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- A. CLASSIFIED FBI INFORMATION RE-REVIEWED PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 14040.
- C-1. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENT(S) AND WITHHELD AT THE DIRECTION OF ANOTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT PENDING FURTHER CONSULTATION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEADLINE IN EO 14040 SECTION 2(D).
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- G. SENSITIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION WITHHELD PURSUANT TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PRIVILEGE.
- J-1. SECTION 102A(i)(1) OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947, AS AMENDED BY THE INTELLIGENCE REFORM AND TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT OF 2004, 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i)(1).
- J-2. INFORMATION PROTECTED FROM DISCLOSURE BY THE BANK SECRECY ACT (BSA) AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE BSA. SEE 31 C.F.R. § 5311 ET SEQ; 31 C.F.R. CHAPTER X.
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- P-1. INFORMATION SUCH AS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, DATES OF BIRTH, AND OTHER SENSITIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION.
- S. NAMES AND OTHER PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/13/2003

To: Counterterrorism

Attn:

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From: Los Angeles

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Contact:

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Case ID #:

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Title:

Fahad Al-Thumairy;

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Synopsis:

Interview of captioned subject.

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Full Field Investigation Instituted:

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Enclosure(s): [REDACTED] U.S. Department of State, Certificate of Revocation.

Details: [REDACTED] On 05/06/2003, Fahad Althumairy was interviewed by [REDACTED] (S) and [REDACTED] (S) Fahad was detained by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE) as a result of him not having a valid visa to enter the country. [REDACTED] (J-3)

[REDACTED] (J-3)
[REDACTED] (J-3) After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview Fahad provided the following information:

[REDACTED] Fahad has been employed by the Saudi Arabian Consulate, Los Angeles, California since 1996. His assignment to the Consulate was recently extended for one year. He works with 2 other individuals, [REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P) in the Islamic Affairs/Media Section. Fahad has no official duties at the Consulate but rather works as an Imam for various Mosques including the King Fahad Mosque (KFM) and the Omar Al Katab Mosque. Fahad was recruited to work for the Saudi Consulate by an individual, Saud Al Abdullah, with whom he studied at the Mohammad Bin Al Saud University. At this University, Fahad obtained his Masters in Islamic Studies. Saud Al Abdullah is currently employed at the Islamic Ministry in Saudi Arabia.

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Re: [REDACTED] (F) 05/13/2003

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] A previous co-worker at the Saudi Consulate, Mohammed Al-Muhanna, left the consulate because he had finished his work. Fahad believes that Muhanna is currently in Saudi Arabia. While in Saudi, Fahad did not see Muhanna but spoke to him once on the telephone.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] At the Saudi Consulate, Fahad had no responsibility for visas. If asked questions about visas, he would refer people to the appropriate Consular Section at the Saudi Consulate.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Fahad has not had any problems with the management of KFM. He has never been told to change the message of his prayers/teachings as the Imam or told what topic to discuss. Moreover, he never spoke of America or Jihad against the U.S. as part of his prayers/teachings. Fahad provided [REDACTED] (P) the manager of the KFM as a reference. Fahad is not aware of any financial discrepancies with the management of KFM, but has heard rumors about the management skimming from the donations.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Fahad initially denied going to the Dar Al Quran mosque. When told that people in the community identified Fahad as going to this mosque, he said he had only been one or two times. Moreover, it was not a mosque but an Islamic school for young children. He was invited to the mosque by [REDACTED] (P)

[REDACTED]

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Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 05/13/2003

(Egyptian) to listen to the children speak. Fahad has no knowledge as to who funds this mosque.

[REDACTED] Fahad was approached by members of the KFM to make arrangements for incoming visitors, mostly scholars, to the mosque. Fahad would make reservations for these visitors at the Travel Lodge Motel. He did not pay for the motel. Fahad rented only one apartment for an associate, Salah. Salah traveled with his ailing father to the U.S. to obtain medical care at UCLA. Salah's father died and he has since returned to Saudi Arabia.

[REDACTED] Fahad's 05/06/2003 arrival in Los Angeles marked the end of his vacation in Riyadh. No one was at the airport to pick up Fahad. His plan was to take a taxi to the Travel Lodge Motel, rent a car, and look for an apartment. He likes the Travel Lodge Motel because of its proximity to the KFM and the Saudi Consulate and its affordable rates. Fahad had no plans to call or meet any friends. When asked who were his friends/associates in the Los Angeles area, Fahad identified the Consulate General, Sammy. Fahad said he was not a social person and had no persons who he considered friends/associates with whom he spent time. When asked if he had any friends in the U.S., he only identified [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] living in Texas.

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[REDACTED] Fahad's wife and children remained in Saudi Arabia. The sister of Fahad's wife is pregnant so she wanted to remain help with the impending birth.

[REDACTED] Fahad denied knowing anyone by the name of Omar Al Bayoumi. He was unaware that the FBI had investigated Bayoumi and that it was widely reported that he had aided the 9/11 highjackers. Fahad did not deny the possibility that he and Bayoumi had been seen together and had telephone conversations. He explained that because of his position as an Imam, Fahad had contact with many people whose names he did not know. Fahad had never been to mosque where Bayoumi was an Imam. He had only been to San Diego twice, once in either 1998 or 1999 to go to Sea World and once in 2002 to attend a party hosted by (P) [REDACTED] the Imam of the Al Ansar Mosque.

[REDACTED] Fahad has traveled to Islamabad, Pakistan. He went for one week with a religious group to study at various universities.

[REDACTED] Fahad's lives in Altakassy, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, home telephone number [REDACTED] (P-1)

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[REDACTED]
To: Counterterrorism From: Los Angeles
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 05/13/2003

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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[REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] Interview results of Fahad Althumairy.

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Date of entry 01/24/2014

MOHDAR MOHAMMED ABDULLAH, date of birth (P-1), 1979, mobile telephone number (P-1) was interviewed first at the Restaurang Thang Long, Upplandsgatan 51, Stockholm, Sweden, then at the Knut Restaurang and Bar, Upplandsgatan 17, Stockholm. An Officer of the Swedish Security Service, Sakerhetspolisen (SAPO), was also present for the interview. After being advised of the identity of the interviewers and the nature of the interview, ABDULLAH provided the following information:

ABDULLAH stated that he is very tired of answering the same questions posed by security services, notably the FBI, regarding the events surrounding the attacks on September 11, 2001. He wanted to speak to the interviewing agent again because he felt this time was different, since during their interview with him the previous day, on December 19, 2013, agents did not ask him the questions he is usually asked. ABDULLAH wanted to put the events of the past behind him.

ABDULLAH was angry and upset when he was first showed the surveillance video taken at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) on June 10, 2000 (hereafter the "LAX video") (C-1). He stated this was because he had been told that the unknown individual in the LAX video (hereafter the UNSUB) was there with him, Nawaf AL HAZMI, and Khalid AL MIHDHAR, although he did not recognize the UNSUB. Additionally, he saw what he believed to be AL MIHDHAR speaking to the UNSUB over the UNSUB's shoulder in the LAX video, which exacerbated ABDULLAH's feelings of being used and lied to by AL MIHDHAR and AL HAZMI. ABDULLAH reiterated that he did not know or recognize the UNSUB, but postulated that AL MIHDHAR and AL HAZMI maybe did, since they had lied to him about so many other things.

It was ABDULLAH's opinion that the UNSUB appeared older than him, AL MIHDHAR, and AL HAZMI in the LAX video. When asked how old he thought the UNSUB appeared to be in the video, ABDULLAH stated that he wasn't sure, but maybe he might have been in his early thirties.

ABDULLAH was told that the object in the UNSUB's hand in the LAX video was a camera (C-1) when he first saw the LAX video, and that they had shown him blown-up pictures of it emphasizing what

Investigation on 12/20/2013 at Stockholm, Sweden (In Person)File # (F) Date drafted 12/23/2013by (S)

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they said was a light on the top and a dark area which was a lens aperture.

ABDULLAH does not remember what his impression of the object was prior to them stating it was a camera.

ABDULLAH believes that the third person he had referred to in his e-mail to the San Diego Union Tribune newspaper reporter (P) was (P) (P), though that was a mistake caused by not having seen the video yet.

He did not think the person was (P) upon viewing it the previous day, on December 19, 2013. Additionally, he reiterated that he was fairly sure he had travelled to LAX on June 10, 2000 with only AL MIHDHAR and AL HAZMI, and absolutely certain that he had travelled back to San Diego that day by car with only AL HAZMI. ABDULLAH stated that they had listened to music of Quranic verses on their trip.

When asked about his statement that he had been shown a picture of himself, AL MIHDHAR, AL HAZMI, and the UNSUB standing in front of a departures status board in LAX, ABDULLAH stated that his memory of that picture had them standing in the same positions that he had seen them in the LAX video he had seen the previous day, on December 19, 2013. ABDULLAH believed he misremembered the location of the photo, and that it was likely from the security line as depicted the LAX video.

ABDULLAH has not told anyone in Sweden about his involvement with AL MIHDHAR and AL HAZMI or his arrest and detainment by the United States Government, and did not think anyone he currently associates with knew about it. He was careful to keep only a small group of friends and avoided sticking out in any way. ABDULLAH feared the release of the video will cause many people not to want to associate with him, and make his life very difficult and possibly dangerous.

ABDULLAH primarily wanted his immigration issues in Sweden resolved so that he can visit his sick father, who resides in Italy. ABDULLAH's brother also resides in Italy with their father.

ABDULLAH was very concerned that he has not ever seen his son. When asked when his son was born, he stated that the FBI knows already, and that he had been born in the year 2002. ABDULLAH did not know the child's full birth date. He stated that his ex-wife (P) (understood by the interviewing agent to be (P)) had three children, the middle one being his, and that he FBI had tricked (P) into lying about not being married to him and not having his child. ABDULLAH believed (P) knew the child to be his, but despite this had faked his son's death with a fraudulent death certificate in order to prevent ABDULLAH from trying to see the child. ABDULLAH identified his primary motivation in life as trying to meet his son.

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ABDULLAH had participated in an interview on Al Jazeera television in Yemen in 2005 or 2006 in which he and Anwar AL ALAWKI were interviewed by reporter Yusri Fuda in Arabic. The night before the interview, ABDULLAH met Fuda and AL ALAWKI for dinner, during which AL ALAWKI espoused Takfiri principles, specifically justifying violence against Muslims. ABDULLAH stated he disagreed and argued with AL ALAWKI, and that interaction carried on into the televised interview the next day. ABDULLAH had asked Fuda that Al Jazeera obscure his face during the interview.

ABDULLAH met AL ALAWKI one other time in Yemen, but stated that he did not remember what the context of the meeting was.

ABDULLAH did not remember AL ALAWKI ever saying anything inflammatory or extreme while he was Imam of the mosque in San Diego, though that had changed once AL ALAWKI moved to Yemen. ABDULLAH remembered a group in San Diego who split off from that mosque, and that there was one individual who was a convert to Islam with very radical views among them. ABDULLAH did not remember the individual's name.

At this time in the interview, the Restaurang Thang Long closed and Abdullah and the interviewing agents travelled down the street to Knut Restaurang and Bar to continue. During the walk, ABDULLAH received phone calls from his brother in Italy, and his housemate. ABDULLAH stated that he did not drink for religious reasons, but would not be offended if anyone else did.

ABDULLAH was very angry about the method in which AL ALAWKI had been killed. ABDULLAH believed that since AL ALAWKI was a U.S. citizen, he should have been given a trial. ABDULLAH was even more upset over the way AL ALAWKI's son had been killed, since unlike AL ALAWKI, he was a boy and had not done harm to the United States.

ABDULLAH's father and AL ALAWKI's father had been friends when he was growing up in Sanaa, Yemen. ABDULLAH did not remember AL ALAWKI well from this time, but ABDULLAH was friends with AL ALAWKI's brother, Omar.

ABDULLAH had not spoken to Omar in years, and said he wondered how Omar was doing.

ABDULLAH stated he sides very strongly with the plight of the Palestinians, and does not agree with the Israeli occupation of Palestine. ABDULLAH has always dreamed of visiting Jerusalem.

ABDULLAH stated that he has a theory regarding the UNSUB, specifically that the UNSUB was an Israeli agent. ABDULLAH stated that he had no way to know

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that this was true, but that he thought the FBI should check the passports of any Israelis who were in the Los Angeles area at the time of the LAX video.

ABDULLAH stated that in retrospect, he did not know whether AL MIHDHAR and AL HAZMI did or said anything that would indicate the future plans they had regarding the events on September 11, 2001. ABDULLAH remembered he was watching the news, and AL HAZMI refused to sit and watch with him, stating that the way the female reporters dressed was "haram" (forbidden).

ABDULLAH told him that AL HAZMI should recognize the great opportunities they had by living in the United States, and that they must make some allowances and be forgiving of some customs in return for those opportunities. AL HAZMI stated that ABDULLAH does not understand.

ABDULLAH became angry, and asked AL HAZMI if he was so concerned about Quranic Law, why he did not grow his beard. AL HAZMI smiled and stated that there were things ABDULLAH would only understand later. ABDULLAH stated that he did not know what AL HAZMI meant at the time.

ABDULLAH was initially introduced to AL MIHDHAR and AL HAZMI by Omar Al Bayoumi, and stated that everyone in the Islamic community at the time believed that Al Bayoumi was working for the Saudi Arabian government.

ABDULLAH questioned why Al Bayoumi had asked him to look out for AL MIHDHAR and AL HAZMI, and stated that since he had not heard anything about Al Bayoumi in the media since the attacks on September 11, 2001, the U.S. Government had not done an adequate job of investigating him.

ABDULLAH also stated that the FBI should talk to Hashim Al Attas, but would not elaborate on why, stating that it should just be done.

ABDULLAH had previously been detained in Sanaa, Yemen following his deportation from the United States. He remembered being detained in group holding cells along with two individuals who had been transferred there from U.S. detention in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. ABDULLAH did not remember their names. He additionally remembered there was another prisoner in the Yemeni jail who had been held in U.S. detention in Guantanamo Bay, but that individual was held in solitary confinement in the basement of the jail.

ABDULLAH had heard about three other former Guantanamo Bay detainees who were in Yemen, but they were held in a separate jail.

ABDULLAH stated that he was an individual of above-average intelligence, and that he had taken IQ tests to prove this. He understood why he had been continuously approached since the attacks on September 11, 2001, but reiterated that he was very tired of being chased and confronted with the same questions.

ABDULLAH had been thinking of giving (S) a call (understood by

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the interviewing agent to be (S) . ABDULLAH stated that (S) had ruined his life, but that they had both good and bad times together.

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On 04/20/2004 the following investigation was conducted by (S)

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(S) in Los Angeles, CA:

Caysan Bin Don, also known as (P)

(P)

, with telephone number (P-1)

(P-1) was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents.

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Mr. Bin Don was asked if he could recall traveling with Omar al-Bayoumi to Los Angeles from San Diego, CA during January 2000 to visit the King Fahad Mosque in Culver City, CA and other business. Mr. Bin Don stated that he did remember this trip with al-Bayoumi.

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As for the trip to Los Angeles, al-Bayoumi asked Bin Don either one or two days before the two of them actually traveled to Los Angeles if Bin Don would accompany al-Bayoumi to the Saudi Arabian (Saudi) Consulate. Mr. Bin Don told the present interviewers that al-Bayoumi specifically asked for assistance with his (al-Bayoumi's) "I-94."

The I-94 is Immigration and Naturalization form that specifies the type of visa and length of time the holder (al-Bayoumi) is allowed to remain in the United States. Mr. Bin Don said that the trip to Los Angeles occurred on a "regular workday" and was not on Friday or the weekend. At this time, Bin Don had known al-Bayoumi about one month..

Mr. Bin Don said that al-Bayoumi drove his (al-Bayoumi's) automobile to the consulate in Los Angeles. Before arriving at the consulate, al-Bayoumi stopped at a photographic shop on Sepulveda Boulevard, in Los Angeles to get photographs of him suitable for a passport. Mr. Bin Don recalls that al-Bayoumi pulled his vehicle up to a gated entrance to a parking garage that was under the Saudi Consulate. Al-Bayoumi spoke in Arabic on the intercom microphone at the gate and the gate was opened and al-Bayoumi drove into the garage and parked. They parked in a normal parking place and walked towards a reception area. Both Bin Don and al-Bayoumi were dressed in Islamic clothing, i.e. a "thobe." The reception area was accessible from the garage. As they

approached this area, three men dressed in western business suits, walked out of the reception area and greeted al-Bayoumi. The conversation was in Arabic and only lasted for a brief period of time. Mr. Bin Don stated that he considered this a happenstance meeting and that the three men from the consulate were only being polite to another “brother.” Mr. Bin Don and al-Bayoumi then entered the reception area. There was no receptionist present and al-Bayoumi used a telephone in the reception area to announce his presence. Mr. Bin Don described the reception area as plain, with a few seats, an airport type metal detector and an airport type X-ray machine.

Mr. Bin Don said that shortly after the call was placed by al-Bayoumi a mid-eastern male, dressed in a western business suit, with a full beard, “two fists length” came out to the reception room and greeted al-Bayoumi in English. Al-Bayoumi introduced the consular employee to Bin Don, but Mr. Bin Don no longer recalls the employee’s name. Al-Bayoumi and the employee spoke briefly about al-Bayoumi’s interest in obtaining religious materials, including Korans from the consulate. Also mentioned in Mr. Bin Don’s presence was the fact that al-Bayoumi had not been at the consulate for at least three months. On the drive up to Los Angeles, al-Bayoumi told Mr. Bin Don that he, that is al-Bayoumi routinely traveled to the consulate to obtain Islamic religious materials.

Mr. Bin Don then stated that he “ran in to” the consular employee at a shopping mall in Anaheim, CA within the last six months. (P)

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Mr. Bin Don was asked about the rest of the visit to the Saudi Consulate. Mr. Bin Don said that al-Bayoumi followed the consulate employee into the offices of the consulate while Bin Don waited in the reception area. After some period of time, al-Bayoumi reappeared carrying a box of Korans and other religious materials. Mr. Bin Don said that the religious literature was to be used at the El Cajon, CA mosque. Al-Bayoumi, with the sponsorship of a well-to-do Muslim, was helping to establish that mosque. Mr. Bin Don and al-Bayoumi left the consulate by returning to al-Bayoumi's automobile. At Mr. Bin Don's suggestion they drove to the King Fahad Mosque, in Culver City, CA, which was not far from the Saudi Consulate's location in west Los Angeles. Mr. Bin Don explained that they prayed at the "*masjid*" (mosque). After their prayers, al-Bayoumi suggested that they both go to a near by *halal* restaurant. Al-Bayoumi drove from the King Fahad Mosque to the restaurant, which Bin Don recalls as being located on Venice Boulevard in Culver City. They found a parking place in front of what al-Bayoumi stated was the restaurant. They went inside and determine that this business was not a restaurant but a *halal* meat market. The proprietor of the market told

al-Bayoumi that there was a *halal* restaurant a short walk from the market. Al-Bayoumi and Bin Don left the market and walked to the restaurant which is named the Mediterranean Café. Mr. Bin Don noted that they did not have to move the automobile. Mr. Bin Don is now very familiar with the Mediterranean Café and had patronized the establishment on the day of this interview. Mr. Bin Don said that he showed FBI agents both businesses during a previous interview.

Mr. Bin Don and al-Bayoumi ordered their food over a counter, in a fashion similar to a fast food restaurant. Mr. Bin Don stated that they then sat in an “alcove” to wait while their food was prepared. While waiting at the table, Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar walked into the restaurant. They were speaking Arabic and ordering coffee. Al-Bayoumi overheard them. Mr. Bin Don said that al-Bayoumi is “very friendly” and immediately addressed the two in Arabic, and invited them to sit with Bin Don and al-Bayoumi. Al-Bayoumi asked al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar their names and where they were from. They told al-Bayoumi that they were from Saudi Arabia. The conversation was in Arabic, but al-Bayoumi occasionally translated the responses of al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar into English. Mr. Bin Don said that al-Bayoumi offered to buy a meal for the two in the “Islamic tradition.” Al-Hazmi told al-Bayoumi and Bin Don that he was from Mecca, (P)

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When brought back to the subject at hand, Mr. Bin Don said that al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar told al-Bayoumi that they were living in an apartment “near by.” Al-Hazmi went on to tell al-Bayoumi that they had just arrived in the United States and were studying English. Mr. Bin Don said that the exchange was vague to him, since he only spoke limited Arabic. Mr. Bin Don recalls at this late date that al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar told al-Bayoumi they were unhappy in Los Angeles. Al-Bayoumi invited them to visit San Diego to see if they would want to move to San Diego. Al-Bayoumi and al-Hazmi apparently exchanged telephone numbers. Mr. Bin Don was asked if he specifically recalls that al-Hazmi had a telephone, or whether al-Bayoumi only provided his telephone number. Mr. Bin Don could not recall the exact sequence. After about

thirty minutes al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar left the restaurant. Mr. Bin Don said that they did not have a motor vehicle. He does not recall the direction that they walked after leaving the Mediterranean Café. Mr. Bin Don stated emphatically, that he had no information from al-Bayoumi in advance that they would meet al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar at the Mediterranean Café. He further said that the meeting was “purely a coincidence” and that al-Bayoumi’s friendly nature was the reason that al-Bayoumi showed an interest in the situation of al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar. Mr. Bin Don and al-Bayoumi then left the restaurant and returned to the King Fahad Mosque for the sunset prayer. Al-Bayoumi did not offer to take al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar to the mosque, nor did Bin Don see them at the mosque for the sunset prayer. Bin Don and al-Bayoumi left Los Angeles before the evening prayer.

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The next contact with al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar was at the party that al-Bayoumi organized. The party was held in the apartment occupied by al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar. Mr. Bin Don described the attendees at the party as, “many people from the community.” Mr. Bin Don described the behavior of al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar as normal and that they both appeared to be at ease. Mr. Bin Don videotaped the party at the request of al-Bayoumi, using al-Bayoumi’s video camera. Some of the guests at the party did not want to be videotaped and Bin Don assumed that this was for religious reasons. Mr. Bin Don said that for most of the party, he remained in the kitchen area. During the party, based

on what little conversation Bin Don could understand, al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar told the others that they were students. Mr. Bin Don said that everyone at the party was a “brother” that he recognized from attending prayer services at the ICSD.

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Mr. Bin Don’s statement to the 9-11 Commission and the Commissioners which has been paraphrased in part is as follows:

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/25/2004

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: PENTTBOM Investigative Team
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From: Los Angeles
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Contact: (S)

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Case ID #: (F)

Title: PENTTBOM
MC 182

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Synopsis: Interview of Cayson Bin Don concerning Omar
Al-Bayoumi.

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Reference: (F)

Administrative: Telcall on 8/18/04 between (S)
Los Angeles, and (S), PENTTBOM Investigative Team.

Enclosure(s): Original and copy of FD-302 for an interview
of Cayson Bin Don and a photograph of (P).

Details: On 8/3/04, Cayson Bin Don, aka Usama Alva Dyson, was
interviewed concerning his visit to the Royal Consulate General of
Saudi Arabia in Los Angeles in January of 2000 with Omar Al-Bayoumi.
After their visit to the Consulate, Bin Don and Al-Bayoumi met
the Flight 77 hijackers Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar at a

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To: Counterterrorism From: Los Angeles
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 08/25/2004

nearby restaurant. This was Bin Don's third interview about these meetings which included one by the 9/11 Commission on 4/20/04. The reports of the previous interviews are in referenced serials [REDACTED] (F) and [REDACTED] (F).

[REDACTED] The purpose of this third interview was to show Bin Don a photograph of [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] (P), an administrative employee at the Saudi Consulate, who is originally from [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) matched the description Bin Don had previously provided to the Bureau of the Consulate employee that Al-Bayoumi had met with for the purpose obtaining Islamic books as per referenced [REDACTED] (P). It is known [REDACTED] (G) that [REDACTED] (P) is a [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) and he regularly passes out inflammatory Islamic literature at the Consulate which is above and beyond his normal responsibility to only pass out copies of the Koran.

[REDACTED] Bin Don had previously been shown a California driver's license photograph of [REDACTED] (P), number [REDACTED] (P) but he could not identify him. However this photograph does not accurately depict [REDACTED] (P) appearance since the photograph has his hair as dark and not gray, does not show the extent of his balding, and has his beard too short. The enclosed photograph from [REDACTED] (P) immigration file, which was shown to Bin Don, is how [REDACTED] (P) currently looks.

[REDACTED] (P) During this third interview when Bin Don was shown [REDACTED] (P) immigration photograph, Bin Don immediately said it was the person he met at the Consulate although he did not know his [REDACTED] (P)'s name. Bin Don also reported that he had seen this person at a Middle Eastern clothing store in late 2003 or early 2004 and told him that he had been interviewed by the FBI.

[REDACTED] Bin Don maintained that the meeting with the hijackers after his and Al-Bayoumi's visit to the Consulate was strictly a chance encounter. Bin Don had no information as to whether [REDACTED] (P) would have known the hijackers and does not believe there was any connection between the encounter with the hijackers at the restaurant and their visit to the Consulate. Further details of the interview are documented in the enclosed FD-302.

[REDACTED] (P) will be interviewed in the near future in accordance with [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] and will be asked about his meeting with Al-Bayoumi and knowledge of the hijackers.

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[REDACTED]
To: Counterterrorism From: Los Angeles
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 08/25/2004

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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[REDACTED] Read and clear. Provide a photograph of Omar Al-Bayoumi and any specific questions to be asked when [REDACTED] (P) is interviewed.

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09/30/2008

(P-1) On 09/25/2008, (P) (P-1) (P), CDL (P-1) A# (P-1) hereinafter, (P) was contacted on a public sidewalk on the corner of Charger Boulevard and Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California, by (S) (S), FBI, and (S) NYPD. After advising the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, (P) needed time to attend prayer at the Islamic Center of San Diego, ICSD, also called Masjid Abu Bakr, and agreed to meet with the agents later that day.

(P) On this same date, 09/25/2008, an interview took place with (P) in his apartment at his request, (P) (P) home telephone (P), personal cellular telephone (P), business cellular telephone (P). After casual conversation, (P) voluntarily provided the following information. The end of December 1999, noted by (P) as the last ten days of Ramadan, Omar Al Bayoumi, asked (P) to host two visiting Sheikhs from Saudi Arabia at his apartment. (P) described these Sheikhs as two well known Scholars of Islam who had traveled from Saudi Arabia to San Diego to visit and attend the ICSD. (P) could not provide the names or any further information regarding the Sheikhs who stayed with (P) in his apartment for the last ten days of the Ramadan season. (P) believed Al Bayoumi asked him to host the Sheikhs because (P) was single, living alone in an apartment and the apartment was in close proximity to the ICSD. (P) noted that he had arrived in San Diego the end of October 1999 from (P) and after socializing at the ICSD, Al Bayoumi approached him regarding hosting the Sheikhs.

(P) denied receiving or making telephone calls to or from Fahad Al Thumairy, (F) Omar Al Bayoumi, (F) or Anwar Aulaqi, (F) during the time period of December 1999.

On 09/25/2008, (P) originally stated he had not idea who made the telephone calls mentioned above, taking place during the time period of December 1999 (P) later attributed the telephone calls mentioned above, taking place during the time period of December 1999, to his former roommate named (P). Further in the interview, (P) again changed his answer regarding the telephone

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calls mentioned above, taking place during the time period of December 1999, by attributing the telephone calls to the two visiting Sheikhs, mentioned above. (P) did not give the Sheikhs permission to use his telephone nor did he remember seeing or overhearing the two Sheikhs using his telephone in the apartment.

On 09/26/2008, (P) voluntarily agreed to a second interview with the same interviewing agents which took place in a public place outside the Starbucks Coffee Shop on the corner of Balboa Avenue and Genesee, San Diego, California. During this interview, (P) attributed the telephone calls mentioned above, taking place during the time period of December 1999, to Khalid Al Mihdhar. (Agent note: Khalid Al Mihdhar and Nawaf Al Hazmi were identified as two of the 9/11 hijackers on American Airlines Flight 77. They both resided in San Diego for a period of time during the year 2000).

(P) remembered Khalid Al Mihdhar using his telephone at his apartment to make a call on two occasions. The first time Khalid Al Mihdhar made a call, he paid (P) in cash for the call. At that time, Khalid Al Mihdhar told (P) he was calling his wife in Yemen. The second call was not agreed to by (P). (P) remembered an incident where he had to confront his roommate at the time, (P), with an unexplained charge after receiving his telephone statement for a 30 minute telephone call to Yemen. (P) knew that Khalid Al Mihdhar had made the second call from his telephone to the country of Yemen because (P) was familiar with the area code to Yemen. (P) was upset with the amount of the telephone bill, (P) could not recall the amount of the single call or the approximate total of the bill.

(P) claimed he did not know Fahad Al Thumairy, he only knew him as a guy working at the Saudi Embassy. (P) understood from Omar Al Bayoumi that the two hijackers wanted to move from Los Angeles, California, to San Diego, California. (P) stated Al Bayoumi drove the hijackers down from Los Angeles to San Diego. (P) did not accompany Al Bayoumi when he drove the hijackers from Los Angeles to San Diego. After arriving in San Diego, Al Bayoumi told (P) to help the hijackers get around and take them to drink coffee. (P) accompanied the two hijackers around San Diego because they did not read or write English and needed assistance in comprehending the locality. (P) had the hijackers over his apartment on a regular basis for dinner and to socialize. Al Bayoumi told (P) that he, Al Bayoumi, was responsible for the two hijackers, NFI. (P) understood the hijackers were just two students from Los Angeles. (P) never assisted or saw the hijackers attend school. (P) noted that Khalid Al Mihdhar would regularly pay for both Khalid Al Mihdhar and Nawaf Al Hazmi.

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(P) again informed he would regularly have Khalid Al Mihdhar and Nawaf Al Hazmi over his apartment to socialize. (P) attended a dinner party for Al Mihdhar and Al Hazmi at their apartment located across the large street from his apartment. The party was hosted by Omar Al Bayoumi. Al Bayoumi went in person to (P) apartment in which Al Bayoumi personally invited (P) to the party for Al Mihdhar and Al Hazmi. (P) was asked if he was aware of Al Bayoumi hosting the party for the hijackers as an introduction to the Muslim community or did the party serve as a farewell by the Muslim community to the hijackers. (P) claimed he did not know why Al Bayoumi hosted a party for the hijackers. (P) denied any participation or knowledge of any terrorist attacks which took place in reference to the United States. (P) denied participation or knowledge of any future terrorist attacks towards citizens of the United States. (P) denied knowledge of terrorist activities particularly in reference to Khalid Al Mihdhar and Nawaf Al Hazmi.

(P) socialized with the two hijackers on a number of occasions but he could not recall or give agents an example of what they talked about. (P) played soccer with the hijackers at a park near the ICSD. After (P) saw the photos of the two hijackers on television after the attacks of 9/11 he said he was so distraught that he vomited. (P) claimed he became ill because he could not expect the hijackers to do that. (P) further stated he never thought the hijackers could do something of that nature because they were not smart.

(P) claims Omar Al Bayoumi brought the hijackers over to (P) apartment in March 2000. (P) was focused on the month of March as the month that he met the hijackers through Al Bayoumi, had them over the apartment for socialization, played soccer with them and took them to Starbucks Coffee shop. (P) stated he was not protecting anyone, and then made the statement, all of the people we are talking about live outside of the U.S. (P) then noted that he was the only one left here.

(P) went to the Masjid Ar Ribat for the first time on a Saturday shortly after the hijackers arrived in San Diego. (P) could not remember with whom or how he got to the Masjid Ar Ribat. (P) denied driving or accompanying the hijackers to the gathering. (P) recalled it was a gathering and dinner for people originally from Yemen or of Yemeni descent who were living in San Diego. Anwar Aulaqi had invited (P) and all the attendees for the gathering and dinner. (P) remembered meeting Anwar Aulaqi at that gathering because he was the Imam of the Masjid Ar Ribat. It was important for (P) to go to this gathering because it was an opportunity to socialize with fellow Yemeni people living in San Diego, California. (P) could not remember if anyone told him to go to the Masjid Ar Ribat in order to meet the Imam, which was Anwar Aulaqi. (P)

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remembered meeting mainly with Mohdar Abdullah at this gathering. Mohdar Abdullah and (P) had previously become acquainted at the ICSD. After the gathering Mohdar invited (P) over to his (Mohdar's) apartment which was in close proximity to the Mosque.

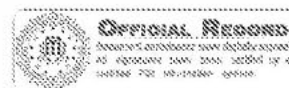
Mohdar Abdullah, (F) read the Quran at the apartment, the talk was all in the Arabic language. Samir Abdoun, who was Mohdar's roommate, was at the apartment. There were others at the apartment but (P) could not recall their names. (P) claimed nothing took place except for the reading of the Quran.

(P) and the two hijackers, Nawaf Al Hazmi and Khalid Al Mihdhar visited the San Diego Zoo in February or March of 2000. (P) roommate at the time, (P), could not attend the outing that particular day and asked (P) to take the hijackers to the Zoo because (P) had an annual pass to enter the San Diego Wild Animal and Zoo parks. (P) remembered he and the hijackers rode the guided tour bus at the Zoo and stayed a total of a couple of hours visiting the San Diego Zoo. (P) did not know why the hijackers were interested in seeing the San Diego Zoo.

The last time (P) talked to Omar Al Bayoumi was right before he left for England to attend college which was approximately in August 2001. (P) acknowledged it was a big honor to have the two before mentioned Saudi Sheikhs stay with him because Omar Al Bayoumi picked him after recently arriving in San Diego.

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On Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 12:30 PM (Pacific Costal Time) (P)
(P) Date of Birth (P) Social Security number (P-1) Place
of Birth: (P) met in a conference room at the Anaheim Marriott Suites
(12015 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, California, Zip code 92840) with FBI
New York (S) (S) (NYPD), FBI San
Diego (S), Homeland Security Investigator
(HSI) (S) FBI New York Supervisory Intelligence
Analyst (S) and FBI New York (S)
(S) (NYPD) who identified themselves and presented their
credentials. (S) first inquired about (P)'s health.
(P) stated he was recovering from a slight cold, but that the cold should
not prevent him from participating in the interview. (P) advised that
other than the cold, but he felt well. Investigators advised (P) that they
appreciated his participation in this interview. (P) voluntarily provided
the following information:

(P) lives in Anaheim, California and is unemployed. (P)
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(P) a friend found him employment at a school located in San
Diego, California. (P) stated he worked there on a one year contract and
that at the conclusion of the year, his contract was not renewed. Since
then, (P) found occasional short-term work assisting students and
tutoring. (P) states his lack of steady employment caused financial
difficulty.

Investigators asked (P) why he continued to work at the CKSA-LA in an
administrative capacity when he had a degree in (P). (P) stated
visa issues impacted his ability to find work in the United States. (P)
originally hoped employment with the CKSA-LA would assist him gain a
permanent path to residency in the US and full time employment. (P) stated

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his educational background, work ethic and foreign language skills helped him get the job at the CKSA-LA. (P) states he is a fluent speaker of (P). He also understands and can speak some (P). He demonstrated some of those language skills for investigators. (P) stated these skills resulted in him being assigned to 'translation work' at the CKSA-LA.

Arrival and Working at the United States:

Investigators asked (P) how he came to work at the CKSA-LA. (P) stated he arrived in the US in about (P) to study (P) at the (P) and later found work at CKSA-LA [Author's note: for details on this period for (P) refer to FBI Case File# (F)]. (P) stated the majority of his assignments at the CKSA-LA focused on responding to mail (postage), correspondence on behalf of the Consulate and translation issues. (P) stated he worked in his office on the second floor of the Consulate, mostly by himself, and was directed by CKSA-LA leadership to handle inquiries from non-Saudi citizens who transacted business with the Consulate. (P) generally did not handle interactions with Saudi citizens who sought assistance. (P) stated Saudi citizens who came to or called the Consulate had direct access to Saudi employees of the consulate. These Saudi employees of the Consulate treated Saudi citizens who came for assistance with extra special care. (P) stated Saudi citizens who visited to the Consulate would go to a 'special section' of the building for service or meet the leadership of the Consulate elsewhere in the building. (P) stated business and assistance to Saudi citizens occurred outside of his awareness, as he spent most of his time in his office alone. (P) stated on some days he never came out of his office until it was time to go home. (P) added that CKSA-LA officials did not mix freely with non-Saudi citizens or non-Saudi employees of the consulate. (P) said, "The Saudis kept to themselves."

(S) presented (P) with a series of photographs. (P) looked at the photographs and stated he did not recognize anyone.

FAHD AL THUMAIRY

(S) pointed to FAHAD AL THUMAIRY's photo [author's note: one of the photos presented to (P) a few minutes before] and asked (P) if he recognized or knew THUMAIRY. (P) looked at the photo again and said THUMAIRY looked different in the photo and that he knew THUMAIRY when he was the Imam of the King Fahad Mosque (KFM). (P) also stated the real name of the King Fahad Mosque was the 'Ibn Tammiyah Mosque', which was sponsored by the Ibn Tammiyah Society (NFI). (P) added

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that he knew THUMAIRY well from his time at the KFM and that THUMAIRY was a good, kind and gentle person. (P) stated THUMAIRY was so gentle that if, he saw an ant crossing a road he would cross to the other side of the street to avoid stepping on the ant. (P) was asked if he had ever heard any negative information about THUMAIRY, to which (P) replied he had not. (P) added that THUMAIRY was the only person from the KFM who stayed in contact with him after he (P) was terminated. THUMAIRY kept in touch with (P), sometimes by phone, calling occasionally until recently, particularly on holidays to check in on (P) to see if (P) was well. (P) was asked when the last of these phone calls occurred and he stated the last time that THUMAIRY contacted him was approximately 2012. (P) stated he had a good relationship with THUMAIRY and THUMAIRY invited (P) to conduct prayers on Friday once a month at the KFM.

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(P) was asked if he recognized the name (P) (P) stated he did not know the (P) but added that he knew who we were asking about. (P) stated he knew (P)'s father, (P), who worked for the Saudi Educational Mission in Houston. (P) stated that any contact he might have had with (P) would have occurred when (P) was a very young child. (P) stated he knew (P)'s father (P) and that his father was a good man.

NAMAF AL HAZMI and KHALID AL MIDHAR

(P) was shown photographs of NAMAF AL HAZMI and KHALID AL MIDHAR [Authors note: these photos were the same photos (P) had been shown at the beginning of the interview, when he did not recognize anyone] and stated he did not know either of them in his time at either the CKSA-LA or the KFM. (P) stated he does not recall ever meeting them, though he knows who they are now. (P) states he does not believe in terrorism and that terrorism is forbidden in Islam. (P) was asked if he knew anyone who helped HAMZI, MIDHAR or any of the 9/11 hijackers. (P) answered that he did not, but if he did he would tell us.

CAISIN BIN DON

(P) was shown a photograph of CAISIN BIN DON [Authors note: this is the same photo (P) had been shown at the beginning of the interview] and stated he recognized the individual as a person who approached (P) in an Islamic clothing store in the Los Angeles area after 9/11. (P) described (P) as a (P) and stated BIN DON (P) and told (P) that he (BIN DON) had been approached by the FBI and asked questions about 9/11 and the hijackers. (P) stated BIN DON asked (P)

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(P) [author's note: (P) stated BIN DON (P) (P) stated he told BIN DON (P) (P) recalled the first time he met (P) was when OMAR AL BAYOUMI brought a (P) [author's note: (P) pointed to the photo of BIN DON] to the CKSA-LA. (P) (P) (P) was asked what he remembered about BIN DON. (P) stated that he did not know him, had never met him before the meeting at the Consulate and did not recall having any other conversations with him. (S) asked (P) to look at the photo again and to try and remember the conversation and what (P), BIN DON and BAYOUMI spoke about. (P) stated he could not remember because he spoke to so many people at the Consulate. (S) asked (P) what he knew about BIN DON, (P) replied that he did not know anything about (P). (P) was asked if he knew BIN DON's family, (P) stated BIN DON came from a (P) and added that BIN DON's wife was of (P) ethnicity.

OMAR AL BAYOUMI

(P) was shown a photograph of OMAR AL BAYOUMI. [Authors note: this is the same photo (P) had been shown at the beginning of the interview] On the second viewing (P) recognized him as the man who accompanied CAISIN (P) to the CKSA-LA. (P) stated BAYOUMI was a Saudi citizen who was treated with great respect inside the Consulate. BAYOUMI was well regarded by the people in the Consulate and held a "very high status" when he entered the building. (P) stated BAYOUMI's status was higher than many of the Saudi persons in charge of the Consulate. (P) stated he first met (P) when he was called to the Consular's office to provide BAYOUMI and (P) some literature about Islam and Islamic religious practice. (P) stated that these pamphlets and books are on display in the Consulate for anyone to take. (P) stated the Consulate gave them out for free. (P) stated he and BAYOUMI spoke for a brief time and then BAYOUMI took the pamphlets and left. (P) does not recall what they spoke about.

(P) meeting with OMAR AL BAYOUMI and CAISIN BIN DON in the CKSA-LA.

(P) was asked if he remembered speaking to BAYOUMI by phone, he responded that he spoke to many people and does not recall speaking to BAYOUMI. (P) was asked if he recalled the first time he met BAYOUMI, he responded that he saw him once or twice but that the meeting in the Consulate was the first meeting he remembers. (P) added that the meeting only lasted a few minutes. Investigators asked (P) why he brought books and pamphlets to BAYOUMI and BIN DON if they are on display and available for all to take. (P) was unable to provide an answer to this question. (P) was asked if he sat down to speak to BAYOUMI and BIN DON, (P) replied the meeting took

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place by an exterior secretary's desk area and that he does not recall sitting down to speak to BAYOUMI or BIN DON. (P) added that people come in and out of the Consulate all the time but he rarely saw anyone because he sat in his office alone most of the time. (P) was asked what he could recall about meeting BIN DON and BAYOUMI that day and answered BIN DON was (P) who (P) later met again at the King Fahad Mosque. On this day at the Consulate with BAYOUMI, (P) was called by either head of the Saudi Affairs department in the Consulate or his secretary and asked to offer some literature about Islam to BAYOUMI's friend, (P) (P) recalled that this (P) came from a (P). (P) was asked if he had ever met with anyone like this before and (P) he had never met with anyone like he met with BAYOUMI and BIN DON.

The Mediterranean Restaurant: OMAR AL BAYOUMI and CAISIN BIN DON meet AL HAZMI and AL MIDHAR

(P) was asked if he knew of a Mediterranean Restaurant on Venice Boulevard. (P) stated he did and added that it was owned by a friend of his. (P) was asked if he ever ate in that restaurant and (P) stated that he had eaten there many times. (P) was asked if other employees of the CKSA-LA ate at that restaurant and (P) stated that the Saudi employees at the mosque would never eat there. (P) added that the Saudis kept to themselves and brought their own food from home or ate together. If the Saudis wanted to order food, they would use a 'hi-end' Lebanese Restaurant in Los Angeles to cater for them. (P) was asked about the day (P) BIN DON came to the Consulate with Omar AL BAYOUMI. (P) was asked if he directed BAYOUMI or BIN DON to the Restaurant. (P) stated he could not recall what they spoke about. (P) was asked if it was possible that he could have recommended the Mediterranean Restaurant on Venice Boulevard as a location for AL BAYOUMI and BIN DON to go and eat. (P) said he could not recall right now, but it was possible. (P) added that his friend has sold the Mediterranean Restaurant on Venice Boulevard and his nearby store and made a lot of money.

ANWAR NASSER AULAQI

(S) pointed to a photo of ANWAR NASSER AULAQI [Authors note: this is the same photo (P) had been shown at the beginning of the interview] and asked (P) if he recognized AULAQI. (P) stated he did not know who the man was. (P) was asked if he had ever heard of AULAQUI, (P) stated he did not know who AULAQUI was until approximately 2004, when he read about AULAQUI in an Arabic language newspaper named, Al Sharq al Aswat, which mentioned AULAQUI. Investigators asked (P) to explain this, since there was so much media coverage of AULAQUI and the events of 9/11, and the hijackers HAMZI and MIDHAR's activity in Los Angeles, San Diego and

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the KFM. (P) stated he does not have television in his house. (P) was asked if anyone he knew ever discussed these issues, (P) stated no one ever spoke about these people to him. (P) was asked how this was possible, and how were we (the investigators) supposed to believe that an educated man like himself who had had personal contact with a location visited by 9/11 hijackers AL HAMZI and AL MIDHAR would never have heard anyone speak about the people involved in the 9/11 attacks. (P) stated that of course he knew about the incident at the World Trade Center and that all Muslims disapprove of this type of event. (P) stated he had read the 9/11 Commission report. (P) was then asked if he recalled if anyone he knew met the hijackers or spoke about meeting them. (P) replied that no one he knew, met or helped the people involved in the accident at the World Trade Center. The investigators informed (P) that they were investigating the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, not an accident.

(P)

(P) was shown a photograph of (P) and asked if he remembered ever meeting or speaking to (P). (P) stated he did not recognize the photograph or remember speaking to (P). (P) was asked if he remembered the name (P) at all. (P) stated he did not and again stated he had met so many people in his job at the CKSA-LA he could not remember them all. (P) was asked if he had ever called (P) on the phone, and (P) responded that he may have, because he called so many people, but he could not recall now.

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(P) was shown a photograph of (P) and asked if he remembered ever meeting or speaking to (P). (P) stated he did not recognize the photograph or remember speaking to (P).

MANA: EMPLOYMENT AT THE CKSA-LA

Investigators asked (P) to describe how he came to be released from employment at the CKSA-LA. (P) stated he was terminated from employment at the KFM with no explanation as to why he was being let go. (P) stated that one day he received a letter stating his service would no longer be required and that this practice was unusual because he was being terminate before the mandatory retirement age. At this point (P) began to choke up and get teary eyed. (P) stated he was let go with no pension, no money and no payment upon his release. (P) stated when former close friends he worked with at the CKSA-LA see him at holiday events, they ignore him. (P) stated no one, other than FAHAD AL THUMAIRY, has called him to check on him to see how he is or to check on his personal welfare. (P) stated that he is personally hurt by this. (P) added his termination has caused financial

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difficulty for him and his family. (P) stated that he had helped numerous people at the Consulate gain college degrees, helping them prepare college term papers, tutoring them for their exams, helping them with application for school. (P) stated he never asked for compensation for this [Authors Note: (P) wiped away tears while he told this story, his voice choked with emotion]. (P) said that within his time at the CKSA-LA, six people acquired master's degrees and three individuals gain doctoral degrees with his assistance (NFI).

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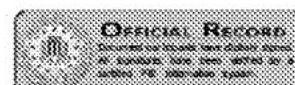
Investigators informed (P) that they were concerned (P) had not been forthcoming in the interview and had avoided providing complete answers to certain questions [Author's note: (P) is an articulate man who displayed a facility for remembering specific events and details related to the questions asked but was unable to remember other matters which he should be likely to recall. (P)'s statements regarding having never discussed matters and never have heard anyone speak about the people involved in the 9/11 attacks lack credibility]. (D)

(D)

(P) was informed by interviewing investigators of the importance of telling the truth (D) [Authors note: (P) became visibly nervous during this time]. Investigators offered (P) the opportunity to meet again the next day (November 13, 2015) should (P) recall any additional details regarding the questions or should (P) which to clarify any matters discussed. (P) stated he would think about it and would contact the investigators.

(P) called investigators later in the day and informed them he would like to discuss these matters further on Friday, November 13, 2015 (The next day).

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[REDACTED] (P) DOB [REDACTED] (P-1) (P) Social Security Number [REDACTED] (P-1) POB [REDACTED] (P) was interviewed at the Anaheim Marriott Suites (12015 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, California, Zip code 92840). Investigators waited for [REDACTED] (P) to arrive at the hotel, the same location as the previous day's interview. [REDACTED] (P) arrived in his own vehicle at approximately 11:35 (Pacific Coast Time) and greeted investigators FBI New York [REDACTED] (S) FBI San Diego [REDACTED] (S) Homeland Security Investigator (HSI) [REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] (S) FBI New York [REDACTED] (S) and FBI New York [REDACTED] (S) were present and identified themselves. [REDACTED] (P) voluntarily provided the following information:

[REDACTED] (P) began the discussion by taking a piece of paper and a pen from bag he brought with him and asked if he could write down the names of the FBI personnel present. All agreed, and [REDACTED] (S)

[REDACTED] (S)

[REDACTED] (G)

Investigation on 11/13/2015 at Anaheim, California, United States (In Person)

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by [REDACTED] (S)

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(S) also presented (P) with their business cards. Upon receipt of the business cards, (P) stopped writing down names.

(U) (P) asked if he could clarify some matters he had discussed the prior day. (P) stated he spent (P) years and three months working for the Saudi Consulate and felt he had lived and worked as a semi-diplomat and he feels today that he lived up to the standard of a diplomat. (P) added that his wife is not aware that he has had contact with US government officials.

Investigators asked (P) whether King Fahad Mosque (KFM) employees ever asked anyone at the Consulate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (CKSA-LA) to help newly arrived Saudi exchange students or other foreign travelers. (P) recalled that one time Mohammed MUHANNA who worked at the CKSA-LA and the KFM, called the CKSA-LA Consul General to ask (P) to meet with two people. (P) stated the Consul General misunderstood the request and it was not related to the September 11 attacks.

(P) stated that MUHANNA and THUMAIRY were closely associated at the KFM. Fahad al THUMAIRY was the Imam of the Mosque, but THUMAIRY never contacted (P) to coordinate between people and added that they both always showed respect for (P)

OMAR AL BAYOUMI and CAISIN BIN DON'S VISIT to KFM

(P) was asked if he remember any other details about BAYOUMI and BIN DON's visit to the KFM [Authors' note: for further details on this meeting see FD-302 related to November 12, 2015 interview with (P) (F)]. (P) stated BAYOUMI had more clout at the CKSA-LA than either MUHANNA or THUMAIRY and added that BAYOUMI was considered higher in rank than the Consul General. On the day that BAYOUMI and (P) (BIN DON) came to the KFM, BAYOUMI may have asked (P) for the location of a nearby halal restaurant. If he had, (P) would have recommended the 'Mediterranean Grill' a restaurant on Venice Boulevard [Authors' note: This is the location Omar al BAYOUMI told investigators he met HAMZI and MIDHAR for the first time and invited them to visit San Diego]. This Mediterranean Grill was the only restaurant that (P) knew at the time in the area which had a grocery store with halal meat and is also a restaurant.

(P) recalled that the owner of the Mediterranean Gourmet restaurant circa 2000 was his friend, (P) named (P). (P) reiterated as he did in the prior interview that Saudis from CKSA-LA never went to the Mediterranean Grill. They would cater food from a nearby

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Lebanese restaurant. Also, married Saudi's like THUMAIRY would not have gone to the restaurant.

(P) could not explain why he would recommend a like the Mediterranean Grill restaurant to someone as important as BAYOUMI, as it was not a place the other Saudis would have patronized.

(P) stated many people knew that (P) ate at the Mediterranean Restaurant He knew how to get there and he would have told BAYOUMI how to travel there.

(P) was specifically asked if THUMAIRY told him to tell BAYOUMI to go to the Restaurant or if THUMAIRY asked (P) to provide BAYOUMI with direction to the Restaurant.

(P) stated he did not recall THUMAIRY asking him to do either.

(P) was asked to provide any other detail he might recall on when he was asked to meet BAYOUMI and BIN DON and he stated the day BAYOUMI and (P) visited the Consulate, BAYOUMI and (P) came to the Saudi Section on the first floor and (P) was called down to bring them a packet of literature on Islam that he had been asked to prepare for the convert. (P) says he clearly remembers this. Before BAYOUMI arrived, the Saudi section of the Consulate called (P) telling him to ready the packet for BAYOUMI's companion, (P) (P)

(P) remembers that he stood with BAYOUMI and BIN DON, and greeted them. (P) spoke to BAYOUMI in Arabic, BAYOUMI inquired how (P) was doing and (P) (P). The meeting occurred near mid-day.

(P) states did not know BAYOUMI by name at the time, he had to ask the Saudi section afterwards who BAYOUMI was.

(P) was asked if he recalled or knew anything about an individual named (P). He said he did not, but then added he may have met him at the KFM. (P) stated his children and his wife never knew BAYOUMI.

(P) was asked if he had ever spoke by phone or email with any of the people we had asked him about. (P) denied having spoken with (P). (P) did note that a lot of people would call him at home and at work and ask for favors, such as speeding up their visa applications. At work he also received a lot of calls from religious centers and schools. People called (P) because he was known for getting things done. He was known as far as New Mexico, Texas, Colorado and New York for giving out Korans from the CKSA-LA.

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(P) DEPARTURE FROM THE CONSULATE

(P) When (P) left his job at the KSA consulate, he did receive a stipend. The Consul General at the time and a visiting Saudi prince gave him some financial help. After he left the consulate, (P) wife got a teaching job for three or four years. Now (P) gets about \$500 per month from Social Security.

(P) stated that during his (P) years working at the CKSA-LA consulate, he earned approximately (P) a month in salary. He stayed at the CKSA-LA for that length of time in a (P) job, even though he has (P) degree, because he felt he needed the visa to remain in the United States. He has sometimes wondered whether it was a curse or blessing to be at the Consulate. (P) felt his treatment at the CKSA-LA was worse than a slave without an education, and (P) survived this time in his life on his own personal strength.

CKSA-LA leadership asked (P) to perform tasks which he considered beneath him, such as (P) the Saudi National Day celebration event. (P) performed this task for two years, but then in the third year he refused. He apologized to the Vice Consul, Dr. Sami al Ibrahim, and told Dr. al Ibrihim he would not do it. (P) was concerned about refusing because Dr. Ibrahim's wife is related to the late Saudi King Fahad. About three year ago, Mr. Zahrani (who had first introduced (P) to Dr. Ibrihim) told (P) that Dr. Ibrahim said that (P) had refused (P) and it was a "shame." Ibrahim conjectured that maybe this was the reason (P) (P) at the consulate.

(P) TIME IN SAUDI ARABIA

(P) In 1981, (P) went to KSA for seven months to receive training in assisting Saudi students who would travel to and study in the United States. When asked if he had been ever been approached by Saudi governmental officials, recruited or received training by Saudi intelligence services at this time, (P) was non-committal and did not answer the question.

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Los Angeles

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Title:

PENTTBOM
(G)MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID;
aka MOHDAR MOHAMED ABDULLAH;
(A), (G), (J-1)ANWAR AULAQI
(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis:
(P)

To report results of interview of (P)

(G)

Administrative:

(A), (G), (J-1)

Details:

On 07/19/2007, writers and Buffalo JTTF member (S) (S) of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) met with (P) at his place of business (P), (P) Niagara Falls, New York 14303.

(P) stated that he does not go by any other names including (P). (P) reported that he was born on (P) in (P). (P) immigrated to Toronto, Canada in (P) from (P). When questioned regarding the details of such immigration (P) became visibly upset, stopped talking and began to cry. Writers surmised that the experience of leaving (P)

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during (P) would have been particularly traumatic, gave (P) a moment to collect himself and moved on to other questions.

