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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: REQUEST HQS IMMEDIATE CONCURRENCE WITH PROPOSAL BELOW, PER PARAS 2 AND 3.

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2. FOLLOWING REF A 13 MAR 2003 FOURTH SESSION AND FIFTH SESSION FROM 1055 TO 1120 HRS LOCAL, KHALID SHAYKH ((MOHAMMAD)) (KSM) SHOWED NO IMPROVEMENT IN IDENTIFYING ON-GOING AL-QA'IDA PLANS INSIDE THE UNITED STATES. WHILE KSM'S REACTIONS TO THE PROCEDURE INDICATE PROGRESS TOWARDS CONDITIONING, HVT INTERROGATION TEAM HAS DETERMINED HE CONTINUES TO DEMONSTRATE HE IS NOT YET CONDITIONED TO FULLY COOPERATE. HVTI TEAM PROPOSES, WITH RMO AND SM PSYCHOLOGIST CONCURRENCE, TO PURSUE A SIXTH SESSION AT CIRCA 1600 LOCAL. REQUEST HQS IMMEDIATE CONCURRENCE WITH THIS IMMEDIATE SESSION.

3. ADDITIONALLY, WE NEED HQS FURTHER CONCURRENCE. HVTI FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT WEARING DOWN KSM'S RESISTANCE WILL REQUIRE ERRATIC BUT RELATIVELY FREQUENT SESSIONS, SOME SHORTER, SOME LONGER, BUT ALL SUBJECT TO COMBINED COB, HVTI, RMO AND SM PSYCHOLOGIST CONCURRENCE, AND TIMELY REPORTING TO HQS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT HQS MAY HAVE ELEMENTS WHICH ARE EXAMINING DRAFT GUIDELINES WHICH MIGHT DICTATE OTHERWISE. BASE REALIZES THESE GUIDELINES HAVE YET TO BE FULLY COORDINATED, BUT DOES NOT WANT TO GO BEYOND THE PROSPECTIVE GUIDELINES WITHOUT HQS' FULL DELIBERATION. REQUEST HQS' IMMEDIATE REVIEW AND ADVICE ACCORDINGLY.

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4. IN REFS B, C, AND D HQS PROVIDED CERTIFIED INTERROGATORS [REDACTED] WITH CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO USE THE FOLLOWING ENHANCED TECHNIQUES WITH KSM UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT [REDACTED] ATTENTION GRASP; INSULT SLAP; ABDOMINAL SLAP; WALLING; TWO STRESS POSITIONS (ON KNEES, BODY SLANTED BACKWARD; FOREHEAD ON WALL SUPPORTING BODY WEIGHT); AND SLEEP DEPRIVATION IN EXCESS OF 72 HOURS, IN ADDITION TO WHITE NOISE, AND CONTINUOUS LIGHT OR DARKNESS. ACCORDING TO REFS B, C, AND D, IF CERTIFIED INTERROGATORS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BELIEVE THEIR USE IS WARRANTED, THEY MAY ALSO USE LARGE OR SMALL CONFINEMENT BOXES AND THE WATER BOARD, CONDITIONED ON THE ON-SITE MEDICAL OFFICER CONFIRMING KSM'S PHYSICAL CONDITION AND HVT PSYCHOLOGIST CONDUCTING A MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER KSM WOULD SUFFER SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM IF SUBJECTED TO THE ABOVE-NOTED TECHNIQUES.

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5. PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SIXTH SESSION, AND AS OF 1300 LOCAL, THE ON-SITE MEDICAL OFFICER RMO [REDACTED] AND SM PSYCHOLOGIST [REDACTED] HAVE CONFIRMED KSM'S PHYSICAL CONDITION AND DETERMINED KSM WOULD NOT SUFFER SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM IF SUBJECTED TO THE ABOVE-NOTED TECHNIQUES, PER THE FOLLOWING:

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A. RMO OBSERVATIONS - KSM CONTINUES TO EXHIBIT A HIGH LEVEL OF PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL RESISTANCE. AFTER SESSION 5 HE STATED THAT HE HAD NOTHING NEW TO ADD. HE HAS BEEN FAIRLY EFFECTIVE IN COUNTERING THE WATERBOARD WITH A COMBINATION OF BLOCKING HIS POSTERIOR NASAL PHARYNX, SWALLOWING AND BREATH HOLDING. HE HAS NOT BEEN IN DANGER OF SUFFERING PHYSICAL HARM AND ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME WEAKENING HE STILL REMAINS STRONG. HIS LUNG FIELDS ARE CLEAR AND PHYSICAL CONDITION GOOD. THERE ARE NO MEDICAL CONTRAINDICATION TO FURTHER SESSIONS.

B. SM PSYCHOLOGIST OBSERVATIONS - SUBJECT APPEARED COMPOSED AND STOIC AS HE ENTERED THE WATER BOARD ROOM. HOWEVER, FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE YELLED AND TWISTED WHILE BEING SECURED ONTO THE BOARD. ONCE SECURED, SUBJECT WAS ALERT AND ATTENDED TO THE STATEMENTS OF THE INTERROGATORS. SUBJECT THEN RESPONDED TO THE INTERROGATORS AS HE HAD BEFORE --DENYING KNOWLEDGE OF ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS AND CLAIMING THAT HE HAD ALREADY BEEN TRUTHFUL. HE MADE THESE CLAIMS DESPITE INTERROGATORS PROVIDING UNEQUIVOCAL EXAMPLES OF HIS LIES AND ATTEMPTS TO MISLEAD. THE INTERROGATORS REMINDED HIM THAT HE DID NOT HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE WATER BOARD PROCEDURE AND COULD IMMEDIATELY STOP THE PROCESS AT ANY POINT IF HE CHOSE TO IDENTIFY CURRENT TARGETS AND OPERATORS. AGAIN, SUBJECT APPEARED RESIGNED TO TOLERATING THE BOARD AND STATED THAT HE HAD NOTHING NEW TO SAY. BETWEEN APPLICATIONS OF WATER, SUBJECT REMAINED ALERT AND INTERACTED WITH INTERROGATORS USING CLEAR AND WELL ORGANIZED ENGLISH (APPROPRIATE TO CONTEXT). HE REMAINED COMMUNICATIVE AND ENGAGED WITH INTERROGATORS IN RESPONSE TO THEIR STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS. THE SUBJECT'S ANXIETY AND AGITATION APPEARS TO HAVE INCREASED AS THE ONSET OF THE APPLICATION OF WATER HAS BECOME LESS PREDICTABLE. IN ADDITION, THE LESS PREDICTABLE APPLICATION OF WATER APPEARS TO HAVE DISRUPTED THE SUBJECT'S ABILITY TO APPLY HIS COUNTER-MEASURE TECHNIQUE. SUBJECT APPEARS TO RECOVER FROM THE APPLICATION OF WATER AND IS CAPABLE OF COHERENT AND PURPOSEFUL INTERACTIONS WITH INTERROGATORS WITHIN A FEW SECONDS OF CESSATION. SUBJECT CONTINUES TO SHOW GOOD RESILIENCY, ADAPTABILITY, AND TOLERANCE. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF PROFOUND OR PERMANENT MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL CONDITIONS/DISORDERS.

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6. [] BASE WILL NOTIFY HQS OF DEVELOPMENTS AND RESULTS AS AVAILABLE.

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