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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.
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A. ON 18 MARCH 2003 ((KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD)) (KSM) WAS INTERROGATED BY HVT INTERROGATORS [Redacted]

[Redacted] ALEC TDYERS [Redacted] CONDUCTED DETAILED DEBRIEFING OF KSM DURING THE SESSIONS. SLEEP

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DEPRIVATION ENDED AT 2400 ON 17 MARCH 2003.

B. KSM WAS INTERROGATED IN THE FIRST SESSION FROM 0900 TO 1420.

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C. AT THE SECOND SESSION, FROM 1645 TO 1900, KSM WAS CONFRONTED REGARDING HIS CONTACTS WITH MAJID ((KHAN)). KSM WAS TOLD THAT HIS STORY WAS NOT MATCHING WITH MAJID'S, AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO PAY A PRICE FOR LYING. KSM ADMITTED HE HAD LIED, THEN EXPLAINED HIS CONTACTS WITH MAJID, HIS PLAN TO ATTACK GASOLINE STATIONS IN THE US, AND THE ALL-PURPOSE JAFFAR AL-TAY'YAR'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE PLAN.

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[REDACTED] KSM WAS TOLD HIS STORY ABOUT AL-TAY'YAR WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH MAJID'S AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE SOME TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT. AT THE END OF THE SESSION, KSM WAS TOLD HE HAD NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING AND HONEST, EVEN WITH THE BETTER TREATMENT. HE WAS RE-INITIATED IN SLEEP DEPRIVATION, IN THE STANDING POSITION, AT 1900 ON 18 MARCH 2003.

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, 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:

[REDACTED] FACIAL GRASP, ATTENTION GRASP. SUBJECT'S SLEEP DEPRIVATION WAS RE-INITIATED AT 1900 ON 18 MARCH 2003. SUBJECT AWOKED FROM HIS LAST PERIOD OF SLEEP AT 0900 TODAY.

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4. WATERBOARD: NOT UTILIZED DURING THESE SESSIONS.

5. ASSESSMENT: KSM WAS PRESENTED WITH INCONSISTENCIES IN HIS STORY COMPARED WITH THAT OF MAJID KHAN. WHEN CONFRONTED IN THIS MANNER, KSM RESPONDED BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT HIS SELECTION OF KHAN AS A SUICIDE OPERATIVE, HIS TASKING OF KHAN WHEN HE WENT TO THE US, AND HIS PLANS FOR KHAN. THIS CONFIRMS OUR BELIEF THAT KSM WILL SELECTIVELY LIE, PROVIDE PARTIAL TRUTHS, AND MISDIRECT WHEN HE BELIEVES HE WILL NOT BE FOUND OUT AND HELD ACCOUNTABLE. THAT SAID, KSM APPEARS MORE INCLINED TO MAKE ACCURATE DISCLOSURES WHEN HE BELIEVES PEOPLE, EMAILS, OR OTHER SOURCE MATERIAL ARE AVAILABLE TO THE USG FOR CHECKING HIS RESPONSES. A POSSIBLE KEY PART OF THE SECOND SESSION WAS KSM'S REVELATION OF AL-TAY'YAR'S INVOLVEMENT WITH KHAN. SOMETIMES WITHOUT INTENDING TO, KSM HAS WOVEN AL-TAY'YAR INTO

PRACTICALLY EVERY STORY, EACH TIME WITH A DIFFERENT ROLE. DESPITE AL-TAY'YAR'S EMERGENCE AND KSM ADMITTING THAT AL-TAY'YAR POSSESSES CAPABILITIES SIMILAR TO MUHAMMED ((ATTA)), KSM PERSISTENTLY DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF THE DETAILS OF AL-TAY'YAR'S INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES. WE BELIEVE THIS COULD INDICATE THAT KSM IS TRYING TO PROTECT AL-TAY'YAR, AND WE INTEND TO FOCUS MORE STRONGLY ON HIM. THE STORY OF THE POSSIBLE GASOLINE STATION ATTACKS RINGS CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS REPORTING FROM RAMZI ((BIN AL-SHIBH)) AND KSM'S OWN EARLIER ADMISSIONS.

6. PLANS: KSM WILL BE MAINTAINED IN SLEEP DEPRIVATION TO ALLOW HIM TO PONDER HIS SITUATION. HE WAS LEFT WITH THE ENJOINER THAT HE SHOULD PROVIDE MORE COMPLETE DETAILS ON JAFFAR AL-TAY'YAR, AND HE WILL BE INTERROGATED ON THAT SUBJECT AT THE NEXT SESSION. HVTI TEAM INTENDS TO MAINTAIN THE PRESSURE ON KSM, NOW THAT A CRACK HAS FORMED, AND CONTINUE TO PUSH HIM TO CLARIFY HIS EARLIER INCONSISTENCIES.

7. MEDICAL OBSERVATIONS: PLS SEE SEPARATE CABLE REGARDING MEDICAL REVIEW.

8. HVT/SM PSYCHOLOGIST COMMENTS: AS HVT TEAM ANTICIPATED, SUBJECT APPEARS INTENT ON MAXIMIZING HIS TALK-TIME WITH DEBRIEFERS.

[REDACTED] AND OTHER HVT TEAM MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT SUBJECT'S EXPERIENCE WITH ENHANCED MEASURES CONTRIBUTES TO ONGOING SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE TO AVOID SITUATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR IMPLEMENTATION. SUBJECT APPEARS MOTIVATED TO ESPECIALLY AVOID THE WATERBOARD. SUBJECT ALSO APPEARS TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT ATTEMPTS TO LIE AND MISLEAD WILL INCUR A COST THAT INVOLVES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE OR MORE ENHANCED MEASURES. HE ALSO HAS BEEN TOLD AND UNDERSTANDS THAT SELF-CORRECTIONS WILL NOT RESULT IN SUCH COSTS. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE SUBJECT WAS REMINDED THAT INTERROGATORS WERE GOING TO KEEP THEIR WORD AND IMPOSE AN ENHANCED MEASURE BECAUSE THE SUBJECT HAD ATTEMPTED TO MISLEAD ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE UNTIL CONFRONTED BY INTERROGATORS. SUBJECT WAS OFFERED THE CHOICE OF THE WATERBOARD OR "STANDING SLEEP DEPRIVATION" AND SUBJECT IMMEDIATELY TURNED AWAY FROM HIS CELL DOOR AND APPROPRIATELY POSITIONED HIMSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM FOR "STANDING SLEEP DEPRIVATION". OVERALL, THE SUBJECT DISPLAYED ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH INTERROGATORS AND WILLINGNESS TO RESPOND TO, AND EVEN ELABORATE ON, QUESTIONS RELATED TO POSSIBLE THREATS (PLANS, TARGETS, AND PEOPLE) TO THE UNITED STATES. HVT TEAM'S RECOMMENDATION THAT TDY DEBRIEFERS ALLOW SUBJECT TIME TO RESPOND TO ONE QUESTION AT A TIME, EVEN IF IT MEANS LONG PERIODS OF SILENCE, HAS DECREASED SUBJECT'S CONFUSION AND/OR ABILITY TO AVOID DIFFICULT QUESTIONS. DURING TODAY'S SESSIONS, SUBJECT REMAINED FULLY ALERT, ATTENTIVE, AND ENGAGED WITH INTERROGATORS. HIS SPEECH WAS STEADY, ORGANIZED, GOAL-DIRECTED, AND APPROPRIATE TO CONTEXT. SUBJECT'S THOUGHT PROCESSES APPEARED INTACT, PER GROSS EVALUATION. THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS OF ANY PROFOUND OR PERMANENT EMOTIONAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM.

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