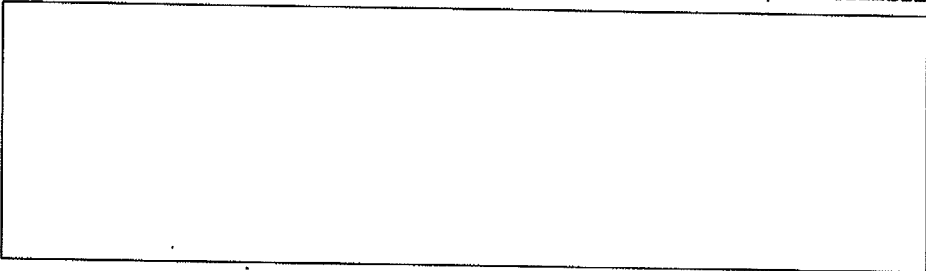


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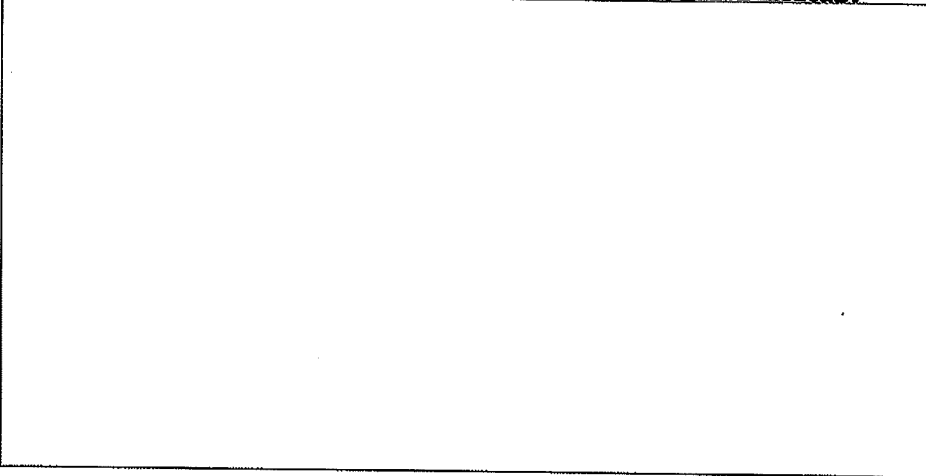
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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: FYI - CURRENT PROPOSED STRATEGY FOR THE INTERROGATION OF ABU ZUBAYDAH.

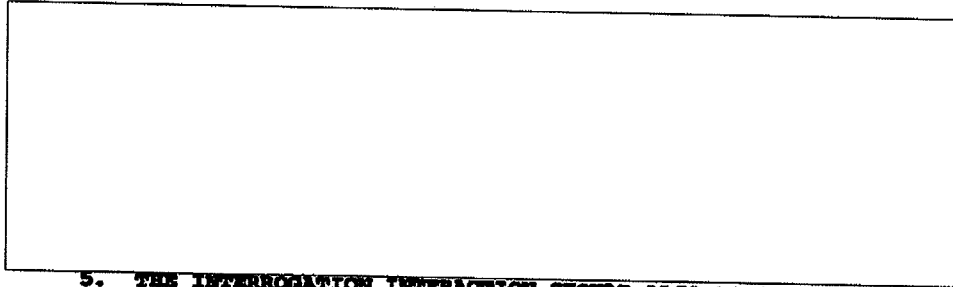
2. CTC HAD A MEETING THIS MORNING WITH SEVERAL SENIOR OPERATIONAL AND SECURITY INDIVIDUALS TO DEVELOP AN INTERROGATION STRATEGY FOR ABU ZUBAYDAH THAT WILL BE SPELLED OUT IN THIS CABLE. A [redacted] TEAM [redacted] OPERATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST; [redacted] OFFICE OF SECURITY [redacted] AND AN OTS/OAD [redacted] CONTRACT PSYCHOLOGIST [redacted] WHO HAS EXTENSIVE MILITARY BACKGROUND IN INTERROGATION WILL TRAVEL TO [redacted] APRIL [redacted] TO ASSIST [redacted] IN THE PLANNING OF THE UPCOMING INTERROGATION. BEING THAT ZUBAYDAH IS A SENIOR AL-QA'IDA MEMBER WHO HAS A LONG HISTORY OF COMMITMENT TO AL-QA'IDA AND HAS LIKELY RECEIVED SOME OR A LOT OF COUNTER-INTERROGATION TRAINING, THE PROPOSAL PUT FORTH TAKES THE LIKELY PREMISES THAT THE COMPLETE INTERROGATION OF ZUBAYDAH COULD TAKE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AND RESOURCE. MORE THAN LIKELY ZUBAYDAH WILL DIVULGE RELEVANT INFORMATION IN SPURTS FOLLOWED BY PERIODS OF SLOW PROGRESS UNTIL ANOTHER LEVEL OF DISCLOSURE IS OBTAINED. ZUBAYDAH WILL LIKELY ASSUME THAT WE WILL TRY TO BUILD A LEGAL CASE AGAINST HIM SO THAT HE CAN BE TRIED IN A COURT OF LAW AND THAT WE MAY RESORT TO PHYSICAL TORTURE TO GET REVELATIONS.

