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SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - NON-COMPLIANCE OF GUL RAHMAN []

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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: HQS AND ALEC MAY WISH TO CONSIDER PLANNING FOR ALTERNATIVE ENHANCED INTERROGATION MEASURES FOR GUL RAHMAN, AND THE RELOCATION OF GUL RAHMAN THIS MAY REQUIRE.

2. SUMMARY: ON [] NOV 2002, GUL ((RAHMAN)) WAS INTERROGATED BY [] AND I/C PSYCHOLOGIST [] RAHMAN STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO PROVIDE HIS TRUE NAME AND DENIED MEETING OR KNOWING HEKMATYAR. AFTER 48 HOURS INTERROGATORS HAVE MADE NO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WITH RAHMAN. IN THE OPINION OF BOTH INTERROGATORS, THE PHYSIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL

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PRESSURES WHICH CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON RAHMAN OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS AT [REDACTED] WILL BE UNLIKELY TO MAKE HIM DIVULGE SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

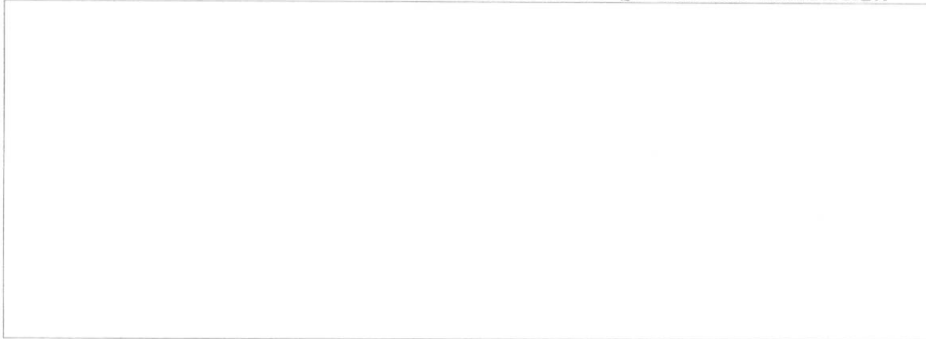
3. [REDACTED] INTERROGATIONS CONDUCTED TO DATE RAHMAN HAS CLAIMED THAT HIS NAME IS ABDUL ((MANAN)) AND THAT HE IS NOT GUL RAHMAN. HE HAS CONTINUED TO DENY THAT HE IS GUL RAHMAN DESPITE BEING CONFRONTED WITH HIS PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DESPITE 48 HOURS OF SLEEP DEPRIVATION, AUDITORY OVERLOAD, TOTAL DARKNESS, ISOLATION, A COLD SHOWER, AND ROUGH TREATMENT, RAHMAN REMAINS STEADFAST IN MAINTAINING HIS HIGH RESISTANCE POSTURE AND DEemeanOR. INTERROGATORS WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP PRESSURE UPON RAHMAN, BUT IT IS THEIR ASSESSMENT THAT HIS ATTITUDE IS UNLIKELY TO SOON CHANGE.

4. TO PUT RAHMAN'S BEHAVIOR IN CONTEXT, STATION NOTES THAT WHILE THE OTHER DETAINEES WHICH HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO [REDACTED] HAVE DROPPED MOST OF THEIR RESISTANCE WITHIN 48 HOURS, RAHMAN'S ATTITUDE REMAINS RELATIVELY UNCHANGED FROM HIS ATTITUDE UPON ARRIVAL. RAHMAN HAS MAINTAINED HIS HIGH RESISTANCE POSTURE DESPITE A WEAK COVER STORY, AND INTERROGATORS CONFRONTING HIM WITH HIS OWN DOCUMENTS AND THEIR KNOWLEDGE THAT HIS CO-DETAINEES ALREADY GAVE UP HIS IDENTITY. HIS RESISTANCE POSTURE SUGGESTED A SOPHISTICATED LEVEL OF RESISTANCE TRAINING INCLUDING THESE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES:

- A. REMAINED STEADFAST IN OUTRIGHT DENIALS (IGNORED OBVIOUS FACTS)
- B. WAS UNRESPONSIVE TO PROVOCATION
- C. CLAIMED INABILITY TO THINK DUE TO CONDITIONS (COLD)
- D. COMPLAINED ABOUT POOR TREATMENT
- E. COMPLAINED ABOUT THE VIOLATION OF HIS HUMAN RIGHTS
- F. REMAINED CONSISTENTLY UNEMOTIONAL, CALM, AND COMPOSED
- G. BLATANTLY LIED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO APPEAR SINCERE IN HIS DESIRE TO COOPERATE
- H. CONSISTENTLY USED HIS COVER STORY
- I. DISPLAYED NO ANXIETY (CALMLY PICKED AT HIS SKIN/NAILS DURING CONFRONTATIONS WITH DAMNING EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM)
- J. WAS UNFAZED BY PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONFRONTATIONS

5. BASED UPON AVAILABLE INFORMATION, STATION BELIEVES SUBJECT IS LIKELY WITHHOLDING SIGNIFICANT THREAT RELATED INFORMATION IN ADDITION TO SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ON AL-QA'IDA AND HEKMATYAR.



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UNFORTUNATELY, STATION WISHES TO APPRISE HEADQUARTERS THAT WE BELIEVE IT IS UNLIKELY RAHMAN WILL CHANGE HIS RESISTANCE POSTURE AND BEGIN TO COOPERATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. OVER TIME THE AMBIENT PRESSURES OF ISOLATION, SLEEP AND SENSORY DEPRIVATION MAY BEGIN TO WEAR ON RAHMAN BUT A QUICK CHANGE IN HIS LEVEL OF COOPERATION IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY.

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