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1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.

2. SUMMARY: ON [] MARCH 2003 ((KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD)) (KSM) WAS DEBRIEFED BY ALEC TDYER [] KSM CONTINUED PROVIDING INFORMATION IN AN EASY CONVERSATIONAL MANNER, INCLUDING INFORMATION

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ON THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM OF AL-QA'IDA. ALTHOUGH HE APPEARED RELUCTANT TO GIVE THE WHOLE, UNVARNISHED STORY, KSM MADE FORWARD PROGRESS. WE EXPECT MORE DETAILS WITH FURTHER DEBRIEFINGS OF SUBJECT.

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3. ATMOSPHERICS:

A. ON [] MARCH 2003, ((KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD)) (KSM) WAS INTERROGATED/DEBRIEFED BY HVT INTERROGATORS [] WITH ALEC SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT [] AS DEBRIEFER. KSM APPEARED EVEN MORE RELAXED DURING THE SEVERAL SESSIONS OF THIS DAY, SMILING BROADLY AT INTERROGATOR WHEN THE FIRST SESSION BEGAN. KSM'S PREVIOUS TIREDNESS APPEARED TO HAVE RESOLVED SOMEWHAT, AND HE REMAINED MOSTLY ALERT DURING THE SESSIONS.

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B. KSM PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE AL-QA'IDA WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (WMD) PROGRAM. HE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM [] AND HOW IT WAS A CLOSELY-HELD SECRET IN AL-QA'IDA. (REPORTED IN INTEL) KSM CONTINUED TO PROVIDE MOSTLY COMPLETE INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS.

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D. KSM RECEIVED PANTS AND A SHIRT TO WEAR AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST SESSION. HE SUBSEQUENTLY APPEARED MORE RELAXED DURING THE NEXT DEBRIEFING SESSION. HIS SPEECH BECAME MUCH MORE CONVERSATIONAL, AND HE SEEMED TO RELISH THE INTERACTION WITH DEBRIEFER. HE CONTINUED TO EXPLAIN HIMSELF WHEN HE CLAIMED HE DID NOT HAVE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT A SUBJECT.

E. IN A POIGNANT MOMENT, INTERROGATOR CAUGHT A SMALL FROG WHICH HAD JUMPED FROM THE DRAIN IN KSM'S CELL AND ASKED IF KSM WANTED IT TAKEN OUTSIDE. KSM SAID, "NO, NO. LET IT STAY," AND ASKED THAT THE FROG BE PUT BACK IN THE DRAIN.

F. AT THE END OF THE DAY, INTERROGATORS AGAIN EXPLAINED THE FACTS OF LIFE TO KSM, POINTING OUT THE CREATURE COMFORTS HE HAD GAINED THROUGH HIS APPARENT DECISION TO TELL THE TRUTH. INTERROGATORS REMINDED KSM HE WOULD LOSE ALL HIS COMFORTS AND GO BACK TO BAD CONDITIONS IF HE FAILED TO BE TOTALLY FORTHCOMING OR WAS CAUGHT LYING. KSM INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY, AND EMPHASIZED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO GO BACKWARDS.

3. ENHANCED MEASURES: NONE.

4. ASSESSMENT: KSM SEEMED TO APPRECIATE HIS SITUATION. AS HIS CREATURE COMFORTS HAVE BEEN INCREASED (CLOTHING, SOLID FOOD, A STYROFOAM PAD FOR SLEEPING), HIS INVESTMENT IN REMAINING IN INTERROGATOR/DEBRIEFER GOOD GRACES HAS BECOME MORE POWERFUL. KSM WAS FAIRLY FORTHCOMING WHEN RESPONDING TO POINTED QUESTIONS ABOUT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NUCLEAR WEAPON PROGRAM, AND THAT APPARENT HONESTY IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN KSM'S CONDITIONING.

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6. PLANS: KSM WILL CONTINUE TO BE QUESTIONED ON ISSUES OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE, INCLUDING THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM AND PENDING/PLANNED ATTACKS AGAINST THE US AND US INTERESTS WORLDWIDE. SINCE THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM MAY BE THE MOST SENSITIVE ISSUE, INTERROGATORS AND DEBRIEFER WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS IT, ALBEIT GINGERLY. PUSHING TOO HARD, TOO FAST, MIGHT CAUSE KSM TO SHUT DOWN AGAIN, WHILE ALLOWING HIM TO PROVIDE CONTINUING BITS OF THE INFORMATION WILL MORE LIKELY GET THE COMPLETE STORY.

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7. MEDICAL OBSERVATIONS: [REDACTED] MEDICAL OFFICER [REDACTED] KHALID SHAYKH ((MUHAMMAD)). PREVIOUSLY NOTED ABRASIONS REMAIN STABLE WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF INFECTION. DEPENDENT EDEMA IN LEGS/FEET IS ESSENTIALLY RESOLVED. SUBJECT CONTINUES TO GET KEFLEX 250 MG TID MIXED IN WITH 1500 CAL/DAY ENSURE DIET.

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7. HVT PSYCHOLOGIST COMMENTS: KSM IS CLEARLY RELISHING HIS NEWLY EARNED COMFORTS AND IS APPARENTLY WILLING TO DO WHAT HE MUST TO RETAIN AND EVEN EXPAND THEM. THAT SAID, INTERROGATORS CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR KSM'S ATTITUDE AND RESPONSES FOR ANY INDICATION THAT HE IS REVERTING TO OLD RESISTANCE STRATEGIES OR ATTEMPTING NEW PLOYS. A CRITICAL ELEMENT IN MAINTAINING KSM'S TRUTHFULNESS AND PRODUCTIVITY WILL BE THE TEAM'S CONTINUED ABILITY TO USE RESOURCE MATERIAL TO STRUCTURE AND ASSESS HIS RESPONSES. SUBJECT APPEARED COMFORTABLE, COMPOSED, AND SELF-ASSURED AFTER RECEIVING CLOTHES. DURING INTERACTIONS WITH INTERROGATORS AND TDY DEBRIEFER, SUBJECT WAS ALERT, ATTENTIVE, AND FULLY ENGAGED IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS. AT TIMES, HE SPONTANEOUSLY ELABORATED ON TOPICS AND PROVIDED DETAILS OF INTEREST TO THE DEBRIEFER. SUBJECT'S SPEECH WAS STEADY, RELAXED, WELL-ORGANIZED, AND APPROPRIATE TO CONTEXT. PER TODAY'S OBSERVATIONS, THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF ANY PROFOUND AND PERMANENT EMOTIONAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM.

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