SUBJECT: BYRS ONLY - ADJUSTMENT TO THE ABU SUBAYDAH INTERROGATION STRATEGY

REF: A. 10186
    B. 10216
    C. 10153
    D. ALEC 175489

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: --- REQUEST ALEC/HEADQUARTERS COMMENTS ON THE TIMEFRAMES ON WHICH THE INTERROGATION OF ABU SUBAYDAH CAN EXPECT TO OPERATE. OTHER COMMENTS ON THE BELOW ADJUSTMENT TO THE INTERROGATION STRATEGY WELCOMED.

2. ON 8 MAY 2002, THE INTERROGATION TEAM HELD AN ALL-HANDS MEETING TO REVIEW REF A STRATEGY FOR THE INTERROGATION PROCESS AND TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY BASED ON A REVIEW OF (ABU SUBAYDAH)'S EMERGING RESISTANCE POSTURE AS WELL AS COMMENTS AND INPUT FROM BOTH CIA AND FBI HEADQUARTERS ON POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROPOSED PLAN. THE MEETING WAS

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EXTRAERICLY PRODUCTIVE AND SERVED TO CLARIFY SEVERAL KEY POINTS OF THIS PROCESS.

4. IN ORDER TO BETTER ASSESS THE PROGRESS OF THE INTERROGATION STRATEGY, THE TEAM REVIEWED OUR COLLECTIVE UNDERSTANDING OF ITS CURRENT STATUS. THE TEAM REVIEWED SUBJECT'S SKILLS AS A RESISTER AND DETERMINED THE FOLLOWING:
D. SUBJECT HAS DEMONSTRATED STRONG PSYCHOLOGICAL RESILIENCE

5. THE TEAM ALSO ASSESSED THAT SUBJECT'S MEDICAL CONDITION HAS CREATED CHALLENGES FOR THE INTERROGATION PROCESS AND PRECLUDES FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF REPS A AND B STRATEGY.
B. THE TEAM WILL REINFORCE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR EACH INTERROGAITION SESSION. THESE PROCEDURES WILL INCLUDE MAINTAINING CONSISTENT THEMES FOR EACH SCRIPTED SESSION TO NOT ALLOW FOR AN OPENING OR VARYING MESSAGE FROM EITHER INTERROGATOR.

7. THE INTERROGATION TEAM ALSO REVIEWED THE DAY-TO-DAY TREATMENT OF SUBJECT AND HIS ENVIRONMENT TO ASSESS WHAT, IF ANYTHING, CAN BE ADJUSTED TO FURTHER LOWER SUBJECT'S RESISTANCE POSTURE. THE TEAM DECIDED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IS TO INTERFERENCE WITH SUBJECT'S SLEEP IN ORDER TO DEGRADE HIS ABILITY TO MAINTAIN HIS FULL MENTAL CAPACITIES. THE MORE WE CAN TIRE HIM OUT, THE MORE WE CAN DISRUPT HIS ABILITY TO PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIM AND TO THINK CLEARLY. THE TEAM WILL MODIFY THE MECHANICS OF DISRUPTING SUBJECT'S SLEEP BY SPACING OUT HIS REQUIRED MEDICAL CARE IN A MANNER THAT WILL REQUIRE SUBJECT TO BE DISTURBED FREQUENTLY WHILE STILL TENDING TO HIS MEDICAL NEEDS.

8. WELCOME ALEC/HOS COMMENTS ON THIS STRATEGY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP HEADQUARTERS FULLY INFORMED ON EVERY STEP OF THE INTERROGATION. REGARDS.