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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.

2. SUMMARY: ON 25 MARCH 2003 ((KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD)) (KSM) WAS DEBRIEFED BY ALEC TDYERS () KSM CONTINUED TO PROVIDE ANSWERS AND INFORMATION CONSISTENT WITH EXPECTATIONS. KSM WAS ALLOWED SLEEP OF AT LEAST FOUR HOURS, THUS TERMINATING THE SLEEP DEPRIVATION.

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3. ATMOSPHERICS:

A. AT THE START OF THE INTERROGATION DAY, ((KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD)) (KSM) WAS ORIENTED BY HVT INTERROGATORS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] KSM WAS TOLD HIS CONDITIONS DEPENDED ON HIS CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION, AND THAT HE SHOULD IMPRESS THE DEBRIEFERS WITH HIS DESIRE TO PROVIDE COMPLETE AND TRUTHFUL INFORMATION. KSM WAS TOLD IF HE DID NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE ANSWERS, OR PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH WAS DEEMED MISLEADING, INACCURATE, OR INCOMPLETE, INTERROGATORS WOULD RETURN.

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B. DURING THE DAY-LONG DEBRIEFING, KSM GAVE CONTINUED INDICATIONS HE WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON QUESTIONS ASKED. HE PROVIDED RELATIVELY COMPLETE ANSWERS AND WAS FORTHCOMING WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE PENDING OPERATIONS IN NEW YORK CITY AND WASHINGTON, DC. (REPORTED IN SEPARATE INTELS)

C. WHEN NOT BEING DEBRIEFED, KSM CONTINUOUSLY ALTERNATED BETWEEN CATNAPPING AND WRITING. HE WROTE OVER 20 PAGES OF INFORMATION IN ARABIC (PENDING TRANSLATION) AND SAID HE WANTED TO INSURE INTERROGATORS KNEW HE WAS TRYING TO HELP.

D. AT THE END OF THE INTERROGATION DAY, KSM WAS ALLOWED A TOWEL AND PAD, AND TOLD HE COULD SLEEP ON THE FLOOR, NAKED AND SHACKLED. IN AN APPARENT (AND SINCERELY) INCREDULOUS TONE, KSM ASKED REPEATEDLY, "YOU MEAN I CAN SLEEP NOW?"

3. ENHANCED MEASURES: NONE UTILIZED THIS SESSION. SUBJECT'S SLEEP DEPRIVATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 0900 ON 18 MARCH 2003, WAS TERMINATED AT APPROXIMATELY 2100 ON 25 MARCH 2003.

4. WATERBOARD: NONE.

5. ASSESSMENT: KSM APPEARED TO HAVE REACHED HIS LIMIT, AND PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH INTERROGATORS HAD BEEN DEMANDING. AS SOON AS THE INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED AND VETTED BY THE ALEC SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, INTERROGATORS IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO GRADUALLY IMPROVE KSM'S CONDITIONS IN FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE MADE -- YOU DETERMINE YOUR CONDITIONS AND WHEN YOU PROVIDE INFORMATION, YOUR CONDITIONS WILL IMPROVE. THROUGHOUT THE TITRATION PROCESS, KSM REMAINED APPARENTLY WILLING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION. YET TO BE SEEN IS KSM'S CONTINUED WILLINGNESS AFTER HE HAS RESTED AND RECOVERED HIS STRENGTH TO RESIST.

6. PLANS: INTERROGATORS WILL OPEN KSM'S DAY ON 26 MARCH WITH AN INTENSE INITIAL SESSION, DESIGNED TO DISRUPT ANY RESURGENCE OF RESISTANCE BY HIM. KSM WILL BE TOLD THAT HE MUST CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PROOF TO DEBRIEFERS OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION, OR HIS CONDITIONS WILL WORSEN.

7. HVT PSYCHOLOGIST COMMENTS: AS ANTICIPATED, TODAY WAS A

PIVOTAL DAY FOR KSM. HIS RECENT RESPONSIVENESS AND PRODUCTIVITY WERE REINFORCED BY INTERROGATORS ALLOWING HIM TEA, A SNACK, AND THE PRIVILEGE OF CONTINUING TO WRITE WHILE SITTING AT A TABLE. AS WELL AS HAVING THE APPEARANCE OF AN EARNED REWARD, THE STRONG TEA WAS INTENDED TO CONTRIBUTE TO KEEPING THE SUBJECT ALERT WHILE WRITING. IN ADDITION, SITTING AT THE TABLE PROVIDED A MEANS FOR THE HVT TEAM TO REST SUBJECT'S LEGS AND AVOID SUBJECT REACHING A POINT WHERE HE COULD USE INABILITY TO STAND AS A RESISTANCE PLOY. IMPORTANTLY, INTERROGATORS MADE IT CLEAR THAT SUBJECT'S DECISION TO BE FORTHCOMING ABOUT CRITICAL INFORMATION LED TO HIS IMPROVED CONDITIONS. FURTHERMORE, INTERROGATORS UNDERScoreD THAT ANY SIGN OF REGRESSION TO LIES AND SUBJECT'S PREVIOUS RESISTANCE POSTURE WOULD RESULT IN IMMEDIATE LOSS OF PRIVILEGES AND RE-IMPLEMENTATION OF ENHANCED MEASURES. AFTER INTERMITTANTLY WRITING AND NAPPING THROUGHOUT THE DAY, SUBJECT WAS ALLOWED A FEW HOURS OF SLEEP; THUS, TERMINATING SLEEP DEPRIVATION. THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS SHOULD PROVIDE AN INDICATION OF WHETHER THE SUBJECT HAS TRULY SHIFTED TO A MODE OF SUSTAINED CANDIDNESS AND PRODUCTIVITY OR WILL SLIP BACK INTO HIS PATTERN OF BEING FORTH. SUBJECT SHOWED CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO APPROPRIATELY ENGAGE WITH INTERROGATORS AND TDY DEBRIEFERS DURING QUESTIONING AND DISCUSSION OF HIS WRITING. DURING THESE INTERACTIONS, HE WAS ALERT AND ATTENTIVE. SUBJECT'S SPEECH AND WRITING WERE FLUID, WELL-ORGANIZED, AND GOAL-DIRECTED.

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