



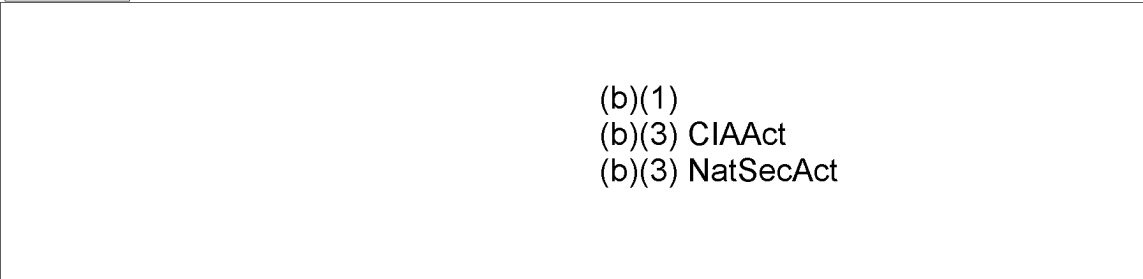
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SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - POST-ISOLATION PHASE OF THE ABU ZUBAYDAH INTERROGATIONS

REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR HQS/ALEC DETAILS ON THE POST-ISOLATION PHASE OF THE ABU ZUBAYDAH INTERROGATIONS FOR THE RECORD.

2. ON 1 JULY 2002, HQS/ALEC HELD A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE POST-ISOLATION PHASE OF THE ((ABU ZUBAYDAH)) (AZ) INTERROGATIONS. PRIMARY PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED [ ] CTC, CTC/COPS, [ ] [ ] CTC/UBL [ ] AND [ ] CTC/LGL. AZ INTERROGATION TEAM MEMBERS [ ] IC SERE PSYCHOLOGIST

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 [REDACTED] FBI SA [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] RETURNED FROM [REDACTED] AND WERE  
 PRESENT FOR THE MEETING. IN ADDITION TO (b)(6) FBI OFFICERS  
 PRESENT WERE (b)(6)

[REDACTED] REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTS/OAD, OMS, AND THE OFFICE  
 OF SECURITY WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. AS IN THE PREVIOUS 4 JUNE  
 MEETING, ALL PARTIES WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT AZ IS WITHHOLDING  
 CRITICAL INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY ON DIRECT THREATS AGAINST U.S.  
 INTERESTS BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND OVERSEAS AND INFORMATION ABOUT  
 AL-QA'IDA PRESENCE IN THE U.S.

3. CURRENT STATUS: AZ IS PRESENTLY IN THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF  
 HIS ISOLATION PHASE. DURING THIS PHASE, HIS CONTACT WITH OUTSIDE  
 INDIVIDUALS IS LIMITED TO A CIRCA 20 MINUTE DAILY MEDICAL  
 TREATMENT FOR HIS LEG WOUND. AZ HAS NO CONTACT WITH ANY  
 INTERROGATION PERSONNEL AND HAS ACCESS TO WRITING MATERIAL AS HIS  
 SOLE METHOD OF COMMUNICATION. DURING THE ISOLATION PHASE, THERE  
 HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN AZ'S COMPLAINTS ABOUT HIS MEDICAL  
 CONDITION. THE TEAM ASSESSES THAT THIS IS PROBABLY A TECHNIQUE TO  
 TEST THE RESPONSIVENESS OF HIS MEDICAL CARE AND/OR INITIATE SOME  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN CONTACT. FOR THE MOST PART, AZ APPEARS QUITE BORED  
 AND SHOWS NO SIGNS OF SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTRESS. [REDACTED]

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THROUGHOUT HIS ISOLATION, AZ HAS MADE NO/NO ATTEMPT AT PROVIDING  
 INFORMATION ON DIRECT THREATS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

4. POST-ISOLATION PHASE: THE 1 JULY MEETING FOCUSED  
 PRIMARILY ON THE NEXT PHASE OF THE AZ INTERROGATIONS. IT WAS  
 CONCLUDED THIS PHASE WOULD BE THE LAST HARD PUSH IN THE  
 INTERROGATIONS OF AZ AND CONCENTRATE ON TWO MAJOR ISSUES: 1)  
 PENDING TERRORIST ATTACKS PLANNED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES OR OUR  
 INTERESTS OVERSEAS, AND 2) THE TERRORIST SUPPORT NETWORK IN  
 AMERICA AND SAUDI ARABIA. THE POST-ISOLATION PHASE WILL LAST  
 APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS, AFTER WHICH THE TEAM WILL RETURN TO  
 IMPLEMENT THE NEXT PHASE. AS THIS IS AN EXTREMELY FLUID SITUATION,  
 AZ'S BEHAVIOR DURING THE POST-ISOLATION PHASE MAY REQUIRE  
 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE GENERAL BLUEPRINT OUTLINED ABOVE AND BELOW. IN  
 ADDITION, A FOLLOW-ON MEETING WILL BE HELD ON [REDACTED] JULY TO OUTLINE  
 THE SPECIFICS OF BELOW GENERAL STRATEGY. (b)(3) NatSecAct

