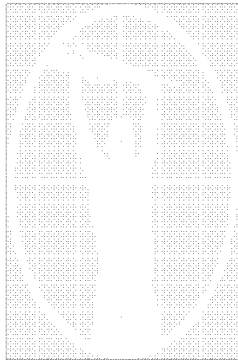
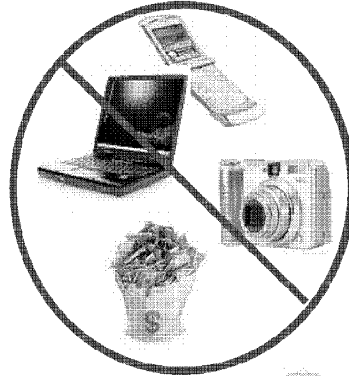




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Interagency/International Cooperation

- Domestic Agencies
 - Iredell County Sheriff's Office
 - U.S. Department of Justice
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation
 - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
 - Immigration and Naturalization Service
 - Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigations
 - Diplomatic Security Service

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Interagency/International Cooperation-Cont.

- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department
- North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation
- International Agencies
 - Royal Canadian Mounted Police
 - Canadian Security Intelligence Service

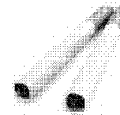
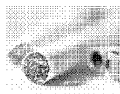
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Title 18, US Code, Chpt. 114

Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act (CCTA)

Violation to transport more than 10,000 cigarettes across state lines
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Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act

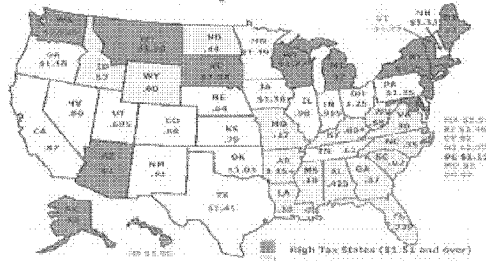
- Federally permitted Manufacturer of tobacco products
- Common Carrier
- State Licensed Cigarette Distributor



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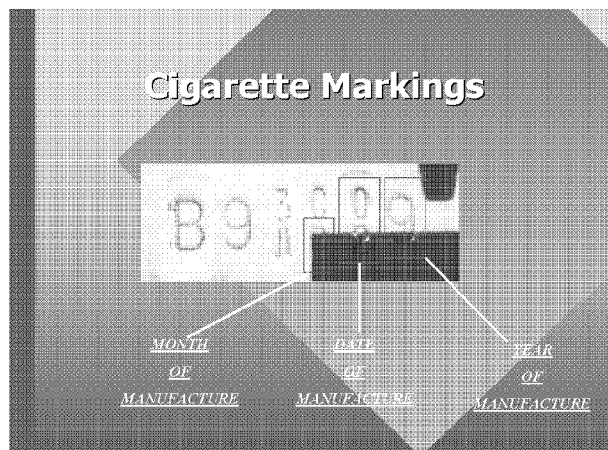
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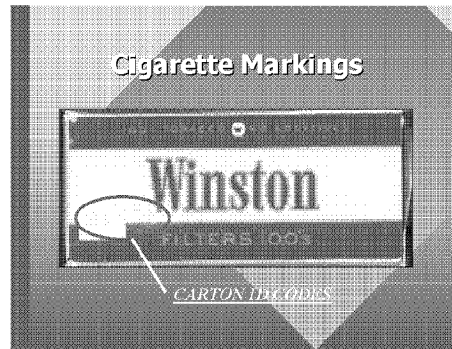
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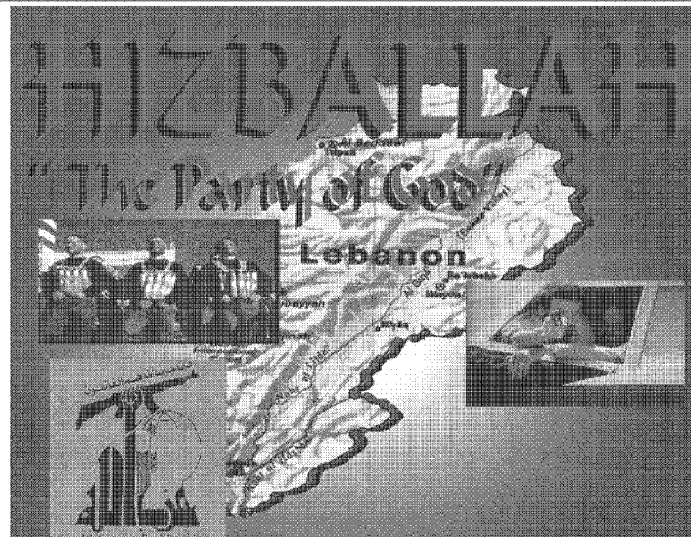
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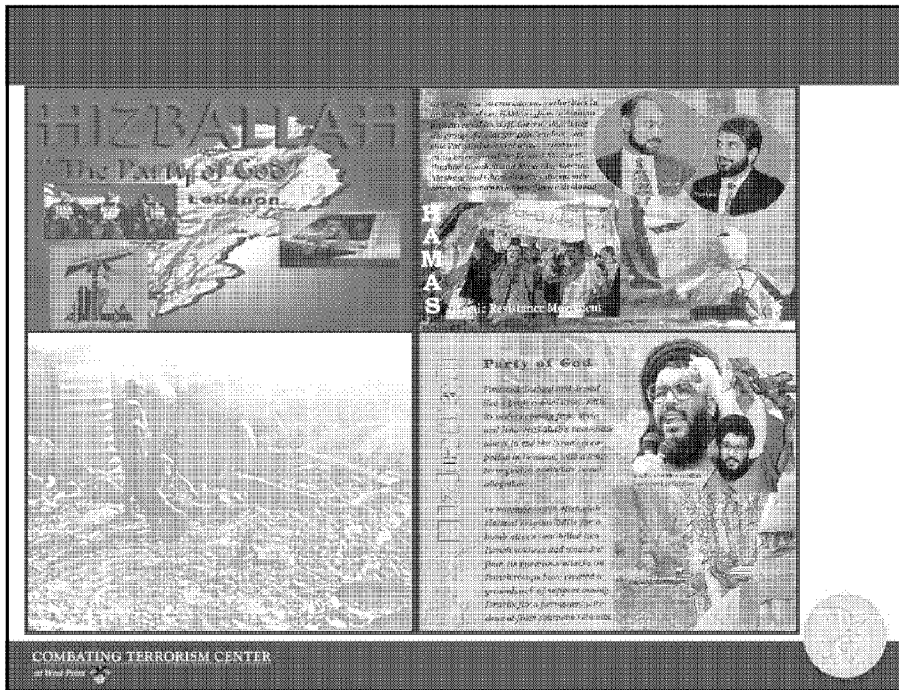


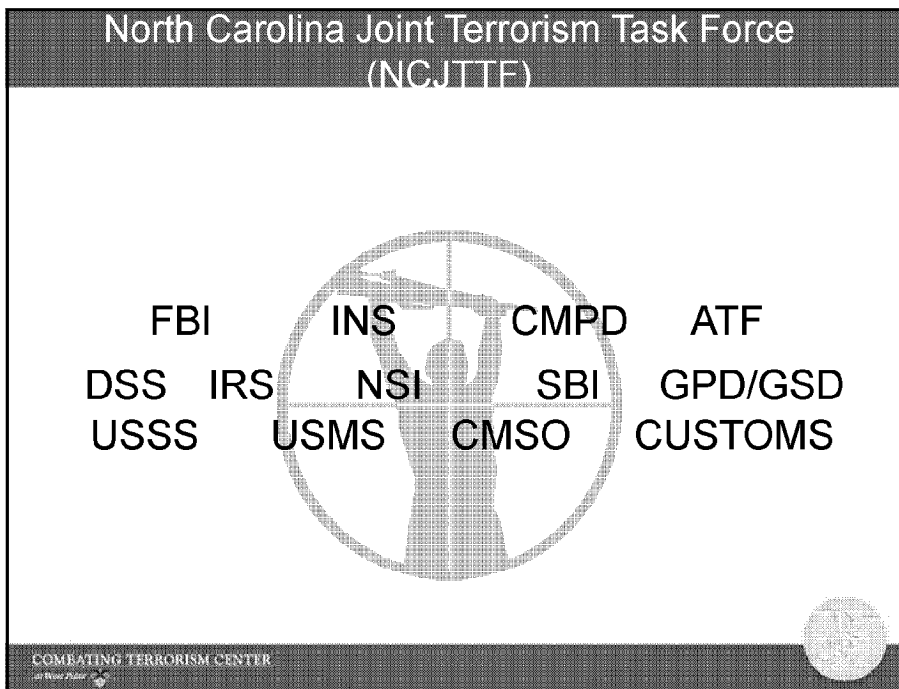
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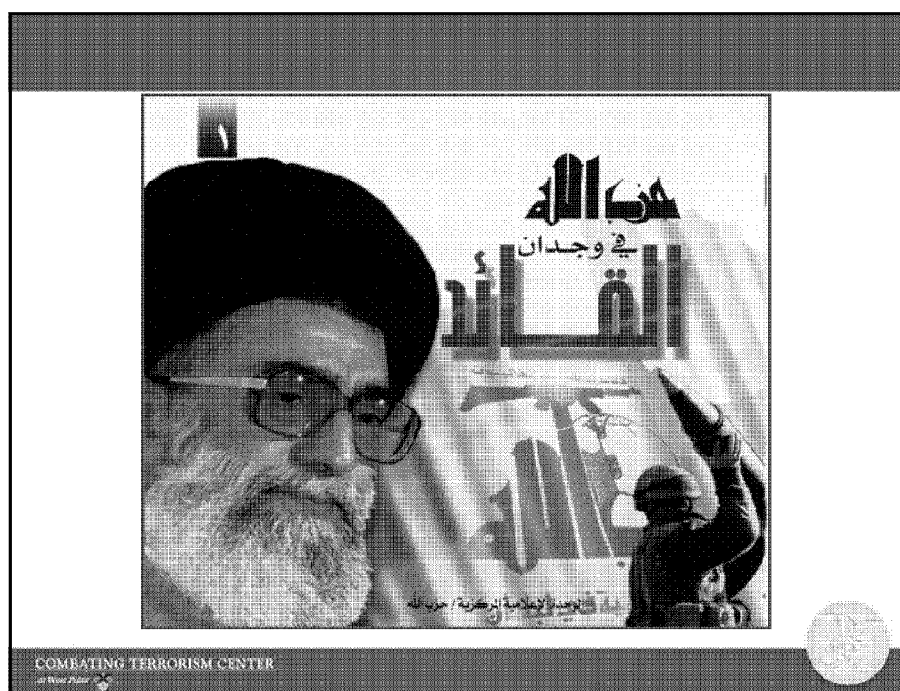


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Investigative Goals

- **Identify** Hizballah Cell Members and Associates Active at Charlotte, North Carolina, Collect Intelligence to Support National and International Initiatives Targeting the Hizballah Terrorist Organization Active in the United States and Abroad
- **Penetrate** The Hizballah Terrorist Organization Utilizing Sensitive Intelligence Sources and Methods, Develop Human Intelligence Sources Which Can be Directed Against Hizballah Operations in the United States and Abroad
- **Neutralize** Hizballah Related Terrorism, Intelligence, and Criminal Activities in Coordination with Appropriate Intelligence and Law Enforcement Agencies Through the Preemption of Hizballah Directed Activities and Disruption of Hizballah Cells and Associated Individuals Through Appropriate Criminal Prosecutions and Seizures of Assets Utilized to Facilitate Hizballah Activities

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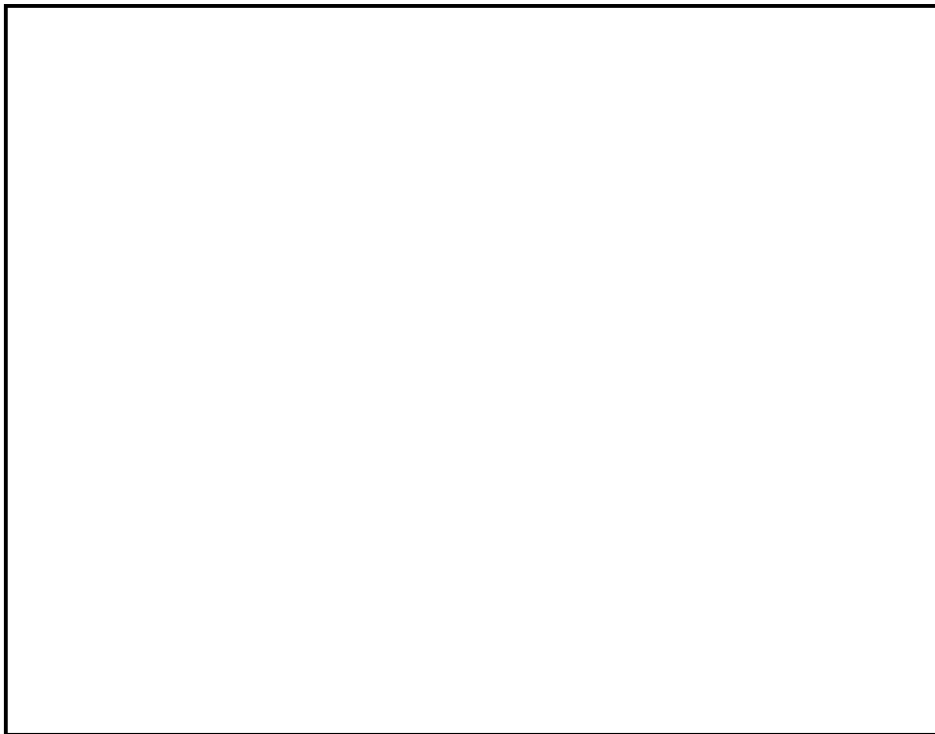
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Charlotte Hizballah Support Cell

