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# **INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**

# INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AND LANGUAGE TRANSLATION FOR INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TERRORIST INMATES (17-001)

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"Babe, they just took a brother named Abu Hafed Sha'ban to go to an ICE facility to be deported. He's the newspaper guy from H unit. Insha Allah, his wife's going to get in touch with you eventually. He wants to help out. He's not as-Sunnah, so keep that in mind, but insha Allah he might be able to help your situation."

Name	Reg. No.	Facl	COJ	STG	Citizenship	Country of Birth	Affiliations
WALKER LINDH, John	45426-083	THA CMU	VA	International Terrorist O	United States	United States	Taliban



On November 7, 2016, inmate Walker Lindh authored correspondence to CAGE Ltd, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This message clarified he would not participate in an interview, but would like assistance in seeking asylum in Ireland.

On December 9, 2016, inmate Walker Lindh received an e-mail from his father Frank Lindh at Marian Ma

Mr. Lindh informs his son the only way his previous Attorneys would again represent him is for him to apologize and renounce violence in any form and without reservation.

Previously, inmate Walker Lindh made pro ISIS statements to various reporters and was subsequently dropped by counsel.

On December 12, 2016, inmate Walker Lindh responded to his father, thanking him for his assistance, but decided to forgo any further attempts involving Attorneys and CAGE because he would not renounce his religious beliefs to please anyone. Further he indicates he will still pursue being released to Puerto Rico.

Open source information indicates CAGE is a London-based advocacy organization raising awareness of detainees held at Guantanamo Bay. CAGE is directed by Moazzam Begg who was released from Guantanamo Bay, without being charged in 2005. In February 2014, Moazzam Begg was again arrested and held at Belmarsh prison on terrorism related charges concerning his involvement with the Syrian civil war. His charges were dismissed seven months later however, the financial assets held by CAGE were frozen.

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Amnesty International has publicly dropped support of CAGE, citing their support of Mohammed Emwazi AKA Jihadi John, and financial support of Michael Abebolajo, Alan Henning, Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, Anwar al-Awlaki, and Shaker Aamer.

Excerpts of the messages follow:

Inmate Walker Lindh to CAGE

"Regarding the idea of conducting an interview, I have thought about it carefully and I am sorry to inform you that I have decided not to do it. I generally don't like to communicate publically with the outside world unless it seems necessary, and right now I don't see the need for it.

Regarding the Ireland issue, I really don't know what to expect from the Irish government. I know virtually nothing about them. I think the only reasonable way to present my case to them is to explain my unique circumstances that make my survival in the US practically impossible. Essentially I am seeking asylum from one country where I am a citizen in another country where I am also a citizen. The worst they can do is to decline my request. I figure it is worth at least trying.

Concerning links to Ireland, I have virtually none, aside from being descended from people who lived there for thousands of years. I became a citizen of the Republic of Ireland in 2013 as a result of having an Irish grandparent, but the only family members I have there are very distant relatives whom I don't really know. I have no links with the Muslim community there or anybody else."

Frank Lindh to inmate Walker Lindh:

"I had a very constructive and hope-inducing conversation today with Arnaud Mafille, a representative of Cage, based in London.

Arnaud was apologetic about the delay in responding, but he did receive both the messages I sent recently, following up on your request.

The good news is that Cage is very interested in assisting you, and wants my help in this regard, which of course I am happy to provide. They hope to arrange a meeting with Irish government authorities in about six months.

They consider yours to be an especially important case of the type they handle.

The immediate challenge, however, is that they need your American lawyers to handle the interface with U.S. authorities, to secure their consent to any arrangement. This is not something Cage can do.

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This brings us to the topic of your need to mend fences with Jim, which is something you really need to do for this and other reasons.

We can discuss this in our next phone call, but one thing I anticipate Jim will absolutely demand is that you be willing to condemn in all sincerity, publicly if needed, and without any reservation whatsoever, depravity of any kind, whoever commits it. You can visualize yourself what the list of depraved acts might consist of. I believe such a request should be easy for you, to fulfill as a devout Muslim and person of conscience."

Inmate Walker Lindh to Frank Lindh

"Thank you for taking the time to discuss this matter with Cage, but it looks like we will have to abandon this project because I am not interested in renouncing my beliefs or issuing condemnations in order to please Brosnahan or anybody else.

My request to be released to Puerto Rico has still not been answered, but if that doesn't work out, I will just have to stay here for a while and deal with the lynch mobs as best as I can. It is a daunting predicament that I'm in, but many people around the world are in even more difficult situations and find ways to manage, so I am not worried."

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