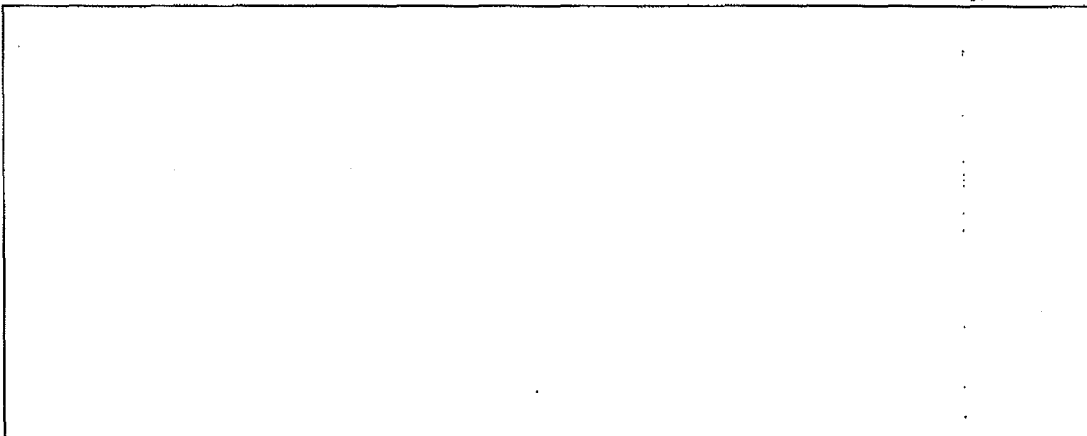


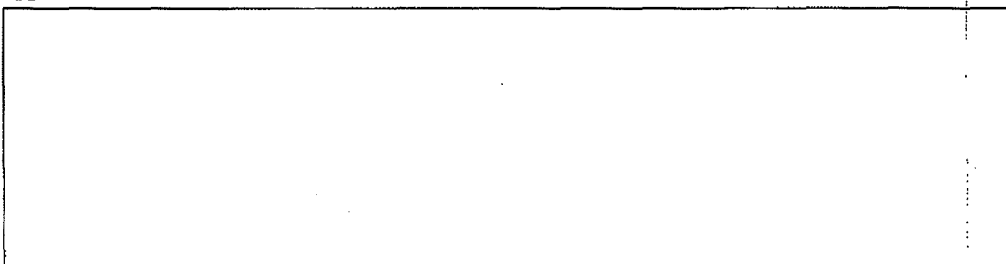
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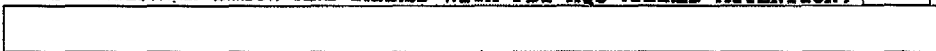


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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE ENSURE THAT SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF INFORMATION BELOW ARE SHARED WITH FBI HQS MARKED ATTENTION:



2. DAY THREE OF THE ENHANCED INTERROGATION PHASE COMMENCED AT 1042 HOURS. ABU ZUBAYDAH (SUBJECT) SPENT THE PREVIOUS EVENING IN THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX. PER THE CURRENT INTERROGATION STRATEGY SUBJECT'S SLEEP CONTINUES TO BE DISRUPTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. AT 1042 HOURS THE GUARDS AND IC SERE PSYCHOLOGISTS (INTERROGATORS) ENTERED THE CELL AND SUBJECT WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE LARGE BOX. AS DISCUSSED DURING THE 0900 HOURS STAFF MEETING, [REDACTED] TEAM MEMBERS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MEDICAL STAFF CRAFTED A SCENARIO IN WHICH SUBJECT COULD CLEAN HIS EXPOSED WOUND WITHOUT DISRUPTING THE INTERROGATION PROCESS. FYI: AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, SUBJECT'S BANDAGE CAME COMPLETELY OFF WITHIN THE FIRST 4 HOURS OF THE ENHANCED PHASE OF INTERROGATION. THE GUARDS SWAPPED OUT SUBJECT'S WRIST SHACKLES, FOR A CLEAN PAIR, SINCE THEY OCCASIONALLY COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE EXPOSED WOUND. SUBJECT WAS BROUGHT TO THE "WALLING" WALL.

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A ROLLED TOWEL WAS PLACED BEHIND SUBJECT'S NECK. WHEN ASKED WHAT WAS THE ONE THING SUBJECT DID NOT WANT US TO KNOW, SUBJECT DENIED HE WAS WITHHOLDING ANY INFORMATION. SUBJECT RECEIVED AN INSULT SLAP. SUBJECT WAS "WALLED" WHEN HE DENIED HAVING ANY INFORMATION TO STOP OPERATIONS AGAINST THE U.S.

3. THE INTERROGATORS DEMANDED THAT SUBJECT CLEAN HIS WOUND AS THEY HAD NO INTEREST IN GETTING ANY EXUDATE FROM HIS WOUND OR ANY OTHER OF HIS BODILY FUNCTIONS ON OR NEAR THEM. SUBJECT WAS PROVIDED 6 GAUZE PADS SOAKED IN BETADINE SOLUTION AND WAS TOLD IN A FIRM AND PERFUNCTORY MANNER THAT HE ONLY HAD A FEW MINUTES TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF. SUBJECT WAS TOLD THE PEOPLE WHO WERE FORMERLY TAKING CARE OF HIM HAD LEFT THE PREMISES AND THAT SUBJECT WAS TO GET THE JOB DONE AND NOT WASTE THE INTERROGATORS TIME. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS BRIEF INTERLUDE, SUBJECT WAS WALLED WITH THE QUESTION, "WHAT IS IT THAT YOU DO NOT WANT US TO KNOW?" SUBJECT CONTINUED TO DENY THAT HE HAD ANY INFORMATION. AT 1110 HOURS THE INTERROGATOR WALKED SUBJECT INTO THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX AND PERFORMED AN ATTENTION GRAB. SUBJECT WAS BRIDGED INTO THE BOX WITH THE FOLLOWING PHRASE: WHAT INFORMATION DID SUBJECT HAVE AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST WHICH WOULD STOP OPERATIONS.

4. AT 1130 HOURS SUBJECT WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX AND HOODED. HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE "WALLING" WALL AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTINUE TO DISLOCATE HIS EXPECTATIONS SUBJECT WAS LEFT STANDING HOODED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE GUARDS UNTIL 1209 HOURS. AT THAT TIME THE SECURITY TEAM MOVED SUBJECT BACK TO THE LARGE BOX, REMOVED THE HOOD, POINTED TO HIS WASTE BUCKET AND PLACED HIM BACK IN THE BOX. THE SECURITY TEAM HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED WITH THIS MOTION IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET SUBJECT TO RELIEVE HIS BLADDER.

5. AT 1246 HOURS THE INTERROGATORS BROUGHT THE WATER BOARD INTO THE CELL. THE LARGE BOX WAS OPENED AND SUBJECT WAS HOODED. SUBJECT'S HOOD WAS REMOVED AND SUBJECT MOVED ONTO THE WATER BOARD WITH NO RESISTANCE. SUBJECT BEGAN CRYING AS HE WAS TOLD THAT WE WANTED INFORMATION TO STOP OPERATIONS AGAINST THE U.S. SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT HE COULD STOP THE PROCESS AT ANY TIME. SUBJECT CONTINUED WITH HIS APPEAL THAT HE HAS TOLD ALL THAT HE HAS AND MUTTERED "HELP ME".

[REDACTED] BETWEEN 1250 AND 1315 THE WATER BOARD TECHNIQUE WAS APPLIED NUMEROUS TIMES. SUBJECT WAS PUT INTO THE LARGE BOX AT 1317 AND TAKEN BACK OUT AT 1321 HOURS AND PLACED ON THE WATER BOARD IN A SITTING POSITION. SUBJECT APPEARED DESPONDENT AND SAT HUNCHED OVER AT THE END OF THE BOARD AND CRIED IN AN APPARENTLY GENUINE FASHION. SUBJECT CONTINUED TO SAY THAT AFTER HE HAD PRAYED [REDACTED] HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE HIMSELF AND HIS BROTHERS. AT 1326 HOURS SUBJECT WAS PUT BACK IN THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX.

6. AT 1629 HOURS, THE TEAM ENTERED THE CELL AND OPENED THE BOX. THE INTERROGATOR GAVE THE SAME BRIDGE WHICH SUBJECT WAS LEFT WITH WHEN HE WAS PUT IN THE BOX REGARDING OPERATIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND WHAT INFORMATION HE HELD BACK FROM THE PREVIOUS INTERROGATORS. SUBJECT HAD NO RESPONSE, AND WAS LED FROM THE BOX TO THE WATER BOARD AND AGAIN ASKED THE BRIDGE. SUBJECT STARTED CRYING AND CLAIMED HE HAD GIVEN US EVERYTHING. SUBJECT WAS INFORMED HE NEEDED TO START GIVING NEW INFORMATION IN ORDER TO STOP THE WATER TREATMENT; HE WAS WARNED NOT TO MANUFACTURE INFORMATION. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT WAS

TRANSITIONED BACK TO THE LARGE BOX AT 1754 HOURS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8. CURRENT STATUS: AFTER THREE DAYS OF THE AGGRESSIVE INTERROGATION PHASE, SUBJECT HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE ANY NEW INFORMATION REGARDING IMMINENT THREATS OR ATTACKS AGAINST THE US. AT THE RISK OF STATING THE OBVIOUS, THERE ARE POTENTIALLY TWO REASONS FOR HIS FAILURE TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION: (A) SUBJECT KNOWINGLY POSSESSES ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND CONTINUES TO CONCEAL THIS INFORMATION DESPITE THE SIGNIFICANT ESCALATION OF THE INTERROGATION PROCESS OR (B) SUBJECT HAS NO SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO THREATS/ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, BEYOND THAT WHICH HE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED, BUT MAY BE WITHHOLDING INFORMATION RELATED TO PAST OPERATIONS AND/OR ACTIVITIES NFI. WISH TO UNDERSCORE THAT IN THE OPINION OF [REDACTED] TEAM MEMBERS IT IS PREMATURE IN THE NEW INTERROGATION PHASE TO ADEQUATELY DISCERN WHICH RATIONALE (ITEM A OR B) IS THE CORRECT REASON FOR THE LACK OF NEW INFORMATION.

