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Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 05/18/2004

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

IA [REDACTED]
ITOS 1, CONUS 1,
TEAM 16

SA [REDACTED]
PENTTBOMB TEAM

Los Angeles

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

San Diego

Attn: SA [REDACTED]

From: Atlanta

Squad IT2

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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(U) **Case ID #:** (S) 315N-SD-64663 (Pending)

Title: (S) MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID,
(U) A.K.A. MOHDAR MOHAMED ABDULLAH;
IT-UBL/AL QAIDA
OO:SD

Synopsis: (U) To report results of interview of [REDACTED]

(U) (S)

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(U) **Full Field Investigation Instituted:** 05/22/2002

Encloses: (U) For San Diego are California Department of Motor Vehicles photo's shown to [REDACTED] to include, Mohdar Abdullah, Omar Bakarbashat, Ellsworth Black, Abdi Ali Nur Mohammad and Carlos Toma. Also for San Diego are notes from the interview of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] inmate history as provided by Atlanta Federal Prison.

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Details:

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Also present during the interview was Special Agent (SA) [redacted]
[redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

(U) [redacted] understood English and Arabic. He also spoke English and Arabic. The interview was conducted in both English and Arabic.

(U) [redacted] was married in San Francisco in 2001 to [redacted]. She is currently residing in California along with their [redacted]. He has six brothers and five sisters. He was born in Baqaa, Jordan. He attended some college in Jordan with an emphasis in Civil Engineering. He has some experience as a chef. [redacted] has been in the United States for 15 years. He said he "loves" the United States and has no animosity towards the United States nor does he sympathize or associate with any groups or individuals who support terrorism.

(U) [redacted] has been incarcerated in the Atlanta Federal Prison since April 20, 2004. Prior to Atlanta, he was incarcerated in Oklahoma City and El Reno, Oklahoma, San Diego and San Bernadino, California. [redacted] advised that some of his incarcerations were considered "transfer stations." Since arriving in Atlanta, he has had no visitors and has called no one. He keeps in contact with his wife via mail.

(U) [redacted] advised that he knows captioned subject by the name of "MOHDAR." He knew MOHDAR while they were incarcerated together in the "CCA" Immigration Detention Facility in San Diego, California in 2003. MOHDAR's detention cell number was 107, while [redacted] number was [redacted]. He spoke with MOHDAR infrequently. He did not like MOHDAR and described him as "childish, crazy and he talked too much." [redacted] was unable to provide any specific examples. He said MOHDAR really wanted to get married to an American woman, though he did not know why.

[redacted] volunteered the name of a man he called [redacted]. [redacted] lived in cell number [redacted] in CCA. He thought highly of BLACK. [redacted] helped him write and speak English. He said [redacted] told him that he served in the Vietnam war and in Desert Storm. [redacted] said [redacted] also did not like MOHDAR. [redacted] that MOHDAR "talked too much." [redacted] said MOHDAR gave [redacted] some immigration-related papers.

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and asked for assistance from [] with some type of immigration problem. [] gave the papers back to MOHDAR and refused to help MOHDAR [] through the cell walls. ^{b6}
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(U) [] described a time in 2003, while incarcerated in CCE, when [] MOHDAR, another inmate and he were outside in the "yard" talking. MOHDAR was talking with [] was talking with another inmate. He overheard MOHDAR tell [] that he (MOHDAR) gave a ride to two of the September 11, 2001 hijackers. He told [] that he gave "them" a ride from San Diego to Los Angeles. [] does not know any other details regarding this ride as alleged by MOHDAR. This is the first and last time he heard MOHDAR say anything about a terrorism-related matter. [] does not recall talking further with either MOHDAR or [] about this situation. [] recalls someone telling him that MOHDAR provided the FBI with the information about giving a ride to two of the 09/11/2001 hijackers.

(U) Throughout the course of this interview, [] was cooperative and repeatedly denied being involved in or knowing anyone involved in terrorist-related activities.

(U) [] was shown five pictures, marked "1" through "5." He identified the photographs as follows:

Photograph #1: "OMAR" LAST NAME UNKNOWN. He said OMAR LNU's last name was difficult to pronounce. He said OMAR knows MOHDAR very well because they are both from Yemen.

Photograph #2: []

Photograph #3: "Mohdar."

Photograph #4 [] (phonetic). [] believed [] from Iraq.

Photograph #5: "MOHAMED" LNU. MOHAMED LNU is from Somalia; has spoken with Mohdar and had some immigration problems.

The following information was obtained from [] and by personal observations:

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Name:
Alias:
DOB:
Height:
Weight:
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black, thinning on top
Nationality: Jordanian
City of Birth: Baqaa, Jordan
Inmate number
Tattoos: None observed or reported

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