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SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] /SWIFT KNIGHT - USAM BEN LADEN'S CURRENT AND HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES (U)
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SUMMARY: ~~(S/NF)~~ THIS IS A SWIFT KNIGHT REPORT CONCERNING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OF SHEIKH USAM BEN MUHAMMAD BEN AVAD BEN LADEN.

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1. ~~(S/NF)~~ THE FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION ABOUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OF SHEIKH USAM BEN MUHAMMAD BEN AVAD ((BEN LADEN)), DERIVED FROM A HANDWRITTEN DOCUMENT DETAILING BEN LADEN'S ACTIVITIES, HISTORICALLY AND CURRENTLY. [REDACTED] THE DOCUMENT WAS WRITTEN APPROXIMATELY DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF OCTOBER 1998; DOI IS UNCERTAIN, BUT BELIEVED TO BE CURRENT AS OF 1998. THE INFORMATION IS PRESENTED IN APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SEQUENCE AS THE DOCUMENT. SPELLINGS AND REFERENCES BELOW ARE TAKEN VERBATIM FROM THE DOCUMENT, AND MAY DIFFER FROM SPELLINGS COMMONLY RECOGNIZED. FOR

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EXAMPLE, THE DOCUMENT REFERS TO "USAM BEN LADEN" VICE "USAMA BIN LADEN".

2. ~~(S/NF)~~ USAM BEN LADEN WAS BORN IN DJIDDA IN 1957. IN 1994, HE WAS BARRED FROM SAUDI CITIZENSHIP FOR "ANTI-STATE ACTIVITY." HE HAS RELATIVES IN SAUDI ARABIA AND YEMEN. HE OWNS TRADING HOLDINGS IN ARAB COUNTRIES (UNSPECIFIED), GERMANY, AND ENGLAND, AND HAS A FORTUNE WORTH 150 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS (USD); 35 MILLION IS INVESTED IN SUDAN.
3. ~~(S/NF)~~ BEN LADEN TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE AFGHAN WAR AGAINST THE SOVIETS. HE LIVED IN ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN, AND FROM THERE SUPPLIED MODZAKHEDS (THE SINGULAR FORM OF MUDJAHEDDIN), AS WELL AS RECRUITED AND SELECTED ARAB MILITANTS. WITHIN SOVIET AND RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS, THESE RECRUITS WERE CALLED "AFGHAN ARABS" (ALSO REFERRED TO IN THE DOCUMENT AS "ARAB AFGHANS").

[REDACTED] UP UNTIL MAY 1996, BEN LADEN STAYED IN KHARTOUM, WHERE 700 AFGHAN ARABS WERE CONCENTRATED. FROM THIS GROUP, HE CREATED THE NUCLEUS OF THE TERRORIST FUNDAMENTALIST POLITICAL ORGANIZATION "AL-KAIDA". AMONG THE MEMBERS WAS HIS PERSONAL FRIEND, AMIR ((KHATTAB)), A JORDANIAN CHECHEN WHOSE REPUTATION WAS DISTINGUISHED EVEN IN THEIR OWN CIRCLE FOR UNMOTIVATED BRUTALITY. IN 1995, KHATTAB APPEARED IN CHECHNYA TO CARRY OUT A SPECIAL MISSION ASSIGNED TO HIM BY USAM BEN LADEN TO ORGANIZE TRAINING CAMPS FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS. HE MARRIED NADIR KHACHILAEV'S SISTER (A DAGESTANIAN WOMAN FROM THE "LAK TUKHUM", AN EXTENDED CLAN). HE WAS A COLONEL, FOUGHT AS A FIELD COMMANDER, AND WAS WOUNDED IN THE HAND. KHATTAB ORGANIZED THREE TRAINING CAMPS IN THE VEDENO AND NOJAI-URT AREAS OF THE FORESTED MOUNTAIN ZONE. GRADUATION IS HELD AT THE THREE CAMPS EVERY TWO MONTHS. THEY ARE VERY WELL EQUIPPED, WITH FIRING RANGE FACILITIES AND CAPABILITY TO CREATE MODELS OF "SITES OF DIVERSION", AS WELL AS CLASSES FOR SAPPERS AND SNIPERS.

