

Exhibit 79

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FROM: CTC/UBL

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - THE NEXT PHASE OF THE ABU ZUBAYDAH INTERROGATIONS

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B. ALEC 177966 []

C. [] 10325 []

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR HQS/ALEC GUIDANCE ON THE NEXT PHASE OF THE ABU ZUBAYDAH INTERROGATIONS.

2. SUMMARY: ON [] JUNE 2002, HQS/ALEC HELD A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE NEXT PHASE OF INTERROGATIONS OF ((ABU ZUBAYDAH)) (AZ). THE MAIN HQS PLAYERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE [] CTC [] [] [] CTC/UBL [] AND []

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[redacted] CTC/LGL [redacted] OTHER NOTABLE ATTENDEES WERE [redacted]
[redacted] SECURITY OFFICER [redacted] AND IC SERE
PSYCHOLOGIST [redacted], AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTS [redacted] ALL
PARTIES WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT AZ IS WITHHOLDING CRITICAL
INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY ON DIRECT THREATS AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS
BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND OVERSEAS. HE IS LYING LESS, BUT LEAVING
MORE OUT. WHILE AZ IS COMPLYING WITH THE INTERROGATORS ON SELECT
TOPICS, HQS/ALEC BELIEVES THE INTERROGATIONS NEED TO TAKE A HARDER
LINE AND MOVE AWAY FROM THE CURRENT STATUS, WHICH RESEMBLES MORE
OF A DEBRIEFING. THIS CABLE CONSTITUTES FULL HQS APPROVAL AND
SUPPORT TO MOVE THE INTERROGATIONS IN THE DIRECTION DESCRIBED
BELOW.

3. THE NEXT PHASE (ISOLATION): IN DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF
THE AZ INTERROGATIONS, A VARIETY OF PLANS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO
DATE. [redacted] WE SHOULD
AVOID THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW INTERROGATORS INTO THE SCENARIO WITH
AZ. THEREFORE, [redacted]
[redacted]
PROPOSED ISOLATION OPTION: IN EXECUTING THIS OPTION, AZ WILL BE
PLACED IN PSEUDO-ISOLATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE WEEKS, WITH
LIMITED/LIMITED VISITS FROM MEDICAL AND SECURITY PERSONNEL TO
HANDLE DAILY RESPONSIBILITIES. DURING THIS THREE WEEK PERIOD, THE
CURRENT [redacted] INTERROGATION TEAM WILL RETURN TO HQS FOR
CONSULTATIONS.

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4. SPECIFICS AND TIMELINE: THE ISOLATION PHASE WILL BEGIN ON
20 JUNE, NOTWITHSTANDING UNFORESEEN DELAYING CIRCUMSTANCES. IC
SERE PSYCHOLOGIST [redacted] IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] WILL BE ABLE TO FILL IN ANY HOLES LEFT BY THIS
CABLE AND ASSIST IN ORCHESTRATING THE ISOLATION. [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] MAY ALSO
INCORPORATE THE ROLE OF THE "BAD GUY" WHICH HAS BEEN PLAYED BY
[redacted] AND CONTRIBUTED TO AZ'S 19 MAY REVELATION. [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] WILL REMAIN BEHIND TO MONITOR THE
SITUATION AND CAREFULLY SUPERVISE THE ACTIVITY OF MEDICAL AND
SECURITY ELEMENTS. HE WILL BE ASSISTED BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL [redacted]
[redacted]

-- AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK OF JULY [] THERE WILL BE A HQS MEETING REQUIRING THE PRESENCE OF ALL INVOLVED PARTIES.

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[] WILL RETURN [] TO PARTICIPATE.
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-- IF AZ INDICATES A WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION DURING THE ISOLATION PHASE, HE WILL BE PROVIDED PAPER AND A WRITING INSTRUMENT FOR A LIMITED PERIOD TO MAKE HIS STATEMENTS. HIS STATEMENTS WILL THEN BE CHECKED FOR ACCURACY AND RELEVANCE.