			
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A.F. Darwiche	M. Darwiche	M. Moussaoui	C. Hammoud

As of 5/14/01

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Charlotte Hizballah Cell: Criminal Activities

- Cigarette Tax Evasion Schemes
- Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property
- Immigration Fraud
- Financial Frauds - Credit Card Fraud, Bank Fraud, Fraud
- By Wire, Mail Fraud
- Material Support to Terrorism (Hizballah)
- Money Laundering
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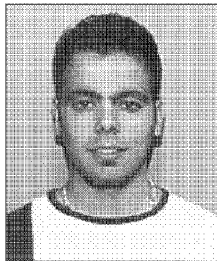
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- 18 USC 1546 - Visa Fraud
- Passports, address books, airline tickets, travel itineraries
- Documents or correspondence addressed to/from Nicosia, Cyprus or containing international telephone numbers

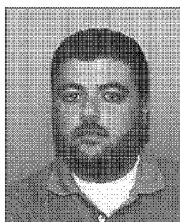
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Mohamad Hammoud



Ali Faye Darwich



Mohamad Atef Darwich



Said Harb



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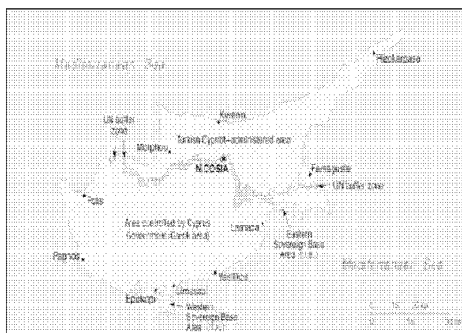
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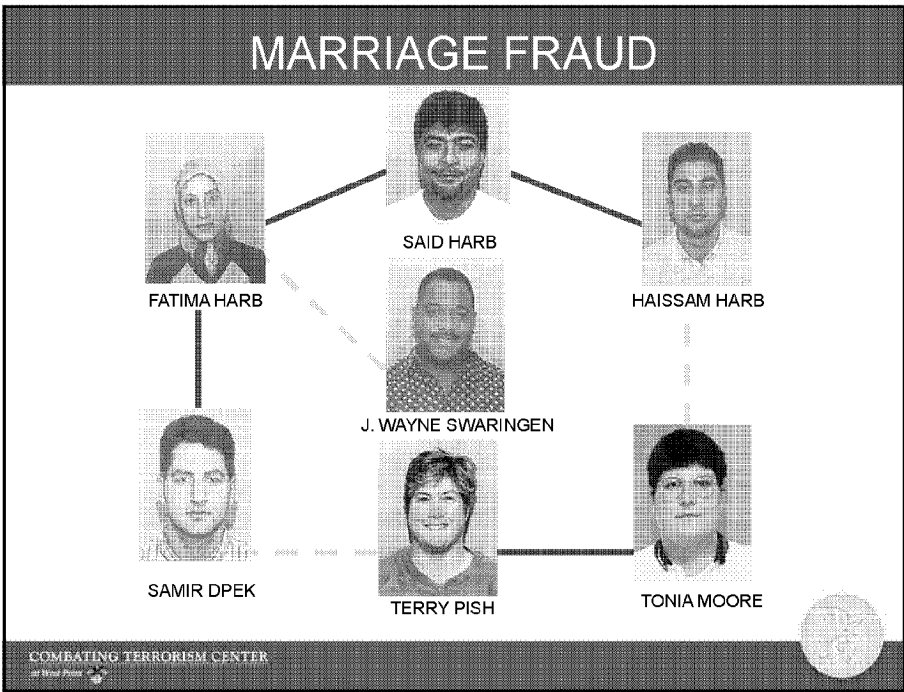


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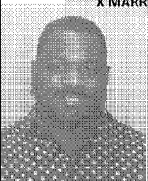


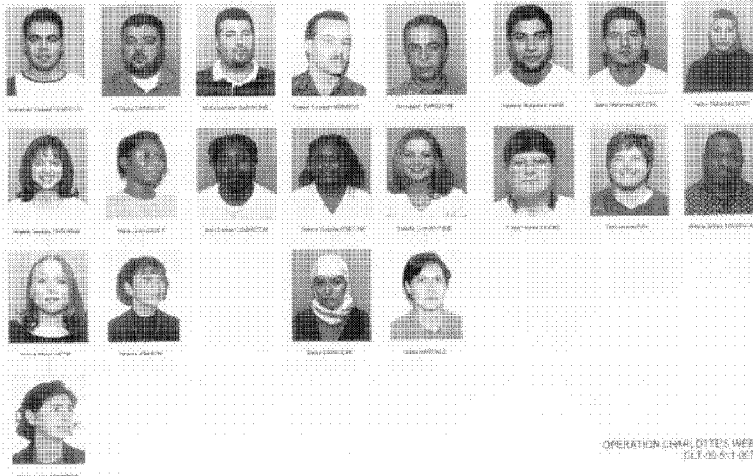
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Individuals Charged / Fraudulent Marriage Matrix

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 W.J. Swaringen PLED GUILTY	 F.M. Harb PLED GUILTY	 S.A. Debk PLED GUILTY	 T.J. Pish PLED GUILTY	 T.Y. Moore PLED GUILTY	 H.M. Harb PLED GUILTY



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Prosecutor brings up smuggling
defense asks if terror cell known

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The annual also serves as a source of information for the European Agency for Special Agents (ESA) - a new body established in 1992 to coordinate the activities of the various national agencies in the field of terrorism and organized crime.

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Background

- ATF & Iredell County Sheriff's Department identified large numbers of out-of-state vehicles at JR Tobacco
- Surveillances led to identification of Lebanese smuggling organization

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History

- North Carolina Cigarette Tax - \$.50 per carton
- No Tax stamp
- Michigan Cigarette Tax - \$7.50 per carton
- No Tax Stamp until 9/98
- Price difference per carton \$8.00 - \$10.00
- Profit per vanload at least \$13,000

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Method of Operation

- Cigarettes smuggled from North Carolina to Detroit/Dearborn, Michigan, area
- Set-up Tobacco Stores as "fronts"
- Cigarettes transported in Ryder trucks, rental vans, rental cars
- Recruitment of white females and males to transport the cigarettes to Michigan

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Investigative Techniques

- Mail Covers
- Physical Surveillance
- Pen Registers
- Pole Cameras
- Financial Analysis
- Ex Parte Tax returns
- Federal grand jury subpoenas:
 - Telephone toll records
 - Bank records
 - Witness testimony
 - Informant testimony

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HAMMOUDS Police discuss brothers

W.Va. officer found cigarettes, bags of money in vehicle

BY GARY L. MURPHY
Staff Writer

Charles "Sonny" Hammond, one of two brothers accused of aiding a Lebanese terrorist organization, was caught in West Virginia in 1990 with a van loaded with 430 cartons of cigarettes, a passport and weapons, federal officers said.

About a year later, Charles Hammond's brother, Mohamed, was stopped by police in West Virginia, after officers said they found weapons in brown paper bags inside the vehicle.

The suspected brothers are accused of being members of a Chicago cell of Hezbollah, the Lebanese militia organization the U.S. government calls a terrorist group.

Federals say the cell smuggles millions of dollars worth of cigarettes from Saudi Arabia to Michigan and then loads them, processed from the operation in Washington.

Paul Korman, a West Virginia State Police officer, testified Tuesday that he stopped Charles Hammond for speeding in March 1990. Korman said he found 430 cartons of cigarettes when he searched the vehicle.

Korman said Hammond told him he was taking the cigarettes to his brother.

Korman, described Charles Hammond as a nervous wreck. "He was taking something wrong and he was nervous about it. He was afraid he got caught."

Prosecutors introduced some documents it owns that Charles Hammond was later arrested in West Virginia of transporting stolen cigarettes.

Korman also testified that he was arrested by a group of federal agents in October 1991. The police officers told Korman that charges \$46,000 in four brown paper bags was found inside Hammond's vehicle.

Korman testified that Mohamed Hammond told him \$20,000 of the money belonged to him and his brother, Hammond, and the rest belonged to someone else the police officer said.

Agents with the federal Bureau of Customs and Protection also testified Tuesday about their surveillance of suspicious shipments of the cigarette smuggling operation.

On ATF agents testified he searched Charles and Mohamed Hammond's last cases of cigarettes into a van at 38 Indiana in December in February 1991.

Federal authorities have identified Mohamed Hammond, 28, as the leader of the suspected cigarette cell in Charlotte. He lives age to 30 years to 34, in person in Tennessee.

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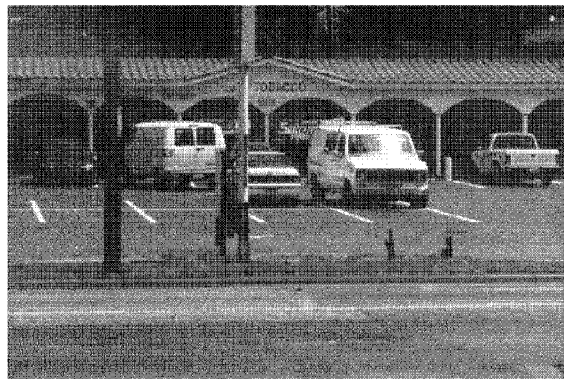
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HAMMOUD TRIAL

Drivers recall threats, cheating

*Job was to transport
cigarettes to other states
from North Carolina*

By PHIL FRAZIER
Staff Writer

Several drivers hired by an alleged cigarette smuggling outfit testified Wednesday that they had been threatened or cheated by the Middle Eastern men accused of running the operation.

Their testimony came in the trial of two Lebanese brothers accused of being part of a cigarette smuggling operation with ties to Middle Eastern terrorists.

Chawki Youssef Hammoud and Mohamed Youssef Hammoud have been accused of being part of a Charlotte-based cell of Hezbollah, a Lebanese

group widely considered a terrorist organization.

Federal prosecutors believe the brothers and others in the cell funneled some profits from the cigarette smuggling operation to Hezbollah.

Prosecutors presented more police witnesses Wednesday who talked about how they believe the smuggling operation worked.

Prosecutors also played for jurors a videotape and an audiotape. They say the recordings reveal Chawki Hammoud talking about cigarette deals with at least one man who expresses an interest in taking the tobacco products out of state.

But Chawki Hammoud's lawyer, Jim McLoughlin, said his client wasn't involved in cigarette smuggling. He pointed out that in one taped conversation, when a confidential informant asks Chawki Hammoud to deliver cigarettes to Detroit, Ham-

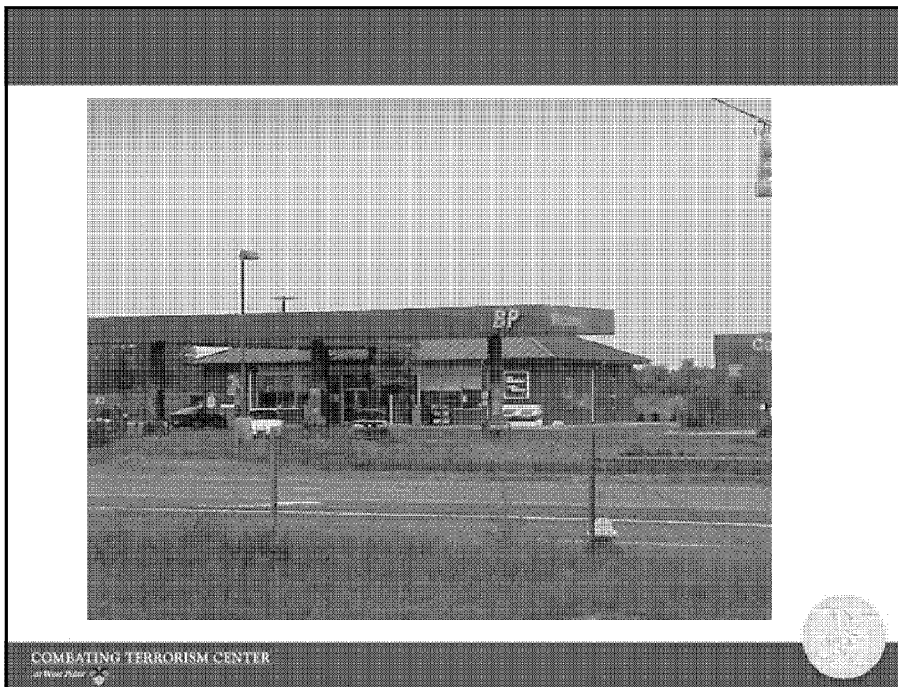
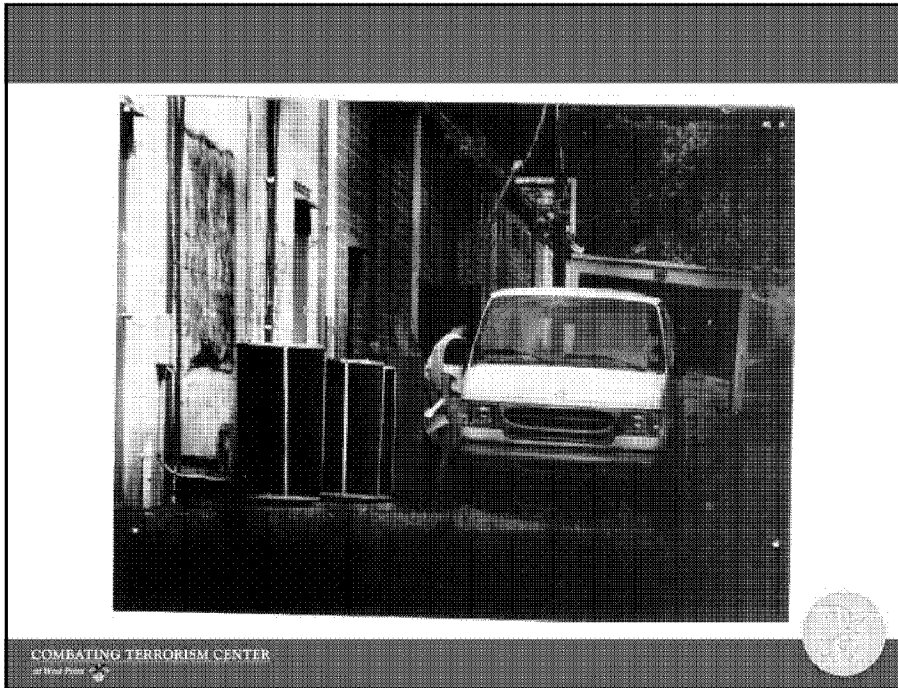
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Dianne Simmons testified she started driving cigarettes from North Carolina to Michigan after meeting Said Harb, Harb, once a defendant in the case, is now listed as a witness for the government.

