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Title: (S) [redacted]  
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Synopsis: (U) (S) Documentation of [redacted]  
interviews of [redacted] at Bagram Air Field (BAF),  
Afghanistan.

(S) ~~Derived From: G-3 (U)~~  
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Details: (U) (S/NF) On [redacted] Supervisory  
Special Agent (SSA) [redacted] and Sgt [redacted]  
USA, Military Intelligence (MI), interviewed [redacted]  
[redacted] hereafter referred to as [redacted]

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(U) (S/NF) On [redacted] was asked whether he had  
thought about Interviewing Agents comments regarding a need to be  
truthful and candid in all aspects of interviews [redacted] stated

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that he had been completely candid and that he could do no more. Interviewing Agents bluntly told [redacted] that he had not been truthful and his continued lack of candor was the reason he remained where he was [redacted] steadfastly insisted that there was nothing he has hidden from investigators the entire time he has been in custody

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ Interviewing Agents spent some time reminding [redacted] of his transparent and frequent contact with [redacted] Furthermore, [redacted] Interviewing Agents logically laid out the facts of his associations with Usama Bin Laden (UBL) and how that led to interaction with [redacted] Interviewing Agents also interjected with comments made by [redacted] which showed [redacted] overall complicity

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ After a lengthy time, [redacted] finally admitted that he knew all along that when he was dealing with [redacted] [redacted] that they were associated with Al Qaeda (AQ). However, [redacted] continued to deny that he knew [redacted] was associated with AQ The interview was concluded

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ By design, the mood throughout the [redacted] interview was hostile Interviewing Agents refused to allow [redacted] to misdirect or deny known facts Interviewing Agents also maintained an aggressive attitude toward [redacted] throughout the course of the interview Furthermore, Interviewing Agents advised [redacted] they felt his simple denials were childlike and that it was shameful [redacted] Interviewing Agents believe that [redacted] is egotistical and enjoys playing the role of mentor. With [redacted] being told that Interviewers saw him so negatively, future statement by [redacted] might be influenced so he could avoid this negative perception Interviewing Agents believe [redacted] feels that to state he knew [redacted] was AQ would be tantamount to signing a confession However, even if [redacted] never provides truthful statements on the topic of [redacted] his fear of being viewed as an intellectual or ethical inferior may drive him to be more careful about making untruthful statements in other areas.

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ On [redacted] was reinterviewed Interviewing Agents wanted to see how Paracha's attitude had changed after the hostile nature of the last interview [redacted] was greeted and asked how he had been feeling [redacted] stated that he had been experiencing dizzy spells and shortness of

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breath Interviewing Agents spent a few minutes discussing further [redacted] health

(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ [redacted] was then asked to talk about his attitude toward the Taliban [redacted] stated that throughout history Pakistan and Afghanistan were so closely linked that they could not be separated [redacted] advised that the Taliban was the only group that has been able to bring stability to Afghanistan. [redacted] believed that the Taliban maintained law and order and successfully controlled the drug trade within Afghanistan

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ [redacted] stated that Islam is a flexible religion and the Taliban's only problem was that it was not flexible. [redacted] explained that Afghanistan was not an educated society so the only means to properly control the population was through religion which the Taliban did do successfully

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ [redacted] then broadened the topic and discussed Islam in relation to other religions of the Book (Christianity and Judaism). [redacted] stated that Islam forces no person to change his religion and that actually Muslims have a responsibility to protect non Muslims.

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ [redacted] was asked to discuss his views on personal jihad versus group jihad [redacted] stated that his view of a personal jihad was for one to maintain self control and contribute what one can to society Group jihad was in the defense of the Islamic State. In a sovereign state with an army there is no need for group jihad by the civilians. Furthermore, [redacted] stated that group jihad is authorized against the government which poses the threat but not against the innocent or civilians. Jihad in defense can be in the form of physical power (action), tongue (verbal), or simply condemnation within one's heart.

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ [redacted] was then asked that based on his believe in the Islamic State ruling peacefully with persons of other religions and the belief of group jihad only in defense against an attacking government, what did he think of actions carried out by UBL and AQ. [redacted] stated that UBL had no authority under Islamic Law to proclaim jihad. Interviewing Agents continued and advised that though UBL did not have such authority he was in league with others that did have the authority and supported UBL's jihad proclamation Interviewing Agents asked [redacted] if he wished to see Christians hating Muslim's because of the violent actions of a few [redacted] reiterated that he wished

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Muslim and non Muslim could live peacefully [redacted] was told that if this were truly his wish he could not logically support UBL or AQ [redacted] remained quiet during much of this discourse but finally agreed that what UBL did was harmful to the Islamic cause.

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ At his point the interview was concluded. Interviewing Agents did not notice any harmful effects as a result of the adversarial nature of the previous interview [redacted] spoke freely to Interviewing Agents and did not mention the previous interview [redacted] has been in isolation for several months and it is apparent [redacted] needs and enjoys the interaction these interviews bring. Interviewing Agents feel [redacted] can be pushed fairly far and it will not cause him to cease speaking with Interviewing Agents

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ In general, Interviewing Agents believe [redacted] relies on the fact that Interviewers do not have the knowledge to refute many statements he makes [redacted] is free to make comments on various topics in an authoritative manner and has thus far not been challenged on his interpretation of the facts. When [redacted] is challenged on the statements he makes and those challenges are backed with other evidence, [redacted] loses the control he feels during the interview. Interviewing Agents believe asking [redacted] questions in which the Interviewers have solid evidence to refute any possible lies and constantly challenging [redacted] is the best approach to use at this stage with him.

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