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Date: 20020816

TO: ALEC

FROM:

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - SITREP ON ABU ZUBAYDAAH AS OF 16 AUGUST 2002

TOR: 161757Z AUG 02 10631

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CITE 10631

TO: IMMEDIATE ALEC INFO DIRECTOR,

FOR: CTC INFO CHIEF/CTC, CTC, CTC/LGL, OMS OTS

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - SITREP ON ABU ZUBAYDAAH AS 16 AUGUST 2002

REF: DIRECTOR 397057

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: -- PLS SEE SEPARATE CABLE RE FULL DETAILS OF RESULTS OF 16 AUGUST CYCLE OF INTERROGATION SESSIONS.

-- PLS SEE PARA 2 AND RELAY PERTINENT

INFO TO
DEFER TO HQS TO REVIEW FOR DISSEM.

2. OVERALL STATE OF PLAY: DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, ((ABU ZUBAYDAH)) (SUBJECT) HAS CONTINUED TO SAY HE KNOWS OF NO THREATS TO THE UNITED STATES OTHER THAN THOSE HE HAS ALREADY MENTIONED. ON 16 AUGUST 02 -- DAY 13 OF THE AGGRESSIVE INTERROGATION PHASE -- TEAM WELCOMED NEWLY ARRIVED HQS TEAM -- COB __________ DCOS ALEC __________ CTC/LGL __________ AND C/OTS __________ TEAM DISCUSSED THE GENERAL OVERALL STRATEGY FOR THE CURRENT PHASE FACTORING IN HQS GUIDANCE. SUBSEQUENTLY, __________ AND __________ ALONG WITH IC SERE PSYCHOLOGISTS HELD AN INTENSE FOUR HOUR SESSION WITH SUBJECT DURING WHICH SUBJECT WAS VERY ENGAGED AND PROVIDED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED BY INTERROGATORS IN A STRAIGHT FORWARD MANNER. SUBJECT RESPONDED TO A VARIETY OF QUESTIONS WHICH DEALT WITH A RANGE OF TOPICS, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN COVERED PREVIOUSLY. SUBJECT ADDED SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS NOTED BELOW.
3. ATMOSPHERICS/BEHAVIORAL COMMENTS: DURING THIS PERIOD
SUBJECT WAS COMPLIANT WITH ALL VERBAL AND NONVERBAL DIRECTIONS FOR
MOVEMENT. DURING THE INTERROGATION SUBJECT WAS ATTENTIVE TO THE
QUESTIONSPOSEDTOHIMANDAPPEAREDEARNESTINHISEFFORTSTO PROVIDE
THE INFORMATION REQUESTED. INITIALLY, HE APPEARED UNCOMFORTABLE WITH
THE INTRODUCTION OF A FEMALE INTERROGATOR, HOWEVER HE WAS RESPECTFUL
AND SOON ADJUSTED TO HER PRESENCE. HE APPEARED TO TRY TO STAY ON
TOPIC AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO DIGRESS WHEN HE NEEDED TO PROVIDE
BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO ADD CONTEXT TO HIS RESPONSES. THE SESSION
LASTED APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS AND COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS.
SUBJECT WAS, HOWEVER, ABLE TO STAY FOCUSED WITH MINIMAL PROMPTING
FROM THE INTERROGATORS.

4. THREAT UPDATE: NO NEW THREAT INFORMATION.

5. MEDICAL UPDATE: SUBJECT NUTRITION/Hydration ADEQUATE PAST
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. TWO SMALL AREAS OF WOUND BREAKDOWN PERSIST WITHOUT
CHANGE.

6. ADMIN NOTE: WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMIN
OVERSIGHT AND BASE MANAGEMENT FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF

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TO: ALEC

FROM:

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - SITREP ON ABU ZUBAYDAH AS 17 AUGUST 2002

TOR: 171612Z AUG 02 10633

SECRET 171609Z AUG 02 STAFF

CITE 10633

TO: IMMEDIATE ALEC INFO DIRECTOR,

FOR: CTC INFO CHIEF/CTC, CTC

CTC/LGL, OMS OTS

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - SITREP ON ABU ZUBAYDAH AS 17 AUGUST 2002

REF: A. DIRECTOR 397057] 1
B. [ ]

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: -- PLS SEE PARA TWO AND ADVISE STATUS OF A PREVIOUS REQUEST. THANKS.

