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On April 8, 2003, Special Agent (SA) [redacted]  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Detective [redacted]  
Port of Seattle Police, FBI Seattle Joint Terrorist Task Force,  
interviewed [redacted]  
[redacted] at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. [redacted] was present for  
[redacted] translation. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] is very concerned about recent events which  
happened to some of his Muslim brothers at Camp Delta. These  
brothers violated some small rules of the camp and were sent to  
isolation. As an added punishment, they were forced to shave their  
beards. [redacted] explained that the Prophet Mohamed told Muslim  
men they should wear beards, and because of this, pious Muslim men  
today wear long beards. [redacted]

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[redacted] seeks to emulate the ways of the Prophet Mohamed and his  
early followers, since this was the time when Islam was in its  
purest state. Wearing beards is one of the methods used to emulate  
the Prophet Mohamed.

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[redacted] indicated that many detainees are very angry  
about these brothers who were forced to shave their beards, and  
consider it as an attack on their religion. He said that other  
actions by camp guards have also angered the detainees, such as  
some guards making fun of them while they are praying and having  
their Qurans taken away as punishment for breaking rules. Although  
the guards no longer make fun of their prayers, and they do not  
take away their Qurans unless they are in isolation, the detainees  
still see these incidents as evidence their religion is being  
threatened.

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[redacted] cannot understand the correlation between  
breaking camp rules and having their beards shaved. The  
interviewers told him they are unaware of this practice, but would  
ask questions of the military to see why this occurs.

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[redacted] said that he is in good health, he is fed  
well, or at least as well as the other detainees, and the guards  
are treating him with respect.

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The interviewers asked [redacted] again if he was  
affiliated with [redacted]

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SA [redacted]

Detective [redacted]

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once on the Al Jazeera news channel, but cannot remember what he said, other than telling some type of story.

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[REDACTED] does not believe killing innocents is right and says that the Quran forbids this. He added that God will judge everyone's actions in the end. He believes the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 was wrong.

While discussing the Palestinian/Israeli conflict, [REDACTED] said that God is on the side of the Palestinians and they will ultimately prevail. He added that the Jews are aware of this, although they do not like it.

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[REDACTED] said that throughout history, anyone who has fought against Muslims has ultimately been defeated, since God is always on their side. He gave the following examples:

The Soviet/Afghan War - while it took over ten years, the Muslims ultimately prevailed. [REDACTED] said this was a true jihad, defending an attack on Islam. After their defeat, the Soviet Union broke apart into many different countries.

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Yugoslavia Conflict - the Serbs slaughtered innocent Muslims, but eventually they were defeated and Yugoslavia fractured into many smaller countries.

Chechnya - the Russians are killing many Muslims here, but they are losing. It is just a matter of time before they are defeated.

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[REDACTED] stated that if America fights Islam, they will be defeated because God is always on the side of Islam. If America only fights terrorism, America will win, because God is not on the side of terrorists.

The interviewers reminded [REDACTED] they will only be able to meet with him one or perhaps two more times before they are assigned to other detainees, so the time is drawing near when it will be too late for him to tell the entire truth about his experiences in Afghanistan.

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[REDACTED] detainees who were associates of SHEIKH BIN LADEN.

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The interviewers said that this evidence tends to incriminate him, especially if he refuses to relate the truth about his Afghanistan experiences.

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[REDACTED] He did not answer the question and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] quickly changed the subject from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and began talking generally about Islam.

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The interviewers then told [REDACTED] that they do not believe he is truthful in his account of his activities in Afghanistan. The interviewers gave the following account of what they believe he did during his trip to Afghanistan:

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[REDACTED] (S)  
During this discussion, [REDACTED] looked at the interviewers intently and nodded at regular intervals.

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The interviewers asked [REDACTED] regarding his opinion of SHEIKH BIN LADEN (USAMA BIN LADEN). He said he does not know SHEIKH BIN LADEN personally, and he does not know what is in his heart, so he cannot judge his actions. This, he said, is God's responsibility and His alone.

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He further said he has never met SHEIKH BIN LADEN, and he has never heard of his fatwa (religious ruling) against the Jews and Crusaders, authorizing and commanding Muslims to kill Americans wherever they find them. [REDACTED] said he is unfamiliar with SHEIKH BIN LADEN's messages or his beliefs. He saw him interviewed

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The interviewers thanked [REDACTED] for his time and concluded the interview.

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