



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Title of Instruction:	Investigating al-Qa'ida
Time of Instruction:	2 Hours
Target Group:	New Agent Trainees and Regional IT
Instructor:	CTC Staff: Retired Special Agent Dan Coleman
Methods of Instruction:	Lecture with Q & A throughout the course of discussion
Additional Information:	N/A
Date:	Habitual

Statement of Goals and Objectives

Instructional Goal:

In this section, retired Special Agent Dan Coleman will provide an overview of his experience investigating al-Qa'ida. Former Special Agent Coleman's Bureau career spanned a period of more than 31 years, during which time he was a counterintelligence and counterterrorism investigator, worked on the New York Field Office Joint Terrorism Task Force, and was [REDACTED] to assist in pursuing bin Laden. Former Special Agent Coleman's al-Qa'ida-related work involved investigation of the organization's role in Somalia in 1993, the U.S. Embassy attacks of 1998, the bombing of the USS Cole in 2000, and the attacks of September 11th. Former Special Agent Coleman will detail his experience with the case and provide trainees with information useful to conducting successful counterterrorism investigations.

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Instructional Objectives:

After 1 hours of instruction, the learner will be able to:

- [REDACTED] against a terrorist entity
- [REDACTED]
- Describe bin Laden's role in global terrorism from the early 1990s to the attacks of September 11th
- [REDACTED]

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Criterion Test Questions

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Criterion Test Answers



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List of Items and Materials

Equipment / Aids Required for Instructor:

- Overhead Proxima projector
- Computer
- Pointer
- PowerPoint

Equipment / Aids Required for Students:

- CTC West Point handbook with note-taking space provided
- Pencil/pen

Power Point Slides or Outline:

Outline:

1. Title Slide
2. Headlines
3. Agenda for Discussion
4. Investigating al-Qa'ida

5. [REDACTED]

6. Embassy Bombings

7. [REDACTED]
8. [REDACTED]

9. Interviews

10. [REDACTED]

11. AQ Lessons Learned

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Handouts:

- Provided by CTC West Point

Outline of Activities

Content	Instructor Notes
Grabber: <i>Please see attached presentation</i> Introduction: Instructors introduce themselves and their credentials. Thesis Statement: The attacks of 9/11/01 were the culmination of a growing global jihadist threat. This class provides a first-hand account of the investigation of Osama bin Laden and al-Qa'ida leading up to the events of September 11th. Needs Statement [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Objective #1: [REDACTED] against a terrorist entity Former Special Agent Coleman will relate how he came to be involved with the investigation of al-Qa'ida. He will discuss his experience interviewing and working with various subjects who provided essential information on bin Laden and al-Qa'ida [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Former Special Agent Coleman will also discuss what proved to be [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Objective #2: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Former Special Agent Coleman will discuss his work investigating al-Qa'ida, highlighting particular efforts taken by the U.S. government to prevent attacks. Objective #3: Understand bin Laden's role in global terrorism from the early 1990s to the 9/11 attacks. Former Special Agent Coleman will recount certain aspects	b7E b7E

of bin Laden's history, emphasizing that the attacks of 9/11 were the culmination of a growing trend.

Summary/Conclusion:

Former Special Agent Coleman played a key role in the investigation of Osama bin Laden and al-Qa'ida. This block of instruction provides audiences with first-hand information and the opportunity to ask candid questions related to conducting terrorism investigations.

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