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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR HQS/ALEC GUIDANCE ON THE NEXT PHASE OF THE ABU ZUBAYDAH INTERROGATIONS.

2. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 2002, HQS/ALEC HELD A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE NEXT PHASE OF INTERROGATIONS OF ((ABU ZUBAYDAH)) (AZ). THE MAIN HQS PLAYERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE CTC AND CTC/UBL.
OTHER NOTABLE ATTENDEES WERE SECURITY OFFICER AND IC SERE PSYCHOLOGIST AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTS ALL PARTIES WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT AZ IS WITHHOLDING CRITICAL INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY ON DIRECT THREATS AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND OVERSEAS. HE IS LYING LESS, BUT LEAVING MORE OUT. WHILE AZ IS COMPLYING WITH THE INTERROGATORS ON SELECT TOPICS, HQS/ALEC BELIEVES THE INTERROGATIONS NEED TO TAKE A HARDER LINE AND MOVE AWAY FROM THE CURRENT STATUS, WHICH RESEMBLES MORE OF A DEBRIEFING. THIS CABLE CONSTITUTES FULL HQS APPROVAL AND SUPPORT TO MOVE THE INTERROGATIONS IN THE DIRECTION DESCRIBED BELOW.

3. THE NEXT PHASE (ISOLATION): IN DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF THE AZ INTERROGATIONS, A VARIETY OF PLANS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO DATE. WE SHOULD AVOID THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW INTERROGATORS INTO THE SCENARIO WITH AZ. THEREFORE,

PROPOSED ISOLATION OPTION: IN EXECUTING THIS OPTION, AZ WILL BE PLACED IN PSEUDO-ISOLATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE WEEKS, WITH LIMITED/LIMITED VISITS FROM MEDICAL AND SECURITY PERSONNEL TO HANDLE DAILY RESPONSIBILITIES. DURING THIS THREE WEEK PERIOD, THE CURRENT INTERROGATION TEAM WILL RETURN TO HQS FOR CONSULTATIONS.

4. SPECIFICS AND TIMELINE: THE ISOLATION PHASE WILL BEGIN ON 20 JUNE, NOTWITHSTANDING UNFORESEEN DELAYING CIRCUMSTANCES. IC SERE PSYCHOLOGIST IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AND WILL BE ABLE TO FILL IN ANY HOLES LEFT BY THIS CABLE AND ASSIST IN ORCHESTRATING THE ISOLATION.

MAY ALSO INCORPORATE THE ROLE OF THE "BAD GUY" WHICH HAS BEEN PLAYED BY AND CONTRIBUTED TO AZ'S 19 MAY REVELATION.

WILL REMAIN BEHIND TO MONITOR THE SITUATION AND CAREFULLY SUPERVISE THE ACTIVITY OF MEDICAL AND SECURITY ELEMENTS. HE WILL BE ASSISTED BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL.
-- AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK OF JULY [ ] THERE WILL BE A
HQs MEETING REQUIRING THE PRESENCE OF ALL INVOLVED PARTIES.

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[ ] WILL RETURN [ ] TO PARTICIPATE.

-- IF AZ INDICATES A WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION
DURING THE ISOLATION PHASE, HE WILL BE PROVIDED PAPER AND A
WRITING INSTRUMENT FOR A LIMITED PERIOD TO MAKE HIS STATEMENTS.
HIS STATEMENTS WILL THEN BE CHECKED FOR ACCURACY AND RELEVANCE.

[ ] THE INTENT OF THIS PHASE IS TO SET THE STAGE TO
RATCHET UP THE INTERROGATIONS OF AZ -- EFFORT BY AZ TO INITIATE
CONTACT WILL BE RESISTED.

--ONLY IN THE EVENT AZ PROVIDES VERIFIED ACTIONABLE
INTELLIGENCE ON DIRECT THREATS AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS WILL HQS
CONSIDER DEVIATING FROM THE PLAN.

5. POST-ISOLATION PHASE: ON OR ABOUT [ ] JULY, INTERROGATORS
WILL BE REINTRODUCED INTO THE SCENARIO.

[ ] TO PRESS AZ HARD ON DIRECT THREAT INFORMATION AGAINST U.S.
INTERESTS AND RETURN THE SITUATION TO A FULL FLEDERED
INTERROGATION.

-- AFTER THE ISOLATION, HQS APPROVES CAREFUL INTRODUCTION OF
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-- THE POST-ISOLATION PHASE WILL LIKELY INCORPORATE THE ROLL
OF THE "BAD GUY" WHICH HAS BEEN PLAYED BY LIB AND FACILITATED
AZ’S "REVELATION" ON 19 MAY. THIS INCORPORATION AND THE POSSIBLE
INTRODUCTION OF ANOTHER "BAD GUY" WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE HQS
MEETING.

