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Between September 12, and October 5, 2002, a continuing debriefing was conducted of Ahmad Adeb Ahmad Ahmad while incarcerated at the Alexandria Detention Center, Alexandria, Virginia by SA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] Dept. of State, DSS. [redacted] was present during all debriefings, as was AUSA Neil Hammerstrom. SSA [redacted] was present during the initial phase of the debriefing but was not present on October 3 or October 5.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/25/2002

To: Counterterrorism
Dallas

Attn: RFU/UBL
SSA [redacted]
Attn: IT/FCI
SA [redacted]

From: Los Angeles
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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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(S) Case ID #: (S/NF/OC) [redacted]

(U) Title: (S/NF/OC) FAHAD ALTHUMAIRY (NON-USPER)
IT - OTHER (UBL/AL-QAEDA)

(S) Synopsis: (S/NF/OC) [redacted]
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(S/NF/OC) Classified By: G-3
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(U) (S/NF/OC) The following information is from the
10/17/2002 interview as it pertains to captioned subject:

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(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ One or two days after the arrival of the Saudis, Benomrane was at the King Fahad Mosque. While at the mosque Sheik Fahad Althumairy introduced Benomrane to the two Saudis and asked Benomrane if he could help them during their time in Los Angeles because they did not speak English. Benomrane agreed and gave the Saudis his taxi cab business card.

(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ The next day the Saudis called Benomrane and asked him to pick them up and drive them around Los Angeles. Benomrane picked them up at their apartment complex and then drove them around. They then ate at the Mediterranean Restaurant located on Venice Blvd. At the end of the day Benomrane took them back to their apartment complex.

(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ Two to three days later the Saudis called Benomrane again. This time they wanted to go to Sea world in San Diego. Benomrane agreed and picked them up at their apartment where he was given \$100 and told he would get the remainder after the trip. Benomrane stated they drove straight to San Diego and the only stop that they made was at a San Diego gas station. Benomrane could not remember the gas stations location in San Diego. One or two days after they returned to Los Angeles Benomrane called them to receive the remainder of his money. The Saudis told him that Sheik Fahad Althumairy would give him the rest of the money.

(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ When asked by investigators who else knew about the two Saudis, Benomrane replied that no one at the Kind Fahad Mosque knew about them and that he was told by Sheik Fahad Althumairy to keep the presence of the two Saudis to himself. Benomrane did say that the Saudi Consulate knew about the two Saudis because it was the consulate that told Sheik Fahad to take care of the Saudis.

Benomrane was told by Sheik Fahad that the Saudis were here to see their sick-father who was in a local hospital. Benomrane said that the Saudis stayed in Los Angeles for approximately one month and then they returned to Saudi Arabia. When asked if Benomrane knew for a fact that they returned to Saudi Arabia he replied no and that he was just told that they had left Los Angeles.

(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ Benomrane could not remember the Saudis names, but remembered one was approximately twenty one years old and the other was approximately twenty-five years old. Benomrane stated over and over that the two Saudis came to Los Angeles prior to 09/11/2001.

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(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ During the interview, Benomrane was shown photographs of all the hijackers and numerous photographs of unrelated individuals. Benomrane looked at all the photographs carefully and placed all the photographs in a pile on the left side of the desk. When he viewed the photographs of Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi, he placed the photographs on the right side of the desk. Once he had gone through all the photographs, he mixed the photographs and stated that he did not recognize anyone from the photos. FBI Los Angeles is of the opinion that Benomrane may have been less than truthful with the investigators regarding his recognition of anyone from the photographs.

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of individuals who may be associated with Althumairy:

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(S) (U) (S/NF/OC) 2) [redacted]
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(U) (S/NF/OC) 4) [redacted]
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(U) (S/NF/OC) 5) [redacted]
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(S) (U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ 11) ABDULLAH MOHDHAR: [redacted] recognized
Mohdhar as a frequent visitor to the KFM from San Diego.
Mohdhar was very close to the young militants from North
Africa. FBI Los Angeles Comment: Mohdhar is a material witness
in the PENTTBOM investigation and is currently in INS custody
in San Diego.

(S) (U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ [redacted] to continue to provide
(S) [redacted] to the United States Government.

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