

# Exhibit 50

Date: 200205 [redacted]

TO: [redacted]

FROM: CTC/UBL

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - PLANS TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON ABU ZUBAYDAH

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- REF: A. [redacted] 10163 [redacted]
- B. [redacted] 10153 [redacted]
- C. [redacted] 10128 [redacted]
- D. ALEC 175489 [redacted]

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: --PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR OPTIONS ON INCREASING PRESSURE OF THE INTERROGATIONS OF ABU ZUBAYDAH.

2. ALTHOUGH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE INTERROGATIONS OF AL-QA'IDA OPERATIONS OFFICER ((ABU ZUBAYDAH)), REF B EXPLAINS THE PROCESS IS AT SOMEWHAT OF A STANDSTILL AND REQUIRING A FOCUSED

DIRECTION. THREE OPTIONS WERE PRESENTED: 1) CONTINUE TO ALLOW AZ TO PROVIDE INTERESTING, BUT NON-THREAT RELATED INFORMATION, 2) PRESS AZ FOR THREAT INFORMATION ONLY AND EMPLOY IMMEDIATE COUNTER MEASURES WHEN HE RESISTS, AND 3) A COMBINATION WHICH ALLOWS FOR MINIMUM NON-THREAT RELATED INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE THREAT INFORMATION. HQS/ALEC CONCURRED IN REF D FOR [REDACTED] TO FOLLOW OPTION 2 AND PRESS AZ FOR THREAT RELATED INFORMATION.

3. AS THE OPTION TO PRESS AZ FOR THREAT RELATED INFORMATION REQUIRES AN INCREASE IN THE PRESSURE OF THE INTERROGATIONS, HQS/ALEC PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS FOR USE IN THIS PURSUIT. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THIS CABLE AUTHORIZES THE USE OF THE TECHNIQUES MENTIONED BELOW.

A. CONFINEMENT BOX: DISCUSSIONS RE THE USE OF A CONFINEMENT BOX IN THE INTERROGATIONS OF AZ ARE ONGOING. AS IT STANDS, THE ISSUES REQUIRING CONSIDERATION ARE AZ'S ABILITY TO INFLICT SELF-HARM WHILE IN THE BOX, HIS PHYSICAL HEALTH WHILE IN THE BOX, AND THE DURATION OF TIME HE CAN BE PLACED IN THE BOX. A CABLE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING THIS OPTION IS FORTHCOMING AND WILL LAY OUT EVERY ASPECT IN DETAIL. BASED UPON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY [REDACTED] AND IN CONSULTATION WITH OTS, OMS, AND CTC/LGL, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE GREATER LEEWAY THAN IN PREVIOUS TRAFFIC. STAND BY.

B. [REDACTED] SINCE HIS CAPTURE, IT HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN MADE CLEAR TO AZ THROUGHOUT THE INTERROGATIONS THAT HE CONTROLS HIS OWN FATE, AS WAS MOST RECENTLY EXPRESSED IN REF A. [REDACTED] INDICATED TO AZ THAT HIS SITUATION WOULD CHANGE PRIOR TO DEPARTING THE MEDICAL FACILITY -- IT DID. WE HAVE SHOWN AZ THAT WE HAVE AN INTEREST IN HIS PROPER MEDICAL CARE AND HUMANE TREATMENT, WHICH HE RECOGNIZES. [REDACTED]

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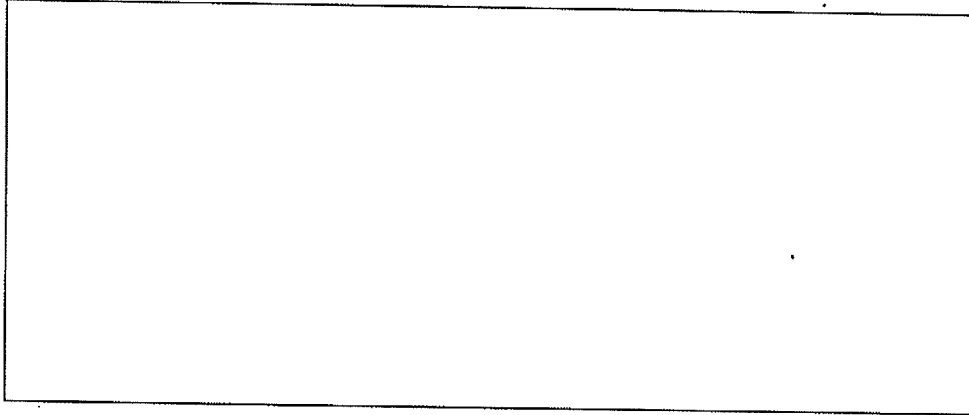
C. FAMILY: AZ HAS SHOWN AN EXPLOITABLE VULNERABILITY WHEN IT COMES TO THE ISSUE OF HIS FAMILY. HE BECAME VISIBLY DISTURBED WHEN TOLD WE WOULD SHOW A PICTURE OF HIM TO HIS MOTHER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AS HE HAS INDICATED A CONCERN FOR HIS FAMILY AND ALL FAMILY RELATED MATTERS, THIS ANGLE MAY PROVE EFFECTIVE IN GAINING THE REQUIRED LEVERAGE TO GET HIM TALKING ABOUT PERTINENT THREAT RELATED INFORMATION.

[REDACTED]

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CAVEAT, HOWEVER: AT NO/NO POINT MAY THE INTERROGATION TEAM MAKE DIRECT, OR FOR THAT MATTER INDIRECT BUT CLEAR, THREATS ABOUT THE LIFE AND SAFETY OF HIS FAMILY IF AZ DOES NOT PROVIDE THE DESIRED INFORMATION.

[REDACTED]

4. CTC/LGL HAS COORDINATED ON THIS CABLE. HQS/ALEC LOOKS  
FORWARD TO SUPPORTING  WITH THE INCREASED PRESSURE ON  
ZUBAYDAH. REGARDS.



END OF MESSAGE

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