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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLS SEE BELOW FOR APPROVAL FOR APPLICATION OF ENHANCED MEASURES TO 'ABD AL-RAHIM AL-NASHIRI. SEPARATE CABLE WILL FOLLOW REGARDING TIMING OF SUBJECT'S ARRIVAL AT [redacted]

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2. BASED UPON PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION AND HQS ASSESSMENT THAT 'ABD AL-RAHIM AL-((NASHIRI)) AKA ((MULLAH BILLAL)) HAS ACCESS TO PERISHABLE THREAT INFORMATION THAT HE WILL NOT WILLINGLY SHARE, THIS CABLE CONSTITUTES APPROVALS FOR ENHANCED INTERROGATION

MEASURES TO BE EMPLOYED AGAINST NASHIRI AS OUTLINED BELOW. THIS CABLE WAS COORDINATED WITH [REDACTED]

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3. BACKGROUND ON NASHIRI: ABD AL-RAHIM AL-NASHIRI, A SAUDI NATIONAL, LONGTIME MAJOR AL-QA'IDA PERSONALITY AND TERRORIST OPERATIONS PLANNER WAS INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN PLANNING BOTH THE USS COLE AND EAST AFRICA US EMBASSY BOMBINGS. HE ALSO WAS INVOLVED IN SEVERAL OTHER THWARTED ATTACKS, INCLUDING A 1998 PLOT TO SMUGGLE SAGGER MISSILES INTO SAUDI ARABIA FROM YEMEN FOR USE IN AN OPERATION AGAINST US MILITARY INTERESTS. HE RECRUITED HIS OWN COUSIN "JIHAD" TO BE THE SUICIDE DRIVER FOR THE US EMBASSY BOMBING IN TANZANIA. MOST RECENTLY NASHIRI HAS BEEN NAMED BY SEVERAL AL-QA'IDA DETAINEES AS THE OPERATIVE RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING ATTACKS ON US SHIPS AND OIL TANKERS IN THE GULF AND ELSEWHERE. HE IS IN DIRECT CONTACT AND COORDINATING PLANS WITH KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMED AND KHALLAD BIN 'ATTASH.

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4. PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF NASHIRI: DURING THE RENDITION SUBJECT WAS ALERT AND APPEARED ORIENTED TO THE SITUATION. NO EVIDENCE OF PSYCHOSIS OR SEVERE MENTAL DISORDER WAS OBSERVED. HE WAS TEARFUL AND DISTRESSED, BUT NOT IN EXCESS TO THE SITUATION. HE WAS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND COMPLEX NONVERBAL COMMANDS. DURING THE FLIGHT TO

[REDACTED] THE SUBJECT SLEPT OR REMAINED QUIET APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] HOURS. HE MADE ONE REQUEST IN ENGLISH FOR WATER IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING THE AIRCRAFT, AND DID NOT SPEAK AGAIN. HE DISPLAYED NO EMOTIONS DURING THE FLIGHT. DURING THE SHORT [REDACTED] NOVEMBER 2002, INTERVIEW, CONDUCTED TO COMPLETE THE MENTAL STATUS EXAMINATION AND ASSESS RESISTANCE POSTURE, THE SUBJECT WAS ALERT AND ORIENTED TO THE

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SITUATION. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF PSYCHOSIS OR SEVERE PSYCHOPATHOLOGY. SUBJECT APPEARED ARROGANT. HIS BEHAVIOR SEEMED COMPOSED, ORGANIZED AND GOAL DIRECTED, IN THE SENSE THAT HE RESPONDED

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TO QUESTIONS WITH QUESTIONS, MADE DEMANDS AND WAS IN CONTROL OF HIS

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EMOTIONS. WHAT LITTLE EMOTIONAL DISTRESS HE DISPLAYED APPEARED FEIGNED AND CONTRIVED TO DELAY OR DIVERT THE INTERVIEW. THESE OBSERVATIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH [REDACTED] ASSESSMENT THAT THE SUBJECT,

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THOUGH DISTRESSED ABOUT HIS CAPTURE, DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE SEVERE MENTAL PROBLEMS. THEY WERE INCONSISTENT WITH [REDACTED] SUGGESTION THAT HE MIGHT BREAK AND WAS READY TO TALK. BASED ON THE ABOVE OBSERVATIONS IT IS THE OPINION OF HVTI PSYCHOLOGIST [REDACTED] THAT THE

SUBJECT IS UNLIKELY TO SUFFER FROM A SEVERE MENTAL DISORDER AND IS NO

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MORE AT RISK FOR SEVERE OR PROLONGED MENTAL HARM FROM ENHANCED INTERROGATION METHODS THAN ANY OTHER CAPTIVE IN A SIMILAR SITUATION.

