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SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - DETAILS RE INITIAL CYCLE OF INTERROGATIONS OF

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04 AUGUST 02 OF ABU ZUBAYDAH

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E. ALEC 174681

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: -- PLEASE ENSURE THAT SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS  
OF INFORMATION BELOW ARE SHARED WITH FBI HQS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2. SESSION I: FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REF A HQS APPROVAL CABLE, THE FIRST SESSION OF THE AGGRESSIVE PHASE COMMENCED AT 1150 HOURS. THIS SESSION FOLLOWED ABU ZUBAYDAH (SUBJECT)'S 1033 HOURS DRESSING CHANGE AND SUBJECT'S COMPLETION OF HIS MEAL OF RICE AND BEANS. THE FIRST SESSION WENT EXACTLY AS EXPECTED AND DISCUSSED/SCRIPTED DURING THE 0900 HOURS [REDACTED] TEAM MEETING. THE 0900 HOURS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED ONCE ALL MEMBERS HAD READ AND REVIEWED REF A, WHICH OUTLINED HQS FORMAL APPROVAL CABLE TO PROCEED WITH THE NEXT PHASE OF INTERROGATIONS. DURING THE MEETING, PROCEDURAL STEPS WERE REVIEWED AND EVERYONE UNDERSTOOD THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES WITHOUT ANY CONCERNS EXPRESSED. [REDACTED] HQS WILL BE CONSULTED (VIA [REDACTED] IF NECESSARY) SHOULD ANY MEMBER OF THE TEAM OR ON-SITE PERSONNEL SUGGEST/REQUEST THAT THE INTERROGATION BE HALTED FOR ANY REASON. HOWEVER, SHOULD A SITUATION ARISE THAT WOULD NECESSITATE AN IMMEDIATE DECISION BY BASE, THE FINAL DECISION MUST REST WITH BOTH COB AND THE SENIOR CTC OFFICER, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM. BOTH COB AND THE SENIOR CTC OFFICER MUST BE IN AGREEMENT BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN; AND [REDACTED] HQS MUST BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY.

3. AT 1150 HOURS SECURITY PERSONNEL WENT INTO THE CELL AND SHACKLED AND HOODED SUBJECT AND REMOVED SUBJECT'S TOWEL. WHEN THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IC SERE PSYCHOLOGIST (ICSP) ENTERED THE CELL. IC SERE PSYCHOLOGIST PLACED A ROLLED TOWEL BEHIND SUBJECT'S NECK AND BACKED SUBJECT UP TO THE CELL WALL. THE IC SERE PSYCHOLOGIST REMOVED SUBJECT'S HOOD, PERFORMED AN ATTENTION GRAB AND HAD SUBJECT WATCH WHILE THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX WAS BROUGHT INTO THE CELL AND LAID ON THE FLOOR. THE IC SERE PSYCHOLOGIST THEN DEMANDED THAT SUBJECT, PER REF B GUIDANCE, PROVIDE DETAILED AND VERIFIABLE INFORMATION ON OPERATIONS PLANNED AGAINST THE U.S., TO INCLUDE NAMES, PHONES NUMBERS, EMAIL ADDRESSES, WEAPONS CACHES, AND SAFEHOUSES OF ANYONE SUPPORTING TERRORIST OPERATIONS IN THE U.S. IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE SUBJECT'S COMPLETE COMPREHENSION OF THE SITUATION, IC SERE PSYCHOLOGIST HAD SUBJECT REPEAT THE KIND OF INFORMATION HE EXPECTED SUBJECT TO PROVIDE. SUBJECT ARTICULATED THAT HE NEEDED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON/ABOUT OPERATIONS AND PERSONS INVOLVED IN THESE OPERATIONS.

4. SUBJECT APPEARED APPREHENSIVE. SUBJECT SAID HE HAD ALREADY PROVIDED THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AND DENIED HAVING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. SUBJECT RECEIVED INSULT SLAP AND FACE GRAB AT EACH POINT THAT HE DENIED HAVING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. AS HIS DENIALS WERE EXPECTED, SUBJECT WAS AGAIN HOODED WHILE SECURITY OFFICERS STOOD THE BOX UPRIGHT AND SECURED IT TO THE CELL BARS. SUBJECT WAS BACKED INTO THE BOX AND PROVIDED THE CONTAINER FOR HIS WASTE, WATER, AND TOILET PAPER. SUBJECT'S HOOD WAS REMOVED AND HE WAS TOLD THIS WAS HIS NEW HOME UNTIL HE WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE DETAILED AND VERIFIABLE INFORMATION ON OPERATIONS PLANNED AGAINST THE U.S.. THIS VERBAL DEMAND SERVES AS A BRIDGE TO THE NEXT SESSION OF INTERROGATION AND IS WHAT SUBJECT IS LEFT TO THINK ABOUT DURING HIS CONFINEMENT. SUBJECT

