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Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 01/04/2001

To: Counterterrorism
New York

Attn: SIOC

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Riyadh
Washington Field

From: New York

American Embassy Sanaa

Contact: SA

Approved By:

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Case ID #: (OC/LES) 262-NY-277013 (Pending)

Title: (OC/LES) UNSUB(S);
ADENBOM;
U.S.S. COLE;
IT-OHAH

Synopsis: (OC/LES) Results of meeting with PSO in Sanaa.

Administrative: (OC/LES) THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THIS COMMUNICATION IS CONSIDERED ORCON/LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE AND SHOULD BE HANDLED ON A STRICT NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS. THIS INSTRUCTION IS BEING PERSONALLY ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR DUE TO THE DELICATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE YEMENI GOVERNMENTS. FURTHER PROGRESS IN THIS INVESTIGATION WILL DEPEND ON THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUED COOPERATION. FURTHER DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION BEYOND FBI PERSONNEL MUST RECEIVE PRIOR FBIHQ APPROVAL.

Details: (OC/LES) On 01/03/01, Military/Political Officer [redacted] provided SA [redacted] with the results of a meeting with Yemeni Political Security Organization (PSO) Officers in Sanaa. During his meeting, [redacted] presented an array of photographs to PSO not relating to the bombing of the

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U.S.S. Cole. The PSO Officers suggested that the photographs be shown [redacted] in Sanaa. Although [redacted] the U.S.S. Cole, PSO relayed that the reason [redacted] detention is not linked to the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole. [redacted] then asked PSO if they would allow him to submit questions [redacted] through them and they agreed.

(OC/LES) [redacted] cautioned SA [redacted] that it is not in the interests of the Embassy or the FBI to taint the relationship between PSO and the Yemeni Minister of Interior. Therefore, information provided to the FBI by the Minister of Interior should not be included among the list of questions submitted to PSO in Sanaa [redacted] Additionally, since this arrangement was made between PSO [redacted] in Sanaa, it should not be discussed between PSO and the investigative team in Aden. With this in mind, the following leads are set forth to FBIHQ, New York and the Aden Command Post.

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

(OC/LES) SA [] requests that questions for [] be formulated and directed to SA [] in Sanaa via secure facsimile number 967-1-238859 as expeditiously as possible.

Set Lead 2:

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK

(OC/LES) SA [] requests that questions for [] be formulated and directed to SA [] in Sanaa via secure facsimile number 967-1-238859 as expeditiously as possible.

Set Lead 3:

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AT ADEN, YEMEN

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/10/2001

To: NEW YORK

Attn: SAC JOHN P. O'NEILL
ASAC PASQUALE J. D'AMURO
SSA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]

From: New York
ADENBOM COMMAND POST, ADEN, YEMEN

Contact: SA [REDACTED] (Boston)

Approved By: [REDACTED] *PM*

Drafted By: *AM* [REDACTED] agk

Case ID #: (LES/ORCON) 262A-NY-277013-YEM (Pending)

Title: (LES/ORCON) ADENBOM;
MAJOR CASE 175;
IT-OHAI

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Synopsis: (LES/ORCON) Notification to New York of creation of Aden photo book dated 01/10/01.

(LES/ORCON) ~~Derived From~~ : G-3
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Enclosure: To New York find a copy of the photograph book showed to witnesses starting 01/10/01 in Aden Yemen.

Details: (LES/ORCON) An initial photo book (showed to witnesses starting 12/14/00) has been used in Aden in an attempt to have witnesses identify potential suspects in the October 12, 2000 bombing - 14

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Date of transcription 01/31/2001

FAHD MOHAMMED AHMAD AL-OUSSO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the Political Security Organization (PSO) headquarters for Aden and Abyan in the City of Aden, Yemen. Also present were Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Special Agent [REDACTED] and Ministry of Interior (MOI) investigators [REDACTED] along with the Yemen Political Security Organization (PSO) officer [REDACTED] Staff Brigadier General [REDACTED] Chief, Presidential Security Office, was present for a portion of the interviews.

The interviews were conducted by the interviewing agents in Arabic.

After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents, FAHD was advised of his rights as set forth in FD-395.1 (Arabic version). FAHD verbally waived his rights, but refused to sign the form and thereafter provided the following information.

[REDACTED]

Investigation on 01/27-31/2001 at Aden, YemenFile # [REDACTED] Date dictated 01/31/2001by [REDACTED]

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