Simmons said she began dating Harb. She said when she decided to stop driving, he threatened to blow up the restaurant where she worked. "He said, 'You don't know who you're messing with,'" she testified.

She said he came to the restaurant, argued with her boyfriend, and left without harming anyone.

Another driver, Lisa Hazime, said she earned \$450 to \$500 per trip, but couldn't get Harb to pay promptly. She said she learned Harb was paying her less than other drivers, but she couldn't change that. "What was I supposed to do, go to the local police?" she asked.



Subjects Charged in Superseding Indictment 3/28/01



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Mohamad Dbouk (Lebanon)



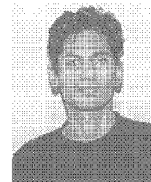
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Hussein (Sam) Chahrour



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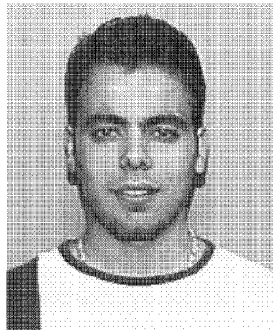


Mohit Behl (dismissed)

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Second Superseding Indictment 3/12/02



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Financial Investigation

- Approximately 800 bank accounts, credit card accounts and other financial accounts examined via Federal Grand Jury Subpoenas and Federal search warrants

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Financial Investigation – Cont.

- Bank Accounts - inflows
- Wire transfers/cash/money orders
- Checks from co-conspirators/others
- Checks from companies - determined employment
- Matched inflows to ex-parte tax returns - indications of unreported income

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Financial Investigation-Cont.

- Bank Accounts - outflows
- Checks to cash
- Checks to co-conspirators
- Checks to banks/credit cards companies
- Memo section of checks - identified other accounts
- Cashier checks

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Financial Investigation-Cont.

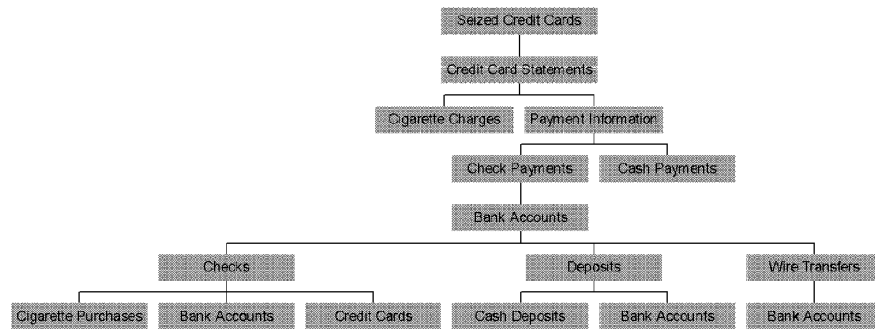
- Cash and credit cards used to purchase over 8 million dollars worth of cigarettes from JR Tobacco and other cigarette outlets

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Sample Money Flow

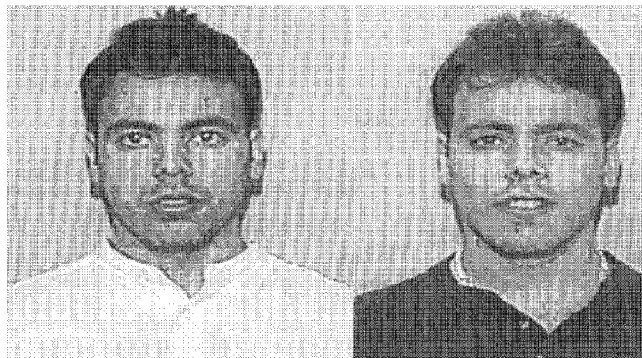


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Use of Alias Identification and Credit

- Obtained bank accounts and credit cards using names of individuals who have left the country
- Also used variations of these names (i.e. spellings and switching first/last names)
- Used credit to purchase cigarettes and for "bust out" schemes
- Used bank accounts in other names to launder proceeds of criminal activity
- Money wired to Hizballah from alias account

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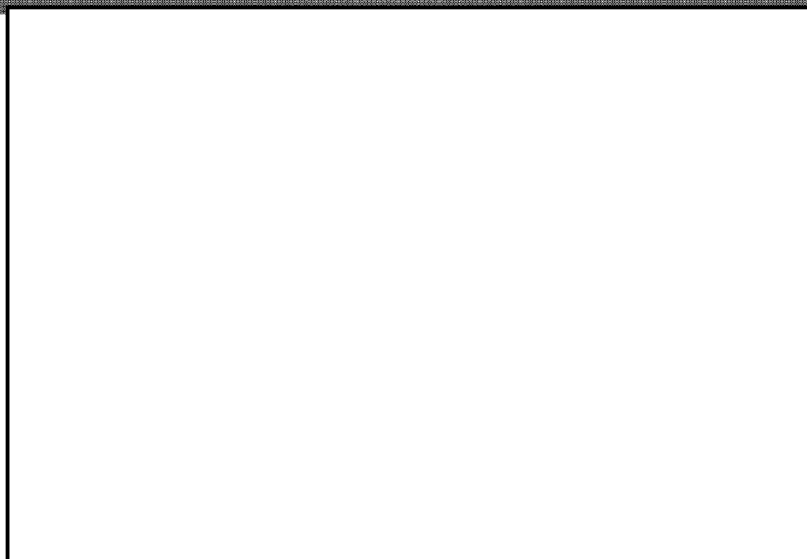


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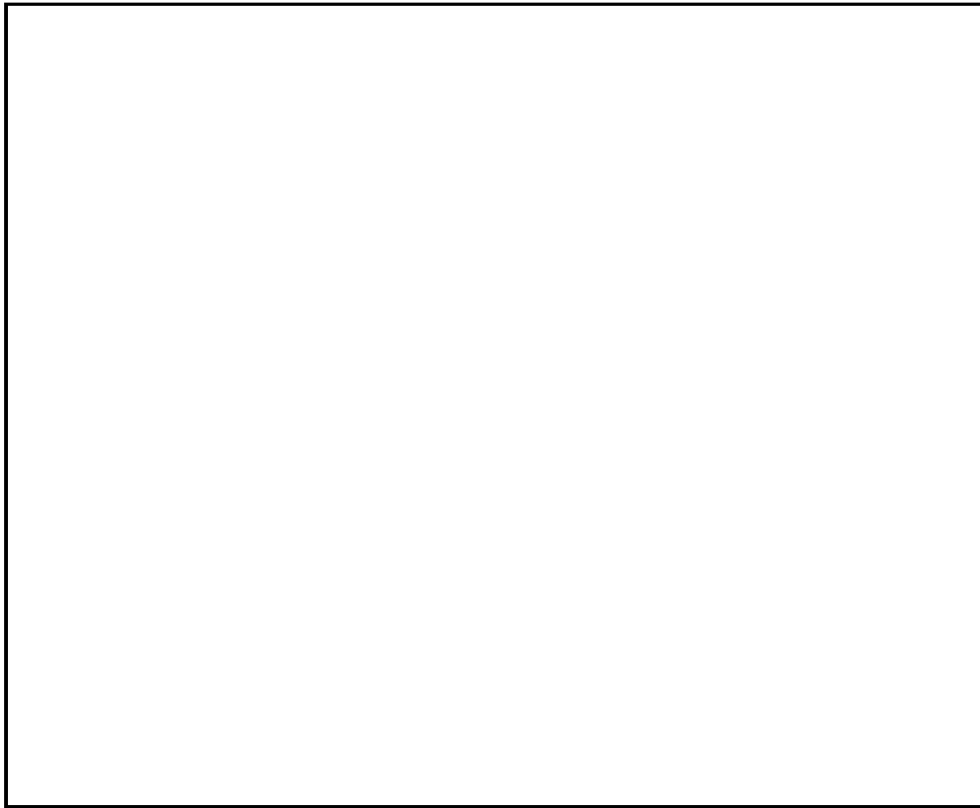
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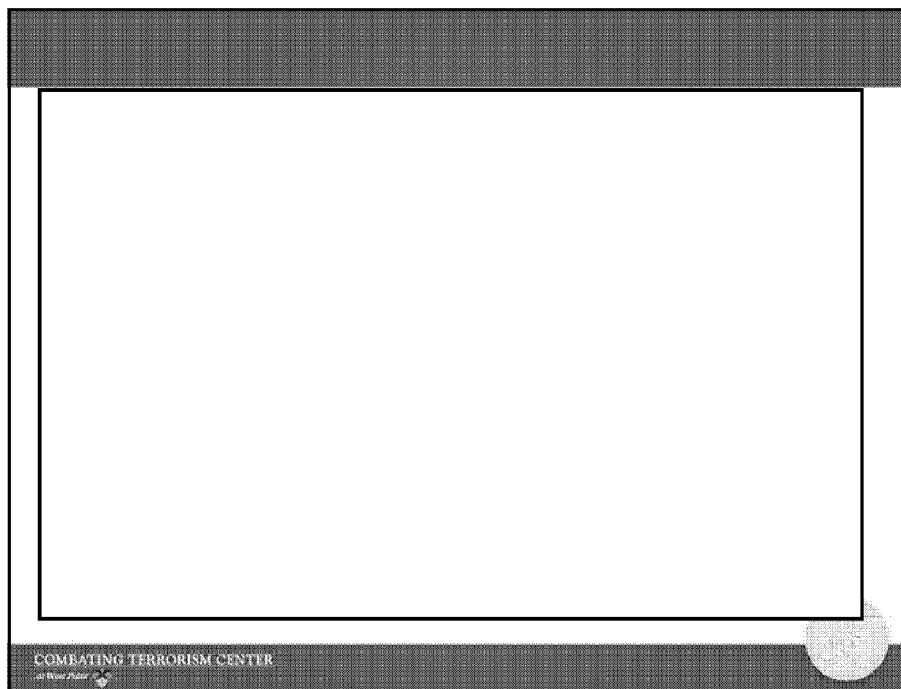
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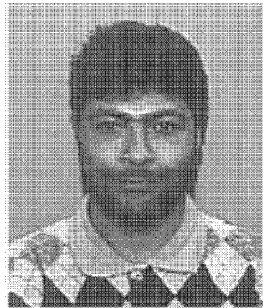


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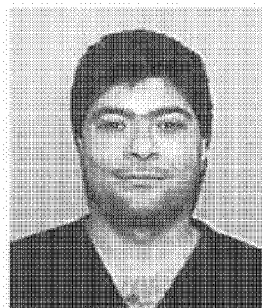
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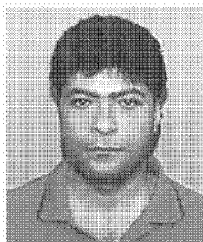


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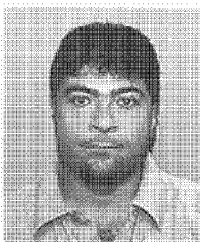
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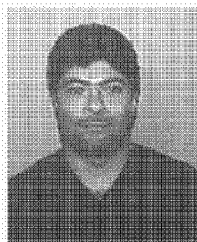
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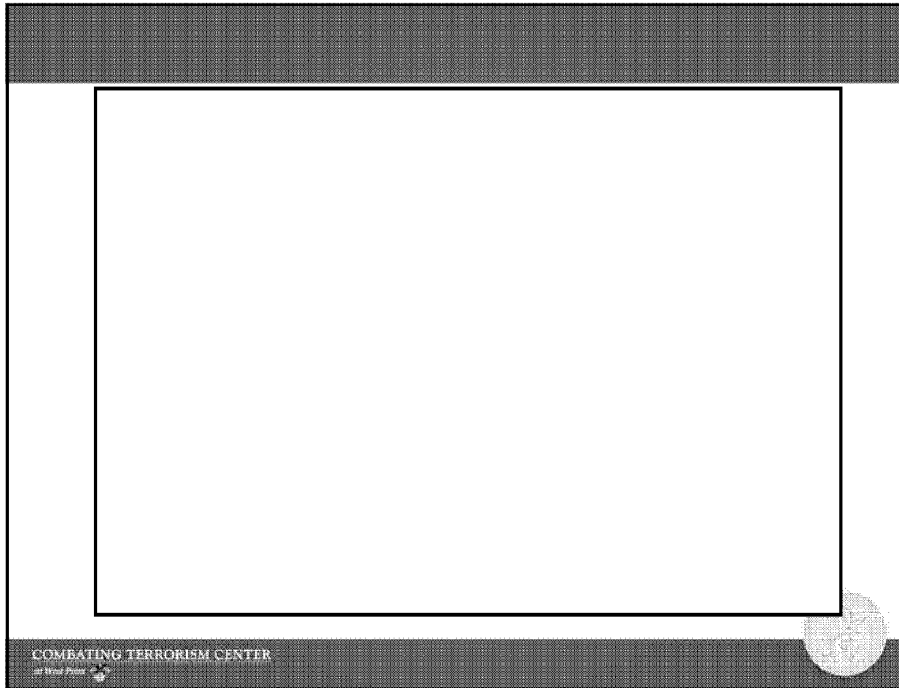
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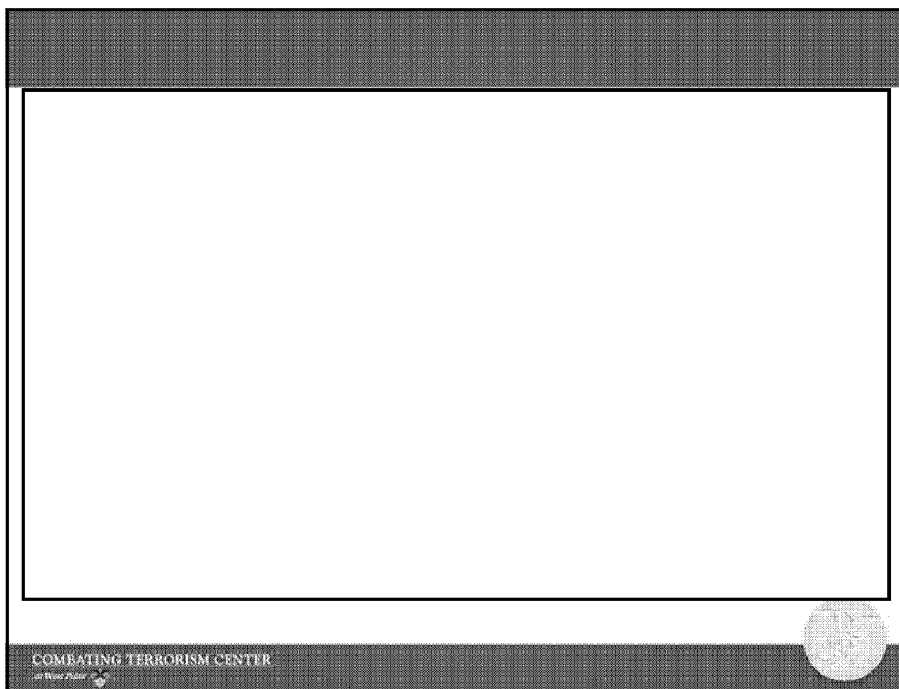
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Proceeds from Smuggling Operation