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4. ~~(S/NF)~~ BEN LADEN AND KHATTAB ARE STATED AS HAVING CONNECTIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING LEADERS OF INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC TERRORISTS, ALL CONSIDERED "FOUNDERS AND PRINCIPAL IDEOLOGISTS OF INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC TERRORISM"--

- M. AL-((MASARY))
- TARK AL-((FADLY)), A FORMER FIELD COMMANDER IN AFGHANISTAN, YEMEN
- KHASAN AT-((TURABY)), SUDAN
- RASHID AL-((GANNUSHRY)), TUNISIA
- ABDALLA ((AZAM)), PALESTINE
- OMAR ADAL ((RAKHMAN)), EGYPT
- LEADERS OF THE SOUTHERN PUSHTUN TRIBES
- KARY ((KADYR)), LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OF MODZAKHEDS IN DZILALABAD

5. ~~(S/NF)~~ THE GOALS OF THE GROUP WERE, AT MINIMUM, TO OVERTHROW FAKHD IN SAUDI ARABIA, AND TO BUILD A "JUST ISLAMIC STATE" THERE, AND AT MAXIMUM, TO ESTABLISH A WORLDWIDE ISLAMIC STATE CAPABLE OF DIRECTLY CHALLENGING THE U.S., CHINA, RUSSIA, AND WHAT IT VIEWS AS JUDEO-CHRISTIAN AND CONFUCIAN DOMINATION.

6. ~~(S/NF)~~ THE MEANS BY WHICH THE ABOVE GOALS ARE TO BE MET ARE VIA TERROR, ETHNIC CLEANSING, "LATENT PENETRATION" (NFI), AND CONTROL OVER NUCLEAR AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (JIKHAD). FURTHER, RADICAL ISLAMIC (PREDOMINANTLY SUNNI) REGIMES ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED AND SUPPORTED EVERYWHERE POSSIBLE, INCLUDING BOSNIA, ALBANIA,

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CHECHNYA, DAGESTAN, THE ENTIRE NORTHERN CAUCASUS "FROM SEA TO SEA", CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS, TATARSTAN, BASHKORTOSTAN, ALL OF RUSSIA, AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, TURKEY, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, ALGERIA, MOROCCO, EGYPT, TUNISIA, SUDAN, AND THE STATES OF THE PERSIAN GULF. TERRORIST ACTIVITIES ARE TO BE CONDUCTED AGAINST AMERICANS AND WESTERNERS, ISRAELIS, RUSSIANS (PREDOMINANTLY COSSACKS), SERBS, CHINESE, ARMENIANS, AND DISLOYAL MUSLIMS. COORDINATION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS--

- AL JAMA'AT - EGYPT
- AL ISLAMY' - EGYPT
- AL JIKHAD - EGYPT
- JIKHAD AL-ISLAMY - PALESTINE
- KHAMAS - PALESTINE
- ARMED ISLAM GROUP - ALGERIA
- DISSIDENTS IN SAUDI ARABIA
- NATIONAL FRONT OF ISLAM - SUDAN
- ARAB TERRORIST GROUPS AND TRAINING CAMPS IN AFGHANISTAN
- TALIBAN MOVEMENT AND ITS CAMPS, AL BADR AND AL BADRZ IN THE KHOST AREA
- KLA AND BOSNIAN ISLAMIC GROUPS AND CONSPIRATORIAL ELEMENTS
- ISLAMIC WAY AND WAKHABITES IN CHECHNYA, DAGESTAN, KABARDA, KARACHAI, BALKARIA, AND CRIMEA.
- CELLS ARE TO BE CREATED IN AZERBAIJAN, TATARSTAN, BASHKORTOSTAN, CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS, AND AMONG MOSCOW AND ST. PETERSBURG MUSLIM-CHECHENS.

- TRAINING CAMPS ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CHECHNYA, INGUSHETIA, BALKARIA, KARACHAI, ADYGEYA, TAJIKISTAN.
- JAMA'AT-UD-DARA-VA-SUNNA AND ITS TRAINING CAMPS FOR THE MILITANTS OF AL-DZIKHAD INTERNATIONAL AND "MUSLIM BROTHERS".
THE PURPOSE OF ALL TRAINING CAMPS IS TO PREPARE "MINERS" (THE DOCUMENT MOST LIKELY INTENDS THE MEANING AS SAPPERS), SPIES, COMMUNICATORS, IDEOLOGISTS, AND PROPAGANDISTS, ALL SPECIALISTS IN SPREADING FALSE RUMORS, DEFAMATION, AND PANIC TO BECOME PART OF THE TADJIK OPPOSITION.

7. ~~(S/AF)~~ THE DOCUMENT STATES THAT SPECIFIC ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE NORTHERN CAUCASUS, AND ESPECIALLY CHECHNYA SINCE THEY ARE REGARDED AS AREAS UNREACHABLE BY STRIKES FROM THE WEST. THE INTENT IS TO CREATE A NEWLY DEVELOPED BASE FOR TRAINING TERRORISTS. AMIR KHATTAB AND NINE OTHER MILITANTS OF USAM BEN LADEN WERE SENT THERE WITH PASSPORTS OF ARAB COUNTRIES (NFI). THEY WORK AS MILITARY INSTRUCTORS IN KHATTAB'S THREE SCHOOLS; THEY ALSO WORK AS INSTRUCTORS IN THE ARMY OF CHECHNYA. TWO MORE SCHOOLS ARE BEING ORGANIZED IN INGUSHETIA AND DAGESTAN.