SUBJECT'S MEDICAL CONDITION IS STILL STABLE GIVEN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

9. PLANS: SUBJECT WILL REMAIN IN THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX WITH HIS SLEEP DISRUPTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT UNTIL INTERROGATIONS RESUME MORNING OF [REDACTED] AUGUST 02. THIS IS TO ALLOW SUBJECT A CHANCE TO CONSUME ENSURE AND FLUIDS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE INTERROGATION PROCESS.

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04 AUGUST 02 OF ABU ZUBAYDAH

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

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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]

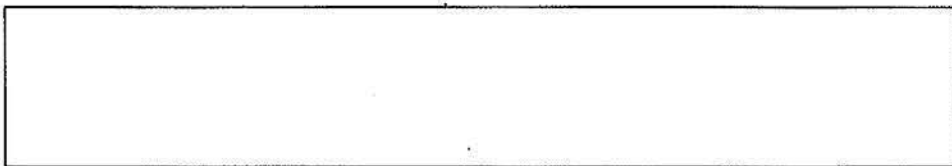
[REDACTED] MEDICAL ASSESSMENT IS THAT SUBJECT REMAINS STABLE AND THAT HIS PHYSIOLOGIC CONDITION IS CLOSE TO NORMAL GIVEN HIS PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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.

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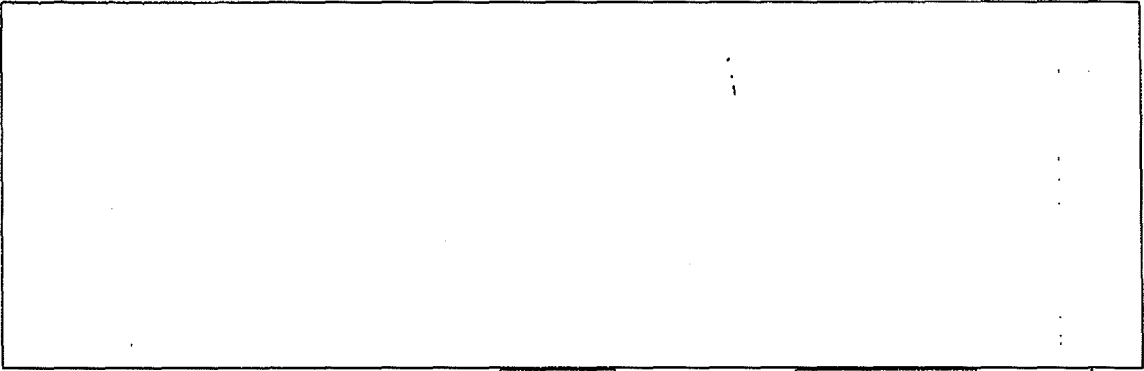
12. CLARIFICATION RE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX: [REDACTED] UNDERSTANDING THAT [REDACTED] SUPERSEDE THE ORIGINAL [REDACTED] PARAMETERS LIMITING THE USE OF THE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX TO THREE TIMES. AS SUCH WE PLAN TO USE THE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX AS OFTEN AS

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.



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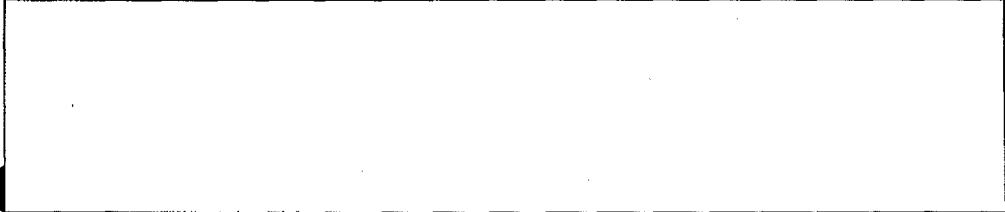
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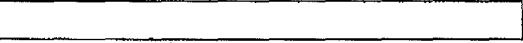
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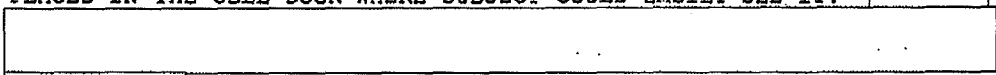


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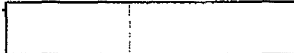


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- 1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE.
- 2. DAY FOUR OF THE AGGRESSIVE INTERROGATION PHASE COMMENCED ON 7 AUGUST 2002 AT 0949 HOURS LOCAL TIME. ((ABU ZUBAYDAH)) (SUBJECT) SPENT THE PREVIOUS EVENING IN THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX. PER THE CURRENT INTERROGATION STRATEGY SUBJECT'S SLEEP CONTINUES TO BE DISRUPTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. THE INTERROGATION TEAM ENTERED THE CELL, THE DOOR TO THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX WAS OPENED AND THE INTERROGATOR ASKED SUBJECT WHETHER HE HAD BEEN THINKING DURING HIS TIME IN THE BOX. SUBJECT HAD NO RESPONSE AND WAS LED TO THE WALLING WALL. AS PART OF THE STRATEGY FOR THIS SESSION, THE WATER BOARD WAS PLACED IN THE CELL DOOR WHERE SUBJECT COULD EASILY SEE IT.



[] USING THE ROLLED TOWEL/NECK SUPPORT, THE INTERROGATOR PERMITTENTLY WALLED SUBJECT AND TURNED SUBJECT'S HEAD TOWARD THE WATER BOARD, TELLING SUBJECT THAT HIS (THE INTERROGATOR'S) JOB IS TO EITHER PUT SUBJECT ON THE WATER BOARD OR GET INFORMATION FROM SUBJECT TO STOP OPERATIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. []



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[REDACTED]

AT 1000 HOURS, SUBJECT WAS PUT IN THE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHILE IN THE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX, SUBJECT WAS HEARD RECITING A LITANY OF PRAYERS IN ARABIC. SUBJECT MURMURED FREQUENTLY TO HIMSELF AND MAY HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN CRYING AT TIMES.

3. AT 1115 HOURS, SUBJECT WAS REMOVED FROM THE SMALL BOX. THE INTERROGATOR WAS HOLDING THE NECK BRACE/COLLAR--USED WHEN SUBJECT IS PUT ON THE WATER BOARD--AND ALSO HOLDING THE ROLLED TOWEL/NECK SUPPORT, WHICH IS USED WHEN SUBJECT IS PUT AGAINST THE WALLING WALL. SUBJECT WAS ASKED TO CHOOSE WHICH ONE SHOULD THE INTERROGATOR USE; SUBJECT DID NOT PICK ONE. THE INTERROGATOR SAID THEY WOULD START WITH THE NECK SUPPORT (I.E., THE WALLING WALL) AND WOULD USE THE COLLAR (WATER BOARD) LATER. SUBJECT WAS LED TO THE WALLING WALL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERROGATOR BRIEFLY "WALLED" SUBJECT AND USED AN INSULT SLAP AS SUBJECT APPEARED SOMEWHAT DEFIANT. THE NECK COLLAR FOR THE WATER BOARD WAS THEN PLACED AROUND SUBJECT'S NECK AND THE INTERROGATOR MOTIONED FOR THE SECURITY TEAM TO ROLL IN THE WATER BOARD. SUBJECT WAS MOVED TO AN ADJACENT WALL (TO ALLOW SECURITY TEAM TO ROLL IN BOARD) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND THEN MOVED TO THE WATER BOARD AT 1123 HOURS. AS THE STRAPS WERE PUT IN PLACE, SUBJECT SAID HE WANTED TO STOP THIS (HIS TREATMENT). THE INTERROGATOR TOLD HIM HE COULD STOP IT AT ANY TIME BY PROVIDING THE INFORMATION SOUGHT, EVEN STARTING WITH JUST ONE PIECE OF THE OPERATION(S). SUBJECT WAS ALSO WARNED NOT TO MAKE UP AN ANSWER. SUBJECT BEGAN TO WHIMPER AND WAS VISIBLY TREMBLING; HE CONTINUED TO DENY HE HAD ANY NEW INFO TO GIVE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT 1128 HOURS, THE INTERROGATORS INITIATED THE WATER TREATMENT, WHICH CONTINUED ON AND OFF FOR THE NEXT FEW MINUTES, INTERSPERSED WITH QUESTIONING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4. THE INTERROGATORS RETURNED TO THE CELL AT 1157 HRS AND NOTED THAT SUBJECT'S DISTRESS LEVEL INCREASED THE MOMENT THE TEAM ENTERED [REDACTED]

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THE CELL, A SIGN THAT THE CONDITIONING STRATEGY WAS WORKING. TO DISRUPT SUBJECT'S EXPECTATIONS, INTERROGATORS IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO APPLY THE WATER TREATMENT. THE INTERROGATORS AGAIN EXITED THE CELL, AND LEFT SUBJECT ON THE TABLE (TO VARY ROUTINE), AGAIN WITH HIS EYES COVERED. THIS ALLOWED ONE OF THE MEDICAL TEAM MEMBERS, DRESSED UP AS A GUARD, TO INSPECT SUBJECT'S LEG WOUND UP CLOSE WITHOUT SUBJECT'S KNOWLEDGE GIVEN THAT WE HAD PASSED THE 72 HOUR MARK SINCE LAST DRESSING CHANGE. THE MEDICAL OFFICER THEN LEFT THE CELL TO BRIEF THE TEAM ON STATUS OF SUBJECT'S WOUND, AND THE TEAM DEvised A STRATEGY ON HOW BEST TO ACCOMPLISH A DRESSING CHANGE WITHOUT NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THE INTERROGATION STRATEGY. AT 1230 HOURS, THE INTERROGATION TEAM REENTERED THE CELL, AND COVERED SUBJECT'S ENTIRE FACE WITH THE CLOTH, BUT DID NOT APPLY THE TREATMENT. SUBJECT BEGAN MURMURING, SOMETIMES IN ARABIC. THE INTERROGATOR WARNED SUBJECT NOT TO ACT CRAZY LIKE HE DID WHEN THE PAKISTANIS HAD HIM IN CUSTODY (1994). SUBJECT SAID IN ARABIC THAT HE NEEDED OXYGEN (WHEN THE WATER TREATMENT IS APPLIED) AND THEN REPEATED IT IN ENGLISH. SUBJECT CLAIMED THAT HE WAS NOT CRAZY. SUBJECT WAS UNSTRAPPED FROM THE WATER BOARD AND TOLD TO SIT UP.

