 from Jalalabad approximately four years

ago. Only [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5's brother [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-3 remained in Jalalabad. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 described that pomegranates were

planted in [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 the fall, but later changed this to planting in the spring and harvest in the fall. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 had no idea of how large this

year's crop of pomegranates would be. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 claimed that last year, his family harvested 50 man (phonetic)

of [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 pomegranates. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 family also has goats and cows. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 family also grows onions in one section

and grain [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 in another section of land. The entire family works the land and all of the family members live within a

compound together, but in separate houses. The individual families eat by themselves, but share a guesthouse for guests.

Further, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated that two of his brothers do not get along, but that the others are close.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 returned to the theme that certain elements in the village were happy to see him arrested by US forces and

said, "my enemies are very happy I was captured. They stab people in the back." Again, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 amended this

statement later by saying that he didn't personally have enemies, but that his brother did due to the

altercation

between his brother and [REDACTED] explained that his brother had a fight approximately ten days prior to his capture by US forces and implied that this was somehow linked to the bad blood between his brother and [REDACTED]

Further, it was possible that the weapons belonged to [REDACTED] (phonetic) a well-known commander. [REDACTED] admitted that if the weapons found in the compound had been new, he would be guilty. However, the weapons

really belonged to his brother. [REDACTED] could not have returned the weapons to anyone because once someone is

given a weapon, that person was responsible to the commander who provided it.

[REDACTED] denied being a member of the Taliban or Al Qaeda. Additionally, [REDACTED] had heard of the HIG, but heard it

for the first time approximately four months ago and did not know anything about the organization. Further,

[REDACTED] stated that the Taliban did not bring peace. Only since the US arrival has Afghanistan been peaceful.

[REDACTED] reiterated that the weapons had been provided eight-to-ten years ago. Further, [REDACTED] claimed that he told

US forces where to find five boxes of ammunition. [REDACTED] family brought the ammunition from Jalalabad when

they moved to the farm four years ago. Once again, [REDACTED] insisted that the ammunition was not his, but belonged

to his brother. [REDACTED] stated that there were no rocket-propelled grenades found on the premises. Further, the

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recoilless rifle found by US forces did not work and was rusted. [REDACTED] opined that it is probably "over a hundred

years old," but later modified this by saying that it was from his "grandfather's time." [REDACTED] maintained that he

knew nothing of any additional weapons that may have been found on his compound.

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