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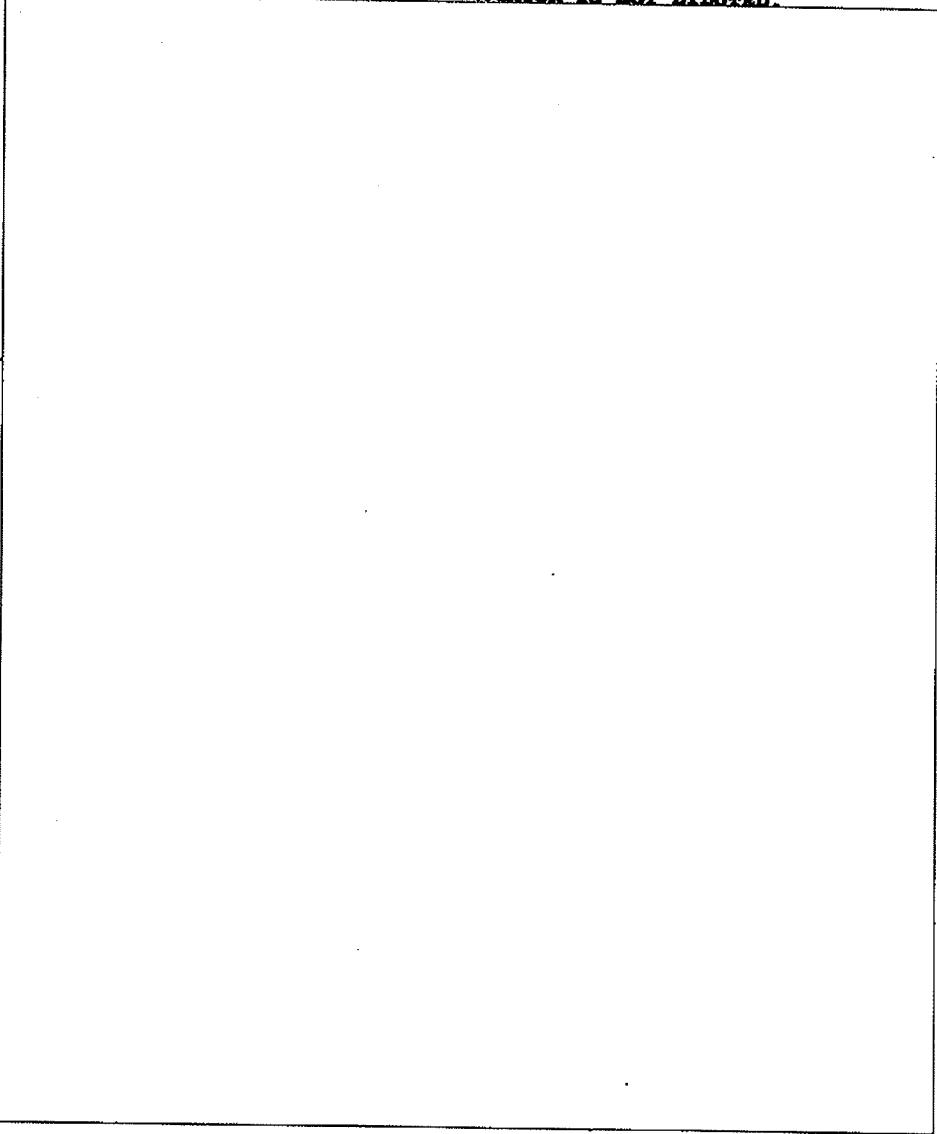


