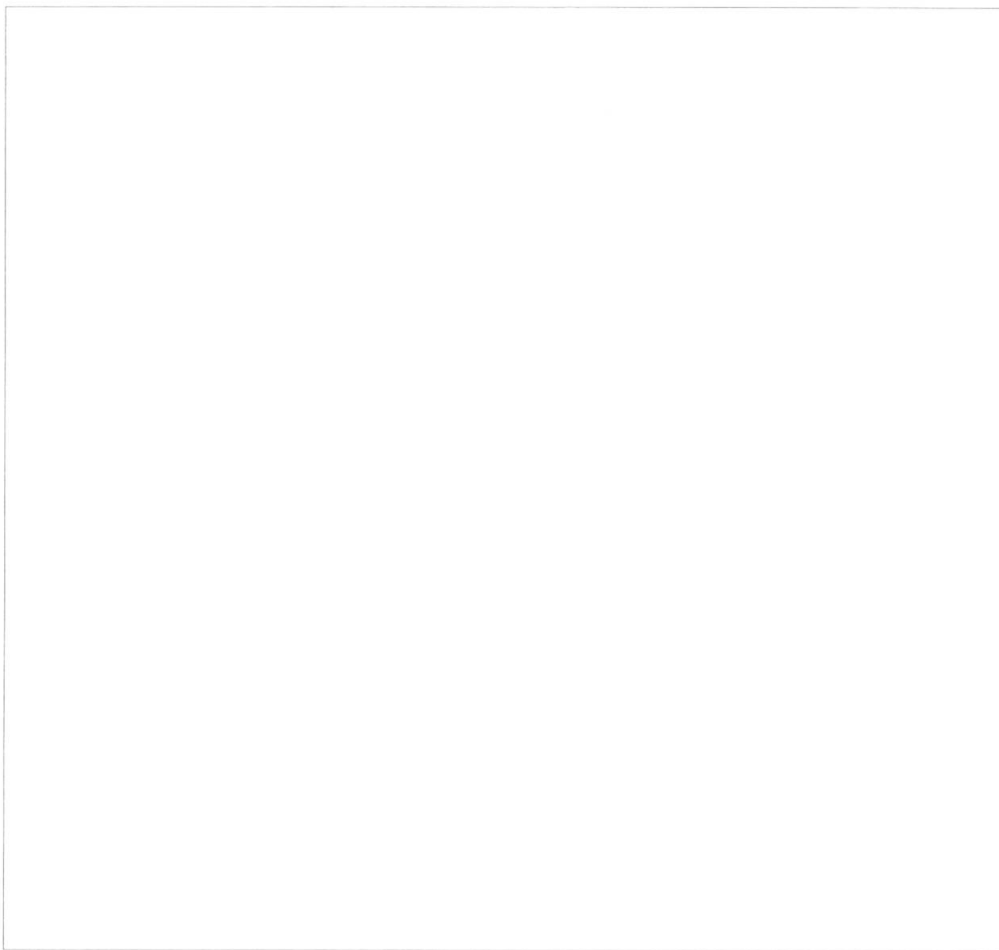
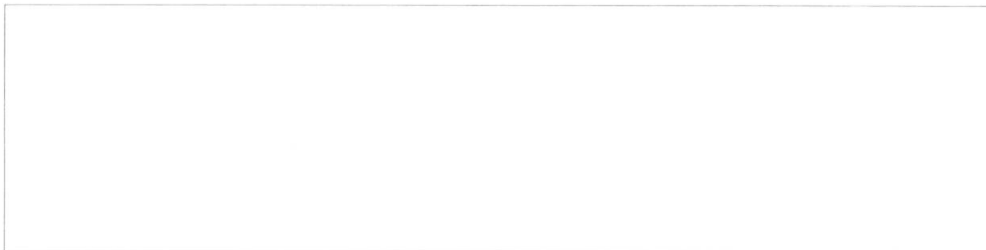


Exhibit 17



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SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - GUL RAHMAN ADMITS HIS IDENTITY

REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.

2. SUMMARY: STATION INTERROGATION TEAM--INCLUDING []
[] I/C [] [] AND HVT OFFICER
[] MET WITH GUL ((RAHMAN)) AFTERNOON OF [] NOVEMBER AT

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[REDACTED] RAHMAN SPENT THE DAYS SINCE HIS LAST SESSION WITH STATION OFFICERS IN COLD CONDITIONS WITH MINIMAL FOOD AND SLEEP. RAHMAN APPEARED SOMEWHAT INCOHERENT FOR PORTIONS OF THIS SESSION, BUT WAS COMPLETELY LUCID BY MID SESSION. WE BELIEVE HE MOVED HIS INTERNAL LINE OF RESISTANCE FOR ACCEPTABLE ADMISSIONS FORWARD SLIGHTLY. STATION IS ENCOURAGED BY THIS TURN OF EVENTS AND INTENDS TO HAVE ANOTHER SESSION WITH RAHMAN ON [REDACTED] NOVEMBER.