-- ALSO, PLS SEE SEPARATE CABLE RE FULL DETAILS OF RESULTS OF 17 AUGUST CYCLE OF INTERROGATION SESSIONS.
2. OVERALL STATE OF PLAY: DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, (ABU ZUBAYDAH) (SUBJECT) HAS CONTINUED TO SAY HE KNOWS OF NO THREATS TO THE UNITED STATES OR AGAINST UNITED STATES INTERESTS BEYOND WHAT HE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED. ON 17 AUGUST 02 -- DAY 14 OF THE AGGRESSIVE INTERROGATION PHASE HELD A STRATEGY MEETING TO DECIDE ON THE TOPICS AND MODALITIES OF TODAY'S INTERROGATION SESSIONS FACTORING IN HQS GUIDANCE/REQUIREMENTS. SUBSEQUENTLY, THREE INTERROGATION SESSIONS WERE HELD WITH SUBJECT. THE FIRST SESSION WAS HELD BY COB [REDACTED] AND IC SERE PSYCHOLOGISTS AND FOCUSED LARGELY ON THE QUESTION OF SUBJECT'S

DURING THIS TIME HE STAYED FOCUSED. HE REPEATEDLY ASSURED INTERROGATORS THAT HE WOULD NOT LIE OR LEAVE OUT IMPORTANT FACTS. SUBJECT DENIED KNOWING ANSWERS TO SEVERAL OF THE KEY QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE INTERROGATORS. HE APPEARED SINCERE IN THESE DENIALS AND APOLOGIZED FOR KNOW HAVING THE INFORMATION. WHEN THE INTERROGATORS ASKED SUBJECT TO WRITE DOWN HE SAT ON THE FLOOR AND DILIGENTLY WORKED ON THE PROJECT. WHEN SECURITY PERSONNEL REMOVED THE PAPER AND FELT PEN PRIOR TO PROJECT COMPLETION, SUBJECT ASKED THE INTERROGATOR WHO HAD ENTERED THE CELL FOR A DIFFERENT REASON IF HE COULD FINISH. SUBJECT DISPLAYED NO DIFFICULTY INTERACTING WITH THE FEMALE INTERROGATOR.

4. THREAT UPDATE: AS NOTED ABOVE, SUBJECT DID NOT PROVIDE ANY NEW THREAT INFORMATION CONCERNING OPERATIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES OR UNITED STATES INTERESTS BEYOND WHAT HE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED. SUBJECT DID HOWEVER PROVIDE INFO ABOUT POSSIBLE TERRORIST OPERATIONS BUT ABOUT WHICH SUBJECT NOTED HE DID NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFICS IN TERMS OF WHO, WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN.

5. MEDICAL UPDATE: REDUCED AMOUNT OF YELLOWISH EXUDATE NOTED ON WOUND. BREAKDOWN OF EDGES PREVIOUSLY NOTED ARE RESOLVING. FLUID INTAKE/OUTPUT AND NUTRITIONAL INTAKE REMAIN CONSTANT.

6. ADMIN NOTE:

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SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - STATUS OF THE INTERROGATIONS

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TOR: 280820Z AUG 02 10700

SECRET 280817Z AUG 02 STAFF

CITE 10700

TO: IMMEDIATE ALEC INFO IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR, [redacted]

FOR: CTC INFO CHIEF/CTC, CTC [redacted] CTC/LGL, [redacted]

OMS [redacted] OTS [redacted]

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - STATUS OF THE INTERROGATIONS

REF: A. ALEC 185413 [redacted]

B. [redacted] 10667 [redacted]

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE NOTE PARA 7 AND WELCOME COMMENTS.

2. APPRECIATE ALEC’S ASSESSMENT IN REF (A) THAT ABU ZUBAYDAH HAS NOT TOLD US ALL THAT HE KNOWS, EVEN ON THE REQUIREMENTS ALREADY COVERED. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RESULTS OF ALEC/HQS ANALYSIS OF THE TAKE SO FAR IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE WE ARE CONFIDENT—BASED ON ACTUAL OTHER REPORTING—THAT HE IS LYING OR HOLDING BACK.

3. DURING THE AGGRESSIVE PHASE OF THE INTERROGATION, COB AND
DIAOS ALEC QUESTIONED SUBJECT AFTER HE HAD BEEN CONDITIONED AND DEMANED COMPLIANT AFTER 12 DAYS OF INTENSIVE WALLING AND WATERBOARDING, USE OF SMALL BOX, AND OTHER AGGRESSIVE TECHNIQUES. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO TEST THIS COMPLIANCE BY BROADENING THE SCOPE OF QUESTIONING AND PRESSING HIM ON PREVIOUS UNANSWERED ISSUES.

