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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.

2. ATMOSPHERICS:

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A. ON 23 MARCH 2003 ((KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD)) (KSM) WAS INTERROGATED BY HVT INTERROGATORS [Redacted]

[Redacted] BEGINNING AT 0630, KSM WAS PRESSED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION DATA [Redacted]

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WITH WHOM HE OR AL-QA'IDA HAVE MAINTAINED CONTACT OR FROM WHOM THEY HAVE RECEIVED ANY FORM OF SUPPORT. IN ADDITION, KSM WAS PRESSED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ANY MAJOR ATTACKS BEING PLANNED BY AL-QA'IDA FOR CONUS, AND THE ATTACK USAMA ((BIN LADIN)) REFERRED TO WHEN HE SAID IN A RECENT STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD MARTYR HIMSELF IN A LARGE ATTACK.

B. INTERROGATORS MAINTAINED KSM IN THE STANDING SLEEP DEPRIVATION POSITION. BEGINNING AT 0630, INTERROGATORS ENTERED KSM'S CELL EVERY 30 MINUTES TO ASK IF HE HAD ANY INFORMATION TO GIVE THEM. AT EACH ENTRY, KSM WOULD ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE HISTORICAL OR NON-PERTINENT INFORMATION. EACH TIME KSM FAILED TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION, HE WAS DOUSED WITH WATER AND LEFT IN THE STANDING SLEEP DEPRIVATION POSITION; THE CELL WAS MAINTAINED AT A 23 - 26 DEGREE CENTIGRADE TEMPERATURE.

C. KSM MADE SEVERAL INTRIGUING STATEMENTS AS HIS STRENGTH WANED. AT ONE TIME, AND THOUGH KSM SAID HE WAS NOT HIDING ANY INFORMATION, HE SAID THAT HE WAS "ONLY A MAN, AND MEN BREAK: KSM ADDED WORDS TO THE EFFECT, "IF I DON'T BREAK TOMORROW, IT WILL BE THE NEXT DAY." AT A LATER SESSION, KSM STATED THAT HE WAS NOT HOLDING ANYTHING BACK, AND THAT IN "THREE OR FOUR MORE DAYS" THE INTERROGATORS WOULD REALIZE THAT.

D. THE INTERROGATORS CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE THE THEME: GIVE THE INFORMATION WE NEED AND THIS WILL STOP; OTHERWISE, IT LASTS FOREVER. KSM ALTERNATED BETWEEN MOMENTS OF ABSOLUTE PHYSICAL COMPLIANCE (HE WOULD TURN SLOWLY TO ALLOW HIS ENTIRE BODY TO BE DOWSED, AS INSTRUCTED) AND ALMOST ABSOLUTE MENTAL DEFIANCE. FOR INSTANCE, EACH TIME HE WAS ASKED FOR NAMES OF PERSONS IN THE US WHO HAD HELPED AL-QA'IDA, HE WOULD SAY, "I DON'T REMEMBER." THIS LATTER MAY ALSO REFLECT HE HAS REAL KNOWLEDGE.

E. AT THE LAST SESSION OF THE INTERROGATION DAY KSM WAS TOLD THAT HE COULD RESIST ALL HE WANTED, BUT THE INTERROGATIONS AND PRESSURE WOULD NOT STOP UNTIL HE PROVIDED THE NECESSARY INFORMATION. KSM WAS REMINDED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR A MAN WAS TO PROTECT AND PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY, AND HE WAS LEFT IN THE STANDING SLEEP DEPRIVATION POSITION.

F. AS OF 2100 ON 23 MARCH 2003, KSM HAS BEEN IN SLEEP DEPRIVATION FOR 132 HOURS. MOST OF THAT SLEEP DEPRIVATION HAS BEEN IN THE STANDING POSITION. INTERROGATORS HAVE DIRECTED THAT IF KSM BECOMES UNABLE TO MAINTAIN THE STANDING POSITION, HE SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE SUPINE SLEEP DEPRIVATION POSITION FOR TWO HOURS, THEN SEATED SHACKLED ON A STOOL BUT NOT ALLOWED TO SLEEP. AS OF 2100 ON 23 MARCH, KSM WAS MAINTAINING THE STANDING POSITION WITH NO APPARENT DIFFICULTIES.

3. ENHANCED MEASURES: PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF REF B, APPROPRIATE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSONNEL WERE PRESENT.

