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TEXT:
1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE STAY THE COURSE, MEDICAL SITUATION PERMITTING, AND BE CERTAIN YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT.

2. MUCH APPRECIATE REF DETAILED, TIMELY REPORTING OF YOUR WORK AT [______] WE READ CAREFULLY THE WEEK'S INTERROGATION RESULTS, AND YOUR RECENTLY SUBMITTED PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE INTERROGATION SITUATION. WE SEE THIS POINT AS STILL EARLY IN THE PHASE TWO PROCESS, AND WHILE THE WORK IS DIFFICULT, WE SEE SOME POSITIVE TRENDS. YOU ARE SUCCEEDING IN PLACING EFFECTIVE INTERROGATION STRESS ON ABU ZUBAYDHA IN KEEPING WITH THE INTERROGATION GUIDELINES. ABU ZUBAYDHA IS FEELING THE INCREASED PRESSURE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE HAS BEGUN TO SHARE DISSEMINABLE INFORMATION - AT THE END OF A WEEK. WHILE THE VALUE OF THIS INFORMATION IS MODEST, IT IS VERIFIABLE AND CAN BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR FUTURE INTERROGATIONS. IT MAY CLEAR THE WAY FOR MORE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. THE BOTTOM LINE, IN OUR VIEW, IS THAT REF DEVELOPMENTS ARE ENCOURAGING AND MORE THAN JUSTIFY STAYING THE COURSE. OUR ASSESSMENT REMAINS THAT ABU ZUBAYDHA IS IN POSSESSION OF CRITICAL INFORMATION.

3. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE AGGRESSIVE PHASE MUST CONTINUE.

4. WE KNOW THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT. YOUR TASK IS UNIQUE, STRESSFUL ON THE PARTICIPANTS, AS WELL AS TERRIBLY IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE. YOU ARE DOING THIS WORK FAR FROM HOME AND YOUR COLLEAGUES. DON'T LET THIS DISTANCE LEAD YOU TO THINK THAT YOU HAVE ANYTHING BUT OUR COMPLETE SUPPORT.

5. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE [______] CTC VTC SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST. WE CANNOT GET A TDY VISIT TEAM TO [______] BEFORE THAT VTC, SO SUGGEST THE VISIT AND ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF THE [______] OPERATION BE DISCUSSED THEN. THROUGHOUT THIS OPERATION BUT ESPECIALLY IN THIS PHASE, CLOSE COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT. YOUR REPORTING IS EXCELLENT; IT IS OUR AIM TO PROVIDE YOU THE MOST USEFUL AND RAPID SUPPORT WE CAN. WARM REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.

END OF MESSAGE SECRET