4. WHILE WE HAVE NO PRETENSE THAT THIS IS THE SUM TOTAL OF WHAT AZ KNOWS, BELIEVE WE ARE MAKING A DENT IN THAT KNOWLEDGE.

5. OF COURSE, BASED ON HIS DIRECT ACCESS TO THOSE PLANNERS, WE CORRECTLY ASSUMED HE WOULD HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF OPERATIONAL PLANNING AND HE DOES, INDEED, HAVE THIS KNOWLEDGE. HE ADMITS THIS EVEN FOR 9/11,

BUT HE STILL INSISTS THAT HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIG FOLLOW-ON ATTACK INTENDED FOR AFTER 9/11.

--IS HE LYING OR WITHHOLDING? POSSIBLE, BUT WE BELIEVE UNLIKELY GIVEN THE INTENSIVE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL PRESSURES USED.

--IS HIS ANSWER PLAUSIBLE AND CONSISTENT WITH THE AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE? YES.

--MOST IMPORTANTLY, ARE WE SATISFIED AT THAT WE HAVE
APPLIED THE TECHNIQUES AGGRESSIVELY AND CONDITIONED SUBJECT TO THE POINT THAT WE CAN ASSESS HE IS COMPLIANT? YES.

--OUR BOTTOM LINE IS THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE DON'T KNOW. WE CAN ONLY OPERATE ON WHAT WE DO KNOW, AND THAT INTELLIGENCE SO FAR IS CONSISTENT WITH AZ'S STORY.

6. AT THIS POINT, WE SHARE THE GOAL OF BOTH ALEC AND HQS TO IDENTIFY SOMETHING CONCRETE THAT WE CAN USE TO CONFRONT HIM IN A LIE OR A SIGNIFICANT OMISSION. IF WE SUCCEED, BASE WILL RETURN TO THE AGGRESSIVE PHASE TOOLS AND USE EVERY AVAILABLE TECHNIQUE ALLOWED US. ABSENT THAT SCENARIO, HOWEVER, WE PLAN TO CONTINUE THE STRATEGY AS LAID OUT IN REF (B) TO SYSTEMATICALLY DRAIN HIM DRY OF ANY USEFUL INTELLIGENCE. FOR THAT, WE WILL CAREFULLY CONTINUE TO OBSERVE HIM TO ENSURE HE REMAINS "COMPLIANT" AND IC PSYCHOLOGISTS WILL STAND BY TO "TUNE HIM UP" AS REQUIRED. IT IS OUR ASSESSMENT THAT IF WE PROCEED AGAIN TO THE WATERBOARD, ON A GENERAL THREAT QUESTION WITH NOTHING CONCRETE TO FOCUS ON, WE WILL RISK LOSING EVEN MINIMAL COOPERATION AFTERWARDS. IF AZ BELIEVES HE CANNOT AVOID THE WATERBOARD NO MATTER WHAT HE SAYS, PSYCHOLOGISTS BELIEVE IT LIKELY HE MAY SIMPLY MOVE INTO A STATE WHERE WE COME CLOSE TO THE THRESHOLDS ESTABLISHED BY CTC/LGL. OF COURSE, IF WE DO DEVELOP INFORMATION THAT HE IS LYING, THEN WE BELIEVE IT'S WELL WORTH THE RISK TO PRESS HIM HARD TO GET THAT ONE NUGGET.

7. SHOULD OUR REVIEW OF AZ'S REPORTING TURN UP INDICATIONS OF SUBSTANTIVE LIES AND/OR WITHHOLDING, 

IF BASE AND HQS COLLECTIVELY ASSESS THAT WE HAVE NOT YET GOT THE BOTTOM LINE ON AZ'S THREAT INFO, AND WE REMAIN CONVINCED THE WATERBOARD APPLIED ONLY TO AZ IS UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE RESULTS THAT DIFFER FROM WHAT WE HAVE NOW, AT PRESENT, OUR ASSESSMENT REMAINS THAT IF AZ DOES HAVE THAT NUGGET, HE'LL TAKE IT WITH HIM IF ONLY FACED WITH THE WATERBOARD.

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