

THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TERRORIST ATTACKS UPON THE UNITED STATES
COMMISSION DOCUMENT REQUEST

DOCUMENT REQUEST: DOCUMENT REQUEST #23-4

SUBJECT: A COPY OF THE SECURITY SYSTEM VIDEOTAPE SUPPOSEDLY DEPICTING MOHAMED ATTA IN VIRGINIA IN
THE FIRST HALF OF 2001.

PACKET #1

{FEBRUARY 2, 2004}

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2001	VHS VIDEOTAPE	VHS VIDEOTAPES- MOHAMED ATTA IN VIRGINIA IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2001.	2	001-002
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Surveillance Video - Pacific Ave Branch, Virginia Beach, VA of Suntrust Bank
Bank Transaction by Mohamad Atta on 04/04/01

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DATE 05-02-2006 BY
60309AUCTAM/MLT/CLS DUP
TO 1006600, DATED 3/29/06
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FBI/DS Deployment - Freetown, Sierra Leone

Situation Report

As of: 2200Z, 02/09/2004

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Activity:

The team met with Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL) [redacted] on 02/09/2004. [redacted] provided access to an SCSL protected witness, symbol number [redacted]. The team interviewed [redacted] with pertinent results, see the attached report. Subsequent to this interview, [redacted] provided the team with documents related to the investigation in Monrovia, Liberia, about which he had been interviewed on 02/08/2004. These documents, in conjunction with the results of his interview, are documented in the attached report.

[redacted] advised the team it would again not be able to interview [redacted] as it was now the rule of the SCSL that no detainees could be interviewed without the permission of their defense counsel. According to [redacted] his counsel could not be reached, but was due to arrive in Freetown on the evening of 02/16/2004. It is [redacted] belief it is unlikely [redacted] defense will allow an interview, although it is possible.

The team continues to maintain a dialog with Amembassy Monrovia to facilitate the team's travel there. **The team is in receipt of the fund site information, much appreciated.** Country clearance has been received from Amembassy Monrovia, and RSO Monrovia has advised he will have a vehicle to meet the team upon their arrival on 02/10/2004.

The team received a phone call from SA [redacted] FBI WFO, regarding the cable mentioned in the previous 02/09/2004 sitrep. SA [redacted] advised that, while she had not seen the cable, she was in the process of closing the case and did not want the team to attempt to cover the lead information provided in the cable. Therefore, the team will not conduct this investigation.

Intent:

The team, minus [redacted] will travel to Monrovia on 02/10/2004 as described in the previous 02/09/2004 sitrep. The team will make all appropriate contacts once it has arrived at Amembassy Monrovia.

[redacted] will remain in Freetown and attempt to contact [redacted] defense counsel in order to request permission to interview him. If permission is granted, an interview will be arranged as soon as possible, and may be accomplished by the Monrovia element upon their return to Freetown. If the defense counsel cannot be reached, the team does not intend to extend in Freetown for the counsel's arrival. Not only does SCSL staff not believe permission for such an interview will be granted, the team's investigation to date makes it unlikely that an interview [redacted] would be fruitful in any case.

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The team anticipates reporting from Amembassies Dakar and Kinshasa, and additional reporting from Amembassy Monrovia.

Personnel:

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Administrative/Logistical:

It is apparent, based on DOS traffic to the team, that there is some confusion about [REDACTED] requirements at Dulles. He is not traveling due to a medical emergency, but is traveling as originally scheduled in order to be at home in time for his wife's pre-planned surgery. TL requests only that the standard expediting conducted by the Dulles RA be provided to [REDACTED] upon their arrival to avoid any confusion with BICE, and to ensure any such confusion does not interfere with [REDACTED] domestic connection. For clarity, [REDACTED] itinerary is resent below:

Depart Freetown as scheduled on 02/12/2004, arriving at Washington, Dulles via Brussels at 1530 hrs on 02/13/2004 on United Airlines Flight 951.

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FBI/DS Deployment - Freetown, Sierra Leone

Situation Report

As of 1300Z, 02/09/2004

Activity:

The team met with Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL) [REDACTED] on 02/08/2004. [REDACTED] had returned from Monrovia, Liberia on 02/07/2004, where he had conducted investigations related to the SCSL's mandate. In the course of these investigations, [REDACTED] had interviewed several members of the staff of the Royal Hotel in Monrovia. This hotel was formerly known as the Hotel Boulevard, and was a known hangout for [REDACTED] and those with whom he conducted illicit diamond deals. In the course of these interviews, [REDACTED] displayed a page of photos of the Top 22 Terrorists taken from the FBI web site. According to [REDACTED] all parties interviewed identified [REDACTED] as individuals who had spent time in the hotel. A report on this contact will follow under separate cover pending [REDACTED] provision of documents in his possession relating to his investigation in Monrovia. [REDACTED] strongly advocated the team's travel to Monrovia, claiming "everything was in Monrovia," and that if the team chose not to travel to Monrovia, it "would not be doing its job."