- Funds used to purchase real estate
- Vehicles
- Investment accounts
- Money sent to Lebanon
- Hizballah

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ALLEGED MEMBERS OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

Witness: Suspects dealt in lots of cash

5/25/02
Hammoud brothers bought thousands of dollars of cigarettes

By GARY L. WILKINS
Staff Writer

Prosecution witnesses testified Friday that members of a suspected Hizballah cell in Charlotte purchased thousands of dollars of cigarettes with cash wrapped in rubber bands and

stuffed into paper and plastic bags.

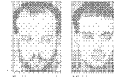
Prosecutors hope the evidence will help convince the jury that the suspected Hizballah cell members smuggled millions of dollars worth of cigarettes from North Carolina to Michigan and sent some of the profits to the Lebanese terrorist organization.

Island County sheriff's detective Sgt. Bob Proenne first spotted the suspicious activities at JR Tobacco in Statesville in 1995

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Witness: Suspects bought cigarettes with lots of cash

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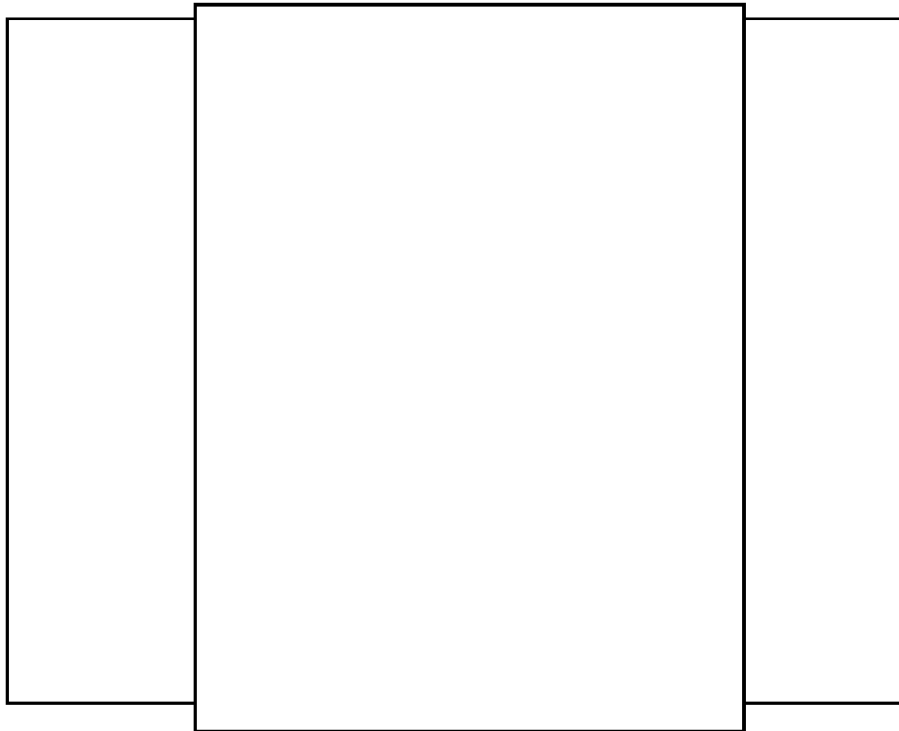
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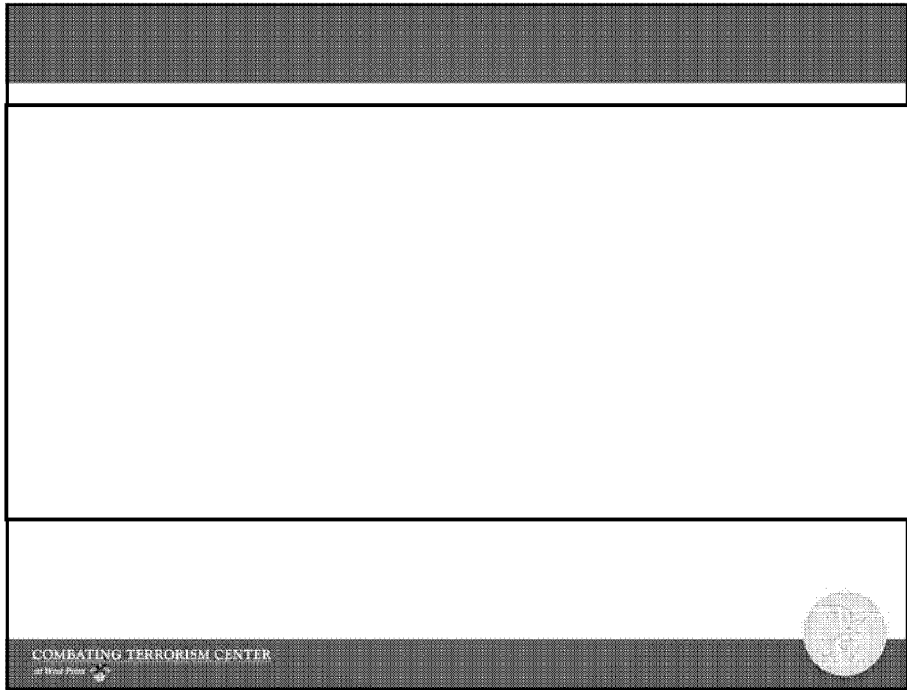
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Money Laundering Charges

- Revolved around the use of proceeds from illegal cigarette smuggling operation to promote the carrying on of the illegal operation
- Money Laundering Activities included:
 - Wire transfers
 - Payment of credit cards used in illegal activity

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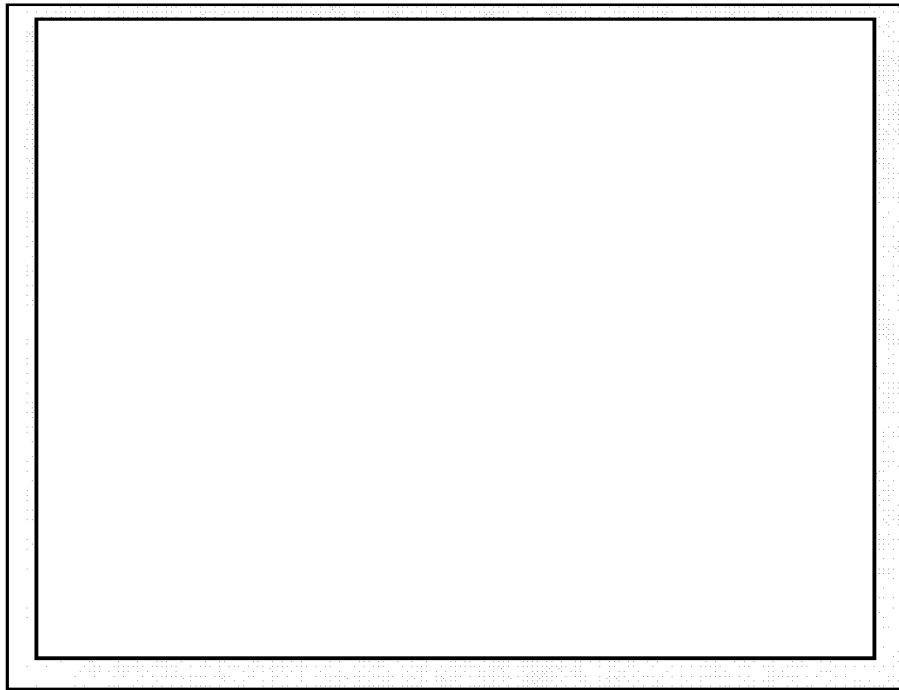




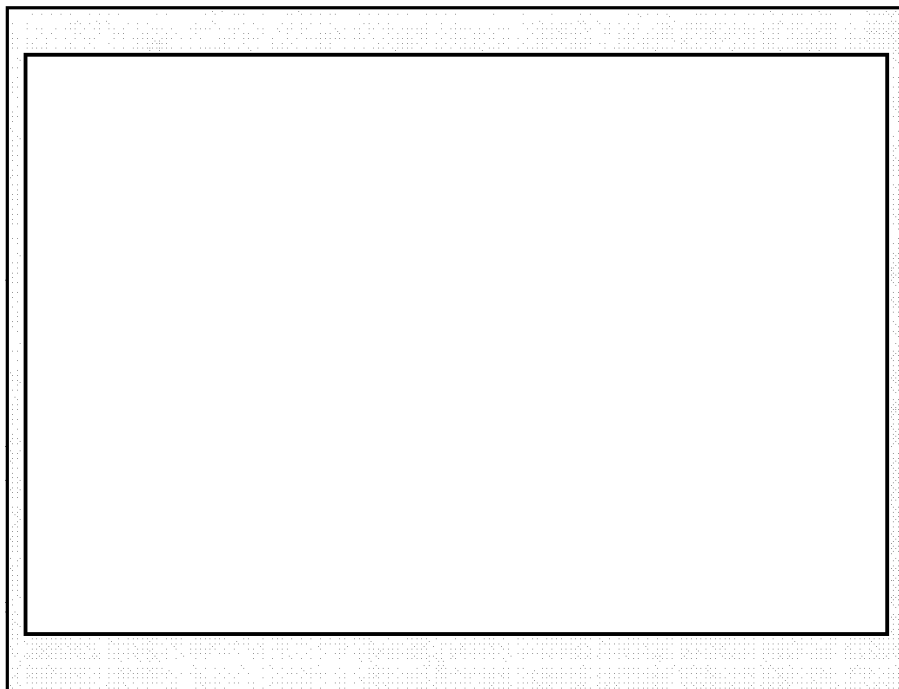
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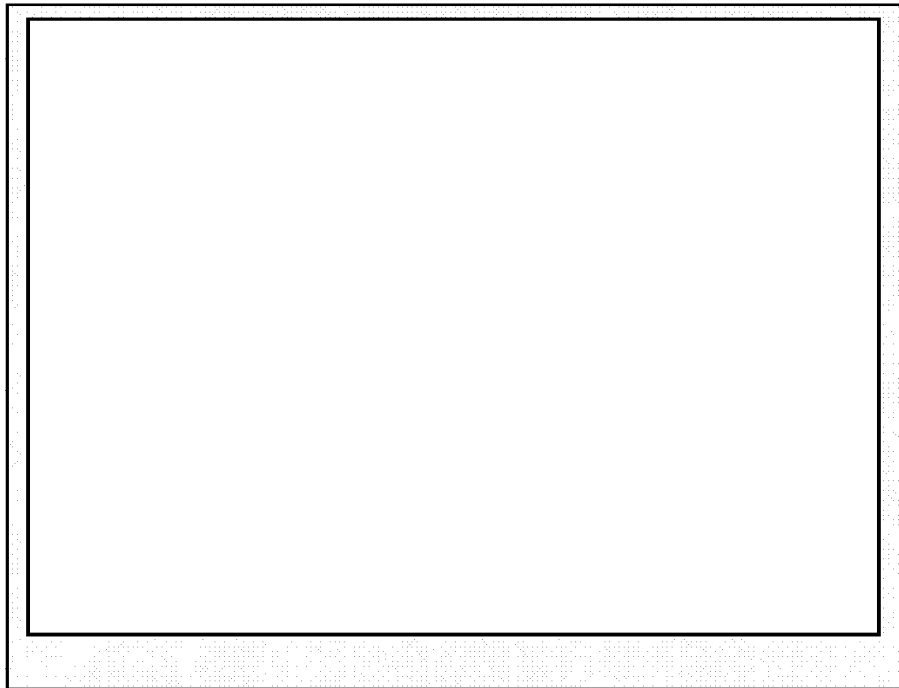
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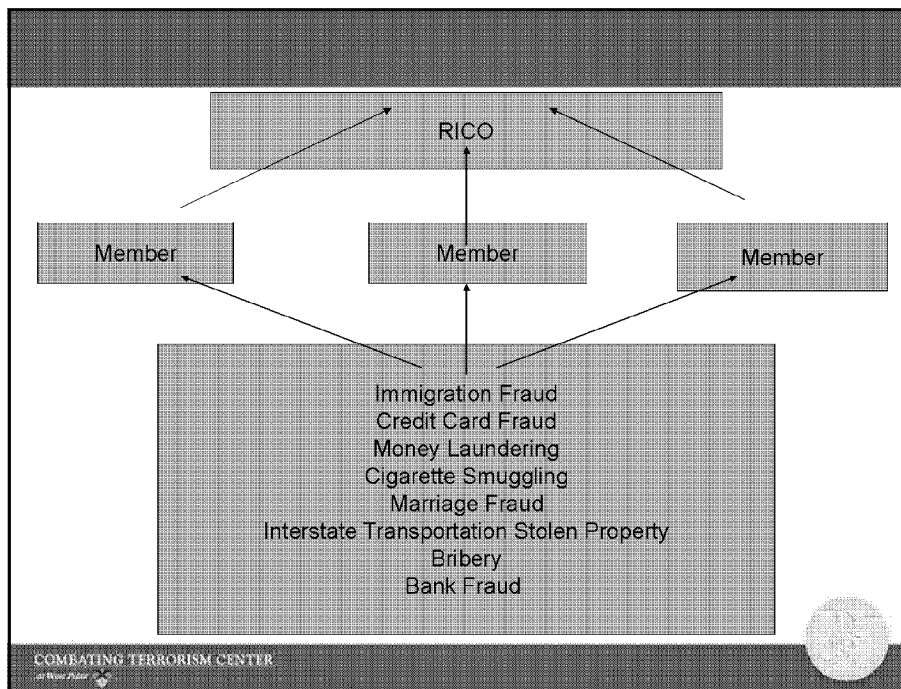
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Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)



Material Support Statutes

- Title 18 United States Code Section 2339A prohibits a person within the United States from providing material support or resources knowing or intending that they are to be used in preparation for or in carrying out certain defined terrorist activities
- Title 18 United States Code Section 2339B prohibits a person within the United States or subject to U.S. jurisdiction from knowingly providing material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization



Material Support Statutes-Cont.