5. POST-ISOLATION STRATEGY: IN APPROACHING THE  
 POST-ISOLATION PHASE, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE MUST ACT IN A WAY  
 OUTSIDE AZ'S EXPECTATIONS AND FOLLOW THROUGH ON OUR THREATS.  
 UNTIL THIS POINT IN THE INTERROGATIONS, WE HAVE MADE SEVERAL  
 THREATS TO AZ WHILE IMPLEMENTING THE "BAD GUY" ROLE PLAYED BY [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] WHILE THE FIRST OF THESE THREATS FACILITATED THE 19 MAY  
 "REVELATION," EACH SUBSEQUENT EPISODE LACKED THE PROMISED  
 REPERCUSSIONS, A FACT THAT WAS NOT LOST ON AZ. AZ HAS REALIZED  
 THAT HIS TREATMENT HAS NOT CHANGED -- A REALIZATION THAT HE HAS

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PERCEIVED AS A VICTORY. AZ HAS ALSO SCORED A VICTORY IN HIS MIND BY GETTING OUR MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO RESPOND TO HIS CONCERNS, PARTICULARLY ABOUT BLOOD IN HIS SEMEN. THESE VICTORIES BOLSTER AZ'S RESOLVE AND RESISTANCE STRATEGY, THUS DECREASING THE LONG-TERM OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERROGATIONS.

6. POST-ISOLATION STRATEGY (CONT'D): IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE DYNAMICS OF THE INTERROGATIONS, IT WAS TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO

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[REDACTED] EXPAND THE ROLE OF THE "BAD GUY" BEYOND THAT ALREADY PLAYED BY [REDACTED] THIS NEW "BAD GUY" WILL ACT AS A MORE COMBATIVE BE THE FIRST INDIVIDUAL TO CONFRONT AZ AFTER HIS PERIOD OF ISOLATION, WHICH MAY END WITH TIME SPENT IN THE CONFINEMENT BOX. PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF [REDACTED] OTS/OAD IS IN THE PROCESS OF ACQUIRING THE SERVICES OF [REDACTED] WHO IS WELL-VERSED IN CONDUCTING SERE-LIKE HOSTILE INTERROGATIONS. THE "BAD GUY" WILL CONVINCED AZ THAT HIS SITUATION HAS DRASTICALLY CHANGED, AND THAT HIS ISOLATION AND TIME IN THE BOX WERE ONLY THE BEGINNING OF THIS CHANGE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE POST-ISOLATION STRATEGY WILL IMPLEMENT A SERIES OF INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES AND TOOLS, ALL OF WHICH WILL WITHIN OUR LEGAL GUIDELINES.

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7. [REDACTED] CTC/LGL HAS EMPHASIZED THAT WE SHOULD NOT/NOT RULE OUT ANY METHOD OF INTERROGATION WHATSOEVER, SO LONG AS THE INTERROGATION TEAM BELIEVES IT WILL BE EFFECTIVE. OF COURSE, HQS WILL NEED TO DOCUMENT IN ADVANCE THE LEGAL ANALYSIS FOR SUCH METHODS, TO ENSURE THAT OUR OFFICERS ARE PROTECTED; ALONG THESE LINES, IF/IF REQUIRED BY A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL, WE WILL ASK THE DCI TO SEEK A FORMAL DECLINATION OF PROSECUTION FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR ANY SPECIFIC METHODS WHICH THE TEAM BELIEVES WOULD BE EFFECTIVE BUT WHICH MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE BE PERMISSIBLE. IN SHORT, RULE OUT NOTHING WHATSOEVER THAT YOU BELIEVE MAY BE EFFECTIVE; RATHER, COME ON BACK AND WE WILL GET YOU THE APPROVALS. CTC/LGL OFFICERS REMAIN AVAILABLE 24/7 TO ENSURE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE AND DOCUMENTATION ON ANY PROPOSALS, AND THE OFFICE AND [REDACTED] CONTACT NUMBERS FOR [REDACTED] CTC/LGL [REDACTED] ARE PROVIDED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (IT MAY BE OBSERVED THAT THE APPLICABLE U.S. LAW WITH RESPECT TO INTERROGATION METHODS IS MORE PERMISSIVE THAN, SAY, THE COMPARABLE EUROPEAN OR ISRAELI LAW: WE LAWFULLY MAY EMPLOY METHODS THAT EVEN THE ISRAELIS MAY NOT).

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8. HQS/ALEC WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESULTS FOLLOWING THE 8 JULY HQS MEETING. REGARDS.

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