Family

(P) stated that his father's name is (P) and his mother's name is (P). Both his father and mother are U.K. citizens normally residing in London. However, currently, (P) is living with his younger wife (P-1) Last Name Unknown (LNU) in Jeddah, Saudia Arabia.

In total, (P) stated that his father had four wives and twenty children. (P) advised that he did not know the name of the other two wives and that, in addition, he felt uncomfortable providing such information as he did not feel it related to him. (P) added that his mother and father had ten total children, including (P). There are four sons in order from oldest to youngest: (P-1)

(P-1) Both (P-1) live near (P) in Canada, while (P-1) lives in Maryland. There are six daughter in order from oldest to youngest: (P-1)

(P-1) and (P-1) (P) indicated that all six of his sisters are currently residing in the U.K.

(P) stated that he is ethnically Arab but his family and their ancestors had been living in (P) for "maybe 500 years." (P) added that his family was probable originally from Yemen as there are a number of Yemenis who have the name (P).

During the beginning of the interview, SA (S) called a Department of Homeland Security (P) Interpreter (INTERPRETER) and then passed the phone to (P). In (P), the INTERPRETER asked (P) if he spoke (P), if he was (P) and where he was from originally. (P) answered in (P) stating that he did speak (P), was (P) and grew up in a small town in the south of (P). The INTERPRETER stated to writers that from his limited interaction (P) seemed to be (P) and that his accent "sounded like someone from the south of (P)." [REDACTED]

Canada

In 1994, (P) began attending (P) in Ottawa, Canada. In 1999, (P) graduated from (P) with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Soon after graduating (P) began interviewing for jobs. One interview was with (P) located in San Diego. According to (P) saw the job [REDACTED]

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opening on monster.com and decided that San Diego was "a nice place" so went to San Diego to interview. (P) was subsequently offered a job working on their website, (P) and entered the U.S. on October 23, 1999 with an H1B visa. (P) indicated that he got along well with the CEO of the company (P) LNU, but has not had contact with him of late.

(P) states that he never knew MOHDAR ABDULLAH while he or ABDULLAH was living in Ottawa, even though they were both living there at the same time. (P) indicated that he only met ABDULLAH in San Diego.

San Diego

(P) stated that he lived at (P), (P) San Diego, CA 92117 when he first arrived in southern California. (P) described the apartment as a "small one-bedroom." When questioned regarding whether he had a roommate or if anyone had stayed with him while he was living at the above address, (P) responded "no, except for my wife later on." However, upon further prompting (P) seemed to recall that from approximately January 2000 until April or May 2000 he had a roommate. (P) was unsure what his roommate's name was, but believed it to be (P). (P) was a Saudi Arabian national who was attending an ESL program at UCSD. (P) was unable at such time to provide any additional information regarding (P) except to say that he attended the ISLAMIC CENTER OF SAN DIEGO (ICSD) with (P). (P) agreed to try to find out (P)'s whereabouts and let writers know.

(P) was then asked about the following individuals and provided information thereto:

(P) ANWAR AULAQI - (P) was familiar with the name and perhaps the individual but did not know him well. (P) stated that AULAQI was political and that he (P) was not particularly interested in such things.

(P) (A), (G), (J-1) (P) advised that he met (P) in Mecca, Saudi Arabia when they were both making the Umrah. (P) along with three other individuals, (P), (P) and (P), had won a scholarship given out by an (P), NFI, in San Diego. (P) stated that other than in this context he did not know or interact with these individuals.

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[REDACTED] MOHDAR ABDULLAH - (P) stated that he knew ABDULLAH casually from the ICSD. (P) stated that no one introduced them but that they simply met one time after prayers at the mosque. When asked, (P) stated that ABDULLAH had emailed him once since ABDULLAH returned to Yemen in May 2004, about getting his college transcripts. (P) indicated that he did not respond to this email and has not heard from ABDULLAH since. (P) could not explain how ABDULLAH would still have his email address after spending three years in prison, except to say that it was an easy email address to remember. (P) offered that ABDULLAH would probably respond if (P) wrote an email to him, adding that he had heard ABDULLAH was "reaching out" to a lot of people in the San Diego community.

(P) also could not explain why ABDULLAH would have had his phone number when ABDULLAH was arrested in 2001, only adding that they knew each other so it would be natural for him to have it.

[REDACTED] According to (P), ABDULLAH was always with a group of people and was a very gregarious individual.

[REDACTED] OMAR AL BAYOUMI (F) - (P) met AL BAYOUMI at the ICSD after one of the prayers sessions, but did not know him well. AL BAYOUMI, according to (P) did try and talk with (P) often but this was almost always in reference to AL BAYOUMI trying to sell him his "business model." (P) could not recall what exactly was his "business model." (P) stated that AL BAYOUMI was "kinda different" but could not elaborate. Everyone, according to (P) noticed this differentness.

[REDACTED] When questioned about AL BAYOUMI's relationship to KHALID AL MIHDHAR and NAWAF AL HAZMI, (P) stated that AL BAYOUMI acted as if he was "responsible for them" and was always very "interested in their affairs." (P) added that this was probable because AL BAYOUMI had "brought them" to San Diego (referring to AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR). (P) was not able to be more specific as to how AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR had been brought to San Diego from Los Angeles.

[REDACTED] (P) recalled one occasion when AL BAYOUMI invited him to come over to AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR's apartment. (P) believed that this would have been in February or March of 2000. In addition to the four of them there were some additional individuals from the ICSD. (P) believed that this gathering was a way to introduce AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR to the local community.

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[REDACTED] At first, [REDACTED] (P) stated that AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR never visited his apartment, however, after some prompting he stated that, in fact, they came over somewhat regularly to visit with his roommate [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) added that there were often "a lot of guys" from the ICSD over at his apartment with AL HAZMI, AL MIHDHAR and AL BAYOUMI. Despite such regular visits [REDACTED] (P) states that he did not know AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR well or speak with them often. [REDACTED] (P) described this group of males as very similar in situation, i.e. they were all around the same age, all students, and all attended the ICSD. [REDACTED] (P) advised that he was unable to recall anyone else's name as he broke contact with them in the summer of 2000 after he got married. [REDACTED] (P) stated that he changed apartments, stopped socializing with the group and thereafter lost contact with everyone. [REDACTED] (P) added that he does remember that ABDULLAH was a part of the group and came over with them as well.

[REDACTED] (P) - [REDACTED] (P) stated that he did not know him.

[REDACTED] (P) - [REDACTED] (P) stated that he did not know him.

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[REDACTED] (P) - [REDACTED] (P) stated that he did not know him.

[REDACTED] (P) - [REDACTED] (P) stated that he did not know him.

[REDACTED] Writers subsequently questioned [REDACTED] (P) about calls that had been made from telephone number [REDACTED] (P) subscribed to [REDACTED] (P) during his time living in San Diego. In particular, [REDACTED] (P) was asked about seven calls between himself and AL BAYOUMI in the first three months of 2000 and an additional five calls in June of 2000. [REDACTED] (P), in the opinion of writers, became noticeably angered and stated that there were "no calls" with AL BAYOUMI. Upon the insistence of writers that such calls existed, [REDACTED] (P) remembered two additional individuals that stayed with him in his one-bedroom apartment on [REDACTED] (P) From the middle of December 1999 until

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the middle of January 2000, IMAM MUHAMMED and IMAM KHALID, NFI, both from Saudi Arabia, were visiting the ICSD. AL BAYOUMI asked if they could stay with [REDACTED] (P) for the month and [REDACTED] (P) agreed. According to [REDACTED] (P) the IMAMS must have made those calls to AL BAYOUMI or AL BAYOUMI must have been calling the IMAMS. [REDACTED] (P) added that it was also possible he spoke with AL BAYOUMI on the phone regarding a blanket that AL BAYOUMI had loaned to the IMAMS for their stay in San Diego. [REDACTED] (P) stated that the IMAMS had lost the blanket which was "special to AL BAYOUMI," and therefore AL BAYOUMI was upset and calling [REDACTED] (P) about it.

[REDACTED] (P) was also asked about two calls received from [REDACTED] (P) and one call made to telephone number [REDACTED] (P) on 03/02/2000. [REDACTED] (P) responded that he does not know anyone in Yemen and would not have made those calls. Again, after repeated insistence from writers that such calls took place, [REDACTED] (P) stated that it must have been his roommate [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) could not explain why a Saudi national would receive calls from or make a call to this Yemeni telephone number. [REDACTED] (P) also then began to recall an argument he had with [REDACTED] (P) regarding a call to Yemen that cost "something like fifty bucks." [REDACTED] (P) could not provide any more information as to these phone calls.

Finally, [REDACTED] (P) was questioned regarding any phone calls made to Dallas, Texas. [REDACTED] (P) responded that he had never called Dallas, but had been looking at getting a job there. NOTE: See [REDACTED] (A), (G), (S)

Recent Situation

[REDACTED] (P) left San Diego on 07/09/2006 driving with his family to St. Catherine's, Canada. He drove because he wanted to take his family on a cross-country trip. [REDACTED] (P) stated that he decided to leave San Diego because he wanted to open up his own business in a location where there would be less competition and his visa was expiring at the end of the year. Soon after arriving in Canada, [REDACTED] (P) started a company [REDACTED] (P) that specializes in [REDACTED] (P).

[REDACTED] (P) In August of 2006, after leaving San Diego, [REDACTED] (P) officially graduated from [REDACTED] (P) with a Master of Science in Computer Science. [REDACTED] (P) had, however, finished classes earlier in the summer, adding that he had not been in San Diego since he left in July 2006.

[REDACTED] (P) In December 2006, [REDACTED] (P) learned that he had won a U.S. "green card" through the lottery system. [REDACTED] (P) stated that

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he had originally applied for one while still living in San Diego in October or November of 2004. [REDACTED] (P) is currently planning on moving back to the U.S. before the end of October to ensure he keeps his green card.

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Accomplishment Information:

Number: 1
Type: ASSOCIATED WITH TERRORIST GROUP MEMBER
ITU: AGENT INTERVIEW
Claimed By:

SSN: [REDACTED] (G), (S)

Name: [REDACTED]

Squad: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Squad: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Squad: [REDACTED]

Number: 1
Type: DOMESTIC/FOREIGN TRAVEL OF INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL
ITU: AGENT INTERVIEW
Claimed By:

SSN: [REDACTED] (G), (S)

Name: [REDACTED]

Squad: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Squad: [REDACTED]

Number: 1
Type: POSITIVE TERRORISM (DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FBI)
ITU: LIAISON WITHIN FBI
Claimed By:

SSN: [REDACTED] (G), (S)

Name: [REDACTED]

Squad: [REDACTED]

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

BUFFALO

(G) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Conduct logical investigation of [REDACTED] (P)
(P) [REDACTED].

Set Lead 3: (Info)

SAN DIEGO

(G) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 4: (Info)

CINCINNATI

(G) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 5: (Info)

LOS ANGELES

(G) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 6: (Discretionary)

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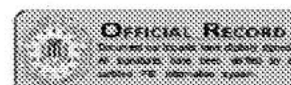
(G) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Consider the information contained herein for
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On December 16, 2015, (S) [redacted], FBI SD-JTTF, and Detective (S) [redacted] NYPD, NY-JTTF, interviewed (P) [redacted], aka (P) [redacted] date of birth (P-1) [redacted] (P) [redacted] Place of Birth, (P) [redacted], Social Security number, (P-1) [redacted] INS number (P-1) [redacted] at his home address (P) [redacted] (P) [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents in which (P) [redacted] voluntarily provided the following:

(P) [redacted] inquired as to why interviewing agents were still asking further questions regarding (P) [redacted] previous association with two 9/11 hijackers. (It should be noted that two 9/11 hijackers, named Nawaf Al Hazmi and Khalid Al Mihdhar from AA flight 77, resided and were assisted in their personal affairs by (P) [redacted] during the beginning of 2000 while they all resided in Los Angeles, California). (P) [redacted] stated that he thought investigators were finished after his previous interview in 2007 with his attorney present. (P) [redacted] was advised that the interviewing agents were pursuing current leads, particularly, to an event that occurred at a Mediterranean restaurant in the Los Angeles area that pertained to (P) [redacted] being a participant. (P) [redacted] remembered the event stating the hijackers were staying in his apartment at the time and that he was asked by the hijackers to take them to the above mentioned Mediterranean restaurant. Being that (P) [redacted] apartment was in close proximity to the restaurant he walked the hijackers to the restaurant from his apartment. (P) [redacted] insisted he was not instructed by anyone to take the hijackers to the restaurant other than the hijackers instructing him to take them there. (P) [redacted] said the hijackers previously knew of this restaurant before him walking them to it. (P) [redacted] was unaware of how the hijackers knew the restaurant or if they were instructed to be at the restaurant for lunch. (P) [redacted] did mention that after walking the hijackers to the restaurant he left and did not eat with the hijackers. (P) [redacted] denied being instructed or notified by anyone to walk the two hijackers to this particular Mediterranean restaurant prior to that event occurring. (P) [redacted] was aware that the two hijackers met with an individual named Omar Al Bayoumi while at the restaurant but (P) [redacted] was unaware of the conversation that took place between them.

Investigation on 12/16/2015 at (P) [redacted] United States (In Person)

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by (S) [redacted]

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(P) In addition to the above event, (P) wanted to point out to interviewing agents that he was not present at another occasion that he was asked about in the past. This event occurred at a hotel room where the hijackers stayed, (It should be noted that this event took place on a return trip by the hijackers to Los Angeles from San Diego, California, in June 2000). (P) pointed out that two Yemeni males, identified as Mohdar and (P) stayed with the hijackers in the hotel room on that occasion. (P) ate dinner with the hijackers earlier that evening but did not go to the hotel room that night. (P) agreed when interviewing agents said that Mohdar was named Mohdar Abdullah and (P) was named (P).

(P) Interviewing agents asked (P) if he was acquainted with an individual named (P). (P) immediately acknowledged that he was acquainted with (P) (P) and (P) met through the mosque in Los Angeles, California. (P) and (P) became acquainted after they attended together the King Fahad Mosque years ago. (P) described his relationship with (P) as not close, he said they spoke in person on a casual basis. (P) denied ever speaking to (P) over the phone. At the time, (P) was working for the Consulate Office for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Los Angeles. (P) was unaware of (P) particular duties at the Consulate Office. (P) acknowledged that his mother was best friends with (P) wife and as a result the (P) family and the (P) family have been well acquainted for years. (P) mother and father have relocated back to San Diego, California, after only residing in (P)

(P) (P) wanted clarification from interviewing agents as to why (P) (P) contacted his, (P) (P) named (P), to make a current inquiry of (P). (P) relayed that (P) telephonically contacted (P) two days ago to advise of (P) inquiry of him, (P). The contact between (P) and (P) occurred recently in Los Angeles, California. (P) asked (P) why (P) was asking about him and learned that (P) was in the process of obtaining citizenship from the United States. (P) would not elaborate on how (P) knew of (P) immigration process or what else was discussed between (P) and (P). (P) was unaware of how being acquainted with (P) would affect (P) immigration process. (P) was still confused as to (P) inquiry with his brother in law due to (P) not having had any contact with (P) since (P) resided in Los Angeles.

(P) At this time, (P) wanted to advise interviewing agents that he has moved on with his life since associating with the two 9/11 hijackers by relocating to (P) and buying an affordable home, he has had two more

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children born to the union with his wife since moving to (P) and now he has a total of five children to raise. (P) has been employed by the (P) for the past (P) years to include a company transfer to (P) from San Diego. Presently, (P) has been promoted to the position of (P) for (P) (P) of (P). (P) ended the interview at this time stating any further questions should be directed to his attorney, (P).

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/08/2007

To: Counterterrorism

Attn:

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CIRG

Attn:

Buffalo

Attn:

San Diego

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Los Angeles

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New York

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From: New York
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Contact:

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MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID;
aka MOHDAR MOHAMED ABDULLAH;
(A), (G), (J-1)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(G) PENTTBOM LEADS AND RELATED INVESTIGATION
(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis: To report results of interview of KAYSAN BIN DON.

(G)

Administrative: (A), (G), (J-1)

Enclosure(s): Photocopies of photographs of KHALID
AL-MIHDHAR, NAWAF AL-HAZMI and OMAR AL-BAYOUMI.

General Note:

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Details:

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[REDACTED] BIN DON stated that when they arrived in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, AL-BAYOUMI first drove around Santa Monica looking for a halal restaurant AL-BAYOUMI had eaten at before with his son. After failing to locate it, AL-BAYOUMI drove to the Saudi Consulate. At the consulate AL-BAYOUMI met with a male individual unknown to BIN DON and spoke with him in Arabic. BIN DON described this individual as being in his 40s or 50s, bald, a Tunisian citizen, and at that time was giving lectures at the KFM. BIN DON stated this unknown individual and AL-BAYOUMI embraced and then went into a room and closed the door. After approximately twenty minutes, AL-BAYOUMI emerged from the room and he and BIN DON subsequently left. BIN DON did not recall seeing AL-BAYOUMI's passport at such time but assumes he had it as that was the stated purpose of their trip to Los Angeles.

Writers queried BIN DON to give an honest assessment of his Arabic language skills at the time. BIN DON in response held up his hand in the shape of a "zero." BIN DON added that he had basically no understanding besides being able to exchange "hello's" and "good bye's."

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After visiting the consulate, AL-BAYOUMI and BIN DON proceeded to the KFM. BIN DON advised that they did not attend an organized prayer session but merely prayed alone for five or ten minutes. Writers queried if AL-BAYOUMI showed BIN DON around the KFM, as that was ostensibly the reason BIN DON came to Los Angeles.

BIN DON commented that they were in "hurry" because it had taken so long to drive up to Los Angeles, so there wasn't time. Writers queried if BIN DON or AL-BAYOUMI was in "hurry," to which BIN DON replied, "I guess AL-BAYOUMI." BIN DON could not fully explain why they were in a hurry since they had already taken care of the visa issue, but offered that they had not eaten yet so they needed to

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BIN DON and AL-BAYOUMI left the KFM and parked off of Venice Boulevard, just to the east of the two restaurants they entered. The first restaurant they entered was named, "something like 'Mediterranean Deli.'" Upon entering, AL-BAYOUMI spoke to the proprietor of the establishment in Arabic, which AL-BAYOUMI translated for BIN DON as "he said they 'don't serve sit down meals.'"

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if the two men were Arab or Hispanic. Writers queried whether AL-BAYOUMI ever stated this or gave any information to indicate that this is why he was staring. BIN DON stated that AL-BAYOUMI did not give any such indication but added that "that must have been why he was staring."

BIN DON stated that AL-BAYOUMI then went up to the counter and began talking with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. The three of them then proceeded to the front table near the window and sat down with BIN DON. BIN DON indicated that the entire conversation was in Arabic and so he was dependent on AL-BAYOUMI for any information as to topics being discussed. The three talked for thirty minutes to an hour and then exchanged telephone numbers. AL-BAYOUMI translated for BIN DON that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR were currently living in an apartment nearby but that he had invited them to come to San Diego since AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR did not like Los Angeles. BIN DON added that he believed that AL-BAYOUMI gave his cell phone number and AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR gave a land-line number. These assumptions are based on the fact that "most Muslim men only give their cell numbers out," because they don't want to risk someone calling their home and their wife answering and the fact that BIN DON did not believe AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR had had time to get a cell phone as they had been in the U.S. "only a couple of days."

After exchanging phone numbers, the four separated with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR walking off together and AL-BAYOUMI and BIN DON returning to their car. BIN DON stated that he did not see where or which direction AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR went. However, before returning to the car, AL-BAYOUMI wanted to stop at a small grocery store that was about fifty yards from the car. They walked around inside for a few minutes and then without buying anything, returned to the car.

At this time in the interview, BIN DON wanted to emphasize to writers that this was a "chance meeting" and that AL-BAYOUMI had received no information about AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR before meeting them. (P)

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AL-BAYOUMI then drove back to the KFM, where he and BIN DON prayed for five to ten minutes. Again, this prayer was not part of an organized prayer session at the KFM. AL-BAYOUMI and BIN DON prayed alone and then left the KFM to return to San Diego. BIN DON guessed that it would have been after five o'clock and probably closer to six, as it was "fully dark" outside when they began the trip back to San Diego.

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Number: 1
Type: ASSOCIATED WITH TERRORIST GROUP MEMBER
ITU: AGENT INTERVIEW
Claimed By: (G), (S)

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Type: DOMESTIC/FOREIGN TRAVEL OF INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL
ITU: AGENT INTERVIEW
Claimed By: (G), (S)

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LEAD(s) : [REDACTED]

Set Lead 1: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Info)

CIRG

AT WASHINGTON, DC

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] Read and clear

Set Lead 3: (Info)

BUFFALO

[REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Read and clear

Set Lead 4: (Info)

SAN DIEGO

[REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED]
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LOS ANGELES

[REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 6: (Discretionary)

NEW YORK

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Consider the information contained herein for
possible IIR dissemination, coordinate with [REDACTED] (G)

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Precedence: ROUTINE

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San Diego

Attn:

From: New York

(G), (S)

Approved By: (S)

Drafted By:

Case ID #:

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Title: OPERATION ENCORE

(A), (G), (J-1)

OMAR AHMED MUSTAFA AL-BAYOUMI

(A), (G), (J-1)

MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID;

aka MOHDAR MOHAMED ABDULLAH;

(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis: Results of interview of Kaysan Morgan

Details:

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[REDACTED] MORGAN stated that AL-BAYOUMI then went up to the counter and began talking with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. It appeared to MORGAN that the two men were reluctant to come with AL-BAYOUMI to the table where MORGAN and AL-BAYOUMI were sitting. MORGAN described AL-BAYOUMI "pulling at their shirts" to persuade them to come over to the table. The three of them then proceeded to the front table near the window and sat down with MORGAN. MORGAN indicated that the entire conversation was in Arabic and so he was dependent on AL-BAYOUMI for any information as to topics being discussed, because MORGAN knew no Arabic at the time. The three talked for thirty minutes to an hour and then exchanged telephone numbers. AL-BAYOUMI translated for MORGAN that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR were currently living in an apartment nearby, but that he had invited them to come to San Diego since AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR did not like Los Angeles. MORGAN added that he believed that AL-BAYOUMI gave his cell phone number and AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR gave a land-line number. These assumptions are based on the fact that "most Muslim men only give their cell numbers out," because they don't want to risk someone calling their home and their wife answering and the fact that MORGAN did not believe AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR had time to get a cell phone as they had been in the U.S. "only a couple of days."

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AL-BAYOUMI met with the same unknown male he met at the Saudi Consulate earlier. The two men went into a "conference room" near the entrance of the mosque, and spoke alone for approximately 2 to 3 minutes. When AL-BAYOUMI exited the room, he walked over to another male and engaged in a brief conversation with him also. (P)

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Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 06/20/2010

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Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 06/20/2010

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON D.C.

[REDACTED] read and clear

Set Lead 2: (Info)

SAN DIEGO

AT SAN DIEGO, CA

[REDACTED] read and clear



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REASON: 1.4 (C)
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Date of entry 04/05/2018

Mohdar Mohammed ABDULLAH, date of birth (P-1) /1979, mobile telephone number (P-1) telephonically contacted (S) on 04/04 /2018. ABDULLAH continues to reside in (P-1) and is currently married with children. ABDULLAH intends to attempt to travel to the United States (US) to try to establish the parental status with the son he believes he had with his former fiancée (P) and sought information regarding his current status with the US Government.

ABDULLAH believes his alleged child with (P) is residing in (P-1) now, and ABDULLAH has been in contact with the "San Diego Family Law Firm," telephone number 619-618-1984, regarding potential efforts to establish his parentage of (P) child. The San Diego Family Law Firm quoted him a retainer fee of \$4,000.00 USD, which he has withheld paying pending determination of his ability to visit the US.

According to contacts in an unidentified San Diego mosque (P) attends whom ABDULLAH still speaks with, (P) does not want any contact with ABDULLAH. These contacts have also provided ABDULLAH with social media accounts for (P) and her former boyfriend.

ABDULLAH is aware that he is mentioned in a pending lawsuit involving allegations of Saudi Arabian government involvement in the 09/11/2001 attack on New York on made by families of the victims, and asked about further information regarding the lawsuit. ABDULLAH believes that Saudi Consulate employees, particularly Omar AL-BAYOUMI, may have been somehow complicit in helping the hijackers. When questioned why he believes that, ABDULLAH stated that is his opinion and he doesn't know anything more than what he had provided to the FBI in the past.

ABDULLAH asked about the status of the tape of the hijackers in Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) from June 2005, and whether the unidentified person in the tape had been located. ABDULLAH claims to remember the tape as it was shown to him vividly, and that he thought about often. ABDULLAH claimed no further information about the tape or the visit to the airport than what he had previously provided.

Investigation on 04/04/2018 at Los Angeles, California, United States (Phone)

File # (F) Date drafted 04/05/2018

by (S)

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Telephonic contact with Mohdar

Continuation of FD-302 of Mohammed ABDULLAH

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ABDULLAH is in the process of applying for a (P-1) passport, and intends to apply for a US visitor visa. Before doing so, he wishes to communicate with the FBI to determine his status, particularly whether he is still a subject of investigation. ABDULLAH remains in contact with agents from the (P-1).

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Precedence: ROUTINE

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MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID;

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(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis:

To report information received during telephone
call from (P).

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To: Counterterrorism From: New York
Re: (P) [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 08/21/2007

Administrative:

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Details: [REDACTED] On 08/21/2007, writer received a phone call from [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] who was calling from his place of business at [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] Niagara Falls, New York 14303.

[REDACTED] Writer queried [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] as to his well-being and whether the prior interview had caused any problems at work. [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] stated that "things are fine" at work, adding that his employers had had some questions regarding the interview but [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] had resolved everything. [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] advised that he would have his attorney call writer and that [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] would prefer to speak in the future, which he stated he is willing to do, with his attorney present. [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] added that his attorney would provide contact information for contacting the attorney in the future.

[REDACTED] Writer emphasized that this was not a custodial interview and that [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] was "free to answer or not answer" any question he wished; adding that anytime [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] spoke with writer, it would only be on a voluntary basis. Writer added

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that [REDACTED] (P) ' attorney was welcome at any future meetings between [REDACTED] (P) and the FBI.

[REDACTED] (P) stated that he was willing to answer any questions but felt that he had already provided as much information as he knew. Writer advised that there were some questions for which writer needed additional information. Writer reminded [REDACTED] (P) that those questions had been discussed at the end of the previous interview. [REDACTED] (P) stated that he had no more information regarding [REDACTED] (P) (variant [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P)), adding that it must have been [REDACTED] (P) who called that number in Yemen (referring to telephone number [REDACTED] (P)). [REDACTED] (P) stated that [REDACTED] (P) was probably calling his "folks." [REDACTED] (P) could not explain why [REDACTED] (P) , a Saudi would be calling his "folks" in Yemen. [REDACTED] (P) advised that his attorney would be in contact with writer in the near future.

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Accomplishment Information:

Number: 1

Type: ASSOCIATED WITH TERRORIST GROUP MEMBER

ITU: AGENT INTERVIEW

Claimed By:

(G), (S)
SSN: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Squad: [REDACTED]

Number: 1

Type: POSITIVE TERRORISM (DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FBI)

ITU: LIAISON WITHIN FBI

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(G), (S)
SSN: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Squad: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Discretionary) NEW YORK

[REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] Consider the information contained herein for
possible IIR dissemination, coordinate with [REDACTED] (G)

Set Lead 2: (Info)

ALL OTHER RECEIVING OFFICES

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

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FATHI MOHAMMED ALI AIDARUS

(A), (G), (J-1)

(S)

Synopsis: To report information received during an interview of (P)

(G)

Enclosure(s):

Photocopy of a photograph of (P)

(P)

Details:

On 01/10/2008,

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and

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of the New York Office and

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of the

Cincinnati Office met with and interviewed

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in the presence of his attorney

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at

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's office, located at

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's attorney, while generally

cooperative, was particularly sensitive to questions regarding

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's background and path to U.S. citizenship. This, agents surmised, was possibly due to some potential irregularities in

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(P) [REDACTED]'s immigration file. As a result, in order to maintain the flow of the interview as well as ensure that it would not be cut short by the attorney, many followup questions regarding (P) [REDACTED]'s background were omitted with the hope that, if necessary, such details could be filled in at a later date.

Background

[REDACTED] Interviewing agents began the interview thanking (P) [REDACTED] for agreeing to participate and letting (P) [REDACTED] know that while the primary purpose of the interview was for information the agents could make no guarantee that information garnered would not be used for future prosecution or investigation of (P) [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] was born on (P) [REDACTED] in (P) [REDACTED] which at the time was (P) [REDACTED]. All of (P) [REDACTED]'s grandparents were (P) [REDACTED], with the exception of his paternal grandfather, who was (P) [REDACTED]. (P) [REDACTED] lived in (P) [REDACTED] for approximately (P) [REDACTED] years and then moved to a small village in (P) [REDACTED] with his family. The move was prompted by civil unrest in (P) [REDACTED]. After living in (P) [REDACTED] for approximately (P) [REDACTED] years, (P) [REDACTED] and his family moved to (P) [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED]. This move was prompted by (P) [REDACTED]'s mother's declining health and (P) [REDACTED]'s father's belief that (P) [REDACTED] would offer greater medical options. (P) [REDACTED] lived in (P) [REDACTED] for the next (P) [REDACTED]

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years, from the age of [REDACTED] (P). After graduating from high school in [REDACTED] (P) at the age of 19, [REDACTED] (P) attended college in [REDACTED] (P) for approximately one year and then transferred to a college in [REDACTED] (P).

[REDACTED] For the next [REDACTED] (P) years, from [REDACTED] (P) until [REDACTED] (P), [REDACTED] (P) lived in [REDACTED] (P) pursuing his undergraduate degree. After finishing his Bachelor's Degree, [REDACTED] (P) worked in [REDACTED] (P) for approximately [REDACTED] (P) years, until [REDACTED] (P), at which point [REDACTED] (P) moved back to [REDACTED] (P) for [REDACTED] (P) to be closer to his family. [REDACTED] (P) then moved back to [REDACTED] (P) for [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P). Sometime during this year in [REDACTED] (P), [REDACTED] (P) applied for a U.S. Diversity Visa (DV) based on his [REDACTED] (P) nativity.

[REDACTED] (P) was subsequently awarded a DV and proceeded to move to [REDACTED] (P) California, where his uncle then lived. [REDACTED] (P) lived in [REDACTED] (P) with his uncle for approximately one year. In [REDACTED] (P), [REDACTED] (P) moved to [REDACTED] (P), California for better employment. [REDACTED] (P) spent about [REDACTED] (P) years in [REDACTED] (P) before moving to [REDACTED] (P) in early [REDACTED] (P), where his sister was then living. The reason for this move was again for better employment. [REDACTED] (P) lived in [REDACTED] (P) until [REDACTED] (P) when he then moved to [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) had been working for a company called [REDACTED] (P) in [REDACTED] (P). The company was about to lay [REDACTED] (P) off in [REDACTED] (P), so [REDACTED] (P)

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inquired and subsequently found a job with the same company in San Diego. While in San Diego, [REDACTED] (P) began working for [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P). In February 2006, [REDACTED] (P) moved to [REDACTED] (P), where he now resides, to pursue a job opportunity with [REDACTED] (P).

[REDACTED] Interaction with NAWAF AL-HAZMI and KHALID AL-MIHDHAR

[REDACTED] (P) recalls first meeting AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR as he [REDACTED] (P) was exiting the KING FAHAD MOSQUE (KFM) after prayers. [REDACTED] (P) along with around 15 to 20 other individuals were walking out when AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR came up to him, introduced themselves and asked if the prayer was over. [REDACTED] (P) replied that it was, but he would show AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR inside the KFM. (NOTE: There is some contradiction in [REDACTED] (P)'s recollection of this first meeting. In the first interview of [REDACTED] (P) by the FBI, [REDACTED] (P) states that he meets AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR at the KFM while entering to pray. In the next two interviews, [REDACTED] (P) states that he meets AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR as he is exiting the KFM.)

[REDACTED] (P) advised that he could tell AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR were Saudi, by way of their accent. So [REDACTED] (P) decided to introduce them to FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY, the Imam of the KFM, as he was also Saudi. Agents asked [REDACTED] (P), considering that the KFM is a Saudi Mosque, if he was familiar with any other Saudis then in

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attendance and if he personally knew them. (P) [REDACTED] replied that there were other Saudis there with whom he was acquainted but he did not know them well. Agents then asked (P) [REDACTED] the demeanor of AL-THUMAIRY, noting that (P) [REDACTED] had described AL-THUMAIRY in previous interviews as quiet and not very personable. (P) [REDACTED] agreed that AL-THUMAIRY was not "really a friendly person," adding that he seemed "arrogant." Continuing, Agents then queried why (P) [REDACTED] would introduce AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR to AL-THUMAIRY considering he knew other Saudis at the KFM and AL-THUMAIRY did not seem like the "friendliest Imam." To which, (P) [REDACTED] was not able to provide an explanation. (NOTE: During the first interview and this interview (the fourth) (P) [REDACTED] states that he introduces AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR to AL-THUMAIRY the first time he meets them, however, during the second and third interviews (P) [REDACTED] states that he introduces them during the second meeting.)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] After introducing AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR to AL-THUMAIRY, (P) [REDACTED] walked to another part of the KFM and began his personal prayers. While (P) [REDACTED] was praying, AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR spoke with AL-THUMAIRY. (P) [REDACTED] estimated that they talked for about 10 minutes. After finishing his prayers, (P) [REDACTED] walked over to where AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR were talking with AL-THUMAIRY. Then, (P) [REDACTED] walked out of the KFM with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. (P) [REDACTED] emphatically stated that he did not hear any of the conversation and at no time did he exchange any words

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with AL-THUMAIRY, other than to introduce AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. Agents queried [REDACTED] (P) as to how he could so precisely time his movements as to not hear any portion of the conversation among AL-HAZMI, AL-MIHDHAR and AL-THUMAIRY, to which [REDACTED] (P) shrugged.

[REDACTED] As the three left the KFM together, AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR told [REDACTED] (P) that they were staying at a hotel downtown, but would like to move closer to the community. AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR stated they planned on studying English in the U.S. and wanted to live close to the local Muslim community. [REDACTED] (P) then offered to show AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR a few motels located on Sepulveda Blvd., which were close to the KFM. Agents queried [REDACTED] (P) why he would show them motels rather than apartments near the KFM. [REDACTED] (P) stated that they wanted to stay in a motel. Agents followed up by asking why AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR would choose to live in a motel and not an apartment if their plan to study English and integrate into the community was more long-term. [REDACTED] (P) again could not offer an explanation as to their behavior, adding that he didn't question their actions.

[REDACTED] After pointing out a few of the motels, [REDACTED] (P), AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR walked north on Sepulveda Blvd. and then headed east on Venice Blvd. toward Midvale Avenue. [REDACTED] (P) showed AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR a few local "Mediterranean restaurants" and grocery stores. [REDACTED] (P) stated that the "Mediterranean

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restaurants" he showed AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR were immediately east of Midvale Avenue on Venice Blvd. (NOTE: This location is the exact place where both the Mediterranean Deli and Mediterranean Restaurant were located. According to KAYSAN BIN DON, when he (BIN DON) and OMAR AL-BAYOUMI first met AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR it was in the Mediterranean Restaurant (after first quickly stopping in the Mediterranean Deli) on Venice Blvd. immediately east of Midvale Avenue [REDACTED] (F)

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[REDACTED] Agents queried [REDACTED] (P) why he was showing AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR "Mediterranean restaurants." [REDACTED] (P) looked to his attorney, who replied that [REDACTED] (P) meant "Middle Eastern restaurants." Agents followed up by asking [REDACTED] (P) if he was familiar with and used the terms "Arabic or Middle Eastern." [REDACTED] (P) replied that he was familiar, to which Agents then asked why [REDACTED] (P) had used the word "Mediterranean" to describe the restaurants he showed AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR instead of "Arabic or Middle Eastern." [REDACTED] (P) replied that he had meant "Middle Eastern." (NOTE: In the first two interviews of [REDACTED] (P), he refers to the restaurant as an "Arabic restaurant," not a "Mediterranean restaurant." In the third interview, [REDACTED] (P) does not specify the type of restaurant he shows AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR.)

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[REDACTED] Agents asked [REDACTED] (P) whether they then ate at any of the restaurants he showed AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. [REDACTED] (P) replied that he did not eat with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. However, [REDACTED] (P) then immediately added that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR may have ordered food, but that he didn't order anything. [REDACTED] (P) advised that they may have ordered the food "to go" or they may have quickly eaten the food. Agents then asked again if [REDACTED] (P) ate with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR at the restaurant, to which [REDACTED] (P) replied that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR "probably got something to eat" and they "probably ate it at the restaurant," but that he [REDACTED] (P) did not order anything. After visiting the restaurant, [REDACTED] (P) pointed out a nearby grocery store on the same block to AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR.

[REDACTED] Agents queried [REDACTED] (P) as to whether they exchanged phone numbers or agreed to meet again. [REDACTED] (P) advised that he provided his home phone to AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR and told them he would see them in the mosque. [REDACTED] (P) does not recall exactly how they parted but he [REDACTED] (P) walked home from the restaurant.

[REDACTED] Agents asked [REDACTED] (P) what he knew about AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR after the first meeting. [REDACTED] (P) replied that he knew they were from Saudi Arabia and that they had come to the United States to study English. [REDACTED] (P) advised that when they first met, AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR told him they had only been in the United States a couple of days. Agents then queried

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(P) [REDACTED] as to why he was providing assistance to AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR, to which (P) [REDACTED] replied that it was common among Muslims to assist others in the community, especially travelers. Agents queried (P) [REDACTED] how many other times prior to meeting AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR, did he (P) [REDACTED] assist other Muslims from the mosque. (P) [REDACTED] replied "this was the first time." Agents queried (P) [REDACTED] how many times since meeting AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR, did he (P) [REDACTED] assist Muslims from the mosque. (P) [REDACTED] replied "never."

(P) [REDACTED] stated that the next time he saw AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR was a "couple of days later at the mosque." (P) [REDACTED] was walking into the KFM when he "ran into" AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR who were also coming in to pray. After praying the three exited the KFM together. (P) [REDACTED] then accompanied AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR to their motel located on Sepulveda Blvd. between Washington Blvd. and Venice Blvd. in Culver City. (P) [REDACTED] estimated that it was a five to ten minute walk from the KFM. (P) [REDACTED] went into their room for a short while and then returned home.

[REDACTED] After another "couple of days," (P) [REDACTED] met with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR again. (P) [REDACTED] could not recall if AL-HAZMI or AL-MIHDHAR had called him at home or if they had all met at the mosque again. In either case, (P) [REDACTED] drove AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR to a local grocery store, "probably only a couple of blocks from the mosque," in (P) [REDACTED]'s car. (P) [REDACTED] advised that

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AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR bought some groceries and then they all returned to their motel room. Agents queried [REDACTED] (P) why he would drive them to a grocery store that seemed to be within walking distance of AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR's motel room. [REDACTED] (P) replied that he had his car with him at the KFM so he decided to drive them. When agents reminded [REDACTED] (P) that he had just stated AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR may have called him at home to pick them up, [REDACTED] (P) replied that he couldn't remember. Agents then queried [REDACTED] (P) whether he drove AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR because they planned on buying "a lot of groceries," to which [REDACTED] (P) replied that they didn't buy very much at the grocery store.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] The next time that [REDACTED] (P) recalls being with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR is when they asked if [REDACTED] (P) would drive them to the downtown area of Los Angeles, so AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR could take a bus to San Diego. AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR told [REDACTED] (P) that they wanted to visit San Diego to see if they would prefer to live there. [REDACTED] (P) advised AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR that he would not be able to take them "all the way downtown," because of [REDACTED] (P)'s work. [REDACTED] (P) offered to instead call and find out if there was a bus terminal closer to Culver City. [REDACTED] (P) placed a call from the payphone in front of AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR's motel to the bus company ([REDACTED] (P) could not recall the name of the company, but thought that it could have been the GREYHOUND BUS COMPANY). According to [REDACTED] (P) the bus company told him there was another terminal in Santa Monica that

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would have buses going to San Diego. [REDACTED] (P) asked about the schedule for the following day and provided the information to AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. Agents queried [REDACTED] (P) as to why he would use a payphone and not his own phone or AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR's motel phone. [REDACTED] (P) could provide no explanation except to say that they must have needed to use the phonebook. Agents queried [REDACTED] (P) if he had a phonebook at home or if there was a phonebook in AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR's motel room, to which [REDACTED] (P) replied "yes" to both. Agents then followed up by asking if it was [REDACTED] (P)'s normal practice to use payphones, to which [REDACTED] (P) replied "no." Agents then asked again why [REDACTED] (P) had used the payphone, to which [REDACTED] (P) stated that they must have been in front of the payphone, "so it was easier to use the payphone." Agents then asked if [REDACTED] (P) had ever called flight schools for AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR from that payphone or any payphone, to which [REDACTED] (P) replied that he had not.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] The next day [REDACTED] (P) picked AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR up at their motel and dropped them off at the bus terminal in Santa Monica. [REDACTED] (P) could not recall how they "checked out" of the motel. [REDACTED] (P) stated that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR left a suitcase with him, stating that they would pick it up at a later date. After dropping AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR at the bus terminal, [REDACTED] (P) did not hear anything from them for "a week or so" and then received a call from AL-HAZMI. AL-HAZMI told [REDACTED] (P) that they had decided to stay in San Diego and would come and

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get their bag at a later date. At this time in early 2000, (P) [REDACTED] advised that he didn't know anyone in San Diego.

[REDACTED] (NOTE: During the interview, (P) [REDACTED] presented his interaction with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR during the time they lived in Los Angeles as discreet and limited. However, considering the amount of time AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR first spent in Los Angeles (between 10 and 20 days), (P) [REDACTED] actually appears to have seen them quite frequently and for relatively long periods of time on each occasion. During the interview, (P) [REDACTED] was able to recall at least 5 specific occasions when he was with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. Yet, as (P) [REDACTED] himself admits, although he cannot recall exactly, he likely saw them a couple of additional times at the KFM. This would mean that (P) [REDACTED] saw them almost every other day during their time in Los Angeles. (P) [REDACTED]'s contact with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR at this level of frequency appears to contradict his characterization of their interaction.)

[REDACTED] Agents asked (P) [REDACTED] how he felt when AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR left Los Angeles. (P) [REDACTED] appeared befuddled by this type of question, as he began to stammer and looked repeatedly to his attorney for guidance. When agents asked (P) [REDACTED] if he was happy or relieved, (P) [REDACTED] immediately stated that he was "relieved." (P) [REDACTED] appeared to relax considerably at that moment, slouching more into his chair and leaning back from the

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table. During much of the earlier questioning [REDACTED] (P)'s lower jaw quivered, his hands shook and he played with the bottle top of his water bottle.

[REDACTED] (P) does not recall hearing anything from AL-HAZMI or AL-MIHDHAR for "a couple of months or so," and then received a call from AL-HAZMI stating that both he and AL-MIHDHAR were coming up to Los Angeles. [REDACTED] (P) believed that this was probably around the summer of 2000. [REDACTED] (P) stated that he invited his friend [REDACTED] (P) to come to dinner that night and meet everyone at [REDACTED] (P)'s apartment. [REDACTED] (P) could not explain why he asked [REDACTED] (P) to come along with him, merely stating that [REDACTED] (P) was his friend so he asked him.

[REDACTED] (P) advised that he and [REDACTED] (P) met AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR and another individual named MOHDAR ABDULLAH (MOHDAR) at [REDACTED] (P)'s home on [REDACTED] (P). Agents queried [REDACTED] (P) how AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR knew where [REDACTED] (P) lived, to which [REDACTED] (P) replied that he had shown them before. Agents then asked when [REDACTED] (P) had shown them, as he had earlier stated that he merely pointed in the direction of his home, up [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P). At this point [REDACTED] (P)'s attorney interjected that [REDACTED] (P) must have told them on the phone. [REDACTED] (P) could not recall what kind of car the three had driven from San Diego but stated that he believed MOHDAR was driving because "he always drove." That night MOHDAR, AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR stayed at the home of

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(P)'s sister, which was located in the same apartment complex as (P)'s. (P) could not recall the subject of conversation that night except to state that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR had asked (P) about going to school and getting married in the U.S. (P) does not recall interacting with MOHDAR, AL-HAZMI or AL-MIHDHAR the next morning. (P) advised that at some point during their stay AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR picked up the bag they had left and took it with them. (NOTE: (P)'s recollection of how he met AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR again in Los Angeles, after they moved to San Diego, is noteworthy. In (P)'s first interview he states that they simply all met at the KFM. In the second interview (P) adds a phone call from AL-HAZMI prior to meeting at the KFM. By the third interview, (P) has dropped the meeting at the KFM and states that they merely called him and then met at (P)'s apartment.)

[REDACTED] A couple of months after this meeting, (P) recalled receiving a phone call from AL-HAZMI stating that he was coming up to Los Angeles to look into going to school there. (P) stated that AL-HAZMI met (P) at (P)'s home and stayed there that night. The next morning (P) came over and went with AL-HAZMI to a nearby community college to make inquiries about studying. (P) explained that (P) went with AL-HAZMI instead of (P) because (P) was going to that school and had the time to go with AL-HAZMI. Agents queried (P) if this was why (P) was invited to meet AL-HAZMI and

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AL-MIHDHAR for dinner, to which [REDACTED] (P) said that it might have been but he couldn't recall.

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[REDACTED] Agents showed [REDACTED] (P) a picture of [REDACTED] (P) (a copy of which is attached hereto). [REDACTED] (P) stated that this individual is [REDACTED] (P), although he has a slight accent (NFI). [REDACTED] (P) met this individual at the Masjid Al-Ribat in San Diego. [REDACTED] (P) could not immediately recall his name, but confirmed that it was [REDACTED] (P) once agents stated the name. [REDACTED] (P) was a [REDACTED] (P) "originally from [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) added that he does not know [REDACTED] (P) very well and has not had contact with him recently.

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FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY
(A), (G), (J-1)

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(A), (G), (J-1)

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

Details: [REDACTED] On 03/10/2010, writers, along with [REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] (S), met [REDACTED] (P) at a hotel in La Jolla, CA. Writers showed [REDACTED] (P) a number of photographs and discussed related topics regarding them.

[REDACTED] The New York Office has conducted an interview of [REDACTED] (P) in the past with [REDACTED] (S) of the San Diego Office. During the course of the interview he has stated that he had knowledge of subjects involved with OPERATION ENCORE, particularly, two of the 9/11 hijackers KHALID AL-MIHDHAR, NAWAF AL-HAZMI, along with FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY, and [REDACTED] (P). During this investigation new information has been discovered that [REDACTED] (P) could provide some insight into, particularly ADEL AL-SADHAN and MUTAIB AL-SUDAIRY.

[REDACTED] (P) was asked about any knowledge that he may have regarding the relationship between [REDACTED] (P) and the two 9/11 hijackers, Khalid Al-Mihdhar (Al-Mihdhar) and Nawaf Al-Hazmi (Al-Hazmi). [REDACTED] (P) stated that he was told by [REDACTED] (P) that Fahad Al-Thumairy, the Imam of the King Fahad Mosque, had asked him to look after two very "significant" people. [REDACTED] (P) did not inquire into the word "significant" or why he referred to them this way, other than to say, that if Thumairy assigned him to look after someone it meant that they were important. [REDACTED] (P) did request [REDACTED] (P) to meet the two men, (Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi), whenever they came across each other at the mosque. [REDACTED] (P) would see [REDACTED] (P) with the two men at the mosque almost everyday, even sometimes in the company of Al-Thumairy in the library of the mosque.

[REDACTED] (P) states he was told by [REDACTED] (P) that the two men were living at his house on [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) stated to [REDACTED] (P) that he had asked his sister, who was living there at the time, to move out and stay with [REDACTED] (P)'s other sister for a couple of weeks, that he was having visitors stay with him and needed the space in the house. [REDACTED] (P) was unaware when [REDACTED] (P) had requested that of his sister.

[REDACTED] (P) recalls a conversation that he had with [REDACTED] (P) shortly after the Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi arrived in L.A.

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regarding the Mediterranean Restaurant on Venice Blvd. He states that (P) told (P) that he needed to take the two men to the Mediterranean Restaurant on Venice Blvd. (P) asked why he was taking them to that restaurant because the food was not very good, and the service was poor. (P) stated to (P) that he just needed to take them there. (P) did not question him any further about this topic, but advised the interviewing agents that people would go to that restaurant to have private meetings.

[REDACTED] A couple of weeks after the arrival, and assignment of (P) to Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar, (P) met (P) at the mosque. (P) asked (P) where the two men were that he wanted to introduce to (P). (P) stated that they had left L.A. He stated that they had a "referral" in San Diego, so they went down there. (P) states that was the first time that he had seen (P) without the two men.

[REDACTED] In June of 2000, after the night prayer at the mosque, (P) walked into the parking lot and saw (P) with three other men. (P) introduced (P) to Al-Mihdhar, Al-Hazmi, and Mohdar Abdullah (which he identified from a photo). (P) stated that all of them were going to (P) house for dinner and asked (P) to join them for dinner. (P) said that he had to get home to his wife, but may meet with them later. (P) stated one of them, and he is unsure who, stated that they would be at a hotel later. (P) can not remember which hotel they were in. (P) then remembers Al-Thumairy exiting the mosque and greeting the men in the parking lot with a hug. (P) then left the parking lot and went home. At approximately 10:00 pm, (P) leaves his house and travels to the hotel that the men had told him earlier they would be at. He arrived at the room (unknown what the room number was) and was greeted by Al-Mihdhar. Mohdar and Al-Hazmi were on separate beds and Al-Mihdhar was praying on the floor. There came a time, that someone (identity unknown) came to the door and was greeted by Al-Mihdhar. The two men left the room, but shortly afterwards Al-Mihdhar returned stating he had to make a call. Al-Mihdhar was gone for an unknown amount of time, but when he returned, he was asked by Al-Hazmi if everything was alright, and he answered yes. (P) stayed in the room with them until approximately 2:00 am. He stated that during the night, he was asked a number of questions by Al-Hazmi about his background and family history. (P) stated that he felt

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uncomfortable with the line of questions, but didn't want to be rude, so he answered them.

[REDACTED] (P) was asked where he was during the events of September 11, 2001. (P) stated that he was in (P) at the time. He states that the trip was planned for about a month prior. He doesn't have a recollection of the date of his trip. He does recall, however, that it was (P)'s father and brother that drove him to the airport for his flight to (P). It is at this time during the interview that (P) states that (P) was in (P) during the events of 9/11 also. He stated that (P) left for (P) first and that, he drove (P) to the airport for his flight to (P). That is a fact that was unknown to the investigators. (P) stated that they were in (P) together and departed Yemen not long after 9/11. He was unable to remember the dates of their travel.

[REDACTED] (P) is available for recontact if the need for another interview arises.

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[Redacted] OMAR AHMED MUSTAFA AL-BAYOUMI

[Redacted] (A), (G), (J-1)



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Synopsis: [REDACTED] To report information received during an interview of [REDACTED] (P).

Details: [REDACTED] On 05/13/2010, [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED] (S) of the New York Office, and AUSA [REDACTED] (S) of the Southern District of New York met with and interviewed [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) in the presence of his attorney [REDACTED] (P) at [REDACTED] (P)'s office, located at [REDACTED] (P).

[REDACTED] Investigators began the interview thanking [REDACTED] (P) for agreeing to participate and letting [REDACTED] (P) know that while the primary purpose of the interview was for information, and the investigators could make no guarantee that information garnered would not be used for future prosecution or investigation of [REDACTED] (P).

[REDACTED] (P) recalls first meeting AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR as he [REDACTED] (P) was exiting the KING FAHAD MOSQUE (KFM) after prayers. [REDACTED] (P) along with around 15 to 20 other individuals were walking out

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when AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR came up to him, introduced themselves and asked if the prayer was over. (P) [REDACTED] replied that it was, but he would show AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR inside the KFM. (NOTE: There is some contradiction in (P) [REDACTED]'s recollection of this first meeting. In the first interview of (P) [REDACTED] by the FBI, (P) [REDACTED] states that he meets AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR at the KFM while entering to pray. In the next two interviews, (P) [REDACTED] states that he meets AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR as he is exiting the KFM.)

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] advised that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR stated that they were from Saudi Arabia. So, (P) [REDACTED] decided to introduce them to FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY, the Imam of the KFM, as he was also Saudi. (P) [REDACTED] stated that when he told AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR that he would introduce them to SHEIK FAHAD, (FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY), that the two men were very hesitant to meet AL-THUMAIRY. This caught (P) [REDACTED] by surprise because he thought that the two men would welcome meeting another Saudi, particularly, the Imam of the mosque. (P) [REDACTED] agreed that AL-THUMAIRY was not "really a friendly person," adding that he seemed "arrogant." (P) [REDACTED] was asked why he would introduce AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR to AL-THUMAIRY considering he knew other Saudis at the

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KFM and AL-THUMAIRY did not seem like the "friendliest Imam." To which, (P) [REDACTED] was not able to provide an explanation. (NOTE: During the first interview and this interview (the fourth) (P) [REDACTED] states that he introduces AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR to AL-THUMAIRY the first time he meets them, however, during the second and third interviews (P) [REDACTED] states that he introduces them during the second meeting.)

[REDACTED] After introducing AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR to AL-THUMAIRY, (P) [REDACTED] walked a short distance away and began his personal prayers. While (P) [REDACTED] was praying, AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR spoke with AL-THUMAIRY. (P) [REDACTED] estimated that they talked for about 10 minutes. After finishing his prayers, (P) [REDACTED] walked over to where AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR were talking with AL-THUMAIRY. Then, (P) [REDACTED] walked out of the KFM with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. (P) [REDACTED] emphatically stated that he did not hear any of the conversation and at no time did he exchange any words with AL-THUMAIRY, other than to introduce AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR.

[REDACTED] As the three left the KFM together, AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR told (P) [REDACTED] that they were staying at a hotel downtown, but would like to move closer to the community. AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR

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stated they planned on studying English in the U.S. and wanted to live close to the local Muslim community. (P) [REDACTED] stated that he offered to show AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR a few motels located on Sepulveda Blvd., which were close to the KFM. (P) [REDACTED] was asked why he would show them motels rather than apartments near the KFM. (P) [REDACTED] stated that they wanted to stay in a motel. (P) [REDACTED] was then asked why AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR would choose to live in a motel and not an apartment if their plan to study English and integrate into the community was more long-term. (P) [REDACTED] again could not offer an explanation as to their behavior, adding that he didn't question their actions.

(P) [REDACTED] was asked if the two men, AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR, ever stayed at the apartment behind his house that his sister lived in. (A), (G) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] was told that investigators received information that (P) [REDACTED] asked his sister to move in with another family member in order to have an apartment available for AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. (P) [REDACTED] stated that he couldn't remember that, but he couldn't see himself asking his

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sister to move out so someone else could move in. [REDACTED] (P) did state ,that on one occasion, AL-HAZMI did stay there overnight while he was in Los Angeles.