THEN, AS PLANNED WITH THE MEDICAL TEAM MEMBERS, THE INTERROGATOR MADE A REMARK ABOUT THE STATE OF SUBJECT'S WOUND AND REMINDED HIM THAT HE HAD BEEN WARNED NOT TO TEAR OFF THE ORIGINAL BANDAGE THAT HAD BEEN APPLIED WHEN THE AGGRESSIVE INTERROGATION PHASE BEGAN. SUBJECT WAS PUT IN THE LARGE BOX AT 1237 HOURS WITH THE DOOR OPEN. THE INTERROGATORS LEFT THE CELL, AND THE SECURITY TEAM, INCLUDING THE MEDICAL OFFICER STILL DRESSED UP AS A SECURITY TEAM MEMBER, BROUGHT SUBJECT BETADINE AND BANDAGES FOR SUBJECT TO APPLY TO HIS WOUND. ONE INTERROGATOR RETURNED TO INDICATE TO THE SECURITY TEAM TO REMOVE SUBJECT'S HANDCUFFS LONG ENOUGH TO APPLY THE DRESSING. SUBJECT APPLIED THE DRESSING CHANGE, AND AT 1246 HOURS, SECURITY TEAM REATTACHED THE HANDCUFFS AND LOCKED SUBJECT IN THE LARGE BOX, ALONG WITH HIS WASTE BUCKET, AND BOTTLES OF WATER AND ENSURE.

5. IN ORDER TO DISRUPT THE CYCLE OF PLACING SUBJECT IN THE LARGE BOX OVERNIGHT, AS HAD BEEN DONE THE PREVIOUS TWO EVENINGS, THE TEAM CHANGED THE TIMING BY LEAVING SUBJECT IN THE LARGE BOX FOR SEVERAL HOURS DURING THE AFTERNOON, AND AGAIN RESUMED INTERROGATIONS AT 2131 HOURS. RESULTS OF THE 2131 HOURS SESSION WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.

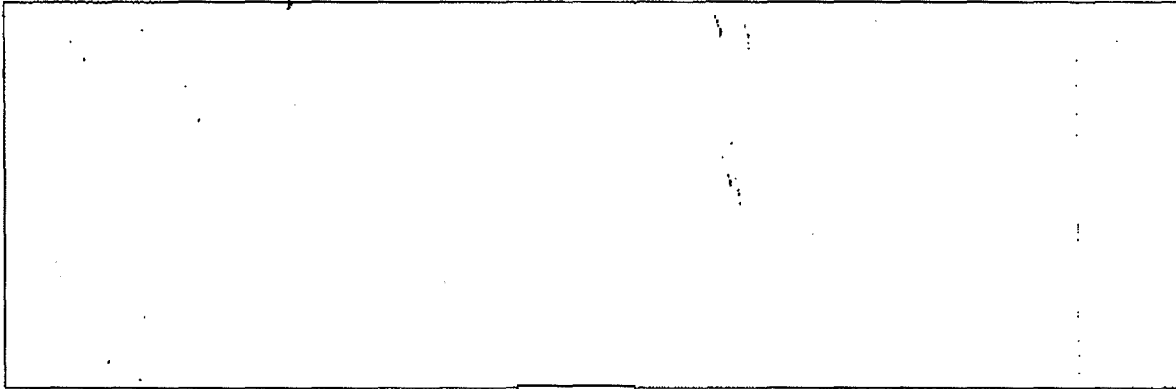
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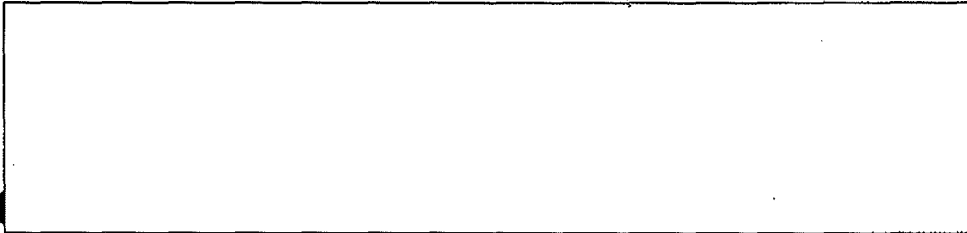
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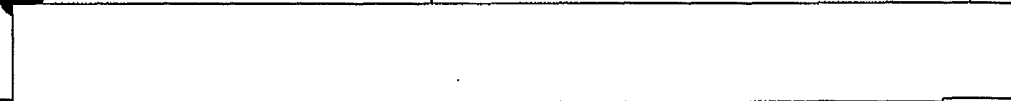


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1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE SEE 8 AUGUST 2002 [redacted] TO BE SENT SEPARATELY, FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS REGARDING OUTCOME AND ASSESSMENT OF THE BELOW INTERROGATION SESSIONS.

2. DAY FIVE OF THE AGGRESSIVE INTERROGATION PHASE COMMENCED AT 1031 HOURS LOCAL TIME. ((ABU ZUBAYDAH)) (SUBJECT) SPENT THE PREVIOUS EVENING IN THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX. PER THE CURRENT INTERROGATION STRATEGY SUBJECT'S SLEEP CONTINUES TO BE DISRUPTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. THE SECURITY TEAM NOTED THAT SUBJECT MANAGED TO OCCASIONALLY NAP, THOUGH NO LONGER THAN 20 MINUTES AT A TIME.

3. AT 1032 HOURS, THE SECURITY TEAM HOODED SUBJECT, TOOK HIM OUT OF THE LARGE CONFINEMENT BOX, AND PLACED HIM AGAINST THE WALLING WALL. ONE OF THE INTERROGATORS REMOVED THE HOOD AND THE SECURITY TEAM LEFT THE CELL. THE INTERROGATOR WRAPPED THE ROLLED TOWEL/NECK SUPPORT AROUND SUBJECT'S NECK [redacted]



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SUBJECT WAS WALLED WHEN HE BEGAN TO DENY ANY KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT/FUTURE OPS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT HE WAS STALLING, AND SIGNALLED FOR THE SECURITY TEAM TO ROLL IN THE WATER BOARD (AT 1045 HOURS). SUBJECT WAS TAKEN TO AN ADJACENT WALL AS THE SECURITY TEAM BROUGHT IN THE WATER BOARD [REDACTED]

4. SUBJECT WAS TOLD TO SIT DOWN ON THE WATER BOARD. SUBJECT WAS RELUCTANT TO LIE BACK AND BEGAN TO PLEAD THAT HE HAD NOTHING NEW TO GIVE. THE INTERROGATORS CUT HIM OFF AND TOLD HIM TO LIE DOWN. THE TEAM SAW A NOTICEABLE CHANGE IN SUBJECT'S BREATHING PATTERN WHEN IT BECAME MORE RAPID AS HE WAS STRAPPED ONTO THE BOARD. SUBJECT BEGAN TO CRY AND AGAIN PLEADED HIS DENIALS. SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT DESPITE THE INTERROGATORS' EFFORTS TO GIVE HIM IDEAS OF THE KIND OF INFORMATION WE WANTED, HE CONTINUED TO DENY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT 1053 HOURS, THE FIRST OF TWO WATER TREATMENTS WAS APPLIED. THE BOARD WAS IMMEDIATELY ELEVATED IN ORDER TO CLEAR SUBJECT'S AIR PASSAGE. DURING THIS AND THE SECOND WATER TREATMENT, SUBJECT RAISED HIS VOICE IN ADAMANT DENIALS, AND INTERRUPTED INTERROGATORS WITH THESE DENIALS EVEN AS MORE WATER WAS APPLIED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBJECT WAS REMINDED THAT HE HAD THE CHOICE TO STOP THIS TREATMENT AT ANY TIME BY PROVIDING THE INFORMATION WE SOUGHT, THAT HE SHOULD NOT WASTE OUR TIME WITH DENIALS, AND THAT HE BETTER NOT TELL ANY LIES. SUBJECT CONTINUED TO CRY.

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5. AT 1057 HOURS, SUBJECT WAS UNSTRAPPED AND TOLD TO SIT UP.

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT WAS TOLD TO GET OFF THE BOARD, AND TOLD TO SIT ON THE FLOOR IN FRONT OF THE SMALL BOX. SUBJECT WAS THEN INSTRUCTED TO GET INTO THE SMALL BOX, WHICH HE DID AT 1059 HOURS.

6. AS NOTED IN THE 8 AUGUST [REDACTED] BETWEEN 1100 AND 1637 HOURS, SUBJECT WAS MOVED IN AND OUT OF THE LARGE AND SMALL BOXES, MADE TO STAND AGAINST THE WALL, OR SIT IN A STRESS POSITION. IN LIGHT OF SUBJECT'S RESPONSE TO THE MORNING SESSION, AND IN ORDER TO TITRATE THE PRESSURES ON SUBJECT TO PREVENT SEVERE AND PROLONGED MENTAL HARM, THE TEAM DECIDED FOR THE AFTERNOON SESSION (1637-1657 HRS) TO PLACE SUBJECT ON THE WATER BOARD BUT NOT APPLY ANY WATER.

[REDACTED] MORE SPECIFICALLY:

AT 1637 HOURS, SUBJECT WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE LARGE BOX BY THE SECURITY TEAM AND IMMEDIATELY PLACED ON THE WATER BOARD. SUBJECT EXHIBITED HEAVY BREATHING AS HE WAS STRAPPED DOWN ON THE BOARD, AND REPEATEDLY DENIED KNOWING ANY INFORMATION, CLAIMING, "I TRY, I TRY."

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT CONTINUED WITH THE SAME LEVEL OF DENIALS REGARDING KNOWLEDGE OF FUTURE THREATS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, WHILE MANIFESTING THE SAME DEGREE OF DESPAIR AND HELPLESSNESS AS DISPLAYED DURING THE MORNING SESSION.

[REDACTED] SUBJECT WAS RESTRAPPED TO THE WATER BOARD.

SUBJECT ADMITTED [REDACTED] THAT HE COULD TELL US ANYTHING WE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT ALL THE PREVIOUS OPERATIONS, BUT STILL MAINTAINED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT THREATS/OPERATIONS PLANNED. SUBJECT FURTHER STATED THAT HE TRAINED OPERATIVES, THAT HE HAD GIVEN \$50,000 TO BIN LADIN, AND THAT HE HAD \$100,000 READY FOR OPERATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW ANY NEW INFORMATION. SUBJECT SAID THAT ANYTHING HE KNEW, HE WOULD TELL US.