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[] THE INTENT OF THIS PHASE IS TO SET THE STAGE TO RATCHET UP THE INTERROGATIONS OF AZ -- EFFORT BY AZ TO INITIATE CONTACT WILL BE RESISTED.

-- ONLY IN THE EVENT AZ PROVIDES VERIFIED ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE ON DIRECT THREATS AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS WILL HQS CONSIDER DEVIATING FROM THE PLAN.

5. POST-ISOLATION PHASE: ON OR ABOUT [] JULY, INTERROGATORS WILL BE REINTRODUCED INTO THE SCENARIO. []

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TO PRESS AZ HARD ON DIRECT THREAT INFORMATION AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS AND RETURN THE SITUATION TO A FULL FLEDGED INTERROGATION.

-- AFTER THE ISOLATION, HQS APPROVES CAREFUL INTRODUCTION OF THE INTERROGATION []
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-- THE POST-ISOLATION PHASE WILL LIKELY INCORPORATE THE ROLL OF THE "BAD GUY" WHICH HAS BEEN PLAYED BY [REDACTED] AND FACILITATED AZ'S "REVELATION" ON 19 MAY. THIS INCORPORATION AND THE POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF ANOTHER "BAD GUY" WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE HQS MEETING.

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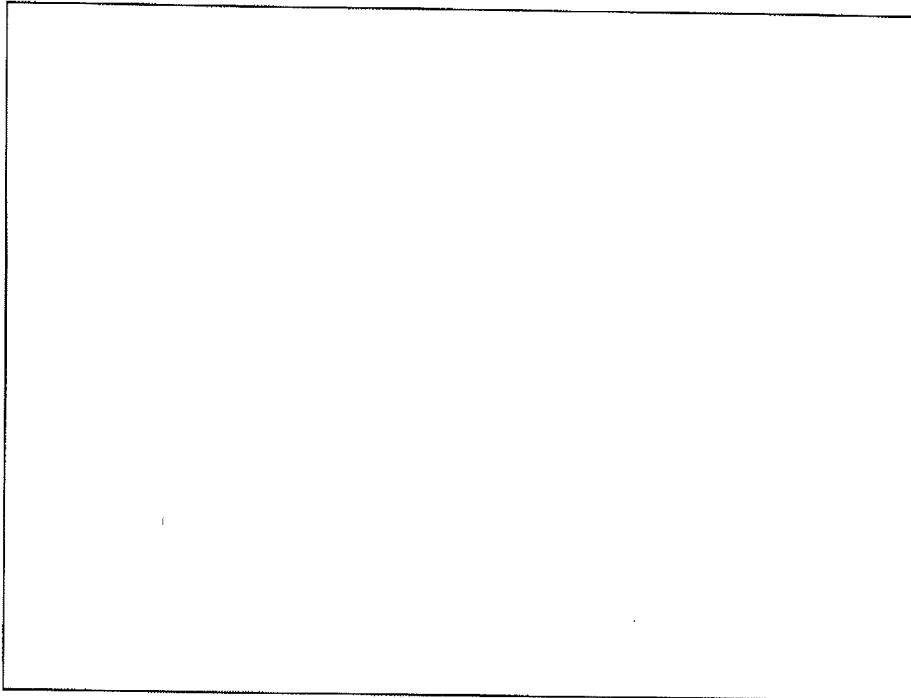
HQS WILL

IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE AS CHIEF OF BASE

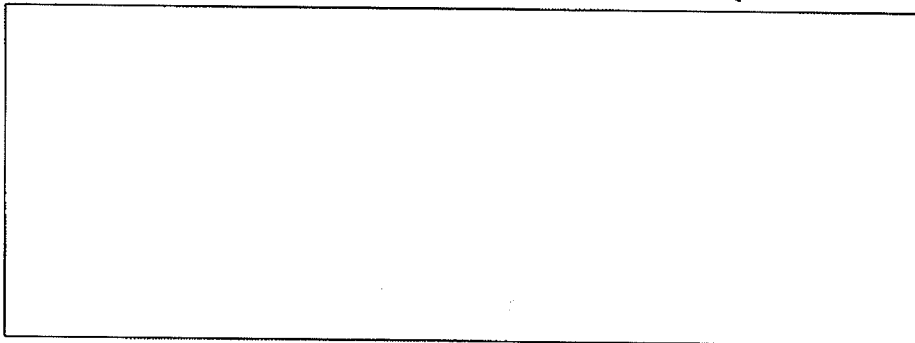
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THE COB WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF [REDACTED] AND EQUIPPED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE DECISIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE FLUID NATURE OF THE INTERROGATIONS.

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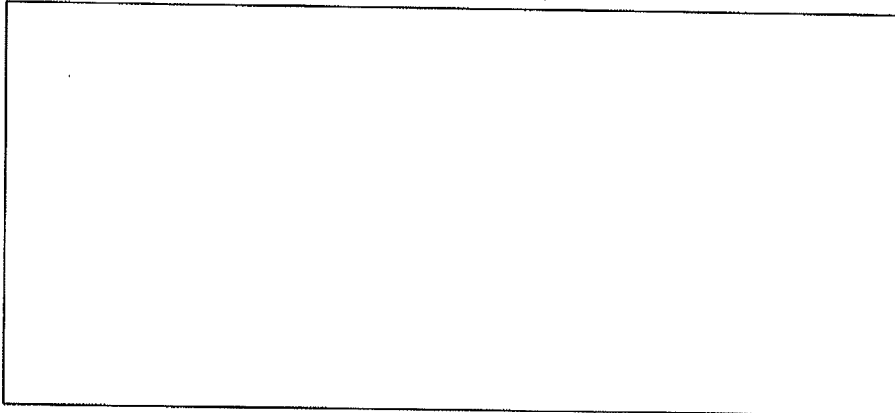


-- WITH REGARD TO THE ONGOING CARE OF AZ'S WOUND AND UNDERLYING NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT, OMS BELIEVES WE CAN INTRODUCE MORE UNCERTAINTY AND UNPREDICTABILITY, AND LESSEN THE APPEARANCE OF EXCEPTIONAL MEDICAL ATTENTIVENESS, WITHOUT INCREASING THE RISK OF A SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL COMPLICATION. OMS HAS INDICATED THAT THE ENSURE SUPPLEMENT WHICH SUPPORTS THE WOUND HEALING CAN BE ADMINISTERED ON A MORE VARIABLE BASIS, AND CERTAINLY DOES NOT HAVE TO BE MADE OPTIMALLY PALATABLE. ESSENTIAL VITAMINS CAN BE INCLUDED WITH THE ENSURE, SO THAT AZ BELIEVES ONE OF HIS MEDICATIONS (THE VITAMIN PILL) HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED. SO LONG AS AZ IS TOLD THAT THE LIQUID SUPPLEMENT IS IMPORTANT TO HIS WOUND HEALING, THE PAST RECORD SUGGESTS THAT HE EVENTUALLY WILL TAKE IT. IF NOT, HE MIGHT BE TOLD THAT IT'S HIS OWN LEG THAT IS BEING JEOPARDIZED. MEDICAL PERSONNEL CAN MONITOR THE OVERALL INTAKE, AND OMS JUDGES THAT WITH AZ'S ESTABLISHED DIET EVEN A LESSER AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ENSURE STILL WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT AGAINST A NUTRITIONAL PROBLEM. MORE PALATABLY FLAVORED ENSURE OR OTHER DIETARY VARIETY CAN BE RESERVED AS A REWARD.



