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TEXT:

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1. ACTION REQUIRED: (b)(1)

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2. SUMMARY:

INTERROGATION PHASE OF SENIOR AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVE 'ABD AL-RAHIM AL-((NASHIRI)) AKA ((MULLAH BILAL)) (SUBJECT), SUBJECT UNDERWENT THREE SEPARATE DEBRIEFING SESSIONS.

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4. THE FIRST INTERROGATION SESSION BEGAN AT 1102 HOURS WHEN SECURITY TEAM, INTERROGATORS AND TRANSLATOR ENTERED THE CELL. SUBJECT WAS REMOVED FROM THE LARGE BOX BY SECURITY TEAM MEMBERS AND WAS MOVED TO THE WALLING WALL, HOODED. THE ROLLED TOWEL/NECK SUPPORT WAS PLACED AROUND HIS NECK, AND INTERROGATORS ASKED SUBJECT TO REPEAT WHAT HE HAD BEEN LEFT TO THINK OVER SINCE THE LAST TIME THEY TALKED; SUBJECT HAD BEEN LEFT WITH THE DIRECTION TO THINK OF ONGOING OPERATIONS THAT HE KNEW ABOUT. SUBJECT SAID HE WOULD COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY, AND RELATED THAT HE HAD MET

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AFTER AN ATTENTION GRAB BY INTERROGATOR, SUBJECT MODIFIED HIS CLAIM SOMEWHAT

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5. [Redacted]

ASKED THEIR NAMES, SUBJECT REMAINED MUTE -- AFTER INTERROGATORS POINTED TO THE WATER TABLE AND ASKED SUBJECT IF GOING TO THAT WOULD IMPROVE HIS MEMORY, SUBJECT SUPPLIED THE NAMES

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[REDACTED] USING AN ATTENTION GRAB, INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT THEY HAD ASKED HIM TO TELL THEM ABOUT CURRENT THINGS, STATING THAT AS THE KEY LINK FOR AL-QA'IDA TO THE GULF REGION HE KNEW THE INFORMATION THEY WERE AFTER. WHEN SUBJECT SHOOK HIS HEAD TO THE CONTRARY, THE WALLING TECHNIQUE WAS APPLIED ONCE; SUBJECT PROTESTED THAT HE WAS NOT LYING AND WANTED TO COOPERATE.

6. ASKED WHAT OPERATIONS HE HAD BEEN PLANNING WITH KHALID SHAYKH ((MUHAMMAD)) AKA ((MUKHTAR)) (KSM) FOR SAUDI ARABIA, SUBJECT STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER MET KSM; THE WALLING TECHNIQUE WAS APPLIED SEVERAL TIMES. ASKED WHEN HE LAST TALKED TO KSM, SUBJECT RESPONDED THAT HE HAD ONLY MET KSM TWICE. THE FIRST TIME WAS ON A ROAD IN AFGHANISTAN WHEN THE MUJAHIDIN WERE FLEEING FROM KABUL TO KHOST FOLLOWING THE U.S.-LED BOMBING CAMPAIGN; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE SECOND TIME HE MET WITH KSM WAS IN KARACHI, PAKISTAN; SUBJECT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW KARACHI WELL, SO COULD NOT PROVIDE AN EXACT LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING, [REDACTED]

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8. [REDACTED]

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9. THE SECOND INTERROGATION SESSION BEGAN AT 1313 HOURS, AND PICKED UP WHERE THE FIRST SESSION LEFT OFF. SUBJECT REMAINED STANDING AT THE WALLING WALL WITH THE ROLLED TOWEL/NECK SUPPORT AROUND HIS NECK WHILE THE HOOD WAS SLOWLY REMOVED FROM HIS HEAD BY THE INTERROGATOR. INTERROGATORS AND SUBJECT CONTINUED TO WORK THROUGH THE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT PROVIDED DURING THE MORNING SESSION; DETAILS ON THESE PEOPLE ARE PROVIDED BELOW IN PARA 13. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LIST OF NAMES, SUBJECT LOOKED INSOLENTLY AT ONE INTERROGATOR; THE SECOND INTERROGATOR IMMEDIATELY SLAPPED THE WALLING WALL AND USED AN ATTENTION GRAB, SURPRISING AND STARTLING SUBJECT. SUBJECT WAS TOLD TO NEVER, EVER GET THAT LOOK ON HIS FACE AGAIN, TO DISPOSE OF ANY EMOTION, BE COOPERATIVE, AND GET BACK TO WORK. ASKED WHAT ELSE HE HAD TO SAY, SUBJECT WHISPERED THAT HE HAD NOTHING ELSE.