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT WAS THEN TOLD TO GET INTO THE SMALL BOX, WHICH HE DID AT 1657 HOURS.

7. SUBJECT STAYED IN THE SMALL BOX FOR TWO HOURS AND WAS THEN TRANSITIONED BACK TO THE LARGE BOX. IN ORDER TO KEEP WITHIN THE GUIDELINES OF NOT EXCEEDING 18 TOTAL HOURS WITHIN A 24 HOUR PERIOD, THE PLAN IS FOR THE SECURITY TEAM TO BRING SUBJECT OUT OF THE LARGE BOX AT 2317 HOURS (THE END OF THE 24 HOUR PERIOD), AND SIT HIM ON THE FLOOR HOODED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 0200 HOURS. AT THAT TIME, THE SECURITY TEAM WILL PLACE BOTTLES OF WATER AND ENSURE IN THE LARGE BOX, AND PLACE SUBJECT BACK IN THE LARGE BOX UNTIL THE NEXT INTERROGATION SESSIONS COMMENCE.

8. PLEASE SEE THE [REDACTED] FOR 8 AUGUST, TO BE SENT SEPARATELY, FOR ADDITIONAL [REDACTED] TEAM ASSESSMENT OF SUBJECT'S BEHAVIOR DURING TODAY'S SESSIONS.

[REDACTED]

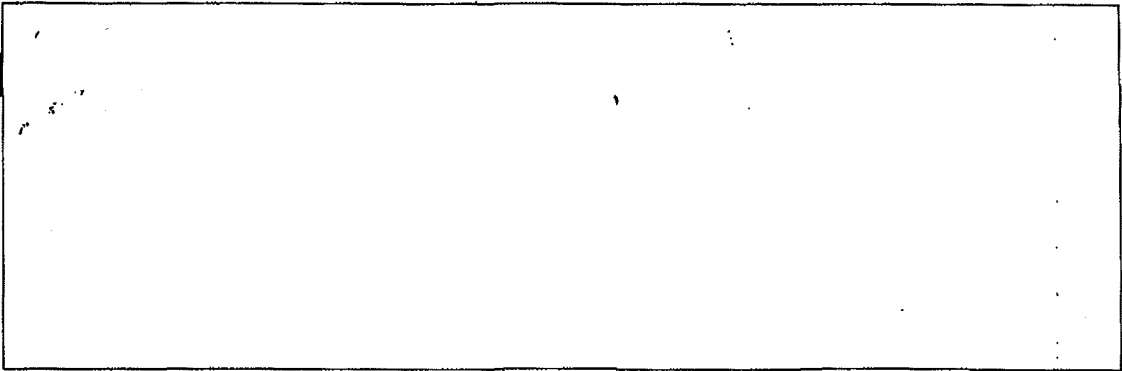
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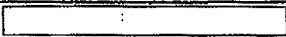
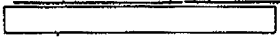


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1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.

2. DAY SIX OF THE AGGRESSIVE INTERROGATION PHASE COMMENCED AT 0946 HOURS LOCAL TIME, 9 AUGUST 2002. [] ((ABU ZUBAYDAH)) (SUBJECT) WAS PUT IN THE SMALL CONFINEMENT BOX AT 1657 HOURS ON 8 AUGUST, AND THEN TWO HOURS LATER, WAS REMOVED BY THE SECURITY TEAM AND PUT IN THE LARGE BOX AT 1858 HRS. THEN AT 2317 HOURS, THE END OF THE 24 HOUR PERIOD (WHERE SUBJECT IS NOT TO EXCEED MORE THAN 18 HOURS WITHIN A 24 HOUR PERIOD IN THE LARGE BOX), SUBJECT WAS HOODED, TAKEN OUT OF THE LARGE BOX AND MADE TO SIT AGAINST THE WALL FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS. DURING THIS TIME PERIOD, SUBJECT VOMITED THREE TIMES WITHIN A 15' MINUTE TIME PERIOD, THE FIRST TIME WHILE WEARING THE HOOD. THE SECURITY TEAM REMOVED THE HOOD FOR THE REMAINING TIME PERIOD, AND AT 0200 HOURS--WHEN THE NEW 24 HOUR PERIOD BEGAN--MOVED SUBJECT BACK TO THE LARGE BOX, WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL THE INTERROGATION TEAM ENTERED THE CELL ON 9 AUGUST AT 0945 HOURS TO BEGIN THE DAY'S FIRST INTERROGATION SESSION.

3. AT 0946 HOURS, THE SECURITY TEAM, ACCOMPANIED BY A MEDICAL



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OFFICER AND [REDACTED] BOTH DRESSED UP AS SECURITY TEAM MEMBERS, OPENED THE LARGE BOX, HOODED SUBJECT, AND LED HIM OVER TO THE WALLING ALL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT TO GET ON THE BOARD, WHICH SUBJECT DID WITH NO RESISTANCE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE TEAM OBSERVED THAT AT THIS POINT SUBJECT APPEARED DISTRESSED AND HIS BREATHING WAS RAPID AND IRREGULAR. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] THE INTERROGATORS APPLIED THE FIRST WATER TREATMENT (0953 HOURS). NOTE: WHILE SUBJECT'S FACE WAS COVERED WITH THE CLOTH, THE MEDICAL OFFICER, WHO WAS DRESSED AS A SECURITY TEAM MEMBER, UNALERTINGLY EXAMINED SUBJECT'S LEG WOUND IN ORDER TO CHECK ITS CONDITION. SEE [REDACTED] FOR 9 AUGUST FOR MEDICAL UPDATE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT ONE POINT, SUBJECT WAS ELEVATED TO CLEAR HIS AIR PASSAGE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

THE INTERROGATORS ASKED WHAT SUBJECT WANTED TO DO NEXT--"THE SMALL BOX? THE FLOOR WITH YOUR HANDS HELD UP HIGH? STANDING AGAINST THE WALL? OR STAY WHERE YOU ARE?" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT CONTINUED TO SHOW SIGNS OF HIGH DISTRESS, WITH RAPID BREATHING AND TWITCHES IN HIS LOWER LEGS. [REDACTED]

5. AT 0958 HOURS THE STRAPS WERE REMOVED; SUBJECT'S BREATHING CONTINUED TO BE RAPID. SUBJECT WAS THEN INSTRUCTED TO GET OFF THE BOARD UNDER HIS OWN POWER, WHICH HE DID. THE INTERROGATORS POINTED TO THE SMALL BOX AND SAID, "YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO." THE SUBJECT SAT ON THE FLOOR AND SCOOTED HIMSELF INTO THE SMALL BOX AT 1000 HOURS WITHOUT PROTEST OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS.

6. BETWEEN 1000 - 1707 HOURS, SUBJECT WAS EXPOSED TO A VARIETY OF [REDACTED] APPROVED PRESSURES, AS FOLLOWS: AT 1130 HRS, TAKEN OUT OF SMALL BOX, HOODED, AND MADE TO STAND AGAINST A CELL WALL; AT 1230 HRS, BACK INTO THE LARGE BOX (UNHOODED)--NOTE THAT MEDICAL OFFICER DRESSED AS SECURITY TEAM MEMBER AT THIS TIME GAVE SUBJECT BETADINE TO CLEAN WOUND. SUBJECT WAS ALSO GIVEN A TOPICAL ANTIBIOTIC TO APPLY TO THE LEG WOUND (THIS SAME SELF-APPLIED MEDICAL PROCEDURE WAS AGAIN REPEATED AT 1857 HOURS): AT 1345 HRS, SUBJECT WAS TAKEN OUT OF LARGE BOX, HOODED, AND MADE TO STAND AGAINST THE WALL UNTIL 1430 HRS, WHEN SUBJECT WAS ALLOWED TO SIT ON THE CELL FLOOR. AT 1450 HRS, BACK TO LARGE BOX; AT 1601 HRS, INTO SMALL BOX; 1612 HRS, SUBJECT WAS HEARD CRYING/WHIMPERING/CHANTING; 1635 WENT FROM SMALL BOX TO FLOOR, SITTING DOWN HOODED; AND 1655 HRS, RETURNED TO LARGE BOX, UNHOODED.

7. THE AFTERNOON SESSION BEGAN AT 1707 HOURS. THE SECURITY TEAM OPENED THE LARGE BOX, HOODED SUBJECT, AND LED HIM TO WALLING WALL. THE INTERROGATORS REMOVED THE HOOD AND SIGNALLED FOR SECURITY TEAM TO DEPART THE CELL. USING THE ROLLED TOWEL/NECK SUPPORT, INTERROGATORS ASKED SUBJECT WHAT THEY HAD ASKED HIM FOR LAST SESSION; SUBJECT MUMBLED A REPLY AND WAS WALLED. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

USING THE ROLLED TOWEL, THE INTERROGATOR LED SUBJECT TOWARD ANOTHER WALL TO ALLOW THE SECURITY TEAM TO ROLL IN THE WATER BOARD. SUBJECT WAS TOLD, "YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO." SUBJECT THEN PROCEEDED TO WALK TO AND SIT DOWN ON THE BOARD. THE NECK COLLAR WAS ATTACHED [REDACTED] THEN TOLD TO LIE DOWN. INTERROGATORS NOTED AGAIN THAT SUBJECT COULD STOP THIS BY TELLING THEM WHAT THEY WANTED TO KNOW. SUBJECT WHIMPERED THAT HE HAD NOTHING. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FOR EFFECT, THE INTERROGATORS THREW SOME WATER ON SUBJECT AT THE END OF THE WATER BOARD WHERE SUBJECT'S HEAD LAY. INTERROGATOR NOTED THAT ONE DID NOT DECLARE WAR ON THE U.S. WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT IT. SUBJECT BEGAN CRYING, AND AT 1716 HOURS, THE FIRST WATER TREATMENT OF THIS SESSION WAS APPLIED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT (AND BOARD) WAS ELEVATED AS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO CLEAR HIS AIR PASSAGE. SUBJECT CONTINUED TO WHIMPER. THE INTERROGATORS TOLD SUBJECT THAT THEY HAD BEEN PATIENT WHILE TALKING TO HIM FOR SEVERAL DAYS, THAT IT WAS TIME TO SAY THE TRUTH, THAT WE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT HE KNEW WHEN HE WAS CAPTURED, AND WHAT HE KNEW THAT MUKHTAR WAS UP TO. SUBJECT RESPONDED THAT IF HE KNEW THE TARGET, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD THEM. SUBJECT RAISED HIS OWN PLAN OF USING REMOTE CONTROL DEVICES. THE INTERROGATORS STOPPED SUBJECT'S DENIALS AND APPLIED THE WATER TREATMENT, AND TOLD SUBJECT THAT THEY WOULD NOT LET SUBJECT DROWN, AND THAT UNLESS HE PROVIDED THE INFORMATION, HE HAD BETTER GET USED TO IT. SUBJECT CONTINUED CRYING AND WHIMPERING.