[REDACTED] After pointing out a few of the motels, [REDACTED] (P) AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR walked north on Sepulveda Blvd. and then headed east on Venice Blvd. toward Midvale Avenue. [REDACTED] (P) showed AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR a few local "Mediterranean restaurants" and grocery stores. [REDACTED] (P) stated that the "Mediterranean restaurants" he showed AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR were immediately east of Midvale Avenue on Venice Blvd. (NOTE: This location is the exact place where both the Mediterranean Deli and Mediterranean Restaurant were located. According to KAYSAN BIN DON, when he (BIN DON) and OMAR AL-BAYOUMI first met AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR it was in the Mediterranean Restaurant (after first quickly stopping in the Mediterranean Deli) on Venice Blvd. immediately east of Midvale Avenue [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (P) as asked why he was showing AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR "Mediterranean restaurants." Writer followed up by asking [REDACTED]

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(P) [REDACTED] if he was familiar with and used the terms "Arabic or Middle Eastern." (P) [REDACTED] replied that he was familiar, to which writer then asked why (P) [REDACTED] had used the word "Mediterranean" to describe the restaurants he showed AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR instead of "Arabic or Middle Eastern." (P) [REDACTED] replied that he had meant "Middle Eastern." (NOTE: In the first two interviews of (P) [REDACTED], he refers to the restaurant as an "Arabic restaurant," not a "Mediterranean restaurant." In the third interview, (P) [REDACTED] does not specify the type of restaurant he shows AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR.)

[REDACTED] Investigators asked (P) [REDACTED] whether they then ate at any of the restaurants he showed AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. (P) [REDACTED] replied that he did not eat with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. However, (P) [REDACTED] then immediately added that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR may have ordered food, but that he didn't order anything. (P) [REDACTED] advised that they may have ordered the food "to go" or they may have quickly eaten the food. Agents then asked again if (P) [REDACTED] ate with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR at the restaurant, to which (P) [REDACTED] replied that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR "probably got something to eat" and they "probably ate it at the restaurant," but that he (P) [REDACTED] did not order anything.

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After visiting the restaurant, [REDACTED] (P) pointed out a nearby grocery store on the same block to AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR.

[REDACTED] (P) was asked whether they exchanged phone numbers or agreed to meet again. [REDACTED] (P) advised that he provided his home phone to AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR and told them he would see them in the mosque. [REDACTED] (P) does not recall exactly how they parted but he [REDACTED] (P) walked home from the restaurant.

[REDACTED] It was asked of [REDACTED] (P) what he knew about AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR after the first meeting. [REDACTED] (P) replied that he knew they were from Saudi Arabia and that they had come to the United States to study English. [REDACTED] (P) advised that when they first met, AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR told him they had only been in the United States a couple of days. [REDACTED] (P) was asked as to why he was providing assistance to AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR, to which [REDACTED] (P) replied that it was common among Muslims to assist others in the community, especially travelers. Agents queried [REDACTED] (P) how many other times prior to meeting AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR, did he [REDACTED] (P) assist other Muslims from the mosque. [REDACTED] (P) replied "this was the first time." Writer

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queried [REDACTED] (P) how many times since meeting AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR, did he [REDACTED] (P) assist Muslims from the mosque. [REDACTED] (P) replied "never."

[REDACTED] (P) stated that the next time he saw AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR was a "couple of days later at the mosque." [REDACTED] (P) was walking into the KFM when he "ran into" AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR who were also coming in to pray. After praying the three exited the KFM together. [REDACTED] (P) then accompanied AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR to their motel located on Sepulveda Blvd. between Washington Blvd. and Venice Blvd. in Culver City. [REDACTED] (P) estimated that it was a five to ten minute walk from the KFM. [REDACTED] (P) went into their room for a short while and then returned home. [REDACTED] (P) does not remember what hotel it was.

[REDACTED] After another "couple of days," [REDACTED] (P) met with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR again. [REDACTED] (P) could not recall if AL-HAZMI or AL-MIHDHAR had called him at home or if they had all met at the mosque again. In either case, [REDACTED] (P) drove AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR to a local grocery store, "probably only a couple of blocks from the

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mosque," in (P)'s car. (P) advised that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR bought some groceries and then they all returned to their motel room. Writer queried (P) why he would drive them to a grocery store that seemed to be within walking distance of AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR's motel room. (P) replied that he had his car with him at the KFM so he decided to drive them. When agents reminded (P) that he had just stated AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR may have called him at home to pick them up, (P) replied that he couldn't remember. (P) was then asked whether he drove AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR because they planned on buying "a lot of groceries," to which (P) replied that they didn't buy very much at the grocery store.

[REDACTED] The next time that (P) recalls being with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR is when they asked if (P) would drive them to the downtown area of Los Angeles, so AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR could take a bus to San Diego. AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR told (P) that they wanted to visit San Diego to see if they would prefer to live there. (P) advised AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR that he would not be able to take them "all the way downtown," because of (P)'s work. (P) offered to instead call and find out if there was a bus terminal

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closer to Culver City. (P) [REDACTED] placed a call from the payphone in front of AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR's motel to the bus company (P) [REDACTED] stated that it was GREYHOUND BUS COMPANY). According to (P) [REDACTED] the bus company told him there was another terminal in Santa Monica that would have buses going to San Diego. (P) [REDACTED] asked about the schedule for the following day and provided the information to AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. Writers queried (P) [REDACTED] as to why he would use a payphone and not his own phone or AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR's motel phone.

(P) [REDACTED] could provide no explanation except to say that they must have needed to use the phonebook. (P) [REDACTED] was asked if he had a phonebook at home or if there was a phonebook in AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR's motel room, to which (P) [REDACTED] replied "yes" to both. Investigators then asked if (P) [REDACTED] had ever called flight schools for AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR from that payphone or any payphone, to which (P) [REDACTED] replied that he had not.

[REDACTED] The next day (P) [REDACTED] picked AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR up at their motel and dropped them off at the bus terminal in Santa Monica. (P) [REDACTED] could not recall how they "checked out" of the motel. (P) [REDACTED] stated that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR left a suitcase with him, stating that they would pick it up at a later date. After dropping

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AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR at the bus terminal, (P) did not hear anything from them for "a week or so" and then received a call from AL-HAZMI. AL-HAZMI told (P) that they had decided to stay in San Diego and would come and get their bag at a later date. At this time in early 2000, (P) advised that he didn't know anyone in San Diego.

[REDACTED] During the interview, (P) was able to recall at least 5 specific occasions when he was with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. Yet, as (P) himself admits, although he cannot recall exactly, he likely saw them a couple of additional times at the KFM. This would mean that (P) saw them almost every other day during their time in Los Angeles. (P)'s contact with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR at this level of frequency appears to contradict his characterization of their interaction.

[REDACTED] (P) was asked how he felt when AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR left Los Angeles. (P) appeared befuddled by this type of question, as he began to stammer and looked repeatedly to his attorney for guidance. When writers asked (P) if he was happy or relieved, (P) immediately stated that he was "relieved." (P)

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appeared to relax considerably at that moment, slouching more into his chair and leaning back from the table. During much of the earlier questioning [REDACTED] (P) s lower jaw quivered, his hands shook and he played with a water bottle.

[REDACTED] (P) does not recall hearing anything from AL-HAZMI or AL-MIHDHAR for "a couple of months or so," and then received a call from AL-HAZMI stating that both he and AL-MIHDHAR were coming up to Los Angeles. [REDACTED] (P) believed that this was probably around the summer of 2000.

[REDACTED] (P) advised that he and [REDACTED] (P) met AL-HAZMI, AL-MIHDHAR, and MOHDAR ABDULLAH (MOHDAR) at [REDACTED] (P) home on Midvale Avenue. Writers queried [REDACTED] (P) how AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR knew where [REDACTED] (P) lived, to which [REDACTED] (P) replied that he had shown them before. [REDACTED] (P) was then asked when [REDACTED] (P) had shown them, as he had earlier stated that he merely pointed in the direction of his home, up Midvale Avenue. [REDACTED] (P) had no answer. [REDACTED] (P) could not recall what kind of car the three had driven from San Diego but stated that he believed MOHDAR was driving because "he always drove." That night MOHDAR, AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR stayed at the home of [REDACTED] (P) 's sister,

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which was located in the same apartment complex as [REDACTED] (P)'s. [REDACTED] (P) could not recall the subject of conversation that night except to state that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR had asked [REDACTED] (P) about going to school and getting married in the U.S. [REDACTED] (P) does not recall interacting with MOHDAR, AL-HAZMI or AL-MIHDHAR the next morning.

[REDACTED] (P) advised that at some point during their stay AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR picked up the bag they had left and took it with them.

(NOTE: [REDACTED] (P)'s recollection of how he met AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR again in Los Angeles, after they moved to San Diego, is noteworthy. In [REDACTED] (P)'s first interview he states that they simply all met at the KFM. In the second interview [REDACTED] (P) adds a phone call from AL-HAZMI prior to meeting at the KFM. By the third interview, [REDACTED] (P) has dropped the meeting at the KFM and states that they merely called him and then met at [REDACTED] (P)'s apartment.)

[REDACTED] (P) A couple of months after this meeting, [REDACTED] (P) recalled receiving a phone call from AL-HAZMI stating that he was coming up to Los Angeles to look into going to school there. [REDACTED] (P) stated that AL-HAZMI met [REDACTED] (P) at [REDACTED] (P) home and stayed there that night. [REDACTED] (P) also stated that he recalls that AL-HAZMI made a call on his sisters

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phone that night using a calling card. [REDACTED] (P) did not know who or where Al-HAZMI called.

[REDACTED] (P) stated that the next time that he saw AL-HAZMI or Al-MIHDHAR was when their picture appeared on television after 9/11.

[REDACTED] (P) and his attorney will make themselves available for any recontact needed to further this investigation.

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MOHDAR MOHAMMED ABDULLAH, date of birth (P-1) mobile telephone
number (P-1) contacted the interviewing agent telephonically
from telephone number (P-1).

ABDULLAH was very concerned about his future prospects of being able to
learn about or meet the child he believes he had with (P) (understood by
the interviewing agent to be (P)). ABDULLAH reiterated his
feelings that (P) only kept the child from him at the behest of the US
Government.

ABDULLAH stated that the contact he has in the Swedish Security Service,
Sakerhetspolisen (SAPO) was currently away on vacation, and that he felt
communicating his concerns through them would take too much time.
ABDULLAH has tried to contact (S) (understood by the interviewing agent
to be (S)), but no one picked up the telephone. ABDULLAH
did not leave a message. He requested that the interviewing agent inform
(S) that ABDULLAH would like to speak with him, and provided a number,
as noted above.

ABDULLAH stated that he is confident in who he is as a person, that he has
always been honest with the FBI, and that he remains available to
recontact by agents.

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Investigation on 01/10/2014 at Los Angeles, California, United States (Phone)

File # [REDACTED] (F)

Date drafted 01/16/2014

by [REDACTED] (S)

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MOHDAR MOHAMMED ABDULLAH, date of birth (P-1) 1979, was interviewed at the Scandic Victoria Tower Hotel, Stockholm, Sweden. Officers of the Swedish Security Service, Sakerhetspolisen (SAPO), were also present for the interview. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents, ABDULLAH was advised by the Swedish officers of information as required by Swedish law, to include the purpose and nature of the interview.

ABDULLAH immediately advised that his primary concern was his immigration status in Sweden. Specifically, he had been told by SAPO that his request for status had been denied for unknown reasons, and that he would be deported from Sweden. ABDULLAH stated that he would listen to agents' questions, but would not provide information until his immigration status had been resolved.

ABDULLAH stated that he had previously undergone polygraph examination regarding his relationship to individuals associated to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. He had initially been told by (C-1) (C-1) that he had passed the polygraph examination, and was later told that the result were inconclusive.

ABDULLAH was shown the text of the email sent by him to San Diego Union Tribune newspaper reporter (P) on October 2, 2006, referring to the surveillance video taken at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) on June 10, 2000 (hereafter the "LAX video"). This email stated that "I could not make the face of the third person whether he was Khalid or their friend who was residing in LA. They introduced me to him when we were here as a person they had known before coming to San Diego." ABDULLAH stated that he believed the LAX video had been released in the media, and that it had been shown in a television news broadcast. He was informed by interviewing agents that the video had not been released, and that the news report had only verbally referenced the video.

ABDULLAH then stated that he had first heard of the LAX video through (P) and that he was unsure whether he had seen the video at the time the email had been sent. He thought that maybe the friend he had been referring to in the email as residing in Los Angeles was (P).

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who had stayed at the hotel in Los Angeles with ABDULLAH, Nawaf AL HAZMI, and Khalid AL MIHDHAR on the night of June 9, 2000, prior to the trip to LAX the next day. ABDULLAH did not remember (P) travelling to LAX with them, or meeting them there.

ABDULLAH was then shown the LAX video. He identified himself, AL HAZMI, and AL MIHDHAR. He stated he did not recognize the unknown individual (hereafter the UNSUB) who was initially standing in front of them at the security line and who appeared to be holding a camera. ABDULLAH noted that the UNSUB does not talk with him, AL HAZMI, or AL MIHDHAR in the video. ABDULLAH claimed he had been shown pictures in a previous interview where he, AL HAZMI, and AL MIHDHAR had been standing next to the UNSUB for approximately twelve seconds in front of a departures status board at LAX to check the gate they were to go to. They did not interact with the UNSUB at that time, either.

ABDULLAH advised that he, AL MIHDHAR, AL HAZMI, (P) (known to interviewing agents to be (P)), and (P) attended the King Fahd Mosque in Los Angeles the night of June 9, 2000. He advised that the King Fahd Mosque Imam, Fahad Al Thumairy, was also possibly present during their visit. ABDULLAH advised that he had visited the King Fahd Mosque again the next day on June 10, 2000, but he did not recall whether it was before or after the trip to LAX. He did not remember any other persons than himself, AL HAZMI, and AL MIHDHAR travelling to LAX on June 10, 2000. He recalled driving to Los Angeles in a car belonging to AL HAZMI or AL MIHDHAR.

ABDULLAH stated that the UNSUB appears Arab, in his opinion. However, he stated that he did not know the identity of the UNSUB and had never met him, as he was sure AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR would have introduced the UNSUB if they knew him as per custom in the Arab culture. ABDULLAH was informed that absent any assistance he could provide, the last investigative step available to the FBI to identify the UNSUB would be to potentially publicly release the LAX video. ABDULLAH requested that his face be obscured if the video was released, and he reiterated that he did not know the UNSUB.

ABDULLAH inquired about the status of his son, and asked for pictures of him. ABDULLAH was informed that since the individual was a minor, the sharing of any information about him had to be approved by his legal guardian.

ABDULLAH then reiterated his position that he could not talk until he knew his immigration status in Sweden, and that he had always been cooperative when questioned by any agency.

Prior to his departure from the hotel, ABDULLAH asked the SAPO Officer who

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escorted him out if he could meet (S) by himself in the hotel lobby. (S) met ABDULLAH in the lobby of the Scandic Hotel, and ABDULLAH again stated that he wanted information about his son. He additionally stated that should the LAX video be released, it may put him in danger and he again requested his face be blocked in it. He was informed that in the event of a release, his face would not be obscured. ABDULLAH asked if the FBI was sure that every possible method of finding the UNSUB had been explored. He recommended checking the records of the long-term parking area near LAX, which is where he, AL MIHDHAR, and AL HAZMI parked their car when they went to LAX on June 10, 2000.

ABDULLAH stated that if the UNSUB knew AL MIHDHAR and AL HAZMI or was a member of Al Qaeda, he would be a very dangerous individual who should be caught. ABDULLAH requested another meeting with (S) the next day, on December 20, 2013. While leaving the hotel, ABDULLAH stopped the SAPO Officer and informed him that ABDULLAH next intended to travel to the Swedish immigration office nearby to check his status.

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Title: [REDACTED] MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID,
aka Mohdar Mohamed Abdullah;
(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis: [REDACTED] Interview and debrief of [REDACTED] (P)

Administrative: [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)
[REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)

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(A), (G), (J-1)

Background: [REDACTED] (O-1)

[REDACTED] (O-1) reported that Mohdar Abdullah, captioned subject, described how he accompanied Khalid Al-Mihdhar and Nawaf Al-Hazmi to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) from San Diego, California. Once they arrived in Los Angeles, California, the group went to King Fahad Mosque, where they met [REDACTED] (P) (LNU), described as an individual from [REDACTED] (P). At this point, another individual entered the conversation, who was of [REDACTED] (P) descent that Abdullah could not recall the name. Abdullah claimed that both these individuals knew Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi previously and invited them to supper.

Details: [REDACTED] On 01/09/2007, [REDACTED] (S) FBI-SD and [REDACTED] (S) FBI-LA, interviewed [REDACTED] (P) date of birth [REDACTED] (P) at a public restaurant located on Alvarado Road, La Mesa, California. This was the second interview of [REDACTED] (P) who was familiar with the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview. [REDACTED] (P) voluntarily provided the following information:

[REDACTED] (P) hereinafter [REDACTED] (P) attended prayer at the King Fahad Mosque (KFM), and after prayer he remained for socialization the evening of the above mentioned incident. [REDACTED] (P) would benefit from socializing with

Muslim brothers at the Mosque after prayer in order to gain sales commission opportunities. At the time, (P) was employed at the (P) as a (P). He was a close associate of Shaikh Fahad of the KFM. Fahad would refer customers to (P) who were interested in (P) from the (P). Fahad was known to refer wealthy individuals, NFI, from Saudi Arabia who were particularly interested in making (P). These wealthy Saudi individuals were friends and guests of Fahad and the KFM. (P) felt it was not unusual when his best friend, (P) suggested (P) meet these Saudi individuals who were visiting the KFM. (P) also pointed out that the Saudi's were with a guy (P). Again, (P) could not recall the names of the Saudi's nor could he identify photo's of the men. (Agent's notes: FBI investigation later learned that the Saudi individuals were Khalid Al-Mihdhar and Nawaf Al-Hazmi, who were accompanied by Mohdar Abdullah. Also, FBI investigation identified (P) as (P) aka (P) (A), (G), (J-1)

(P)

Abdullah invited (P) to go to dinner with him and the two Saudi's. (P) politely declined and stated he had a prior commitment with his wife and her children. However, (P) acquired where Abdullah and the others were staying and told Abdullah he would join them later in the evening. Abdullah and the two Saudi's did not have a cellular telephone to exchange numbers with (P). (P) drove his car to the hotel located in Culver City on Venice Boulevard near a gas station. (P) could not recall the name of the hotel but described the hotel as old, with a old sign in front because it still advertised free color TV. (Agent notes: (P) was shown an area map of the hotel by the interviewing agents in which (P) pointed out the exact location of the hotel).

(P) went to the front desk and asked for Abdullah's room number. When (P) arrived at the room one Saudi was praying on the floor in a continuous prayer. The other Saudi was reading a book, NFI, on the bed. (P) (P) and Abdullah again began casual conversation (P). (P) The conversation lead to Abdullah asking (P) for some advice regarding the United States. Abdullah wanted to know from (P) how (P) was getting along with the western culture and continuously living in the United States. Abdullah wanted (P) to talk about life with a wife in the United States. Also living or having a wife who had not converted to Islam. Abdullah inquired as to being a student at a University and what the school work entailed. Abdullah then changed his disposition and the conversation with focus on Abdullah, Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar, blending in with westerners in the United States. Abdullah wanted (P) to give suggestions or examples of fitting in and blending with people in the United States. (P) did not deny making suggestions or examples of fitting in and blending with people in the United States, however when asked, he could not recall any of the suggestions or examples he gave to Abdullah. (P) did not opine in a derogatory manner on what Abdullah meant when he said blending in with westerners. (P) also did not feel his suggestions or examples he gave to Abdullah were derogatory or nefarious in nature. (P) said the night ended with the same situation as when he arrived at the room. The Saudi's did not stop praying or reading to engage in conversation with (P), Abdullah or (P). The Saudi's did not speak to (P) nor show any interest in Alzamari or the conversation. (P) left the hotel room and went home without making any future plans of having some sort of contact with Abdullah or the Saudi's.

(P) The next time (P) saw one of the Saudi's was approximately two weeks after the first encounter mentioned above. Again, (P) was socializing after evening prayer at the KFM when he was approached by the Saudi. The Saudi was very business like and asked (P) to take him to the University that (P) was attending. The Saudi wanted (P) to assist him in going to the enrollment office and translate the English enrollment forms from the University. The Saudi told (P) he wanted to enroll in college but he did not mention what courses he was going to take. That night (P) told the Saudi to meet him at the administration office on the campus of (P) (P) gave the Saudi directions on how to get there and where the office was located on campus. (P) told the Saudi to meet him there at 11:00 a.m. after (P) got out of class. Again, the Saudi did not have a cellular phone number or any contact information to exchange with (P) The next day at 11:00 a.m., the Saudi showed up to meet (P) in front of the administration office. The Saudi was standing outside the office waiting when (P) walked up. Alzamari inquired as to how the Saudi got to the office in which the Saudi said he rented a car. (P) did not see the rental car at the University. The topic was not discussed of where, what city, the Saudi rented the car or what hotel or location the Saudi stayed the night. (P) did not ride with the Saudi nor did the Saudi ride with (P) in his car. (P) accompanied the Saudi into the administration office. The office employee, described as an American female, NFI, began explaining the enrollment procedures, policies and fees of the University regarding foreign students to the Saudi. (P) claimed the office employee spoke in English and the Saudi understood. (P) does not recall but believed the Saudi might have filled out a preliminary enrollment application. The Saudi took the enrollment packet from the office employee and left. (P) stated the Saudi became very angry and upset with the office employee over the amount of fees foreign students are charged to enroll. (P) could visibly see that the more the Saudi talked about it the more furious he became. (Agents note: On 01/10/2007, FBI-LA conducted a preliminary records check with the admissions office on the campus of (P) for (P) and Nawaf Al-Hazmi, which resulted in positive results. Preliminary computer checks revealed that Al-Hazmi submitted an application to the University on 06/20/2000. Checks for (P) reveal he was a student at the University during the time period mentioned by

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FBI-LA will report full details via future EC).

(P) recalled the Saudi coming to the KFM

the second time mentioned above driving alone in the rental car mentioned above. (P) recalled the car was white in color, described as a small car and appeared to be a foreign make. (P) believed (P) was standing with him at the KFM at might also be able to describe the Saudi's rental car. (P) stated Sheikh Fahad was with him and (P) and entered into a separate conversation with the Saudi after (P) and the Saudi spoke. It was (P)'s opinion that Sheikh Fahad showed an unusual interest in the Saudi. However, it was well known at the KFM that Fahad had extreme interest in anyone coming to the KFM who was Saudi Arabian as if he was the responsible person for the Saudi's. Fahad would ask any Saudi visitor details as to their activities and purposes of visiting KFM and the United States. (P) was unaware of any details as to what Fahad discussed with the Saudi mentioned above.

(P) After the time spent with the Saudi, to include the other Saudi and the individual from Yemen at the hotel, (P) and (P) both felt the Saudi demanded that people serve him and his needs. (P) felt this same way at the University admissions office. When the Saudi became angry at the female he demanded (P) to speak to the female and straighten things out in the Saudi's favor. (P) opined that this was the way of the Saudi Arabian culture to treat (P)'s as if they are lower in status because the menial jobs in Saudi Arabia were usually filled by people from (P)

(P) discussed (A), (G), (J-1) on an individual named Shaikh (P) who was described as the number two scholar in the Islamic world, NFI. (P) would visit the KFM and at one point lived in the Los Angeles area for a period of time, believed to be the same time period as when (P) was employed at (P). An individual named (P) was responsible for making the apartment rental arrangements for (P) (P) placed his name on all the rental leases and the utilities for (P)'s apartment. (P) nationality was (P) but he lived most of his life in (P) (P) followed the Salafi teachings and was an advocate of education. (P) would have regular discussions with Shaikh (P) until (P) told (P) not to visit or speak to the Shaikh so frequently.

(P) attended the KFM everyday until the KFM obtained a restraining order against (P) in which he was not allowed back. (P) and a Syrian individual, NFI, began to have a problem with the Saudi's controlling the KFM. (P) wanted the KFM to be open to all ideas of Muslim's and give everyone the opportunity to give lectures and lead classes at the KFM. The KFM became angry with

(P) and obtained the restraining order after the time when (P) told everyone attending prayer at the KFM not to give any donations until the KFM made changes. (P) wanted the KFM to change and follow the teachings of Ibm Tammiyah, NFI.

(P) advised that he received a personal check from Shaikh Fahad shortly before (P) traveled to (P). (P) could not recall the exact date or year. The check was in the amount of \$300.00 or \$600.00. Fahad gave the check to (P) in order to give to the family of a deceased mutual friend from (P). (P) could not recall the friend's name, but stated this friend died on the Egyptian airline that crash several years ago. (P) remembered cashing the check at Ralph's Grocery Store before he left for (P). (P) gave the money to the family while in (P). This friend was married to an American woman in Los Angeles but (P) could not recall her name.

(P) denied having any further contact with the three individuals mentioned above, Mohdar Abdullah, Khalid Al-Mihdhar and Nawaf Al-Hazmi, after the events mentioned above. (P) did admit he made inquiries in San Diego as to the whereabouts of Mohdar Abdullah in 2003 when (P) moved from Los Angeles to San Diego, California. (P) asked people, NFI, at the Abu Bakr Mosque and the Masjid Ar Ribat if they knew Abdullah but to no avail. (P) denied having contact or seeking out Mohdar Abdullah while visiting (P). (P) did mention that Mohdar Abdullah (P) (P)

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On 01/23/2007, (P) aka (P)
(P) date of birth (P-1) (P), Place of Birth (P), Social Security
Number (SSN) (P-1) California Driver's License (P-1) Alien
Number (P-1) home address (P) (P) Ohio,
cellular telephone (P-1) email address (P-1)
was advised of the identities of the agents and purpose of the interview.
(P) provided the following information:

(P) first entered the United States in June, 1995 through
San Francisco. (P) who was single, moved in with his uncle and
sponsor, (G), (P-1)
(P) lived there for approximately one year, during which
he was employed at a Burger King restaurant and took English classes.
He then moved in with another uncle, (G), (P-1)
(G), (P-1) While living there, (P) played
soccer and made some friends who offered to let him move in with them.
He moved in with three roommates at (P)
(P) San Jose.

(P) roommates were (P) (P) and
(P). He was displayed photographs of these men and
confirmed their identities. All three men were Sudanese and worked
as security guards for Guardsmark Security. According to (P)
(P) and (P) were flight students who had begun learning to fly
in Sudan and were continuing their training in the U.S. They did not
get their pilot's license while (P) lived with them. (P) went for
one flight lesson with (P) and his American instructor. (P) stated
that there was never any connection between these men and the two of
the 9/11 hijackers, Nawaf and Khalid.

In 1997, (P) traveled to (P) and married his wife,
(P) and then returned to the United States without her.

In 1999, (P) moved to (P) Los
Angeles, California. His parents and two sisters lived with him for
a time at this address. He was living at this residence on September
11, 2001.

(P) was shown photographs of 9/11 Hijackers Khalid
Al-Mihdhar and Nawaf Al-Hazmi and was asked how he knew them. (P)

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stated that he first met Nawaf and Khalid in early 2000 during an evening prayer at the King Fahad Mosque (KFM) in Culver City. (P) would usually attend sunset or evening prayers at KFM and would walk from his apartment at (P) Los Angeles, California. (P) met Nawaf and Khalid as he was standing by the doorway of KFM greeting people. Nawaf and Khalid had only been in the country for a couple of days. Nawaf and Khalid told (P) that they were new students in town from Saudi Arabia and were looking for a place to stay. After the prayer, (P) introduce Nawaf and Khalid to Imam Fahad (Althumairy), the only Saudi he knew at KFM. (P) told Althumairy that Nawaf and Khalid were new Saudi students in town and they were looking for a place to stay or roommates. At that time, (P) departed and did not listen to the conversation that took place between Imam Fahad and Khalid and Nawaf. (P) described Imam Fahad as a very quiet person who only comes into the mosque two minutes before prayers, says the prayer and then may talk to some individuals afterwards.

(P) saw Khalid and Nawaf for the second time at KFM a couple of days later after another prayer. Khalid and Nawaf told (P) that they were currently staying downtown, but wanted to move closer to the community by KFM. (P) took Nawaf and Khalid by a couple of hotels that he pointed out along Washington Boulevard. (P) did not remember the names of the hotel, but he recalled visiting them after they decided which one to stay at. (P) could not remember any details about the hotel. (P) did not help Nawaf and Khalid register at the hotel. Nawaf and Khalid also asked (P) about the location of grocery stores and restaurants in the area. (P) took them to an Arabic restaurant and store on Venice Boulevard. (P) spoke to Khalid and Nawaf in Arabic, but described them as very quiet individuals. They did not speak very good English, but wanted to take ESL courses. (P) stated that he did not provide any information on where they should attend classes. (P) did not know if they actually attended any English classes.

(P) stated that Nawaf and Khalid asked for his telephone and that they called his house. (P) did not remember if he called Nawaf and Khalid at any time including when they stayed at a hotel near KFM.

On another occasion, Khalid and Nawaf told (P) that they intended to move to San Diego and asked (P) to drop them off at a bus pick-up area. (P) did not assist in obtaining tickets for Khalid and Nawaf for their trip to San Diego, but drove them in the morning to bus stop in a place between Santa Monica and Los Angeles. Nawaf and Khalid knew when the bus trip was scheduled. (P) thought they were catching a Greyhound bus to San Diego. When asked why Khalid and Nawaf wanted to move to San Diego, they told him it was a beautiful city and did not provide any further information on why they were moving. (P) recalled that they only had bags of clothes when he drove them to the bus stop.

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(P) stated that Nawaf and Khalid called him to let him know that they had made it to San Diego. (P) does not recall any other information from that telephone call.

(P) was asked if Nawaf or Khalid ever asked him about flight schools, or their real purpose of their time in the United States to commit terrorist acts, to which he replied no. (P) advised that he never talked to Nawaf or Khalid about politics, current events, including the situation in Palestine or Usama Bin Laden (UBL).

(P) stated that he did not get calling cards for Khalid or Nawaf and never saw them use one.

During the time that he met Khalid and Nawaf, (P) was working in downtown Los Angeles working for (P) at California Hospital which was a 15-20 minute commute from his home. At that time, (P) drove a 1980s (P) that he bought in 1997.

(P) stated that the next time he saw Nawaf and Khalid was a few months later during evening prayers at KFM. Nawaf and Khalid were with a Yemeni individual who they stated was a friend from San Diego and introduced him as Mohdar. (P) then introduced Mohdar to one of his Yemeni friends identified as (P). After prayers, (P) invited the group back to dinner at his apartment for dinner. (P) thought that Mohdar drove Nawaf and Khalid that night, but was not sure. (P) recalled Nawaf and Khalid enjoyed being in San Diego, but Khalid was leaving the next day to go back to Yemen and visit his family. (P) stated that Mohdar was a student in San Diego. (P) described Mohdar as being more talkative than Khalid and Nawaf.

(P) was asked where his family was during the dinner he had with Nawaf, Khalid, Mohdar and (P). (P) stated that his family also had another place right next door to where he lived, but could not recall the exact address or number.

(P) also recalled a time where Nawaf came up a day before he went to see a college with (P). JOHAR stated that Nawaf stayed at his apartment that night, where they talked and watched TV, and then Nawaf went to bed. Nawaf was driving a relatively new vehicle on that trip. JOHAR was asked if Nawaf used his telephone, to which he replied that he could not remember but stated that Nawaf probably did. (P) stated that he did not see Nawaf again after he spent the night in his house.

When asked if Nawaf wanted to get married, (P) stated that Nawaf wanted to, but discussed this topic more with (P).

(P) stated that it wasn't until a couple of months after the 9/11 attacks that he recognized photographs of Nawaf and Khalid in the news and realized that they were hijackers. (P) did not come forward to the authorities because he was very scared. (P) did not know of anyone around the mosque that discussed the 9/11 attacks.

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(P) stated that his best friend in Los Angeles when he lived there was (P). Because there was not a big (P) community there, he did not have many friends.

When (P) first moved to Los Angeles, in 1999, Imam Fahad was not present when he first started going to a mosque on Palms in Venice. It wasn't until KFM was built that he knew of Imam Fahad.

(P) acknowledged that he worked for the (P) in Santa Monica in 2000, but during the probation phase, (P) stated that he was not fast enough moving mail and was terminated after a couple of months.

(P) was shown CDL photographs of OMAR ALBAYOUMI and (P). (P) did not recognize ALBAYOUMI, but did recognize (P) but stated he did not know him very well and just saw him at KFM. (P) was asked to explain the telephone calls between (P) home and his home. (P) stated that his mother knew (P) wife and that they would get together often.

In 2000, (P) became a naturalized US citizen. After (P) naturalized, he requested a name change for his United States passport from (P) to (P) because (P) full name is (P). When (P) first arrived to the United States in June, 1995, he was known as (P).

In late 2001 or early 2002, (P) moved to a community in San Diego known as (P) with his father, mother and two sisters. (P) moved to San Diego because (P) account at the hospital he was working at in Los Angeles, but then they picked up an account at Mercy Hospital near University of California San Diego. (P) mother had previously visited San Diego and she encouraged the family to move there. (P) also took a part time job with (P) as a (P) near Federal and 47th Avenue.

In 2002, (P) wife also arrived in the United States for the first time.

(P) lived at the (P) for a year between 2002-2003 and then moved to (P) San Diego, which was off the I-805 freeway when he was approved for low-income housing. While in San Diego, (P) drove a (P) which he later shipped to (P).

When (P) was living in San Diego, he attended both the Masjid Al-Ribat and Abu Bakr mosques. (P) knew an Egyptian Imam known as (P) at the Masjid Al-Ribat. (P) used to play soccer with the Eritrean and Somali community on El Cajon Boulevard near a post office. (P) advised that there were a lot of young Somali men who attended Masjid Al-Ribat. (P) has attended Eid Celebrations at the San Diego Convention Center.

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One Somali individual (P) was friends with in San Diego was (P) is a couple of years younger than (P) and he lives at (P) San Diego with his wife and two children. (P) met (P) at a Somali store located near 54th and University Streets. (P) works for (P) Rental Car at the San Diego airport. (P) last talked to (P) over the telephone a couple of weeks ago. (P) may visit (P) and his family in the near future.

(P) also knew another Somali individual in San Diego by the name of (P) who had a hot-dog stand by High Tech School. (P) is not married.

In February, 2006, (P) transferred via an internal job opportunity to a (P) facility in (P) where he took a position as a quality control (P). Not only did this position offer him the opportunity to use his education (he has a degree in (P) from Sanaa University in Yemen), it also offered more money in an area where the cost of living was lower. (P) lived at (P) Ohio, for about two months before moving to (P) Ohio. He subsequently purchased a house at (P). (P) said that he paid \$11,000 in cash (money he had saved) for the house which needed a lot of work.

He currently owns this house and while he is repairing it, he and his family live a short distance down the street in a second floor apartment at (P) (corner of (P) Ohio. (P)

(P) is registered in the state of Ohio, but has not gotten around to changing his California Driver's License.

(P) stated that he is not familiar with the name (P). (Agent's note: This name and some variations of it, as well as the date of birth (P-1) 1971, SSAN (P-1) and a number of addresses, are closely associated with (P) name in a number of databases, to include Lexis-Nexis, Accurint, and Choicepoint.

It was thought that (P) possibly used the names as aliases.) (P) did not recognize an Ohio driver's license photograph of a person identified as (P) and stated that he does not know anyone by that name. He further stated that he has never lived at any of the following streets in (P)

(P) (P) could not explain his connection to this person but speculated that it may have resulted from someone finding his lost green card. In 1997 or 1998, while he was living in San Jose, (P) lost his green card. He reported the loss to INS and was reissued a new card.

(P) father's name is (P-1) and his mother's name is (P-1). (P) has (P) sisters: (P-1) and (P-1) is lives in (P) with her husband, (P-1) who is (P). (P-1) and (P-1) got married in (P) (P-1) lives in (P) with her grandmother. (P-1) is in (P), but is marrying an (P). (P) father is currently visiting (P) sister in (P) and his mother is in (P) visiting the other sister. (P) has an older brother that

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is a (P) and another brother who resides in (P). (P) father won the visa lottery and received a Diversity-Visa and then sponsored his family to come into the United States.

(P) described himself as a good Muslim. (P) is Sunni Muslim, but has not been to Hajj.

Because of the war between (P) and (P), (P) and his family were refugees for some time and moved to (P). (P) attended elementary school in (P) when he was 7-13 years old.

In 1991, (P) graduated from the University of (P) with a (P) Degree.

(P) currently does not have a hard-line home telephone number, but he and his wife use cellular telephones. (P) has a laptop computer that he connects to the internet through a cable modem.

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On 01/26/2007, (P) aka (P) (P), date of birth (P-1) 1967, Place of Birth (P) Social Security Number (SSN) (P-1) California Driver's License (CDL) (P-1) Alien Number (P-1) home address (P-1) (P) Ohio, cellular telephone (P-1) email address (P-1) walked agents through various places that he was with Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar in Los Angeles, Culver City and Santa Monica, California. (P) recalled the following events:

(P) stated that he first met Nawaf and Khalid in early 2000 outside of King Fahad Mosque (KFM). (P) was leaving from afternoon prayers when Nawaf and Khalid greeted him. Nawaf and Khalid told him that they were new students in town from Saudi Arabia and they had come to KFM because they knew it to be a Saudi mosque. (P) told Nawaf and Khalid that the afternoon prayers were over, but escorted them inside and watched them pray. After praying, Nawaf and Khalid told (P) that they were staying in a hotel downtown, but wanted to move closer to the community. (P) showed Nawaf and Khalid a couple of hotels on Sepulveda Boulevard just west of Washington Boulevard. (P) stated that Nawaf and Khalid did not have any bags with them on this occasion. On this occasion or another occasion, (P) then walked the two to an Arabic Restaurant and Grocery Store on the corner of Venice and Midvale Avenues. (P) stayed at the restaurant with them while they ate. (P) then walked home to (P) (Los Angeles, California) and did not see Nawaf or Khalid leave.

The next day or day after, (P) saw Nawaf and Khalid again at KFM before prayers started. After the prayer, (P) introduced Nawaf and Khalid to Imam Fahad because he was the only other Saudi (P) knew at KFM. (P) positively identified a picture of FAHAD ALTHUMAIRY as Imam Fahad). (P) stated that Nawaf and Khalid only talked to Imam Fahad for five minutes. Nawaf and Khalid then invited (P) to go back to the hotel they found.

(P) walked with agents to the hotels on Sepulveda Boulevard between Washington and Venice. (P) stated that Nawaf and Khalid stayed in a hotel that one could drive right up to and faced the street in a room on the second floor. (P) believed that Nawaf and Khalid either stayed at the motels identified as Deano's, (3868 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City, California), or Astro Motel, (3850 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City, California). (P) stated that he was 70% sure it was the

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Astro Motel, Room 23 and 30% that it was Deano's Motel. After viewing Room 23 at the Astro Motel, (P) recalled that Nawaf and Khalid offered him some milk out of a small refrigerator. Room 23 of the Astro Motel contained two beds and a small refrigerator.

On another occasion, (P) had a discussion with Nawaf on the telephone or in person, and he told (P) that he and Khalid were going to San Diego to see the city and the Muslim community and if they liked it, they would stay down there. Nawaf asked (P) for his help in trying to get a bus ride down to San Diego. (P) believed that the evening before Nawaf and Khalid left or the morning of, (P) called Greyhound bus from the payphone outside of Deano's and Astro Motels to determine the nearest bus stop for Nawaf and Khalid to travel to San Diego. (P) then drove the two with their bags to an area located on 2nd Street in Santa Monica, between Colorado and Broadway. Nawaf asked (P) to keep one of their bags, just in case they did not like San Diego and had to return. (P) stated that the bag was a dark hand-bag and he did not look in it or know what the contents were. (P) dropped the Nawaf and Khalid off because he had to go to work. (P) did not help Nawaf and Khalid buy bus tickets or see them board a bus. (P) was driving a (P) at this time.

A couple of days later, Nawaf called (P) to tell him they made it to San Diego and gave him their phone number which (P) recalled had an 858 area code. Nawaf stated that he would get the other bag when he came up to Los Angeles at a later date. (P) stated that the total amount of time he first came to know Khalid and Nawaf before they left was approximately one week.

(P) recalls talking to Nawaf a couple of times over the phone, but he never called him. On one occasion, Nawaf called (P) to tell him that they had moved and now had a 619 area code number and that they would be coming up to Los Angeles. That day, (P) told his friend (P) that he had guests coming into town. (P) and (P) met Nawaf, Khalid and Mohdar (Abdullah) at KFM during prayers. Afterwards, the group went back to an apartment that (P) was staying in at that time (identified as (P) Los Angeles, California) for dinner. (P) stated that this residence belonged to his sister, (P) and her husband, (P), but they were out of town. (P) did not think his sister and husband had a computer in their house. (P) stayed in this apartment for a couple of weeks while his father, mother, and two sisters were living in (P). None of (P) family ever saw the group.

(P) could not remember what kind of car Nawaf, Khalid and Mohdar were driving that night, but stated that it was not an American car. During the dinner, (P), Nawaf and Mohdar discussed marriage. The group also talked about Khalid's trip back to Saudi Arabia to visit his pregnant wife. Nawaf took his other piece of luggage back from (P) that night.

(P) did not see Nawaf, Khalid or Mohdar the next day.

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A few days later, Nawaf called (P) and stated that he was coming up to Los Angeles again. This time, Nawaf met (P) at his apartment at (P) at night. (P) thought that Nawaf was driving a dark, non-American car. (P) could not remember if (P) met them at his apartment that night. Nawaf spent the night, and (P) could not recall if Nawaf made any telephone calls. The next day, Nawaf met (P) at the school he was attending. (P) did not see or talk to Nawaf again.

(P) was asked if Nawaf or Khalid ever talked about jihad, flight training, Palestine, or politics to which he replied no. (P) did not know anyone who traveled to Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan or Pakistan for training or religious instruction.

(P) was shown various photographs and provided the following information:

(P) recognized a CDL photograph (P) (date of birth (P-1) (P), CDL (P-1) (P) and (P) have known each other since they both lived in (P) (P) mother and (P) mother are best friends and the families used to visit each other when (P) lived in Orange County.

(P) recognized a CDL photograph of (P) (date of birth (P-1) (P), CDL (P-1) (P) knew (P) from KFM and stated that he was married and had a daughter. (P) sister is friends with (P) wife. (P) advised that the last time he saw (P) was when his family traveled to San Diego to visit (P).

(P) recognized a CDL photograph of (P) (date of birth (P-1) (P), CDL (P-1) (P), but did not know his name. (P) stated that this individual was (P) and worked at KFM.

(P) did not recognize the following individuals: (P) (P) (date of birth (P-1) (P), CDL (P-1) (P) (date of birth (P-1) (P), CDL (P-1) (P); OUALID BENOMRANE (date of birth (P-1) (P), CDL (P-1) (P); ANWAR AULAQI; (P) (P) (P), and the UNSUB in the 06/10/2000 Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Video.

(P) provided the following additional biographical data: (P) stated that he attended a high school called (P) in (P) (P). After graduating from the University of (P) in 1991, (P) remained in (P) for 2 years teaching (P) in a middle school. In 1993, (P) spent one year with his family in (P) and then returned to (P) for a short time in 1994 and then received news that he had obtained a United States DV visa from the lottery.

(P) sister (P) and her husband (P) currently live at (P-1)

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On 08/29/2007, (P) (P) (P) date of birth (P-1) Place of Birth (P) Social Security Number (SSN) (P-1) California Driver's License (CDL) (P-1) Alien Number (P-1) home address (P-1) (P) Ohio, cellular telephone (P-1) email address (P-1) was interviewed in the presence of his attorney, (P) of Sams Fischer Packard Schuessler LLC, at 8738 Union Centre Blvd, West Chester, Ohio, 45069, telephone (P-1), fax (P-1), email (P-1) regarding his contact with Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar in the Los Angeles area in 2000. (P) provided the following information:

(P) stated that he first met Nawaf and Khalid at the King Fahad Mosque (KFM) in Culver City during afternoon prayers. Nawaf and Khalid told (P) that they just arrived to the United States a couple of days ago. Nawaf and Khalid did not state the purpose of their visit, but (P) believed that they were just visiting the US. At the time, Nawaf and Khalid were staying in a hotel in downtown Los Angeles and they expressed a desire to move closer to KFM. (P) showed them three motels on Sepulveda Boulevard between Washington and Venice Streets.

The next day, (P) saw the two again at the afternoon prayers at KFM. After the prayers, (P) introduce Nawaf and Khalid to Imam Fahad Althumairy. The conversation lasted was only for a couple of minutes. After departing KFM, Nawaf and Khalid told (P) that they got a room at one of the motels (P) recommended on Sepulveda Boulevard. (P) was surprised that they got a room already, because he was expecting to help them register for one because of their limited English abilities. (P) stated that Nawaf and Khalid stayed in a room on the second floor in the back left corner. The door was on the right side of the room and the window of their room faced the street. (P) recalled that there was one bed and one refrigerator in the room.

On another occasion, (P) met Nawaf and Khalid and showed them where a grocery store and restaurant on the corner of Venice and Midvale that was close to his apartment. (P) stated that he pointed down the street to where his apartment was to Nawaf and Khalid but they never went inside his place when he first met them.

The fourth time (P) saw Nawaf and Khalid was at the motel. Nawaf and Khalid stated that they heard in the community that San Diego

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was a beautiful city and they were thinking about going down there. Nawaf and Khalid asked (P) if they could get down there by bus. (P) went out to the payphones outside of Deano's/Astro Motels and looked up a number for Greyhound. (P) called Greyhound and found a bus stop that he could drop them off in West Los Angeles. (P) did not know of anyone specifically that Nawaf or Khalid talked to about going to San Diego.

A day or two after the discussion about going to San Diego, (P) picked up Nawaf and Khalid at the motel before his work and dropped them at a bus station in Santa Monica. Nawaf told (P) that they would go down there (San Diego) and check it out, and if they liked it, they would stay down there, but if not, they would come back. Nawaf asked (P) to keep a bag for him and he would get it on another occasion.

(P) estimated that Nawaf and Khalid were in Culver City between a week and two weeks during that time. (P) would usually pray the afternoon prayer at KFM every day if he was around. (P) did not see Nawaf and Khalid every day he was there to pray though. Nawaf and Khalid had cash with them. (P) never saw Nawaf or Khalid make a phone call or having a phone card in their possession. Nawaf and Khalid did not ask (P) for any assistance in finding a bank, getting calling cards, or asking about schools or English classes during the initial period of time when he met them. (P) did not see Nawaf or Khalid interact with any other individuals during this time in Los Angeles except for introducing them to Althumairy. Nawaf and Khalid never went inside (P) apartment during this time. (P) never saw Nawaf or Khalid with a camera.

(P) stated that Nawaf called him a couple of weeks after they got to San Diego and let him know that they were going to stay down there. Nawaf told (P) that he would get the bag next time they came up to Los Angeles.

The next time (P) heard from Nawaf and Khalid is when they called him to tell him that they were coming up to Los Angeles. (P) invited them to his home on Midvale Avenue. (P) told his best friend, (P) that he had a couple of Saudi friends would be coming up from San Diego to visit. Nawaf, Khalid and a Yemeni individual Mohdar (Abdullah) showed up at (P) apartment. (P) stated that (P) and Mohdar quickly hit it off because they were both from Yemen. During the night, the five individuals talked about marriage, schools and Khalid's departure. This was the first time that (P) heard Nawaf's interest in attending school. At the time (P) was attending school and Nawaf was asking him a lot of questions about it. Nawaf and Khalid took their bag back from (P) on that night.

The next time (P) saw Nawaf was a week later when he came up to Los Angeles and spent the night at (P) sister's apartment. (P) stated it was possible that Nawaf made a call from his house on that night. After that night, (P) never saw or heard from Nawaf again.

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(P) was asked if Nawaf or Khalid stayed at any other place when he first met them. (P) stated that they stayed at one of the two motels he showed agents in January, 2007. The only other people (P) saw Nawaf and Khalid interact with was Fahad Althumairy, (P) (P), and Mohdar Abdullah.

(P) only told his parents and sister about his interaction with Khalid and Nawaf after 9/11. (P) stated he was too scared to go to the authorities and tell them about his meeting them.

(P) was confronted with the fact that the motel registry has not matched up with what (P) previously told agents. (P) could not explain why that would be the case as he was sure that Nawaf and Khalid stayed in a motel that he previously described to agents.

(P) did not recognize California Driver's License (CDL) photographs of (P) (P)

(P) stated he would be amenable to taking a polygraph because he had nothing to hide. (P) a attorney stated that he would have to talk to his client on the issue of taking a polygraph.

(P) was informed that it was very possible that he would be interviewed again by other agents regarding his contact with Nawaf and Khalid.

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On May 18, 2011 and May 19, 2011, MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL MIHDAR ZAID, also known as MOHDAR ABDULLAH (Mohdar), date of birth (P-1) 1978, was interviewed in (G) Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) (S) and New York City Police Department (NYPD) (S) were present in the room and conducted the interview. FBI (S) and NYPD (S) (S) were in a position to observe the interview. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, Mohdar voluntarily provided the following information:

After graduating from high school in Yemen, Mohdar traveled to the United Kingdom for approximately three weeks. He then returned to Yemen and, shortly thereafter, took a flight to visit Italy. While in Italy, Mohdar called some school classmates who were in Canada. These classmates encouraged him to attend college in Canada. Mohdar applied and received an acceptance letter from Algoden College in Ottawa, Canada. He did not apply for college through the Embassy in Yemen. Mohdar's father sponsored his move to Canada and paid all the college tuition.

While residing and attending college in Ottawa, Canada, Mohdar attended the Central Mosque. He could not provide the name of the Imam, but commented he was of Libyan descent. Mohdar did not meet and was not acquainted with (P) while residing in Canada. Mohdar insisted that he met (P) only after arriving in San Diego, California in 1999. Both Mohdar and (P) attended the Masjid Abu Bakr and the Masjid Ar Ribat while residing in San Diego.

Mohdar knew both Nawaf al Hazmi (Hazmi) and Khaled al Mihdhar (Mihdhar). Mohdar was first introduced to Hazmi and Mihdhar by Omar al Bayoumi (Bayoumi) who was a Saudi financier of the local Saudi-sponsored mosques. Mohdar described a perception in the community that Bayoumi was associated with the Saudi intelligence services. Others in the Islamic community would say to stay away from Bayoumi because he spies for the Saudi government.

Mohdar was introduced to Hazmi and Mihdhar after prayer service in January 2000 at the mosque where Bayoumi was an administrator and had an office. Bayoumi called Mohdar and invited him to an evening meal at the mosque. Bayoumi walked into the room with Hazmi and Mihdhar

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and then, after talking to Imam Anwar Aulaqi, Bayoumi walked over to Mohdar and introduced Hazmi and Mihdhar as two Saudi students who did not speak English and were new to San Diego. Bayoumi told Hazmi and Mihdhar that this was Mohdar. Mohdar understood this to indicate that Bayoumi had previously had a conversation with Hazmi and Mihdhar about him. Bayoumi asked Mohdar if he could help Hazmi and Mihdhar. Mohdar then sat next to Hazmi and ate a meal.

Mohdar clarified to investigators that he was not instructed to look after Hazmi or Mihdhar while they were in the United States, but was asked by Bayoumi. Mohdar is a man and therefore nobody tells him what to do, and all the help he provided to Hazmi and Mihdhar was of his own accord.

Mohdar developed a friendship with Mihdhar and Hazmi and offered continued assistance to them, particularly by acting as an intermediary when it came to dealing with language barriers. He would translate for Hazmi and Mihdhar and help them fill out documents. Mohdar made a phone call to a flight school for Mihdhar. He did not help Hazmi and Mihdhar get social security cards or driver's licenses, but did help Hazmi and Mihdhar fill out the paperwork for driver's licenses. Hazmi and Mihdhar lived in San Diego and Hazmi also worked at the gas station where Mohdar worked. Mohdar also helped them try to exchange a set of airplane tickets which transited through Bangkok for a direct flight to Saudi Arabia, but was not successful.

Mohdar had conversations with both Hazmi and Mihdhar about jihad on many occasions. Sometimes they had these conversations sitting on the picnic tables outside the gas station where they worked. The men would talk about the fighting in Chechnya and the plight of the Palestinians. They would watch internet videos of the fighting in Chechnya and the oppression of Muslims by Russia. They discussed the U.S. embassy bombings in Tanzania and Kenya and Hazmi and Mihdhar would both justify the attacks as part of jihad. The three men also discussed Usama Bin Laden (UBL) and Hazmi and Mihdhar praised UBL as a jihadi. Mohdar told Hazmi and Mihdhar he did not agree with the attacks on the embassies.

Mohdar did his own internet research about UBL. He continued to have discussions with Hazmi and Mihdhar about jihad, the war against Islam, and the oppression of Muslims, focusing on events such as the presence of American troops on Muslim land, particularly in the holy land of Saudi Arabia. Mohdar said that during these conversations with Hazmi and Mihdhar, the three men also discussed training camps.

Mohdar also spent a lot of time with Hazmi after Mihdhar departed the United States. Hazmi had jihadi, anti-Jew, and anti-American views. Mohdar attended two protests on issues surrounding Israel and the Palestinians, including accompanying Hazmi to a pro-Palestinian/anti-Israeli protest in Balboa Park in San Diego in 2000. Hazmi talked to Mohdar about wanting to be a pilot and attending flight school. Hazmi gave Mohdar a telephone number to a flight school

and requested that Mohdar call and make inquiries on behalf of Hazmi. Hazmi said he wanted to work for the Transportation Department of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Mohdar continued to assist Hazmi in his daily affairs even after the discussions about Hazmi's views.

Mohdar spent a lot of time with Hazmi on a daily basis. He did not see Hazmi do anything suspicious while in San Diego. Hazmi was in the United States as a student, but he did not go to school. Mohdar described Hazmi as a strict Islamic fundamentalist, noting that Hazmi would not even shake a woman's hand because it was against his Islamic beliefs. Hazmi wanted to marry a Syrian woman and went to see the Minister of Interior in Saudi Arabia, who told Hazmi he could not marry the woman. While in San Diego, Mohdar assisted Hazmi in seeking a woman to court and marry on dating websites, such as www.match.com. Mohdar believes Hazmi was seeking a female with whom to have sex. Mohdar was not aware of any females with whom Hazmi had contact through these dating websites. Mohdar and Hazmi often entered into discussion regarding the fundamentals and strict teachings of Islam. In one instance, Mohdar had a discussion with Hazmi as to why Hazmi was clean shaven and did not have a beard. Hazmi told Mohdar that he had his reasons why he did not wear a beard, but did not elaborate.

Mohdar asked Hazmi why, if Hazmi did not like being in the United States, he didn't leave. Hazmi did not answer this question. Hazmi mentioned UBL by name in several of these conversations. Hazmi made the association between Bin Laden and the Embassy bombing in Tanzania. During this conversation, Mohdar thought back to when the Navy ship, the USS Cole, was attacked in 2000.

