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SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - 13 MARCH 2003 INTERROGATION OF KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD

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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.

2. SUMMARY: ON 13 MARCH 2003 KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD WAS INTERROGATED BY HVT INTERROGATORS [Redacted] IN THREE SESSIONS, UTILIZING THE WATER BOARD. HE CONTINUED TO INSIST HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY IMMINENT OR PLANNED THREAT AGAINST THE US, OTHER THAN WHAT HE HAS REPORTED. AT 1700 HE WAS RETURNED TO HIS CELL, AND ALLOWED TO LAY ON A TOWEL. HE WILL BE RETURNED FOR

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FURTHER, MODIFIED INTERROGATION ON THE MORNING OF 14 MARCH 2003.

3. ATMOSPHERICS:

A. ON 13 MARCH 2003 ((KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD)) (KSM) WAS INTERROGATED ON THE WATER BOARD IN THREE SESSIONS BY HVT INTERROGATORS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE SESSIONS WERE GENERALLY FROM 0820 TO 0930, 1110 TO 1130, AND 1610 TO 1650. THE SESSIONS INCLUDED PERIODS OF WATER BOARDING, PERIODS WHEN KSM REMAINED STRAPPED ON THE WATER BOARD, AND ONE SESSION IN WHICH HE WAS TAKEN TO HIS CELL AND THEN IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO THE WATER BOARD. THE INTERROGATORS FOCUSED ON THE QUESTIONS: WHAT IS THE NEXT TARGET IN THE US? WHAT IS THE PLAN? WHO ARE THE PEOPLE? WHO DO YOU HAVE IN THE US? WHERE ARE THEY?

B. KSM CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THAT HE HAD TOLD INTERROGATORS EVERYTHING. HE SAID, OVER AND OVER, THAT HE HAD NO CURRENT OPERATIONS PLANNED AGAINST THE US, THAT HE HAD NO PEOPLE IN THE US, AND THAT HE DID NOT HAVE A "NEXT TARGET" IN THE US.

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C. KSM WAS ALLOWED TO SLEEP BETWEEN THE 1130 AND 1610 SESSIONS, SO THAT HE WOULD BE MORE ALERT. THAT ALERTNESS SEEMED TO CAUSE A GREATER DREAD OF THE WATER BOARD, INTENSIFYING ITS EFFECT.

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4. WATER BOARD: IN THREE SESSIONS ON 13 MARCH 2003, KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD WAS SUBJECTED TO THE WATER BOARD BY INTERROGATORS [REDACTED] WITH COB [REDACTED] ROMO [REDACTED] AND SM PSYCHOLOGIST [REDACTED] PRESENT.

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5. ASSESSMENT: KSM CONTINUES TO DEMONSTRATE STRENGTH ON THE WATER BOARD, BUT IT IS FLAGGING. HE QUICKLY RECOVERED HIS COMPOSURE AFTER THE FIRST SESSION ON 11 MARCH 2003, DEMONSTRATING RESILIENCE AND STRENGTH. AFTER BEING ALLOWED TO REST BETWEEN SESSIONS ON 13 MARCH, HE SHOWED GREATER DREAD OF THE WATER BOARD AND ITS EFFECT ON HIM SEEMED MORE PRONOUNCED. THIS INCREASED DREAD AND CONDITIONING WAS THE GOAL OF THESE SESSIONS. THE CONSTANT MESSAGE TO KSM IS THAT HE CAN STOP THE INTERROGATIONS AND THE WATER BOARD BY ANSWERING OUR QUESTIONS.

6. PLANS: KSM WILL BE ALLOWED TO REST DURING THE NIGHT OF 13 MARCH, TO RESTORE HIS ALERTNESS. ON THE MORNING OF 14 MARCH, KSM WILL BE INTERROGATED IN HIS CELL, WITH DEBRIEFERS PRESENT TO ASK DETAILED QUESTIONS ABOUT NON-SPECIFIC US PLANS. INTERROGATORS WILL NOT MENTION THE WATER BOARD, AND WILL ACT AS IF IT HAD NOT HAPPENED. AFTER DEBRIEFERS HAVE SATISFIED SUFFICIENT REQUIREMENTS, THE LINE OF QUESTIONING WILL BE SHIFTED TO SPECIFIC CURRENT PLANS AND CAPABILITIES TO ATTACK THE US. AT THE FIRST RESPONSE THAT HE HAS TOLD EVERYTHING AND DOES NOT KNOW ANY SPECIFIC PLANS AGAINST THE US, KSM WILL BE RETURNED TO THE WATER BOARD. THAT PATTERN WILL THEN CONTINUE - NON-THREATENING DEBRIEFINGS IN THE MORNING TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFIC US THREAT-RELATED QUESTIONS, REINFORCED BY

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THE WATER BOARD, IN THE AFTERNOON.

7. MEDICAL OBSERVATIONS: SEE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

8. SM PSYCHOLOGIST COMMENTS: SUBJECT SHOWED MARKED EVIDENCE OF INCREASING ANTICIPATORY ANXIETY AND APPREHENSION AS HE WAS MOVED FROM HIS CELL TO THE WATER BOARD ROOM TO START THE MORNING AND LATE AFTERNOON SESSIONS. HE NO LONGER APPEARS STOIC AND CONFIDENT. THAT SAID, SUBJECT DOES REMAIN ALERT AND ENGAGED WITH THE INTERROGATORS THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE PROCESS. IN ADDITION, HE STILL ATTEMPTS TO USE TECHNIQUES TO COUNTER OR AMELIORATE THE WATER BOARD PROCESS. INTERROGATORS HAVE UNDERMINED THESE TECHNIQUES AND GENERALLY THWARTED SUBJECT'S ABILITY TO ACHIEVE MEANINGFUL SUCCESS. DESPITE HIS LACK OF SUCCESS WITH COUNTER-MEASURES, SUBJECT REMAINS PERSISTENT IN HIS DENIALS THAT HE HAS FURTHER KNOWLEDGE OF PLANS, TARGETS, OR OPERATIVES RELATED TO IMPENDING ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES. SUBJECT CONTINUES TO SHOW GOOD TOLERANCE AND RESILIENCE IN COPING WITH THE WATER BOARD DESPITE HIS INCREASED DREAD AND DISMAY RELATED TO THE PROCEDURE. IN HIS EFFORT TO COPE, SUBJECT EXPENDS SIGNIFICANT ENERGY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES. HE WHIMPERED, MOANED, AND APPEARED IMMENSELY EXHAUSTED AT THE END OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION. THW 13 MAR REGIMEN MAY HAVE DEGRADED SUBJECT'S BELIEF THAT HE CAN PREDICT, ADEQUATELY PREPARE FOR, AND STEADFASTLY COPE WITH THE DEMANDS OF HIS CAPTIVITY ENVIRONMENT. PER CURRENT EVALUATION, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE SUBJECT IS EXPERIENCING ANY PROFOUND OR PERMANENT PSYCHOLOGICAL OR EMOTIONAL HARM.

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