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[redacted] was interviewed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba by Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent [redacted] and US Army linguist SGT [redacted]

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The interview was conducted in Arabic with translation provided by SGT [redacted]. After explaining the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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This interview of [redacted] was conducted at 0330.

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This interview, was the first interview in the past two weeks conducted without Secret Service SA [redacted]

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Observed during this interview, [redacted] following his behavior from the last interview conducted by SA [redacted] was fully and completely engaged in the interview. [redacted] maintained very good eye contact with SA [redacted] and was seen reciting the Koran on only a couple of occasions but only while dialogue was being translated. [redacted] appeared to be physically tired and complained of being mentally exhausted.

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Upon entering, the interviewing agent greeted [redacted] and asked him how he was feeling. He replied he was fine. The interviewing agent apologized to [redacted] for not being at the last interview but stated he was able to get a meeting with the Commanding General regarding his current isolation condition. The results of [redacted] meeting with the General was explained to [redacted]. He was told the Commanding General was not going to remove [redacted] from isolation until [redacted] is completely cooperative and has been truthful on all pertinent issues. [redacted] was informed, SA [redacted] was able to convince the Commanding General to allow the interviewing agent to return the Koran to [redacted]

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In reality, a Department of Defense order from the Secretary of Defense mandated all detainees, regardless of reward level, would have a Koran which could not be taken away. In an effort to use this to his advantage, the interviewing agent made it appear as if he was able to win something back for [redacted]. For effect, a Koran was sitting on the table and [redacted] was told he

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[redacted] to a court where guilt or innocence [redacted] viewing agent [redacted] explained to [redacted] 3
[redacted] it is not his job to fabricate statements or evidence nor is it his job to pass judgement or determine punishment. [redacted]
[redacted] needs to understand the interviewing agent is not here to condemn or punish him but to gather the facts as they are presented to him.

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The point was made to [redacted] the interviewing agent can work with him to ensure his story is accurately documented so he gets a fair hearing. [redacted] stated he was sure he was going to die in his isolation cell and if he dies then the interviewing agent would lose his case. The interviewing agent quickly responded it's not his case to win or lose but [redacted]. The point was made, [redacted] has everything to win or lose not the interviewing agent.

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[redacted] then began to reverse himself by stating, if he died in isolation, under these conditions, he would be a martyr and the longer he stays in isolation the more strength and resolve he gets to this end. The interviewing agent told [redacted] he was now confused because earlier he indicated he was growing weak and was unable to think due to his condition.

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The interviewing agent and [redacted] entered into a long discussion on God's plan for each person. [redacted] stated every decision we make has already been decided by God. The interviewing agent asked [redacted] to consider that God presents us with choices and bestowed the gift of free will to make our own decisions. The interviewing agent used the example of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, where God gave them the choice to eat the fruit from the forbidden tree. If God knew what they were going to decide, or determined what they were going to do ahead of time, why would he not have just thrown them out instead of setting them up for certain failure. [redacted] replied he could not answer that.

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The interviewing agent made the point, [redacted] can make a decision and even if God preordains our decision, how does [redacted] know that God does not want him to help himself by talking. After all, just as God brought [redacted] here, He too brought the interviewing agent here for a purpose.

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At approximately 0540, the interviewing agent ended the interview and permitted [redacted] to pray. Prior to departing, the interviewing agent told [redacted] he should eat the fruit and drink the water he brought for him since it was God who required him to bring it and it would not be good for the food to go to waste.

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A request to the Joint Detention Operations Group was made to have the medical staff examine [redacted]. Further, a request to determine if [redacted] did return to his cell with the Koran offered to him by the interviewing agent.

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[redacted] to his cell when the interview was over. [redacted] not need a K~~0~~7~~2~~/A~~3~~d did not want one in his cell. The interviewing agent told [redacted] if he did not want to take the one on the table back with him, then one may be placed in his cell and it would be his choice to use it or not.

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The interviewing agent told [redacted] he had spoken with SA [redacted] about their last meeting and SA [redacted] was very encouraged by the exchange and dialogue they had. The interviewing agent stated, he hoped they would continue to keep the dialogue open so they could work towards solving his problem and arrive at a conclusion to his situation.

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[redacted] replied he could not talk because the mental pressure and stress he is under is not allowing him think straight. Through out the interview, [redacted] complained of the mental stress and pressure he was feeling by being in isolation. He complained of not being able to eat, drink or sleep correctly and this was brining him down physically. He complained he was sure he was catching something in his lungs from the bad air in his cell. The interviewing agent asked if [redacted] was getting enough to eat and drink and if he wanted to see the doctor. [redacted] responded by saying he was not going to take any medication. The interviewing agent told [redacted] that was not what he was asking but the interviewing agent had a responsibility to inform the medical staff about his health. The interviewing agent explained they had a responsibility to taken care of him and would continue to do so.

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[redacted] stated he is willing to talk once he is moved out of isolation. The interviewing agent responded by saying he understands how [redacted] must feel and how frustrated he is by his current situation. He stated that if he was in the same position as [redacted] he would feel the same way. However, he also told him, he must come to accept that in order to change his situation he must first cooperate.

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[redacted] stated, for the first time, the General or your superiors put me in isolation in order to put mental pressure on me and bring me to my weakest point. He stated he has been in isolation for 12 days and it is not allowing him to make any decisions. This is of significance to the interviewing team since it seems [redacted] now accepts it was the General who moved him to isolation, not the interviewing agent. Further, the fact [redacted] continues to count his days in isolation indicates he does not really intend to remain there the rest of his life, which he has stated he is prepared to do.

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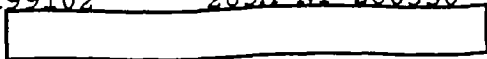
During the interview, the interviewing agent asked [redacted] if he understood who the interviewing agent was and what his job responsibilities were. This question was asked in response to [redacted] belief the investigators mission was simply to extract a confession from [redacted]. The interviewing agent explained, in the West, his job was to collect the facts, evidence and statements and ensure that everything was completely documented as accurately as possible. The evidence, statements and results of

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