- Hizballah is a Designated Terrorist Organization (U.S. State Dept.)
- Material Support or Resources means currency or other financial securities, financial services, lodging, training, safehouses, false documentation or identification, communications equipment, facilities, weapons, lethal substances, explosives, personnel, transportation, and other physical assets, except medicine or religious materials

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TRIAL ON ALLEGED REGULAR SUPPORT

Jurors read transcripts of wiretap

**Confidants of the
Haramallah brothers
in cross-examination**

BY GARY WILSON
MONTREAL

There is a lot of cross-examination in the trial of the two brothers, who are accused of killing a Canadian soldier in October 2002 and of plotting to kill a Canadian soldier in October 2002. The trial is the first in a series of trials in the trial of the two brothers, who are accused of killing a Canadian soldier in October 2002 and of plotting to kill a Canadian soldier in October 2002.

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HAMMOUD BROTHERS TRIAL

Hezbollah's military activities outlined to jury

Expert testifies about ways militia group uses various tools, weapons

Jurors in the trial of two brothers accused of aiding Middle Eastern terrorists heard testimony Wednesday about how Hezbollah uses items ranging from drilling equipment to stun guns to dog repellent in its military operations.

Mohamad Youssef Hammoud and Chawki Youssef Hammoud are accused of being members of a Charlotte-based support cell of

Hezbollah, a Lebanese militia group the United States calls a terrorist organization.

Prosecutors on Tuesday played wiretaps obtained by Canadian intelligence of suspects talking about buying drilling equipment and other items for Hezbollah. The Hammoud brothers were never mentioned in the tapes.

Ken Campbell, a scanner-terrorism expert and former defense intelligence analyst, told jurors Hezbollah could use stun guns in hostage takings, and drilling equipment to tunnel underground. The dog repellent could be used against dogs the Israelis often employ around the borders.

Jurors were also shown a video

seized from Mohamad Hammoud's house. Campbell showed jurors a Hezbollah fighter in the video using a hand-held radio to detonate a bomb. — GARY L. WRIGHT

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1) On Wednesday, 1999 05 26, [redacted] Mohamad Hassan DBOUK [redacted]

a) Said stated that he would travel to Lebanon when Ahmad (LNU) would get his visa. DBOUK mentioned that he was given a period of twenty days to leave the country (Canada), and revealed that he had been to IMMIGRATION and withdrew his application. DBOUK added that on the following day, 1999 05 27, he would be interviewed by an officer to see if he had done anything illegal, would be photographed, and then he would take his passport from the IMMIGRATION at the airport. DBOUK said that Ali (AMHAZ) would be paying for his airline ticket. DBOUK continued that during the interview he would be told whether he should buy a ticket or he had to wait until they were finished with their screening. DBOUK mentioned that he would be leaving by himself and his family would follow him later on.

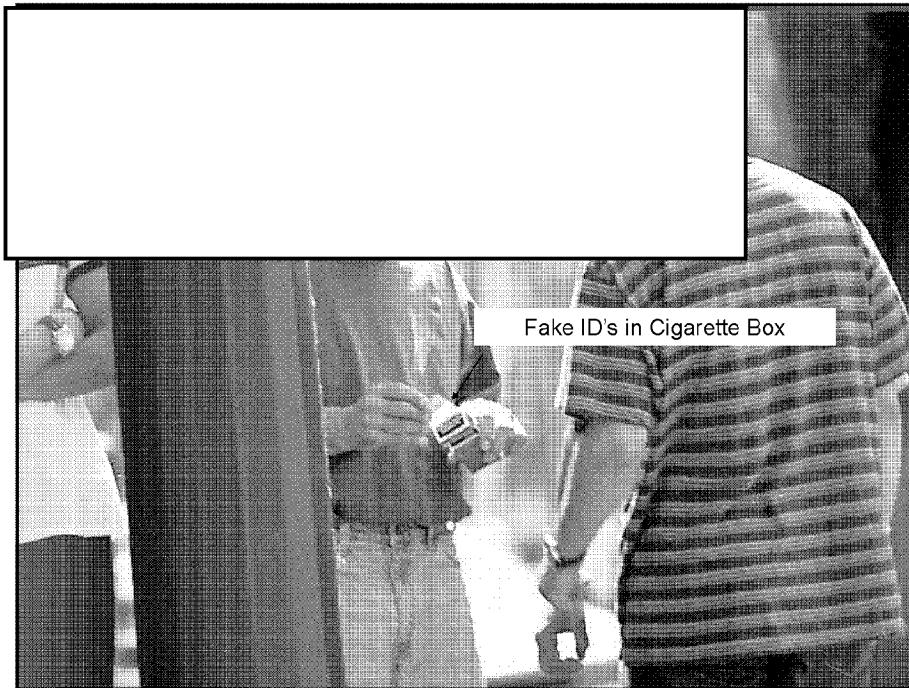
b) According to source, in the course of discussing life insurance, DBOUK referred to a person down there [redacted], who might in a short period of time go for a 'walk' [redacted] and never come back, and wondered if Said could fix some papers and details [redacted] for him (person) and put himself (Said) as the reference. Said claimed that he had not attempted to do such a thing, but he would ask around and see if that could be done. When Said warned that such a thing [redacted] might not be covered by a life insurance, DBOUK countered that (suppose) the person was sitting in his village which was bombarded and he got hit. DBOUK added that the death certificate, certified by the [redacted] Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that would be sent to Said would state so.

c) DBOUK also revealed that after he would leave, his wife would be residing in a building close to where they were residing at present, and that three apartments of said building were occupied by Lebanese families and the building was more secure.

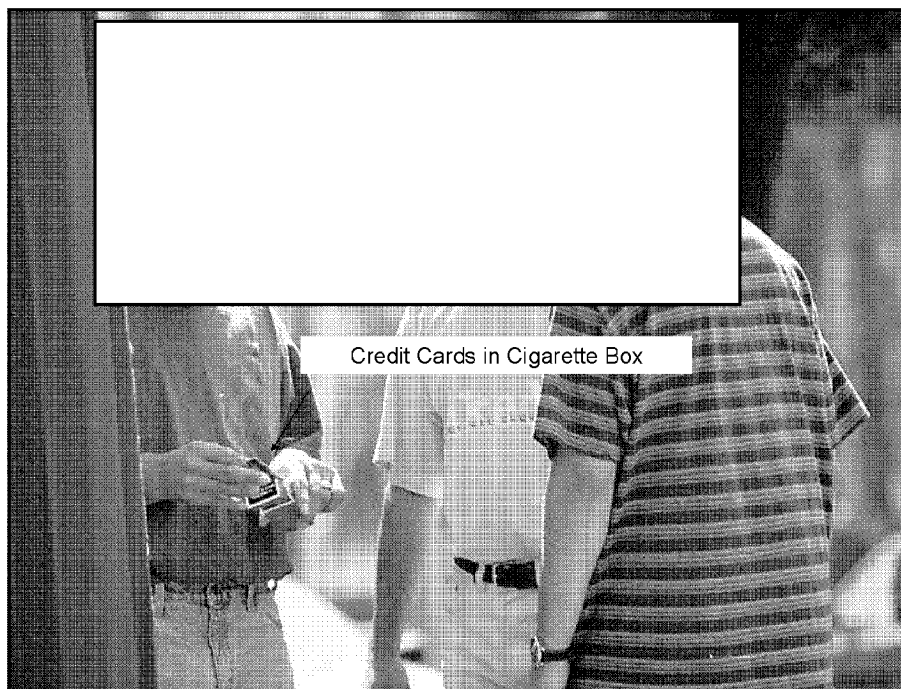
2) DBOUK informed AMHAZ that Said would be going to Lebanon for the sake of his wife and to bring his brother over.

Thursday, 1999 05 27

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The defendants planned to acquire a variety of items that Hizballah would use to engage in violent attacks and to film such attacks for use in Hizballah propaganda efforts

- Items included:
 - Night vision devices (goggles, cameras, and scopes)
 - Surveying equipment
 - Global positioning systems (watches & aviation antennas)
 - Mine & metal detection equipment
 - Video equipment
 - Advanced aircraft analysis & design software
 - Computer equipment (laptops, high-speed modems, processors, joysticks, plotters, scanners, and printers)
 - Stun guns
 - Handheld radios & receivers

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Items Cont.

- Cellular telephones
- Nitrogen cutters
- Mining, drilling & blasting equipment
- Military style lensatic compasses
- Binoculars
- Naval equipment
- Radars
- Ultrasonic dog repellers
- Laser range finders
- Camera equipment (digital cameras, zoom lenses, tubes & film scanners)

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Trial Prep

- Search Evidence Review & Organization
 - ERT scan project of search material
 - All hands review in bulk; summary sheets
 - Selection for trial; split from bulk seizure
 - Translation/transcripts of audio, video, and written materials
 - Witness preparation

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Hammoud says he did not raise money for Hezbollah

26. 2005年10月1日起施行的《中华人民共和国公司法》规定，股份有限公司的董事会成员中，应当有适当比例的独立董事。下列人员中，不得担任独立董事的是（ ）。
A. 在公司或者其附属企业任职的人员
B. 为公司或者其附属企业提供财务、法律、咨询等服务的人员
C. 直接或间接持有公司股份1%以上的人员
D. 直接或间接持有公司股份1%以上，并且是前10名股东之一的人员

Lawyers interpret brothers' leanings



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Prosecutor: Hammond's helped fund terrorism

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"I was shocked when I learned that the FBI was looking for me," says the 30-year-old, who says he was not involved in the 1968 election. "I was just a young man who was looking for a job and a place to live. I was not involved in the election and I was not involved in the assassination of Dr. King."

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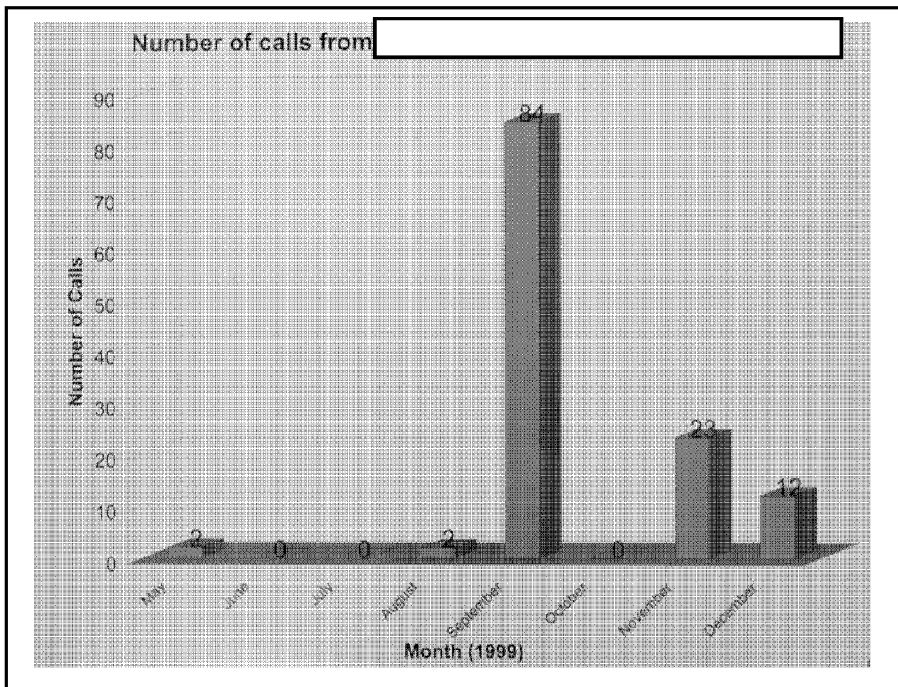
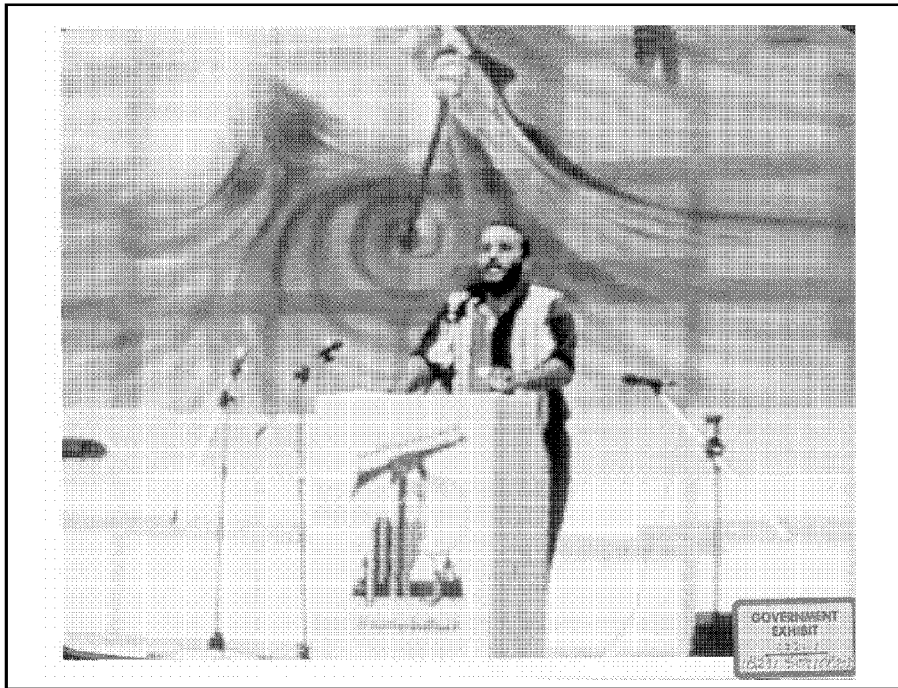
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My special regards to [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] and to everyone who asks about me at your end.