WAS THEN SHUT INTO THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX. THE FIRST SESSION LASTED APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES. [REDACTED]

5. AT 1230 HOURS [REDACTED] TEAM MEMBERS ASSISTED ICSP IN PUTTING UP THE "WALLING" WALL IN SUBJECT'S CELL. DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1200 HOURS UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT INTERROGATION SESSION AT 1645 HOURS SUBJECT APPEARED TO ADAPT TO HIS TIME IN THE CONFINEMENT BOX. DURING THE FIRST HOUR IN THE BOX SUBJECT SHOWED SIGNS OF DISTRESS BUT APPEARED TO ADAPT TO THIS ENVIRONMENT AFTER 4 HOURS. SUBJECT ALTERNATELY SPENT HIS TIME IN THE BOX SITTING AND STANDING.

6. AT 1630 HOURS [REDACTED] TEAM REGROUPED TO PREPARE FOR THE SECOND INTERROGATION SESSION. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT 1645 HOURS SECURITY GUARDS ENTERED THE CELL WITH ICSP. IN A LOUD AND HARSH VOICE ICSP TOLD SUBJECT TO STAND AT THE FRONT OF THE BOX. THE CONFINEMENT BOX WAS OPENED AND SUBJECT STUMBLED OUT. SUBJECT HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN MANIPULATING HIS BANDAGE AND THE REMAINING VESTIGE OF THE BANDAGE CAME COMPLETELY OFF WHEN HE LEFT THE BOX. ICSP TOLD SUBJECT TO STAND UP STRAIGHT AND PLACED A ROLLED TOWEL SUBJECT'S NECK. SUBJECT WAS THEN WALKED TO THE "WALLING" WALL. WHEN ICSP HAD SUBJECT SECURELY POSITIONED ON THE WALL AND THE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX WAS PLACED INTO THE CELL THE SECURITY OFFICERS DEPARTED THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE CELL.

7. ICSP IMMEDIATELY TRANSITIONED SUBJECT INTO THE INTERROGATION PROCESS BY DEMANDING INFORMATION ON OPERATIONS PLANNED AGAINST THE U.S. AND DETAILS ABOUT THE NETWORK IN THE U.S. THAT WOULD SUPPORT THESE OPERATIONS. SUBJECT ATTEMPTED TO APPEAR SINCERE IN HIS RESPONSES. HE FEIGNED HELPLESSNESS AND A GENERALLY PATHETIC POSTURE. SUBJECT WAS TOLD TO COMPOSE HIMSELF AND BEHAVE IN A MORE DIGNIFIED MANNER. ON THE OCCASIONS WHEN SUBJECT AGAIN ATTEMPTED TO DENY KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THEN WHAT HE HAS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED HE RECEIVED AN INSULT SLAP AND WAS PUSHED UP AGAINST THE "WALLING" WALL. SUBJECT WAS TOLD WE KNOW HE HAS MORE INFORMATION AND THAT HE ONLY HAD A FEW MINUTES AVAILABLE TO HIM BEFORE HIS SITUATION WOULD GET WORSE AND THAT HE WOULD FIND HIMSELF IN THE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX. AT THE SAME TIME THAT ICSP WAS DELIVERING HIS VERY FIRM AND POINTED MESSAGE THAT THINGS WOULD CONTINUE TO GET WORSE FOR SUBJECT, THE LATTER WAS TOLD THAT AT ANY TIME SUBJECT COULD STOP THE SITUATION FROM GETTING WORSE BY PROVIDING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION. WHEN ICSP DETERMINED THAT SUBJECT DID NOT INTEND TO BE FORTHCOMING WITH ANY INFORMATION HE (ICSP) SIGNALLED THE GUARDS BACK IN AND SUBJECT WAS PUT INTO THE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX. THE SESSION ENDED AT 1700 HOURS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEAM MEMBERS ASSESSED THAT SUBJECT DID NOT BEHAVE IN A TRUTHFUL MANNER DURING THIS SESSION.