Hazmi told Mohdar that something needs to be done to fight the jihad, and went as far as to say that they should do something. Mohdar did not think Hazmi meant they should be terrorists. He believed that Hazmi meant they should train and fight abroad, like the Muslim men who trained and fought in Afghanistan and Chechnya in the past. Mohdar did not realize Hazmi was trying to recruit him.

Mohdar recognized a photograph of Fahad al Thumairy (Thumairy) and admitted knowing Thumairy. Mohdar traveled from San Diego to Culver City, California, to attend prayer at the King Fahad Mosque. His first trip to Culver City was with two close friends named (P) (P) and Samir Abdoun. (P) knew the location of the King Fahad Mosque and gave Mohdar directions. This occasion was the first time Mohdar met Thumairy. At the time, Thumairy was the Imam of the King Fahad Mosque.

On his next visit to the King Fahad Mosque, Mohdar was with (P) LNU. Mohdar could not recall (P) last name. He described (P) as a Yemeni citizen and a neighbor of his while they both resided in Sanaa, Yemen. (P) was a doctor who had attended medical school in Germany and was in San Diego for a visit at the time. (P) stayed with (P). Mohdar and (P) rented a car and traveled together to Los Angeles, California to attend prayer at the King Fahad Mosque. Mohdar and (P) later went to a Yemeni group meeting in Long Beach,

California.

On his third visit to the King Fahad Mosque, Mohdar visited a separate mosque that was affiliated with the Tablighi Jamaat Group. This separate mosque was in the same area of Los Angeles, California, as the King Fahad Mosque. Mohdar did not indicate who was with him on this trip. In June 2000 he attended the King Fahad Mosque with Hazmi and Mihdhar.

Thumairy knew Hazmi and Mihdhar. Mohdar knew this because he was present when Thumairy, Hazmi and Mihdhar were together at the King Fahad Mosque in Los Angeles.

Mohdar traveled to Los Angeles three times with the hijackers before the September 11, 2001 attacks. On June 9, 2000, Mohdar accompanied Hazmi and Mihdhar from San Diego, California, to Los Angeles, California, in order to take Mihdhar to the Los Angeles Airport (LAX). Hazmi drove the two men in his car, with Mohdar and Mihdhar as the only passengers. Mihdhar told Mohdar that he was leaving the United States for Yemen to go to see his wife and infant child. In the late afternoon of June 9th, Mohdar, Hazmi and Mihdhar visited the King Fahad Mosque for prayer and then met with Thumairy. During the time Mohdar, Mihdhar and Hazmi were meeting with Thumairy in the parking lot of the mosque, an individual named (P) walked up and greeted Hazmi and Mihdhar. It appeared to Mohdar that Hazmi, Mihdhar and (P) were well acquainted with each other. Another individual named (P) (P) also walked up and greeted Hazmi and Mihdhar. (P) and (P) were good friends. (P) was originally from (P) and (P) was from (P). (P) was better acquainted with Hazmi and Mihdhar than (P) was, and (P) had a more prominent role interacting with them. This was the first time Mohdar met (P) and (P) Thumairy, (P) already knew Hazmi and Mihdhar by this time, probably from when Hazmi and Mihdhar had resided in Los Angeles.

After the greetings took place in the parking lot, Thumairy invited Hazmi, Mihdhar, and Mohdar to the library at the King Fahad Mosque. The library was located in a house across the street from the mosque. Mohdar was present at the meeting in the library but could not overhear the conversation between Hazmi, Mihdhar and Thumairy because the conversation took place when Mohdar was not in listening range. Mohdar was behind the three while they were walking to the library and did not hear what they were talking about. This meeting in the library area lasted approximately two hours.

After the visit at the library and King Fahad Mosque, Mohdar, Hazmi and Mihdhar were invited to eat dinner at (P) residence. Mohdar could not recall exactly who invited him to eat dinner, but believed it was (P). Mohdar described this dinner as a goodbye dinner for Mihdhar, who was leaving the United States the following day. Mohdar rode in the car with Hazmi and Mihdhar to (P) residence. Mohdar did not recall if Hazmi knew how to get to (P) residence, but (P) did not travel with them and they did not follow (P) to the residence.

(P) father may also have been at the residence and joined them for dinner. Thumairy was also present at the dinner, having arrived on his own. (P) did not attend the dinner because he had to eat at his own house. (P) joined Mohdar, Hazmi and Mihdhar later that same evening at their hotel to socialize. (P) did not join Mohdar, Hazmi and Mihdhar in their hotel room.

On the morning of June 10, 2000, before leaving for LAX, Hazmi and Mihdhar met again with Thumairy at the library across the street from the King Fahad Mosque. Thumairy, Hazmi and Mihdhar entered the library. Mohdar remained outside at this time and could not provide any information on the content of the conversation.

Mohdar did not know the identity of an unknown individual in the previously documented security video taken at LAX airport in 2000. He had not seen anyone during his trip to the airport and, even after being shown the surveillance tape, he did not recognize the individual. Mohdar had nothing to offer regarding the unidentified individual and insisted he was not able to provide any information about this person. He has consistently stated in the past that he could not identify this person and has never known who the individual in the video was.

During one trip to Los Angeles, Mohdar, Hazmi and Mihdhar stayed in a hotel in Culver City, close to the King Fahad Mosque. In the middle of the night, Mohdar observed either Hazmi or Mihdhar leave the hotel room. Mohdar asked where the person was going and the person responded that he had to make a phone call. Mohdar did not ask anything further and did not see anyone else leave with him or whether he met anyone while he was out of the room.

On one visit to the King Fahad Mosque, Mohdar also became acquainted with a Yemeni male named Ramez Noaman (Noaman). Noaman told Mohdar about a group of Yemenis who met regularly in Long Beach, California, and invited Mohdar to attend a meeting. Noaman accompanied Mohdar and Hisham to this meeting. Noaman was in the United States as a student from Yemen, attending college at San Diego State University in San Diego, California. Noaman and Mohdar continued to attend these Yemeni group meetings together and Hazmi accompanied them to one meeting. Hazmi did not know anyone else in the group.

Mohdar knew some of the Yemeni males that attended these group meetings because they went to high school together in Sanaa, Yemen. Sheikh Anwar Aulaqi had attended meetings of this Yemeni group and had led prayers there.

Mohdar met (P) family at the Masjid Ar Ribat in San Diego, California. (P) introduced Mohdar to (P) and her family members.

(P) mother asked Mohdar to look after (P) including driving her back and forth to work at an (P) in San Diego.

He never had any conversations with (P) about Hazmi or Mihdhar.

Mohdar had been introduced to (P) at (P) house. (P) and her mother were instrumental in making the arrangements for the marriage ceremony between Mohdar and (P). (P) mother had wanted to have Mohdar marry one of her daughters. Mohdar said he never had any type of sexual relations with (P). Mohdar indicated (P) family was (P), but then stated they were (P) in response to questions about their nationality. He then referred to (P) family as (P). Mohdar met (P) family at the Ar Ribat Mosque and helped them out because they were new to the country.

The marriage ceremony between Mohdar and (P) was held in the parking lot of a Denny's Restaurant in San Diego. Mohdar could not recall the date of the ceremony, but indicated that (P) and possibly her mother attended. Mohdar denied that (P) bought a ring for him to give to (P).

Mohdar married (P) several weeks before 9/11, but did not (P) until the night of September 10, 2001. He received consent to marry (P) from (P) mother and then got married in an Islamic wedding ceremony where there were two witnesses. Mohdar and (P) were married in accordance with Islam by an official from the Masjid Ar Ribat. Mohdar could not recall the name nor the identity of the official who performed his wedding ceremony. The witnesses to the marriage ceremony were Mohdar's best friend, (P) (P) and Yazeed Al Salmi.

Mohdar spent the night of September 10th, 2001 in a hotel. That night, he brought (P) to the hotel (P). (P) Later that night, he took (P) home to her mother's house. Mohdar then went back to the hotel to spend the night, because he had paid for the whole night and the hotel was closer to his school than was his apartment.

Mohdar woke up on September 11, 2001 and received a call from (P) mother, who was crying and saying that New York is on fire. Mohdar asked to speak to (P) and then found out something was going on in New York. He turned on the television and saw the twin towers, but thought at first the events were an accident. He then took a shower and went to class at Grossmont College. Mohdar saw everyone waiting outside of the school and when he asked what was going on, someone said classes were cancelled because of what was happening. He then went to the Masjid Ar Ribat and was also turned away from entering the mosque. Mohdar got upset that the mosque was closed and confronted the caretaker. The caretaker said to go home and that the mosque was closed because of what happened.

Mohdar was not at (P) family house any time on September 11th, 2001. Mohdar did not make or receive a telephone call from (P) family house on the day of 9/11/2001. He did make a call to the Lemon

Grove Mosque on the day of 9/11/2001.

Mohdar re-contacted (P) and her family approximately two years ago via email and online chat rooms. The latest contact was approximately six months ago. Within the last two months, he had been in contact with (P) mother via instant messenger. Mohdar re-contacted the (P) family because he was searching for information related to the possibility that he had fathered a child with (P) which (P) denied. (P) mother told Mohdar that (P) was lying about the birth records of her child and that the child was actually Mohdar's. He went through (P) to gain information about (P)

Mohdar also discussed the topic of fathering (P) child with (P). He confided in (P) because the two go way back together in the San Diego Muslim community. Mohdar trusted (P) because of the history they have together and a friendship that goes back for more than ten years. (P) stood behind him and supported him while he was in jail after the 9/11 attacks.

Mohdar received a phone call from a man named Nawaf in August, 2001, but it was not Nawaf al Hazmi. Mohdar received the call from (P). (P) left a message on Mohdar's home answering machine asking if he was with us and if Mohdar was going to come with them. Mohdar understood this to refer to whether he was going to accompany (P) to Los Angeles, California, from San Diego. Mohdar had had an in-person conversation with (P) three days earlier about traveling together from San Diego to Los Angeles. Mohdar did not respond to the message, did not go to Los Angeles with (P) and never spoke to (P) again.

Mohdar was on his way to drop off (P) at work when he was arrested in 2001. He never mentioned anything to (P) regarding any of the events of the 9/11 attacks.

Mohdar was introduced to Anwar Aulaqi (Aulaqi) through Aulaqi's younger brother. Mohdar was friends with Aulaqi's brother, Omar Aulaqi (Omar), back in Yemen. He knew the Aulaqi family from Yemen where they lived a few houses down from his family's house.

When Mohdar was living in Canada, he wanted to come to the United States to find work. He was told by someone in Canada that he could come to the United States and then claim asylum. Mohdar called Omar who said to call his brother, Aulaqi, regarding going to San Diego. Mohdar asked Aulaqi if he would sponsor Mohdar coming to San Diego, and Aulaqi agreed to do so. Mohdar first met Aulaqi in 1999 when Aulaqi picked up Mohdar at LAX airport, upon Mohdar's first arrival in the United States. It was Omar's idea for Aulaqi to pick up Mohdar at LAX.

Mohdar attended the Ar Ribat Mosque in San Diego when Aulaqi was the Imam. Aulaqi was a great, charismatic speaker. The youth looked

up to Aulaqi. Mohdar looked up to Aulaqi as well, but changed his view in 2005 when they did a news interview together for Al Jazeera in Yemen. Mohdar's view had changed by this time and he did not agree with Aulaqi's radical views about terrorism and jihad. Mohdar is not convinced everything the media is saying about Aulaqi is right.

Hazmi and Mihdhar attended the Ar Ribat Mosque and spoke with Aulaqi on numerous occasions. Aulaqi also attended and gave sermons at the Yemeni group events in Long Beach. Aulaqi was at the Yemeni group meeting in Long Beach at the same time Hazmi attended.

The reason Aulaqi left the United States was because he got a tip that the FBI was working a prostitution case against him. Aulaqi decided to leave before the case advanced. Mohdar could not provide the current location or whereabouts of Aulaqi. He last spoke in-person with Aulaqi in 2005, after he and Aulaqi were interviewed together by a reporter from the Al Jazeera news organization. That interview was based on information released by the 9/11 Commission in the United States.

Mohdar last talked to Aulaqi on the telephone at the end of 2008 with (P). (P) was in Sanaa, Yemen, going to Arabic language school and working as an English language teacher at the American Center. (P) and Mohdar associated on a regular basis in Sanaa. In 2008, (P) asked Mohdar if he could put him in contact with Aulaqi. Mohdar told (P) he could, however, Mohdar would have to talk with Aulaqi in order to see if it was okay to give Aulaqi's telephone number to (P). Mohdar contacted Aulaqi and relayed that (P) wanted to speak with Aulaqi via cellular telephone. Aulaqi remembered (P) from the time they spent together in San Diego, California, and gave the approval to have Mohdar give (P) his telephone number. (P) telephonically contacted Aulaqi and they engaged in conversation. Aulaqi agreed to meet (P) in-person, but the situation in Yemen made it difficult for (P) to travel to Aulaqi. (P) could not go to where Aulaqi was without having a good reason for being there. Aulaqi told (P) that he would have to send a driver for (P). The meeting was put on hold and (P) contact with Aulaqi stopped for about a month and a half.

(P) approached Mohdar again and asked to be put in contact with Aulaqi a second time. Mohdar got the approval from Aulaqi and (P) called again. Aulaqi and (P) talked again about meeting, but it never happened. Mohdar did not know why the meeting did not take place. Mohdar was not going to accompany (P) to the meeting. Mohdar obtained Aulaqi's cellular telephone number through Aulaqi's brother in Yemen, (P). Mohdar provided (P)'s cellular number as (P). Mohdar explained he did this favor for (P) because he felt obligated to (P) for standing by him during his arrest and deportation process after the 9/11 attacks. Because of (P) loyalty, Mohdar praised (P) and considers him as a close friend and a brother-in-Islam.

Mohdar was not willing to broker contact with Aulaqi for the investigating agents and said he is done with all of this stuff. He

would not broker an introduction to Aulaqi for investigators even when offered compensation.

After Hazmi left San Diego in December 2000, Mohdar talked with Yazeed Al Salmi (Yazeed) at their apartment on Saranac Street in San Diego, California. At the time, Yazeed's uncle worked for the Ministry of Interior for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Yazeed's uncle told Yazeed that Hazmi was wanted for questioning by Government officials in Saudi Arabia. Yazeed did not provide Mohdar with any additional information related to this conversation.

Mohdar speculated that Hazmi was wanted for questioning because Hazmi talked badly about the Royal family in Saudi Arabia. Another individual named Omar Al Bayoumi (Bayoumi) was also critical of the Royal family in Saudi Arabia. Mohdar sat and socialized with a bunch of friends at a table outside the Texaco gas station in San Diego on many occasions. This was where Mohdar and Hazmi worked while residing in San Diego. On one occasion, Mohdar and his friends were talking about well-known Islamic shaikhs and scholars. Hazmi talked about a dream he had where the day of judgement was near. Hazmi also talked about how oppressive the Royal family was to the people of Saudi Arabia. Hazmi said the gates of Mecca would be opened by jihadis.

While Mohdar was incarcerated for his immigration issues, he met two individuals in jail named (P) and Black. At no time did Mohdar admit to either man that he had knowledge of the 9/11 attacks beforehand or say that the U.S. deserved what happened on 9/11/2001. Mohdar made sarcastic comments about the 9/11 attacks because when he got to prison, everyone said he was the one involved in 9/11. He would jokingly agree with people in a sarcastic way, but (P) and Black lied about him to help themselves get out of jail.

Mohdar traveled to Indonesia in the past few years. Mohdar feels he has not been well treated over the past ten years. In the past ten years he has been spoken to by the U.S. FBI, CIA, and the Canadian, Italian, Jordanian, and Emirati governments. Mohdar felt he had offered his assistance to the U.S. government early on, specifically naming (S), but was betrayed by the U.S. legal system. Mohdar has no intention of testifying about any information involving himself, nor any information provided in this interview.

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Title: (G) PENTTBOM LEADS AND RELATED INVESTIGATION

MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID

(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis: To report results of 01/04/2007 interview with
(P)

(G)

Full Investigation Initiated: 05/22/2002

Details:

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reported that Mohdar Abdullah described how he accompanied Khalid Al-Mihdhar and Nawaf Al-Hazmi to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) from San Diego. Once they arrived in Los Angeles, the group went to King Fahad Mosque (KFM), where they met (P) (LNU), a (P) . (P) LNU

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looked surprised to see Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi and they started to chat. It was explained to Abdullah that both knew [REDACTED] (P) before when they used to live in Los Angeles. At this point, another individual entered the picture, an [REDACTED] (P) that Abdullah could not recall the name. He too knew Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi previously and he invited them over to his place for supper.

[REDACTED] On 12/29/2006 [REDACTED] (S) contacted [REDACTED] (S) to determine if he knew of any [REDACTED] (P) individuals by the name of [REDACTED] (P) that was around KFM between 1999-2001. [REDACTED] (P-1) advised that there was a [REDACTED] (P) individual known as [REDACTED] (P) who was a regular attendee at King Fahad Mosque during 2000-2002. [REDACTED] (P) LNU used to work at [REDACTED] (P) in the [REDACTED] (P) on the corner of [REDACTED] (P). In 2003, [REDACTED] (P) LNU disappeared and was thought to be in San Diego. [REDACTED] (G) described [REDACTED] (P) as in his 20's-30's, light skinned, [REDACTED] (P) used to be roommates with [REDACTED] (P) (date of birth [REDACTED] (P-1)) [REDACTED] (P) CDL [REDACTED] (P-1) and [REDACTED] (P) LNU at [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) Culver City, California 90232. [REDACTED] (P) is [REDACTED] (P) and works as a [REDACTED] (P) in Hawthorne off on [REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P) in Hawthorne. [REDACTED] (P) LNU was an associate of Fahad Althumairy.

[REDACTED] After researching the [REDACTED] (P) Culver City address, [REDACTED] (P) LNU is possibly identified as [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P), date of birth [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] (P) CDL [REDACTED] (P-1) SSN [REDACTED] (P-1), latest DMV address [REDACTED] (P) San Diego, 92111, current vehicle registration address [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) La Mesa, California, 91941.

[REDACTED] (P) was an individual who had financial transactions with Fahad Althumairy (Subject of [REDACTED] (F)). A search of ACS revealed that [REDACTED] (P) is indexed in [REDACTED] (F) serial [REDACTED] (F) as being the registered owner of a 1989 Gold Mercedes vehicle with license plate [REDACTED] (P-1) address [REDACTED] (P) Hawthorne, California, that was seen in the vicinity of [REDACTED] (P-1) on 03/21/2003. This surveillance was observing Mohammed Al-Muhanna (Subject of [REDACTED] (F)).

[REDACTED] (P) is also referenced as the subject of an FD-71 Complaint in [REDACTED] (F) Serial [REDACTED] (F) dated 08/05/2003.

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In the complaint, [REDACTED] (P) was fired as [REDACTED] (P) for [REDACTED] (P) for poor performance and inconsistencies on his application. At the time, the address of [REDACTED] (P) was [REDACTED] (P-1), Escondido, CA [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) was later determined to be the phone number of a Yemeni jewelry company. The Field Supervisor for [REDACTED] (P) Solutions, was interviewed regarding this matter ([REDACTED] (F) Serial [REDACTED] (F), dated 08/13/03) and he did not have any derogatory information [REDACTED] (P).

[REDACTED] On 01/03/2007, [REDACTED] (S) provided SAC concurrence for travel by Los Angeles agent to the San Diego Field Office.

[REDACTED] On 01/04/2007, [REDACTED] (S) and [REDACTED] (S) interviewed [REDACTED] (P) date of birth [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] (P) place of birth [REDACTED] (P), California Driver's License number [REDACTED] (P-1), Social Security Number [REDACTED] (P), cellular telephone [REDACTED] (P) at his residence, [REDACTED] (P) La Mesa, California. Later in the day, [REDACTED] (P) called [REDACTED] (P-1) to inform agent that he had additional details to add from the morning interview. [REDACTED] (P) provided the following information:

[REDACTED] (P) was shown photographs of Mohdar Abdullah and 9/11 hijackers Khalid Al-Mihdhar and Nawaf Al-Hazmi. At first, [REDACTED] (P) stated that the individuals in the photographs looked familiar and then remembered a Yemeni individual he met at King Fahad Mosque (KFM) years ago after the evening prayer (approximately 7:00 pm) who was accompanied by two Saudis. [REDACTED] (P) could not recall their names. [REDACTED] (P) was introduced to these individuals by one of his friends at KFM known as [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) stated that the Yemeni individual was [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) stated that one of the Saudis was returning to Yemen to visit his wife and daughter the following day. The other Saudi was very interested in [REDACTED] (P)'s course work at [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) invited the Yemeni individual and the two Saudis to eat. [REDACTED] (P) declined but thought they went to a Bangladeshi place on Venice Boulevard that had an open buffet. [REDACTED] (P) believed that [REDACTED] (P) previously knew the Yemeni and Saudis from an earlier visit to Los Angeles. Later in the evening at approximately 9:00 pm, [REDACTED] (P) went to the motel room the Yemeni individual and the Saudis were staying at and talked with the Yemeni for a

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couple of hours. The Saudis were praying and reading books. They did not engage in conversation with [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) does not recall asking the group about their dinner. [REDACTED] (P) did not see the group the next day at KFM.

[REDACTED] (P) was living at an address on [REDACTED] (P) in Los Angeles when this meeting took place. [REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P) would typically walk to and from the mosque together, but on the night they met the Yemeni individual and the Saudis at KFM, [REDACTED] (P) did not walk back from the mosque with [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) explained that he had to get home to his wife after prayers.

A couple of weeks later, one of the Saudis met with [REDACTED] (P) at KFM and asked him to assist him in applying for a English class at [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) stayed while one of the Saudis (thought to be identified as Nawaf Al-Hazmi) had an interview with a female clerk. [REDACTED] (P) does not recall the results of the interview and that was the last time he saw this Saudi individual.

[REDACTED] (P) is a couple of years older than [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) moved to San Diego and now lives in [REDACTED] (P) and is employed by [REDACTED] (P) in a management position. [REDACTED] (P) 's phone number in San Diego was [REDACTED] (P-1) but [REDACTED] (P) believes that he still uses this number in [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) 's father is from [REDACTED] (P) and his mother is from [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) grew up in [REDACTED] (P) and that is the reason why [REDACTED] (P) shares a connection with him.

[REDACTED] (P) described [REDACTED] (P) as 5'9", thin build, dark-skinned, late 30's and is an American citizen. [REDACTED] (P) 's sister still lives in Los Angeles and is married to an [REDACTED] (P) individual named [REDACTED] (P) LNU.

[REDACTED] (P) moved to San Diego before [REDACTED] (P), and then convinced him to move there as well.

[REDACTED] (P) to help agents contact or get information from [REDACTED] (P) on meeting the Yemeni and Saudi individuals at KFM. Agents instructed [REDACTED] (P) not to contact anyone regarding what was discussed.

[REDACTED] (P) has lived at his current address for approximately one year with his three children and their mother

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[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) works as a [REDACTED] (P) with [REDACTED] (P) days a week and works for [REDACTED] (P) as a [REDACTED] (P) on the weekends. [REDACTED] (P) has a green card and is awaiting his citizenship papers.

[REDACTED] Author's note: Agents observed a [REDACTED] (P) (License Plate number [REDACTED] (P-1) outside of [REDACTED] (P)'s residence.

[REDACTED] When [REDACTED] (P) lived in Culver City at the [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) he roomed with three other people in the three bedroom apartment: two [REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P) LNU and [REDACTED] (P) LNU and an [REDACTED] (P) named [REDACTED] (P) LNU.

[REDACTED] (P) suggested that agents contact his former roommate, [REDACTED] (P) LNU who got involved with everyone at KFM. [REDACTED] (P) saw [REDACTED] (P) LNU in Los Angeles during this past Christmas.

[REDACTED] (P) prayed at KFM everyday while he was living in Los Angeles. [REDACTED] (P) recalled one African Imam and one Saudi Imam at KFM while he was there. The Saudi Imam was named Fahad LNU. Fahad used to send customers to [REDACTED] (P) when he worked at [REDACTED] (P) because he gave them discounts.

[REDACTED] When [REDACTED] (P) was living in [REDACTED] (P), he was contacted by an FBI agent named Thomas a couple of times, but has not talked to him recently.

[REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] (P) is divorced from his wife, [REDACTED] (P-1). [REDACTED] (P-1) has two children.

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[REDACTED] At [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED]: For
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Qualid Moncef Benomrane, date of birth (P-1) 1976, place of birth Tunis, Tunisia, address (P) Santa Monica, CA, telephone number (P) was interviewed at the INS detention facility located at 300 N. Los Angeles St., Los Angeles, CA. Present during the interview was Los Angeles Police Officer (P-1). After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview Benomrane provided the following information:

Benomrane was born and raised in Tunis, Tunisia. He first came to the United States on 01/25/1999 on a visitors Visa. He arrived with his mother who stayed for approximately two weeks and then left back home to Tunisia. Shortly after he arrived in Los Angeles he enrolled in a English language school called Concord English Language. After studying there for ten month he began taking computer science classes at West Los Angeles College. Benomrane's goal is to complete his education in the United States, save some money, and then return to Tunisia. Benomrane stated he is currently being sponsored by a Saudi Arabia named (P) LNU in his attempts to obtain a green card. (P) is approximately forty years old and owns a computer/internet company. (P) drives a (P). He began sponsoring Benomrane in April 2001.

Prior to living at his current address he lived at (P) Avenue in Los Angeles. He lived with a (P) from Sudan. (P) is approximately twenty nine years old, dark complexion, with very short hair. (P) is currently still living on (P) however he is still in Saudia Arabia following the Haj. (P) attends the King Fahad Mosque.

Currently, Benomrane is working as an independent taxi cab driver. A (P) provides often times provides fares for Benomrane. Additionally, Benomrane pays (P) \$120 a month for insurance. (P) lives one or two houses away from the corner of (P) and (P) on (P).

Benomrane has also worked at Arco gas stations located at Vermont and Imperial Avenues, and at another Arco located at Sunset and San Vicente Avenues. Benomrane has also sold carpets on the street or swapmeets in the past until he was given a citation for doing so and placed on probation. He would buy his carpets at United Imports located of the 710 freeway.

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Benomrane speaks Arabic, French, and English.

Benomrane has never been to Europe or the Middle East. He has also never been to Pakistan or Afghanistan. Benomrane claims to have never received any military or terrorist training.

Benomrane stated he is a practicing Muslim who prays five times a day, and expressed repeatedly that Islam is peaceful. He stated that he never drinks, goes to bars or clubs, and does not smoke.

Benomrane expressed hatred for the Taliban/Al Qaeda and said that they were not Muslims.

Benomrane stated that he did not believe that Muslims were involved in the 09/11/2001 attacks on America. He said that Muslims are simple people who just pray and could not have been involved in such a complex operation.

Benomrane said that he felt extremely sad about the events of 09/11/2001. He said that he has never heard anyone express joy over the terrorist attacks, and has never heard any say that they want to harm the United States because of our current involvement in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

Currently, Benomrane worships at the King Fahad Mosque in Culver City. He said that the Mosque director is named (P) and he is from Ghana. He said the Imam is Sheik Fahad.

Approximately five to seven months ago he went to Las Vegas with (P) LNU (known to investigators as (P)). (P) is also from (P). They drove to Las Vegas in (P) (P). (P) works as (P) at (P) off the 710 freeway.

He went to Las Vegas one other time. Benomrane could not recall exactly when this trip occurred, but he went with (P) as well. While on this trip he met a person named (P) LNU.

Approximately four to five months ago Benomrane went to San Francisco with (P) LNU (known to investigators as (P) and (P)). They rented a van and drove to San Francisco. They stayed for one night and went sight seeing the next day. They went on the trip because (P) was due to return to Tunisia and had not seen San Francisco while in America.

Benomrane also traveled twice to San Diego. Both times he visited Sea world. The first time that he went was with (P) (P) from Sudan. They visited no other places in San Diego while on this trip.

With regards to the second trip that Benomrane took to San Diego he remembered it as an after thought. He said he remembered his second trip to San Diego in the context of two Saudi Arabian nationals

who flew into LAX airport and subsequently went to King Fahad Mosque. When asked to provide the sequence of events regarding the two Saudi Arabian nationals Benomrane provided the following:

Benomrane had heard that two Saudi Arabian men arrived at LAX and where met by a person unknown to Benomrane. This unknown person then took the two Saudis to an apartment complex that had already been rented for them. Benomrane stated he could not remember the address, but that it was a large white building located on Sepulveda Blvd. between Venice Blvd. and Palm St.

One or two days after the arrival of the Saudis Benomrane was at the King Fahad Mosque. While at the mosque Sheik Fahad 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.

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 Santa Monica, took them to the beach, and to Hollywood. That day they ate at the Cheesecake Factory and the Mediterranean Restaurant located on Venice Blvd. At the end of the day Benomrane took them back to their apartment complex.

Two to three days later the Saudis called Benomrane again. This time they wanted to go to Sea world in San Diego. They said they would pay Benomrane \$200 plus gas and food for the day if he took them. 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 gas station. Benomrane could not remember the gas stations location in San Diego. They spent the entire day at Sea world and then returned to Los Angeles. While at Sea world the three of them never met anyone. There were occasions though where Benomrane used the restroom by himself and left the two Saudis alone.

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 would give him the rest of the money.

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 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.

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.

The following is a list of Benomrane's friends and associates:

(P) (P) He is Tunisian.
Wired Benomrane \$2000 to bail out (P)
from INS custody in Los Angeles.

(P) LNU-Flew down from San Jose to help bail (P)
and (P) from INS custody. (P) is
(P) uncle. (P) is Tunisian.

(P) -Lives at (P), Santa Monica, CA.
Works for (P)
(P) in West Los Angeles. Tunisian.

(P) -Met at Arco gas station. Tunisian.

(P) -Tunisian. Manager at (P)
(P) in West LA.

(P) -Tunisian. Met selling (P) Drives a
(P).

(P) -Tunisian. Met at the (P).
Works as a (P) off the 710
freeway.

(P) -Tunisian. Went back to Tunisia. Plans to go
to Canada in the future.

(P) -Tunisian. (P) Met at King Fahad
approximately one year ago. Friends with
(P), (P) LNU, and (P)

(P) -Tunisian. Friends with (P) Met at King
Fahad. Last saw him on 03/03/2002.

(P) LNU-Tunisian. Lives on (P) in Hollywood.
Works for (P)

(P) -Tunisian. Works (P) in
Beverly Hills.

(P) LNU-Tunisian. Works at a store called (P)
in Hollywood.

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05/24/2002

Qualid Moncef Benomrane, date of birth (P-1) (P) place of birth Tunis, Tunisia, address (P) Los Angeles, Ca. Telephone number (P), was interviewed at the Santa Monica Jail facility, Santa Monica, Ca. Present during the interview was Los Angeles Police Detectives (S) and (S). After being advised of the identity of the interviewing detectives and the purpose of the interview, Benomrane provided the following information:

Benomrane advised that he has been in contact with the following people during his current detention for immigration violations;

(P) He advised that he used to live with (P) at (P) (P) is a sudanese and has been in the U.S. for approximately 10yrs. He drives a (P) and is a graduate of (P) and is an (P). He graduated from (P) in 1999 or 2000. He indicated that (P) is currently not employed. He believed (P) father's name was (P). Qualid indicated that he went to Las Vegas with (P) and his family and also went to Las Vegas with just the two of them on a separate occasion. The dates of these trips were unknown to him.

(P) (P) also lived at (P) and (P) (P). He indicated they have (P) in this company and did not know the exact number of (P). He advised that he knew (P) because they came from the same city (Tunis) in Tunisia.

(P) (P) lived at (P) and was working at a restaurant until about 3-4 Months ago. He stopped working because he was caught by INS working without a permit. Qualid indicated that when he talked to (P) advised him that (P) was worried about being deported and that the time is nearing for his deportation. When asked why they would talk about (P) when Qualid indicated he is not friends with (P), he indicated that they were "just talking". He was asked what he thought of (P) and the fact that his brothers were detained by the Tunisian government for being members of an anti-government group in Tunisia. He indicated that he does not know how they think so he cannot judge them. He was asked if hypothetically he knew someone with an extremist view and knew that someone wanted to kill others in the name of Islam how he would think

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of them. He indicated that he did not believe in killing others in the name of religion.

(P) (P) and Benomrane used to sell carpets together and lived at (P) (P) is married to an American who is muslim. (P) and Benomrane used to get their (P) from a store by the (P). The owner of the store is only known to him as (P). He believes he is Palestinian or Jordanian.

(P) Known to investigators as (P). He indicated (P) is studying computers and is married to an American woman who is pregnant. She is Christian. He stated (P) came back from the Hajj about one month ago. While at the Hajj (P) met up with (P). Benomrane did not know how (P) got the money to go to the Hajj; only that he got it from a friend. He did not take his wife with him.

Benomrane was asked about his travels outside of the Los Angeles area. He indicated when he went to Las Vegas with (P) he remembered that he phoned a guy by the name of (P). He said he met him when he used to work at Venice Beach. While they were enroute to Vegas he phoned him and met with him for lunch. He could not remember what the conversation was about and only believed they talked about regular things. He stated that (P) (the friend he phoned and then met in Vegas) works as a cab driver in Vegas for an unk cab company.

Other names he could provide included (P). He knew him from his home town and this was the person he lived with when he first came to the U.S. He also told him how to get a student visa to stay and helped him get into the Concord English School. Another person was (P) who currently works in Culver City at (P). (P).

He was asked again about (P). He indicated he was the cab driver from Chicago who wired him the money (About \$3,000) to help get (P) out of custody. He was unable to provide further on him.

He was also asked about who came down from San Jose and he indicated it was a person by the name of (P) LNU. He said (P) was the son of (P) sister. He could not provide any further information on him.

During his last interview he was asked to identify a set of pictures. He indicated at this that that he did not recognize any of the pictures. When asked this time why he set two of these pictures to the side apart from the others, he indicated that he thought that he may recognize these two but was not 100% sure. He said they looked familiar and may have been (P) brother. He only knows (P) from (P). He knows that he lives

in Orange County, is about 31 or 32 years old and is married to a Palestinian woman.

Also brought up at his last interview was the fact that he drove two Saudi nationals to San Diego at the behest of Sheik Fahad.

During this interview he clarified the description of the two men and indicated that one of the two were "heavy" or "fat". He also indicated that they stayed at the apt on Sepulveda Blvd with their sick father.

The initial trip he took them on was to the Culver City/Los Angeles area and at this time thier father was with them. On the trip to San Diego/Sea World it was just the two sons that went.

06/17/2004

On June 14, 2004, YAZEED AL-SALMI was interviewed by (S) (S) at the (G) 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:

AL-SALMI was requested to recount his relationship with NAWAF AL-HAZMI and describe how they became acquainted. YAZEED AL-SALMI dpob: 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 ABDULSATAR who rents rooms to students. 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 ABDULSATAR. 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 ABDULSATAR 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 back account number.

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.

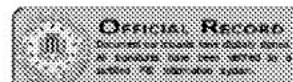
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[REDACTED] (S), FBI, and [REDACTED] (S) HSI, met in person with [REDACTED] (P), DOB [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] (P), in a first floor conference room at a public hotel. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] (P) voluntarily provided the following information:

[REDACTED] (P) first entered the United States in 1975 as a college student on an F-1 visa. [REDACTED] (P) attended college at the [REDACTED] (P), [REDACTED] (P) California. He obtained a bachelor's degree as a [REDACTED] (P).

In 1979, [REDACTED] (P) began employment with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, (KSA), [REDACTED] (P) in Santa Ana, California. [REDACTED] (P) worked as a [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) under the Ministry of [REDACTED] (P) and was paid by [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) in the KSA. [REDACTED] (P) immigration status changed to having a diplomatic visa issued to him at that time. The individual who helped [REDACTED] (P) obtain employment with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, (KSA), Education Mission, mentioned above, was identified as LNU [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) was a roommate of Zaharani in college at [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) described [REDACTED] (P) as a Saudi Arabian student on a Government scholarship from Saudi Arabia. [REDACTED] (P) returned to the KSA after graduation from USC and began employment with the Saudi National Guard.

In 1981 [REDACTED] (P) was sent to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for approximately four months to attend an instructional conference in [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) returned to the United States in September 1981 but was relocated to [REDACTED] (P). This was the main office for the Education Mission located in [REDACTED] (P), in which [REDACTED] (P) continued in the same position as previously in Santa Ana. After [REDACTED] (P) returned to the United States from KSA in September 1981, an individual named Sobhi Al Harthi, described as a Saudi National, was responsible in [REDACTED] (P) gaining his position mentioned above in [REDACTED] (P).

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(P) In June 1983, after being introduced to the Consulate General at the Consulate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, (CKSA), in Los Angeles, California, (P) began employment at the CKSA as a (P). (P) duties were to distribute Islamic information pamphlets (P) (P) in the Los Angeles area. (P) also held the position of (P) for the CKSA in (P). (P) was responsible for assisting in any daily affairs (P). (P) duties also included managing (P) (P) assisting in any prevention of drug or alcohol use and maintaining the Saudi (P) were in the United States.

(P) In (P), the CKSA (P) (P) was not given a reason as to why (P) commented that it was the Saudi norm (P) because he was of (P) descent and (P) a true Saudi Arabian.

(P) for approximately one year (P) (P) He then began employment in San Diego, California, as a (P) located next to the (P) (P) also called the (P)

(P) In 2009, (P) returned to the Los Angeles area and began a part time job with the (P). (P) was let go from this job in September 2011 due to not renewing his contract. (P) was unemployed until August 2014 when he began employment as a (P) in (P) California.

(P) In the end of May 2015, (P) returned to (P) California, where he currently resides at (P-1) (P) California, (P) cellular telephone number (P-1) (P) resides with his wife (P-1) (P-1) (P-1). (P) is currently unemployed and is living off social security assistance and some savings. (P) denied receiving any financial assistance from the CKSA (P) (P) married (P-1) who is also originally from (P) in 1976 and they have (P) grown children from this union.

(P) denied working in any capacity as a political or media representative at the KSA Consulate Office, to include any other offices he worked in. (P) denied having contact with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia located in Washington, D.C. while working at the CKSA in Los Angeles. (P) worked (P) under the Vice-Consulate at the CKSA which (P) identified as Mohamed Al Salum. When (P) began employment at the CKSA

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the Consul General was named Abdul Hamid Al Sardi. When (P)
(P) in 2006 the Consul General was named Abdul Al Harthi, who was
a cousin to Sobhi Al Harthi, mentioned above.

(P) has had recent travel outside the United States. In 2012, (P)
traveled to (P) for (P) engagement party. In 2014,
(P) again traveled to (P) wedding. On each of
these flights (P) had a layover in Dubai, UAE.

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[REDACTED] Full Investigation Initiated: [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)

Details: [REDACTED] On 06/11/2008 [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) OUALID BENOMRANE was interviewed at a Swedish Police Station in Kristianstad, Sweden by [REDACTED] (S) and a member of SAPO (Swedish Intelligence Agency). BENOMRANE

was first approached by SAPO in the lobby of the police station. The SAPO representative spoke to BENOMRANE in Swedish while escorting BENOMRANE and the other interviewers to a private meeting room. The SAPO representative then introduced the three other interviewers to BENOMRANE. BENOMRANE was advised by agents that he was not in any criminal or legal trouble, and that his assistance was being sought relative to people he may have known in Los Angeles during the time period of 1999-2002. BENOMRANE was agitated, advised that he was ready and impatiently wanted to know what questions the interviewers had for him.

Writer advised BENOMRANE that she was with the Los Angeles Police Department, to which BENOMRANE replied "so". Writer advised BENOMRANE that she had interviewed BENOMRANE previously in Los Angeles while he was in custody, to which BENOMRANE replied that he did not remember that incident. BENOMRANE just wanted to "close the case" of that time period in his life. BENOMRANE loved Los Angeles, including the lifestyle and his ability to make money in the U.S., but did not want to remember the time he spent in custody. The SAPO representative advised that BENOMRANE's wife had just recently given birth to a daughter the week before. It was also discussed that BENOMRANE's

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BENOMRANE attended an English Language School in 1999. Writer asked BENOMRANE if that particular school was the Concord Language School and BENOMRANE confirmed that it was. The school was attended by many different types of people, including, Tunisians, Koreans, and Japanese. BENOMRANE's first job opportunities in Los Angeles included working as a cashier at an AM PM gas station located at Exposition and Vermont. He also worked for a security company run by a Libyan male named (P) BENOMRANE's security jobs included security at the Los Angeles mosque located at Exposition and Vermont, known to writer as the Masjid Ibn Alkhattab. BENOMRANE later worked at another AM PM Gas Station in the Hollywood area. Through out the interview, BENOMRANE's memory was sketchy. He remembered basic information and when asked about specifics, ie: names of individuals, names of Streets, BENOMRANE would confirm the more specific information provided by the agents.

A Tunisian male that BENOMRANE met while in Tunisia named (P) (A), (G), (J-1) helped BENOMRANE get a job as a taxi driver for Metro Cab. An Iranian male named (P) owned Metro Cab. BENOMRANE received his

taxi license from the city of Santa Monica in 2000 or 2001.

Three to four months later, BENOMRANE bought his own taxi and worked for Sunshine Taxi Cab. BENOMRANE paid the company 120 dollars a week. During that time period, BENOMRANE prayed at what he referred to as the Culver City Mosque (known to writer as the King Fahd Mosque).

BENOMRANE was shown photos of (P) (A), (G), (J-1) Mohdar ABDULLAH (A), (G), (J-1) and Fahad ALTHUMAIRY (A), (G), (J-1). BENOMRANE was asked if he recognized any of the photographs as people who participated in a wedding ceremony that BENOMRANE possibly attended as a witness in the summer of 2000 or 2001 at the King Fahd Mosque in Los Angeles. BENOMRANE only recognized the photograph depicting Fahad ALTHUMAIRY, but not in connection with a wedding ceremony. BENOMRANE denied knowing the other three individuals and could not remember attending a wedding as described above. BENOMRANE identified ALTHUMAIRY as the imam of the King Fahd Mosque who led the prayers. BENOMRANE did not associate with ALTHUMAIRY outside of the mosque because it didn't look good for ALTHUMAIRY to associate with a man without a beard in Santa Monica where there were many temptations. BENOMRANE did not believe that ALTHUMAIRY believed in violence against the U.S. ALTHUMAIRY knew that BENOMRANE was a taxi driver and referred two men from Saudi Arabia who did not speak English to BENOMRANE. The two men stayed at an apartment building on Sepulveda Blvd while in Los Angeles and asked BENOMRANE to take them to shopping areas. BENOMRANE gave them a business card and they called him directly for a second fare. On the second occasion where they needed a driver, they requested a trip to Sea World in San Diego. This was the first of many referrals BENOMRANE received from ALTHUMAIRY. ALTHUMAIRY also referred customers to three other Tunisian taxi drivers who were BENOMRANE's friends: (P) (A), (G), (J-1) (A), (G), (J-1), (P) (LNU) and (P) (believed by writer to be (P) (P) subject of (A), (G), (J-1)).

BENOMRANE was shown a photograph of (P) (A), (G), (J-1) BENOMRANE identified (P) as an Algerian who used to eat at a restaurant on Venice Blvd in Los Angeles called Gaby's Restaurant. BENOMRANE said that (P) "talked funny" and did not have immigration papers. (P) was friends with another Algerian named (P) LNU (known to writer as (P) (P) (A), (G), (J-1)) who was housed in the

Santa Ana jail during the same time period as BENOMRANE. BENOMRANE saw (P) while he was in Dubai. While in Dubai, (P) told BENOMRANE he wanted to leave Algeria and start a new life.

(P) BENOMRANE stated after the U.S. deported him to Tunisia, he was interviewed by representatives of the Tunisian government three or four times before he received permission to travel to Dubai. The Tunisian government determined that he was not a threat and he had no problems with the government in Tunisia. BENOMRANE however, was no longer satisfied living his life in Tunisia after all of the opportunity and money making ability he had in the U.S. He decided to move to Dubai where there was more opportunity. BENOMRANE met his current wife in Dubai, who he described as Palestinian, but a resident of Sweden. He met his wife through his wife's sister who worked in a cabin crew of an airline. BENOMRANE described Dubai as a great city, but with no guarantees. He did not associate with any Arabs while in Dubai. Simple travel to visit his family in Tunisia required permission from his supervisor, which bothered BENOMRANE. While in Dubai BENOMRANE was approached by what he

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(P) BENOMRANE was shown a photograph of Mohammed AL-MUHANNA (A), (G), (J-1) BENOMRANE described AL-MUHANNA as the imam that replaced ALTHUMAIRY at the King Fahd Mosque. BENOMRANE did not believe that AL-MUHANNA believed in violence against the U.S. When asked to compare ALTHUMAIRY with AL-MUHANNA, BENOMRANE was hesitant and said that they were the same, but that he preferred to listen to AL-MUHANNA'S prayers because he had a nicer voice.

(P) BENOMRANE was shown a photograph of (P) (P) (A), (G), (J-1) BENOMRANE met (P) at the King Fahd Mosque and described him as a Palestinian who thought differently than BENOMRANE and his friends. (P) did not like America and wanted to return to Jordan. BENOMRANE and his friends would sometimes eat with (P) at a restaurant,

but BENOMRANE distanced himself from (P) because of the way (P) spoke. BENOMRANE did not want to discuss violence or politics; subjects that (P) seemed to want to talk about. The interviewing agent reminded BENOMRANE that (P) was his sponsor in the United States, and BENOMRANE immediately verified that to be true. BENOMRANE stated that he now remembered that (P) owned a (P) and sponsored BENOMRANE because BENOMRANE was taking computer courses for college. (P) sponsorship did not help BENOMRANE with his immigration status while in the U.S. (P) was friends with (P) (known to writer as (P) (A), (G), (J-1)), a quiet Syrian who owned the a (P) near (P) Avenue. (P) prayed at the King Fahd Mosque and talked to BENOMRANE about football. (P) did not talk about violence or politics.

Investigators again asked BENOMRANE if he recognized the photograph of Mohdar ABDULLAH and whether or not BENOMRANE attended a wedding in the Los Angeles area. BENOMRANE advised that he did not recognize ABDULLAH, that he did not know anyone from the San Diego area and he did not remember ever going to a Texaco gas station in the San Diego area. BENOMRANE was asked if he was familiar with the arabic term of tazkia and whether or not tazkia was used when BENOMRANE assisted the two male Saudis by driving them around town at the request of ALTHUMAIRY. BENOMRANE asked if interviewers actually meant salat instead of tazkia, to which the interviewers replied no. BENOMRANE laughed and stated that he did not think tazkia was an Arabic word. BENOMRANE admitted that yes, it was customary to help a Muslim brother if it required only a little effort, but something bigger, that required more effort, like driving the two brothers around would only be done if BENOMRANE was paid the money owed to him. He had a business and making a living was very important to him.

BENOMRANE still keeps in touch with (P) and (P) BENOMRANE spoke to (P) on the telephone last week to tell him about the birth of his daughter. (P) is still a taxi driver and married to an American woman who has four babies from a previous relationship. (P) has been waiting five years for a green card and wants to return to Tunisia to visit his mother. (P) is a funny person and not like (P) is divorced from an American woman and has a nine year old daughter. He married a (P) woman two years ago and she still lives in (P) (P) is over thirty and a businessman.

BENOMRANE was shown the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) surveillance video depicting the Unsub possibly conducting reconnaissance at the Los Angeles International Airport while Nawaf AL HAZMI and Mohdar ABDULLAH escorted Khalid AL MIHDHAR to his flight leaving the U.S. on 06/10/2000. BENOMRANE appeared to actively concentrate on the video, but stated he could not say yes or no to recognizing the Unsub because the picture was not very clear. BENOMRANE stated that he did not want to lie to the investigators, that is why he could not say yes or no. BENOMRANE asked to see photographs, which were provided to him. BENOMRANE still could not say yes or no, but stated from his appearance, the Unsub could possibly be Algerian, Moroccan, or Tunisian. BENOMRANE said he did not recognize the Unsub based on the photographs provided.

As the interview ended, BENOMRANE expressed to investigators that he just wanted interest in the time he spent in Los Angeles to be over. He did not want to be approached by law enforcement in the future, because he had his new life in Sweden with his wife and his baby daughter. BENOMRANE repeated again how he just wanted "the case to be closed". BENOMRANE was visibly upset and close to tears. BENOMRANE mentioned that this was the first time he was advised that the reason for his arrest in Los Angeles was for violation of his immigration status. BENOMRANE said that while in custody in Los Angeles, the FBI told the judge that he took pictures of the bridge in San Francisco and that he wanted the bridge to be bombed. BENOMRANE's current explanation to investigators was he only spent one night in San Francisco at a Travel Lodge motel, just to visit the city.

BENOMRANE has lived in Sweden for two years, and currently resides in (P-1) Sweden. He is currently working two jobs; one as a janitor in a nightclub, and the other at a food store which is similar to Food For Less in the U.S. BENOMRANE's wife works at a clothes store and they have a future goal of purchasing a house in Sweden. BENOMRANE attends a mosque in (P-1) and prays almost every day. BENOMRANE does not have a car and uses a bicycle for transportation. His current email address is (P-1) and his telephone number is (P-1)

The following photographs were also shown to BENOMRANE with negative results: Anwar Aulaqi, Omar Al Bayoumi, (P) Khalid Al-Mihdhar, Nawaf Al-Hazmi, (P)

and [REDACTED] (P)

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AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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On October 08, 2001, YAZEED AL-SALMI (AL-SALMI) was interviewed in the offices of the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York. Also present for the interview were AUSA (S) (S) and AL-SALMI's attorneys (P) and (P). AL-SALMI was interviewed in English pursuant to the execution of a proffer agreement. AL-SALMI provided the following information:

At the outset of the interview, AL-SALMI recalled that only NAWAF AL-HAZMI (AL-HAZMI) and AL-SALMI were listed on NAWAF's automobile insurance policy. After some time to think, however, AL-SALMI recalled that RAMEZ NOAMAN (NOAMAN) was also listed on NAWAF's policy.

AL-SALMI advised that NOAMAN attended San Diego State University and that NOAMAN worked at a gas station. AL-SALMI knew NOAMAN from the Al-Rybatt Mosque. At one point, AL-SALMI recommended that NOAMAN insure his car with Farmers Insurance company, the same insurance company (NFI) that AL-SALMI and AL-HAZMI had used to insure their cars.

AL-SALMI brought NOAMAN to see (P) (LNU) at Farmers Insurance, who recommended that NOAMAN insure his car on the same policy used by AL-SALMI. While NOAMAN and AL-SALMI were at the company, NOAMAN paid for insurance. AL-SALMI believes that NOAMAN knew AL-HAZMI and that AL-HAZMI was also listed on the automobile insurance policy.

On one occasion, (P) assisted AL-SALMI with a project for a business class AL-SALMI was taking. In exchange for (P) assistance, AL-SALMI would refer other individuals to (P) for insurance and would give people (P) business cards.

In approximately August, 2000, when AL-SALMI first arrived in San Diego, he went to the Boubaker Mosque and requested assistance. AL-SALMI was referred to OMAR AL-BAYOUMI.

AL-BAYOUMI took AL-SALMI to visit ABDUSATAR (known to the FBI as ABDUSATAR SHAIKH) who rents rooms. AL-SALMI moved into ABDUSATAR's residence on August 10, 2000. Prior to moving into

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ABDUSATAR's residence, AL-SALMI stayed at a Comfort Inn.

AL-SALMI is aware that OMAR AL-BAYOUMI is employed by Saudi Aviation with AL-SALMI's uncle. AL-SALMI advised that he did not know AL-BAYOUMI before AL-SALMI was referred to AL-BAYOUMI by the mosque.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/01/2004

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: Penttbom

San Diego

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From: Los Angeles

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Contact: (G), (S)

Approved By:

(S)

Drafted By:

Case ID #:

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Title: Penttbom

Synopsis: To document results of inquiry to parking ticket records in the city of Los Angeles.

Details: On 10/15/2004, writer telephonically contacted (S) (S) of the Los Angeles City Department of Transportation. (S) conducted a check of the following vehicles to determine

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if parking citations were issued to described vehicles in the year 2000:

3JFZ283 (1998 blue Toyota Corolla, previously registered to Nawaf Alhazmi).

4HPH316 (red Geo Metro previously registered to Mohdar Mohamed Abdullah).

The inquiry produced negative results.

To: Counterterrorism From: Los Angeles
Re: (F) 11/01/2004

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YAZEED AL-SALMI, a male born (P-1) 1978, was interviewed at his residence at (P-1) La Mesa, California 91941. Prior to the interview, Al-Salmi was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview. During the interview Al-Salmi was asked for consent to search his automobile, the areas of (P) that were his, and his wallet. He agreed to give consent and signed consent forms to that effect. (The original consent forms have been placed in the 1A section of this file.) During the interview, Al-Salmi provided the following information:

Al-Salmi provided identification to the interviewing agents consisting of California Driver's License number (P-1) which describes him as (P-1) tall, (P-1) pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He also provided a Grossmont College identification card with his photograph and the letters FA00. In addition, he provided Saudi Arabian passport number (P-1) having the name Yazeed S.A. Al-Salmi. Al-Salmi explained that the middle initial "S" represents his father's name, (P-1) and the middle initial "A" represents his grandfather's name, (P-1). The passport contained a student visa issued by the United States on July 11, 2000, and expiring on July 10, 2002. The visa control number is (P-1). The passport showed that Al-Salmi arrived in the U.S. on August 8, 2000; that he had two trips to Egypt, one from January 13 to January 17, 2000, and one from January 26 to June 8, 2000. Al-Salmi explained that he had traveled to Egypt to look into enrolling in school there. During his first trip to Egypt the school had not been open, so Al-Salmi had to make a second trip.

Al-Salmi is currently enrolled as a student at Grossmont College studying accounting and his tuition is \$2,000 per semester. Al-Salmi explained that he does not work because he is not allowed to under the U.S. student visa. He is trying to obtain good grades so that he can get a scholarship from the Saudi Arabian government.

Al-Salmi owns a 1989 Nissan Sentra automobile, California license plate number (P-1). He bought the car approximately two weeks after he arrived in San Diego from a man named (P) Last Name Unknown (LNU), who works at a (P). (P) LNU now works at a (P) in La Mesa, possibly on University Avenue. Al-Salmi purchased the car for \$1,300 and thought he had paid too much.

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There are several roommates living in (P) with Al-Salmi. One of them is (P) who is also a student at Grossmont College and attends English classes. Al-Salmi believes that (P) has a green card. (P) works weekends as a (P) and moved in to (P) in (P). (P) drives a dark brown (P). (P) has three older brothers who live in San Diego and Al-Salmi believes that all of them are married and have children. He also believes that they may all be citizens of the U.S. Al-Salmi described (P) as being about 20 years old. (P) and Al-Salmi share a bedroom in (P). The computer in that bedroom belongs to (P). Al-Salmi is able to use the computer. Al-Salmi does not believe that (P) has a cell phone.