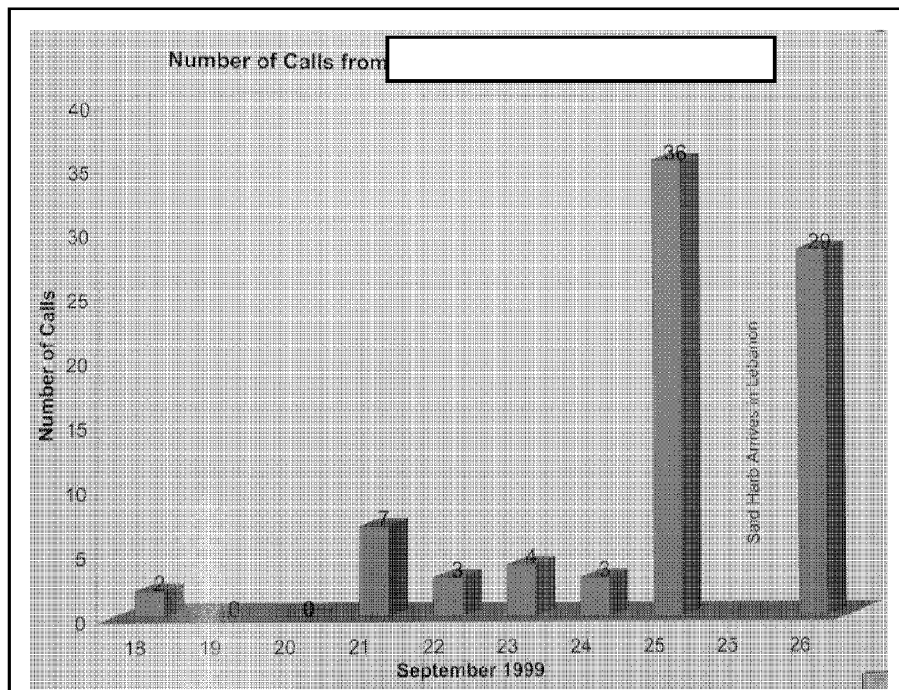
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Jury sees receipts seized at home

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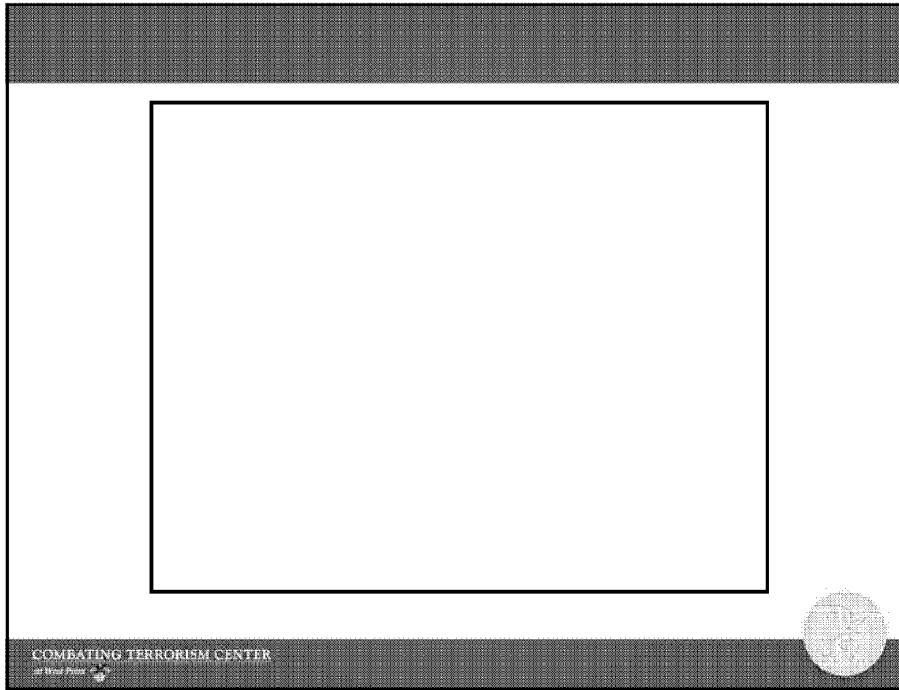
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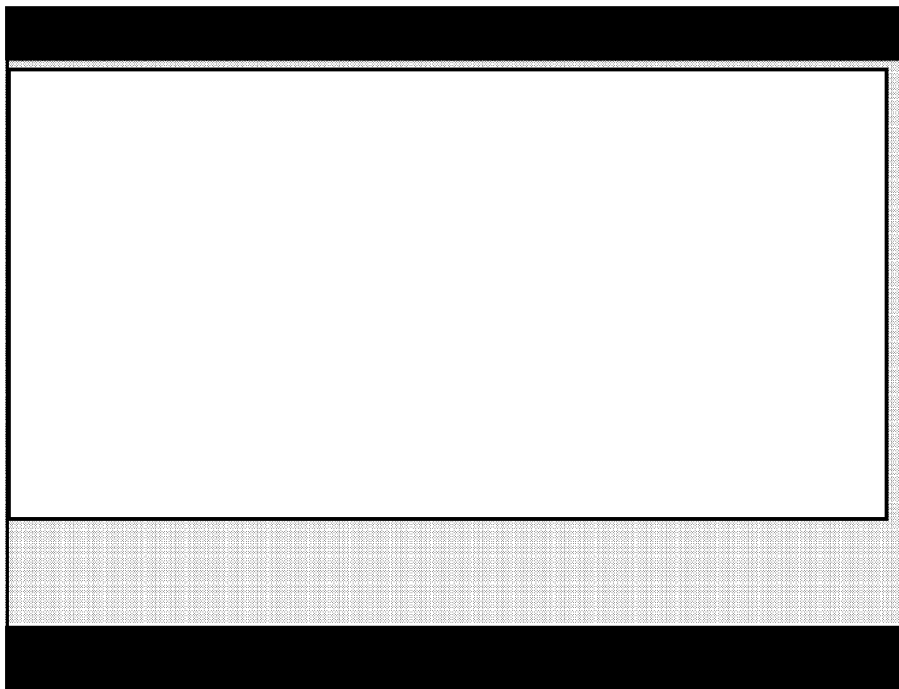
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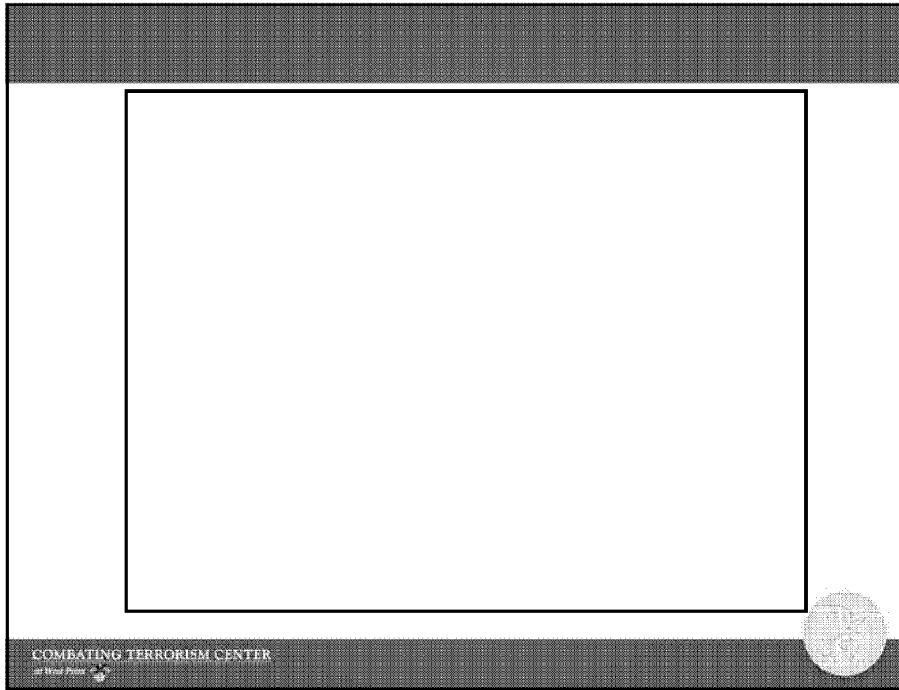
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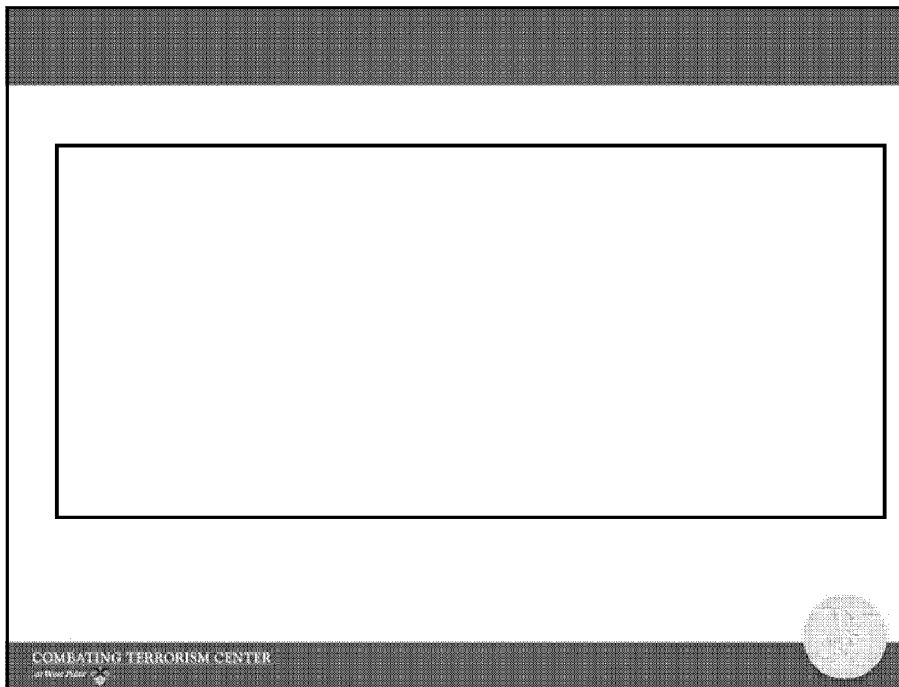
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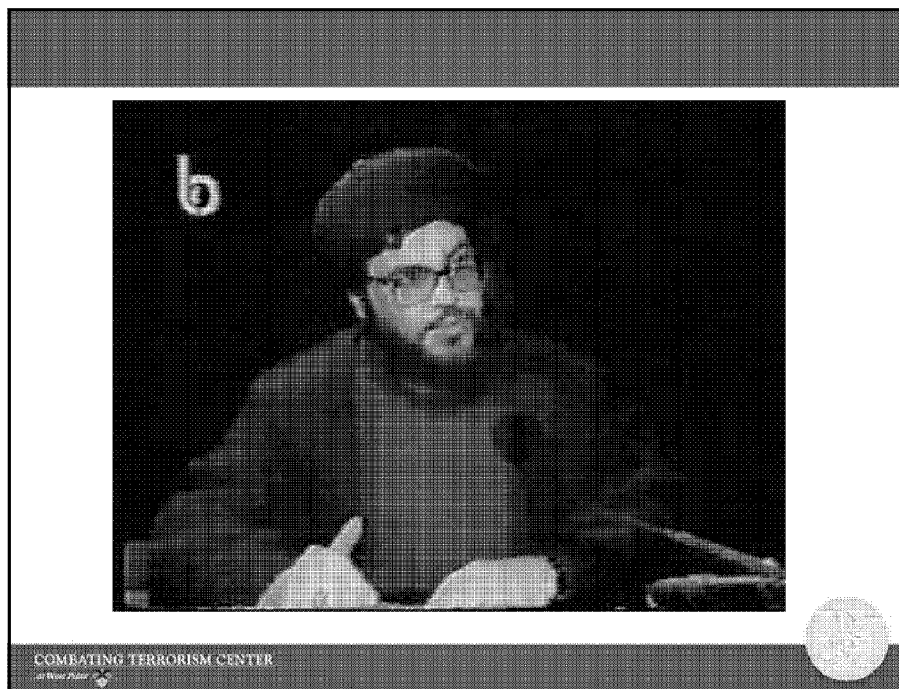
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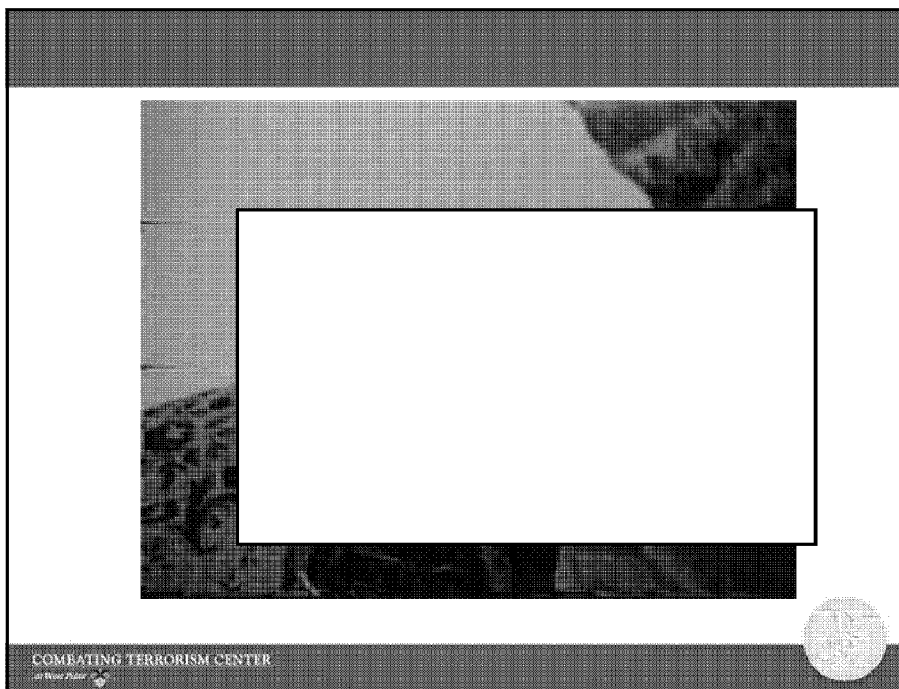