-- DRESSING CHANGES CAN BE UNDERTAKEN ON A MORE VARIABLE BASIS. SO LONG AS THE DRESSINGS ARE CAREFULLY MONITORED

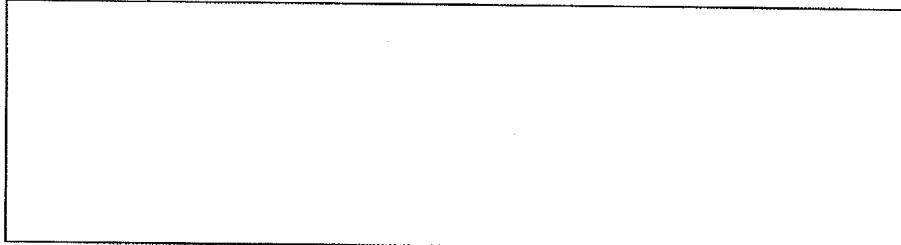
EXTERNALLY FOR INDICATIONS OF A DEVELOPING INFECTION, SOME INTERVALS OF UP TO 24 HOURS BETWEEN CHANGES ARE ACCEPTABLE. IF THE INTENT IS TO UNDERScore A REDUCTION IN CARE, THERE MAY ALSO BE SOME MERIT IN INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DRESSING CHANGES IN THE SHORT TERM, AS THOUGH THERE WAS SOME CONCERN. THIS WILL DRAMATIZE A LATER REDUCTION IN REGULARITY AND FREQUENCY, WITHOUT INTRODUCING UNACCEPTABLE MEDICAL RISKS.

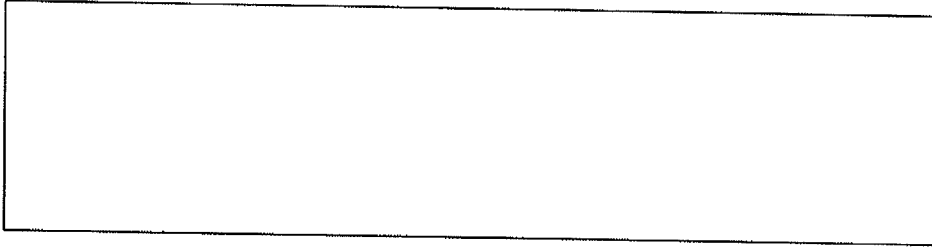


-- SO LONG AS AZ IS MONITORED FOR SIGNS OF DETERIORATION IN HIS WOUND REQUIRING MORE AGGRESSIVE MEDICAL CARE, ANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AT ANY TIME. IF ALL THESE CHANGES COINCIDED WITH THE TEAM'S DEPARTURE, AZ'S IMPRESSION OF ABANDONMENT MIGHT BE ENHANCED.

-- OMS ALSO BELIEVES THAT WE PRESENTLY ARE MOVING INTO THE FINAL PHASE OF WOUND HEALING, WITH SOME HOPE THAT A SCAR WILL HAVE CLOSED THE WOUND WITHIN THE NEXT 6-8 WEEKS. NOW THAT THE LESION HAS FILLED IN FROM THE BOTTOM, THE MARGINS SHOULD BEGIN TO CLOSE. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF FUTURE PHOTOGRAPHS WOULD INCLUDE A SMALL RULER PLACED BELOW THE WOUND TO ALLOW DOCUMENTATION OF THE RATE OF CLOSURE. CLOSURE OF THE WOUND WILL ENABLE EVEN MORE VARIABILITY IN AZ'S PERCEIVED MEDICAL CARE, AS DRESSING CHANGES WOULD NO LONGER BE REQUIRED AND NUTRITION WOULD BECOME LESS CRITICAL FOR WOUND HEALING.

7. HQS/ALEC APPRECIATES [REDACTED] CONTINUED EFFORT IN THIS MISSION AND BELIEVES THE ABOVE DETAILS PROVIDE A CLEAR DIRECTION FOR THE FUTURE INTERROGATIONS OF AZ. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FEEDBACK. (IF DESIRED, WE ALSO WOULD SUPPORT A [REDACTED] FOR A [REDACTED] A TEAM MEETING WITH CTC/LGL WHILE TEAM MEMBERS ARE BACK AT HQS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AND REASSURANCE ON THESE AND OTHER LEGAL ISSUES.) REGARDS.





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