Another roommate in (P) is (P); Al-Salmi was unsure if (P) was the correct last name and referred to his roommate as (P) (Investigation later determined that this is probably (P) dob: (P-1) (P) California Driver's License Number (P-1) Al-Salmi described (P) as a naturalized citizen of the U.S. and as being in his 40s. (P) works selling (P) at the swap meet in Spring Valley (on (P) at (P) (approximately (P) per month), and at the (P) Jamal also sells (P) at (P) including (P) in San Diego. (P) is not a student at Grossmont College. When he sells (P) on (P) (P) he works from a small tent next to (P) (P) has lived in (P) for approximately two-and-one-half to three years. Jamal's cell phone number is (P-1)

Another roommate in (P) is (P) (LNU) who is from (P) and is approximately 25 years old. Again, Al-Salmi was unsure how to spell his name. (Later investigation determined that this is probably (P) dob: (P-1) (P) Talal is a Grossmont College student who has been in the U.S. on a student visa for about five months. He moved into (P) last month and is currently sleeping in the living room of the apartment.

Another roommate in (P) is (P) Al-Salmi was again not certain of the spelling of his name. (Investigation later determined that this is probably (P) dob: (P-1) (P-1) (P) California driver's license number (P-1) which shows a residence address of (P) (P) obtained a green card through an immigration lottery and works at a swap meet in Orange County two days per week. Al-Salmi believed that (P) was probably out looking for a job at the time of this interview. Karawia has a wife in Egypt and has lived in (P) for approximately three years. The telephone number for (P) is (P), and it is listed under (P) s name.

The last roommate is (P) LNU, whom Al-Salmi believes may possibly have the last name of (P) and who may be from (P). Again Al-Salmi was not certain of the spelling of (P) s last name. (Later investigation determined that this is probably (P) dob:

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(P-1) (P) (P) is employed at a (P) and works a shift that begins at approximately 10 or 11 p.m. and ends at approximately 7 or 8 a.m. Al-Salmi did not know (P)'s whereabouts at the time of this interview. (P) has lived in (P) for two-and-one-half to three years. The telephone number at (P) where Abdoun works is (P)

Al-Salmi was asked about the name (P) and responded that an individual with that name lives in (P) with his wife. (P) does not reside in (P)

Al-Salmi was asked if he recognized the name Omar Bakarbashat and Al-Salmi said that he did. Bakarbashat used to live in (P) and Al-Salmi recalls that Bakarbashat claimed to have ghosts inside his body. This would cause Bakarbashat to "go crazy" every once in a while. Al-Salmi did not believe that Bakarbashat had a medical problem that caused these fits. Al-Salmi's roommates know Bakarbashat and have talked about Bakarbashat's occasional strange behavior. Bakarbashat used to work at a Texaco station.

Al-Salmi was shown a photograph of Omar Ahmed Al-Bayoumi. Al-Salmi recognized him and called him Omar Abu Emad. Al-Salmi was asked by the interviewing agents to write this name on the photograph together with his signature, which he did. (The signed photograph has been placed in the 1A section of this file.) Al-Salmi knows Al-Bayoumi from the Islamic Center on Balboa Avenue. Al-Bayoumi lives with his family and has two or three children. Al-Salmi has not seen him for five or six months. Al-Salmi recalls overhearing Al-Bayoumi telling a group of people in front of the Islamic Center that he was going to the United Kingdom.

Al-Salmi was asked if he recognized the names (P) and Hani Hanjour. He did not recognize either name.

Al-Salmi was shown a group of photographs of other individuals. (Copies of the photographs have been placed in the 1A section of this file.) Al-Salmi recognized photograph Number 1 as being an acquaintance of his, Nawaf M. Alhazmi. Al-Salmi has also seen Alhazmi's picture on the news being described as one of the airline hijackers involved in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Al-Salmi and Alhazmi both rented rooms at a house on Mt. Vernon Street in Lemon Grove, California. Al-Salmi rented the room from a man named Abdu-Satar, whom Al-Salmi described as being a nice guy who rents rooms to students. Al-Salmi was unsure how to spell Abdu-Satar's name and could not provide the exact street address on Mt. Vernon Street, but described how to reach the house. One should travel down Skyline and take a left on Mt. Vernon Street. Go all the way down Mt. Vernon Street and it is a house on the right side of the street at the end. Al-Salmi provided telephone number 671-8808 for the individual he called Abdu-Satar. Later, Al-Salmi provided the business card of Dr. Abdussattar Shaikh, Citizen's Review Board on Police Practices, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 916, San Diego, California 92101, telephone number

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(619) 236-6296. Al-Salmi identified him as being the person Al-Salmi called Abdu-Satar.

Abdussattar rented out three bedrooms in his house; Al-Salmi lived in one and Alhazmi lived in another. Alhazmi was living at the Mt. Vernon Street address when Al-Salmi moved in, and was still there approximately one month later when Al-Salmi moved out. It was Al-Salmi's understanding that a friend of Alhazmi's had been sharing Alhazmi's room with him, but the friend no longer lived there when Al-Salmi moved in.

Al-Salmi described Nawaf Alhazmi as being shy and not very fluent in English. Alhazmi did not talk about himself very often. When personal things were being discussed, he would not join in the conversation or offer any personal information about himself. He was from Saudi Arabia and Al-Salmi had seen him at both the Mosque on Saranac Street and at the Islamic Center. Al-Salmi left the Mt. Vernon Street house after only one month because the rent was too expensive. It cost him \$400 a month and he was not allowed to work in the U.S. and earn money.

After Al-Salmi moved from the Mt. Vernon Street house to (P) Alhazmi visited (P) a few times. Al-Salmi recalls that Alhazmi would come to (P) to visit Al-Salmi's roommate (P). Alhazmi was invited to the apartment to have tea after they all prayed at the mosque. This is considered the polite thing to do. When Alhazmi came to (P) they prayed together as a group. Al-Salmi believes that Alhazmi visited (P) (P) in November 2000.

Al-Salmi also recalled an incident when Abdussattar asked Al-Salmi if he knew where Alhazmi had gone. Evidently Abdussattar had received a note from Alhazmi saying that he was moving to San Francisco or Arizona. He had not told anyone he was leaving prior to his departure.

Al-Salmi did not understand how Alhazmi was able to stay in the U.S. because he did not attend school and did not seem to have a job.

Al-Salmi was shown a picture of a blue 1988 Toyota which he identified as Alhazmi's car. It was Al-Salmi's understanding that when Alhazmi left San Diego, he had taken his car. (A copy of the photograph of the car has been placed in the 1A section of this file.)

Al-Salmi recalls noticing that Alhazmi did not use the telephone at the Mt. Vernon Street house, even though the phone could be used by the residents. Alhazmi would go outside and use a pay telephone and make his calls on a calling card.

Al-Salmi recognized Alhazmi's photograph in the newspaper after the attacks on September 11, 2001, and could not believe that Alhazmi had been one of the hijackers. Alhazmi's English was so bad

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that Al-Salmi did not believe he could have taken lessons to fly an airplane.

After being asked for any additional information that he could provide about Alhazmi, Al-Salmi advised that he did not know Alhazmi very well and had no further knowledge of him.

Later, Al-Salmi was shown a Cancellation Notice from Farmers Insurance Group that had been recovered from Al-Salmi's vehicle by agents searching it pursuant to Al-Salmi's consent. The notice was addressed to Nawaf Alhazmi, (P), Lemon Grove, California, and referred to a 1989 Nissan. (A photocopy of the Cancellation Notice is attached to this FD-302.) Al-Salmi explained that the 1989 Nissan referred to on the notice was his vehicle; he had his vehicle insured on Alhazmi's insurance policy. This arrangement was the idea of the insurance agent who handled Alhazmi's policy. Al-Salmi could not get affordable insurance on his own, so the female insurance agent suggested that he insure his car under Alhazmi's policy.

When asked why he did not advise the interviewing agents of this arrangement with Alhazmi, Al-Salmi stated that he had forgotten about it.

The other photographs shown to Al-Salmi were photographs of the following: Salem Alhazmi, Khalid M.A. Almihdar, Hani S. H. Hanjour, Majed Masha An Moqed, Abdul Aziz Al Omari, Wail M. Al Shehri, Waleed M. Al Shehri, Mohamed Atta, Satam M.A. Al Sugami, Hamza Saleh Alghamdi, Marwan Al-Shehhi, Mohald M. Alshehri, Ahmed Alghamdi, Fayez Ahmed, Saeed Alghamdi, Ahmed Alhaznawi, Ahmed Abdullah Alnami, Ziad Samir Jarrah, Hashim Mohsen Alattas and (P). Al-Salmi did not recognize any of them.

Al-Salmi gave the interviewing agents permission to look inside his wallet which contained, among other things, a small address book. The agents went through the address book with Al-Salmi and he provided the following information on each entry:

- Abdullah Mohdhar, (P), San Diego, California 92115, telephone (P), is someone Al-Salmi knows from a Texaco station in El Cajon.
- (P) is a (P) who goes to Grossmont College. Al-Salmi keeps his name in order to get homework assignments from him.
- (P), telephone number (P) is an (P) Al-Salmi knew in Egypt who was studying at American University in Cairo. Al-Salmi met him during one of his trips to Egypt to enroll in school.
- (P) telephone number (P) is the owner of the swap-meet business where (P) one of Al-Salmi's roommates, works.

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(P) telephone number (P) is also involved in the swap meet where his roommate (P) works in Orange County.

- (P) telephone number (P) is also involved with the Orange County swap meet.

-- (P) telephone number (P) is a classmate at Grossmont College.

- (P) telephone number (P) is in charge of (P)

- (P) telephone number (P) is a woman who works at a travel agency that he has dealt with.

- (P) telephone number (P) address (P) Anaheim, California, is another travel agent.

- (P) telephone number (P) is a (P) who goes to San Diego State University and lives near the mosque.

-- (P) telephone number (P) is a friend of Al-Salmi.

- (P) telephone number (P) address (P) is a (P) who Al-Salmi was asking for advice about what to do if he wanted to get married.

- (P) telephone number (P) is a classmate of Al-Salmi at Grossmont College.

- (P) telephone number (P) is also a classmate.

- (P) telephone number (P) is someone Al-Salmi knows from (P)

-- (P) telephone number (P) is a woman who works at (P) near the Texaco station on Spring Street where Al-Salmi goes to visit with his friends.

Al-Salmi further described (P) as a woman he likes and called her his fiancée. When asked her last name, Al-Salmi could not remember it.

When asked why he could not remember the last name of his fiancée, Al-Salmi stated that he calls her his fiancée because, as a Muslim, he is not allowed to have a girlfriend. Muslim law only allows him to be close to the woman he is married to. He likes (P) and thinks she is attractive. He could not remember her last name because he does not think of people by their last names, only by their first names.

Later in the interview, a marriage license dated September 12, 2001, license number (P-1) was found in Al-Salmi's wallet with his name and the name of Jacquelyn Lee Fisher, (P) (P), La Mesa, California 91941, telephone number (P) (P). Al-Salmi identified her as the (P) he had been talking about. When asked again why he could not remember the last name of a woman he has a marriage license with, Al-Salmi said that it would not actually be a real marriage to him until it was done under Islam.

With Al-Salmi's consent, the interviewing agents went through the papers in his wallet. In addition to the marriage license described above, the following items were found:

- the address (P) Rochester, New York 14627-6430, and the name (P) telephone number (P) (P). Al-Salmi met him at the American University in Cairo.
- Al-Salmi's checking account number, (P-1) with a wire transfer number of (P-1)
- a piece of paper with the number (P) which Al-Salmi described as (P)'s ID number to log onto the computer at the San Diego State University student computing center.
- the card of (P) telephone number (P) (P), a lecturer at the mosque.
- telephone number (P) that Al-Salmi believed to be for someone having to do with immigration, with the number (P-1) next to it.
- the card of (P) from (P) telephone (P)
- a sheet of paper with the name (P) (P-1) (P) address (P) La Mesa, California 91941; telephone number (P)
- a telephone calling card from Q-West with the dial number (P-1) and the access number (P-1)
- an old bank account number of (P-1) was found with a bank routing number of (P-1)

After obtaining consent from Al-Salmi to search the apartment, he was asked which areas of the apartment he lived in. Al-Salmi said that two of his roommates lived in the living room area of (P), and nothing in the living room belonged to him. Al-Salmi indicated that the kitchen was a common area that all the roommates used. The bathroom closest to the living room was the bathroom that Al-Salmi used and it contained a black shaving kit bag

and a brown shaving kit bag. Al-Salmi identified the black shaving kit bag as his. The apartment contained two bedrooms and Al-Salmi shares the back bedroom with (P). Most of the things in the bedroom were identified by Al-Salmi as belonging to (P). Al-Salmi identified to the agents his own twin bed, a maroon night stand to the left of his bed that he used and the left one-third of the closet that Al-Salmi said contained his things.

Pursuant to Al-Salmi's signed consent and his identification of the areas of the apartment that were his, agents searched the kitchen; the front bathroom, including the black shaving kit bag but not the brown one; the areas of the back bedroom in and around Al-Salmi's bed; the maroon night stand next to the bed; and the left one-third of the bedroom closet. During the search of the apartment a hotel receipt was found that indicated that Al-Salmi had stayed at the Comfort Inn, 8000 Parkway Drive, La Mesa, California, arriving on August 7, 2000, and checking out on August 10, 2000. Al-Salmi described this as showing the first time he arrived in the United States. He stayed at the Comfort Inn for a few nights until he found a cheaper place to live. He then moved to the house on Mt. Vernon Street.

Pursuant to Al-Salmi's signed consent, agents searched his wallet and the following items were seized:

1. A business card from the Student Computing Center at San Diego State University with Arabic writing and a handwritten telephone number (P) on the back.
2. A letter in Arabic that Al-Salmi said came from his mother.
3. A piece of paper with information about (P)'s bank account number (P-1) at Washington Mutual Bank. Al-Salmi said he had gotten this information from (P) in anticipation of having to repay (P). (P) was going to pay Grossmont College on Al-Salmi's behalf, but this did not end up happening.
4. A receipt showing a sale of foreign currency from Saudi American Bank in Saudi Arabia, dated August 19, 2001, and appeared to be in the amount of US\$7,000. Al-Salmi said this was money that his father gave to him.

The following information about Al-Salmi's family was obtained from him. Al-Salmi's father, (P-1) age 55, lived in Tennessee from 1979 to 1983-84 during which time he obtained a degree in electrical engineering. He currently works for a chemical company in Saudi Arabia called Sceco, P.O. Box 57, Riyadh 11411. Al-Salmi's mother is (P-1), aged 44; his brothers are (P-1), age 25, (P-1) age 16; and his sisters are (P-1), age 14, and (P-1), age 9.

During the interview Al-Salmi stated that he wanted to take a polygraph to prove to the interviewing agents that he was not lying.

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On June 1, 2011, at approximately 1:00 P.M., Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) (S) New York City Police Department (S) and (S) were present at the proffer session of (P) by Assistant U.S. Attorneys (S) and (S). Also present were (P) attorney, (P), and his assistant (P).

(P) confirmed that there was no need for an interpreter as (P) command and understanding of English were sufficient. AUSA (S) explained the proffer immunity agreement, which was then signed and witnessed by relevant parties.

(P) declared that she was born in (P) and then spent time in Kenya. (P) came to the United States when she was approximately 17 years old and moved directly to San Diego, California. (P) came to the United States with her mother, sisters, two of her brothers, but without her father. (P) attended high school in the United States for one year or less, college for two or three years, pursuing a degree in International Business, then got married. (P) now has two children. Before her marriage, (P) worked as a cashier at (P).

(P) could not recall her original meeting with Mohdar Abdullah (Abdullah), but expressed with certainty that she did not know him before arriving in San Diego. (P) could not recall the exact time period of her first meeting with Abdullah either, but estimated it was during the summertime, one or two months before Abdullah's arrest in October, 2001. (P) declared that she met Abdullah through "friends-in-common." Specifically, (P) stated that her mother asked an "old neighbor" for help finding someone who could assist in communicating with a travel agency in English, as well as "someone to trust" who would take (P) to and from work. In response, this neighbor told (P) mother about Abdullah. (P) could not provide any descriptive details of the neighbor and did not know the neighbor's name. (P) did clarify that the neighbor did not live right next door to the (P) residence.

(P) stated that sometimes Abdullah drove her to and from work at (P). There was one week in particular when Abdullah

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was unavailable, but (P) could not recall exactly which week, nor why Abdullah was indisposed. Later in the interview, (P) noted that this week was before September 11, 2001. Abdullah had promised to find someone "respectful" to take (P) to work that week. (P) noted that Abdullah had identified his friend Omar to drive (P) this week and on other occasions when Abdullah was unavailable. Omar spoke to (P) mother on the telephone before driving (P) the first time. (P) could not remember Omar's last name, but recalled it ending with "kashat." When asked if (P) was referring to Omar Bakarbashat (Bakarbashat), (P) said yes.

(P) stated that neither Abdullah nor Bakarbashat were paid for driving her around. Sometimes (P) mother would provide food to Abdullah. (P) explained this was an appropriate gesture, as Abdullah was single. (P) noted that Abdullah never ate inside her residence, stating that, "he was not allowed." (P) further stated there were "no men allowed to come to our house we don't know."

(P) noted that she used to pay other friends from work to provide her (P) lifts to and from the (P) location.

During this period, (P) was working full-time, but could not recall her schedule. (P) did recall that her schedule varied. (P) described two possible shifts at her work: a morning shift that ended around 3:30 P.M. or 4:30 P.M. and an afternoon shift that ended at night. (P) also stated that Abdullah worked at a gas station sometimes.

(P) stated that, despite spending time with Abdullah in his vehicle, (P) "cannot call Abdullah a friend." (P) indicated that Abdullah did not speak to her much and, instead of conversing in the car, Abdullah would often play religious tapes in Arabic. (P) stated she understood the tapes because Arabic is her native language. At this point, (P) interjected that (P) has "two native languages," further stating the two languages are Arabic and (P).

(P) noted that Abdullah may not have thought she (P) was very religious, as she wore pants and make-up at the time. (P) recalled that once Abdullah "threw in my [her] face" the fact that she was not religious enough, but (P) ignored the insult.

(P) stated that the only conversation she had with Abdullah that "sticks out," took place in the car, just before Abdullah's arrest. At this time, (P) noted that Abdullah's car was very messy. Twice, (P) asked Abdullah why his car was messy and Abdullah ignored her question. When (P) asked Abdullah a third time, she described Abdullah making a "shush" sound, indicating that (P) should be quiet. (P) noted that she was offended by Abdullah and responded, "Don't shush me." At this point, Abdullah responded, "They listen." Abdullah was arrested in the car shortly thereafter. When Abdullah was arrested, (P) stated that she thought that his arrest "probably had something to do with 9/11."

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(P) recalled that when Abdullah picked her up or dropped her off, she and Abdullah were the only two passengers in the car. (P) stated that she never called Abdullah; rather, when he dropped (P) off at work, she would tell him what time to return and pick her up. If (P) was late leaving work, Abdullah would wait in the car for her to finish.

(P) denied any romantic relationship with Abdullah, stating that he was "not my type." (P) stated she never saw Abdullah outside of the car rides he provided her with, except once, at the marriage ceremony incident with (P) in a Denny's Restaurant parking lot. (P) could not recall the date of the marriage ceremony, but noted it was before Abdullah's arrest.

(P) noted that Abdullah had raised the topic of getting married and had spoken with (P) (P) mother about it. Abdullah had asked about marrying (P) or one of her sisters. (P) stated that her mother told Abdullah that she [the mother] could not force any of her daughters to marry Abdullah and "that was it" on the topic of Abdullah marrying one of the (P) sisters. (P) could not recall who suggested that Abdullah marry (P), but stated it was not her mother's suggestion.

(P) recounted that (P) was originally friends with (P) fourth sister (P) and that (P) and (P) attended the same high school. (P) grew close to the (P) family when she became Muslim. (P) indicated that (P) had been coming to the (P) residence for about one year around this time period.

(P) stated that Abdullah had seen (P) one day at the (P) residence when (P) was with (P) after school. Abdullah asked who (P) was and (P) mother responded that (P) was (P) friend, adding "I treat her like one of my own." (P) later added that Abdullah had seen (P) coming from the school bus with (P) once when he (Abdullah) was dropping (P) at her home. (P) could not recall the exact date Abdullah had first seen (P) but noted it was a few months before Abdullah's arrest.

(P) stated that her mother never spoke about (P) and Abdullah's relationship.

(P) indicated that the marriage ceremony took place when it was getting dark out, approximately around 6:30 P.M. or 7:00 P.M. In response to questions, (P) noted that she was off from work the evening of the ceremony and that her work schedule changed often, so she was sometimes off work on Monday evenings. During the marriage ceremony, (P) stated that she remained in Abdullah's car with her sister (P) out of earshot of the group. From the car, (P) saw someone speak some words and Abdullah and (P) talk and then hug. Following the ceremony, Abdullah re-entered the vehicle and offered

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juice to (P) and (P) (P) noted that Abdullah said that he and (P) were officially married. (P) noted that she responded to Abdullah in Arabic, stating, "This is not the right way," further explaining that she meant the ceremony was not a proper Muslim ceremony as it had not taken place at a Mosque. (P) noted that Abdullah was angered by this comment and would no longer speak to her. (P) recalled that Abdullah then drove her (P) and (P) home. (P) could not identify the man who had officiated the ceremony. In response to questions, (P) stated that (P) did not stay at the (P) (P) home that night.

(P) stated that the marriage ceremony "wasn't right," later describing it as the "unright way," and not a correct, Islamic marriage, such as she had expected. (P) further stated that she did not know what to call the ceremony, but specifically would not call it a wedding, and that the ceremony was "something weird." (P) confirmed that she believed Abdullah's goal in having the ceremony was to marry (P) (P) stated that (P) left the gathering with Abdullah the night of the ceremony.

(P) indicated that she spent time with (P) including going shopping, and that (P) "brain was mature." (P) also noted that after the marriage ceremony, Abdullah still drove her to work, but not every day. Bakarbashat and another friend from work also drove (P) during this time.

In response to questions about a purchase at Walmart on September 10, 2001, (P) noted that she liked to get "toys and things" for her siblings at Walmart. When presented with a receipt indicating that a ring was purchased at Walmart using a credit card under (P) name on September 10, 2001, (P) was unable to comment. When asked directly if the signature on the receipt was (P) (P) interjected that the question was "too general." (P) then requested some time to confer with his client alone and investigators and AUSAs departed the conference room.

When informed that (P) and (P) were ready, AUSAs and investigators returned and recommenced the interview. (P) stated that sometimes, although not necessarily during the time in question, (P) credit card had been stolen and used by other individuals. (P) stated that the signature on the September 10, 2001 Walmart receipt "may be" her signature, noting that when she goes shopping, she "doesn't sign my 100% signature." (P) further stated that she never went to Walmart to buy a ring for (P) never went to Walmart to buy a ring for Abdullah to give to (P) and does not remember ever going to Walmart to buy a ring. (P) stated that she did not provide her credit card for Abdullah's use during this time period either. Additionally, (P) stated that she did not have any conversation with Abdullah the night of September 10, 2001.

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(P) noted that during the time period in question, she did work the evening shifts at (P). These shifts ended at 10:00 PM, but often it took some time afterwards to close the store. (P) indicated that on these days, she left work around 10:30 PM.

In response to questions on the attacks of September 11, 2001, (P) first stated that she was working when she learned of the attacks. Shortly afterwards, (P) stated she had first heard about the attacks at home. (P) stated she was confident that Abdullah had not driven her to or from work on September 11, 2001 and that she did not see Abdullah nor (P) on that day. (P) indicated it was approximately one week later that Abdullah again drove her to work.

In response to questions about an incident (P) had described to investigators during a January 7, 2011, (P) provided the following details: one day in 2001 Abdullah had dropped (P) off at her home after work, where her family was watching a television program related to the 9/11 attacks. Abdullah saw the television program, "got mad and threw the phone against the wall." The phone was a cordless telephone attached to a land-line and was broken into "two pieces" during this incident. (P) also noted that Abdullah had cursed. (P) mother then "kicked" Abdullah out. (P) stated she had finished work early on this occasion, so her sisters were still in school during the above described incident. While (P) could not recall the exact date of these events, (P) stated she was "absolutely sure" it was not September 11, 2001.

(P) noted that she has not "spoken a word" to Abdullah since his arrest and "never got any contact with this guy." (P) stated that neither her mother, her sister (P) nor (P) nor Bakarbashat had ever indicated to her that Abdullah was trying to get in touch with her. (P) further clarified that Abdullah never tried to contact her or left any messages, except for before her second son was born (around five years ago), when Abdullah sent (P) an email at her address (P-1). In the email, Abdullah apologized "about everything" and asked for (P) help verifying whether (P) was pregnant and had "had a child by him." (P) stated that her response to Abdullah was, "I'm a married woman now, don't contact me." (P) indicated that she did reach out to (P) to inquire whether the child was Abdullah's, stating to (P) "You eat with us, you sometimes spend the night with us, why you keep secrets from us?"

(P) noted that (P) currently lives close to (P) mother's residence and that sometimes (P) asks (P) mother to babysit (P) children. (P) stated that she stopped speaking to (P) approximately one year ago. (P) also noted that her sister, (P) no longer speaks with (P)

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(P) indicated that she attended two mosques in San Diego, the Islamic Center of San Diego (on Balboa Avenue) and the Rabat, which was located close to her family's old home.

(P) agreed to look at photographs provided by investigators. Investigators showed (P) photographs of Omar al-Bayoumi (F), Fathi Aidarus (F), Anwar Aulagi (F), Khalid al Mihdar (F) and Nawaf al Hazmi (F). (P) stated she "100%" could not identify any of the individuals in the photographs. (P) then stated that Detective (S) had previously shown her the photograph of (P) but that she still did not recognize the individual.

AUSA (S) concluded by noting that (P) (D)

(P) requested a copy of the proffer immunity agreement, as well as (D) and was provided with both documents. The interview closed with (S) noting that (P) testimony still contained significant anomalies and (P) should be prepared to answer questions at a future time, should investigators deem it necessary.

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To: Counterterrorism **Personal Attn:** AD Dale Watson **Attn:**

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Synopsis: [REDACTED] Obtain information from officials at the Saudia Arabian Consulate in Los Angeles, California and Embassy in Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED]

Administrative: [REDACTED] Re telcall between SAC San Diego Division and Deputy Director (DD) Thomas J. Pickard FBIHQ, dated October 7, 2001 and SAC San Diego Division telcall to AD Dale Watson FBIHQ, dated October 9, 2001.

Enclosure(s): [REDACTED] Enclosed for Assistant Director (AD) Dale Watson is one copy of Omar Al-Bayoumi's phone book, dated October 4, 2000, one copy of an FD-302 re the interview of [REDACTED] (S) dated September 21, 2001, one copy of an FD-302 re the interview of [REDACTED] (S), dated September 25, 2001, one copy of an FD-302 re the interview of [REDACTED] (S), dated September 28, 2001 and one copy of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM), dated October 10, 2001. Enclosed for WFO is one copy of Omar Al-Bayoumi's phone book, dated October 4, 2000, one copy of an FD-302 re the interview of [REDACTED] (S) dated September 21, 2001, one copy of an FD-302 re the interview of [REDACTED] (S), dated September 25, 2001, and one copy of an FD-302 re the interview of [REDACTED] (S), dated September 28, 2001. Enclosed for Los Angeles is one copy of the phone book.

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To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 10/09/2001

Details: [REDACTED] As a result of the investigation being conducted at San Diego it has been determined that Omar Ahmed Al-Bayoumi played an important role in helping terrorists, Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar assimilate into San Diego. Al-Bayoumi allowed them to stay at his apartment at the Parkwood Apartment Complex, prior to obtaining their apartment at the same complex approximately two weeks after they entered into the United States through Los Angeles, California. Since the terrorists did not have credit history or bank accounts Al-Bayoumi was listed as the guarantor and co-signer on their apartment, and on at least one occasion paid for their rent. Additionally, he helped set up a bank account for Al-Mihdhar.

[REDACTED] While Al-Bayoumi resided in the United States he attended numerous schools and in December 1997, graduated from Alliant International University (AIU), formerly United States International University, San Diego, California with a Master's Degree in International Business Administration. When Al-Bayoumi transferred from West Coast University, San Diego, California to (AIU) in January 1997, [REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] (S)

(S) [REDACTED] Newport Beach, California wrote a letter dated January 22, 1997, stating that [REDACTED] (S) was supporting Al-Bayoumi by providing \$4,000 a month. This information was incorporated on an Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status - For Academic and Language Students.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F), 10/09/2001

[REDACTED] (S) was subsequently interviewed, and as a result of that interview advised that even though [REDACTED] (S) was requested, by an unknown representative of the Civil Aviation Administration of Saudi Arabia to provide a \$4,000 per month stipend, [REDACTED] (S) refused to do so. [REDACTED] (S) did, however, furnish letters to numerous schools, on Al-Bayoumi's behalf, stating that he and his company were subsidizing Al-Bayoumi. As a direct result of the above information, a Criminal Complaint was filed on or about September 27, 2001, in the Southern District of California, charging Al-Bayoumi with Title 18, U.S.C. Section 1546, Visa Fraud.

[REDACTED] In May 1998, Al-Bayoumi applied for an Executive Doctorate In Management Program at the Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) in Cleveland, Ohio, which was subsequently declined. Through numerous interviews and by obtaining school records and resumes, it has been determined that Al-Bayoumi stated that he has been employed by the CAA for at least 20 years and is also associated with Dallah/Avco Trans Arabia Company as the Assistant to the Director of Finance, in the Contracts and Finance Control Division, PCA, Airways Engineering.

[REDACTED] In reviewing the documents obtained from CWRU a letter, dated May 20, 1998 from Dr. Jamil Shami, Director,

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To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 10/09/2001

Academic Affairs, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, National Guard Office, 3050 K Street, N.W., Suite 207, Washington, D.C., was sent on Al-Bayoumi's behalf. The letter stated that Al-Bayoumi was a candidate for a full scholarship from the Government of Saudi Arabia.

[REDACTED] On September 21, 2001, a representative from United Parcel Service advised that their records indicate that on January 18, 2001 a delivery was made to [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] (S), San Diego, California, where Al-Bayoumi resided, from the Saudi Arabian Embassy, 601 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED] On September 25, 2001, [REDACTED] (P), [REDACTED] (P) of the Kurdish Community Islamic Center, 2675 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon, California, was interviewed and [REDACTED] (P) advised that he was shown a copy of a check Al-Bayoumi provided for \$500 to the mosque drawn from the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, dated December 14, 2000. Written on the check was a notation in Arabic that [REDACTED] (P) said indicted the check was for food. Al-Bayoumi stated he received the check from Los Angeles, California.

[REDACTED] On September 27, 2001, execution of a federal search warrant was conducted by the San Diego Division in a room utilized by Al-Bayoumi as an office within the Kurdish Community Islamic Center (Masjid Al-Madina Al-Munawara), located at 511 S.

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Re: [REDACTED] (F), 10/09/2001

Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon, California. As a result of that search a copy of Al-Bayoumi's phone book, dated October 4, 2000 was seized.

[REDACTED] Listed in Al-Bayoumi's phone book were the following names and telephone numbers:

[REDACTED] Dr. Jameel Alshami (202) 944-3344;

[REDACTED] Saudi Embassy WA. (202) 342-3800, AbdulAziz Assaleh (202) 342-3700 and F (202) 944-5982; Khalid Asswailem (202) 944-3140 and C (202) 494-2777. Saudi Consulate (310) 479-479-6000 F (310) 479-2752, Islamic Affairs x240, Abdullah Awaad x241, Sami Assadhan x246, and Saad Al Jebreen, 2045 Sawtelle Blv., LA, CA 90025.

[REDACTED] Additionally, seized during the search were various personal and business documents, business cards and scraps of paper with names and telephone numbers of individuals. Included in this information were names and telephone numbers associated with the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission, Washington, D.C. and are as follows: Mohammad Al-Sheik and Abed Al-Sulieman with the following telephone numbers (202) 298-8869, 8817, 8850 and 8738. Also obtained was a notation for the Saudi Consulate in Los Angeles, telephone number (310) 479-6000 and the name

(P)
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: (U) [REDACTED] (F), 10/09/2001

[REDACTED] From January 2000 through May 2000, two known cellular telephones associated with Al-Bayoumi showed 32 calls placed to the Embassy, 24 calls placed to the Consulate in Los Angeles and 37 calls placed to the Cultural Mission.

[REDACTED] On October 6, 2001, an ACS indices and IIIA search was conducted on [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) and were met with [REDACTED] negative results, however the following is a list of references in ACS, regarding [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) and an important reference in [REDACTED] IIIA, see Per-No 584612, regarding [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) [REDACTED]

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(S)

[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: (U) [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 10/09/2001

~~(S)~~ On October 8, 2001, an ACS indices and IIIA search was conducted on [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) with negative results, however [REDACTED] (S)
there was an ACS reference on [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) [REDACTED] (S)
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To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F), 10/09/2001

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

[REDACTED] AD Watson is requested to seek [REDACTED] (G)
[REDACTED] (G) from the Department of State, and coordinate
the interview of diplomats from the Saudi Embassy in Washington,
D.C., and the Saudi Consulate in Los Angeles.

Set Lead 2:

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

AT WASHINGTON, DC

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Set Lead 3:

LOS ANGELES

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To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 10/09/2001

AT LOS ANGELES

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AT NEW YORK

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Set Lead 5:

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Operation Encore Update (as of 20 March 2014):

- 19 March 2014 – Interview of (P), Iyad Al-Rababah's (P) at her place of employment (P) in Paramus, NJ. (P) advised that she has been in contact with Al-Rababah, currently in Jordan, as recently as one month ago, and maintains regular contact with him by telephone. (P) agreed to a future interview to provide additional details on her relationship with Al-Rababah, her knowledge of Al-Rababah's former roommate (P) and Al-Rababah's current living situation in Jordan.
- 17 March 2014 – Fox News provided internet link to a 28 minute interview of (P) in (P), NJ in September 2011. Interview will be reviewed (D), (P)
- 06 March 2014 - Case team meeting with FBI Newark regarding Encore subject (P) Several leads pertaining to (D), (P) were discussed to include, (P) relatives in PA, (P) Iyad Al-Rababah, and (P)
- 28 February 2014 – SVTC with San Diego case team re Encore background regarding significance of San Diego subject Mohdar Abdullah, and San Diego based connections to Encore.
- 26 February 2014 - Case strategy meeting with SDNY AUSA (S)

- [REDACTED]
- **24 January 2014 – Case strategy meeting with SDNY AUSA** (S) (D) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
 - 19-20 December 2013 – (G) [REDACTED], FBI LA, FBI WFO interview Mohdar Abdullah (F) [REDACTED]
(F) (G) [REDACTED]
 - December 2013 – SDNY advised that defense counsel [REDACTED] (D), (P)
[REDACTED] (D), (P)
 - 05 November 2013 – (G) [REDACTED] advised they would seek to arrange an interview with Al-Mansoori at the US Embassy in (G) [REDACTED]
 - 14 October 2013 – [REDACTED] (J-3)
[REDACTED]
 - October 2013 – [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)
[REDACTED]
 - 19 August 2013 [REDACTED] (C-1)
[REDACTED]
 - 13 August 2013 – SDNY advised that [REDACTED] (P), (D)
[REDACTED] (P), (D)
 - 09 July 2013 - [REDACTED] (P), (D)
 - May/June 2013 - Coordination with USAO SDNY regarding [REDACTED] (P), (D)
 - 13 May 2013 – SDNY advised that [REDACTED] (P) is represented by counsel and that discussions are under way for a proffer of [REDACTED] (P) at SDNY in June 2013.
 - 1 May 2013 - [REDACTED] (J-3)
[REDACTED] (J-3)
 - 18 April 2013 FBI Newark agrees to turn over [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] (P) to New York for investigation under Operation Encore.
 - 11 April 2013 SDNY confirmed positive contact made with a defense attorney [REDACTED] (D), (P)
[REDACTED]
 - 08 April 2013 - [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) reporting provided by Al-Rababah.
 - 05 April 2013 - [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)
reporting and background of Al-Rababah.
 - 20 March 2013 meeting with SDNY, was held regarding investigative approach on [REDACTED] (P)
DHS's appeal of the U.S. Immigration judge's order granting asylum to [REDACTED] (P) was issued a final denial.
 - March 2013 - [REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D)
- [REDACTED]

- February 2013 - (A), (G), (J-1) to conduct an interview of Mohamed Al-Mansoori (A), (G), (J-1)
- 25 January 2013 - Encore Case team met with SDNY AUSA (S) SDNY AUSA (S) and DOJ main attorney (S) During the meeting, SDNY and DOJ were advised of case developments.
- 30 November 2012 - (C-1)
- 24 September 2012 - Meeting with AUSA (S) and DOJ attorney (S) at NYO Chelsea. At the request of (G) AUSA (S) will explore potential charges for Mohdar Abdullah, including providing material support to the 9/11 hijackers, as well as lesser crimes, which investigators could present at a future interview with Abdullah (G)
- 10 September 2012 - (G) has assisted Legat Copenhagen in providing information to (C-1) (C-1) advised on 10 September 2012 that (C-1) Upon resolution of the claim and its likely rejection, (G) will coordinate with SDNY (A), (G), (J-1)
- (P) her mother (P) father (P), and mother's sister (P) were sentenced on (P) 2012, in the Southern District of California to five years' probation and a \$2,500 fine, each. The Office of Immigration Litigation is preparing civil denaturalization cases against (P) and (P) (G) including (P) Upon successful denaturalization, (P) (G) will be served with Notice to Appear (NTAs) and placed in immigration removal proceedings. This sentencing stems from guilty pleas from the defendants on (P) 2012 in San Diego, CA for naturalization fraud charges.
- (P) was arrested in Tampa, Florida on 15 May 2012 for Treasury Check Fraud by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. (P) of the Texaco gas station in San Diego at which Mohdar Abdullah and 9/11 hijacker Nawaf al Hazmi were both employed, along with additional people of interest to Operation Encore. On 17 September 2012 (P) was proffered in Tampa, Florida. During the proffer, (P) echoed previous statement he had made, denying any knowledge of the hijackers' terrorist affiliation and providing no additional details of use to investigators. (P) seemed optimistic about the charges he was facing. (G) investigators anticipate future proffer sessions with (P) on the Operation Encore-related national security issues. During the week of 28 September 2012, (P) proffered a second time. There was no National Security related information disclosed during the second proffer.
- In August 2012 (G) sent a lead to JTTF Los Angeles seeking confirmation of two possible current addresses for (P) and (P) individual who was known to have extremist views, and was identified as having met with Omar al Bayoumi in private on the same day as Bayoumi's alleged "chance" first meeting with 9/11 hijackers Nawaf al Hazmi and Khalid al Mihdhar. FBI Los Angeles confirmed Mana's current residence. (G) is planning to approach (P) for an interview of his role aiding Bayoumi in facilitating the hijacker's arrival and settlement in California, for which (P) has never provided adequate explanation. (G) will conduct the interview with (G) should it be necessary to serve on (P) to obtain a statement.

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (F) an individual who, similarly to Mohdar Abdullah, facilitated the day-to-day life of 9/11 hijackers Hazmi and Mihdhar during their time in San Diego, has been identified by FBI San Diego as living in Canada. [REDACTED] (P) is reported to be very concerned about his presence on U.S. no-fly lists [REDACTED] (G) in conjunction with the San Diego office, will address seeking an interview of [REDACTED] (P)
 - [REDACTED] In June, 2012, NYO investigators, along with AUSA [REDACTED] (S) and HQ analysts, traveled to London, UK, to exploit evidence seized in 2001 in New Scotland Yard's searches of Omar al Bayoumi's residences and offices. [REDACTED] (C-1)
[REDACTED] (G) is undertaking the translation of these documents, to determine relevancy. To date, documents detailing the visits of Mutaib al Sudairy [REDACTED] (F) and Adel al Sadhan [REDACTED] (F) as well as directions indicating that Bayoumi was very familiar with trips from the Saudi Consulate in L.A. to the King Fahad Mosque, have been uncovered. Both documents provide evidence contradicting direct claims Bayoumi has previously made to FBI investigators, particularly about his actions on the day he allegedly randomly met the 9/11 hijackers, and highlight gaps in Bayoumi's story that undermine his claims of innocence.
 - [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)
[REDACTED]

Details on Mohdar Abdullah and his connection to Operation ENCORE:

[REDACTED] The FBI is seeking to indict Mohdar Abdullah (Mohdar) in the Southern District of New York (SDNY) for providing material support to 9/11 hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar, pursuant to USC 18 section 2339B. Mohdar is the subject of San Diego's full field investigation, [REDACTED] (F) and currently resides in Sweden. The immediate goal of Operation ENCORE is to [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)

[REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)

[REDACTED] Mohdar played a key role facilitating the daily lives and assisting future Flight 77 hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar. Shortly after February 4, 2000, al-Bayoumi tasked Mohdar to assist al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar. Mohdar was also a family friend and associate of Anwar Aulaqi and they may spent time together with the hijackers. After September 11, 2001 Mohdar was investigated by the FBI for assisting the hijackers. On September 19, 2001 he was arrested by FBI San Diego on charges of immigration fraud for his claim of being a Somali asylee (Mohdar is Yemeni). Mohdar pled guilty to the immigration charges and was deported to Yemen in 2004.

[REDACTED] While Mohdar was detained in an immigration facility he bragged to two fellow inmates that he assisted the hijackers. The FBI and the SDNY have debriefed these individuals. Both are cooperative, but there is some prosecutorial concern about their value as witnesses.

(C-1)

In a January, 2012 meeting with FBI NYO,

(C-1)

The FBI has also provided [redacted] with relevant derogatory information on Mohdar via a DIDO, including details of Mohdar's false U.S. asylum claim.

[redacted] Recent investigation revealed strong indications that prior to September 11, 2001 Mohdar confided details of his conversations with al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar to a young woman named [redacted] (P) [redacted] (P) and her family are [redacted] (P) although they claimed to be [redacted] (P) refugees. They have now gained U.S. citizenship.

On [redacted] (P) 2012, [redacted] (P) her parents and her aunt were arrested and charged with immigration fraud in San Diego. The post-arrest debriefings of [redacted] (P) provided additional evidence of Mohdar's guilt. However, [redacted] (P) continues to conceal additional information concerning Mohdar's involvement with al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar, as well as the role that [redacted] (P) s family played in assisting Mohdar. The impending possibility of criminal and civil penalties facing [redacted] (P) s entire family may motivate her to cooperate more fully with the FBI. [redacted] (P) and her family are scheduled to next appear in court on [redacted] (P), 2012 for pre-trial motions.

Synopsis of Operation ENCORE:

[redacted] Operation ENCORE is an investigation into individuals known to have provided substantial assistance to 9/11 hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar during their time in California, prior to the attacks. Operation ENCORE main subjects include Fahad al-Thumairy, Omar Ahmed al-Bayoumi, and Musaed al-Jarrah. These subjects provided (or directed others to provide) the hijackers with assistance in daily activities, including procuring living quarters, financial assistance, and assistance in obtaining flight lessons and driver's licenses. Operation ENCORE seeks to prove these subjects provided such assistance with the knowledge that al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar were here to commit an act of terrorism.

[redacted] Fahad al-Thumairy was the Imam at the King Fahad Mosque near Los Angeles, California when al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar first arrived in the United States. Al-Thumairy immediately assigned an individual to take care of them during their time in the Los Angeles area.

[redacted] Omar al-Bayoumi was living in San Diego on a student visa, despite not attending classes, and receiving a salary from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for job duties he never performed. Shortly after arriving in Los Angeles, the two hijackers had an allegedly accidental meeting with al-Bayoumi, who claims to have been in Los Angeles on personal business. At this meeting, al-Bayoumi advised the hijackers to relocate to San Diego, which they did. Once in San Diego, al-Bayoumi assisted the hijackers with a place to live, opening a bank account, and also assigned two individuals to care for them, one of whom was Mohdar Abdullah.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Telephone numbers assigned to the Saudi Arabian Embassy (SAE) in Washington, D.C., where Musaed al-Jarrah was the director of the Islamic Affairs Department, had significant telephonic contact with al-Thumairy and al-Bayoumi while the hijackers were in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. There is evidence that al-Jarrah had possible links to al Qaeda and tasked al-Thumairy and al-Bayoumi with assisting the hijackers.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/23/2003

To: Boston
Counterterrorism

Attn:
Attn:

(G), (S)

(G)

New Haven

Attn:

San Diego

Attn:

From: Los Angeles
(G)

Contact:

(S)

Approved By:

(S)

Drafted By:

Case ID #:

(F)

Title:

(G)

Synopsis:

Summary of FAHAD AL THUMAIRY's Wells Fargo Bank
account number (P-1) for the period 06/10/1999 through
11/15/2002.

(G)

Details:

EO14040-000228

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Background of Investigation

Allegations were made by a source that USAMA BIN LADEN was using the KING FAHAD MOSQUE, located in Culver City, California, to launder money in the United States. FAHAD AL THUMAIRY was the Imam at the KING FAHAD MOSQUE.

Account Information

Records for Wells Fargo Bank (WFB) account number (P-1) for the period 06/10/1999 through 11/15/2002 were reviewed. The account was held in the name FAHAD AL THUMAIRY, ALBER ACCOUNT. The address (P-1) Los Angeles, CA 90034 was used for the account from 06/1999 through 03/14/2000. The address (P-1) Culver City, CA 90232 was used for the account from 03/15/2000 through 11/15/2002.

Summary of flow of funds

The account appears to primarily serve the purpose of receiving funds from individuals in Saudi Arabia and distributing those funds to a few recipients, all who are connected to Hamas.

\$369,497 was received into the account during the specified time period. Three large wire transfers (approximately \$120,000 each) comprised a majority of money deposited into the account. Two of these transfers were from KHALID BIN NASSER ALASSAF (Saudi American Bank a/c# unknown). The other transfer was received from ABDULAZIZ FAHAD ABDULAZIZ ALSAUD (Saudi American Bank a/c# unknown). Each time a large wire was received, checks were written and cash withdrawals were made from the account until the account's balance was depleted. At that time, the next large wire transfer was received and the cycle was repeated.

The checks and cash withdrawals ranged in amounts, but were generally in the range of \$1,000 to \$13,000. No cash withdrawal exceeded \$9,006. The following payees received a total of \$360,015 disbursed from the account (of \$369,497 total deposits):

(P) (Bank of America a/c# illegible - possibly (P)) received 14 checks totaling \$66,000.

(P) may be the same person as (F) (P) a Hamas fundraiser.

To: Boston From: Los Angeles
Re: (F) 07/23/2003

(P)
[(1) Great American Credit Union, San Diego a/c# illegible - possibly (P) or (P), and (2) Union Bank of California a/c# illegible - possibly (P)] received 15 checks totaling \$64,500.

(P) may be the same person as (F), (A) (S)
(P) who has been associated with Hamas members and members of the Somali-based terrorist organization, Al-Ittihad Al-Islamia (AIAI). (P) has been identified as an officer/owner of (P) and president of (P).

AMANA FOUNDATION (Bank of America a/c# (P)) received 13 checks totaling \$90,000.

AMANA FOUNDATION may be the same AMANA FOUNDATION (P)
(P) AMANA FOUNDATION and several other organizations (P) are being or have been investigated for committing various crimes and providing proceeds of the crimes to overseas accounts where the funds are allegedly used to purchase weapons for the tribal conflicts in Somalia and in support of International Terrorism.

(P) [(1) Fleet, MA a/c# unknown, (2) Sovereign Bank New England a/c# possibly (P), (3) Citizens Bank MA for deposit to account of HADDAD TRAVEL INC (P)] received 12 checks totaling \$58,500;

(S) (P) may be the same person as (F)
(A), (J-1), (G) (P) a Hamas supporter. (A), (J-1), (G)
(A), (J-1), (G) when (P) relocated to Bridgeport, Connecticut. ABUNAR is referenced in (F)

Cash withdrawals and checks payable to FAHAD AL THUMAIRY totaled \$81,015.

List of All Deposits

Eight deposits totaling \$369,497.00 were made to the account between 06/10/1999 and 06/21/2001. Every deposit is listed below:

on 06/10/1999, a \$120,000.00 wire transfer was received from the account of KHALID BIN NASSER ALASSAF at Saudi American Bank;

on 09/20/1999, a cash deposit of \$6,000.00 was made to the account;

[REDACTED]

To: Boston From: Los Angeles
Re: [REDACTED] (F), 07/23/2003

[REDACTED] on 09/20/1999, a \$3,000 check was deposited from [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) WFB account number [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P)'s address listed on the check was the same address as AL THUMAIRY, 3757 Kelton Ave., #208, Los Angeles, CA 90034. [REDACTED] (P)'s telephone number was listed as [REDACTED] (P);

[REDACTED] on 02/18/2000, a \$300 check was deposited from FAHAD AL THUMAIRY, WFB account number [REDACTED] (P);

[REDACTED] on 04/10/2000, a \$10 cash deposit was made;

[REDACTED] on 11/08/2000, a \$119,993.50 wire transfer was received from the account of ABDULAZIZ FAHAD ABDULAZIZ ALSAUD at Saudi American Bank;

[REDACTED] on 01/31/2001, a \$200 wire transfer was received from the account of HUSSAIN MADHI S. ABU MALHA at Commercial Bank of Qatar;

[REDACTED] on 06/21/2001, a \$119,993.50 wire transfer was received from the account of KHALID BIN NASSER AL ASSAF at Saudi American Bank.

[REDACTED] List of All Withdrawals

[REDACTED] AMANA FOUNDATION (Bank of America a/c# [REDACTED] (P)) received 13 checks totaling \$90,000. The individual check amounts and clearing dates (date that the check cleared AL THUMAIRY's account) are listed below:

\$6,000 on 08/06/1999;
\$6,000 on 08/06/1999;
\$6,000 on 10/01/1999;
\$6,000 on 10/01/1999;
\$2,000 on 01/04/2000;
\$12,000 on 12/21/2000;
\$12,000 on 02/08/2001;
\$6,000 on 03/28/2001;
\$8,000 on 09/07/2001;
\$6,000 on 01/17/2002;
\$6,000 on 01/22/2002;
\$13,000 on 06/03/2002;
\$1,000 on 10/16/2002.

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) (Bank of America, a/c# illegible - possibly [REDACTED] (P)) received 14 checks totaling \$66,000. The individual check amounts and clearing dates are listed below:
\$7,500 on 08/02/1999;
\$9,000 on 09/22/1999;

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Boston From: Los Angeles
Re: [REDACTED] (F), 07/23/2003

\$3,000 on 11/26/1999;
\$1,500 on 01/04/2000;
\$3,000 on 11/20/2000;
\$3,000 on 11/22/2000;
\$3,000 on 11/22/2000;
\$4,500 on 01/16/2001;
\$4,500 on 01/16/2001;
\$4,500 on 03/28/2001;
\$6,000 on 08/08/2001;
\$4,500 on 01/16/2002;
\$4,500 on 01/17/2002;
\$7,500 on 05/15/2002.

[REDACTED] (P)
[(1) Great American Credit Union, San Diego a/c# illegible - possibly (P) or (P), and (2) Union Bank of California a/c# illegible - possibly (P)] received 15 checks totaling \$64,500. The individual check amounts and clearing dates are listed below:

\$9,000 on 08/03/1999;
\$3,000 on 10/12/1999;
\$3,000 on 10/19/1999;
\$3,000 on 12/02/1999;
\$1,500 on 01/03/2000;
\$3,000 on 11/22/2000;
\$3,000 on 12/04/2000;
\$3,000 on 12/06/2000;
\$4,500 on 01/18/2001;
\$4,500 on 01/19/2001;
\$4,500 on 04/02/2001;
\$6,000 on 08/10/2001;
\$4,500 on 01/22/2002;
\$4,500 on 01/25/2002;
\$7,500 on 05/16/2002.

[REDACTED] (P) [(1) Fleet, MA a/c# unknown, (2) Sovereign Bank New England a/c# possibly (P), (3) Citizens Bank MA for dep HADDAD TRAVEL INC (P)] received 12 checks totaling \$58,500. The individual check amounts and clearing dates are listed below:

\$9,000 on 08/16/1999;
\$9,000 on 09/27/1999;
\$3,000 on 11/29/1999;
\$1,500 on 01/04/2000;
\$4,500 on 12/04/2000;
\$4,500 on 12/07/2000;
\$4,500 on 01/26/2001;
\$4,500 on 02/05/2001;

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Boston From: Los Angeles
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 07/23/2003

\$4,500 on 04/13/2001;
\$6,000 on 08/22/2001;
\$3,500 on 05/30/2002;
\$4,000 on 05/30/2002.

[REDACTED] Cash withdrawals and checks payable to FAHAD AL THUMAIRY totaled \$81,015. The amounts and dates of withdrawals are listed below:

\$9,000 on 08/10/1999;
\$9,000 on 09/13/1999;
\$8,000 on 09/28/1999;
\$3,000 on 11/19/1999;
\$1,500 on 12/22/1999;
\$9,000 on 11/16/2000;
\$9,000 on 01/11/2001;
\$4,500 on 03/27/2001;
\$6,000 on 08/03/2001;
\$6 on 08/06/2001;
\$9,000 on 01/08/2002;
\$9,006 on 01/11/2002;
\$3 on 05/08/2002;
\$4,000 on 05/08/2002.

[REDACTED] FAHAD AL THUMAIRY (Wells Fargo Bank a/c# [REDACTED] (P)) received one check in the amount of \$1,000, which cleared on 09/28/1999.

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (deposited at bank with ABA# [REDACTED] (P)) received one check in the amount of \$300, which cleared on 02/02/2000.

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (Bank of America a/c# [REDACTED] (P)) received one check in the amount of \$200, which cleared on 02/26/2001.

[REDACTED] Documentation was not received from the bank for two checks, one for \$3,000 on 11/03/199 and another for \$4,000 on 12/02/1999.

[REDACTED]

EO14040-000233

[REDACTED]
To: Boston From: Los Angeles
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 07/23/2003

LEAD [REDACTED] :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

BOSTON

AT BOSTON, MA

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

[REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] read and clear.

Set Lead 3: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

[REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] read and clear.

Set Lead 4: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

[REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] read and clear.

Set Lead 5: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

[REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] read and clear.

Set Lead 6: (Info)

NEW HAVEN

(G) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
To: Boston From: Los Angeles
Re: [REDACTED] (F), 07/23/2003

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 7: (Info)

NEW HAVEN

[REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 8: (Info)

SAN DIEGO

[REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/11/2002

To: Los Angeles

From: Los Angeles

(G)

Contact:

(S)

Approved By:

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Drafted By:

Case ID #:

(F)

(Pending)

Title:

FAHAD ALTHUMAIRY (NON-USPER)

(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis:

Information obtained from Avalon Westside
Apartments.

(G)

Full Field Investigation Instituted:

(A), (G), (J-1)

(Non-USPER)

[REDACTED]

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Details: [REDACTED] On 09/10/2002, [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (G) of Avalon Westside Terrace Apartments, 3636 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90034, telephone number (310) 398-2794, provided the following information:

[REDACTED] Fahad Al-Thumairy, DOB [REDACTED] (P-1) /1971, is the current lessee of Apartment 2-202. The address of [REDACTED] (P) is a.k.a [REDACTED] (P), Los Angeles, California. The current lease on 2-202 began on 04/18/2002, and is currently on a month-to-month basis. Al-Thumairy is listed as the only resident.