[REDACTED] described the following as the investigative leads for the team he had discovered in Monrovia:

- 1) Interviewing the staff at the Royal Hotel (formerly Hotel Boulevard); Interviews at the Liberian Anti-Terrorist Unit (ATU) HQ in Bataala (phonetic), Liberia. These potential interviews are based on information that the individuals identified by the Royal Hotel staff as [REDACTED] may have traveled to the ATU HQ. Before the team conducts any investigation into this matter, the lead information will be confirmed and more specifics garnered. RSO Monrovia will then be consulted on the feasibility of travel to, and interviews in, the ATU compound; and,
- 1) To locate and interview [REDACTED] if possible. [REDACTED] is described as [REDACTED] the CHARLES TAYLOR regime who leased a Boeing 737 aircraft for TAYLOR to use as his "presidential aircraft." [REDACTED] is reportedly now the Liberian Ambassador at Large for the Ivory Coast. According to [REDACTED] is an associate [REDACTED] and used the 737 to transport a number of Lebanese diamond traders into and out of Monrovia. At this time, even given the above is factual, the team sees very little connection between [REDACTED] and its investigation. However, any information regarding [REDACTED] available to the team while in Monrovia will be investigated and reported.

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The team met briefly with [redacted] during the evening of 02/08/2004. [redacted] was briefed on the team's meeting with [redacted] and the team's belief it was necessary to travel to Monrovia in light of [redacted] information and allegations. [redacted] concurred and advised he would make contact with his counterpart in Monrovia to facilitate the team's anticipated travel. Additionally, [redacted] provided the team with a classified cable from the Defense Attaché's Office (DAO) in Conakry, Guinea, Unclass Serial: IIR 6 839 0038 04, Unclass Subject: Details on the 1992 Murder of the Catholic Nuns, see **Intent** below.

The team continues to maintain a dialog with Amembassy Monrovia to facilitate the team's travel there. The country clearance cable was sent out on 02/08/2004 from Amembassy Freetown to Amembassy Monrovia, naming [redacted] as travelers, see **Personnel** below. The team is in receipt of LEGAT BONNER's email regarding DCI concurrence for travel to Monrovia and will comply.

Intent:

The team, minus [redacted] intends to travel to Monrovia, Liberia on 02/10/2004 to conduct logical investigation of the leads provided by [redacted]. Transportation will be provided by a regularly scheduled U.N. World Food Program (WFP) fixed wing flight from Freetown to Monrovia, as arranged by the SCSL. The team would then return to Freetown via the same aircraft on 02/14/2004. Due to the current status of the U.S. mission in Liberia, if the team completes all logical investigation in Monrovia prior to 02/14/2004, the team may make alternate plans to return to Freetown earlier. Flight arrangements for [redacted] to return to the U.S. are being negotiated, and the team will require a fund site in order to complete these arrangements. Flight arrangements for [redacted] remained unchanged, see **Administrative/Logistical** below.

The team anticipates possibly interviewing [redacted] and another SCSL confidential witness on 02/09/2004. Reports on these interviews, if they occur, will follow under separate cover.

Based on the content of the aforementioned DAO Conakry cable, the team will contact case agent for the captioned matter, SA [redacted] FBI WFO, to determine whether she would like the team to pursue the lead in Monrovia, if possible. If [redacted] concurs, the team will coordinate with RSO Monrovia to conduct the appropriate investigation while on the ground.

The team anticipates reporting from Amembassies Dakar and Kinshasa, and additional reporting from Amembassy Monrovia.

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As discussed with D/UC [REDACTED] on 02/08/2004, [REDACTED] will travel to Monrovia to conduct logical investigation as described supra. [REDACTED] will remain in Freetown to finalize any investigative issues with the SCSL and will then depart as previously scheduled on 02/12/2004. TL believes this will effectively cover all aspects of the investigation while dramatically reducing the logistical burden of moving personnel to and from Monrovia, lodging them and ensuring their safety while in Monrovia, and arranging for their travel back to the U.S. Additionally, [REDACTED] the week of 02/16/2004, and leaving his itinerary unchanged will ensure he is available to his family during this time.

Administrative/Logistical:

As described supra, the members of the team traveling to Monrovia will do so via U.N. WFP fixed wing aircraft as arranged through the SCSL. While in Monrovia, RSO Monrovia has arranged for the team to be housed on the embassy compound, as required by current embassy rules. RSO Monrovia advised a vehicle and driver would likely be available for the team during their stay. Approval to travel away from the embassy will be negotiated on an as needed basis as the investigation requires. Security arrangements for the team's travel will also be negotiated as needed. While the RSO is required to stay on or near the compound, and therefore would be unavailable to travel with the team, he can provide SPE for the team members, as required. The team will advise of itineraries for [REDACTED] as they become available.

[REDACTED] will depart Freetown as scheduled on 02/12/2004, arriving at Washington, Dulles via Brussels at 1530 hrs on 02/13/2004 on United Airlines Flight 951.

Note: TL requests FT make arrangements with Dulles RA to expedite [REDACTED] through his international arrival on 02/13/2004 at Washington, Dulles in order to facilitate his domestic connection back to Detroit. [REDACTED] will make his own arrangements for transport from Dulles to his residence.

Safety/Medical:

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