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5. AN [ ] STAFF PSYCHOLOGIST REVIEWED REF MENTAL STATUS EXAM INFORMATION AND, BASED ON THE DATA PRESENTED, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT AL-NASHIRI WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENDURE ALL THE ENHANCED INTERROGATION MEASURES PROPOSED REF. THERE IS ALSO NO INDICATION THAT ENHANCED INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES WOULD CAUSE AL-NASHIRI SEVERE, PROFOUND, OR PERMANENT PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM.

6. JUSTIFICATION FOR APPLICATION OF ENHANCED MEASURES: WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS DETAINEES ON NASHIRI AND HIS PENDING OPERATIONS. [ ]

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[ ] IN ADDITION, WE STRONGLY SUSPECT THAT TAWFIQ MUHAMMAD ((BIN ATTASH)) AKA ((KHALLAD)) WAS JOINTLY COORDINATING HIS ACTIVITIES WITH NASHIRI, AS THEY WERE BOTH ORCHESTRATORS IN THE U.S.S. COLE AND EAST AFRICA BOMBINGS ATTACKS. WE HAVE SO FAR UNCOVERED NASHIRI'S PLOTS TO SINK SHIPS IN THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ,

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BASED UPON NASHIRI'S POSITION IN THE AL-QA'IDA HIERARCHY, HIS TRAINING AT AL-QA'IDA CAMPS WHICH INCLUDES COUNTER-INTERROGATION, SEE ASSESSMENT PARA 6, TECHNIQUES AND HIS OBVIOUS INTENT OF KILLING AMERICANS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE NASHIRI WILL BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER INFORMATION TO INTERROGATORS. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT ENHANCED MEASURES MUST BE EMPLOYED TO LEARN WHAT NASHIRI PLANNED OPERATIONS ARE IMMINENT IN ORDER TO SAVE LIVES.

7. ASSESSMENT OF NASHIRI'S LIKELY RESISTANCE TO INTERROGATION: IT IS HVTI PSYCHOLOGIST [ ] JUDGMENT THAT THE SUBJECT IS A SOPHISTICATED RESISTER AND IS LIKELY TO HAVE SOME BACKGROUND IN RESISTANCE TO INTERROGATION TRAINING, EITHER THROUGH SELF STUDY OR FORMAL TRAINING. [ ]

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[REDACTED] DURING THE SHORT [REDACTED] NOVEMBER 2002, INTERVIEW, CONDUCTED  
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(b)(3) NatSecAct [REDACTED] THE SUBJECT'S RESISTANCE POSTURE WAS CHARACTERIZED BY AN  
ORGANIZED AND CONCERTED EFFORT TO STALL, DELAY, AND DISRUPT THE  
INTERVIEW. AS NOTED ABOVE, HE ANSWERED QUESTIONS WITH QUESTIONS,  
MADE DEMANDS, AND FEIGNED AN INABILITY TO COMPREHEND BASED ON HIS  
PHYSICAL CONDITION. HIS COMPOSURE MADE HIM APPEAR UNCONCERNED  
ABOUT  
THE SITUATION HE WAS IN. ONE POSSIBILITY IS THAT THE SLEEP HE  
OBTAINED ON THE PLANE RIDE TO [REDACTED] HELPED HIM RECONSTITUTE.  
THE  
INTERVIEW WAS KEPT SHORT, SO THAT HE COULD NOT GET COMFORTABLE  
WITH  
THE INTERROGATORS AND SO AS NOT TO REINFORCE HIS USE OF RESISTANCE  
TECHNIQUES IN A SETTING WHERE OUR RESPONSES WERE LIMITED. WE  
RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING INITIAL INTERROGATION PLAN:

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8. APPROVAL FOR ENHANCED MEASURES: APPROVAL IS THEREFORE  
GRANTED TO IMMEDIATELY EMPLOY ENHANCED MEASURES AS NECESSARY TO  
EXTRACT THIS INFORMATION. BASE HAS AT ITS DISPOSAL TWO OF THE  
MOST QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED TRAINED HVTI PSYCHOLOGISTS WHO HAVE  
SUCCESSFULLY USED THESE MEASURES AGAINST ABU ZUBAYDAH. BASE ALSO  
HAS THE REQUISITE MEDICAL PERSONNEL ON HAND TO MONITOR THE  
PHYSICAL RESPONSES AND TO INTERVENE AS NECESSARY SHOULD ANY  
EMERGENCIES ARISE.

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