[REDACTED] The initial deposit for [REDACTED] (P) was made with two checks: 1) from Al-Thumairy, address [REDACTED] (P) Culver City, California, Wells Fargo Bank account number [REDACTED] (P-1) 9960; and 2) from Faisal Al-Muhanna, [REDACTED] (P), Long Beach, California, 90814, Wells Fargo Bank account number [REDACTED] (P-1) 8757.

[REDACTED] In the lease for [REDACTED] (P) Al-Thumairy lists Faisal Al-Muhanna as the emergency contact, at the [REDACTED] (P) address above, telephone number [REDACTED] (P). Al-Thumairy lists his employer as the Saudi Consulate where his boss is "Khalid" and his salary is \$5000/month.

[REDACTED] Al-Thumairy is assigned parking space number 289 on Level two of the parking structure. It is near the south end of the level on the western wall, and is visible from the sidewalk

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: Los Angeles
Re: [REDACTED] (F) 09/11/2002

through the security grates. This space is a tandem parking space, allowing two cars to double park front to back. A second parking pass for Apartment (P) is assigned to (P) [NFI].

[REDACTED] On 09/10/2002 at 4:50 p.m. there were no vehicles in parking space 289. (P) looked in the access system and determined that the card assigned to Al-Thumairy was last used on 09/09/2002, and the pass assigned to (P) was last used on 09/10/2002.

[REDACTED] The "Lessee Information Sheet" in the current lease packet is dated 07/03/2001, and was filled out during Al-Thumairy's July 2001 application for Apartment (P)

[REDACTED] Apartment (P) appears to be the first apartment Al-Thumairy rented in his name at Avalon Westside Terrace, as this lease packet is the only one containing the full applications and checks produced by the management. Subsequent leases appear to be "pre-approved."

[REDACTED] Apartment (P) was jointly leased by Al-Thumairy and Al-Muhana, who both listed their address as (P) (P) Culver City, California. On the lease they are both shown as residents. The move in date was 7/10/2001, and the move out date was 08/14/2001. On the "Application for Residency", Al-muhanna is listed as the primary resident, and lists his telephone number as (P) - 7776. Al-Muhanna indicated that he works for the Saudi Embassy in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: Los Angeles
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 09/11/2002

Washington, D.C., (202) 944-3574, as a "Trainer." As proof of support, Al-Muhana provided a proof of support letter from Dr. Mazyed I. Almazyed, Saudi Embassy, indicating that Faisal Ahmed Hamed Muhana is the recipient of a Saudi scholarship as an undergraduate Manufacturing Engineering student at California State University, Long Beach. The letter lists Al-Muhanna's address as [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) Long Beach, California, 90814.

[REDACTED] Al-Thumairy is the emergency contact, and lists his address as [REDACTED] (P) Culver City, telephone number as [REDACTED] (P). The checks which appear to have paid the application fee, deposit and the move in payments were all from Al-Thumairy on the above noted bank account ([REDACTED] (P-1) 9960). A letter from Wells Fargo in the file states that the account ([REDACTED] (P-1) 9960) balance on 05/08/2001 was \$37,559.20, and on 06/08/2001 was \$17,119.58, with deposits of \$6,322.24 and withdrawals of \$26,761.86 for the month. A letter in the file from Khaled Al-Swailem, Director, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, WDC, indicates that Fahad I Al-Thumairy is employed by the embassy at a salary of \$60,000 per year. However, the file also contains copies of checks drawn on the account of [REDACTED] (P), [REDACTED] (P), Glendale, California, 91201. [REDACTED] (P) is listed nowhere else in the lease, and his association with Al-Thumairy is unknown.

[REDACTED] On the same day that he applied for [REDACTED] (P), Al-Thumairy and Al-Muhana also leased apartment [REDACTED] (P) aka [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) Los Angeles, California. The [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] move in date was 07/03/2001 and the move out date was 08/15/2001. Again, both of them are listed as the residents. Al-Thumairy also paid the move in costs with a check drawn on his account (P-1) [REDACTED] 9960).

[REDACTED] Al-Thumairy and Al-Muhana also leased apartment (P) [REDACTED], with a move in date of 12/27/2001 and a move out date of 02/13/2002. Again, all move in costs were paid for by Al-Thumairy with checks drawn from account (P-1) [REDACTED] 9960).

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] also spontaneously provided the names of the following possibly suspicious residents. (P) [REDACTED] moved out of apartment (P) [REDACTED] on 09/09/2002. (P) [REDACTED] resides in apartment (P) [REDACTED]. (P) [REDACTED] resides in apartment (P) [REDACTED], and moved in on 07/09/2002. (P) [REDACTED] formerly lived with (P) [REDACTED] in apartment (P) [REDACTED] between 04/09/2002 and 07/08/2002.

[REDACTED] Telephone Applications shows hundreds of hits for telephone numbers (P) [REDACTED] -0777, (P) [REDACTED] -2666, and (P) [REDACTED] 7776. The numbers belong to Cingular wireless.

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Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 08/05/2004

To: Counterterrorism

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Synopsis: [REDACTED] To provide PENTTBOM with results of leads set to Los Angeles to follow up on information obtained during an interview of FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY.

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Reference: [REDACTED]

Enclosure(s): [REDACTED] The purpose of this communication is to provide New York with the results of follow-up investigation on information obtained during the interview of FAHAD AL THUMAIRY on 02/23/2004 and 02/24/2004. AL THUMAIRY was interviewed in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, by staff from the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, commonly known as the 9/11 Commission.

[REDACTED] In the interview, AL THUMAIRY identified individuals who traveled to Los Angeles to seek medical treatment and provided information on where they resided, including [REDACTED] (P-1) (phonetic), [REDACTED] (P-1) (phonetic), and the father of [REDACTED] (P-1) (phonetic). AL THUMAIRY said [REDACTED] (P-1) and his family resided at [REDACTED] (P-1) located at [REDACTED] (P-1), Los Angeles, California, during his stay. Al THUMAIRY arranged for the rental of an apartment at the Avalon Terrace Westside for [REDACTED] (P-1)

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(P-1) [REDACTED] and his son during the summer of 2001. AL THUMAIRY paid for (P-1) [REDACTED] rental and was later reimbursed by him.

[REDACTED] New York requested that Los Angeles review Avalon Westside Terrace Apartment records to determine if (P-1) [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] or (P-1) [REDACTED] rented or sublet an apartment with AL THUMAIRY, determine if (P-1) [REDACTED] was a patient at UCLA Medical Center, and review AL THUMAIRY's bank records to determine if he paid for and was reimbursed for (P-1) [REDACTED] apartment.

[REDACTED] Per referenced insert (F) [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], on 04/20/2004, 9/11 Commission investigators interviewed (P) [REDACTED], who (P) [REDACTED] a business which manages medical care for international patients at Los Angeles' area medical facilities, including UCLA and Cedars-Sinai Medical Centers. (P) [REDACTED] was asked if he could recall a patient or patients, prior to 09/11/2001 that came to Los Angeles from Saudi Arabia. The patient would have been treated for liver disease and been accompanied by two sons or a son and a son-in-law. (P) [REDACTED] noted that liver disease is a common ailment of Saudis and many come to the United States to be evaluated for transplant surgery. (P) [REDACTED] further stated that many Saudi males drink illegally produced liquor which is surreptitiously produced. This consumption of ethanol causes many older Saudi males to develop cirrhosis of the liver. Because alcohol consumption is illegal in Saudi Arabia, many

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well-to-do Saudis seek medical care for cirrhosis and related diseases in the United States.

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] searched his records and identified a patient by the name of [REDACTED] (P-1) as fitting this criterion. [REDACTED] (P) reviewed the record and located the treatment summary for [REDACTED] (P-1). [REDACTED] (P) said [REDACTED] (P-1) was a patient of Dr. [REDACTED] (P) at UCLA Medical Center. Dr. [REDACTED] (P) evaluated [REDACTED] (P-1) as a candidate for liver transplant, because [REDACTED] (P-1) was in the early stages of liver failure. [REDACTED] (P) said the consultation report indicated [REDACTED] (P-1) son and son-in-law met with Dr. [REDACTED] (P) when he discussed treatment options with [REDACTED] (P-1). [REDACTED] (P) explained that prior to 09/11/2001, patients coming to the United States for medical treatment could designate a companion. This companion would be able to obtain the same B1/B2 two-year visas as the patient. [REDACTED] (P) records showed the designated companion for [REDACTED] (P-1) was [REDACTED] (P-1) who is identified as [REDACTED] (P-1) son-in-law. [REDACTED] (P) provided the 9/11 Commission investigators with photocopies of the United States' visas for [REDACTED] (P-1) and [REDACTED] (P-1). [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) was asked if he had any record of [REDACTED] (P-1) son. [REDACTED] (P) said Dr. [REDACTED] (P) consultation report notes [REDACTED] (P-1) son was present for the consultation. However, the son was not the designated companion. The son would have been able to enter the United States on a B2 tourist visa, as contrasted with the more long term B1 business visa. Only one

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person may be designated as a companion for each patient and in the case of [REDACTED] (P-1) it was his son-in-law. It was [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) practice to only maintain copies of the travel documents for the patient and the companion.

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] noted he had a dinner party for a group of patients at the Westside Apartments, formerly known as the Avalon Westside Apartments in July 2001. This was during the period of time [REDACTED] (P-1) was in the Los Angeles area for his liver transplant consultation. [REDACTED] (P-1) was living in an apartment at the Avalon Westside Apartments. The records reflect the apartment number was [REDACTED] (P-1). AL-THUMAIRY attended the party along with [REDACTED] (P) patients. AL-THUMAIRY was not specifically invited, but was welcomed when he arrived. [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) could not remember whether he saw [REDACTED] (P-1), [REDACTED] (P-1) or AL-THUMAIRY speaking with one another at the party.

[REDACTED] (P-1) returned to Saudi Arabia in September 2001. He did not receive a liver transplant, but did respond to medical treatment provided at UCLA Medical Center. [REDACTED] (P) said [REDACTED] (P-1) was alive and living in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] was asked if he managed the care of a patient by the name of [REDACTED] (P-1) who may have had some association with AL-THUMAIRY. [REDACTED] (P) searched his records and found he had two patients with the name [REDACTED] (P-1). One patient was [REDACTED] (P-1) and the second patient was [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] (P-1). [REDACTED] (P-1) was a patient at Cedars-Sinai Hospital.

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(P-1) [REDACTED] was a patient at UCLA and his companion was his son, (P-1) [REDACTED], a professor at King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. (P) [REDACTED] did not have any specific recollection that either patient had an association with AL-THUMAIRY, although both may have met or had pastoral calls from AL-THUMAIRY.

[REDACTED] Los Angeles reviewed rental records for the Avalon Terrace Westside Apartments for any listing, reference, or name variant for the following individuals: (P-1) [REDACTED],

(P-1) [REDACTED]

(P-1) [REDACTED]

There were no matches or similar names found. Avalon Terrace Westside Apartments required that tenants provide the names of all occupants on the lease agreement. Additional occupants or long term visitors were required to be added on a separate form. None of the listed individuals were found on any lease records or on the records for apartments leased by AL THUMAIRY and FAISAL AL MUHANA.

[REDACTED] The information provided by AL THUMAIRY regarding the "father of (P-1) [REDACTED]" and (P-1) [REDACTED] is consistent with (P) [REDACTED] description of (P-1) [REDACTED] and his son-in-law (P-1) [REDACTED]. Additionally, (P) [REDACTED] said he attended a dinner party for a group of patients in which AL THUMAIRY was present in apartment (P-1) [REDACTED] in the Avalon Westside Apartments in July 2001. (P) [REDACTED] records indicate (P-1) [REDACTED]

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(P-1) [REDACTED] was living in apartment (P-1) [REDACTED] during that time. Rental records show that apartment was leased by AL THUMAIRY and AL MUHANA from 07/10/2001 to 08/14/2001.

[REDACTED] A review of AL THUMAIRY's Wells Fargo Bank account records, to include cancelled checks, found no indication he paid for or was reimbursed for (P-1) [REDACTED] (or (P-1) [REDACTED]) apartment rental. It should be noted AL THUMAIRY's bank records reflected a large volume of cash deposits and withdrawals.

[REDACTED] Los Angeles considers this lead covered.

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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AT [REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] For information.

Set Lead 2: (Discretionary)

NEW YORK

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

[REDACTED] Take appropriate action as deemed necessary.

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OMAR AHMED MUSTAFA AL-BAYOUMI, date of birth (P-1) 1957,
Saudi passport (P-1) was interviewed in (C-1)

(S) Present during the first interview session was FBI (S)
(S) in case Arabic translation was necessary;
however, both interview sessions were conducted entirely in English.
After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and
the nature of the interview, AL-BAYOUMI provided the following
information.

AL-BAYOUMI has worked for the Saudi Arabian Presidency of
Civil Aviation (PCA) for approximately twenty-seven years, and
currently works in the finance/budget department. AL-BAYOUMI was sent
to the United States in approximately 1995 to study English and to obtain
advanced educational degrees. AL-BAYOUMI explained that this
undertaking was part of a program aimed to educate Saudi Arabian citizens
abroad and to have them retain their employment upon return to Saudi
Arabia. Before traveling to the United States, AL-BAYOUMI was
transferred to Dallah Avco, a subcontractor of the PCA, through which
he was to receive both a salary and a stipend to cover tuition fees,
housing, and other living expenses. During his time in the United
States, AL-BAYOUMI received both a salary as well as an additional
stipend. While later attending school in the United Kingdom,
AL-BAYOUMI continued to receive funding for his tuition.

Depending on the budgetary situation, AL-BAYOUMI was
sometimes told that funding for his tuition and/or living expenses were
to be drawn directly from his salary. AL-BAYOUMI did not recall the
specific dates or periods of time during which he was told to pay for
his tuition or housing from his salary. At other times, AL-BAYOUMI
received additional funds, separate from his salary, to pay for his
tuition and/or housing. During these periods of time, his additional
stipend would be increased. AL-BAYOUMI did not recall the specific
dates or periods of time during which he received an increased stipend.

AL-BAYOUMI identified the name HAMID AL-RASHID as an official
of PCA, but advised that AL-RASHID was not his supervisor. AL-BAYOUMI
does not personally know AL-RASHID. AL-BAYOUMI did not recognize the
name or photograph of SAUD AL-RASHEED [Note: This black and white
photograph of SAUD AL-RASHEED, dressed in traditional Saudi Arabian

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attire, was obtained from an image of his Saudi Arabian passport. A copy of the photograph of SAUD AL-RASHEED is attached to and made part of this FD-302. A copy of this photograph is also enclosed in a FD-340 within the case file].

While living in San Diego, AL-BAYOUMI was contacted by SAAD AL-HABIB, a Saudi individual who had attended school in San Diego, regarding the mosque used by the Kurdish population in San Diego. AL-BAYOUMI did not recall the date that he was contacted by AL-HABIB.

AL-HABIB informed AL-BAYOUMI that he was interested in funding a new mosque for the Kurdish community because the mosque was located in a small building without a parking lot. AL-HABIB asked AL-BAYOUMI to assist in acquiring a larger building to house the mosque, to which AL-BAYOUMI agreed. AL-BAYOUMI subsequently looked for and obtained a building in El Cajon, California, that included a parking lot. AL-HABIB provided all of the money to AL-BAYOUMI to purchase the building, to include the 10,000 USD for which AL-BAYOUMI then wrote a check for the initial down payment. AL-BAYOUMI became the facility supervisor of the mosque, named the Al Medina Al-Munarawah Mosque, on a volunteer basis and kept an office in the mosque. AL-BAYOUMI was not paid for his position at the mosque.

AL-BAYOUMI was not employed in San Diego other than his volunteer position at the mosque. While in San Diego, AL-BAYOUMI had last attended Keller Graduate School where he took courses in the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) program. AL-BAYOUMI did not finish the CPA program because he did not like the field of accounting. AL-BAYOUMI did not recall the exact dates of his attendance at Keller Graduate School.

In early 2000, AL-BAYOUMI and ISAMU (LNU) traveled from San Diego to Los Angeles in order for AL-BAYOUMI to submit passport applications for himself and his family to the Saudi Arabian Consulate in Los Angeles. ISAMU was described as a white American convert to Islam who was approximately twenty-two years old [Note: this individual is known to investigators to be ISAMU DYSON]. AL-BAYOUMI did not recall the exact date of this trip to Los Angeles, but recalled that it was in the beginning of 2000. AL-BAYOUMI had called the Consulate prior to traveling to Los Angeles and was told that each applicant needed to submit three photographs. Because AL-BAYOUMI only had two photographs of himself, he and ISAMU stopped on the way to Los Angeles in order for AL-BAYOUMI to obtain another photograph. ISAMU directed AL-BAYOUMI to a location where ISAMU knew they would be able to obtain a photograph. AL-BAYOUMI had his picture taken in a photo booth, and they proceeded to the Saudi Arabian Consulate. AL-BAYOUMI did not recall the location at which he had his picture taken.

AL-BAYOUMI and ISAMU entered the Consulate and AL-BAYOUMI submitted the passport applications to a female employee. AL-BAYOUMI did not recall the name of this employee. AL-BAYOUMI was informed that the applications would be processed and the passports mailed to him within two to three days. While at the Consulate, AL-BAYOUMI also

picked up Islamic books and children's books from the Islamic Affairs section to bring back to the mosque in San Diego. AL-BAYOUMI visited the Consulate approximately once or twice per year to pick up books. AL-BAYOUMI usually had contact with SAAD JEBREEN [phonetic] in the Islamic Affairs section of the Consulate, but AL-BAYOUMI did not recall the name of the person from whom he obtained the books on that day. AL-BAYOUMI described this person as a tall individual, heavier than AL-BAYOUMI, with a long black/gray beard and not from Saudi Arabia.

After leaving the Consulate, AL-BAYOUMI and ISAMU continued on to a halal restaurant at which AL-BAYOUMI had previously eaten with his family. After discovering that the restaurant was "closed down", AL-BAYOUMI and ISAMU went to another nearby halal restaurant where they ate lunch. While walking out of the restaurant, AL-BAYOUMI overheard two males speaking Arabic. Thinking that they sounded from the Gulf region, AL-BAYOUMI introduced himself and asked the two males where they were from. The two males introduced themselves as KHALID and NAWAF, and stated that they were from Saudi Arabia [Note: these two individuals are known to investigators to be KHALID AL-MIHDHAR and NAWAF AL-HAZMI]. They informed AL-BAYOUMI that they had arrived in the United States approximately one month prior to study English. Neither KHALID nor NAWAF mentioned where they were residing in Los Angeles, but they may have spoke about plans to travel to San Diego. AL-BAYOUMI told them that he lived near the mosque in San Diego, and that they could contact him if ever in San Diego. AL-BAYOUMI did not recall if he provided his telephone number. The conversation lasted for approximately five minutes.

Before meeting them in the restaurant, AL-BAYOUMI had never seen nor heard of KHALID AL-MIHDHAR and/or NAWAF AL-HAZMI. AL-BAYOUMI was not introduced to KHALID and NAWAF by any other individual, rather he just happened to meet them in the restaurant. AL-BAYOUMI was not instructed to visit that specific restaurant on that day, nor was he instructed to meet KHALID and NAWAF in Los Angeles.

After leaving the restaurant, AL-BAYOUMI and ISAMU spoke of visiting the King Fahad Mosque in Culver City because ISAMU was eager to see the building. AL-BAYOUMI, however, could not recall how to get to the mosque and they instead proceeded directly back to San Diego.

Previously, AL-BAYOUMI had visited the King Fahad Mosque once or twice per year. On one of these occasions, AL-BAYOUMI visited the King Fahad Mosque with his eldest son (P-1) and DR. ABDUSATTAR SHEIKH.

AL-BAYOUMI identified the name and photograph of FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY as an Imam at the King Fahad Mosque, but denied knowing that AL-THUMAIRY was employed at the Saudi Consulate in Los Angeles [Note: This black and white photograph of AL-THUMAIRY was obtained from his U.S. visa application. A copy of the photograph of AL-THUMAIRY is attached to and made part of this FD-302. A copy of this photograph is also enclosed in a FD-340 within the case file]. AL-BAYOUMI did not see nor talk to AL-THUMAIRY on the day that he and ISAMU traveled

to the Consulate in Los Angeles. In addition to AL-THUMAIRY, a black African male was also an Imam at the King Fahad Mosque. AL-BAYOUMI did not recognize the name or photograph of MOHAMMED AL-MUHANNA [Note: This black and white photograph of AL-MUHANNA was obtained from his U.S. visa application. A copy of the photograph of AL-MUHANNA, dressed in traditional Saudi Arabian attire, is attached to and made part of this FD-302. A copy of this photograph is also enclosed in a FD-340 within the case file].

Less than one week after the trip to Los Angeles, KHALID and NAWAF arrived at the Islamic Center of San Diego (ICSD) and asked the Imam if OMAR was around. AL-BAYOUMI believed that (P) was the name of the Imam. The Imam responded that OMAR would be in later to pray. AL-BAYOUMI did not recall if he met KHALID and NAWAF at the mosque or at the apartment complex later that day, nor could he recall the exact date that KHALID and NAWAF arrived at the mosque. When they did meet, KHALID and NAWAF told AL-BAYOUMI that they were looking to rent an apartment in the area of the mosque.

AL-BAYOUMI accompanied KHALID and NAWAF to the management office of Parkwood Apartments, at which AL-BAYOUMI and his family were residing. AL-BAYOUMI assisted KHALID and NAWAF in filling out the apartment rental application, as their English skills were very poor.

At the direction of the manager, AL-BAYOUMI listed his name on the application and also the name of his friend (P) (LNU) as a reference.

The manager instructed AL-BAYOUMI to list (P) as a reference because (P) had resided at Parkwood Apartments for an extended period of time.

AL-BAYOUMI filled out the rental applications in the names of KHALID, NAWAF, and himself, and listed his own address as the previous residence of both KHALID and NAWAF even though they had never lived there. KHALID and NAWAF each signed their own signatures on the applications, and AL-BAYOUMI signed his own signature on the application and as guarantor.

AL-BAYOUMI identified his own handwriting and signature on copies of the three rental applications and the guarantee form [Note: these copies are enclosed in a FD-340 within the case file]. AL-BAYOUMI did not completely read the terms of agreement to signing as the guarantor, but did so to help out KHALID and NAWAF as newcomers to the community. AL-BAYOUMI advised that it was common practice in their community and in the mosque to assist individuals new to the area. When AL-BAYOUMI first moved to San Diego, an individual named (FNU) (P) had assisted him in obtaining an apartment rental. AL-BAYOUMI therefore did the same for KHALID and NAWAF. Other than KHALID and NAWAF, AL-BAYOUMI did not recall assisting any other individuals in obtaining an apartment rental.

KHALID and NAWAF attempted to pay cash for their rent and security deposit, but the management office would not accept cash payment. After the manager advised that they needed to open a bank account, AL-BAYOUMI offered to assist them in doing so. AL-BAYOUMI therefore accompanied KHALID and NAWAF to a local branch of Bank of America at which AL-BAYOUMI had an existing account. KHALID and NAWAF

opened a bank account with a large amount of cash. AL-BAYOUMI did not know the exact amount of cash that KHALID and NAWAF possessed, but believed it may have been between 4000 USD and 8000 USD.

KHALID and NAWAF also needed to obtain a bank check to pay for their rent and security deposit at Parkwood Apartments, however, the bank teller informed them that they could not obtain a check as new customers who had no credit history. The teller suggested that they deposit cash into AL-BAYOUMI's existing account and draw the check upon AL-BAYOUMI's account. Upon obtaining the check from AL-BAYOUMI's account, KHALID and NAWAF immediately provided AL-BAYOUMI with the same amount of cash as the bank check and AL-BAYOUMI deposited the money into his account. AL-BAYOUMI did not recall if he accompanied KHALID and NAWAF back to the manager's officer when they submitted the check.

AL-BAYOUMI never paid rent or otherwise provided money to either KHALID or NAWAF. KHALID and NAWAF did not stay at AL-BAYOUMI's apartment at any time. AL-BAYOUMI did not know if they stayed anywhere else in San Diego before moving into their own apartment. A Syrian individual named (P) [phonetic] (LNU) owned a recreational vehicle (RV) which he kept in the parking lot of the ICSD, but AL-BAYOUMI did not have knowledge of either KHALID or NAWAF ever staying in the RV.

KHALID and NAWAF had met (P) at the mosque. AL-BAYOUMI described (P) as having some mental problems.

Approximately two to four days after KHALID and NAWAF moved into Parkwood Apartments, AL-BAYOUMI was planning a dinner in honor of a sheikh from Norway who had lectured and provided his services at the mosque during Ramadan. The sheikh was known by the Kurdish members of the mosque and visited the mosque for two consecutive years. AL-BAYOUMI planned on holding the dinner at the mosque, but others felt that the mosque was out of the way and people therefore would not attend.

AL-BAYOUMI then decided to hold the dinner at Parkwood Apartments.

Because the female guests would be in his own apartment with his wife, AL-BAYOUMI asked KHALID and NAWAF if the male guests could congregate in their apartment because there was empty space and no furniture in their apartment. KHALID and NAWAF agreed that the dinner could be held in their apartment.

During the dinner, KHALID and NAWAF stayed in the back room of their apartment despite being invited to sit with the other individuals in attendance. Although they stayed in the back room, KHALID and NAWAF did converse with other individuals who circulated throughout the apartment. An individual [NFI] who had led prayers at the mosque and who was returning home was presented with a plaque during the dinner. (P) was also presented with a plaque from AL-BAYOUMI's son in appreciation of (P) assistance with his studies. The sheikh did not receive a plaque because he had been provided a salary in return for his services. The dinner in honor of the sheikh was the only dinner held at KHALID and NAWAF's apartment and the only dinner held by AL-BAYOUMI during the time that KHALID and NAWAF lived at Parkwood

Apartments. AL-BAYOUMI did not host any kind of "welcoming" party in honor of KHALID and NAWAF.

AL-BAYOUMI recalled that the dinner was videotaped with his video camera, but that some individuals did not want to appear on the videotape. When asked about his reportedly constant use of his video camera, AL-BAYOUMI advised that he enjoyed videotaping events such as family gatherings, lectures, and dinners in order to remember the events. However, AL-BAYOUMI would not describe himself as constantly using his video camera.

AL-BAYOUMI recalled that KHALID and NAWAF submitted a notice-to-vacate form shortly after moving in to Parkwood Apartments because they felt it was too costly to live there. AL-BAYOUMI did not fill out the notice-to-vacate form on their behalf, nor was he present when KHALID and NAWAF submitted the form. AL-BAYOUMI did not know the date on which KHALID and NAWAF submitted the form. When shown a copy of the notice-to-vacate form, AL-BAYOUMI advised that he did not recognize the form and that his handwriting did not appear on the form [Note: this copy is enclosed in a FD-340 within the case file]. AL-BAYOUMI was aware that KHALID and NAWAF were planning to move into the apartment of HASHIM AL-ATTAS, a student in San Diego who was going to be returning to Saudi Arabia. AL-BAYOUMI had known AL-ATTAS for a long time through school and would see and call him often. AL-BAYOUMI did not know how KHALID and NAWAF knew AL-ATTAS.

AL-BAYOUMI did not recognize the name (P), but thought that AL-ATTAS may have used his telephone to call (P) since HARB was AL-ATTAS' landlord. Neither KHALID or NAWAF ever used AL-BAYOUMI's cellular telephone, nor did they ever enter his apartment and use his telephone. AL-BAYOUMI did not call (P) on their behalf, nor did he assist KHALID and NAWAF in any way to move into AL-ATTAS' apartment.

While he was not certain, AL-BAYOUMI recalled hearing that KHALID and NAWAF had moved into AL-ATTAS' apartment for two weeks, then returned to their apartment at Parkwood Apartments. AL-BAYOUMI was in Washington, DC, during that time.

AL-BAYOUMI had departed San Diego for Washington, DC, a couple of weeks after KHALID and NAWAF moved into Parkwood Apartments. While in Washington, DC, AL-BAYOUMI attended two or three consecutive seminars at George Washington University over a period of approximately 15-25 days. AL-BAYOUMI did not recall the dates on which these seminars took place. These seminars were held in the Watergate building. After completing the seminars, AL-BAYOUMI returned to San Diego. AL-BAYOUMI then departed San Diego for Saudi Arabia, where he stayed approximately two months for his employment. AL-BAYOUMI's wife and children remained in San Diego during the times he traveled to both Washington, DC, and Saudi Arabia.

Upon his return from Saudi Arabia, AL-BAYOUMI recalled hearing that KHALID and NAWAF had moved from Parkwood Apartments to the residence of DR. ABDUSATTAR SHEIKH. AL-BAYOUMI did not know when KHALID and NAWAF first met SHEIKH, nor how they were introduced.

AL-BAYOUMI did not know why they had decided to move out of Parkwood Apartments and into the residence of SHEIKH. After they moved out of Parkwood Apartments, AL-BAYOUMI saw KHALID and NAWAF at the mosque on one or two occasions.

As AL-BAYOUMI was traveling during much of the time that KHALID and NAWAF lived at Parkwood Apartments, he did not have a great deal of contact with either of them. On a few occasions, AL-BAYOUMI and his eldest son (P-1) visited their apartment to say hello. During these visits, KHALID and NAWAF often would joke with each other by pushing or shoving. AL-BAYOUMI did not like how they acted towards each other and did not want his son to observe such conduct. Because of their behavior, AL-BAYOUMI stopped visiting their apartment.

AL-BAYOUMI could not recall any one or more individuals in San Diego with whom KHALID and NAWAF spent a significant amount of time.

AL-BAYOUMI did not know of any individuals who assisted KHALID and/or NAWAF in obtaining driver's licenses or any other forms of identification, but AL-BAYOUMI noted that everyone at the mosque is always willing to help newcomers to the community. AL-BAYOUMI did not recognize the name (P).

AL-BAYOUMI did not introduce either KHALID or NAWAF to MOHDAR ABDULLAH, but believed that they knew each other from the mosque. AL-BAYOUMI recalled seeing ABDULLAH with KHALID and NAWAF at the mosque.

AL-BAYOUMI did not instruct ABDULLAH to translate or to contact flight schools on their behalf, nor did he direct ABDULLAH to provide them with any assistance.

AL-BAYOUMI identified the name of OSAMA BASNAN as an acquaintance whose wife is friends with AL-BAYOUMI's wife. AL-BAYOUMI advised that he himself did not care much for BASNAN, but their wives were close friends. AL-BAYOUMI did not introduce BASNAN to KHALID and/or NAWAF, but recalled seeing them together at the mosque.

AL-BAYOUMI did not know either KHALID or NAWAF to have worked while in San Diego. AL-BAYOUMI was not sure if both KHALID and NAWAF attended the local community college to learn English. AL-BAYOUMI recalled seeing KHALID and NAWAF working out in the exercise room at Parkwood Apartments on one or two occasions. AL-BAYOUMI never saw either KHALID or NAWAF use a computer, and he never spoke with either KHALID or NAWAF about computers or the internet. AL-BAYOUMI did not recall ever emailing either KHALID or NAWAF.

AL-BAYOUMI never spoke to either KHALID or NAWAF about politics, to include jihad, martyrdom, or anti-American sentiments.

Neither politics nor radical views were allowed to be discussed at the mosque. AL-BAYOUMI never discussed marriage or family with either KHALID or NAWAF. AL-BAYOUMI was not aware that KHALID and NAWAF had attended flight training while living in San Diego, and neither KHALID nor NAWAF ever spoke to AL-BAYOUMI about flight training.

AL-BAYOUMI again departed San Diego alone in 10/2000 and traveled to the United Kingdom where he enrolled in the doctorate program in business ethics at Aston University. AL-BAYOUMI planned to attend school for two years in the United Kingdom and finish the third year with his dissertation in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. AL-BAYOUMI returned to San Diego, where his family was still residing, between semesters at Aston. In the summer of 2001, upon the completion of the children's school year, AL-BAYOUMI's wife and children moved with him to the United Kingdom.

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[REDACTED], AL-BAYOUMI spoke with DR. NASSER [phonetic], with whom he was associated through school. NASSER subsequently called the Cultural Attache at the Saudi Arabian Embassy on behalf of AL-BAYOUMI. The Cultural Attache tried to contact AL-BAYOUMI but could not get in touch with him. AL-BAYOUMI subsequently spoke with Embassy employee TALAL MOSLAMATI [phonetic]. AL-BAYOUMI had consulted with the Embassy because the British authorities wanted to audiotape and videotape their interviews with AL-BAYOUMI, and AL-BAYOUMI sought the advice of the Embassy on allowing them to do so.

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[REDACTED] AL-BAYOUMI did not finish the second year of the doctorate program. AL-BAYOUMI advised that he had to drop out of the program because his computer and other materials were taken during the search of his residence [Note: AL-BAYOUMI became visibly upset while talking about dropping out of the doctorate program]. AL-BAYOUMI left the doctorate program and subsequently completed the master's program in business ethics in 2002. After finishing the master's program, AL-BAYOUMI and his family returned to Saudi Arabia.

Other than his salary and stipends, AL-BAYOUMI did not receive any other money from the government of Saudi Arabia. AL-BAYOUMI did not have advanced knowledge of the terrorist attacks that took place on 09/11/2001. AL-BAYOUMI has never attended training camps or received any training from Al Qaeda, nor is he affiliated with any individuals involved in terrorism or with any terrorist activity. AL-BAYOUMI advised that he is not a member of any terrorist organization.

When asked about media reports that he is an intelligence officer, AL-BAYOUMI advised that such reports were "absolutely not true" and that he was not a Saudi Arabian intelligence officer. AL-BAYOUMI advised that he is an innocent person and just wants to clear his name. AL-BAYOUMI advised that he respects America and American people, and that his children consider themselves to be American. AL-BAYOUMI stated that his youngest daughter is a "Bush supporter" who cheers for Bush when he appears on television.

When asked of his willingness to submit to a polygraph examination, AL-BAYOUMI advised that he was not familiar with the polygraph and that he did not understand the concept of a polygraph

examination. AL-BAYOUMI advised that he would most likely consult an attorney before submitting to a polygraph examination.

Through interview, investigation, and observation, the following information was obtained regarding AL-BAYOUMI:

Aliases:	Name:	Omar Ahmed Mustafa Al-Bayoumi —
	Abu Emad	
	Date of Birth:	(P-1) 1957
	Place of Birth:	Saudi Arabia
	SSN:	(P-1)
	Passport:	Saudi (P-1)
	Marital Status:	Married - wife Manal Bagader, DOB (P-1) 1968, POB Saudi Arabia
	Children:	(P-1)
	Physical Description -	
	Height:	Approximately 5 feet, 8 inches
	Build:	Medium
	Hair:	Black
	Eyes:	Brown
	Attire:	White thobe, red/white ghutra

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Attn: (G), (S)

Los Angeles

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From: New York

PENTTBOM (G), (S)

Contact:

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FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY
(A), (G), (J-1)

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Synopsis: Request Los Angeles conduct investigation in regards to information obtained during the interview of FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY.

Reference:

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Details: On 02/23-24/2004, FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY was interviewed (G) (G) by (P) and (P) of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, commonly known as the 9/11 Commission (reference (F) (F)) The interview was conducted in the presence of writer and NYPD (S) of the PENTTBOM Investigative Team, (C-1)

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AL-THUMAIRY then returned for a second interview on the night of 02/24/2004, again conducted in the presence of the representatives of the PENTTBOM Investigative Team (C-1)

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As FBI Los Angeles is aware, investigation is ongoing in order to determine the location of residence and activities of KHALID AL-MIHDHAR and NAWAF AL-HAZMI (hijackers of American Airlines Flight 77 on 09/11/2001) during their apparent stay in the Los Angeles area from 01/15/2000 to approximately 02/04/2000. Of predominant interest throughout this investigation are the "two Saudi males" that were introduced to OUALID MONCEF BENOMRANE by AL-THUMAIRY (F)

(F)

(S)

For background information, BENOMRANE advised that he had heard that the two Saudi males had arrived at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and were taken to an apartment that already had been rented for them. The apartment was identified by BENOMRANE as having been at the Avalon Westside Terrace Apartments. According to BENOMRANE, AL-THUMAIRY asked BENOMRANE to assist the two Saudi males during their time in Los Angeles because they could not speak English. BENOMRANE agreed and gave his taxicab business card to the two Saudi males. BENOMRANE advised that over the next few days after meeting the two Saudi males, he drove them on two separate occasions around the Los Angeles area and to Sea World in San Diego. BENOMRANE was not able to provide a specific date or time period of when he met the two Saudi males, other than advising that it happened before 09/11/2001. BENOMRANE also advised that the two Saudi males spent approximately one month in Los Angeles.

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BENOMRANE advised that he had been told by AL-THUMAIRY that the two Saudi males were in Los Angeles to visit their sick father. BENOMRANE first advised that their father was in a local hospital; BENOMRANE later stated that their father stayed in their apartment and that their father had accompanied them on the day that BENOMRANE drove the two Saudi males around the Los Angeles area. [Note: To date, there is no evidence or intelligence indicating that the father of either KHALID AL-MIHDHAR or NAWAF AL-HAZMI, or another elder male individual, accompanied AL-MIHDHAR and AL-HAZMI to Los Angeles].

In order to assist in the identification of the two Saudi Arabian males who reportedly were introduced to BENOMRANE by AL-THUMAIRY, and to confirm or deny if they were in fact KHALID AL-MIHDHAR and NAWAF AL-HAZMI, additional investigation was conducted in Los Angeles. Due to BENOMRANE's reporting that the Saudi males were taken to an apartment that already had been rented for them, there has been speculation that AL-THUMAIRY had been the individual responsible for having rented their apartment at the Avalon Terrace Westside. Investigation thus determined that AL-THUMAIRY simultaneously rented two apartments at the Avalon Terrace Westside during the summer of 2001; specifically, AL-THUMAIRY rented apartment (P) from 07/03/2001 to 08/15/2001 and also rented apartment (P) from 07/10/2001 to 08/14/2001.

When interviewed by the 9/11 Commission, among other areas of questioning, AL-THUMAIRY was asked about any

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individuals whom he knew to have traveled to Los Angeles to obtain medical treatment and any individuals whom he may have assisted with lodging or other necessities while in Los Angeles. AL-THUMAIRY advised that as a result of his positions at the Saudi Arabian Consulate and at the King Fahad Mosque, he sometimes was asked for guidance in such matters (i.e. lodging) for visiting Saudi Arabian citizens. AL-THUMAIRY recalled that (P-1) [phonetic] traveled with his ill father [NFI] from Saudi Arabia to Los Angeles in approximately 1999 to receive treatment at the UCLA Medical Center. (P-1) and his father had visited the King Fahad Mosque and had asked AL-THUMAIRY for advice regarding where to reside while in Los Angeles. AL-THUMAIRY made recommendations to (P-1) and his father regarding geographic areas in which they could reside. AL-THUMAIRY did not know where (P-1) and his father ultimately resided, but knew that they had stayed near UCLA Medical Center. AL-THUMAIRY advised that (P-1) and his father stayed in Los Angeles for approximately three months.

AL-THUMAIRY also recalled that (P-1) [phonetic] traveled to Los Angeles to obtain medical treatment at UCLA Medical Center, although AL-THUMAIRY could not provide any date of (P-1) visit. (P-1) resided at the Avalon Terrace Westside with his family, to include his four or five children. AL-THUMAIRY advised that he did not assist (P-1) in obtaining the apartment lease at Avalon Terrace Westside.

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AL-THUMAIRY was asked about any individuals for whom he rented apartments at Avalon Terrace Westside, specifically, during the summer of 2001 when AL-THUMAIRY rented apartment 135 from 07/03/2001 to 08/15/2001 and apartment 120 from 07/10/2001 to 08/14/2001. AL-THUMAIRY initially did not recall having arranged the rental of an apartment at Avalon Terrace Westside for anyone other than himself during the summer of 2001;

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AL-THUMAIRY advised that he received a telephone call during the summer of 2001 from (P-1) [phonetic] in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. (P-1) informed AL-THUMAIRY that he was traveling to Los Angeles to receive a liver transplant at UCLA Medical Center and needed a place to stay, preferably with a kitchen, with his son. AL-THUMAIRY recalled the name of (P-1) (P-1) son to be either (P-1) or (P-1). (P-1) and his son arrived in Los Angeles approximately one week after the telephone call.

AL-THUMAIRY stated that he arranged the rental of an apartment at Avalon Terrace Westside for (P-1) and his son [Writer's Note: as stated above, AL-THUMAIRY rented apartment 135 from 07/03/2001 to 08/15/2001 and also rented apartment 120

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from 07/10/2001 to 08/14/2001]. AL-THUMAIRY signed the rental contract and wrote a check to pay for the initial rent payment, and informed the leasing office that someone else would be residing in the apartment. (P-1) and his son reimbursed AL-THUMAIRY by depositing either cash or traveler's check into AL-THUMAIRY's Wells Fargo Bank account.

A search of ACS, conducted by writer, revealed two accounts held by AL-THUMAIRY at Wells Fargo Bank. A summary of Wells Fargo Bank account number (P-1) for the period 06/10/1999 through 11/15/2002 did not appear to reflect any transactions that could be attributed to either the rental check paid by AL-THUMAIRY to Avalon Terrace Westside Apartments or the reimbursement by (P-1) and his son (F). (F) A financial analysis chart for Wells Fargo bank account number 0372-419960 was submitted to the case file as an attachment and could not be viewed through ACS (F)

(P-1) visited UCLA Medical Center and was told by the medical staff to return to Saudi Arabia because he was not ready for the liver transplant. (P-1) and his son resided in the apartment at Avalon Terrace Westside for approximately one and one-half months. Before they returned to Saudi Arabia, (P-1) and his son accompanied AL-THUMAIRY to the leasing office to terminate the lease. AL-THUMAIRY advised that he also returned to Saudi Arabia soon after, on approximately 08/20/2001. He subsequently learned that (P-1) passed away

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before returning to UCLA Medical Center for the liver transplant.

While the above information is being forwarded for the information of recipients, there is certain information that necessitates follow-up investigation to determine the veracity of AL-THUMAIRY, as well as to determine the identity of the Saudi males who reportedly were introduced to BENOMRANE and any association between the Saudi males and AL-THUMAIRY.

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Set Lead 2: (Action)

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Conduct all appropriate investigation at Avalon Terrace Westside Apartments, 3636 Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90034, to include a review of rental records and interviews of leasing office personnel, to determine if an individual named (P-1) [phonetic] resided there with his family of four or five children.

Set Lead 3: (Action)

LOS ANGELES

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Re: (F) 04/20/2004

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Conduct all appropriate investigation at Avalon Terrace Westside Apartments, 3636 Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90034, to include a review of rental records and interviews of leasing office personnel, to determine if FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY rented an apartment for (P-1) [phonetic] and his son during the summer of 2001 (specifically, determine if AL-THUMAIRY's rental of either apartment (P) from 07/03/2001 to 08/15/2001 or apartment (P) from 07/10/2001 to 08/14/2001 was actually for (P-1) and his son).

Set Lead 4: (Action)

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Conduct all appropriate investigation at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Medical Center to determine if (P-1) [phonetic] visited from Saudi Arabia in the summer of 2001 for a liver transplant consultation.

Set Lead 5: (Action)

LOS ANGELES

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Conduct a review of the records of Wells Fargo Bank account # (P-1) to determine if FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY paid the rental fees of (P-1) and his son via check to the Avalon Terrace Westside Apartments in the summer of 2001, and to determine if (P-1) and his son reimbursed AL-THUMAIRY via deposit of cash or traveler's check to the same bank account (F) which includes a financial analysis chart for Wells Fargo bank account # (P-1).

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MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL MIHDAR ZAID
aka MOHDAR ABDULLAH
CT - SUNNI EXTREMISM - MIDDLE EAST

FAHAD ALTHUMAIRY
(A), (G), (J-1)

ANWAR NASSER AULAQI
CT - SUNNI EXTREMISM - MIDDLE EAST

Synopsis: Additional information for investigation regarding
support for 9/11 hijackers KHALID ALMIDHAR and NAWAF ALHAZMI in
Southern California.

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To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: (F) 07/30/2009

Reference: (F)

Details: (F) Writer conducted research regarding former San Diego subject OMAR ALBAYOUMI (F) pertaining to his registration at the Travelodge Hotel in Culver City, CA. ALBAYOUMI had reportedly registered at two different hotels on the same date in 01/2000, prior to hijackers NAWAF ALHAZMI and KHALID ALMIDHAR arriving in Los Angeles.

(F) Research revealed a FD-302 dated 01/15/2002 (see serial 99427) regarding investigation conducted in Culver City, specifically at the Travelodge Hotel, 11180 Washington Place, telephone number 310-391-5988. Investigation showed ALBAYOUMI was registered at the hotel on 01/09/2000, but checked out after only about twenty minutes. On the same day, ALBAYOUMI registered at the Halfmoon Hotel, 3958 S. Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City (apparently having gone to the wrong hotel initially). In addition, ALBAYOUMI was registered at the same Travelodge from 12/20/1999-12/21/1999 along with ABDULLAH A S AL JRAITHEN (ALJRAITHEN). The contact information listed for the 12/99 registration was ALBAYOUMI's (address and telephone).

Research regarding ALJRAITHEN in IDW yielded (G) (G), which indicated the following: traveler ABDULLAH ALJRAITHEN, date of birth (S) /1961, country of citizenship and residence Saudi Arabia, passport number (S), traveled by air to port of entry New York on 12/12/1999. (J-3)

(J-3) His intended address was Holiday Inn, Los Angeles, CA.

IDW also yielded (J-3)

According to (O-1) ALJRAITHEN arrived on 12/12/1999 at 0742 via Saudi Arabian Airlines. He does not appear to have arrived in the U.S. since this trip.

(S) The foregoing information was provided to SA (S) (S) for further investigation since ALJRAITHEN was registered at the hotel with ALBAYOUMI about a month before hijackers ALMIDHAR and ALHAZMI arrived in Los Angeles. Writer is familiar with the telephone activity of the hijackers' support network in Southern California, and as such is aware that suspect phone activity

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began around the time of this visit by ALJRAITHEN. In addition, SA (S) outlined the concept of "taskia" in an EC dated 12/11/2007 (F), which basically refers to one person "vouching" for another. (J-3)

(J-3) his trip must have been of great importance. It is possible that ALJRAITHEN provided the taskia for ALMIDHAR and ALHAZMI, ensuring that when the hijackers arrived the following month they were taken care of by a network of individuals in Southern California, including FAHAD ALTHUMAIRY, FAISAL ALMUHANNA, OMAR ALBAYOUMI, and ANWAR AULAQI.

Interesting telephone activity was noted in the two days prior to ALBAYOUMI's meeting with ALJRAITHEN. Although there are additional calls worth analysis leading up to, during and after the time of the meeting, several from 12/18/1999 and 12/19/1999 pertaining specifically to San Diego are described below.

12/18/1999 - FAHAD ALTHUMAIRY's telephone (P) called:

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It appears there was an important visitor staying at the Days Inn, Golden Triangle during this time. Given just the phone calls outlined above, it seems that ALBAYOUMI, AULAQI, ALTHUMAIRY, and ALMUHANNA were all involved with this visitor. Since ALJRAITHEN's whereabouts while he was in the U.S. are as yet unknown (with the exception of the time he spent with ALBAYOUMI noted above), it is possible he spent time in San Diego.

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Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 07/30/2009
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OPERATION ENCORE

Multiple Subjects:

Fahad al-Thumairy

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Omar al-Bayoumi

(F)

Musaed al-Jarrah

(F)

Iyad al-Rababah

(F)

Ahmed al-Zahrani

(F)

Firas al-Bayoumi

(F)



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Field Office POCs:

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Headquarters POCs

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Operation Encore Updates and Initiatives (as of 5 October 2012):

- [REDACTED] 24 September 2012 - Meeting with AUSA [REDACTED] (S) and DOJ attorney [REDACTED] (S) at NYO Chelsea. At the request of [REDACTED] (G) AUSA [REDACTED] (S) will explore potential charges for Mohdar Abdullah, including providing material support to the 9/11 hijackers, as well as lesser crimes, which investigators could present at a future interview with Abdullah in [REDACTED] (G)
- [REDACTED] 10 September 2012 - [REDACTED] (G) has assisted Legat Copenhagen in providing information to [REDACTED] (C-1)
[REDACTED] Legat Copenhagen advised on 10 September 2012 that [REDACTED] (C-1) Upon resolution of the claim and its likely rejection, [REDACTED] (G) will coordinate with SDNY to [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)
- [REDACTED] (P) her mother [REDACTED] (P) father Aiderous [REDACTED] (P) and mother's sister [REDACTED] (P) were sentenced on [REDACTED] (P) 2012, in the Southern District of California to five years' probation and a \$2,500 fine, each. The Office of Immigration Litigation is preparing civil denaturalization cases against [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (G) including [REDACTED] (P) Upon successful denaturalization [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (G) will be served with Notice to Appear (NTAs) and placed in immigration removal proceedings. This sentencing stems

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from guilty pleas from the defendants on (P) 2012 in San Diego, CA for naturalization fraud charges.

- (P) was arrested in Tampa, Florida on 15 May 2012 for Treasury Check Fraud by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. (P) of the Texaco gas station in San Diego at which Mohdar Abdullah and 9/11 hijacker Nawaf al Hazmi were both employed, along with additional people of interest to Operation Encore. On 17 September 2012, (P) was proffered in Tampa, Florida. During the proffer (P) echoed previous statement he had made, denying any knowledge of the hijackers' terrorist affiliation and providing no additional details of use to investigators. (P) seemed optimistic about the charges he was facing. (G) investigators anticipate future proffer sessions with (P) on the Operation Encore-related national security issues. During the week of 28 September 2012, (P) proffered a second time. There was no National Security related information disclosed during the second proffer.
- In August 2012, (G) sent a lead to JTTF Los Angeles seeking confirmation of two possible current addresses for (P) and (P) individual who was known to have extremist views, and was identified as having met with Omar al Bayoumi in private on the same day as Bayoumi's alleged "chance" first meeting with 9/11 hijackers Nawaf al Hazmi and Khalid al Mihdhar. FBI Los Angeles confirmed (P)'s current residence. (G) is planning to approach (P) for an interview of his role aiding Bayoumi in facilitating the hijacker's arrival and settlement in California, for which (P) has never provided adequate explanation. (G) will conduct the interview with a (G) should it be necessary to serve on (P) to obtain a statement.
- (P), (F), an individual who, similarly to Mohdar Abdullah, facilitated the day-to-day life of 9/11 hijackers Hazmi and Mihdhar during their time in San Diego, has been identified by FBI San Diego as living in Canada. (P) is reported to be very concerned about his presence on U.S. no-fly lists. (G) in conjunction with the San Diego office, will address seeking an interview of (P)
- In June, 2012, NYO investigators, along with AUSA (S) and HQ analysts, traveled to London, UK, to exploit evidence seized in 2001 in New Scotland Yard's searches of Omar al Bayoumi's residences and offices. (C-1)
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(C-1) (G) is undertaking the translation of these documents, to determine relevancy. To date, documents detailing the visits of Mutaib al Sudairy (F) and Adel al Sadhan (F), as well as directions indicating that Bayoumi was very familiar with trips from the Saudi Consulate in L.A. to the King Fahad Mosque, have been uncovered. Both documents provide evidence contradicting direct claims Bayoumi has previously made to FBI investigators, particularly about his actions on the day he allegedly randomly met the 9/11 hijackers, and highlight gaps in Bayoumi's story that undermine his claims of innocence.
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Details on Mohdar Abdullah and his connection to Operation ENCORE:

The FBI is seeking to indict Mohdar Abdullah (Mohdar) in the Southern District of New York (SDNY) for providing material support to 9/11 hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid

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al-Mihdhar, pursuant to USC 18 section 2339B. Mohdar is the subject of San Diego's full field investigation, (F) [REDACTED] and currently resides in Sweden. The immediate goal of Operation ENCORE is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Mohdar played a key role facilitating the daily lives and assisting future Flight 77 hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar. Shortly after February 4, 2000, al-Bayoumi tasked Mohdar to assist al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar. Mohdar was also a family friend and associate of Anwar Aulaqi and they may spent time together with the hijackers. After September 11, 2001 Mohdar was investigated by the FBI for assisting the hijackers. On September 19, 2001 he was arrested by FBI San Diego on charges of immigration fraud for his claim of being a Somali asylee (Mohdar is Yemeni). Mohdar pled guilty to the immigration charges and was deported to Yemen in 2004.

[REDACTED] While Mohdar was detained in an immigration facility he bragged to two fellow inmates that he assisted the hijackers. The FBI and the SDNY have debriefed these individuals. Both are cooperative, but there is some prosecutorial concern about their value as witnesses.

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In a January, 2012 meeting with FBI NYO,

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(C-1) [REDACTED] The FBI has also provided [REDACTED] with relevant derogatory information on Mohdar via a DIDO, including details of Mohdar's false U.S. asylum claim.

[REDACTED] Recent investigation revealed strong indications that prior to September 11, 2001 Mohdar confided details of his conversations with al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar to a young woman named (P) [REDACTED]. (P) [REDACTED] and her family are (P) [REDACTED] although they claimed to be (P) [REDACTED] refugees. They have now gained U.S. citizenship.

[REDACTED] On (P) [REDACTED], 2012, (P) [REDACTED], her parents and her aunt were arrested and charged with immigration fraud in San Diego. The post-arrest debriefings of (P) [REDACTED] provided additional evidence of Mohdar's guilt. However, (P) [REDACTED] continues to conceal additional information concerning Mohdar's involvement with al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar, as well as the role that (P) [REDACTED]'s family played in assisting Mohdar. The impending possibility of criminal and civil penalties facing (P) [REDACTED]'s entire family may motivate her to cooperate more fully with the FBI. (P) [REDACTED] and her family are scheduled to next appear in court on (P) [REDACTED] 2012 for pre-trial motions.

Synopsis of Operation ENCORE:

[REDACTED] Operation ENCORE is an investigation into individuals known to have provided substantial assistance to 9/11 hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar during their time in California, prior to the attacks. Operation ENCORE main subjects include Fahad al-Thumairy,

[REDACTED]

Omar Ahmed al-Bayoumi, and Musaed al-Jarrah. These subjects provided (or directed others to provide) the hijackers with assistance in daily activities, including procuring living quarters, financial assistance, and assistance in obtaining flight lessons and driver's licenses. Operation ENCORE seeks to prove these subjects provided such assistance with the knowledge that al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar were here to commit an act of terrorism.

[REDACTED] Fahad al-Thumairy was the Imam at the King Fahad Mosque near Los Angeles, California when al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar first arrived in the United States. Al-Thumairy immediately assigned an individual to take care of them during their time in the Los Angeles area.

[REDACTED] Omar al-Bayoumi was living in San Diego on a student visa, despite not attending classes, and receiving a salary from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for job duties he never performed. Shortly after arriving in Los Angeles, the two hijackers had an allegedly accidental meeting with al-Bayoumi, who claims to have been in Los Angeles on personal business. At this meeting, al-Bayoumi advised the hijackers to relocate to San Diego, which they did. Once in San Diego, al-Bayoumi assisted the hijackers with a place to live, opening a bank account, and also assigned two individuals to care for them, one of whom was Mohdar Abdullah.