HQS WILL

IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE AS CHIEF OF BASE

THE COB WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
ALL ASPECTS OF ___ AND EQUIPPED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE DECISIONS IN
RESPONSE TO THE FLUID NATURE OF THE INTERROGATIONS.
-- WITH REGARD TO THE ONGOING CARE OF AZ'S WOUND AND
UNDERLYING NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT, OMS BELIEVES WE CAN INTRODUCE MORE
UNCERTAINTY AND UNPREDICTABILITY, AND LESSEN THE APPEARANCE OF
EXCEPTIONAL MEDICAL ATTENTIVENESS, WITHOUT INCREASING THE RISK OF
A SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL COMPLICATION. OMS HAS INDICATED THAT THE
ENSURE SUPPLEMENT WHICH SUPPORTS THE WOUND HEALING CAN BE
ADMINISTERED ON A MORE VARIABLE BASIS, AND CERTAINLY DOES NOT HAVE
TO BE MADE OPTIMALLY PALATABLE. ESSENTIAL VITAMINS CAN BE
INCLUDED WITH THE ENSURE, SO THAT AZ BELIEVES ONE OF HIS
MEDICATIONS (THE VITAMIN PILL) HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED. SO LONG AS
AZ IS TOLD THAT THE LIQUID SUPPLEMENT IS IMPORTANT TO HIS WOUND
HEALING, THE PAST RECORD SUGGESTS THAT HE EVENTUALLY WILL TAKE IT.
IF NOT, HE MIGHT BE TOLD THAT IT'S HIS OWN LEG THAT IS BEING
JEOPARDIZED. MEDICAL PERSONNEL CAN MONITOR THE OVERALL INTAKE,
AND OMS JUDGES THAT WITH AZ'S ESTABLISHED DIET EVEN A LESSER
AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ENSURE STILL WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT
AGAINST A NUTRITIONAL PROBLEM. MORE PALATABLY FLAVORED ENSURE OR
OTHER DIETARY VARIETY CAN BE RESERVED AS A REWARD.

-- DRESSING CHANGES CAN BE UNDERTAKEN ON A MORE VARIABLE
BASIS. SO LONG AS THE DRESSINGS ARE CAREFULLY MONITORED
EXTERNAL FOR INDICATIONS OF A DEVELOPING INFECTION, SOME INTERVALS OF UP TO 24 HOURS BETWEEN CHANGES ARE ACCEPTABLE. IF THE INTENT IS TO UNDERScores A REDUCTION IN CARE, THERE MAY ALSO BE SOME MERIT IN INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DRESSING CHANGES IN THE SHORT TERM, AS THOUGH THERE WAS SOME CONCERN. THIS WILL DRAMATIZE A LATER REDUCTION IN REGULARITY AND FREQUENCY, WITHOUT INTRODUCING UNACCEPTABLE MEDICAL RISKS.

-- SO LONG AS AZ IS MONITORED FOR SIGNS OF DETERIORATION IN HIS WOUND REQUIRING MORE AGGRESSIVE MEDICAL CARE, ANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AT ANY TIME. IF ALL THESE CHANGES COINCIDED WITH THE TEAM'S DEPARTURE, AZ'S IMPRESSION OF ABANDONMENT MIGHT BE ENHANCED.

-- OMS ALSO BELIEVES THAT WE PRESENTLY ARE MOVING INTO THE FINAL PHASE OF WOUND HEALING, WITH SOME HOPE THAT A SCAR WILL HAVE CLOSED THE WOUND WITHIN THE NEXT 6-8 WEEKS. NOW THAT THE LESION HAS FILLED IN FROM THE BOTTOM, THE MARGINS SHOULD BEGIN TO CLOSE. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF FUTURE PHOTOGRAPHS WOULD INCLUDE A SMALL RULER PLACED BELOW THE WOUND TO ALLOW DOCUMENTATION OF THE RATE OF CLOSURE. CLOSURE OF THE WOUND WILL ENABLE EVEN MORE VARIABILITY IN AZ'S PERCEIVED MEDICAL CARE, AS DRESSING CHANGES WOULD NO LONGER BE REQUIRED AND NUTRITION WOULD BECOME LESS CRITICAL FOR WOUND-HEALING.

7. HQS/ALEC APPRECIATES CONTINUED EFFORT IN THIS MISSION AND BELIEVES THE ABOVE DETAILS PROVIDE A CLEAR DIRECTION FOR THE FUTURE INTERROGATIONS OF AZ. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FEEDBACK. (IF DESIRED, WE ALSO WOULD SUPPORT A FOR A TEAM MEETING WITH CTC/LOL WHILE TEAM MEMBERS ARE BACK AT HQS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AND REASSURANCE ON THESE AND OTHER LEGAL ISSUES.) REGARDS.