3. ADMISSIONS: RAHMAN MADE SEVERAL ADMISSIONS AND STATEMENTS DURING THE [REDACTED] NOVEMBER SESSION THAT ARE WORTHY OF NOTE. HOWEVER, IT MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THAT RAHMAN WAS SOMEWHAT CONFUSED DUE TO FATIGUE AND DEHYDRATION FOR PORTIONS OF THIS INTERVIEW.

A. RAHMAN STATED HIS FAMILY AND SOME FRIENDS CALL HIM "ABDUL MANAN," BUT OTHER PEOPLE KNOW HIM AS "GUL RAHMAN." HE STATED HE IS A CIRCA 30 YEAR OLD AFGHAN FROM LOWGAR PROVINCE, POL-E-ALAM REGION, KOLANGAR VILLAGE.

B. RAHMAN STATED THAT HE WAS ARRESTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RAHMAN WOULD NOT EXPLAIN WHAT HE WAS DOING [REDACTED] -HIS OBVIOUSLY REHEARSED REPLY.

C. RAHMAN CONTINUED TO PRODUCE HIS REHEARSED RESPONSES ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH BAHIR AND GULBUDDIN ((HEKMATYAR))-- STATING THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN HEKMATYAR IN 12-13 YEARS AND WAS BAHIR'S DRIVER FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING SEVEN MONTHS AGO.

D. RAHMAN STATED THAT HE HAD NO JOB IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS ARREST BUT THAT HE WAS A DRIVER AND DID OTHER MANUAL JOBS IN LOWGAR, KABUL, AND PESHAWAR. HE STATED AT ONE POINT THAT HE WOULD DELIVER MESSAGES AND RUN ERRANDS FOR HEZB-I ISLAMI, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS HIS PARTY.

[REDACTED]

G. RAHMAN ADMITTED HE HAD FOUGHT IN THE JIHAD WITH HIS BROTHER AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF HIS MARTYRED OLDER BROTHER THAT HE

BECAME INVOLVED WITH HIG.

H. RAHMAN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE LARGE WOUND ON HIS ARM WAS A GUNSHOT WOUND

TOOK FOUR MONTHS TO HEAL.

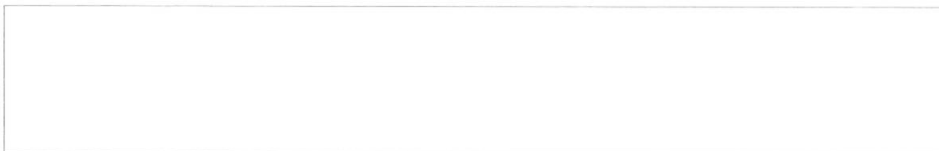
HE SAID HIS ARM



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4. ASSESSMENT: RAHMAN WAS FINALLY SHOWING THE RESULTS OF HIS STAY AT [REDACTED] DURING THIS SESSION. WHILE HE WAS STILL CLEARLY RESISTING, WE BELIEVE HE MAY HAVE CHOSEN TO COMPROMISE SOMEWHAT IN EXCHANGE FOR IMPROVED CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, IT WAS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT RAHMAN WAS SO FATIGUED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO CONSISTENTLY STAY WITH HIS COVER STORY EVEN IF HE WISHED TO DO SO. DURING PORTIONS OF INTERROGATION, RAHMAN WAS CONFUSED AS TO HIS LOCATION, AND THE PASSAGE OF TIME. AT OTHER TIMES HE WOULD FORGET WHAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED AND C/O WOULD HAVE TO RECAPTURE HIS ATTENTION. IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW PRECISELY HOW MUCH OF THIS BEHAVIOR WAS FEIGNED AND HOW MUCH WAS A RESULT OF HIS PHYSICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITION; HOWEVER, I/C [REDACTED] IMPRESSION WAS THAT HE CONTINUES TO USE "HEALTH AND WELFARE" BEHAVIORS AND COMPLAINTS AS A MAJOR PART OF HIS RESISTANCE POSTURE. AFTER THE SESSION RAHMAN WAS AFFORDED SOME IMPROVEMENT IN HIS CONDITIONS. INTERROGATORS PLAN TO REINTERVIEW RAHMAN ON [REDACTED] NOVEMBER.

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END OF MESSAGE

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