[REDACTED] Telephone numbers assigned to the Saudi Arabian Embassy (SAE) in Washington, D.C., where Musaed al-Jarrah was the director of the Islamic Affairs Department, had significant telephonic contact with al-Thumairy and al-Bayoumi while the hijackers were in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. There is evidence that al-Jarrah had possible links to al Qaeda and tasked al-Thumairy and al-Bayoumi with assisting the hijackers.

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Common Record Attributes

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Display Name I94 Record - ABDULLAH ALJRAITHEN (P-1)
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FBI Resident Agency LOS ANGELES FO
Field Offices LA - Los Angeles
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01. BIO INFORMATION

Identification Number (P-1)
Applicant Name ALJRAITHEN, ABDULLAH
Date of Birth (P-1) 961
Gender M (1% confidence)
Country of Citizenship SAUDI - Saudi Arabia (SA)
Country of Residence SAUDI - Saudi Arabia (SA)
Intended Address HOLIDAY INN
LOS ANGELES, CA 90001
Latitude, Longitude 34.051861,-118.417642

02. TRAVEL INFORMATION

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Visa Issuing Post (J-3)
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Number of Extensions (J-3)
Itinerary 99355002
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04. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

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Inspector ID (S)
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Subject DOB Years	1961
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Date of entry 09/29/2016

On September 15, 2016, Dr. Abdusattar Shaikh, date of birth (DOB) (P-1) telephone number (P-1), e-mail address (P-1), was interviewed at his residence at (P-1) (P-1) Lemon Grove, California 91945, by Federal Bureau of Investigation (S) and NYPD (S)

(S) After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, Shaikh provided the following information:

In 1999 Shaikh placed a notice in the Islamic Center of San Diego aka Abu Bakr Mosque which advertised for roommates. While in the Mosque Shaikh observed (P) LNU from Afghanistan with another individual. (P) LNU pointed to Shaikh and identified him as the individual seeking roommates. The individual with (P) was Nawaf Al-Hazmi. Soon after Shaikh was introduced to Al-Hazmi, both Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdar moved into Dr. Shaikh's residence in Lemon Grove, California.

Al-Hazmi spoke and understood some English, while Al-Mihdar only spoke and understood Arabic. Shaikh would speak English to Al-Hazmi in order to communicate. Shaikh assisted Al-Hazmi by taking him to a Bank of America to open a bank account. Shaikh was asked if anyone visited or provided assistance to Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdar while they were living with Shaikh and Shaikh remembered Omar Al-Bayoumi visiting Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdar at the Lemon Grove residence. Shaikh stated Al-Bayoumi would speak Arabic with Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdar and therefore Shaikh would not understand the substance of their conversations.

Shaikh observed Al-Bayoumi frequently using a video camera to take video of people at the mosque. Shaikh believed Al-Bayoumi was an Agent of the government of Saudi Arabia. Al-Bayoumi helped build a Kurdish mosque in El Cajon, California which burned down in the early 2000's. Shaikh was invited to Al-Bayoumi's residence on one occasion for dinner.

Shaikh only observed Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdar visit the Lemon Grove Westview Mosque on two occasions. Shaikh did not observe either Al-Hazmi or Al-Mihdar at the Al-Ribat Mosque. Shaikh believed there was a Syrian spy during an unidentified time period in the Al-Ribat Mosque.

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~~Al-Hazmi asked Shaikh to assist him in finding a job as well~~
as a Mexican wife, but Shaikh did not assist Al-Hazmi with finding a wife. Al-Hazmi had a car and Shaikh gave Al-Hazmi the extra tires he had at his residence. Al-Hazmi also had a cell phone and did not use Shaikh's landline telephone.

When Al-Hazmi left Shaikh's home he told Shaikh he was moving to San Jose to study English. Shaikh stated he later received an e-mail from Al-Hazmi that stated Al-Hazmi was in Arizona. Al-Mihdar only lived in Shaikh's home for one month, but Al-Hazmi stayed for approximately six months before leaving and telling Shaikh he was moving to San Jose. Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdar told Shaikh they were in the United States to learn English, but Shaikh did not believe they were going to school as they claimed. Shaikh did not recall Al-Hazmi or Al-Mihdar ever mentioning flight school.

Shaikh has had many roommates over the years to include (P), (P), Omar Bakarbashat, and (P) LNU. Shaikh also hosted two Saudi scholars, Mutaib Al-Sudairy and Adel Al-Sadhan. Shaikh stated the scholars stayed with him after he saw their suitcases in the office of the mosque and offered them a place to stay. In approximately 2002 or 2003 Shaikh traveled to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and visited with Al-Sudairy.

Shaikh was asked if he recognized the names Mohdar Abdullah, Anwar Aulaqi, Musaid Al-Jarrah, Fahad Al-Thumairy, (P), (P), (P), (P), (P), and (P). Shaikh stated Mohdar Abdullah came to Shaikh's house on at least one occasion with Al-Hazmi. Anwar Aulaqi was associated with the Al-Ribat Mosque. Shaikh had a meal with Aulaqi and Aulaqi's father and tried to convince Aulaqi to stay in San Diego. Shaikh recognized the name (P) as an individual from the Al-Ribat mosque, but Shaikh had no social interaction with (P). Shaikh also recognized the name (P) as someone from the Al-Ribat mosque. Shaikh did not have social interaction with (P), but did mediate a dispute between (P) and an unidentified individual over money. Shaikh did not recognize the names Musaid Al-Jarrah, Fahad Al-Thumairy, (P), (P), (P), (P) or (P).

Shaikh was shown photos of (P) Ahmed Mosa Al-Zahrani, Musaid Al-Jarrah, Fahad Al-Thumairy, and (P). Shaikh did not recognize (P) or Musaid Al-Jarrah although Shaikh said they had a familiar faces. Shaikh thought Fahad Al-Thumairy was the (P) LNU that had previously been Shaikh's roommate. Shaikh did not recognize the photographs of Ahmed Mosa Al-Zahrani or (P).

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~~Shaikh never heard anyone speaking about Jihad while at any~~
mosque. In Shaikh's opinion if anyone knew of Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdar's
plans to conduct a terrorist attack it would have been Al-Bayoumi given the
body language and hushed tones he used when speaking to Al-Hazmi and
Al-Mihdar which indicated to Shaikh a secret understanding.

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On 01/07/2011, (P) (P-1) (P), was interviewed in a public place by (S) FBI-JTTF San Diego, and New York Police Department (S) (S) FBI-JTTF New York. After advising (P) of the nature of the interview, (P) voluntarily provided the following information.

(P) met Mohdar Abdullah (previously identified as Mihdar Mohammad Al-Mihdar Zaid) in July 2001. At that time, (P) was introduced to Mohdar by (P) (previously identified). (P) younger sister had introduced (P) to Islam in the Spring of 2001 and (P) converted to Islam shortly thereafter. (P) and (P) younger sister were classmates at (P) High School in San Diego, California. (P) described herself back in 2001 as naive, stupid and unaware of the ways of her new religion. (P) looked to (P) and her family members for guidance in Islam.

(P) would regularly visit (P) family residence in San Diego, California. (P) did not have any interaction with (P) father, who was supposedly a doctor. During a visit in late August 2001, (P) said the situation with Mohdar changed from him just being an acquaintance to him being more of a boyfriend. Mohdar began an assertive pursuit of her by taking an active role in courting (P). At that time (P) was pushed or persuaded to marry Mohdar by (P) and (P) mother. (P) now feels she was given instructions to marry Mohdar by (P) and (P) mother in order for Mohdar to gain citizenship in the United States. (P) was aware that Mohdar was from Yemen but at the time she did not know Mohdar's Immigration status in the United States.

Mohdar and (P) met in July 2001 but Mohdar did not ask (P) to marry him until the day of 09/10/2001. (P) was sixteen years old in 2001. (P) told Mohdar she was sixteen years old and he would have to get her mother's permission to marry her. According to (P) Mohdar attempted to get permission from (P) mother but she was reluctant to consent to the marriage due to (P) young age. (P) stated Mohdar was well aware she was only sixteen years of age and they both knew Mohdar would have a hard time getting consent to marry from (P) mother.

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In September 2001, (P) Mohdar, (P) mother and (P) s sisters all ate together at a Denny's restaurant in San Diego. After the meal a wedding ceremony took place in the parking lot of the Denny's restaurant. All the before mentioned people were in attendance as witnesses to the marriage. The marriage ceremony was performed by an acquaintance of Mohdar. (P) was not acquainted with this person who performed the ceremony. (P) understood the marriage ceremony was going to be performed in accordance with the Islamic culture or norm. (P) and Mohdar were married in Islam by this unknown individual with all the witnesses present. (P) said the marriage was not recorded with the San Diego County records office and had not been recognized by the United States. (P) was told by (P) and (P) s mother that she had to abide by the Islamic marriage now that (P) had converted to Islam. Interviewing agents asked (P) if Mohdar purchased and gave her a wedding ring for this marriage. (P) said she never received any ring by Mohdar or anyone related to this marriage.

On the night of 09/10/2001, Mohdar took (P) (P) stated she and Mohdar (P) Mohdar never took (P) to his place of residence nor did they live together. (P) time spent with Mohdar was driving around San Diego in Mohdar's small red car. Mohdar would pick (P) up at her mother's residence where she resided or at her high school. (P) remembered they would go eat ice cream and on several occasions Mohdar took (P) to his work. At the time, Mohdar worked at a Texaco gas station. (P) was not aware of many private details of Mohdar's life because he would never elaborate on any of them. (P) described Mohdar as being unclear with any of his explanations.

Approximately one or two weeks prior to 09/10/2001, (P) described Mohdar to have a drastic change in behavior. (P) described his behavior as being paranoid, nervous, anxious and very preoccupied about something going on in his life. When asked, Mohdar said he had a lot on his mind and it was giving him a headache. When (P) first met Mohdar he was nice and easy going so (P) knew something was wrong with Mohdar because of this change in behavior or character.

After 09/11/2001, (P) did not hear from Mohdar for several days. He was supposed to come over to her mother's residence to talk about his relationship with (P) and the events of 9/11 but he never showed. (P) stated Mohdar did not discuss any information with her related to the events of 9/11.

In 2008 and again in 2009 Mohdar telephonically contacted (P) on her cellular telephone to tell her he wanted custody of (P) child. Mohdar threatened to take (P) child away from her because he insisted he was the father of her child. Mohdar also telephonically contacted (P) current spouse and threatened him

with the above. (P) affirmed strongly that she did not become pregnant with a child by Mohdar. (P) maintains that on the night of 09/10/2001 (P) (P) (P) (P) nor did they live together as husband and wife. (P) first child was born in 2003 and her second after that. (P) does not know how Mohdar obtained her cellular telephone number or the number to her current spouse. (P) successfully divorced Mohdar while he was in jail after being arrested in September 2001. This incident caused (P) to prove to her husband, (P) and (P) mother that she did not have a child by Mohdar. (P) relayed to investigators that (P) s mother made (P) put her hand on a Quran and swear over the Quran that she did not have Mohdar's child, which (P) did.

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On May 17, 2011, at approximately 11:20 AM, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) (S) (S), New York City Police Department (S) and (S) at (P-1) (P-1) the home address of (P) dob (P-1) (P). After being advised of the identities of the investigating agents, (P) agreed to talk with investigators.

Investigators informed (P) that they, as well as the Assistant United States Attorney (S) had attempted to contact (P) lawyer repeatedly over multiple weeks and had not received any response. (P) then made what appeared to be one or multiple phone calls behind the closed front door of her residence.

(P) re-engaged the investigators and advised that she had left a message for her lawyer. (P) was advised that investigators were requesting an interview with her (P) and her lawyer (if she so chose). (P) was further advised that (D)

(D)

(P) advised that she had tickets purchased for her family to travel to Lebanon on June 4, 2011 for three weeks. (P) indicated that her husband was from (P) and that she, herself, was from (P) (P) was informed that if she were issued the Grand Jury subpoena and failed to appear, a warrant would be issued for her arrest upon her return to the United States. At this point, investigators reiterated to Ismail that she was not being served with the Grand Jury subpoena at this time.

(P) was advised that Mohdar Abdullah was undergoing a concurrent interview by FBI Special Agents and Task Force Officers (G)

(P) indicated satisfaction that Abdullah was undergoing such questioning. (P) then accused Abdullah of "making stuff up" about her. Without prompting, (P) claimed never (P) her marriage to her husband (later identified as (P-1))

(P) was advised that in previous interviews, (P) had made contradictory statements to investigators. In response, (P) indicated that she was willing to speak with investigators and resolve any concerns. (P) offered to meet with investigators in the presence of her husband, even if her lawyer were not available. Investigators advised (P) that her interests may be best served if her lawyer were present.

Upon investigators' request, (P) provided a cellular telephone number for her lawyer and confirmed her understanding that she was not being served with a Grand Jury subpoena at the current time. (P) reconfirmed her commitment to meet with the investigators in the next two days. The interview concluded with (P) assurance that investigators would hear from her lawyer shortly to arrange a meeting time.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/09/2008

To: Counterterrorism

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(G), (S)

Los Angeles

Attn:

New York

Attn:

From: San Diego
(G)

Contact: (S)

Approved By: (S)

Drafted By: (S)

Case ID #: (F)

Title: (G), (P)

Synopsis: Interview of (P)
(G)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Details: [REDACTED] (P) On 12/28/2007, [REDACTED] (P) hereinafter [REDACTED] (P), was interviewed in a public place in San Diego, California. Present during the interview was FBI-SD, [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED] (S), FBI-LA, [REDACTED] (S) and [REDACTED] (S), Anaheim Police Department. The interview with [REDACTED] (P) was pre-arranged and agreed to by [REDACTED] (P) in which he voluntarily provided the following:

[REDACTED] (P) met and became acquainted with Mohdar Abdullah, [REDACTED] (F) at the end of 1998 or the beginning of 1999 in San Diego, California, while they attended together college courses at [REDACTED] (P) Community College. The relationship began due to [REDACTED] (P) helping Abdullah learn the English language and Abdullah teaching [REDACTED] (P) the Arabic language. [REDACTED] (P) did not recall being a board member of the [REDACTED] (P) at [REDACTED] (P) College during the time period [REDACTED] (P) and Abdullah took classes together. [REDACTED] (P) also did not remember Abdullah being on the association board, stating the President of the [REDACTED] (P) was always a female student. [REDACTED] (P) did acknowledge he and Abdullah were active members of the [REDACTED] (P) during that time period of 1999 and 2000. [REDACTED] (P) considered Abdullah a close friend at the time, however, that relationship no longer exists because he has not had any contact with Abdullah since Abdullah left San Diego. [REDACTED] (P) negatively characterized his troubles with the United States Government/FBI and his association with two of the 9/11 hijackers based on his association with Abdullah.

[REDACTED] (P) initially described his contact with two of the 9/11 hijackers, Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar, (American Airlines, Flight 77, Pentagon), as only occurring twice. The original meet between [REDACTED] (P) and the hijackers occurred in 2000 at the Masjid Ar Ribat, San Diego, California, in the audio/video/library room of the Mosque. [REDACTED] (P) and Mohdar Abdullah traveled together from [REDACTED] (P) College to the Masjid Ar Ribat to attend prayer. When [REDACTED] (P) and Abdullah arrived at the Mosque, Nawaf and Khalid were already at the Mosque in the above mentioned room. [REDACTED] (P) and Abdullah entered the room and [REDACTED] (P) remembered shaking the hijacker's hand. The conversation that occurred in the presence of the hijackers was in reference to [REDACTED] (P) and Abdullah being verbally attacked by an unknown individual before entering the Mosque. Because the hijackers did not speak or understand the English language, Mohdar Abdullah translated for [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) described to Nawaf, through Abdullah, that they were handing out

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pamphlets with Islamic and membership information for the [REDACTED] (P)
College [REDACTED] (P) and were approached by an unknown individual outside the Mosque who verbally attacked them. Nawaf responded to the story by quoting a verse, NFI, out of the Quran which advised [REDACTED] (P) and Abdullah to ignore the person and go about your business without entering into a confrontation with that person. After the conversation, they all went into the Mosque and attended prayer. [REDACTED] (P) remembered Nawaf and Khalid had taken it upon themselves to organize the audio/video/library room of the Mosque. The room had previously been disorganized until the hijackers came to the Mosque. [REDACTED] (P) was not aware and did not believe the hijackers were tasked with that project.

[REDACTED] The second contact also occurred at the Masjid Ar Ribat. The second occurrence was only with Nawaf Al-Hazmi, [REDACTED] (P) understood Khalid Al-Mihdhar was married and had left San Diego to be with his wife, NFI. [REDACTED] (P) was again present with Abdullah at the Mosque to attend prayer. After the sunset prayer, [REDACTED] (P) and Abdullah walked over to where Nawaf was praying and entered into casual conversation. [REDACTED] (P) could not recall the details of the conversation but remembered the duration was approximately one or two minutes. [REDACTED] (P) commented Nawaf did not appear to be overly devout in his religion. [REDACTED] (P) was not aware of Nawaf ever discussing world politics or political causes of the world, commenting Nawaf was quiet and soft spoken.

[REDACTED] (P) recalled the topic of Mohdar Abdullah taking the hijackers to the LAX airport when Khalid departed the United States. [REDACTED] (P) denied accompanying Mohdar Abdullah and the hijackers to the LAX airport from San Diego to Los Angeles, California, and he could not provide any details of the trip or the time period. [REDACTED] (P) was asked what was explained to him as to why the hijackers had come to the United States. [REDACTED] (P) did not know why they came but commented the hijackers did not do anything but just hang out, NFI. [REDACTED] (P) stated he did not know much about the hijackers because he did not regularly attend the Masjid Ar Ribat because he also attended the Masjid Abu Bakr due to the proximity of his residence.

[REDACTED] (P) denied playing soccer or socializing with the hijackers at a park near the Masjid Abu Bakr. [REDACTED] (P) admitted playing soccer on an organized team and also playing pick up games but never with Nawaf or Khalid. [REDACTED] (P) contradicted being described as a close associate of the hijackers. During the interview, [REDACTED] (P) stated he only met the hijackers on two occasions, described above. After the interview was complete and [REDACTED] (P) left the interview area, he telephonically contacted [REDACTED] (S) in which

[REDACTED]

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the cellular telephone was passed to [REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] (P) stated after thinking about the description that [REDACTED] (P) was a close associate of the hijackers, it might have been misinterpreted by individuals working at the Texaco Gas Station in La Mesa, California. [REDACTED] (P) regularly went to the Texaco Gas Station to purchase gas, snacks and visit his friends, to include Mohdar Abdullah, on a social basis who were working there at the time, in 2000. Nawaf Al-Hazmi worked at the Texaco Gas Station for a short period of time, so [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) concluded that because he socialized at the Texaco and Nawaf worked there it could be interpreted by others in the San Diego Muslim community that they were close. [REDACTED] (P) claimed not to have socialized with Nawaf at the Texaco Gas Station. [REDACTED] (P) justified this because Nawaf could not speak English and [REDACTED] (P), at that time, could not speak Arabic. Again, [REDACTED] (P) stated Mohdar would have had to translate any conversation with Nawaf.

[REDACTED] (P) regularly associated with Mohdar Abdullah at his apartment, at the time, which was on Saranac Street, in San Diego, located near the Masjid Ar Ribat. [REDACTED] (P) did not get the feeling that something nefarious was going on at the apartment between the Mohdar, the hijackers or any roommate at the apartment. [REDACTED] (P) did not see the hijackers socialize at the above mentioned apartment.

(Agent note: It should be noted the hijackers did not reside at the Saranac apartment, however, it has been reported Nawaf went to the apartment to occupy his time on the computer, socialize and watch television on a regular basis). [REDACTED] (P) identified Abdullah's roommates at the Saranac apartment as: [REDACTED] (P)

[REDACTED] (A, (J-1), (G)) Samir Abdoun, (Abdoun was deported to Algeria), [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (A, (J-1), (G)) [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (A, (J-1), (G)), and Omar Bakarbashant, (Bakarbashant was deported to Yemen).

[REDACTED] Because of the numerous roommates at Mohdar's apartment he complained to [REDACTED] (P) about needing to move out. [REDACTED] (P) offered Abdullah a room to rent at his father's, [REDACTED] (P), apartment on [REDACTED] (P) in San Diego. Because [REDACTED] (P) father needed the extra income, Abdullah was allowed to rent a room at the apartment complex on [REDACTED] (P) in the beginning of 2001. Because [REDACTED] (P) parents were divorced, custody of [REDACTED] (P) and his younger brother [REDACTED] (P), was shared by the parents. [REDACTED] (P) resided at both parents residences on a rotating basis. As stated above, [REDACTED] (P) has discontinued any type of relationship with Mohdar Abdullah advising the last contact was by telephone in which the conversation was described as dry. [REDACTED] (P) could not remember the date of the contact. The conversation was in regards to Mohdar wanting to buy a brand, Caterpillar, equipment from the United States and ship these machines to Yemen. [REDACTED] (P) did not participate in

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the business deal. Abdullah seemed to (P) as being heart broken about having to leave the United States.

(F) (P) was acquainted with Omar Al Bayoumi, from attending the Masjid Abu Bakr and visiting with Al Bayoumi at his office located at the Masjid Mehdina in El Cajon, California. (P) understood Al Bayoumi was an administrator, NFI, at the Kurdish Mosque, Masjid Mehdina. (P) also commented that everyone, NFI, in the San Diego Muslim community thought Al Bayoumi was a spy for the Saudi Government. Al Bayoumi would video tape every event that took place in the community which was of concern to many. (P) denied attending a party for the hijackers at the hijackers apartment which was hosted by Al Bayoumi and he could not provide any details of that event. In time, Al Bayoumi asked (P) to tutor Al Bayoumi's son in English and with school homework. (P) agreed and would tutor the son at Al Bayoumi's apartment on a regular basis. (P) commented that Al Bayoumi was frequently not at home when he would tutor the son. (P) could not provide any further information regarding Al Bayoumi, during that time period. (P) has not had any contact with Al Bayoumi in years.

(P) has not had contact with a former associate, Jihad Mostafa. (A), (J-1), (G) The last contact was when Mostafa emailed (P) from Yemen while he was attending Arabic language school and teaching English to Arabic speakers in Sanaa, Yemen. (P) did not believe the rumors in the San Diego Muslim community that Mostafa was a Muhajidin in Somalia. (P) could not provide any further details regarding Mostafa. (P) has had recent contact in San Diego with Jihad's (P) and a mutual friend, (P) (A), (J-1), (G), but (P) or (P) did not mention anything regarding Jihad, NFI.

(P) did not see Anwar Aulaqi, (F) as evil. (P) did comment that Aulaqi was not a scholar and could not give Fathwa's. A Fathwa should come from an Elder scholar who has studied in an accredited Islamic University and had years of studying the Quran. (P) association and interaction with Aulaqi, while Aulaqi was the Imam of the Masjid Ar Ribat in San Diego, came when (P) was a young teenager. Because of the above, (P) (P) could not provide details regarding Aulaqi. (P) has not had contact with Aulaqi since he left San Diego.

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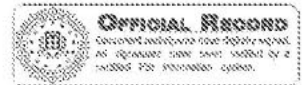
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(P) home address (P)
(P) Fullerton, CA, social security number (P-1) cellular telephone
number (P), was interviewed at her apartment. Also present for
the interview was (S) New York Police
Department. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing
Agent and Detective and the nature of the interview, (P) voluntarily
provided the following information:

(P) met her current husband, (P) on Facebook. He
was not present for the interview as he had traveled home to (P) to
tend to his sick mother.

(P) was born in (P) and lived there until she was three, at
which point her whole family moved to the San Diego area (National
City). She later moved to Orange County because of her ex-husband's
job. (P) father was in the Army. He moved to Alaska after divorcing
(P) mother and now resided in (P), CA.

(P) had the following siblings:

1. (P) - youngest sibling, brother - Lived in (P), CA
and was self employed in carpet and tile installation
2. (P-1)
- 3.

(P) attended elementary, middle and high school in the San Diego
area. She started high school at (P) High School, but later switched
to (P) High School, where she graduated. She also attended (P)
College where she earned a certificate in (P)

(P) met MOHDAR ABDULLAH (ABDULLAH) around July 2001 through her
friends at (P) High School. That summer she took a video production
class with (P) her best friend, and (P) (P) and (P) lived in
Lemon Grove, CA. ABDULLAH used to give (P) rides to work at (P)

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by (S)

(F)

Interview of (P)

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(P) in Mesa, CA. ABDULLAH, (P) (P) and (P) all hung out as a group.

(P) had questions and curiosity about Islam. She was raised a Christian from a Pentecostal church; her uncle was a pastor in Mexico. After (P) converted to Islam it took (P) four years to accept her change in religion, which (P) felt was due to the events of 9/11. (P) and (P) now had a good relationship. In order to convert to Islam, (P) gave a testimony in front of (P) who was her witness. She later gave the same testimony at a mosque.

ABDULLAH worked at a gas station and (P) used to visit him there. He was not in school that she could recall. He told her that he was 23 years old, but later found out that he was actually 26 or 27. (P) never met any of ABDULLAH's friends except one individual that she could not recall his name, but perhaps could have been named OMAR. He was large heavysset male with mixed complexion and also from Yemen. This friend wanted to marry (P) but she said no. (P) had never been to ABDULLAH's apartment. They only met at ABDULLAH's work or would go out to eat. When they dated, ABDULLAH stalked (P) in that he used to follow her and seemed obsessed with her.

(P) and ABDULLAH got married at the end of August 2001, on a Thursday or Friday, at a Denny's restaurant next to the Mosque Rebat in La Mesa, CA. Present for the ceremony was (P) ABDULLAH, (P) (P) and ABDULLAH's two Arab male friends, who came separately, and were described as tall, light skinned with beards. The male friends did not introduce themselves. The ceremony, which lasted five to ten minutes, took place in English and no rings were exchanged. (P) did not feel this was a valid wedding. After the ceremony, (P) ABDULLAH, (P) and (P) had dinner; ABDULLAH's two male friends did not join them.

After the ceremony and dinner, ABDULLAH dropped (P) and (P) off at their house, at which point ABDULLAH and (P) went to a hotel. (P) did not have a curfew and did what she wanted. ABDULLAH met with (P) subsequent to the ceremony.

ABDULLAH was in the United States on a visa. He wanted (P) to marry him in order to get status/citizenship in the United States; however because (P) was only 16 years old, she legally could not do anything until she was 18 years old. ABDULLAH wanted to go to a courthouse to make the marriage official. (P) and (P) probably knew ABDULLAH's intentions. (P) felt manipulated by (P) (P) and their mother to help ABDULLAH. It was a regret she had in life.

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ABDULLAH got arrested a couple of days after 9/11 and (P) did not speak with him or hear from him after that. He sent her letters from jail, but (P) never saw them. (P) only knew ABDULLAH for three to four months before he was arrested. 9/11 was hard on Islam, but (P) high school gathered Muslims together to talk about what happened and to make sure they were not threatened.

(P) later got in trouble with (P) and (P) for telling the FBI that ABDULLAH was from Yemen and not Somalia. (P) and (P) had a falling out approximately five year ago when (P)'s parents got arrested and the FBI raided their house. (P) blamed (P) for this happening and they have not spoken since. (P) and (P)'s family still resided in the San Diego area.

ABDULLAH tried to contact (P) and her various friends of her via Facebook using six different profiles. ABDULLAH believed that (P)'s oldest son was his, but this was not true. (P) who works for the not-for-profit group (P), was contacted by ABDULLAH toward the end of 2018. He also contacted her ex-husband's uncle, as well as, (P) telephone number (P) and her husband. (P) telephone number (P), reached out to (P) via Facebook Messenger, however (P) did not know who this was and did not respond.

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01/07/2011

On 01/07/2011 at approximately 0930 hrs. the investigators and (P), dob (P-1) (P), met at a Starbucks Coffee on Poway Road in San Diego, Ca. (P) stated the following:

(P) stated that Mohdar's friend Omar would also drive her to work when Mohdar wasn't available. (P) stated that Mohdar, Omar and (P) were never together at the same time.

(P) was asked about Mohdar's personality when they met compared to his behavior in August 2001 and after September 11, 2011. (P) stated that Mohdar was very quiet and didn't speak to her much during the car rides. She would occasionally ask if anything was wrong. There were times Mohdar responded and other times staying silent.

(P) stated that Mohdar's mood changed dramatically towards the end of August 2001. Mohdar seemed to be in a rush to get married. At this time, (P) stated, that she introduced him to (P), a white convert to Islam. (P-1) was a 15 year old girl at the time Mohdar met her. (P) stated that (P) was a friend of her's, and her sisters from school.

(P) stated that Mohdar and (P) were married in an Islamic ceremony, but had no further details about it.

(P) stated that Mohdar became increasingly paranoid at the beginning of September 2001. As (P) stated before, Mohdar would drive in the car and "act weird" according to (P). When asked about his mood, Mohdar would ignore (P).

On the morning of September 11, 2001 Mohdar arrived at (P) residence. Present at the residence were (P) mother and sister. On the television were the events that were taking place in New York at the World Trade Center and in Washington D.C. at the Pentagon. The television news reports, at that time, were showing the images from the terrorist attack in those cities. Mohdar entered the house and requested to use the phone when he saw what was on the television. (P) said it was alright to use her phone in the house. (P)

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home telephone number at that time was (P). Mohdar began a conversation with an unknown person on the phone speaking only in Arabic. (P) stated that she could not hear the conversation. Mohdar began screaming in Arabic into the phone, and then Mohdar threw the phone into the wall shattering it. (P) and her mother questioned Mohdar's actions. Mohdar did not respond. Mohdar then stood in front of the television, which continued to show the events of September 11th terrorist attacks. Mohdar began to yell at the television in English "What the fuck, What the fuck?, What the fuck?" Mohdar then left the residence.

The next time (P) saw Mohdar was approximately 2 weeks after the morning of September 11th, when Mohdar picked up (P) for work. (P) states that Mohdar was acting more paranoid then in past weeks. (P) asked Mohdar what was wrong, and Mohdar raised his finger to his lips and told (P) to stay quiet, saying "Shhhhh, people are listening and watching". (P) stated "what do you mean?" Mohdar replied "you know". It was at that time that Mohdar was taken into custody by the F.B.I. (P) was questioned and released at the scene. (P) was later interviewed by the FBI about her relationship with Mohdar.

On multiple occasions, throughout the interview, (P) advised investigators to speak to (P), meaning (P). (P) stated that "she knows more then me".

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02/24/2011

On 2/24/2011 at approximately 3:30 PM, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) (S) and (S)

(S) and (S) met with (P), dob (P-1) (P) at (P) residence (P-1)

(P-1) San Diego, CA, 92129. After being apprised of the identities of the investigating agents, (P) provided the following information:

(P) was asked follow-up questions related to an interview conducted on January 7, 2011. (P) recanted statements she had made to the above investigators during said interview. Specifically, (P) denied that Mohdar Abdullah was at (P) mothers' residence on September 11, 2001. (P) further denied that Abdullah had made any calls from the telephone in her mothers' residence on that date. Investigators repeated to (P) the statements she had made during the January 7, 2011 interview. Again, (P) denied that Mohdar had been present at her mother's house on September 11, 2001, further stating that she could no longer remember the date on which the events she described in the previous interview had taken place. Investigators explained that (P) reversal of statements appeared to be deceptive. (P) stated that she "didn't care" and would be contacting a lawyer who would be in touch with investigators. This concluded the interview.

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01/30/2012

Ellsworth Black, date of birth (P-1)/1954, social security account number (P-1), place of birth Belize, home telephone number (P-1), was interviewed by (S), (S), (S), and (S) in (G). After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, Black advised of the following.

Black was incarcerated at the Correctional Corporation of America (CCA), San Diego Correctional Facility as a result of immigration charges in 2003 prior to being deported out of the United States.

In 1992 Black was involved in a bank robbery at a Citibank branch in Roland Heights, CA. Black advised that he entered the bank and asked for \$3000, which was more money than he had in his existing account there. Black was issued a check for \$3000 and went to a check-cashing business where his attempt to cash the check was denied. The following Monday, Black returned to the bank and after unsuccessfully attempting to cash the check, was arrested and charged with bank robbery.

Black identified (P-1), (P-1), (P-1) as the organizers of the bank robbery. Black pled guilty to bank robbery in California State Court and advised that (P-1) was not charged. Black was incarcerated in Mira Loma Detention Center, West Lancaster, CA following his arrest and conviction and was released from custody in 1993.

Black was employed by Teledyne as a manufacturing engineer in 1990.

Black was later arrested in 1998 for illegally attempting to enter the U.S. in San Ysidro, CA. Black's prior felony conviction is what led to his arrest. From 1998 - 2002, Black was undergoing removal proceedings and living in a rental apt. in Torrance, CA. In 2002 Black was ordered deported but was ultimately released in 2003 because he was advised that the government failed to proceed with his removal within the required time period.

Black advised that he had an additional arrest for petty theft after he was charged with stealing merchandise from a Home Depot. The

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representatives of Home Depot did not wish to press charges against him but because of his prior felony record he was charged and was sentenced to two years imprisonment. Black was placed into removal proceedings in 2005 or 2006 following this arrest and was deported to Belize on February 15, 2006.

While in the U.S., Black testified as a witness in multiple state court trials in California.

In 2003, while incarcerated at CCA San Diego, Black agreed to share his cell with an inmate named Omar. Black had learned from the prison guards at CCA that Omar was rumored to be involved in the 9/11 plot.

During conversations with Omar, Black was advised that Omar wasn't personally aware of the 9/11 plot but a fellow inmate, Abdullah was. Omar further advised that prior to his incarceration, he met Abdullah through Shamir, who also was an inmate at CCA. Abdullah and Shamir formerly shared an apartment together in San Diego, CA before 9/11/01. Omar advised Black that he had been sleep deprived and was repeatedly questioned by law enforcement authorities about his knowledge of 9/11.

Omar advised that Abdullah spoke of being told by two of the hijackers prior to 9/11/01 that he (Abdullah) will witness something that he will not believe. Black also identified (P) and (P) as inmates who were involved in the discussions at CCA about the 9/11 plot.

Black recommended that Omar provide a statement to the authorities regarding his knowledge, and what he heard others say about the 9/11 plot.

(P) Black had discussions with Abdullah, Shamir, (P), and (P) in addition to Omar, while at CCA.

Black was told by Abdullah that "What we did was to show the U.S. that they are not so powerful." Abdullah further added that the US wants to take oil away from us and we will not allow them.

Black advised that Abdullah was married in San Diego and was awaiting the issuance of a green card.

Omar, (P), and Shamir, were all critical of both Abdullah and (P).

Shamir advised Black of an incident that occurred while he (Shamir) was living in the apartment with Abdullah and others. During this incident, Shamir was pretending to be asleep in the apartment that he shared with Abdullah. Shamir then overheard Abdullah speaking with the two guys from San Diego (later described by Black as two hijackers) about obtaining fake identification. Abdullah advised them that he

would arrange for transportation for them to obtain the fake identification from another person named Abdullah (Abdullah2). Abdullah 2 would then drive them from San Diego to Huntington Park or MacArthur Park in Los Angeles where they would obtain the fake identification.

When Shamir confronted Abdullah over what he overheard while pretending to be asleep, Abdullah recalled the exchange and told Shamir that he thought he was asleep. Shamir advised that he was reluctant to come forward with this information because of the potential retribution that he would face from his home country of Algeria.

According to Black, the incident involving Shamir pretending to be asleep occurred approximately two weeks before 9/11/01.

Abdullah admitted to Black that he had advance notice of the 9/11 plot but never confirmed that he knew specific details or the date on which the attack was scheduled to take place.

Omar advised Black that there was a steady flow of cash coming into the apartment in San Diego that he shared with Abdullah that was used to cover expenses. Shamir advised Black there were large quantities of cash brought to their apartment in \$50 and \$100 bill denominations that were then picked up. Omar further advised Black that the two guys from San Diego staying with Abdullah, later described as the hijackers, were taking flying lessons.

Omar moved into the apartment with Shamir and Abdullah approximately one week before 9/11/01 and was sleeping in his car prior to moving in. Omar was working in a convenience store and befriended Shamir who was a regular customer there. Shamir invited Omar to stay in their apartment and later introduced Omar to Abdullah. Omar further advised Black that Shamir was not living there long enough to have become aware of any substantive details about the 9/11 plot.

Black advised that Omar stayed in the apartment for approximately one week, Shamir stayed there for approximately two weeks, and Abdullah stayed there for a much longer period of time.

Abdullah advised Omar and Shamir that the lease for the apartment was paid in full and that they could stay because the two guys, later described by Black as the two hijackers, were leaving. Omar expressed regret to Black for ever setting foot inside the apartment and said he would have been better off remaining in his car.

Black confronted Abdullah at CCA and told him he could have prevented the 9/11 attacks from occurring. Black advised that Abdullah responded that he did not care. Abdullah became aware of generalities about the plot and knew that it required the use of fake identification in order to board an aircraft. Shamir thought that the plot was going to entail the hijacking of airplanes and directing them outside of the U.S.

Shamir also confronted Abdullah at CCA and accused him of having prior knowledge of the 9/11 plot. Abdullah never came back to the prison yard, the place where the group discussions about 9/11 occurred, after this particular discussion.

Abdullah met many people related to his activities in San Diego at the mosque. Abdullah told Black there are many more people in the U.S. who are ready to commit themselves to the cause against the U.S. Abdullah told Black that he had an Italian passport and may have been from Algeria.

Black first met Omar as a result of their prison lodging arrangement and later met the other inmates who were connected to Omar after being introduced to them by Omar. Black was known throughout CCA as being highly educated and was sought out for legal advice and assistance by other inmates at CCA. Black assisted (P) and (P) (P) on researching their legal cases but did not want to provide any assistance to Abdullah, Shamir, or Omar.

Abdullah said to Black that he was told by the two guys, identified as the hijackers by Black, that something big was going to happen. He added that the two guys were taking flight lessons and were studying in Arizona.

Black did not hear of any discussion regarding computers being used inside the apartment.

Black did not hear about any other past terrorist plot in addition to 9/11. Black advised that Abdullah said in 2003 at CCA that military ships in the Mediterranean would be targeted in the future.

Black advised that Abdullah and his associates would often eat at a restaurant near the mosque but did not know what was discussed during the meetings at the restaurant.

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Ellsworth Black, date of birth (P-1) 1954, social security account number (P-1) place of birth Belize, home telephone number (P-1) was interviewed by (S) (S) (S) and (S) in (G) (G) After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, Black advised of the following.

Black provided the following full names for the individuals he discussed during his interview on 19 December 2011: Mohdar Abdullah, Shamir Abdul, Omar Basharat, (P) described as the driver who did not have any knowledge of the 9/11 terrorist plot, and (P) (P).

Black saw Abdullah Mohdar (Mohdar) on two separate occasions while incarcerated at Correctional Corporation of America (CCA), San Diego Correctional Facility. Black would speak with Mohdar through the vent in their adjoining cells at CCA. Mohdar told Black that he is part of a crusade against the west and Israel. He told Mohdar that the Roman Empire lasted for 400 years, the United States has only been in existence for 200 years, and the U.S. will fall.

Black is 57 years of age and was born in Belize City, Belize. He entered the United States in 1972 on a B2 visa and became a permanent resident with a green card in 1977. In 1977 Black married a US citizen named (P-1) who was born in Texas. He worked as a car wash manager and at Great Western Car rental. He then left and obtained employment at Xerox for approximately nine months. After that, Black moved to West Corinna, CA and was hired as a line supervisor by Mattel. In 1978, Black was transferred to a Mattel plant in Mexicali, CA. Black was then hired by the Arwood Corporation as a layout inspector where he worked for approximately five years until 1984. Black began studying at the University of California Poly Pomona to become a class A inspector for Casting (molding). Later in 1984, Black entered into employment with Teledyne and earned his Bachelors of Engineering degree while employed for them as a Layout Inspector. Black was later promoted to a Quality Control Inspector.

In 1986, Black's wife (P-1) was incarcerated. In 1989, Black and his wife separated. In 1992, Black's employment with Teledyne was terminated following his arrest on bank robbery charges. After being released from prison in 1992, Black sought work

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with an employment agency and spent most of the next two years traveling in Mexico during which time he worked as a host at a hotel in Cancun, Mexico.

In 1996, Black and his wife, (P-1) were divorced. On 01/07/1996, Black returned to the U.S. and smuggled his future second wife, (P-1) into the country. In 1997, Black married (P-1) who was born in Mexico. Black and (P-1) had a daughter named (P-1). In 2001, Black and (P-1) separated but have never filed for divorce. Black has a total of eight children with seven different women.

Upon returning to the U.S. in 1996, Black obtained employment with Rocker Industry as an Inspector and worked there until 1999. Around this time, Black was arrested on a shoplifting charge, convicted, and sentenced to two years imprisonment. After serving 13 months in prison, Black was placed into detention pending removal based on his prior criminal history. Black was later imprisoned at CCA and appealed the removal proceedings against him. Black was released from custody in 2005 because, according to a captain at CCA, too much time had elapsed without action being taken on his removal proceedings.

Black was lodged in a segregation unit at CCA due to his prior testimony as a witness in multiple criminal trials. There were 36 other inmates in segregation. Black advised that it was possible to communicate with other inmates through the vents at CCA. Black would stand on the toilet to whisper and communicate through the vents and would also talk to others through his cell door.

Black also described the use of "kites" by inmates to communicate with each other. The inmates would write a message on a piece of paper, fold it up, tie a string around it and then pass the message between floors.

The inmates assigned to the segregated unit at CCA spent 23 hours a day in their cells and received one hour a day of recreation time from Monday through Friday. Black would spend his recreation time doing push-ups, jumping jacks, and speaking with the other inmates.

Black was aware of four inmates within the segregation unit who were there for their association with 9/11. Black advised that (P) was in the segregation unit because of his gang affiliation. (P) was in the segregation unit because he was described by Black as a drug trafficker who was willing to testify.

Black first heard of the 9/11 involvement by the four inmates in segregation from a guard at CCA. Black advised that he helped fellow inmates conduct legal research to assist their cases and had previously worked at a prison library during an earlier period of incarceration. Black assisted (P) with legal research on his case and in return (P) would provide Black with items from the prison commissary. Black also assisted (P) with his case.

Black identified (P), Omar, Shamir, and Abdullah as his friends at CCA. Black developed a friendship with Omar after he was asked to share a cell with Omar within the segregated unit. When speaking about Omar's connection to 9/11, Black asked Omar how he became involved with 9/11. Omar replied that Shamir and Abdullah had more to do with it and that he (Omar) had nothing to do with it. Black later met Shamir and Abdullah during recreation sessions in the prison yard. Black advised that he was older than the inmates that he befriended at CCA.

Black described a meeting between himself, Abdullah Mohdar, Omar Basharat, and Shamir in the prison yard. Omar was complaining that he wanted to go home and Black commented that Omar had lost a lot of weight. Black was advised that Shamir and Abdullah knew alot more about what happened on 9/11 than Omar. Shamir told Omar, "I know I brought you there," in reference to the apartment that Omar, Shamir, and Abdullah lived in with two of the hijackers prior to 9/11. Omar replied to Shamir that he believed that Shamir had honorable intentions when offering Omar the chance to stay in their apartment. Shamir then said to Abdullah, in reference to one night at the apartment, that he (Shamir) was pretending to be asleep in the apartment but overheard a conversation between Abdullah and the two hijackers about obtaining false identification. Abdullah advised Shamir that he thought he was asleep. Shamir then told Abdullah that he heard everything that was said. Black then said to everyone that many people died on 9/11 as a result of the attacks. Shamir concurred and said I know. Abdullah then said words to the effect of what are you going to do it is done.

Black mentioned a second conversation that he had with Shamir, Omar, and Abdullah at the basketball court in the recreation yard of CCA. (P) and (P) were also present but they were playing basketball. Initially, Shamir and Omar were speaking in Arabic. Black approached them and asked Shamir if there was anything that prevented him from coming forward with his knowledge about 9/11. Shamir replied that if he was to come forward or "snitch," he would immediately place his family and kids in danger. Abdullah then approached and Shamir asked Abdullah how can he sleep at night, in reference to his involvement in 9/11. Abdullah replied that he has to.

On a separate occasion, Omar, Shamir, and Black were speaking to each other at CCA. Shamir said to Black that he didn't know they were going to do that, in reference to the 9/11 attacks. Shamir thought they were going to commit a hijacking. Shamir added that Abdullah knows everything about the attack. Black encouraged Shamir to come forward with what he knows about the 9/11 attacks. Black enlisted Omar to assist in attempting to convince Shamir to come forward. Shamir later said to Abdullah that you (Abdullah) are the one who is most responsible for this, in reference to the predicament they were in and to their links to 9/11. In response Abdullah made reference to a crusade.

Black was asked about his knowledge of other topics related to 9/11. He advised that he was told of large quantities of U.S.

Currency that were brought to the apartment consisting of stacks of 50 and 100 dollar bills that were stuffed in envelopes. Black also advised that two of the hijackers lived inside the apartment in San Diego for a period of time. Shamir told Black that when the guys (hijackers) came there was money around the apartment. Shamir told Black that Abdullah explained to him (Shamir) that he (Abdullah) delivered what he was told to deliver.

Shamir further advised Black that he believes Abdullah knows more about the 9/11 plot than he is revealing because of his involvement with money transactions at the apartment and his work in arranging for the two hijackers to obtain false identification which Shamir understood was for the purpose of getting onto airplanes. Shamir told Black that he commented to Abdullah that he was slow in obtaining the false identification documents. Abdullah replied to Shamir that he got them "so what's the big deal." Black advised that Shamir was not aware at the time what the ultimate purpose was in obtaining the false identification documents.

Shamir told Black in front of Abdullah that the false identification documents were for the two guys on 9/11 in reference to the hijackers.

Black was asked about the number of discussions he had with other inmates concerning 9/11. Black responded that over a 2-3 week period he made 8 trips to the prison recreation yard and during those trips had approximately 6-8 conversations regarding 9/11.

Black advised that he wrote a letter in 2003 detailing what he had heard about the involvement of his fellow inmates in the 9/11 plot. Black was not assisted in writing the letter and upon its completion turned it over to the prison librarian whose name was either (P) or (P).

Black learned from Shamir and Abdullah that the two hijackers who lived in their apartment undergoing pilot training but does not know the exact role they played in the 9/11 attacks.

Black described Omar as quiet, Shamir as talkative, and Abdullah as arrogant and someone who would often brag. Shamir told Black that he was shocked on 09/11/01 to learn what had happened and that Abdullah's reaction to the 9/11 attacks was one of wonder.

Abdullah did not like or want to live under western influence and claimed that the Roman empire fell after 400 years, therefore the U.S. government, which has lasted only 200 years, would also fall.

Shamir commented to Black that he had a comfortable life in the apartment in San Diego and that he was provided with food and did not have to pay for rent or utilities.

Abdullah did not advise Black of the date the two hijackers left the apartment in San Diego. Shamir and Abdullah both advised Black that the two hijackers told Shamir and Abdullah that they could remain in the apartment for the duration of the lease because it was already paid in full.

Black advised that he has taken two polygraph examinations based on the information he provided related to 9/11 and he has passed both of them.

Enclosure(s): Attached to and made a part of this communication in a 1A envelope are the original interview notes recorded by (S)

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SUBJECT: INEXORABLE: INFORMATION REGARDING LOS ANGELES INVESTIGATION ON A POSSIBLE SUPPORT CELL FOR 9/11 HIJACKERS NAWAF AL-HAZMI AND KHALID AL-MIDHAR (AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 77) AND REQUEST THAT KHALID SHAIKH MOHAMMED (KSM), TAWFIZ MOHAMMED BIN SALEH, SOHAIL ABDUL ANA 'N AKA ZOHAIK ABDUL MOHAMMED ABDUL ANAM SHORABI (GITMO PRISONER NUMBER 569), RAMZI BINALSHIBH AND HAMBALI BE QUERIED FOR INFORMATION.

LOS ANGELES FBI IS INVESTIGATING A POSSIBLE YEMENI SUPPORT CELL THAT MAY HAVE ASSISTED 9/11 HIJACKERS KHALID AL-MIDHAR AND NAWAF AL-HAZMI (AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 77) DURING THEIR TIME IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 01/15/2000-12/08/2000. HAZMI AND MIDHAR ARRIVED AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON 01/15/2000 AND RELOCATED TO THE SAN DIEGO AREA ON 02/04/2000. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA BETWEEN THAT TIME, BUT THEIR ACTIVITIES AND

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ASSOCIATES WHO MAY HAVE ASSISTED THEM REMAIN UNKNOWN.

■ WHEN MIDHAR DEPARTED THE UNITED STATES ON 06/10/2000, THE IMAGES OF MIDHAR AND HAZMI WERE CAPTURED ON TWO VIDEOS BY THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAX) POLICE VIDEO NETWORK UNIT. ONE OF THE VIDEOS DEPICTS THE HIJACKERS BEING ACCOMPANIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE MOHDAR ABDULLAH (SUBJECT OF FFI 315N-SD-64663), WHO ASSISTED THE HIJACKERS DURING THEIR TIME IN CALIFORNIA. THE VIDEO ALSO REVEALS THREE ADDITIONAL MALES (UNSUBS) WHO MAY BE ACCOMPANYING ABDULLAH AND THE TWO HIJACKERS. ONE OF THE UNSUBS APPEARS TO BE CARRYING A CAMERA, HELD AT HIS MID-SECTION, AND AS HE PASSES THROUGH A DIFFERENT MAGNETOMETER THAN THE REST OF THE GROUP, HE TURNS 360 DEGREES, AS IF FILMING THE ENTIRE SURROUNDINGS OF THE HIJACKERS. AN EXAMINATION OF THE VIDEO BY THE FORENSIC AUDIO, VIDEO AND IMAGE ANALYSIS UNIT, ERF, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, COULD NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE OBJECT BEING CARRIED AS A CAMERA, BUT THE POSSIBILITY COULD NOT BE RULED OUT. ANALYSIS CONDUCTED BY LOS ANGELES FBI OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THESE UNSUBS MAY HAVE BEEN A PART OF A GROUP OF YEMENIS WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF KNOWING OR AIDING THE 9/11 HIJACKERS.

■ POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF THE UNSUBS

■ TO DATE, SEVERAL MAJOR SUPPORTERS OF THE 9/11 HIJACKERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING A BACKGROUND ASSOCIATED WITH YEMEN, FOR EXAMPLE RAMZI BINALSHIB, TAWFIZ MOHAMMED BIN SALEH, AND ANWAR AULAQI. IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE HAD A CONNECTION WITH YEMEN AND THE HIJACKERS, LOS ANGELES RESEARCHED I-94 DATA FOR INDIVIDUALS TRAVELING WITH YEMENI PASSPORTS WHO ENTERED THE US AT LAX IN 1999 AND 2000. THESE NAMES WERE THEN CHECKED FOR CALIFORNIA DMV PHOTOGRAPHS. TWO OF THE THREE UNSUBS IN THE VIDEO APPEAR TO BE RAMEZ NOAMAN AND ■ (P).

■ RAMEZ NOAMAN

■ NOAMAN WAS A MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE 9/11 INVESTIGATION. NOAMAN STATED IN AN INTERVIEW ON 09/28/2001 (NY-280350-302 SERIAL 69379) THAT HE WAS INTRODUCED TO MIDHAR AND HAZMI BY MOHDAR ABDULLAH IN MAY 2000. NOAMAN BEFRIENDED MIDHAR AND HAZMI AT THE ABU BAKR MOSQUE IN SAN DIEGO, AND LATER PROVIDED INTERPRETATION SERVICES TO AID THEM IN OBTAINING FLYING LESSONS.

| ■ WHILE NOAMAN WAS A STUDENT AT SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, HE USED TO TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH TO MEET WITH A GROUP OF YEMENIS ON FRIDAYS. THIS GAVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SOME OF HIS COUSINS. ON ONE OCCASSION, NOAMAN TOOK HAZMI WITH HIM TO MEET THE YEMENI GROUP.

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[REDACTED] NOAMAN IDENTIFIED HIS COUSINS AS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NOAMAN'S SCHOOL ROOMMATE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA, FUAD OMAR BAZARAH, WAS A FRIEND AND CO-WORKER OF RAMZI BINALSHIBH AT THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF YEMEN.

[REDACTED] FUAD BAZARAH AND RAMZI BINALSHIBH

[REDACTED] ON 04/07/2004, FUAD BAZARAH (SUBJECT OF FFI 315N-LA-237480) WAS INTERVIEWED BY LOS ANGELES FBI IN POMONA, CALIFORNIA.

BAZARAH ATTENDED THE AL-AHLI HIGH SCHOOL IN SANA'A, YEMEN, FROM 1988 TO 1991. THEREAFTER, FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS, BAZARAH WORKED IN A CLERICAL POSITION IN THE PAID AND REMITTANCE DEPARTMENT AT THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF YEMEN IN SANA'A. HIS WORK AT THE BANK REQUIRED HIM TO PERFORM CLERICAL TASKS SUCH AS TYPING.

AROUND THE SAME TIME, BAZARAH ALSO ATTENDED THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ENGLISH FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS TO PREPARE TO STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES.

[REDACTED] BAZARAH'S FATHER, [REDACTED] (P-1), WORKED AT ANOTHER SANA'A BANK, THE CENTRAL BANK OF YEMEN. OMAR BAZARAH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN CLIENTS OF THAT BANK.

[REDACTED] WHILE BAZARAH WAS WORKING AT THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF YEMEN HE PAID AND REMITTANCE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYED EIGHT TO TEN PEOPLE, ONE OF WHOM WAS RAMZI BINALSHIBH. BINALSHIBH WAS ALREADY WORKING AT THE BANK IN A CLERICAL POSITION WHEN BAZARAH STARTED. BAZARAH DID NOT KNOW HOW LONG BINALSHIBH HAD BEEN THERE WHEN ARRIVED. SOME OF THE OTHER PEOPLE IN THAT DEPARTMENT INCLUDED [REDACTED] (P-1)

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(LNU), BAZARAH'S SUPERVISOR, AND (P-1) (LNU). (P-1) ALSO WORKED AT THE BANK, BUT HE WORKED IN A DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT. (P-1) ALSO KNEW BINALSHIBH. AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW, BAZARAH IDENTIFIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF A MAN KNOWN TO INVESTIGATORS AS RAMZI BINALSHIBH AS BINALSHIBH.

TIHAMA GROUP HAD AN ACCOUNT AT THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF YEMEN, AND THEY HAD OFFICES IN SANA'A. BAZARAH HAD NO PERSONAL DEALINGS WITH TIHAMA AND KNEW THE NAME ONLY FROM WORKING AT THE BANK. BAZARAH WAS NOT AWARE OF BINALSHIBH WORKING FOR OR HAVING ANY KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH TIHAMA.

