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Prague

Attn: IOU I
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Attn: Legat Eliska Tretera

From: New York

PENTTBOM Investigative Team / FBIHQ

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Synopsis: To provide information and questions to Legat Prague in preparation to conduct interview of YAZEED SAAD ATIF AL-SALMI.

Reference:

- 315N-NY-280350-2004-NEW Serial 298
- 315N-NY-280350-302 Serial 23347
- 315N-NY-280350-302 Serial 47954
- 315N-NY-280350-302 Serial 87576
- 315N-NY-280350-302 Serial 102094

Administrative: Reference telephone calls between writer and Legat Eliska Tretera on 06/09/2004.

Details: As per referenced EC (serial 298) and telephone contact between writer and Legat, YAZEED SAAD ATIF AL-SALMI will be approached by the Security Information Service (SIS) to request an interview by the FBI. If AL-SALMI agrees, Legat will conduct the interview on 06/14/2004. In order for Legat to conduct this interview, the following information and questions are being provided.

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Background Information



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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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For information.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

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AT PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

The PENITBOM Team requests that Legat Prague utilize the information and questions provided in order to conduct the interview of YAZEED SAAD ATIF AL-SALMI.

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On June 14, 2004, YAZEED AL-SALMI was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] at the Czech Republic Police (CRP), Foreign Police at Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview AL-SALMI provided the following information:

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AL-SALMI does not remember giving his traveler checks or any money to AL-HAZMI at anytime. AL-SALMI stated there was no reason to give AL-HAZMI money because he was working. AL-SALMI was advised that \$1,900 of his traveler checks have been deposited in AL-HAZMI's bank account in September 2000, AL-SALMI did not have an answer or any recollection, and continued to say "I don't remember giving him any money."

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AL-SALMI was requested to recount his relationship with NAWAF AL-HAZMI and describe how they became acquainted. YAZEED AL-SALMI dprob: 2/16/1978 in Jedda, Saudi Arabia, arrived in the United States (US) in August 2000 to attend Grossmont College in San Diego to study accounting. AL-SALMI arrived in New York and continued to San Diego where he checked into the Comfort Inn until he could find a cheaper place to live. AL-SALMI visited the Islam Center where he met a man named [redacted]. This apartment/room was located at Lemon Grove. Approximately 3-4 days after he arrived, he moved into this apartment where he first met NAWAF AL-HAZMI, which was approximately 3-4 days after he has arrived in San Diego. AL-SALMI stayed at this apartment for one and one-half months where he payed \$400 per month rent. AL-SALMI payed cash for rent to [redacted] AL-HAZMI has already been living in this apartment, renting a room, and has been in San Diego since approximately January 2000.

AL-HAMZI came to San Diego from Los Angeles. AL-SALMI described AL-HAZMI as very quiet, someone who spent most of his time in his room and someone who did not talk about himself very often. AL-SALMI recalls only going out in the company of AL-HAZMI on two occasions; one to visit the insurance company to register his vehicle and the second time was for pizza. AL-SALMI advised that KHALID ALMEDAR was a good friend of AL-HAZMI and possibly a roommate at one time. AL-SALMI stated the last time he saw AL-HAZMI was approximately 10 months prior to 9/11 attacks (September 11, 2001) and he did not speak with him at the time.

AL-SALMI advised he went to Bank of America with [redacted] to open an account. AL-SALMI did not remember the account number or how much money he deposited. This bank was located in Lemon Grove, very close to his apartment. AL-SALMI stated that at a later date when he moved to La Mesa he opened another bank account at Washington Mutual. AL-SALMI did not remember the bank account number.

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Before AL-SALMI traveled to the US, AL-SALMI's father advised him to get traveler checks so he would not have to carry all cash. AL-SALMI remembered that he had purchased traveler checks in Riyadh but did not remember the amount.

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AL-SALMI stated he brought money and traveler checks to the US with him so he could pay for his school, rent and other living expenses. AL-SALMI advised that school and books cost him about \$2,500 per semester and \$400 per month for rent.

AL-SALMI was asked if AL-HAZMI paid for his car insurance because he was on the same insurance policy. AL-SALMI did not remember how he paid for the insurance and stated that insurance was not that expensive and could not remember the exact amount but that it cost approximately \$100-\$300 per six (6) months.

AL-SALMI stated that his father, mother and older brother lived in the US in Tennessee from 1978-1983.

In September 2002, AL-SALMI arrived in the Czech Republic to study Information Systems at Hradec Kralove University. AL-SALMI advised he has completed two years of school, and at the present time is studying to take his last exam on June 21 and than to complete his thesis. Graduation is scheduled for June 28th. AL-SALMI stated he will go to visit his family, his parents and brothers and sisters in Riyadh for the month of July and August. AL-SALMI plans to return to Czech Republic in September 2004 to continue at the university in the Master's Program. After AL-SALMI completes the Master's Program, he plans to return to Saudi Arabia to live.

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AL-SALMI advised that he is very close with his family and many time feels homesick. AL-SALMI has a roommate, [REDACTED] who is also studying in Hradec Kralove University, at the medical school. [REDACTED] will be staying in the Czech Republic for the summer to attend summer school.

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AL-SALMI advised that [REDACTED] has visited US in 1996 with his family, while vacationing in Florida. b6 b7C

AL-SALMI advised that he was asleep and someone woke him to tell him about the 9/11 attacks which were being shown on TV. AL-SALMI did not believe something like this was really happening that it was like a movie.

AL-SALMI stated he recognized AL-HAZMI's photograph after the 9/11 attacks and could not believe that AL-HAZMI was one of the hijackers.

AL-SALMI confirmed that he became married the day after the 9/11 attacks. Presently, AL-SALMI is not in contact with his wife, he remained in contact with her for approximately one year after he departed the US. AL-SALMI appeared extremely uncomfortable talking about the wife and marriage and stated "I don't want to talk about it."

After the 9/11 attacks and his arrest in the US, AL-SALMI felt that he could not live in the US anymore and decided to return to Saudi Arabia. AL-SALMI felt that everyone was always looking at him because he was an Arab. AL-SALMI departed the US at the end of May/beginning of June 2002.

AL-SALMI advised that he can be re-contacted at any time and provided the following contact numbers: 1) in the Czech Republic his cell phone 420 721 662 033; 2) through [REDACTED] in Al-Rayan - Riyadh.