8. ~~(S/AF)~~ SEVERAL TIMES IN 1997 IN AFGHANISTAN, BEN LADEN MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MOVLADY UDAGOV'S PARTY, "ISLAMIC WAY", AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CHECHEN AND DAGESTAN WAKHABITES FROM GUDERNICS, GROZNY AND KARAMAKHY. THEY SETTLED THE QUESTION OF COOPERATION--AGREEING TO EXCHANGE "FINANCIAL SUPPLIES" TO CHECHEN MILITANTS. THEY STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF TRAINING TERRORISTS DRAWN FROM AMONG "CONVERTED" EUROPEANS, RUSSIANS, UKRAINIANS, COSSACKS, AND OSSETIANS IN KHATTAB'S TRAINING CAMPS TO CONDUCT KIDNAPPINGS AND TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST FRENCH, ISRAELI, U.S., AND ENGLISH CITIZENS. [REDACTED] THE DOCUMENT NOTES THAT THE KIDNAPPING OF VINCENT COCHETEL, A UNHCR OFFICIAL IN VLADIKARKAZ EARLIER THIS YEAR WAS PERFORMED BY THESE GRADUATES OF KHATTAB'S (b)(2)

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SCHOOL IN VETENO.) THESE MILITANTS WILL BE USED IN THE INTEREST OF THE "ARMED ISLAMIC GROUP" AND "MUSLIM BROTHERS", AND FOR SPREADING TERROR IN THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS, CRIMEA, AND RUSSIA. "VOLUNTEERS" FROM WHAT THE DOCUMENT REFERRED TO AS BEN LADEN'S "CHARITY SOCIETIES" FROM PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN HAVE GONE TO CHECHNYA AND TO THE NORTHERN CAUCASUS FOR THE NEW ROUND OF JIKHAD AGAINST COSSACKS AND RUSSIA. FINANCIAL CRISIS IS TO BE USED FOR CREATING DISORDER, AND NEW STRIKES AND KIDNAPPING CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVOKING A UNIFIED UPRISING AGAINST RUSSIA, AND CREATING AN ISLAMIC STATE OF NORTHERN CAUCASUS.

9. ~~(S/AF)~~ A DIRECT ROUTE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CHECHNYA FROM PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN THROUGH TURKEY AND AZERBAIJAN. ABU ((SAYAF)) (ALSO NOTED IN QUOTES IN THE DOCUMENT AS "SAFAY") COORDINATES THIS TRAFFIC OF "VOLUNTEERS", AS WELL AS DRUG TRAFFICKING, WORKING AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF BEN LADEN IN THE CHECHEN FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF MOVLADY ODUGOV.

10. ~~(S/AF)~~ TEREK COSSACK INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT IN JUNE 1998, THE FIRST PARTY OF 25 "AFGHAN ARABS" APPEARED IN THE TRAINING CAMPS OF VEDENO AND NOJAI-URT. ALONG WITH TRADITIONAL PREPARATION, THEY ARE LEARNING THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE, WITH THE INTENT OF EVENTUALLY SETTLING IN RUSSIA, SUPPOSEDLY IN TATARSTAN. AFTER AN ADAPTATION PERIOD, THEY WOULD GO TO THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS "FOR DIVERSION" AND TO CREATE WARHABITES AND TALIBAN CELLS, SPREADING TERROR AGAINST U.S., RUSSIAN, AND OTHER WESTERN OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN.

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AMONG THE INSTRUCTORS ARE MILITANTS FROM AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, SAUDI ARABIA, TURKEY, IRAN, AND AZERBAIJAN. THE NEW PROGRAM INCLUDES TOPICS IN--

- "DIVERSIONS" WITH THE HELP OF MEANS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, INCLUDING POISONOUS, BACTERIOLOGICAL, AND INCENDIARY MIXTURES
- PREPARATION OF FALSE DOCUMENTS
- BEHAVIOR DURING INTERROGATION
- PARKING BOMB VEHICLES ON BRIDGES AND BY BUILDINGS

ALL INSTRUCTORS AND AGENTS USE NICKNAMES AND PSEUDONYMS; REAL NAMES OF AGENTS ARE KNOWN ONLY TO AMIR KHATTAB AND ABU SAYAF.

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