8. AT THIS POINT, AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED DURING THE EARLIER STRATEGY MEETING, THE INTERROGATORS TRANSITIONED SUBJECT FROM THE TOPIC OF CURRENT THREATS TO QUESTIONS RE SUBJECT'S INVOLVEMENT IN PAST OPERATIONS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

SUBJECT MENTIONED AHMAD RESSAM (MILLENNIUM BOMBER), GIVING BIN LADIN \$50,000 FOR OPERATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL WHICH BIN LADIN USED FOR 9/11, AND GIVING MONEY TO BROTHERS IN LONDON WHO DID NOT USE THE MONEY (NFI--WILL EXPLORE AT LATER DATE). SUBJECT APPEARED TO GET OFF TOPIC, THOUGH SOME TEAM MEMBERS BELIEVED THAT SUBJECT WAS CONFUSED BY THE SWITCH IN QUESTIONING BETWEEN NEW THREAT INFO AND PREVIOUS THREAT INFO SUBJECT PROVIDED. WE SHOULD NOTE THAT FOR THE LAST SIX DAYS SUBJECT HAS BEEN TOLD THAT WE DID NOT CARE ABOUT PAST OPERATIONS, ONLY NEW CURRENT/FUTURE THREATS. THE INTERROGATORS PLAN TO REVISIT THE LONDON TOPIC DURING THE FIRST SESSION ON 10 AUGUST.

9.

[REDACTED]

AT 1742 HRS, SUBJECT WAS UNSTRAPPED FROM THE BOARD AND THE NECK COLLAR WAS REMOVED. POINTING TO THE SMALL BOX, THE INTERROGATOR SAID, "YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO." SUBJECT GOT OFF THE TABLE, SAT ON THE FLOOR, AND SCOOTED INTO THE SMALL BOX AT 1743 HOURS. PRIOR TO CLOSING THE DOOR, THE INTERROGATORS SAID THAT WHEN THEY CAME BACK, THEY WOULD PICK UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF

[REDACTED]

10. IN A POST SESSION DEBRIEFING WITH [REDACTED] WHO HAD DRESSED UP AS A MEMBER OF THE SECURITY TEAM AND HAD BEEN IN THE CELL DURING THE ABOVE INTERROGATION SESSION, THE TEAM DISCUSSED WHAT WERE THE NEXT APPROPRIATE STEPS TO TAKE REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF [REDACTED] PRESSURES. THIS SUBJECT IS BEING ADDRESSED IN SEPARATE CABLE TRAFFIC.

11: NOTE: THE SECURITY TEAM OPENED THE SMALL BOX AT 1857 HOURS,

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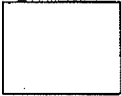
AND POINTED TO THE LARGE BOX. SUBJECT ENTERED THE BOX AND WAS GIVEN
RETADINE AND A TOPICAL ANTI-BACTERIAL OINTMENT TO APPLY TO HIS WOUND.
1904 HOURS, THE SECURITY TEAM CLOSED SUBJECT WITHIN THE LARGE BOX.
THE PLAN IS TAKE SUBJECT OUT OF THE LARGE BOX TO SIT ON THE FLOOR
HOODED CIRCA 0100 HOURS 10 AUGUST 02 LOCAL IN ORDER NOT TO EXCEED 18
TOTAL HOURS IN THE BOX WITHIN A 24 HOUR PERIOD. SUBJECT WILL THEN
RETURN TO THE LARGE BOX CIRCA 0300 HOURS, WHEN THE NEXT 24 HOUR
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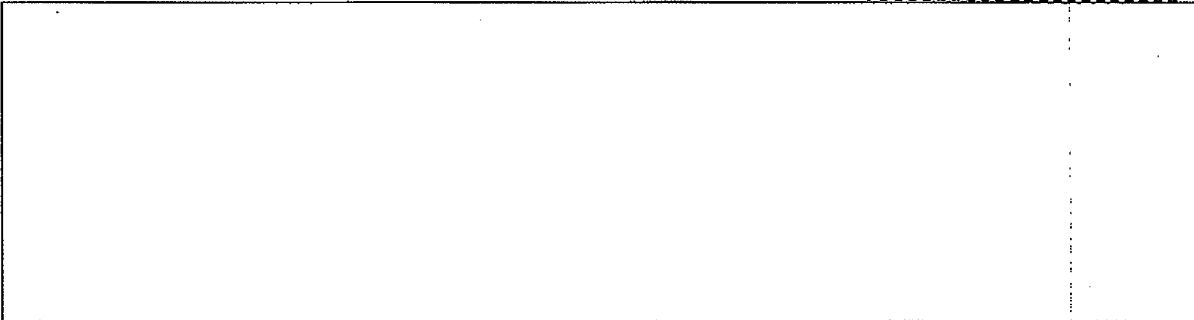


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1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE REVIEW AND WILL ASSUME CONCURRENCE UNLESS ADVISED DIFFERENTLY. ALSO, [redacted] CTC ADVISED [redacted] THAT THERE HAD BEEN A MESSAGE PREPARED BY CTC OFFERING GUIDANCE ON LEGAL ISSUES WHICH WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE HAVE RECEIVED. REQUEST CTC RE-TRANSMIT [redacted] THANKS.

2. THE THREE MEMBER BEHAVIORAL INTERROGATION TEAM ALONG WITH [redacted] AS WELL AS THE TWO NVTAG SPECIAL AGENTS SPENT THE EVENING FINE TUNING THE IMPENDING INTERROGATION OF [redacted] THE ANTICIPATED MOVE OF [redacted] FROM THE HOSPITAL TO [redacted] COULD OCCUR AS EARLY AS [redacted] APRIL 2002. REGARDLESS OF ACTUAL DATE OF TRANSPORT, ALL CONCURRED THAT [redacted] WOULD BE TRANSPORTED IN A STATE OF PHARMACEUTICAL UNCONSCIOUSNESS TO DECREASE POTENTIAL SECURITY CONCERNS AS WELL AS TO MAXIMIZE THE INTENDED EFFECT OF DISORIENTING [redacted] WHEN HE AWAKENS IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT. THE CONTINUED AND DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO DENY ORIENTING INFORMATION FOR THE DURATION OF THE INTERROGATION PHASE WILL PERSIST.

3. PRESENT ELICITATION AND INTERVIEW OF [redacted] APPEARS TO BE GATHERING CONFIRMATORY INFORMATION OF HISTORICAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO THE OVERALL COLLECTION OF INFORMATION FROM [redacted] YET APPEARS TO BE INFORMATION THAT IS LIKELY BELIEVED TO BE DISPOSABLE AND FROM [redacted] POINT OF VIEW ALREADY KNOWN BY [redacted] THE PRESENT STYLE OF INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION HAS BEEN INTENTIONALLY PURSUED TO ALLOW [redacted] TO ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH [redacted] THAT CONVEYS RESPECT AND TOLERANCE TO HEAR SPECIFIC AND HEALING INFORMATION THAT COULD BE SHAMEFUL AND DIFFICULT FOR [redacted] TO DISCLOSE. THE DEVELOPED RELATIONSHIP WHERE [redacted] IS VIEWED AS THE PRINCIPAL INTERLOCUTOR IS AN INTENTIONAL DYNAMIC THAT IS PART OF THE STRATEGIC INTERROGATION PROCESS.

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4. THE MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS THAT TO DATE HAVE BEEN EBBING AND FLOWING PRESENT SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTY TO THE ENTIRE PROCESS AND HAVE THEREFORE BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IN THE INTERROGATION PLAN TO MINIMIZE POTENTIAL DISRUPTION TO THE NECESSARY FLOW OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN. FOR EXAMPLE, ONCE [] IS MOVED TO [] AND THE INTERROGATION STRATEGY IS BEING PROSECUTED, THE RE-TRANSPORT OF [] TO THE HOSPITAL HAS TO BE WITHHELD UNLESS GRAVE MEDICAL CONDITIONS DEVELOP. INSTEAD, THE CURRENT STRATEGY IS TO INCORPORATE THE MEDICAL DAILY CARE INTO THE PLAN SO THAT WE CAN ATTEMPT TO STAVE OFF A GRAVE CONDITION. CLEARLY, THE DAILY INTRODUCTION OF MEDICAL STAFF TO CARE FOR [] IS NOT IDEAL TO THE INTERROGATION PROCESS, BUT GIVEN HIS MEDICAL CONDITIONS WE ARE BETTER OFF INTERWEAVING THE MEDICAL EXAMS THAN ATTEMPTING TO FORGO THEM. THEREFORE, WE WILL HAVE MEDICAL STAFF DRESSED IN UNIFORMS THAT ARE A SOLID COLOR, CONCEAL FACIAL FEATURES AND SKIN, AS WELL AS COVER THE EYES YET ALLOW FOR REASONABLE VISUAL PERCEPTION, I.E. TINTED GOGGLES. WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, THE PHYSICIAN CAN REMOVE HIS/HER GOGGLES TO EXAMINE [] TO ENSURE ACCURACY OF THEIR EVALUATION. FURTHER, IN AN ATTEMPT TO DIMINISH AFFIRMATION OF [] AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND TO RESTRICT PSYCHOLOGICAL AFFILIATION, BY ANYONE OTHER THAN [] THE MEDICAL STAFF WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO USE HAND SIGNALS TO COMMUNICATE WITH [] AND WHEN NECESSARY TO COMMUNICATE WITH [] THROUGH [] ACCORDING TO [] WILL REQUIRE FOUR EVALUATIONS DAILY, THEREFORE WE HAVE DESIGNED THAT [] WILL BE SEEN A MINIMUM OF 6 TIMES A DAY ON A VARIABLE SCHEDULE TO DISCOURAGE [] FROM ORIENTING TO THE EVALUATION TIMES AS WELL AS ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF [] POTENTIAL MANIPULATION OF THE PROCESS BY REQUESTING MEDICAL CARE BECAUSE OF PAIN OR SOME OTHER SYMPTOMOLOGY. WE WILL CAREFULLY EVALUATE EVERY REQUEST THAT [] MAKES FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, YET OUR BASIC POSTURE WILL BE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ATTENTION ON THIS VARIABLE AND INTERMITTENT SCHEDULE AND NOT WHEN HE REQUESTS MEDICAL CARE, UNLESS OF COURSE WE BECOME CONCERNED THAT HIS REQUEST HAS MERIT. THE PRIMARY REASON FOR THIS APPROACH IS THAT [] WILL LIKELY ATTEMPT TO MANIPULATE THE INTERROGATION PROCESS TO TRY TO GAIN A LEVEL OF CONTROL OVER HIS ENVIRONMENT. TO FURTHER DISCOURAGE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS, WHILE [] CONTINUES TO PHYSICALLY RECOVER FROM HIS GAPPING LEG WOUND WE WILL USE STANDARD MEDICAL BINDING OF HIS WRISTS TO KEEP [] FROM ATTEMPTING TO INTRODUCE FECAL MATTER OR ANY OTHER FOREIGN SUBSTANCE TO HIS OPEN WOUNDS TO CAUSE A MEDICAL CRISIS. AS HIS WOUNDS HEAL AND THIS TYPE OF CONCERN DIMINISHES [] WILL BE ALLOWED TO HAVE ADDED MOBILITY. THE 24 HOUR MONITORING OF [] BY AUDIO/VISUAL MEANS FURTHER ENHANCES OUR EFFORTS TO AFFORD HIS MEDICAL SAFETY WHILE STILL ACCOMPLISHING OUR INTELLIGENCE GOALS.