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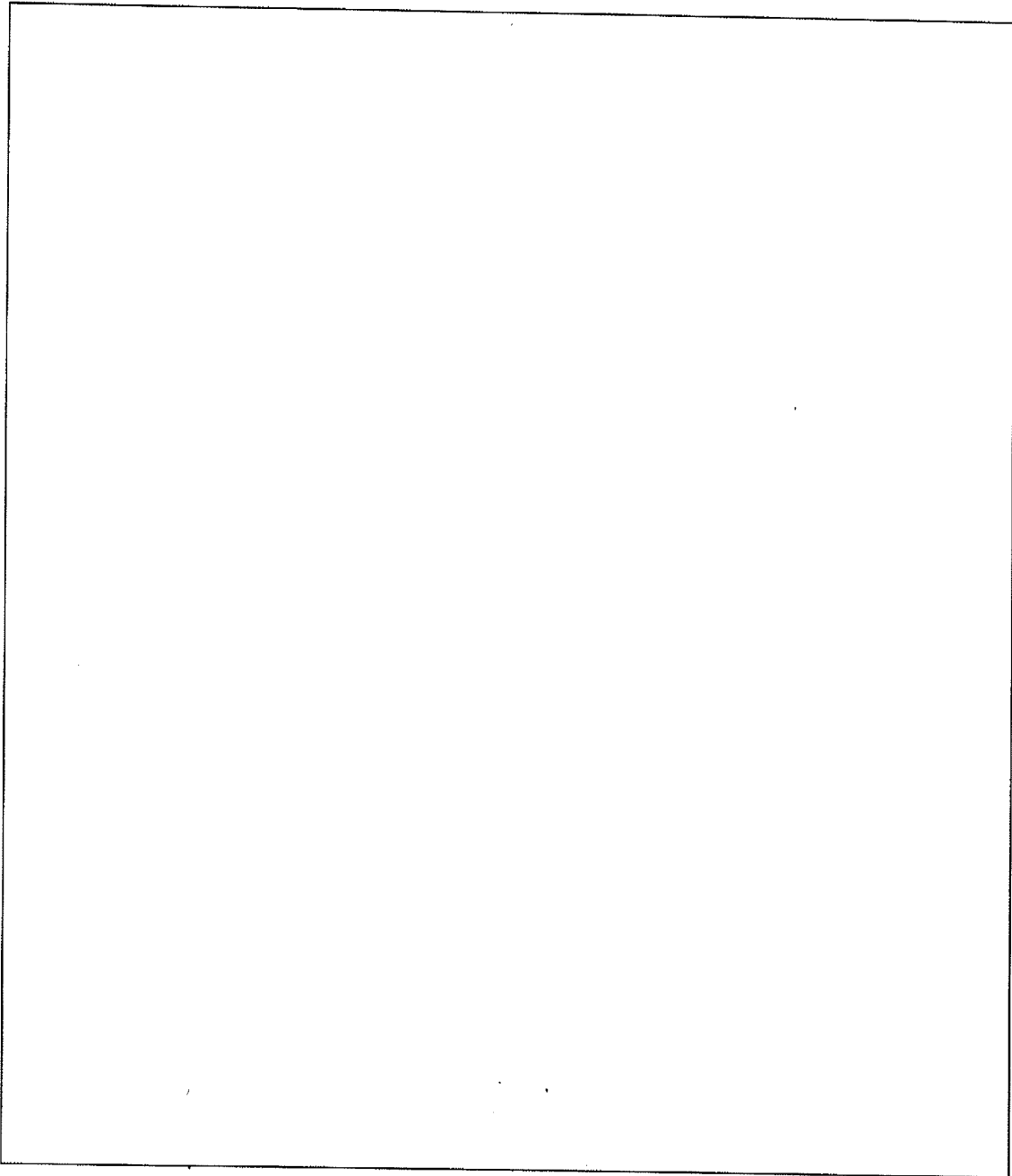


5. THE INTERROGATION INTERACTION SHOULD ALSO ACCORDINGLY BE DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THIS PSYCHOLOGICAL DEPENDENCE. ALTHOUGH, SUBAYDAH'S MEDICAL CONDITION WILL LIKELY REQUIRE CONTINUED ATTENTION FROM A MEDICAL PHYSICIAN IN THE NEAR TERM, THESE MEDICAL EVALUATIONS WILL NEED TO BE CONTROLLED IN A FASHION THAT THE DEPENDENCE WITH THE PRIMARY INTERROGATOR IS NOT DILUTED.



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