8. SUBJECT REMAINED IN THE SMALL FOR ONE HOUR AND TEN MINUTES. SUBJECT SOUNDED MORE DISTRESSED AND DID NOT APPEAR TO ADAPT AS WELL TO HIS TIME IN THE SMALLER BOX. GUARDS AND BOTH ICSP'S ENTERED THE CELL AT 1809 HOURS. SUBJECT SCOOTED OUT OF THE BOX ON HIS HINDQUARTERS. HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE STANDING POSITION BY THE ICSP AND SECURITY GUARD. A ROLLED TOWEL WAS AGAIN PLACED BEHIND SUBJECT'S NECK AND HE WAS BACKED UP AGAINST THE "WALLING" WALL. GUARDS DEPARTED THE CELL AND THE TWO ICSP'S BEGAN TO DOUBLE TEAM SUBJECT WITH RAPID FIRE QUESTIONS ON WHAT SUBJECT KNOWS ABOUT OPERATIONS IN THE U.S. SUBJECT CONTINUED TO DENY ANY ADDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE. ICSP'S TOLD SUBJECT THEIR JOB WAS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AND THAT IF SUBJECT DID NOT COOPERATE HE WAS ONLY GOING TO BRING MORE MISERY ONTO HIMSELF. AT 1815 HOURS SUBJECT WAS HOODED AND THE WATER BOARD WAS BROUGHT INTO THE CELL. AT 1820 HOURS THE WATER BOARD TECHNIQUE WAS APPLIED FOR THE FIRST TIME. THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS SUBJECT WAS ASKED AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO ICSP'S QUESTIONS ABOUT THREATS TO THE U.S. SUBJECT COUGHED AND VOMITED IN SMALL AMOUNTS BUT CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN HIS POSITION THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OTHER THAN WHAT HE HAD ALREADY PROVIDED TO FBI SA [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]. ICSP'S CAME OUT TO CONSULT WITH [REDACTED] TEAM MEMBERS AT 1829, 1915, AND 2001 HOURS BETWEEN SESSIONS ON THE WATER BOARD. SUBJECT'S LAST SESSION ON THE WATER BOARD WAS BETWEEN 2050 AND 2053 HOURS. AT 2054 HOURS SUBJECT WAS MOVED INTO THE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX. AT 2130 HOURS SUBJECT WAS MOVED FROM THE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX TO THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX.

9. CURRENT STATUS: SUBJECT HAS NOT PROVIDED ANY NEW THREAT OR ELABORATED ON ANY OLD THREAT INFORMATION. [REDACTED]

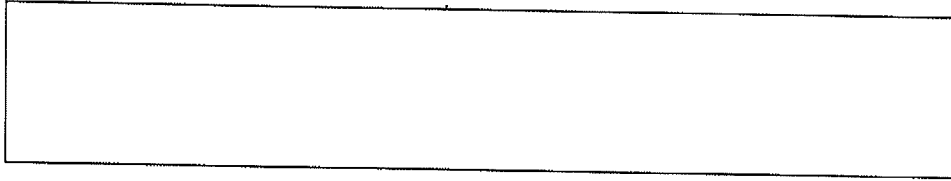
[REDACTED] MEDICAL ASSESSMENT IS THAT SUBJECT REMAINS STABLE AND THAT HIS PHYSIOLOGIC CONDITION IS CLOSE TO NORMAL GIVEN HIS PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

10. PLANS: SUBJECT WAS BRIDGED BACK INTO THE LARGE CONFINEMENT WITH THE DEMAND THAT HE PROVIDE TRUTHFUL AND VERIFIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT IMMINENT TERRORIST THREATS IN THE U.S. SUBJECT WILL SPEND THE REST OF THE EVENING IN THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX. INTERROGATIONS WILL RESUME MORNING OF 05 AUGUST 02.

[REDACTED]

12. CLARIFICATION RE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX: [REDACTED] UNDERSTANDING THAT REFS C AND D SUPERSEDE THE ORIGINAL REF E PARAMETERS LIMITING THE USE OF THE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX TO THREE TIMES. AS SUCH WE PLAN TO USE THE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX AS OFTEN AS

NECESSARY, NOT TO EXCEED THE 2 HOUR LIMIT AT ANY ONE SESSION. UNLESS  
OTHERWISE ADVISED, WILL PRESUME THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT AND  
WILL PROCEED AS SUCH. REGARDS.



END OF MESSAGE