5. THE SECURITY TEAM AND THE BEHAVIORAL TEAM HAVE WORKED COOPERATIVELY TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY IN THE STRATEGIC PROCESS WHILE RETAINING ALL NECESSARY SECURITY CONCERNS. THE SECURITY TEAM WILL BE DRESSED IN SOLID BLACK UNIFORMS, HEAD AND FACE COVERING AND THE USE OF HAND SIGNALS. THE SECURITY TEAM WILL FULFILL A VITAL FUNCTION IN THE OVERALL PROCESS AND WILL HAVE ONE OFFICER IN THE INTERROGATION ROOM ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CELL TO HELP KEEP [] AWAKE DURING THE DISORIENTATION PHASE OF THE PROCESS.

6. THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, [] PSYCHOLOGICAL STATE AND THE ACTUAL INTERROGATION PROCESS ARE INTENTIONALLY DESIGNED TO DEVELOP THREE BASIC PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS TO ENHANCE COOPERATION AND WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS VITAL INTELLIGENCE. THE DEVELOPMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL DEPENDENCE, LEARNED HELPLESSNESS AND SHORT TERM THINKING ARE KEY FACTORS IN REDUCING [] SENSE OF HOPE THAT HIS WELL HONED COUNTER-MEASURE INTERROGATION SKILLS WILL HELP HIM FROM DISCLOSING IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE. BY USING BRIGHT (PHYSICALLY NOT HARMFUL) LIGHTS IN AN ALL WHITE ENVIRONMENT, WHITE NOISE PRODUCED BY SOUND "MASKING" EQUIPMENT (PHYSICALLY NOT HARMFUL), DISORIENTATION BY NOT ALLOWING IN NATURAL LIGHT NOR ROUTINE OF SCHEDULE, KEEPING [] AWAKE, MAKING HIM DEPENDENT BY NOT RESPONDING TO HIS REQUESTS OR DEMANDS, REMOVING AS MUCH CONTROL AS POSSIBLE FROM HIS ABILITY TO



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AFFECT HIS ENVIRONMENT DURING THE EARLY PHASES OF THE PROCESS WILL ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NECESSARY MINDSET WHERE [] WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY CONCENTRATING, PLANNING, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY LISTING THE PROCESS.

7. THE INTERROGATION PROCESS HAS TO BE AN EXTENSION OF THE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MANIPULATION THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNED. [] WILL BE GIVEN SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION IN USING INTERROGATION STYLE DIALOGUE AND WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ROLE PLAY WITH THE BEHAVIORAL TEAM TO INCREASE HIS COMFORT WITH THE PROCESS AS WELL AS PREPARE HIM FOR THE INTERACTION DURING THE INITIAL PHASES OF THE INTERROGATION PROCESS. ONCE COOPERATION AND VITAL INTELLIGENCE IS OBTAINED AND [] APPEARS TO HAVE RESIGNED HIMSELF TO THE PROCESS [] WILL MOVE MORE AND MORE TOWARD A TRADITIONAL DEBRIEFING STYLE. IF NECESSARY, [] CAN BE RETURNED TO A MORE RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT IF [] BECOMES RESISTIVE AFTER A PERIOD OF COOPERATION.

8. THE INTERROGATION PROCESS WILL ESTABLISH SHORT-TERM THINKING, DECREASED INTERNAL PROBLEM SOLVING AND DIMINISH EVASIVE TECHNIQUES THAT [] HAS LEARNED OR HAS NATURALLY IN HIS ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL AND NOT DISCLOSE VITAL INTELLIGENCE. [] WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A POLITE, RESPECTFUL AND NON-CONFRONTATIONAL INTERACTIVE STYLE WITH [] WHILE ALSO NOT BE APOLOGETIC NOR UNDETERRED FROM GETTING [] TO ANSWER [] DIRECT QUESTIONS WITH SPECIFIC AND DETAILED RESPONSES. BY NOT ALLOWING [] TO MANIPULATE THE PROCESS BY EITHER MAKING COMPLAINTS OR ATTEMPTING TO DERAIL [] THE SHORT TERM THINKING APPROACH WILL AGREE WITH [] COMPLAINT FOLLOWED BY RESTATING THE QUESTION. THEME DEVELOPMENT AND MONOLOGUES BY [] WILL FURTHER ENHANCE THE PROCESS. THE THEMES AND MONOLOGUES WILL BE CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED BY [] ALONG WITH CONSULTATION WITH THE BEHAVIORAL TEAM. THE PROCESS IS A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO MOVE PAST THE "THROW AWAY" INTELLIGENCE THAT [] WILL LIKELY ATTEMPT TO STALL THE PROCESS. THE USE OF COUNTER-MEASURES BY A DETAINEE IS NOT INTENDED TO KEEP THE INTERROGATOR FROM BECOMING AWARE THAT THE DETAINEE IS USING THEM, BUT RATHER ARE DESIGNED TO FRUSTRATE AND DETER THE INTERROGATOR FROM GETTING VITAL INFORMATION.

9. THE CURRENT ANTICIPATED TIME LINE AND PROCESS IS AS FOLLOWS: TRANSPORT FROM THE HOSPITAL, DURING WHICH [] WILL BE MEDICALLY PLACED INTO AN UNCONSCIOUS STATE, [] FACIAL HAIR, SCALP AND BEARD, WILL BE SHAVED TO DENY [] THE OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE HOW LONG AND FAR HE WAS TRANSPORTED. THE FIRST 24-48 HOURS [] WILL BE KEPT AWAKE BY HAVING A GUARD IN THE INTERROGATION ROOM, OUT OF SIGHT OF [] BUT CLOSE ENOUGH TO FIRMLY ROUST [] AFTER THE INITIAL ISOLATION PROCESS, THE FIRST SESSION WILL OCCUR WHERE [] WILL TELL [] THAT THINGS HAVE CHANGED, THAT WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT - MANY THINGS AND THAT YOU NEED TO TELL ME ABOUT MANY THINGS, BUT WE ARE GOING TO START WITH "THE ONE THING YOU DON'T WANT ME TO KNOW." [] WILL LIKELY PROTEST OR ATTEMPT TO DIVERT THE QUESTION. [] WILL AGREE WITH A PROTEST, I.E. THE ROOM IS VERY BRIGHT, BY SAYING "YES THE ROOM IS VERY BRIGHT, NOW [] WHAT IS THE ONE THING THAT YOU DO NOT WANT TO TELL ME." IF [] DOES NOT ANSWER DIRECTLY, [] WILL INFORM [] THAT HE NEEDS TO TELL [] THE ONE THING THAT [] DOES NOT WANT TO TELL [] AND THAT HE WANTS [] TO THINK ABOUT HIS ANSWER AND THEN TURN AND WALK OUT OF THE ROOM. THIS SAME PROCESS WILL OCCUR OVER THE NEXT MULTIPLE HOURS UNTIL [] PROVIDES A "MENU" OF THINGS HE THINGS [] WANTS INFORMATION ABOUT. AS HE PROVIDES THE AFOREMENTIONED "MENU," WITHOUT REALIZING IT, [] IS ACTUALLY PROVIDING/CONFIRMING TOPICS HE HAS INFORMATION ABOUT. AT THIS POINT, [] WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO PICK ONE OF THE TOPICS THAT HE LISTED IN "MENU" AND ATTEMPT TO GET [] TO PROVIDE SPECIFICS ABOUT THE TOPIC. IF [] DOES NOT PROVIDE INFORMATION THEN [] WILL INFORM [] THAT HE WANTS [] TO TALK ABOUT THAT AREA WHEN HE RETURNS, TURN AND WALK AWAY. MOST IMPORTANTLY, [] SHOULD APPEAR RELAXED, CALM, ACCEPTING AND NOT APPEAR FRUSTRATED OR DISAPPOINTED BY []

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RELUCTANCE. [] WILL CONTINUE TO BE KEPT FROM SLEEPING DURING THESE ENCOUNTERS. ONCE [] PROVIDES SPECIFICS ABOUT THIS TOPIC AREA FROM HIS "MENU" [] WILL TELL HIM THAT THIS WAS NOT THE "ONE THING" DID NOT WANT TO TELL HIM." [] WILL TELL [] THAT HE IS [] TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE ONE THING HE DOES NOT WANT TO TELL [] REACTION TO THIS REBUFF SHOULD PROVIDE VALUABLE BEHAVIORAL CLUES AS TO HOW CLOSE WE ARE TO MORE VITAL INFORMATION AND THE DEPTH OF [] RESOLVE TO RESIST. THIS PROCESS WILL BE CAREFULLY MONITORED AND WHEN APPROPRIATE [] WILL PROGRESS TO UTILIZATION OF MONOLOGUES AND THEME DEVELOPMENT.

