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TEXT:

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1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI ONLY. DEFER TO HEADQUARTERS FOR DISSEMINATION OF ALL OR PART OF THE BELOW IN INTEL FORMAT.

2. SUMMARY: ON [ ] NOVEMBER, [ ] AGGRESSIVE INTERROGATION PHASE OF SENIOR AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVE 'ABD AL-RAHIM AL-((NASHIRI)) AKA MULLAH ((BILAL)) (SUBJECT), SUBJECT UNDERWENT TWO SEPARATE INTERROGATION SESSIONS. THE FIRST SESSION LASTED FROM 1107 - 1252 HOURS LOCAL TIME; A DETAILED READOUT OF THIS SESSION WAS PROVIDED IN REF A. THE SECOND SESSION LASTED FROM 1655 - 1850 HOURS, AND BEGAN WITH SUBJECT SITTING ON THE WATER BOARD. INTERROGATORS AGAIN REVIEWED WITH SUBJECT WHAT HE KNEW REGARDING REF B PARA TWO B OPERATIONS AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS IN SAUDI ARABIA. THEY ALSO COVERED WHAT OTHER DETAINEES HAD SAID ABOUT SUBJECT; ULTIMATELY, INTERROGATORS APPLIED ONE WATER BOARD TREATMENT TO SUBJECT DURING THIS INTERROGATION SESSION.

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3. THE SECOND INTERROGATION SESSION ON [ ] NOVEMBER 2002 BEGAN AT 1655 HOURS, WHEN SECURITY TEAM, INTERROGATORS [ ] (b)(3) CIAAct AND LINGUIST [ ] ENTERED THE CELL, WHERE SUBJECT WAS SEATED, HOODED ON THE FLOOR. SUBJECT WAS MADE TO SIT ON THE WATER TABLE, HIS HOOD WAS REMOVED, AND THE INTERROGATION BEGAN. INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT THAT THEY WERE HERE TO TALK.

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4. INTERROGATORS ADVISED SUBJECT THAT HE WAS JUST SHADOWBOXING WITH THEM; SUBJECT CLAIMED THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL ANY OTHER PROJECT HE HAD ADOPTED OR WORKED WITH, AND STATED THAT HE WAS TRYING TO RECALL ALL THE LITTLE THINGS HE COULD TO BE ABLE TO TELL INTERROGATORS. HE REITERATED HIS OFT-REPEATED CLAIM NOT TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY OPERATION SAVE THAT OF THE HORMUZ, AND HIS OWN PORT RASHID PLAN. SUBJECT BEGAN TO BABBLE ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL HE THOUGHT

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[ ] HE HAD REPORTED DURING THE MORNING SESSION. INTERROGATOR TOLD SUBJECT THAT HE WAS RUNNING OUT OF TIME, AND ASKED WHY SUBJECT

WAS NOT TELLING THEM WHAT THEY WANTED TO KNOW. SUBJECT RESPONDED

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SUBJECT HAS PROVIDED NUMEROUS ACCOUNTS OF HOW INDIVIDUALS WHO APPEAR DURING INTERROGATIONS TO BE TYING SUBJECT TO PLANNING FOR FUTURE ATTACKS WERE SHUNTED OFF BY SUBJECT SO HE COULD FOCUS ON THE HORMUZ AND PORT RASHID OPERATIONS.) INTERROGATORS ASKED IF, GIVEN THE ABOVE, WHEN DETAINED THIS INDIVIDUAL WOULD THEN SAY THAT SUBJECT GAVE HIM THE MONEY FOR THIS OPERATION, AND TOLD HIM TO DO IT? SUBJECT SAID THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE, BECAUSE TO AVOID BEING FOUND GUILTY, MEN WOULD OFTEN SAY THIS.

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7. SUBJECT WAS WARNED TO LISTEN CAREFULLY: HE HAD ONLY "JUST TURNED ON THE TAP A TINY BIT, AND ALLOWED A SMALL TRICKLE OF INFORMATION TO GET THROUGH." IT WAS THE RIGHT INFORMATION, BUT NOT ENOUGH; SUBJECT WAS TOLD HE COULD NOT SAVE HIMSELF FROM THIS PLACE UNTIL HE OPENED THE "VALVE" COMPLETELY TO LET THE INFORMATION FLOW. SUBJECT WAS TOLD IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT HE HAD BETTER OPEN THAT VALVE WIDE, OR HE WOULD FIND HIMSELF RETURNING TO THE SAME SITUATION HE WAS IN EARLIER (I.E., APPLICATION OF THE WATER TREATMENT). SUBJECT, SNIVELLING, PLEADED THAT HE WAS DOING HIS BEST TO HELP INTERROGATORS. INTERROGATIONS AGAIN DEMANDED SUBJECT TELL THEM THE DETAILS

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INTERROGATORS REMINDED SUBJECT THAT THEY REALLY DIDN'T CARE WHETHER SUBJECT PROVIDED THE INFORMATION TO THEM, OR TO A NICER PERSON UNDER NICER CONDITIONS, ADDING THAT THE LAST TIME SUBJECT WAS SOMEWHAT HELPFUL, HE WAS STRAPPED TO THE WATER TABLE.