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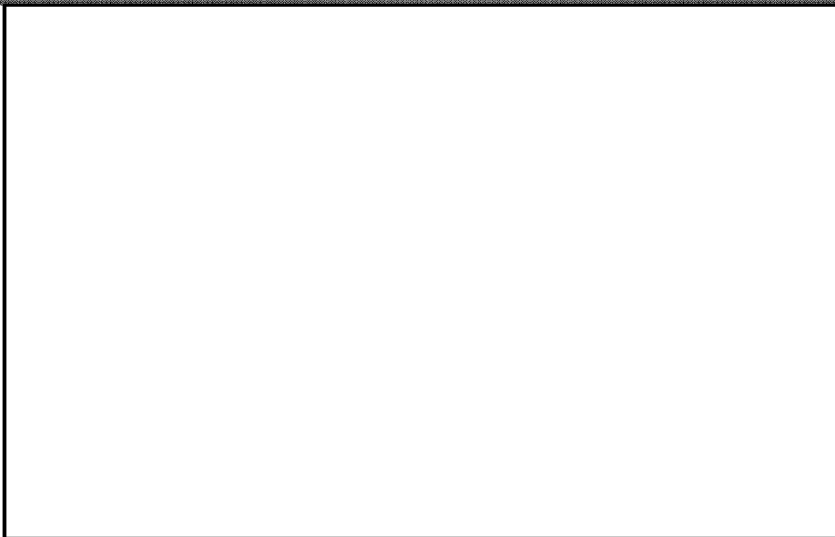




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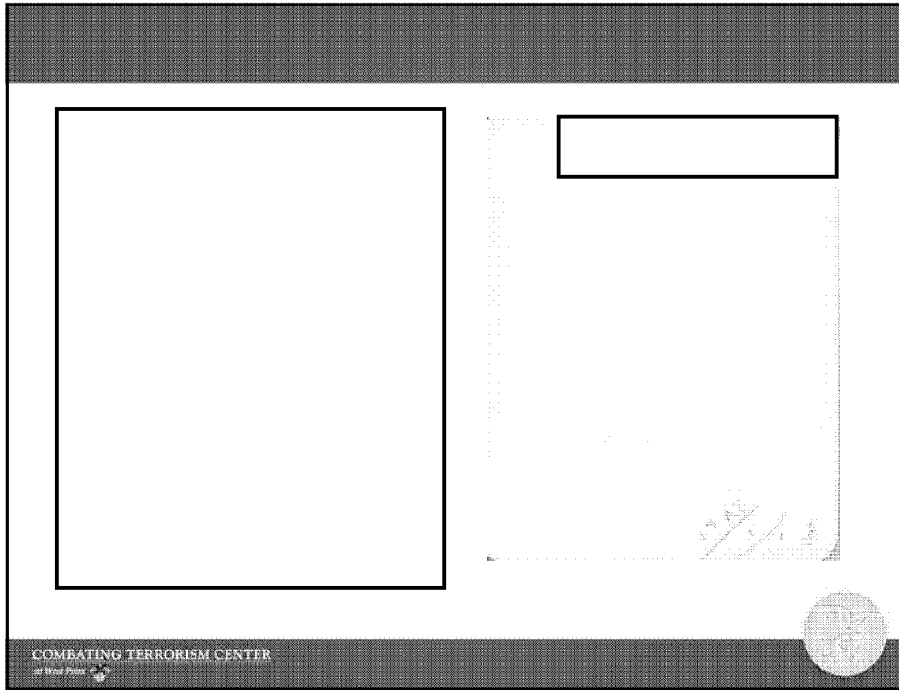


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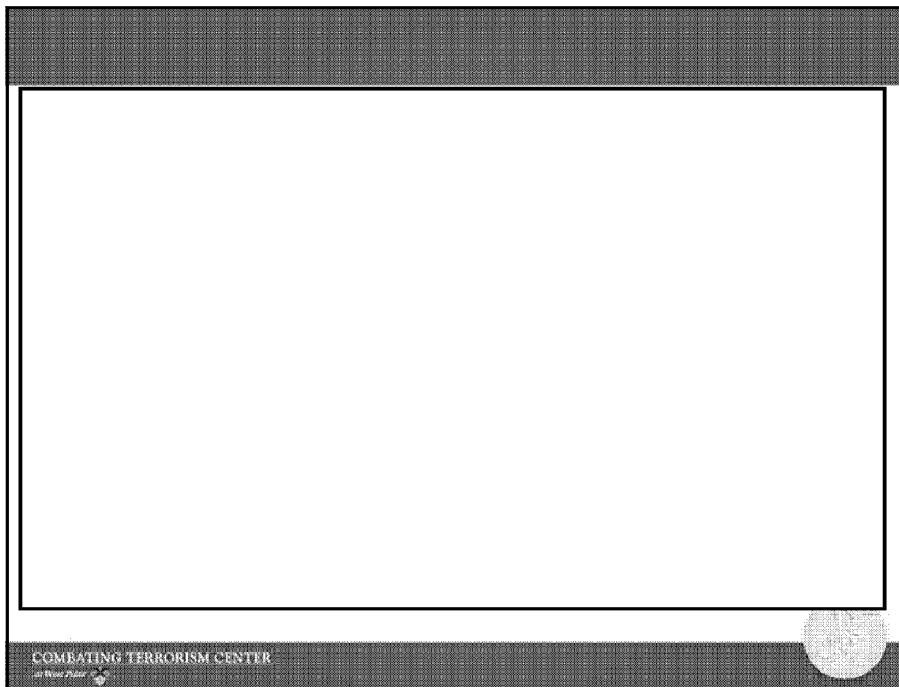