10. TO AID THE AFOREMENTIONED APPROACH, THE INTERROGATION TEAM, IN CONJUNCTION WITH [] OFFICERS, IDENTIFIED A PRIORITIZED LIST OF KEY ISSUES/TOPICS TO BE COVERED WITH [] DURING THE INTERROGATION. THIS LIST WILL HELP KEEP THE INTERROGATION FOCUSED ON INFORMATION OF HIGHEST PRIORITY AND SERVE AS A USEFUL TOOL TO GAUGE WHEN [] EMPLOYS RESISTANCE TECHNIQUES TO DIVERT OUR ATTENTION TO LOWER PRIORITY ITEMS. THIS LIST WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY FOR HQS ASSESSMENT AND ADJUSTMENT AS NECESSARY.

11. THE WHITE NOISE GENERATORS WILL BE USED IN VARIABLE LENGTHS OF TIME TO HELP DISRUPT [] PROBLEM SOLVING THINKING AND TO INCREASE HIS SENSE OF HELPLESSNESS BY HIGHLIGHTING HIS INABILITY TO ALTER THE ENVIRONMENT AROUND HIM. WE WANT TO INSTILL IN [] THAT WE ARE NOT GOING AWAY AND THAT THE ONLY MECHANISM HE HAS AT HIS DISPOSAL TO CONTROL THE ENVIRONMENT WILL BE IN PROVIDING VITAL INTELLIGENCE TO [] OVER TIME [] WILL EARN BASIC PRIVILEGES WHEN [] AND THE BEHAVIORAL TEAM FEEL THAT IT IS CONDUCTIVE TO THE INTERROGATION. QUITE CLEARLY, [] WILL NEVER BE GRANTED A PRIVILEGE WHEN [] REQUESTS ONE BUT RATHER APPEAR TO [] THAT [] CONTROLS HIS ENVIRONMENT AND THAT HE HAS TO PLEASE [] TO MAKE HIS CONDITIONS BETTER.

12. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THERE ARE A VAST NUMBER OF OTHER NUANCES AND MINOR BUT IMPORTANT DETAILS THAT WOULD MAKE THIS CABLE SEVERAL VOLUMES LONG. WE THOUGHT THIS THUMBNAIL GIST WOULD HELP HQS GET AN APPRECIATION OF THE LONG AND CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PERSECUTE THIS MISSION. []

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SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - [REDACTED] ON ABU ZUBAYDAH AS OF 2000 HOURS (LOCAL TIME) 18 AUGUST 2002

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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLS SEE SEPARATE CABLE RE FULL DETAILS OF RESULTS OF 18 AUGUST CYCLE OF INTERROGATION SESSIONS.

2. OVERALL STATE OF PLAY: DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, ((ABU ZUBAYDAH)) (SUBJECT) HAS CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THAT HE KNOWS OF NO THREATS TO THE UNITED STATES OR AGAINST UNITED STATES INTERESTS BEYOND WHAT HE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED. ON 18 AUGUST 02 -- DAY 15 OF THE AGGRESSIVE INTERROGATION PHASE HELD A STRATEGY MEETING TO DECIDE ON THE TOPICS AND MODALITIES OF TODAY'S INTERROGATION SESSIONS FACTORING IN HQS GUIDANCE/REQUIREMENTS. SUBSEQUENTLY, TWO INTERROGATION SESSIONS WERE HELD WITH SUBJECT DURING WHICH SUBJECT WAS WALLED AT THE EARLY PORTION OF THE FIRST SESSION. INTERROGATION SESSIONS WERE CONDUCTED BY [REDACTED] AND IC SERE PSYCHOLOGISTS. SUBJECT WAS REPEATEDLY AND AGGRESSIVELY PRESSED ON ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THREATS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT "IDEAS" HE HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED TO IDENTIFY OTHER RELATED IDEAS HE MAY HAVE OVERLOOKED. SUBJECT DID NOT HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT DETAILS ON THIS TOPIC BEYOND WHAT HE ALREADY PROVIDED.

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FULL DETAILS OF THE INTERROGATION SESSIONS WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, SUBJECT HAS NOT PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT ACTIONABLE INFO BEYOND PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED DETAILS.

3. ATMOSPHERICS/BEHAVIORAL COMMENTS: SUBJECT'S COMPORNTMENT AND DEMEANOR ARE UNCHANGED FROM YESTERDAY. HE REMAINED COMPLIANT AND TOTALLY SUBMISSIVE. HE READILY ENGAGED IN DIALOGUE REGARDING QUESTIONS AND STAYED ON TOPIC. THE SUBJECT REQUESTED PERMISSION,

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WHEN IT WAS NECESSARY TO SHIFT OFF TOPIC BRIEFLY TO PROVIDE THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION NECESSARY TO UNDERSTAND HIS ANSWER. HE CONTINUES TO BE FEARFUL OF THE INTERROGATORS AND DISPLAYED ACUTE STRESS WHEN THE SUBJECT OF THE WATER BOARD WAS ADDRESSED.

4. THREAT UPDATE: NO NEW THREAT INFORMATION.

5. MEDICAL UPDATE: SUBJECT IS MEDICALLY STABLE. IMPROVED NUTRITION AND A DECREASE IN INADVERTENT STRESSES DIRECTLY TO THE WOUND HAVE SOMEWHAT MITIGATED THE WOUND BREAKDOWN. THERE IS CURRENTLY NO EVIDENCE OF SECONDARY INFECTION.



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I am kindly asking the translator to forgive me for this letter or for the attached story, for unfortunately many parts were stricken let alone the bad handwriting and misspelling. Writing has become nowadays very difficult for me due to the neurological ailment that is affecting my memory.

Thank you and with all my appreciation.

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One month or little over a month went by during which no one came to interrogate me or interview me, except for the guards that came once a day. They would restrain me to the medical metal bed and the physician (or the corman) would quickly change the gauze around my wounded thigh. They would then leave a dish of food that consisted of white dry rice with a very little amount of string beans along with a can of water. They would leave me totally naked except for a towel that they threw on my genitals. I was freezing from the intense cold. My nerves were just about to break from the extreme constant noise that was coming from an unseen device.

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Following that month, the guards came one day and did what they previously did every day. They left afterward. As soon as I finished eating my food which, out of hunger, I did very quickly, the guards came back again which surprised me, for they had never done it in the past. They ordered me to put my hands between the metal cell's bars so that they could tie them up. I followed their orders. Yet they told me to enter them in the upper part where the bar was horizontal. By chaining me in this position I wouldn't be able to lower my hands as I would be able to do if I were tied up to the vertical bars and thus I would be in the hanging position. I knew they were up for some evil trouble, for they usually don't do that, or didn't do it in the past except when they would leave me hung in this position for long hours or when they tore my cloths. But that time I was naked with no cloths on to tear. What happened was after they chained me in the previously described position they opened the cell's door and came inside, (they had covered my face with a black cloth bag before they came inside). They brutally and quickly pulled the towel that was covering my genitals. They unchained my hands from the bars and chained them with shorts chains to the chains that were around my legs which kept me in a bowing position at all times. They brutally dragged me to the cement wall. Then, they removed the hood. I saw a man wearing black cloths, but he was also wearing a military jacket. His face was uncovered. He had no mask nor big glasses, like the other guards usually had. [. . .] Maybe he wanted to scare me with his look. There was anger in his face. He spoke with an angry tone and was yelling words that I did not understand at all. And before I made any attempt to understand what he was saying or respond to him he started brutally banging my head and my back against the wall. He talked a little more and then started again brutally banging me. I felt my back was breaking due to the intensity of the banging. He started slapping my face again and again, meanwhile he was yelling. He then pointed to a large black wooden box that looked like a wooden casket. He said: "from now on this is going to be your home". At this point, the guards lifted up the box that was lying horizontally on the floor and set it in a vertical position. They fixed it to the metal bars.

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The guy [. . .] dragged me and brutally shoved me inside the box along with a toilet bucket, a can of water and a can of (Ensure). He was still yelling and cussing: "we will give you another chance, but a short one, for you to give it some thinking on whether you are going to talk or not". He violently closed the door. I heard the sound of the lock. I found myself in total darkness. The only spot I could sit in was on top of the bucket, for the place was very tight. I couldn't sit down in length or in width. I believe if I were able to raise my hand I would have barely touched the ceiling of this vertical casket box. Yet they made the chains so tight and so short that I could barely move my hands to take care of my bathroom needs or drink some water. Short hours went by after which I could hear the noise of carpentry work activities being performed outside. I had no clue of what was happening until I heard the click of a lock. Some light came in. At first, I couldn't see anything, yet I felt something was being wrapped around my neck. I suddenly saw another man [. . .] He was twisting a thick towel which was wrapped with a plastic tape so it could be given the shape of a noose. He wrapped it around my neck and brutally dragged me. I fell on the floor along with the bucket, with all its content that fell on me. The guards did not intervene. It was he who dragged me on the floor with that noose towel. He brutally dragged me towards the wall. I suddenly realized there was a wooden wall covering most of the original wall. Before he uttered any word he started brutally banging me against that wooden wall. I suddenly felt the same pain I felt when I was being banged against the cement wall. However, when I thought about it later, I believe they didn't want to leave any trace of beating and banging on my body, for the first one is green and then it immediately turns blue. He kept banging me against the wall. Given the intensity of the banging that was strongly hitting my head I fell down on the floor with each banging. I felt for few instants that I was unable to see anything, let alone the short chains that prevented me from standing tall. And every time I fell he would drag me with the towel which caused bleeding in my neck. When he realized that I had completely collapsed he started talking breathlessly. He was cussing, threatening. With the help of the hand that was not holding the towel he was slapping my face. I tried more than once to defend myself or to avoid the slapping. I felt so humiliated despite the large amount of humiliation I had already been through. Yet it is an involuntary reaction to protect yourself when you get beaten but I was falling on the floor every time I was trying to protect myself. While he was beating me on my face and banging my back he said, while increasing the intensity of beating: "I see you don't cover your face to avoid the beating. You think you have pride. I will show you now what pride is about". He started banging my head against the wall with both his hands. The banging was so strong that I felt at some point that my skull was in pieces, or that the artificial bone in my open head was falling apart. I don't know how to describe that feeling. The feeling was abnormal. I had this abnormal feeling in my skull. It lasted for ever and that guy [. . .] was not getting tired from beating me. He then dragged me to another very tiny squared box. With the help of the guards he shoved me inside the box.