ENHANCED INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES FOR KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD WERE AUTHORIZED BY REF B AND AUTHORIZED TO BE EMPLOYED BY CERTIFIED INTERROGATORS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING ENHANCED MEASURES WERE EMPLOYED BY HVTI TEAM WITH COB, RMO, AND HVT PSYCHOLOGIST OBSERVING: WATER DOWSING, ABDOMINAL SLAP, SLEEP DEPRIVATION. SUBJECT'S SLEEP DEPRIVATION BEGAN AT 0900 ON 18 MARCH 2003. AS OF 2100 ON 23 MARCH, KSM HAS 132 HOURS OF SLEEP DEPRIVATION.

4. WATERBOARD: NONE.

5. ASSESSMENT: KSM'S RESISTANCE STRENGTH WAXES AND WANES, BUT THUS FAR HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN HIS STRATEGY. HE PROVIDES HISTORICAL INFORMATION WITH NO PROBLEM. WHEN PRESSED FOR CURRENT, ACTIONABLE INFORMATION, KSM DIGS HIS HEELS IN. HE HAS USED VARIOUS RESISTANCE TECHNIQUES, BUT HIS CURRENT FAVORITE APPEARS TO BE THAT OF WITHHOLDING NUGGETS OF INFORMATION UNTIL HE IS SUBJECTED TO ENHANCED MEASURES, AND THEN TO PRODUCE A MIX OF TRUE AND FABRICATED INFORMATION. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THE FABRICATIONS, KSM SAYS HE WAS FORCED TO LIE, WHICH IS HIS TACTIC TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE ENHANCED MEASURES COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE FOR THE HVTI TEAM. HE HAS PRODUCED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF GOOD INFORMATION, BUT HAS MAINTAINED HIS RESISTANCE STRENGTH TO PROTECT THE KEY INFORMATION THE INTERROGATION TEAM SEEKS. OF PARTICULAR NOTE AT THIS SESSION WAS KSM'S ADMISSION THAT HE KNOWS THERE IS A LIMIT TO WHAT HE CAN TAKE.

6. PLANS: MAINTAIN PRESSURE USING ALL AUTHORIZED MEASURES. KEEP PUSHING KSM FOR THE KEY INFORMATION UNTIL HE REACHES HIS RESISTANCE LIMIT, AND THEN EXPLOIT HIS WEAKNESS WHEN IT OCCURS.

7. MEDICAL OFFICER OBSERVATIONS: PLS SEE [REDACTED] FOR DETAILS OF KSM MEDICAL REVIEW.

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8. HVT PSYCHOLOGIST COMMENTS: SUBJECT CONTINUES TO SHOW VERY GOOD PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RESILIENCE. THAT SAID, HE APPEARS INCREASINGLY FATIGUED AND WEARY. TODAY, FOR THE FIRST TIME AND IN TWO INSTANCES, SUBJECT MADE STATEMENTS (SEE PARA 2 C) THAT INDICATED HIS WILL TO RESIST MAY BE FALTERING. THE STATEMENTS MAY REFLECT RECOGNITION OF HIS LIMITATIONS AND A SHIFT IN HIS PERCEPTION OF HIMSELF AS A RESISTER. UNLESS A CALCULATED PLOY, THE STATEMENTS REPRESENT THE FIRST OVERT SIGN THAT SUBJECT IS APPROACHING A POINT WHERE HE COULD MAKE A CRITICAL CONCESSION AS A MEANS OF DECREASING PRESSURE AND IMPROVING HIS CONDITIONS. IN ADDITION TO MAKING THE NOTED STATEMENTS, SUBJECT CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT HE HAD FORGOTTEN REQUESTED INFORMATION OR HAD "NOTHING NEW" TO ADD. SUBJECT ALSO REQUESTED TO BE ALLOWED TO EXPRESS HIS THOUGHTS AND ORGANIZE INFORMATION IN WRITING. HOWEVER, WHEN ASKED IF HE INTENDED TO WRITE SOMETHING NEW AND ADDRESS THE INTERROGATORS' CRITICAL QUESTIONS, SUBJECT REPLIED, "NO". LASTLY, AS [REDACTED] FIRST NOTED AT

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT CONTINUES TO APPEAR AROUSED AND EVIDENCE A PARTICULARLY STRONG AND FOCUSED RESPONSE WHEN INVOLVED IN

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INTERACTIONS THAT HE MIGHT CONSTRUE AS A PERSONAL AFFRONT OR CHALLENGE. OVERALL, SUBJECT CONTINUED TO ENGAGE WITH INTERROGATORS AND REMAINED ALERT AND ATTENTIVE DURING INTERACTIONS. IN ADDITION, HIS SPEECH CONTINUED TO BE ORGANIZED, GOAL-DIRECTED, AND APPROPRIATE TO CONTEXT. PER TODAY'S ASSESSMENT, THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF PROFOUND OR PERMANENT EMOTIONAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM.

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