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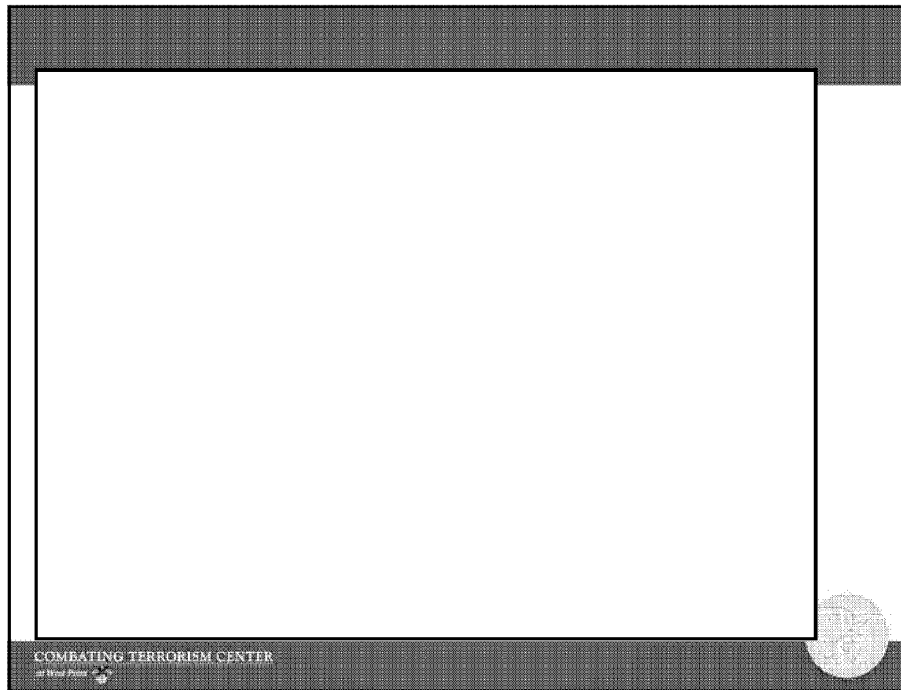
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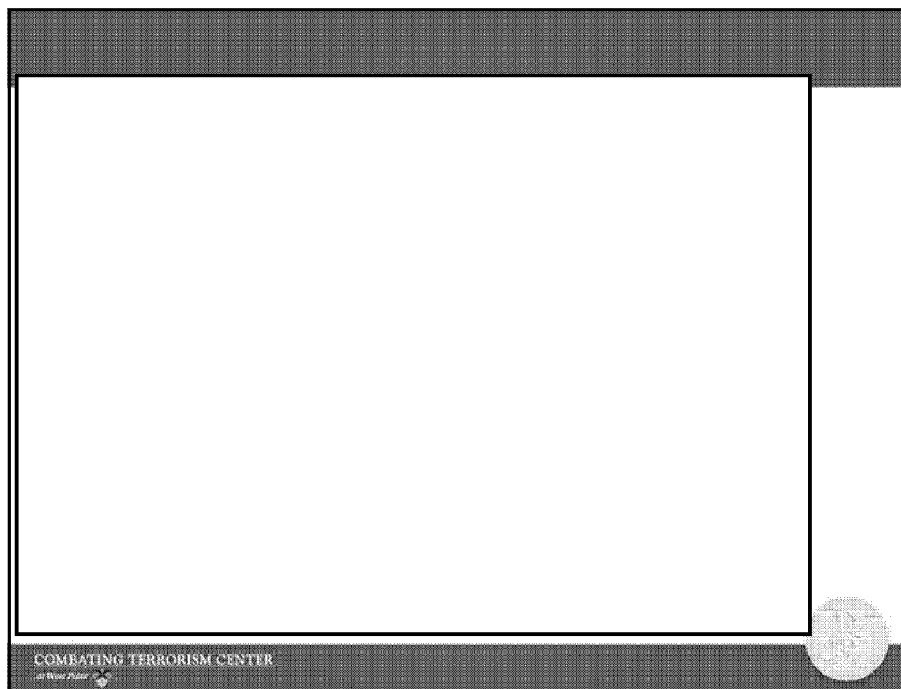
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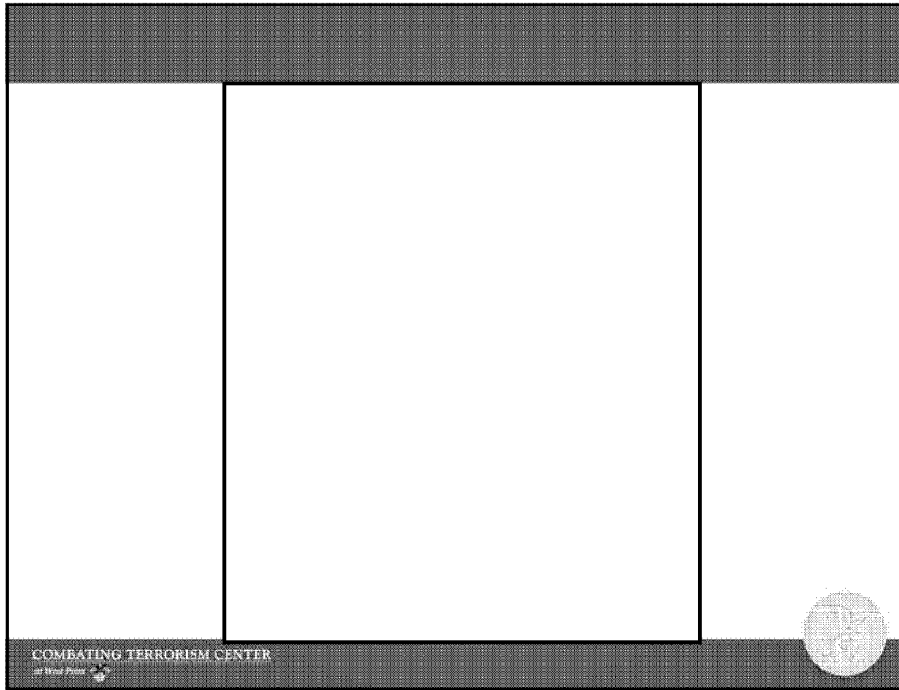
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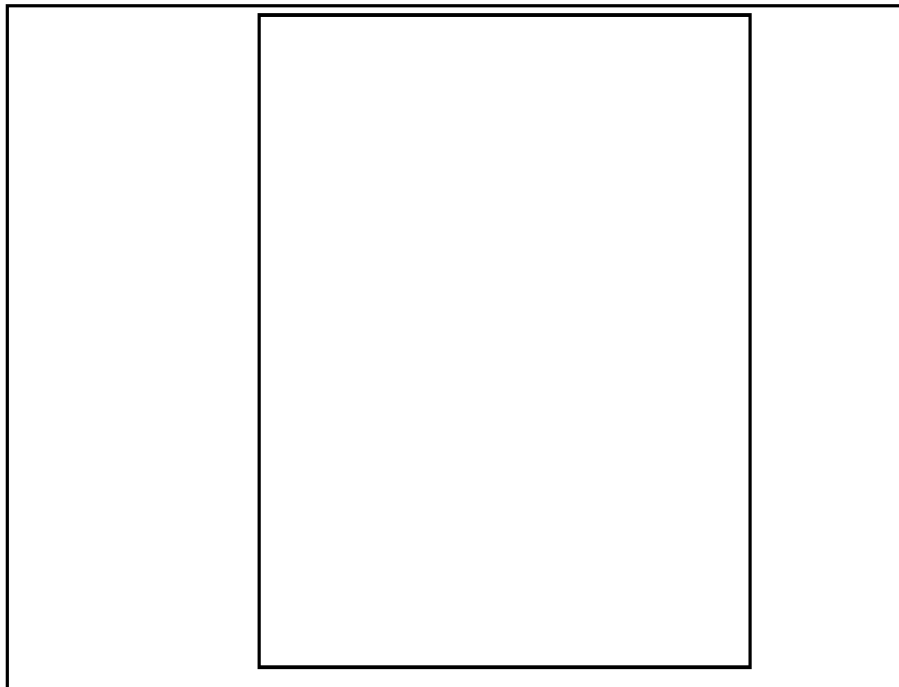
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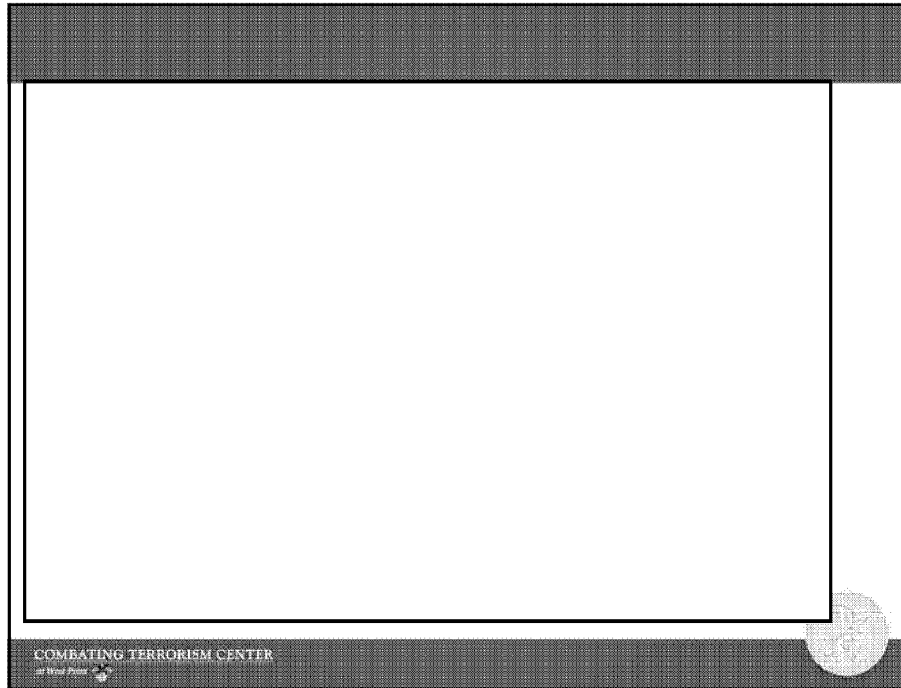
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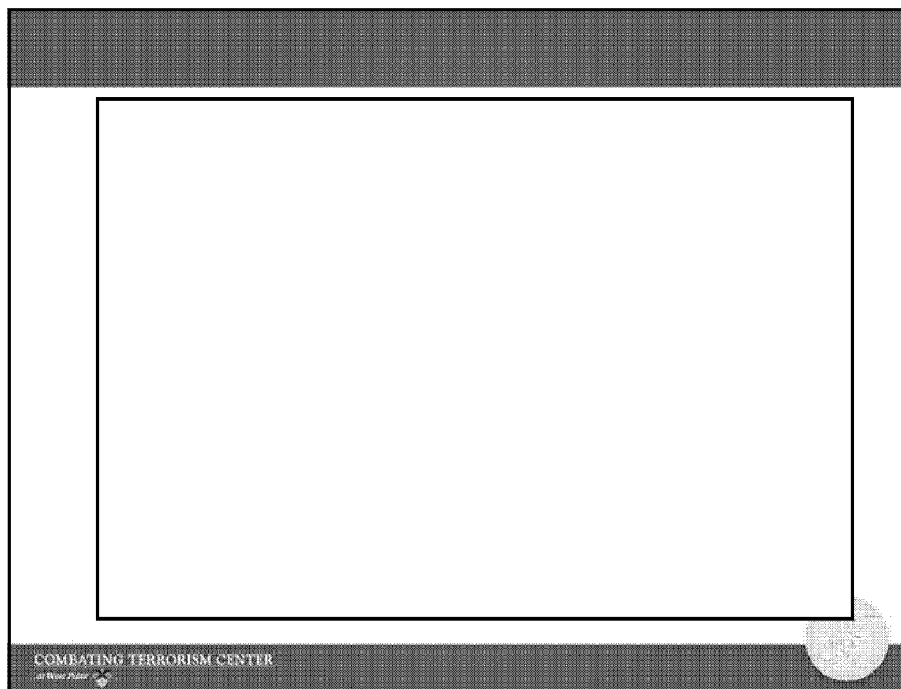
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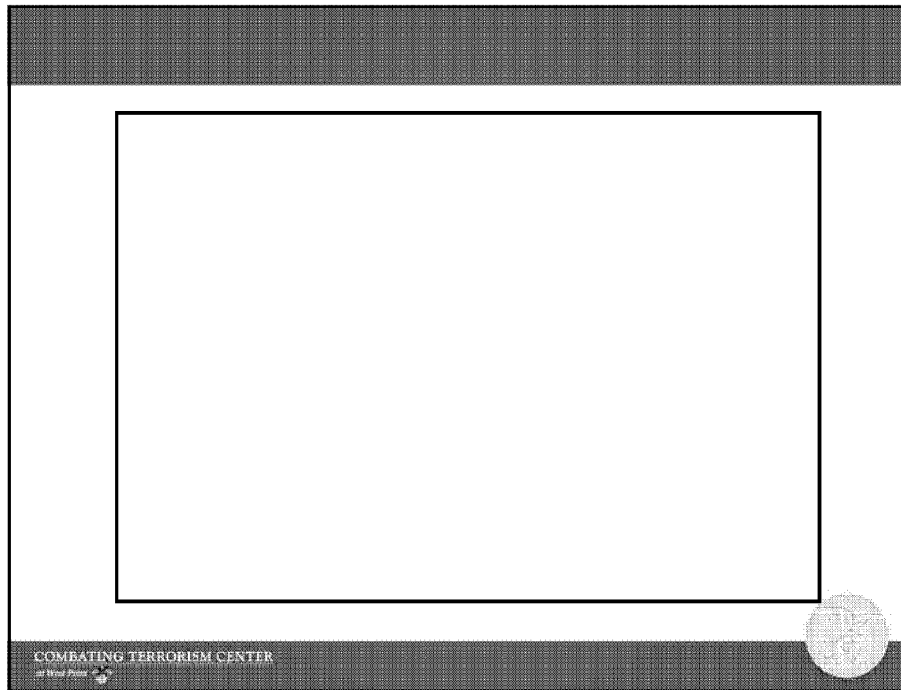
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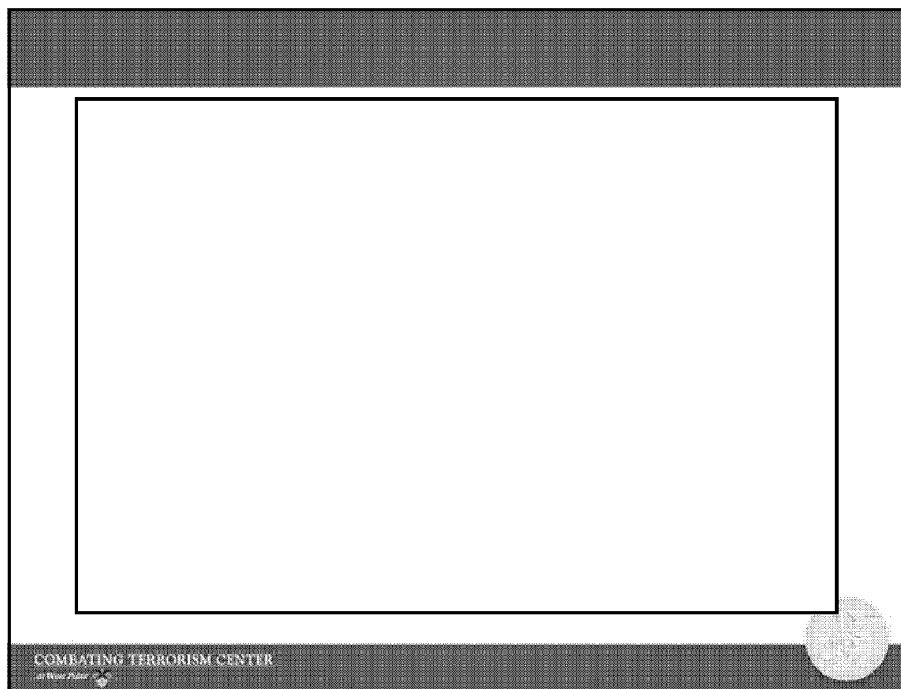
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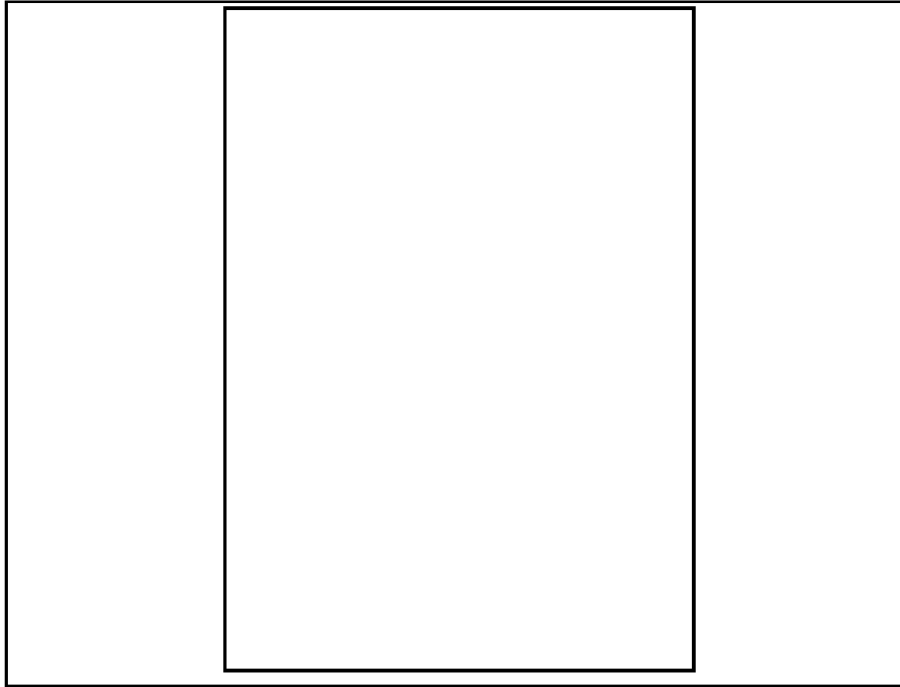
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Brothers found guilty of plotting to aid terrorists

Prosecutors accused 2 Lebanese men of being part of local support cell for Hezbollah



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London's trial could open door to battling financial networks through prosecutions

By Gary L. Wines
Reporter

Calling these men al-Qaeda agents, a federal judge in London on Friday convicted two Lebanese brothers of conspiring to aid the Hamas terrorist group.

The "al-Qaeda" charge was dropped in favor of conspiracy to provide support to the Hamas group, which is designated as a terrorist organization by the United States.

One of the charges in the indictment was that the defendants could be heard saying that the group was "a very real and dangerous threat."

While the brothers were indicted on more than 100 counts, the judge said they were not charged with any specific acts of terrorism.

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Was U.S. prosecutor in danger?

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FBI probes suspected plot to kill

Man convicted of aiding terrorist group denies allegations of hit contract



By James L. McManus
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Feds say documents show threat against prosecutor

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Charges

- Ultimately 25 individuals charged with Contraband Cigarette Trafficking, Money Laundering, RICO, Wire Fraud, Conspiracy, Visa/Marriage Fraud, and Material Support to Terrorist Organization
- Five fugitives including the head of procurement operations for Hizballah, and Beirut suburb Hizballah military commander

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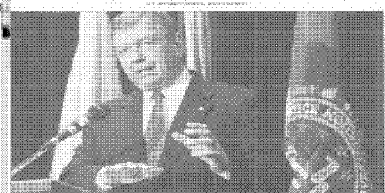


Case Significance

- Use of criminal statutes in terrorism related case
- Use of the RICO statute specifically
- Convictions under the material support statute
- Use of foreign intelligence information in U.S. criminal courts (Canada)
- Good model for Task Force cooperation

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Ashcroft lauds local enforcers

Attorney general calls for vigilance as terrorism threat grows

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Lessons Learned

- Monitored trial
- Threatened witnesses
- Weak link
- Denied any relationship with “cell leader”
- Previous terrorist training
- Ready to commit acts of violence

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