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It was so painful. As soon as they locked me up inside the box I tried my best to sit up, but in vain, for the box was too short. I tried to take a curled position but to no vain, for it was too tight. It was a serious problem. I spent long countless hours inside. I felt I was going to explode from bending my legs and my back and from being unable to spread them not even for short instants. The very strong pain made me scream unconsciously. The contractions in my muscles and nerves were increasing with every hour, every minute and every second that were passing by, especially in the wounds I already had in my belly and thigh, let alone the pain in my head that was predominantly stronger than any other pain in my body. As to my back it was playing solo the guitar of pain but with no chords, for I couldn't feel any chords, or nerves or even bones. The tone of the music was dissonant. Suddenly the door opened and a sudden light came inside. I didn't hear or feel them come nor heard them turn the lock.

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When they pulled me outside it took me a long time before I was able to stand on my feet. They were shoving me thinking that I was deliberately refusing to stand up. They didn't give me any opportunity to do so. They restrained me to a metal bed that had many belts in every direction. I was totally restrained to the point that I was unable to make any movement whatsoever. They restrained me in a lying down position. Obviously, even the wounded thigh was strongly restrained under the gauze. I felt the wounds were opening, although it is a one long open wound that goes all along the left thigh and all you can see is a large piece of red flesh. After they restrained my body, they restrained my head as well with the help of strong plastic cushions on the sides, which made it impossible for me to move it, not even for one centimeter to the left or one centimeter to the right, and obviously neither upward nor downward. At any rate, I didn't understand the reason for this very strong restraint and found them suddenly putting a black cloth over my head and covered it completely. I suddenly felt water being poured. It shocked me because it was very cold. But the water didn't stop. So the idea was not to torture me with very cold water in a very cold environment. They could have done that all over my body which would have made me startle and shiver. Yet the water that was being continuously poured and flowed over my face was indeed aimed at giving me the feeling of drowning resulting from a feeling of suffocation. And this is exactly what happened. They kept pouring water and concentrating on my nose and my mouth until I really felt I was drowning and my chest was just about to explode from the lack of oxygen. Indeed that was the first time and the first day that I felt I was going to die from drowning. Yet I didn't know what happened. All I know or remember is that I started vomiting water but also rice and string beans.

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They set the bed in a vertical position while I was restrained to it. They removed the hood. And as soon as I emptied my stomach from the water and the food they brought back the bed to the normal horizontal position. I was coughing a lot and I was trying to get some breath. I was breathing with difficulties and I was barely inhaling little carbon dioxide. They stopped me from doing what I was doing and only few minutes went by before they put back the black cloth over my head again. I tried to speak or yell with my head covered: "I don't know anything" but I suddenly felt the water flowing again. To make a long story short, they performed the same operation three times on that day (the first day). And every time they were deflating the cushion that was holding my head a little bit and so I would feel my head lowered a little bit which made it every time more difficult for me to bear water flowing inside of me. On the third time, they lowered it more and more, (I'm not sure if every time they were increasing the duration of the drowning procedure. It is difficult to say, but that was my feeling.) The suffering was more intense every time they interrupted the operation for few minutes to allow me to breath or vomit and then they would resume again. After the third time on that day (the first day), they kept the hood with all the water on my head and started asking me questions that I was answering with difficulties due to the troubles I had breathing and to the fact that I didn't know what they were asking me about.

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Then, they removed me from the bed and dragged me to the long box; they shoved me inside and locked the door up. I don't know exactly how much time has elapsed. And I could not believe that I was breathing normally. And I didn't know how much time had elapsed with me in a fetal position inside the box. My head was lying between one corner of the box and the toilet bucket. And I don't know how much time had elapsed while I was sleeping or fainted. However, what I felt was that the time was very short. I suddenly felt a strong strike that shook the box from outside followed by several other stronger strikes. The strikes stopped. I had problems readjusting my position to try to sit on the bucket. Yet the chains were making it difficult for me to readjust, for they were too tight and too short, in addition to the fact that they were tied up to the legs. Yet, as soon as I did that, the strikes on the box resumed in the darkness of the box. They shook the box so heavily which made me fall from the bucket. The strikes continued. There were probably ten strikes. Then they stopped. Then every (1/4) quarter of an hour they would bang again ten times, maybe to make sure I am unable to sleep. Yet with the time, the fatigue, the headache and the pain it seemed to me I was able to sleep for a very short time. And I started hearing the bangs as in a dream. They would wake me, I would count them and then fall asleep again; or if I had fallen from the bucket I would readjust again my position.

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The same thing that happened in the tiny box happened again. They brusquely opened the door. I didn't feel them coming or unlocking the box. A light came inside and broke the darkness of the box. My vision was blurry. And without any introduction, I was dragged to the wooden wall and was asked questions. The individual that was asking me the questions was the guy [. . .] He asked me: "do you have an answer?" I said no with my head. And I said: "I don't know..." but before I could finish my sentence the beating started again and my head and back were brutally banged against the wall. And they did the same arrangement they had done the first day or the previous time, (I am not sure whether a full day had elapsed or at least an entire night). They did the same thing again: the banging against the wall, the little box, the water bed, the long box. Yet this time they increased the degree of harshness and brutality and the amount of time inside the little tight box. They also increased the number of times of water drowning in bed from three to four and some times five. Yet they added new things: 1) keeping me on my feet tied up for long hours, wet with water and urine to the point where I felt my legs, especially the wounded one, were just about to explode from pressure, and my back as well. 2) They kept me lying down on the water bed for long hours. I felt again the same pain and the same feelings that drove me crazy when they used to tie me up to the metal bed the first time I was brought to this location. Yet this time, my head was tied up and restrained in one direction and the wet black cloth was entirely covering my head which added to the pain resulting from the contraction in the neck, the back, the limbs, the joints, the muscles and the nerves. Add to it the difficulties in breathing through a wet cloth. 3) They increased the amount of cold water that was being poured over my naked cold body.

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What makes it worse is a period I was not aware of. They told me later that it was (5) times or (5) days. However, I felt it was more and longer. This period would end with me losing sometimes control over my urination. I clearly noticed it the first time I was tied up to the bed that was placed in a vertical position and I would vomit what I had inside my stomach after the drowning operation before they bring me back to the previous position. I noticed that I was vomiting, there were tears in my eyes, my nose was leaking and even my genital organ was involuntarily discharging. This has become a normal routine after every drowning operation and I noticed that it was fully discharging more than once while I was standing on my feet and tied up for hours.

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As soon as this period was over I would start feeling a weird headache that was new to me that was followed me like my shadow; the shadow rather *illegible* sometimes, but this headache would become lighter sometimes but never disappeared. Actually it would become even stronger to the point that I felt sometimes like I wanted to hit my head against the wall. This headache is different from headaches caused by hunger or cold or low vision or lots of thinking or even by an ailment or physical weakness. These types of headaches could be sometimes very strong but this one is different and distinctively strong. Sometimes I was unable to distinguish one type of headache from another. That period was over and my hand started to shake lightly as soon as I start thinking a lot or get angry or become tense. This is very similar to the shaking I noticed years ago after I was wounded in my head (in 1992) and lost my memory. I would even say that it is the same loss of control I had over my right fingers that lasted for some time after that old head injury. The same thing started to happen to me again during that period.

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At any rate, the torture continued using the same methods during the period of drowning that was not limited to water but also urine, in addition to the heavy vomiting that was breaking my head in two and tearing apart my stomach - that was already wounded-. The long closed wound that goes through my belly and appears a little under the chest and go through *illegible* seemed as if it opened internally during every episode of vomiting or after drowning or during long standings or even by just sitting down.

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The humiliations, the terrorizing, the hunger, the pain, the tension, the nervousness and the sleep deprivation lasted for some time until one day they did all these things to me but with more intensity and for longer periods of time before they brought me back to the big box and they started banging on it with me inside to prevent me at least from sleeping. Before they did that they said to me: "we have two individuals that came from Washington to talk to you and they know about you more than you know about yourself, at least for now. They will ask you questions and the more truthful you will be with them the more you will be able to save yourself from worse troubles." I didn't really realized what he said. I was still lying down on the floor surrounded by the large number of guards with their black cloths. When he did not get any response from me except for another series of vomiting episodes, he gave them the order to readjust my position, made me stand on my feet and clean the floor with the same black hood they covered my head with while I was standing for long hours, just to humiliate me and disgrace me. And indeed they cleaned the floor with the black hood and then put it on my head. A short time went by and few minutes later I heard foot steps and other individuals came in. The hood was lifted and I saw two other individuals: a man and a woman in civilian cloths. It took minutes before I realized that I was completely naked in front of a woman. For moral and religious reasons I rushed and covered my genitals with my hands with expressions of anger on my face. The guy [. . .] said to me: "don't start getting angry again otherwise we'll start again from zero. Understood?" He said this while shoving me several times to the wall and then he put me in a standing position. At this point, the woman started reading questions from a piece of paper she was holding.

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And out of embarrassment or tension she read several questions at once and her friend told her: "ask one question at a time"; which she did. I told her: "I will answer the questions while looking at this man", and I pointed towards her friend, adding: "it is not appropriate for me to look at you while I am naked". Suddenly, the guy [. . .] brutally shoved me several times to the wall and said: "you still have pride, right?" I tried to clarify and say that it was not a matter of pride but rather a matter of good manners regardless of the circumstances and regardless of the fact that this woman is an enemy and regardless of the fact that she is part of the team that is torturing and humiliating me in such an rude and inconsiderate manner. But my words were like putting fuel on fire and they made him immaturely angry. At any rate, after several questions were posed to me and that I had already answered a million times, even prior to the recent intense episode of torture, the two individuals left and the guards brought me back to the long box and locked the door up.

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That time or that night they didn't bang on the box from outside. I believe they were using rods or batons for the banging. Thus, I slept that night for a long time though interrupted given the hard sitting position. Well, how could I sleep with all the nightmares and the pain that became so impossible for me to know its sources.

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