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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.

2. SUMMARY: ON 26 MARCH 2003 ((KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD)) (KSM)
WAS DEBRIEFED BY ALEC TDYERS [Redacted] KSM
APPEARED RESTED AND WAS PERCEPTIVELY LESS RESPONSIVE THAN THE

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PREVIOUS SESSION. INTERROGATORS EXPLAINED HIS SITUATION TO HIM, ALONG WITH HIS OPTIONS, AND DIRECTED MORE COMPLETE RESPONSES. AT A LATE SESSION KSM WAS DEBRIEFED FOR IMMEDIATE THREAT INFORMATION. HE WAS MORE RESPONSIVE, BUT MAY STILL BE WITHHOLDING SOME INFORMATION.

3. ATMOSPHERICS:

A. AT THE START OF THE INTERROGATION DAY, ((KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD)) (KSM) WAS DEBRIEFED BY ALEC SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, AND CONTINUED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION. KSM HAD A COMPLETE NIGHT'S SLEEP, AND HE STARTED OFF IN A SOMEWHAT GROGGY MODE.

B. AS THE INTERROGATION DAY PROGRESSED KSM BECAME MORE RESPONSIVE AND PROVIDED IDENTIFICATION DATA ON ABU ISSA AL-((BRITANI)) AND [REDACTED] (REPORTED IN SEPARATE TRAFFIC). EVEN WHEN NOT BEING DEBRIEFED, KSM CONTINUED TO WRITE ON HIS ASSIGNED TOPICS. STILL APPARENTLY SUFFERING FROM THE SLEEP DEPRIVATION, KSM ALTERNATED BETWEEN CATNAPS AND WORKING ON THE WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS.

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C. AT A LATER SESSION, DEBRIEFERS FOUND KSM SOMEWHAT LESS THAN RESPONSIVE BECAUSE HE HAD FAILED TO WORK ON HIS ASSIGNED WRITTEN TOPIC, BUT HAD CHOSEN TO CONTINUE WRITING ON A PREVIOUS TOPIC. HVT INTERROGATORS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] INTERVENED AND HAD A HEART-TO-HEART TALK WITH KSM. INTERROGATORS POINTED OUT THAT KSM HAD TO CONTINUE PROVIDING NEW AND COMPLETE INFORMATION, OR HE WOULD RETURN TO THE PREVIOUS CONDITIONS. KSM INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD FULLY, AND DID NOT WANT TO REGRESS. KSM COMPLAINED THAT HE WAS EXPECTED TO KNOW EVERYTHING, AND THAT HE WAS BEING TRUTHFUL WHEN HE CLAIMED NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION. KSM SAID HE BECAME FRUSTRATED WHEN HE DID NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO A QUESTION AND WAS TOLD HE WAS LYING BECAUSE HE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT. INTERROGATORS TOLD KSM THEY KNEW HE WAS CONTINUING TO HOLD BACK INFORMATION, AND THAT HIS JOB WAS TO PROVIDE COMPLETE ANSWERS OR A CREDIBLE REASON WHY HE DID NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO A SPECIFIC QUESTION. INTERROGATORS EMPHASIZED THAT IF KSM WERE DEEMED TO BE WITHHOLDING OR LYING, HE WOULD BE RETURNED TO THE PREVIOUS CONDITIONS - NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

D. AT A LATER SESSION LASTING UNTIL 2400, KSM WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT IMMEDIATE THREAT INFORMATION [REDACTED] REGARDING THREE WAVES OF AL-QA'IDA ATTACKS AGAINST THE US. KSM MAINTAINED HE HAD NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLANS DISCUSSED, BUT THAT HE HAD PROVIDED WHAT HE KNEW ABOUT PLANNED OR PROJECTED OPERATIONS AGAINST THE US.

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3. ENHANCED MEASURES: NONE UTILIZED THIS SESSION.

4. WATERBOARD: NONE.

5. ASSESSMENT: KSM CONTINUED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AS HE

ATTEMPTED TO SOLIDIFY HIS IMPROVED CONDITIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, WITH MORE REST, KSM APPEARED POSSIBLY TO BE ATTEMPTING TO RE-DEVELOP A BASIC RESISTANCE STANCE. AS PREVIOUSLY, KSM PROVIDED INFORMATION WHEN HE THOUGHT DEBRIEFERS ALREADY HAD PART OF THE PICTURE, WHILE POSSIBLY WITHHOLDING INFORMATION WHICH HE THOUGHT HE COULD PROTECT. WHEN PROVIDING ANSWERS THAT WERE PROBABLY TRUTHFUL, KSM CONTINUED HIS BEHAVIOR OF SPEAKING IN A CONVERSATIONAL AND CASUAL MANNER. WHEN APPARENTLY LYING OR WITHHOLDING, KSM CONTINUED HIS EARLIER PATTERN OF LOOKING DOWN, SLOWING HIS ANSWERS AND SPEAKING PATTERN, AND FREQUENTLY BURPING NERVOUSLY. REGARDLESS OF HIS ATTEMPTS TO RENEW A POSSIBLE RESISTANCE STANCE, KSM GAVE EVERY INDICATION HE HAD NO DESIRE TO RETURN TO ACTIVE INTERROGATION AND INTERROGATORS BELIEVE HE CAN BE DIRECTED AND ORIENTED APPROPRIATELY.

6. PLANS: INTERROGATORS WILL CONTINUE TO INSURE KSM UNDERSTANDS FULLY THE CONSEQUENCES IF HE REGRESSES AND IS NOT FORTHCOMING WITH INFORMATION. AT THE FIRST VERIFIED SIGN OF LYING, INTERROGATORS WILL REACT VIGOROUSLY TO REMIND KSM OF HIS STATUS. KSM'S CONDITIONS WILL BE ADJUSTED APPROPRIATELY UNTIL HE RETURNS TO PROVIDING INFORMATION, AND WILL BE IMPROVED APPROPRIATELY AS HE DEMONSTRATES PROPER BEHAVIOR.

7. HVT PSYCHOLOGIST COMMENTS: SUBJECT APPEARED SOMEWHAT RESTED DURING TODAY'S SESSIONS, AFTER GETTING AT LEAST FOUR HOURS OF SOUND SLEEP LAST NIGHT AND SOME BRIEF NAPS BETWEEN INTERROGATION SESSIONS AND PERIODS OF WRITING. SUBJECT CONTINUES TO SPEAK AND WRITE IN A GENERALLY WELL-ORGANIZED, GOAL-DIRECTED, AND METHODOICAL MANNER. IN ADDITION, HE CONTINUES TO BE ALERT, ATTENTIVE, AND WILLING TO ENGAGE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS DURING INTERACTIONS WITH INTERROGATORS AND TDY DEBRIEFERS. THE EVENING SESSION INCLUDED THE PRESENCE OF A NEWLY ARRIVED TDY DEBRIEFER. SUBJECT APPEARED SOMEWHAT OFF BALANCE, FRUSTRATED, AND LESS FORTHCOMING AND RESPONSIVE. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THIS BEHAVIOR RESULTED FROM RESISTANCE, GENUINE IGNORANCE, A REACTION TO A NEW DEBRIEFING STYLE, OR SOME COMBINATION OF TWO OR MORE OF THESE ELEMENTS. TOMORROW'S SESSIONS SHOULD PROVIDE ENOUGH ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS TO ALLOW THE HVTI TEAM MORE INSIGHT INTO SUBJECT'S BEHAVIOR. PER TODAY'S ASSESSMENT, THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF PROFOUND OR PERMANENT EMOTIONAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM

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