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[REDACTED] INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT  
THERE WAS ANOTHER PROBLEM WITH EVERYTHING HE WAS TELLING THEM: IT  
WAS ALL THE SAME INFORMATION THEY HAD PROVIDED HIM PREVIOUSLY, AND  
NOTED THAT HE HAD BETTER REALLY TURN ON THAT FAUCET. INTERROGATORS  
DRIBBLED A BIT OF COLD WATER ON SUBJECT'S CHEST, ASKING HIM OF HE  
COULD TELL HOW COLD THIS WAS; SUBJECT CRIED NO, AND SAID HE DIDN'T  
KNOW WHAT INTERROGATORS KNEW BECAUSE HE DIDN'T KNOW (SIC).  
INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT THE ABOVE SCENARIO WAS JUST THE TYPE OF  
INFORMATION THEY WANTED, NOTING THAT THERE WERE MANY SUCH OPERATIONS  
SUBJECT DIDN'T WANT TO BE BOTHERED WITH. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND HIS OWN IDEAS REGARDING THE SHIP IN PORT, NOTING THAT  
HE WAS TRYING VERY HARD TO TELL INTERROGATORS EVERYTHING HE KNEW.

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13. INTERROGATORS ASKED SUBJECT WHAT STORY HE CREATED FOR  
[REDACTED] SUBJECT REMAINED MUTE. INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT THEY

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BELIEVED HE WAS PLAYING WITH THEM - TAKING THEIR WORDS AND FEEDING THEM BACK TO THEM. INTERROGATORS DEMANDED THAT SUBJECT TELL THEM AT HE TOLD [REDACTED] SUBJECT STATED THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL, THEN SAID THAT HE DIDN'T CONTINUE THIS LINE OF QUESTIONING [REDACTED]

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14. INTERROGATORS ABRUPTLY PLACED THE ROLLED TOWEL/NECK SUPPORT AROUND SUBJECT'S NECK, TELLING HIM THAT SUBJECT WAS ABUSING THEIR GOOD WILL, AS SUBJECT WAS CONTINUING TO FEED INTERROGATORS' INFORMATION BACK TO THEM. INTERROGATORS DEMANDED SUBJECT GET BACK AND LIE DOWN ON THE TABLE; SUBJECT, CRYING, COMPLIED SLOWLY. AS INTERROGATORS STRAPPED SUBJECT TO THE WATER TABLE, SUBJECT CRIED AND PLEADED THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REPEATING OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL. SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT TELLING INTERROGATORS ABOUT CONVERSATIONS HE ALREADY HAD WOULD NOT GET SUBJECT IN TROUBLE, BUT MAKING THINGS UP SURE WOULD. SUBJECT DENIED THAT HE MADE THINGS UP; INTERROGATORS REPLIED THAT HE JUST HAD. SUBJECT SAID THAT ALL HE HAD TOLD INTERROGATORS WAS THE TRUTH, AND THAT EVERYTHING HE WAS NOW TELLING THE INTERROGATORS WAS THE TRUTH. INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT THAT HE HAD [REDACTED] NOTING THAT HE HAD A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM. SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT IF HE PROVIDED ONE PIECE OF USEFUL, NEW INFORMATION, HE COULD STOP THE

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PROCEDURE WHICH WAS TO COME; SUBJECT SAID [REDACTED] INTERROGATORS ASKED FOR DETAILS, AND SUBJECT SAID THAT WAS IT. SUBJECT SAID THAT IF OTHERS WERE INTERROGATED, INTERROGATORS WOULD FIND THAT SUBJECT WAS TELLING THE TRUTH; SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT TO THE CONTRARY, [REDACTED]

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INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT HE WAS NOT BEING HELPFUL, THAT HE WAS TAKING THEIR WORDS AND SPITTING THEM BACK, AND THAT SUBJECT WAS LEAVING THEM WITH NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER. INTERROGATORS ADVISED

THAT THEY COULD NOT BELIEVE SUBJECT WHEN ALL HE WAS TELLING THEM WERE LIES; INTERROGATORS WERE GOING TO GET THE TRUTH OUT OF SUBJECT EVENTUALLY. OVER SUBJECT'S PROTESTS, THE WATER TECHNIQUE WAS APPLIED. INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT THEY WERE GOING TO DO THIS AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN UNTIL SUBJECT DECIDED TO BE TRUTHFUL; SUBJECT MUMBLED SOMETHING UNINTELLIGIBLE.

15. SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT THE ONLY HELPFUL THING WOULD BE FOR HIM TO TELL INTERROGATORS SOMETHING USEFUL, AND TRUTHFUL, ABOUT ANYTHING HAPPENING IN THE GULF REGION; SUBJECT REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE INTERROGATORS NEWS OF THE MEN, INCLUDING WHERE THEY WERE, WHAT THEY WERE THINKING ABOUT. SUBJECT WAS ASKED TO CLARIFY WHICH MEN HE WAS TALKING ABOUT, AND TO THINK VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE GOING DOWN THIS ROAD WITH INTERROGATORS. SUBJECT SAID HE COULD TALK ABOUT THE NEWS OF THE MEN, TELL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, SOME OF THE MEN WHO HE KNEW AND WHAT WAS TALKED ABOUT WITH THEM. INTERROGATORS CHALLENGED SUBJECT, NOTING THAT SUBJECT SAID HE HAD ALREADY TOLD US ABOUT THIS. SUBJECT SAID THAT HE WOULD TALK ABOUT ALL THE MEN, AND WOULD TELL INTERROGATORS EVERYTHING. SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT INTERROGATORS KNEW HE WOULD EVENTUALLY TELL THEM EVERYTHING; WHAT THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT WAS THAT SUBJECT WOULD MAKE THINGS WORSE BY TELLING THEM THE SAME LIES REPEATEDLY. SUBJECT SAID THAT THIS IS A PROBLEM: HE WOULD TELL INTERROGATORS ABOUT THIS INFORMATION, BUT SUBJECT DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE TELLING LIES ABOUT HIM (SIC - AS TRANSLATED).

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT WAS REMINDED THAT INTERROGATORS WANTED TO KNOW WHAT SUBJECT KNEW -- SUBJECT AGAIN SAID THAT THERE WAS NOBODY DOING OPERATIONS. INTERROGATORS SAID THEY DIDN'T CARE IF THE PEOPLE SUBJECT KNEW ABOUT WERE NOT IN AL-QA'IDA, WE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THEM. INTERROGATORS SAID SUBJECT KNEW ALL THE AL-QA'IDA IN SAUDI ARABIA; SUBJECT SAID THAT INTERROGATORS WERE OFTEN CONNECTING REGULAR MUJAHIDIN, [REDACTED] WITH AL-QA'IDA. INTERROGATORS DEMANDED TO KNOW WHERE THESE PEOPLE WERE. SUBJECT WAS

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TOLD HE WAS GOING NOWHERE, AND THAT THEY WOULD GET THE INFORMATION OUT OF HIM IF THEY HAD TO SPEND A MONTH DOING IT; THEY REMINDED SUBJECT THAT THEY HAD ONLY DONE THIS (THE WATER TABLE TREATMENT) TWICE. SUBJECT SAID THAT IF HE KNEW ANY SUCH INDIVIDUALS, HE WOULD TELL INTERROGATORS ABOUT THEM; SUBJECT WAS TOLD THIS WAS NOT A GOOD ANSWER, AND THAT HE HAD TO BE HONEST. SUBJECT AGAIN PROTESTED THAT HE WAS BEING HONEST WITH INTERROGATORS, AND SAID THAT HE PUT HIS HAND IN THEIR HANDS.

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19. INTERROGATORS AGAIN REITERATED THAT SUBJECT HAD TO GIVE THEM NEW, USEFUL INFORMATION; HIS PROBLEM WAS THAT SO MANY OTHERS HAD PROVIDED A SIMILAR STORY AGAINST HIM THAT HIS DIFFERENT STORY JUST WASN'T BELIEVABLE. SUBJECT WAS ASKED AGAIN TO PROVIDE ONE PIECE OF NEW AND USEFUL INFORMATION ON THE TABUK PLANNING -- ANYTHING THAT SOMEONE ELSE COULD VERIFY. SUBJECT AGAIN REMAINED SILENT. SUBJECT WAS ASKED IF [REDACTED]

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HAD PROVIDED TINY PIECES OF NEW AND USEFUL INFORMATION, SO THEY WERE GOING TO LET HIM OFF OF THE WATER BOARD. THEY NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS AMOUNT OF INFORMATION WAS NOT GOING TO BE SUFFICIENT TOMORROW, REMINDING SUBJECT THAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO THE SAME THING AGAIN AND AGAIN IF NECESSARY. SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT TOMORROW INTERROGATORS WERE GOING TO HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR HIM ON PEOPLE HE DEALT WITH AND THE IDEAS THAT THEY HAD. SUBJECT NEEDED TO THINK HARD REGARDING HOW PEOPLE MOVED MONEY AND PEOPLE, IN ADDITION TO OTHER PEOPLE SUBJECT HAS HELPED WITH DEVELOPING THEIR IDEAS INTO VIABLE OPERATIONS. INTERROGATORS SAID THE FIRST THING THEY WERE GOING TO ASK SUBJECT ON THE NEXT DAY WAS WHAT HE HAD THOUGHT OF, AND WARNED THAT IT HAD BETTER BE NEW, USEFUL AND TRUE INFORMATION, OR HE WOULD BE RIGHT BACK WHERE HE WAS NOW. SUBJECT WAS UNSTRAPPED, AND TOLD TO GET UP; HE DID SO, AND MOVED TO THE FAR CORNER AT INTERROGATOR DIRECTION. THE WATER TABLE WAS WHEELED OUT OF THE CELL, AND SUBJECT WAS LEFT ALONE ON THE CELL FLOOR AT 1850 HOURS.

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