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[Redacted] INTERROGATORS FURTHER SAID THAT SUBJECT ALREADY HAD U.S. BLOOD ON HIS HANDS, AND THE ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS COULD JUST SAVE HIS LIFE. SUBJECT ASKED WHETHER INTERROGATORS WANTED HIM TO TALK ABOUT THIS SUBJECT, NOTING THAT IT WAS OLD ... HE SAID THAT IN 1995 HE WENT TO YEMEN INTERROGATORS CUT HIM OFF, DEMANDING TO KNOW

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JECT REPEATED THAT HE KNEW NOTHING [Redacted]

[Redacted] INTERROGATORS IMMEDIATELY USED THE ROLLED TOWEL/NECK SUPPORT WITH AN ATTENTION GRAB TO MOVE SUBJECT OVER TO THE SMALL BOX. NOTING THAT HE HAD BEEN DOING SO WELL UP UNTIL THAT POINT, SUBJECT WAS TOLD TO GET INTO THE SMALL BOX; SUBJECT COMPLIED, AND WAS TOLD THAT THIS CONVERSATION WOULD CONTINUE LATER. SUBJECT WAS LOCKED IN THE SMALL BOX AT 1434 HOURS, AND INTERROGATION TEAM DEPARTED THE CELL.

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11. [Redacted]

[Redacted] SUBJECT, WHO BY THIS TIME HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE SMALL BOX AND WAS SEATED, HOODED, ON THE FLOOR, WAS STOOD UP AND MOVED TO THE WALLING WALL. SUBJECT'S HOOD WAS REMOVED, AND INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT THAT THEY WERE NOW GOING TO DISCUSS [Redacted]

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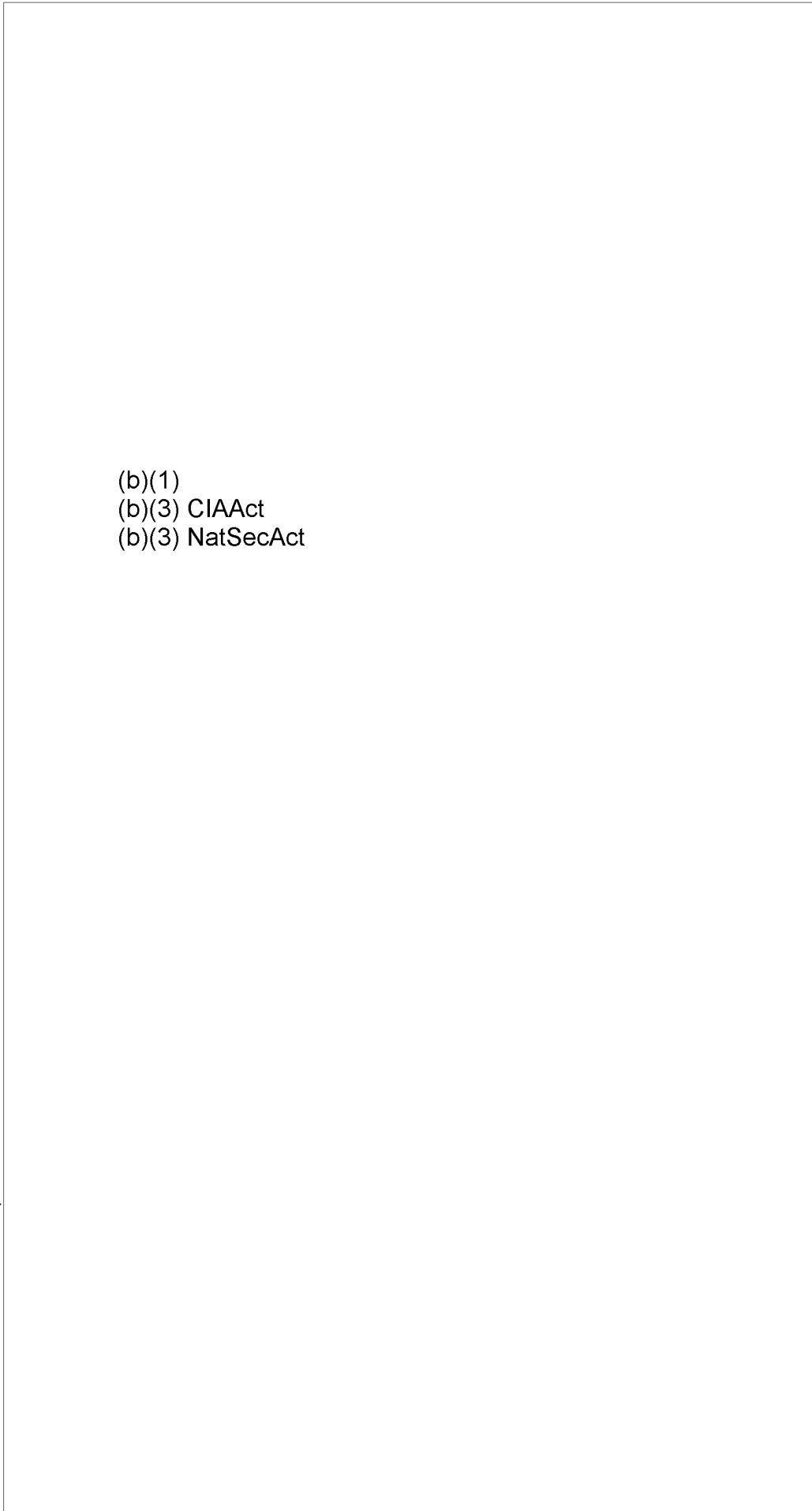
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