BINALSHIBH WAS THREE OR FOUR YEARS OLDER THAN BAZARAH. THEY INTERACTED WITH EACH OTHER ONLY AT WORK, AND BAZARAH, THEREFORE, DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BINALSHIBH'S FAMILY OR FRIENDS. DURING CONVERSATIONS AT WORK, BAZARAH TOLD BINALSHIBH ABOUT HIS INTEREST IN GOING TO THE UNITED STATES TO STUDY. BINALSHIBH THEN TOLD BAZARAH OF HIS INTEREST IN GOING TO THE UNITED STATES TO WORK, BUT BINALSHIBH DID NOT SPECIFY THE TYPE OF WORK HE WANTED TO DO OR PRECISELY WHERE IN THE UNITED STATES HE WANTED TO LIVE.

BAZARAH SAID BINALSHIBH WAS A "NICE" AND FUNNY GUY WHEN THEY WORKED TOGETHER AT THE BANK. BINALSHIBH WAS RELIGIOUS, BUT NOT TOO RELIGIOUS. BINALSHIBH WAS IN FAVOR OF THE AL-ISLA PARTY AND ITS LEADER, SHEIKH ZINDANI. BINALSHIBH DID NOT LIKE THE LEADER OF YEMEN, AND HE WANTED AL-ISLA TO CONTROL THE COUNTRY AND YEMEN TO BECOME AN ISLAMIC STATE. BAZARAH NEVER HEARD BINALSHIBH MENTION BOSNIA, CHECHNYA, OR AFGHANISTAN.

ONE OR TWO MONTHS BEFORE BAZARAH ENTERED THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIRST TIME ON 08/14/1995, BAZARAH AND BINALSHIBH WENT TO THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY TOGETHER IN SANA'A TO APPLY FOR VISAS. THEY PLANNED TO GO THERE TOGETHER GIVEN THEIR COMMON INTEREST IN GOING TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT THEY MADE NO OTHER PLANS TOGETHER REGARDING THE UNITED STATES: BAZARAH INTENDED TO STUDY IN ARIZONA;

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BINALSHIBH INTENDED TO WORK AT SOME UNSPECIFIED LOCATION. BAZARAH SELECTED EASTERN ARIZONA AS HIS FIRST CHOICE FOR SCHOOL BECAUSE HIS RESEARCH INDICATED THAT TUITION WAS AFFORDABLE AND THE ACCEPTANCE RATE WAS HIGH.

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THE BAZARAH'S FATHER WROTE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR BINALSHIBH TO ASSIST IN BINALSHIBH'S EFFORTS TO SECURE A VISA TO THE UNITED STATES).

BINALSHIBH WAS UPSET

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HE THEN DECIDED TO PURSUE HIS ALTERNATIVE PLAN OF MOVING TO GERMANY. BINALSHIBH TOLD BAZARAH THAT HE CHOSE GERMANY BECAUSE HE HAD A UNCLE THERE WHO WAS A BRAIN SURGEON. BINALSHIBH HAD IN FACT OBTAINED A CHECHEN VISA PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR A UNITED STATES VISA, WHICH WAS PART OF THE REASON BAZARAH UNDERSTOOD BINALSHIBH'S INTEREST IN GERMANY TO BE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN THAT BINALSHIBH HAD IN MIND ALL ALONG.

APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE WEEKS BEFORE BAZARAH TRAVELED TO THE UNITED STATES ON 08/14/1995, BAZARAH HEARD THAT BINALSHIBH HAD LEFT YEMEN FOR GERMANY. BINALSHIBH DID NOT TELL BAZARAH THAT HE WAS LEAVING. RATHER, BAZARAH DID NOT SEE BINALSHIBH IN THE BANK FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS, AND BAZARAH THEN HEARD THAT BINALSHIBH HAD DEPARTED FOR GERMANY. BAZARAH HAS NOT HEARD FROM OR HAD CONTACT WITH BINALSHIBH SINCE THEIR LAST INTERACTION AT THE BANK IN 1995.

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BAZARAH LEARNED MORE ABOUT BINALSHIBH AFTER RETURNING TO YEMEN IN OCTOBER 2001, BY WHICH TIME THE PRESS WAS REPORTING ABOUT BINALSHIBH'S ROLE IN 9/11 AND THERE WERE MANY RUMORS CIRCULATING ABOUT HIM. BAZARAH WAS IN YEMEN FROM APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 2001 TO JUNE 2002. WHILE THERE, BAZARAH HEARD THAT BINALSHIBH HAD ONE BROTHER (NFI) AND THAT HIS MOTHER DIED AFTER LEARNING OF BINALSHIBH'S INVOLVEMENT IN 9/11. BAZARAH ALSO HEARD THAT BINALSHIBH WORKED WITH AL QAEDA, THAT HE WAS WITH UBL, AND THAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A HIJACKER IN THE 9/11 OPERATION. BAZARAH RECALLED TALKING TO HIS UNCLE SAID BAZARAH IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THE REPORTS OF BINALSHIBH WORKING WITH AL QAEDA. HE ALSO HEARD THAT BINALSHIBH HAD EITHER BEEN KILLED DURING THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN OR THAT HE HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN PAKISTAN.

BAZARAH WAS DEPORTED TO YEMEN IN DECEMBER 2004.

NOAMAN'S CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH BARAZAH, AND BARAZAH'S CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH BINALSHIBH, MAKES NOAMAN'S INTRODUCTION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE TWO HIJACKERS WHILE THEY WERE IN CALIFORNIA APPEAR TO BE MORE THAN COINCIDENTAL. NOAMAN WAS ALSO RELATED TO (P) BELIEVED TO BE THE CAMERAMAN IN THE LAX VIDEO, AND ANOTHER YEMENI, (P).

(P) TELEPHONE NUMBER WAS FOUND IN MOHDAR ABDULLAH'S WALLET AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST ON 09/24/2001.

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IN ADDITION, (P)'S TELEPHONE NUMBERS WERE IN CONTACT WITH (P) (A), (J-1), (G), THE (P) (A), (J-1), (G) (A), (J-1), (G)

BALTIMORE INVESTIGATION HAS CONFIRMED THAT (P) IS (P) KAMAL DERWISH (DECEASED), A.K.A SHEIKH DABWAN, A HIGH-LEVEL AL QAEDA ASSOCIATE. DABWAN WAS KILLED, ALONG WITH FIVE OTHER AL QAEDA ASSOCIATES INCLUDING ABU ALI AL-HARTHI, DURING A (O-1) (O-1) ATTACK IN EARLY NOVEMBER 2002 IN YEMEN. DABWAN

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WAS THE LEADER OF A GROUP FROM LACKAWANNA, NY WHO WAS TRAINED AT AN AL QAEDA TERRORIST CAMP IN AFGHANISTAN IN MAY 2001.

IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE 9/11 COMMISSION REPORT KHALID SHAIKH MOHAMMED (KSM) HAD TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES FOR LONG BEACH AND SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA. LOS ANGELES FINDS THIS FACT CURIOUS AS TO WHY KSM WOULD HAVE A TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR LONG BEACH. UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION, IT APPEARS THAT NUMEROUS YEMENI STUDENTS RESIDED IN LONG BEACH DURING THE 1999-2002 TIME FRAME.

IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF HAZMI AND MIDHAR WERE ASSISTED BY A YEMENI SUPPORT CELL IN LOS ANGELES, WE REQUEST THAT ALL DETAINEES BE SHOWN ALL THE PHOTOGRAPHS LISTED BELOW FOR RECOGNITION AND KNOWLEDGE.

1. (P) DOB (P-1) (P) POB TAIZ, YEMEN
2. FUAD OMAR BAZARAH, DOB (P-1) /1974, POB YEMEN
3. RAMEZ NOAMAN, DOB (P-1) 4, POB YEMEN
4. (P) DOB (P-1) (P) POB TAIZ, YEMEN
5. DOB (P-1) (P) POB TAIZ, YEMEN
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7. DOB (P-1) (P) POB YEMEN
8. MOHDAR ABDU DOB (P-1) 7 POB YEMEN
9. (P) DOB (P-1) (P) POB SANAA YEMEN
10. DOB (P-1) (P) POB SANAA YEMEN
11. DOB (P-1) (P) POB SANAA YEMEN
12. O (P-1) (P) POB YEMEN
13. DOB (P-1) (P) POB YEMEN
14. DOB (P-1) (P) POB UNITED STATES

IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF HAZMI AND MIDHAR WERE ASSISTED BY A SUPPORT CELL IN LOS ANGELES, WE REQUEST THAT KSM BE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

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1. WHAT TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MALAYSIA MEETING (JANUARY 2000) IN ORDER TO PREPARE HAZMI AND MIDHAR TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES?

2. WHAT WAS KSM'S DIRECTION TO HAZMI AND MIDHAR WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES? WHO ELSE WAS PRESENT WHILE KSM PREPARED/TRAINED/BRIEFED HAZMI AND MIDHAR FOR THEIR ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES?

3. WHILE HAZMI AND MIDHAR WERE IN CALIFORNIA, WERE THEY ORDERED TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU OR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO DETERMINE THEIR STATUS (IE HOW THEY ARRIVED, WHERE THEY WERE STAYING)?

4. WHY DID THEY LIST THE SHERATON HOTEL AS THEIR ARRIVAL DESTINATION ON IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS?

5. WHO WAS THEIR POINT OF CONTACT UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES?

6. HOW MUCH MONEY DID YOU DIRECT HAZMI AND MIDHAR TO HAVE ON THEM WHEN THEY ENTERED THE UNITED STATES?

7. HOW WERE HAZMI AND MIDHAR SUPPOSED TO PAY FOR TAXIS, HOTELS, FOOD, APARTMENTS, ETC? (IE METHOD OF PAYMENT, CASH CREDIT CARD, TRAVELERS CHECKS?)

8. DID HAZMI AND MIDHAR CONTACT YOU (OR ANOTHER PERSON) ONCE THEY ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES? IF YES, HOW?

9. WERE HAZMI AND MIDHAR DIRECTED TO USE PAID TELEPHONES, CALLING CARDS, HOTEL PHONES, OR EMAIL TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU (OR ANOTHER CONTACT)?

10. WERE THEY DIRECTED TO GET AN APARTMENT OR STAY IN

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A HOTEL AND IN WHAT AREA OF LOS ANGELES? HOW LONG WERE THEY TO REMAIN IN LOS ANGELES?

11. SINCE HAZMI AND MIDHAR DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH OR KNOW THE CULTURE THAT WELL, WHO WAS GOING TO ASSIST THEM WITH THEIR DAY-TO-DAY NEEDS?

12. WERE HAZMI AND MIDHAR DIRECTED TO ATTEND AN ENGLISH SCHOOL?

13. WERE HAZMI AND MIDHAR DIRECTED TO A CONSULATE OR EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE? IF YES, WHICH CONSULATE OR EMBASSY AND WHO WAS THE POINT OF CONTACT?

14. WHAT LOS ANGELES MOSQUE DID YOU DIRECT THEM TO ATTEND? WAS THERE A POINT OF CONTACT AT THE MOSQUE? IF YES, WHO WAS THE POINT OF CONTACT?

15. HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT MOSQUE?

16. DID KSM GIVE PERMISSION FOR MIDHAR AND HAZMI TO RELOCATE TO SAN DIEGO? IF PERMISSION WAS GRANTED, HOW WAS THAT COMMUNICATED?

17. WHO WAS MIDHAR'S AND HAZMI'S POINT OF CONTACT IN SAN DIEGO?

18. DID MIDHAR AND HAZMI CONTACT YOU UPON THEIR RELOCATION TO SAN DIEGO?

19. WERE MIDHAR AND HAZMI DIRECTED TO A SPECIFIC MOSQUE IN SAN DIEGO? WAS THERE A POINT OF CONTACT AT THAT MOSQUE?

20. WHO SENT YOU THE LONG BEACH AND SAN DIEGO TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES? DID YOU SHOW HAZMI AND MIDHAR THE DIRECTORIES?

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[REDACTED] IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF TAWFIZ MOHAMMED BIN SALEH (SALEH) AKA BIN RASYAD BIN ATTASH HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HAZMI'S AND MIDHAR'S OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WE REQUEST THAT SALEH BE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

[REDACTED] 1. WAS SALEH FAMILIAR WITH HAZMI AND MIDHAR'S PREPARATION FOR THEIR OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA? IF SO WHAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE THEY GIVEN?

[REDACTED] 2. WHAT TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MALAYSIA MEETING (JANUARY 2000) IN ORDER TO PREPARE HAZMI AND MIDHAR TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES?

[REDACTED] 3. WHAT WAS KSM'S DIRECTION TO HAZMI AND MIDHAR WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES?

[REDACTED] 4. WHILE HAZMI AND MIDHAR WERE IN CALIFORNIA, WERE THEY ORDERED TO COMMUNICATE WITH KSM OR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO DETERMINE THEIR STATUS?

[REDACTED] 5. WHO WAS THEIR POINT OF CONTACT UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES?

[REDACTED] 6. WHO WAS ASSISTED THEM WHILE THEY WERE IN LOS ANGELES?

[REDACTED] 7. WERE THEY SUPPOSED TO GET AN APARTMENT OR STAY IN A HOTEL?

[REDACTED] 8. SINCE HAZMI AND MIDHAR DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH OR KNOW THE CULTURE THAT WELL, WHO WAS GOING TO ASSIST THEM WITH THEIR DAY-TO-DAY NEEDS?

[REDACTED] 9. WHAT LOS ANGELES MOSQUE DID KSM DIRECT THEM TO ATTEND?

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10. HOW DID KSM KNOW ABOUT THAT MOSQUE?

11. DID KSM GIVE PERMISSION FOR MIDHAR AND HAZMI TO RELOCATE TO SAN DIEGO? IF PERMISSION WAS GRANTED, HOW WAS THAT COMMUNICATED?

IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF SOHAIL ABDUL ANA'N AKA ZOHAIK ABDUL MOHAMMED ABDUL ANAM SHORABI (GITMO PRISONER NUMBER 569) HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HAZMI'S AND MIDHAR'S OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WE REQUEST THAT SALEH BE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. LOS ANGELES HAS NOTED IN PRIOR DEBRIEFINGS OF SOHAIL ABDUL ANA'N AKA ZOHAIK ABDUL MOHAMMED ABDUL ANAM SHORABI (GITMO PRISONER NUMBER 569), THAT HE IS FROM TAIZ, YEMEN. SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED ABOVE ARE ALSO FROM TAIZ, YEMEN, AND ALSO AROUND ARE SIMILAR IN AGE. THEREFORE, REQUEST THAT HE BE SHOWN ALL PHOTOGRAPHS AND QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE AND CONTACT WITH THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

2. HOW MUCH WAS SHORABI FAMILIAR WITH HAZMI AND MIDHAR'S PREPARATION FOR THEIR OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA?

3. WHAT ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MALAYSIA MEETING (JANUARY 2000) IN ORDER TO PREPARE HAZMI AND MIDHAR TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES?

4. WHAT WAS KSM'S DIRECTION TO HAZMI AND MIDHAR WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES?

5. WHO WAS THEIR POINT OF CONTACT UPON THEIR ARRIVAL?

6. WHO WAS ASSISTED THEM WHILE THEY WERE IN LOS ANGELES?

7. WERE THEY SUPPOSED TO GET AN APARTMENT OR STAY IN

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A HOTEL?

[REDACTED] 8. SINCE HAZMI AND MIDHAR DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH OR KNOW THE CULTURE THAT WELL, WHO WAS GOING TO ASSIST THEM WITH THEIR DAY-TO-DAY NEEDS?

[REDACTED] 9. WHAT LOS ANGELES MOSQUE DID KSM DIRECT THEM TO ATTEND?

[REDACTED] 10. HOW DID KSM KNOW ABOUT THAT MOSQUE?

[REDACTED] 11. DID KSM GIVE PERMISSION FOR MIDHAR AND HAZMI TO RELOCATE TO SAN DIEGO? IF PERMISSION WAS GRANTED, HOW WAS THAT COMMUNICATED TO THEM?

[REDACTED] IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF HAMBALI HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HAZMI'S AND MIDHAR'S OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WE REQUEST THAT SALEH BE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

[REDACTED] 1. HOW MUCH WAS HAMBALI FAMILIAR WITH HAZMI AND MIDHAR'S PREPARATION FOR THEIR OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA?

[REDACTED] 2. WHAT TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MALAYSIA MEETING (JANUARY 2000) IN ORDER TO PREPARE HAZMI AND MIDHAR TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES?

[REDACTED] 3. WHAT WAS KSM'S DIRECTION TO HAZMI AND MIDHAR WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES?

[REDACTED] 4. WHO WAS THEIR POINT OF CONTACT UPON THEIR ARRIVAL?

[REDACTED] 5. WHO WAS ASSISTED THEM WHILE THEY WERE IN LOS ANGELES?

[REDACTED] 6. WERE THEY SUPPOSED TO GET AN APARTMENT OR STAY IN A HOTEL?

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[REDACTED] 7. SINCE HAZMI AND MIDHAR DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH OR KNOW THE CULTURE THAT WELL, WHO WAS GOING TO ASSIST THEM WITH THEIR DAY-TO-DAY NEEDS?

[REDACTED] 8. WHAT LOS ANGELES MOSQUE DID KSM DIRECT THEM TO ATTEND?

[REDACTED] 9. HOW DID KSM KNOW ABOUT THAT MOSQUE?

[REDACTED] 10. DID KSM GIVE PERMISSION FOR MIDHAR AND HAZMI TO RELOCATE TO SAN DIEGO? IF PERMISSION WAS GRANTED, HOW WAS THAT COMMUNICATED TO THEM?

[REDACTED] IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF BINALSHIBH HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HAZMI'S AND MIDHAR'S OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WE REQUEST THAT RAMZI BINALSHIBH BE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

[REDACTED] 1. DID YOU ASSIST KSM WITH PREPARATIONS FOR MIDHAR AND HAZMI'S ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES? IF YES, WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THE ASSISTANCE? IF NO, DID KSM EVER BRIEF YOU ON THE MIDHAR'S AND HAZMI'S OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA?

[REDACTED] 2. WHAT WAS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH FUAD OMAR BAZARAH?

[REDACTED] 3. DID BAZARAH'S FATHER [REDACTED] (P-1) ASSIST YOU IN YOUR 1995 VISA APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES?

[REDACTED] 4. WERE YOU IN CONTACT WITH FUAD BARAZAH AFTER HE ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES (IE TELEPHONE OR EMAIL)? WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THE CONTACT?

[REDACTED] 5. WHICH YEMENI INDIVIDUALS BESIDES BAZARAH DID BINALSHIBH KNOW IN CALIFORNIA?

[REDACTED] PLEASE DIRECT RESPONSE AND QUESTIONS TO FBI LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE, POINT OF CONTACT [REDACTED] (S)

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SUBJECT: INEXORABLE - QUESTIONS AND PHOTOS FOR SHOWING TO HIGH
VALUE AL QAEDA DETAINEES.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE SHOW INFORMATION REGARDING
LOS ANGELES INVESTIGATION ON A POSSIBLE SUPPORT CELL FOR 9/11
HIJACKERS NAWAF AL-HAZMI AND KHALID AL-MIDHAR (AMERICAN AIRLINES
FLIGHT 77) AND REQUEST THAT KHALID SHAIKH MOHAMMED (KSM), TAWFIZ
MOHAMMED BIN SALEH, RAMZI BINALSHIBH AND HAMBALI AND QUERIED FOR
INFORMATION. (NOTE: THE PHOTOS WERE E-MAILED TO FBI DETAILEES

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SUPPORT CELL THAT MAY HAVE ASSISTED 9/11 HIJACKERS KHALID AL-MIDHAR AND NAWAF AL-HAZMI (AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 77) DURING THEIR TIME IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 01/15/2000-12/08/2000. HAZMI AND MIDHAR ARRIVED AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON 01/15/2000 AND RELOCATED TO THE SAN DIEGO AREA ON 02/04/2000. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA BETWEEN THAT TIME, BUT THEIR ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATES WHO MAY HAVE ASSISTED THEM REMAIN UNKNOWN.

WHEN MIDHAR DEPARTED THE UNITED STATES ON 06/10/2000, THE IMAGES OF MIDHAR AND HAZMI WERE CAPTURED ON TWO VIDEOS BY THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAX) POLICE VIDEO NETWORK UNIT. ONE OF THE VIDEOS DEPICTS THE HIJACKERS BEING ACCOMPANIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE MOHDAR ABDULLAH (SUBJECT OF A FBI INVESTIGATION), WHO ASSISTED THE HIJACKERS DURING THEIR TIME IN CALIFORNIA. THE VIDEO ALSO REVEALS THREE ADDITIONAL MALES (UNSUBS) WHO MAY BE ACCOMPANYING ABDULLAH AND THE TWO HIJACKERS. ONE OF THE UNSUBS APPEARS TO BE CARRYING A CAMERA, HELD AT HIS MID-SECTION, AND AS HE PASSES THROUGH A DIFFERENT MAGNETOMETER THAN THE REST OF THE GROUP, HE TURNS 360 DEGREES, AS IF FILMING THE ENTIRE SURROUNDINGS OF THE HIJACKERS. AN EXAMINATION OF THE VIDEO BY THE FORENSIC AUDIO, VIDEO AND IMAGE ANALYSIS UNIT, ERF, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, COULD NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE OBJECT BEING CARRIED AS A CAMERA, BUT THE POSSIBILITY COULD NOT BE RULED OUT. ANALYSIS CONDUCTED BY LOS ANGELES FBI OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THESE UNSUBS MAY HAVE BEEN A PART OF A GROUP OF YEMENIS WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF KNOWING OR AIDING THE 9/11 HIJACKERS.

POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF THE UNSUBS: TO DATE, SEVERAL MAJOR SUPPORTERS OF THE 9/11 HIJACKERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING A BACKGROUND ASSOCIATED WITH YEMEN, FOR EXAMPLE RAMZI BINALSHIB, TAWFIZ MOHAMMED BIN SALEH, AND ANWAR AULAQI. IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE HAD A CONNECTION WITH YEMEN AND THE HIJACKERS, LOS ANGELES RESEARCHED I-94 DATA FOR INDIVIDUALS TRAVELING WITH YEMENI PASSPORTS WHO ENTERED THE US AT LAX IN 1999 AND 2000. THESE NAMES WERE THEN CHECKED FOR CALIFORNIA DMV PHOTOGRAPHS. TWO OF THE THREE UNSUBS IN THE VIDEO APPEAR TO BE RAMEZ NOAMAN AND (P) (P).

RAMEZ NOAMAN:
NOAMAN WAS A MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE 9/11 INVESTIGATION. NOAMAN STATED IN AN INTERVIEW ON 09/28/2001 (F) THAT HE WAS INTRODUCED TO MIDHAR AND

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HAZMI BY MOHDAR ABDULLAH IN MAY 2000. NOAMAN BEFRIENDED MIDHAR AND HAZMI AT THE ABU BAKR MOSQUE IN SAN DIEGO, AND LATER PROVIDED INTERPRETATION SERVICES TO AID THEM IN OBTAINING FLYING LESSONS.

WHILE NOAMAN WAS A STUDENT AT SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, HE USED TO TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH TO MEET WITH A GROUP OF YEMENIS ON FRIDAYS. THIS GAVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SOME OF HIS COUSINS. ON ONE OCCASION, NOAMAN TOOK HAZMI WITH HIM TO MEET THE YEMENI GROUP.

NOAMAN IDENTIFIED HIS COUSINS AS

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NOAMAN'S SCHOOL ROOMMATE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA, FUAD OMAR BAZARAH, WAS A FRIEND AND CO-WORKER OF RAMZI BINALSHIBH AT THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF YEMEN.

FUAD BAZARAH AND RAMZI BINALSHIBH:

ON 04/07/2004, FUAD BAZARAH

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(A), (J-1). WAS INTERVIEWED BY LOS ANGELES FBI IN POMONA, CALIFORNIA. BAZARAH ATTENDED THE AL-AHLI HIGH SCHOOL IN SANA'A, YEMEN, FROM 1988 TO 1991. THEREAFTER, FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS, BAZARAH WORKED IN A CLERICAL POSITION IN THE PAID AND REMITTANCE DEPARTMENT AT THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF YEMEN IN SANA'A. HIS WORK AT THE BANK REQUIRED HIM TO PERFORM CLERICAL TASKS SUCH AS TYPING. AROUND THE SAME TIME, BAZARAH ALSO ATTENDED THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ENGLISH FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS TO PREPARE TO STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES.

BAZARAH'S FATHER, (P-1) WORKED AT ANOTHER SANA'A BANK, THE CENTRAL BANK OF YEMEN. OMAR BAZARAH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN CLIENTS OF THAT BANK.

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WHILE BAZARAH WAS WORKING AT THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF YEMEN, THE PAID AND REMITTANCE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYED EIGHT TO TEN PEOPLE, ONE OF WHOM WAS RAMZI BINALSHIBH. BINALSHIBH WAS ALREADY WORKING AT THE BANK IN A CLERICAL POSITION WHEN BAZARAH STARTED.

BAZARAH DID NOT KNOW HOW LONG BINALSHIBH HAD BEEN THERE WHEN HE ARRIVED. SOME OF THE OTHER PEOPLE IN THAT DEPARTMENT INCLUDED (P-1) (LNU), BAZARAH'S SUPERVISOR, AND (P-1) (LNU). (P-1) ALSO WORKED AT THE BANK, BUT HE WORKED IN A DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT. (P-1) ALSO KNEW BINALSHIBH. AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW, BAZARAH IDENTIFIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF A MAN KNOWN TO INVESTIGATORS AS RAMZI BINALSHIBH AS BINALSHIBH.

TIHAMA GROUP HAD AN ACCOUNT AT THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF YEMEN, AND THEY HAD OFFICES IN SANA'A. BAZARAH HAD NO PERSONAL DEALINGS WITH TIHAMA AND KNEW THE NAME ONLY FROM WORKING AT THE BANK. BAZARAH WAS NOT AWARE OF BINALSHIBH WORKING FOR OR HAVING ANY KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH TIHAMA.

BINALSHIBH WAS THREE OR FOUR YEARS OLDER THAN BAZARAH. THEY INTERACTED WITH EACH OTHER ONLY AT WORK, AND BAZARAH, THEREFORE, DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BINALSHIBH'S FAMILY OR FRIENDS. DURING CONVERSATIONS AT WORK, BAZARAH TOLD BINALSHIBH ABOUT HIS INTEREST IN GOING TO THE UNITED STATES TO STUDY. BINALSHIBH THEN TOLD BAZARAH OF HIS INTEREST IN GOING TO THE UNITED STATES TO WORK, BUT BINALSHIBH DID NOT SPECIFY THE TYPE OF WORK HE WANTED TO DO OR PRECISELY WHERE IN THE UNITED STATES HE WANTED TO LIVE.

BAZARAH SAID BINALSHIBH WAS A "NICE" AND FUNNY GUY WHEN THEY WORKED TOGETHER AT THE BANK. BINALSHIBH WAS RELIGIOUS, BUT NOT TOO RELIGIOUS. BINALSHIBH WAS IN FAVOR OF THE AL-ISLA PARTY AND ITS LEADER, SHEIKH ZINDANI. BINALSHIBH DID NOT LIKE THE LEADER OF YEMEN, AND HE WANTED AL-ISLA TO CONTROL THE COUNTRY AND YEMEN TO BECOME AN ISLAMIC STATE. BAZARAH NEVER HEARD BINALSHIBH MENTION BOSNIA, CHECHNYA, OR AFGHANISTAN.

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ONE OR TWO MONTHS BEFORE BAZARAH ENTERED THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIRST TIME ON 08/14/1995, BAZARAH AND BINALSHIBH WENT TO THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY TOGETHER IN SANA'A TO APPLY FOR VISAS. THEY PLANNED TO GO THERE TOGETHER GIVEN THEIR COMMON INTEREST IN GOING TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT THEY MADE NO OTHER PLANS TOGETHER REGARDING THE UNITED STATES: BAZARAH INTENDED TO STUDY IN ARIZONA; BINALSHIBH INTENDED TO WORK AT SOME UNSPECIFIED LOCATION. BAZARAH SELECTED EASTERN ARIZONA AS HIS FIRST CHOICE FOR SCHOOL BECAUSE HIS RESEARCH INDICATED THAT TUITION WAS AFFORDABLE AND THE ACCEPTANCE RATE WAS HIGH.

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THE BAZARAH'S FATHER WROTE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR BINALSHIBH TO ASSIST IN BINALSHIBH'S EFFORTS TO SECURE A VISA TO THE UNITED STATES).

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BINALSHIBH WAS UPSET. HE THEN DECIDED TO PURSUE HIS ALTERNATIVE PLAN OF MOVING TO GERMANY. BINALSHIBH TOLD BAZARAH THAT HE CHOSE GERMANY BECAUSE HE HAD A UNCLE THERE WHO WAS A BRAIN SURGEON. BINALSHIBH HAD IN FACT OBTAINED A CHECHEN VISA PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR A UNITED STATES VISA, WHICH WAS PART OF THE REASON BAZARAH UNDERSTOOD BINALSHIBH'S INTEREST IN GERMANY TO BE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN THAT BINALSHIBH HAD IN MIND ALL ALONG.

APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE WEEKS BEFORE BAZARAH TRAVELED TO THE UNITED STATES ON 08/14/1995, BAZARAH HEARD THAT BINALSHIBH HAD LEFT YEMEN FOR GERMANY. BINALSHIBH DID NOT TELL BAZARAH THAT

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HE WAS LEAVING. RATHER, BAZARAH DID NOT SEE BINALSHIBH IN THE BANK FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS, AND BAZARAH THEN HEARD THAT BINALSHIBH HAD DEPARTED FOR GERMANY. BAZARAH HAS NOT HEARD FROM OR HAD CONTACT WITH BINALSHIBH SINCE THEIR LAST INTERACTION AT THE BANK IN 1995.

BAZARAH LEARNED MORE ABOUT BINALSHIBH AFTER RETURNING TO YEMEN IN OCTOBER 2001, BY WHICH TIME THE PRESS WAS REPORTING ABOUT BINALSHIBH'S ROLE IN 9/11 AND THERE WERE MANY RUMORS CIRCULATING ABOUT HIM. BAZARAH WAS IN YEMEN FROM APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 2001 TO JUNE 2002. WHILE THERE, BAZARAH HEARD THAT BINALSHIBH HAD ONE BROTHER (NFI) AND THAT HIS MOTHER DIED AFTER LEARNING OF BINALSHIBH'S INVOLVEMENT IN 9/11. BAZARAH ALSO HEARD THAT BINALSHIBH WORKED WITH AL QAEDA, THAT HE WAS WITH UBL, AND THAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A HIJACKER IN THE 9/11 OPERATION. BAZARAH RECALLED TALKING TO HIS UNCLE SAID BAZARAH IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THE REPORTS OF BINALSHIBH WORKING WITH AL QAEDA. HE ALSO HEARD THAT BINALSHIBH HAD EITHER BEEN KILLED DURING THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN OR THAT HE HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN PAKISTAN.

BAZARAH WAS DEPORTED TO YEMEN IN DECEMBER 2004.

NOAMAN'S CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH BARAZAH, AND BARAZAH'S CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH BINALSHIBH, MAKES NOAMAN'S INTRODUCTION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE TWO HIJACKERS WHILE THEY WERE IN CALIFORNIA APPEAR TO BE MORE THAN COINCIDENTAL. NOAMAN WAS ALSO RELATED TO (P), BELIEVED TO BE THE CAMERAMAN IN THE LAX VIDEO, AND ANOTHER YEMENI, (P).

(P)'S TELEPHONE NUMBER WAS FOUND IN MOHDAR ABDULLAH'S WALLET AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST ON 09/24/2001.

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IN ADDITION, (P)'S TELEPHONE NUMBERS WERE IN CONTACT WITH (P) (A), (J-1), (G) (A), (J-1), (G) (P) (A), (J-1), (G) (A), (J-1), (G)

BALTIMORE INVESTIGATION HAS CONFIRMED THAT (P) (P) IS (P) KAMAL DERWISH (DECEASED), A.K.A SHEIKH DABWAN, A HIGH-LEVEL AL QAEDA ASSOCIATE. DABWAN WAS KILLED, ALONG WITH FIVE OTHER AL QAEDA ASSOCIATES INCLUDING ABU ALI AL-HARTHI, DURING A (O-1) ATTACK IN EARLY NOVEMBER 2002 IN YEMEN. DABWAN WAS THE LEADER OF A GROUP FROM LACKAWANNA, NY WHO WAS TRAINED AT AN AL QAEDA TERRORIST CAMP IN AFGHANISTAN IN MAY 2001.

IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE 9/11 COMMISSION REPORT KHALID SHAIKH MOHAMMED (KSM) HAD TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES FOR LONG BEACH AND SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA. LOS ANGELES FINDS THIS FACT CURIOUS AS TO WHY KSM WOULD HAVE A TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR LONG BEACH. UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION, IT APPEARS THAT NUMEROUS YEMENI STUDENTS RESIDED IN LONG BEACH DURING THE 1999-2002 TIME FRAME.

IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF HAZMI AND MIDHAR WERE ASSISTED BY A YEMENI SUPPORT CELL IN LOS ANGELES, WE REQUEST THAT ALL DETAINEES BE SHOWN ALL THE PHOTOGRAPHS LISTED BELOW FOR RECOGNITION AND KNOWLEDGE.

1. (P) DOB (P-1) (P), POB TAIZ, YEMEN
2. FUAD OMAR BAZARAH, DOB (P-1) 1974, POB YEMEN
3. RAMEZ NOAMAN, DOB (P-1) /1974, POB YEMEN
4. (P) DOB (P-1) (P) POB TAIZ, YEMEN
5. (P) DOB (P-1) (P) POB TAIZ, YEMEN
6. (P) DOB (P-1) (P) POB TAIZ, YEMEN
7. (P) DOB (P-1) (P) POB YEMEN
8. MOHDAR ABDULLAH, DOB (P-1) 1978, POB YEMEN
9. (P) DOB (P-1) (P), POB SANAA YEMEN
10. (P) DOB (P-1) (P), POB SANAA YEMEN
11. (P) DOB (P-1) (P), POB SANAA YEMEN

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12. (P) (P-1) (P) DOB (P-1) (P) , POB YEMEN
13. (P) (P-1) (P) , POB YEMEN
14. (P) DOB (P-1) (P) , POB UNITED STATES

IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF HAZMI AND MIDHAR WERE ASSISTED BY A SUPPORT CELL IN LOS ANGELES, WE REQUEST THAT KSM BE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MALAYSIA MEETING (JANUARY 2000) IN ORDER TO PREPARE HAZMI AND MIDHAR TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES?

2. WHAT WAS KSM'S DIRECTION TO HAZMI AND MIDHAR WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES? WHO ELSE WAS PRESENT WHILE KSM PREPARED/TRAINED/BRIEFED HAZMI AND MIDHAR FOR THEIR ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES?

3. WHILE HAZMI AND MIDHAR WERE IN CALIFORNIA, WERE THEY ORDERED TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU OR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO DETERMINE THEIR STATUS (IE HOW THEY ARRIVED, WHERE THEY WERE STAYING)?

4. WHY DID THEY LIST THE SHERATON HOTEL AS THEIR ARRIVAL DESTINATION ON IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS?

5. WHO WAS THEIR POINT OF CONTACT UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES?

6. HOW MUCH MONEY DID YOU DIRECT HAZMI AND MIDHAR TO HAVE ON THEM WHEN THEY ENTERED THE UNITED STATES?

7. HOW WERE HAZMI AND MIDHAR SUPPOSED TO PAY FOR TAXIS, HOTELS, FOOD, APARTMENTS, ETC? (IE METHOD OF PAYMENT, CASH CREDIT CARD, TRAVELERS CHECKS?)

8. DID HAZMI AND MIDHAR CONTACT YOU (OR ANOTHER PERSON) ONCE THEY ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES? IF YES, HOW?

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9. WERE HAZMI AND MIDHAR DIRECTED TO USE PAID TELEPHONES, CALLING CARDS, HOTEL PHONES, OR EMAIL TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU (OR ANOTHER CONTACT)?

10. WERE THEY DIRECTED TO GET AN APARTMENT OR STAY IN A HOTEL AND IN WHAT AREA OF LOS ANGELES? HOW LONG WERE THEY TO REMAIN IN LOS ANGELES?

11. SINCE HAZMI AND MIDHAR DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH OR KNOW THE CULTURE THAT WELL, WHO WAS GOING TO ASSIST THEM WITH THEIR DAY-TO-DAY NEEDS?

12. WERE HAZMI AND MIDHAR DIRECTED TO ATTEND AN ENGLISH SCHOOL?

13. WERE HAZMI AND MIDHAR DIRECTED TO A CONSULATE OR EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE? IF YES, WHICH CONSULATE OR EMBASSY AND WHO WAS THE POINT OF CONTACT?

14. WHAT LOS ANGELES MOSQUE DID YOU DIRECT THEM TO ATTEND? WAS THERE A POINT OF CONTACT AT THE MOSQUE? IF YES, WHO WAS THE POINT OF CONTACT?

15. HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT MOSQUE?

16. DID KSM GIVE PERMISSION FOR MIDHAR AND HAZMI TO RELOCATE TO SAN DIEGO? IF PERMISSION WAS GRANTED, HOW WAS THAT COMMUNICATED?

17. WHO WAS MIDHAR'S AND HAZMI'S POINT OF CONTACT IN SAN DIEGO?

18. DID MIDHAR AND HAZMI CONTACT YOU UPON THEIR RELOCATION TO SAN DIEGO?

19. WERE MIDHAR AND HAZMI DIRECTED TO A SPECIFIC MOSQUE IN SAN DIEGO? WAS THERE A POINT OF CONTACT AT THAT MOSQUE?

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20. WHO SENT YOU THE LONG BEACH AND SAN DIEGO TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES? DID YOU SHOW HAZMI AND MIDHAR THE DIRECTORIES?

IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF TAWFIZ MOHAMMED BIN SALEH (SALEH) AKA BIN RASYAD BIN ATTASH HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HAZMI'S AND MIDHAR'S OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WE REQUEST THAT SALEH BE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. WAS SALEH FAMILIAR WITH HAZMI AND MIDHAR'S PREPARATION FOR THEIR OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA? IF SO WHAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE THEY GIVEN?

2. WHAT TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MALAYSIA MEETING (JANUARY 2000) IN ORDER TO PREPARE HAZMI AND MIDHAR TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES?

3. WHAT WAS KSM'S DIRECTION TO HAZMI AND MIDHAR WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES?

4. WHILE HAZMI AND MIDHAR WERE IN CALIFORNIA, WERE THEY ORDERED TO COMMUNICATE WITH KSM OR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO DETERMINE THEIR STATUS?

5. WHO WAS THEIR POINT OF CONTACT UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES?

6. WHO WAS ASSISTED THEM WHILE THEY WERE IN LOS ANGELES?

7. WERE THEY SUPPOSED TO GET AN APARTMENT OR STAY IN A HOTEL?

8. SINCE HAZMI AND MIDHAR DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH OR KNOW THE CULTURE THAT WELL, WHO WAS GOING TO ASSIST THEM WITH THEIR DAY-TO-DAY NEEDS?

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9. WHAT LOS ANGELES MOSQUE DID KSM DIRECT THEM TO ATTEND?

10. HOW DID KSM KNOW ABOUT THAT MOSQUE?

11. DID KSM GIVE PERMISSION FOR MIDHAR AND HAZMI TO RELOCATE TO SAN DIEGO? IF PERMISSION WAS GRANTED, HOW WAS THAT COMMUNICATED?

IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF HAMBALI HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HAZMI'S AND MIDHAR'S OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WE REQUEST THAT SALEH BE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. HOW MUCH WAS HAMBALI FAMILIAR WITH HAZMI AND MIDHAR'S PREPARATION FOR THEIR OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA?

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IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF BINALSHIBH HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HAZMI'S AND MIDHAR'S OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WE REQUEST THAT RAMZI BINALSHIBH BE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. DID YOU ASSIST KSM WITH PREPARATIONS FOR MIDHAR AND HAZMI'S ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES? IF YES, WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THE ASSISTANCE? IF NO, DID KSM EVER BRIEF YOU ON THE MIDHAR'S AND HAZMI'S OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA?

2. WHAT WAS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH FUAD OMAR BAZARAH?

3. DID BAZARAH'S FATHER (P-1) ASSIST YOU IN YOUR 1995 VISA APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES?

4. WERE YOU IN CONTACT WITH FUAD BARAZAH AFTER HE ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES (IE TELEPHONE OR EMAIL)? WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THE CONTACT?

5. WHICH YEMENI INDIVIDUALS BESIDES BAZARAH DID BINALSHIBH KNOW IN CALIFORNIA?

6. When did you first become a member of Al-Qaeda? Was it before you arrived in Germany (the first time) or after that?

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/17/2006

To: Counterterrorism

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San Diego

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From: San Diego

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Contact: (S)

Approved By: (S)

Drafted By: (S)

Case ID #:

(F)

Title:

MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID,
aka Mohdar Mohamed Abdullah;

(G)

ANWAR AULAQI;
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(G)

INFORMATION DISSEMINATED TO THE FIG

Synopsis:

Interview of (P)

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Details: On 03/16/2005, (S) and (S) interviewed (P) regarding his knowledge of Mohdar Abdullah.

During the interview (P) stated that he was (P) and was born in (P) on (P-1) 1964. (P) first arrived in the United States in 1981 and became a naturalized US citizen in 1984. (P) last visited (P) in 1997. Currently (P) lives with his wife and three children at (P-1) (P-1), San Diego, CA. (P) cell phone number is (P-1) and his home phone number is (P-1) (P) has a SSN # (P-1) and a California driver's license of (P-1)

(P) currently owns (P) in San Diego located at the corner of (P) (P) received his (P) license in 1998, and has been at his current location since February 2003. (P) work number is (P)

A query via ACS revealed the following information for (P)

On 08/07/2003, the San Diego Office of the FBI received an anonymous letter reporting alleged criminal activity by (P-1) (P-1) Social Security number (P-1)

According to the letter (G), (P-1) was involved in bankruptcy fraud and smuggling money in and out of the U.S. The letter also alleged that (G), 's wife, (G), (P-1), and a (P) of (P) were involved.

On 09/23/2003, IA (S) researched the information provided in the letter and determined the incidents reported by the anonymous individual were valid.

The information develop identified connections to possible money laundering, drugs and ties to FBI Full Field investigations. At the time, IA (P-1) recommended additional investigation of the activities of (P-1), (P) (P) (P-1).

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and his cell phone number were also referenced in (F) which details names and phone numbers found in the wallet of Mohdar Abdullah following his arrest.

A query of telephone applications (TA) for all 3 Nuhaily's phone numbers revealed significant references (F) (F)

has 4 brothers currently in the United States as follows:

described himself as a Muslim, but not a very good Muslim. admitted to occasionally drinking alcohol, and that he did not attend mosque services on a regular basis. stated that he attends Friday prayer services on an irregular basis, and the last time he attended was 2 weeks ago at the Masjid Ar-Ribat. generally attends the Masjid Ar-Ribat because it is closer to his work. However, he stated that he has frequented the Islamic Center of San Diego (ICSD) before.

When shown a picture of Mohdar Abdullah, identified him as a person he knew as Mohdar. stated that he could not remember Mohdar's last name, and that he was not very close to him. advised that he remembered seeing this person around the Masjid Ar-Ribat, and occasionally at the ICSD. said he thought that Mohdar was a student, and that he used to live in La Mesa. believed that Mohdar was from Yemen.

remembered Mohdar as being very secretive. He remembered that Mohdar was interested in buying (P) from him at one point, but he never did sale Mohdar (P). could not remember why he never sold (P) to Mohdar. said that he thought that Mohdar was arrested because he had a some type of visa problem, but was not entirely sure. has not heard any

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recent information about Mohdar in the San Diego Muslim community.

(P) reported that his good friend (P) may have lived with Mohdar during the time Mohdar was in San Diego. (P) said that (P) is from Kenya and works at the (P) in Spring Valley, CA. (P) then retrieved (P) phone number from his cell phone and advised that (P) phone number is (P).

(P) stated that one time several years ago he went to (P) apartment in La Mesa to have lunch with several other people. (P) said they all ate lunch together while sitting on the floor of the apartment. He could not remember how many people were there for lunch, or if Mohdar was even there. When pressed for a number he simply said that he could not remember. **San Diego notes:** During this line of questioning (P) appeared to be evasive and purposely vague. (P) claimed that could not remember who was at the lunch that day, and that he could not remember where the apartment of his good friend was located in La Mesa. After several minutes (P) conceded that the apartment was close to the Masjid Ar-Ribat, and that it may have been located on Saranac Street but would not elaborate any further. (D), (G)

(P)

(U) A query of ACS revealed that a (P) was referenced in (P) (F) and (P) (F). Both serials show that when Mohdar Abdullah's car was returned following his arrest and search of the vehicle that Mohdar, through his attorney, instructed that the car was to be returned to a (P).

(D), (G)

(P)

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(P) was asked during the interview if he remembered who the Imam was at the Masjid Ar-Ribat during the time that Mohdar may have lived with his friend (P) could not remember his name, but described the Imam as being very young, in his 30s, with a thin build, who wore glasses. He described the Imam as being very educated who spoke English very well. (P) heard that the Imam may have attended a university in the US, but did not know which university. (P) said that the Imam was from Yemen.

When shown a picture of Sheikh Anwar Aulaqi, (P) identified him as the Imam he was speaking of.

(P) advised that even though he attends the Masjid Ar-Ribat he has never felt comfortable there. He stated that the people who attend the Masjid Ar-Ribat are more anti-western in their beliefs than those that frequent the ICSD. (P) said that prior to 9/11 he attended mosque more frequently, particularly the Masjid Ar-Ribat, but after the events of 9/11 his attendance has lessened.

At this point, (P) informed investigators that he went paint balling with members of the Masjid Ar-Ribat on one occasion several years ago. He thinks he was invited by his friend (P) (P) stated that only about 10 people from the Masjid Ar-Ribat went. **San Diego notes:** When asked who went paint balling from the Masjid Ar-Ribat (P) stated that he could not remember because there were so many people perhaps contradicting his earlier statement that only about 10 people went. Towards the end of the interview (P) stated the Sheikh Anwar Aulaqi may have been there. When (P) was asked when he went paint balling he first said it was after 9/11, but later said it may have been before 9/11. When (P) was asked where in San Diego they went paint balling he could not recall.

(P) did not remember anything special about the paint ball outing. He said it was just a group of people who went paint balling, and that it was not meant to be any type of "training."

(P) advised that during that time members of the Masjid Ar-Ribat would routinely go paint balling.

(P) also volunteered that prior to 9/11 he used to play soccer with members of the ICSD. (P) advised that the ICSD team would often play members of the Masjid Ar-Ribat on Saturday mornings on a field located near the ICSD. (P) remembered seeing Mohdar playing soccer on a few occasions, but could not recall anyone

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else from the Masjid Ar-Ribat who played soccer at that time. A significant item of note, as detailed in (F) (F) indicates that 09/11/2001 hijackers Khalid Almihdar and Nawaf Alhazmi both played with the soccer team which met every Saturday at the Islamic Center of San Diego. The two coaches of the team were (P)

Currently, (P) plays soccer in an adult league in Chula Vista. He said the league is mostly made up of Mexicans and Arabs.

During the interview (P) was asked if he knew, or heard of an individual named (P) (P) stated the he knew a person named (P) who bought (P) from him about 4-5 years ago, but he could not be sure if (P) last name was (P) (P) said that (P) would also play soccer with the ICSD during his time in San Diego. (P) said that (P) had dark skin, and believed that he was from Yemen.

(P) was also asked if he knew of a person named (P) (P) stated that he knew 2 individuals named (P) (P) He said that one of them grew up in (P) with him, and currently works in real estate in San Diego. (P) provided investigators with (P) phone number, (P) from his own cell phone.

A review of TA yielded negative results for a current subscriber. However, (P) has significant references in the following cases:

(F)

(P) stated that other (P) that he knew was from Egypt. (P) said that this (P) has an American wife, and sells perfume for a living. (P) believes that this (P) is currently in Egypt.

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[REDACTED]
To: Counterterrorism

Attn: [REDACTED] (S)

From: San Diego

[REDACTED] e: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 03/17/2006

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From: San Diego

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Accomplishment Information:

Number: 1

Type: POSITIVE TERRORISM (DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FBI)

ITU: AGENT INTERVIEW

Claimed By:

SSN: (S)

Name:

Squad: (G)

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(S)

From: San Diego

Re: (F)

, 03/17/2006

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Title:

Omar Abdi Mohamed,
aka Omar AlKhatib,
Omar Khadib,
Cumar Khadhiib,

(A), (J-1), (G)

Synopsis:

Submission of (A), (J-1), (G) LHM

(G)

Full Field Investigation Instituted:

(A), (G), (J-1)

(USPER)

Administrative: Enclosed for (G) for dissemination
is (A), (J-1), (G) LHM ref. investigation of captioned subject.

Details:

Previous Investigation

(S) INS advised that OMAR ABDI MOHAMED was born on (P-1)
(P) in Somalia. MOHAMED was a resident of Canada from 1990 to
1995. His last known address in Canada was (P-1)
(P-1), Ontario. His telephone number at that address was (P-1)
(P-1) MOHAMED was allowed entry into the United States on July
8, 1995. His status at that time was SR-1 (Lawful Alien Permanent
Resident - Religious Worker). That status was granted as the result
of being offered employment by Masjidul Taqwa (Islamic Institution),
2575 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101, telephone (619) 239-6738.
The offer was made by (P) On April 11, 2000, MOHAMED

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submitted his Application for Naturalization to Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AIAI is an international terrorism organization, directed and financially supported by a foreign power as outlined in the Attorney General Guidelines (AGG). AIAI is a faction of a foreign nation and a political organization that is engaged in international terrorism or activities in preparation thereof, which is not substantially composed of United States citizens.

[REDACTED] AIAI was previously identified by FBIHQ as an Islamic extremist group active in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Northeastern Kenya. A terrorist threat summary received from members of the U.S. Intelligence Community (USIC) suggested that the AIAI is developing cells of supporters in the U.S. primarily responsible for fund-raising and at a future date, possible attacks directed at U.S. targets. One of the goals of the AIAI is to seize the Ogaden region of Ethiopia by force and form an Islamic state composed of Ogaden and Somalia.

[REDACTED]

(A), (G), (J-1), (D)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) [REDACTED] that during early July, 2000, a meeting of Islamic fundamentalist leaders took place at the "Omar" mosque in Los Angeles, CA. OMAR KHADIB AND HASSAN [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) among others attended the meeting in Los Angeles. KHADIB is a close associate of [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] The attendees discussed what steps could be taken to assist the expansion of fundamentalist beliefs in America, including fund-raising for Islamic causes. It was also discussed that America is an enemy of Islam because it provides support to enemies of Islam, especially Israel.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the first part of 2000, MOHAMED WALI was at the Hajj (pilgrimage) in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. [REDACTED] (O-1)

(O-1)

[REDACTED]

(O-1)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he was a member of Al-Ittihad Al-Islamia (AIAI), but now was a member of USAMA BIN LADEN's AL-QAEDA network. AL-QAEDA was well-funded and well-organized. WALI's job was to recruit Somalis to join AL-QAEDA to fight against the West.

[REDACTED] WALI spoke about a very close friend, OMAR KADIB (spelling), who was also a member of AL-QAEDA. KADIB was like a brother to WALI. They meet each other once or twice a year in places such as Mecca and Nairobi, Kenya. WALI gave KADIB's telephone number to [REDACTED] (O-1) and told [REDACTED] (O-1) to call KADIB. WALI, [REDACTED] (O-1) and KADIB are from the Ogaden tribe. [REDACTED] (O-1)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OMAR AL-BAYOUMI, a Saudi Arabian national and a subject in the PENTTBOMB investigation, has been linked to at least two of the hijackers, NAWAF AL-HAZMI and KHALID AL-MIDHAR. AL-BAYOUMI has provided financial and logistical support to AL-HAZMI and AL-MIDHAR while they were in San Diego during 2000. Reliable assets and other members of the San Diego Muslim community believe that AL-BAYOUMI works for the Saudi intelligence service.

[REDACTED] Investigation in San Diego has located documents belonging to AL-BAYOUMI, which contained a telephone list with an entry, OMAR AL-KHATEEB (spelling), telephone numbers [REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P). Also on scrap papers were notations for OMAR AL-KHATIB, pager number, [REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P). Also noted was an E-mail address: [REDACTED] (P-1). On January 25, 2000, telephone records for AL-BAYOUMI showed a call to [REDACTED] (P) which has been used by OMAR KHADIB.

(A), (G), (J-1)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OMAR KHADIB has been seen having lunch with AL-BAYOUMI on numerous occasions. [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)

[REDACTED]

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(A), (G), (J-1) KHADIB received a monthly stipend (A), (G), (J-1) from the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Islamic Affairs. KHADIB was described as an extremely radical Muslim fundamentalist who was barred from various mosques for being too radical, i.e., advocating toppling various governments, including Saudi Arabia. KHADIB was an AIAI leader, then was kicked out of the group for being too radical, especially over Ethiopian issues. KHADIB formed a radical Muslim splinter group whose name is unknown (A), (G), (J-1)

Current Investigation:

[REDACTED] On January 22, 2004, Omar Mohamed was arrested on immigration charges of lying on his naturalization application and is currently in federal custody awaiting trial.

[REDACTED] Mohamed's wife (P) [REDACTED] born (P-1) (P) in (P) [REDACTED] California drivers license number (P-1) SSAN (P-1) [REDACTED] telephone number (P) [REDACTED] was interviewed upon Mohamed's arrest. (P) [REDACTED] stated they were married in 1986 and have six children. Four of the children are Canadian citizens by birth and two are US citizens by birth.

[REDACTED] Mohamed was employed by the San Diego City Schools at a school on 54th and University (NFI). (P) [REDACTED] and Mohamed have no other business or employment. (P) [REDACTED] and Mohamed have no business interests or employment outside the US.

[REDACTED] In July or August 199 [REDACTED] (P) Mohamed and their two oldest children traveled to Kenya. (P) [REDACTED] recalled they flew from San Diego to New York to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

(P) [REDACTED] recalled that her relationship with Mohamed changed in 2000. In late 2000, Mohamed traveled to Australia. (P) [REDACTED] is not sure of his purpose of travel, but believed that Mohamed was traveling related to his relationship with an Australian woman.

[REDACTED] According to (P) [REDACTED] Mohamed has relatives in Sydney, Australia. Mohamed's father's cousin lives in Sydney, and he also has relatives in Kenya. (P) [REDACTED] recalled that Mohamed had returned one time each year since 2000. (P) [REDACTED] did not know Mohamed's travel plans, but according to Mohamed he went to Australia. Mohamed's last travel was from September 2003 to December 25, 2003, (P) [REDACTED] believed that the trip took Mohamed to Australia.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Investigation further determined that [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) of the Masjid Taqwa in San Diego, California, sponsored Omar Abdi Mohamed's religious worker entry into the US. [REDACTED] (P) was approached by a blue eyed Somali who represented the San Diego Somali Muslim community. The blue eyed Somali, not [REDACTED] (P), encouraged [REDACTED] (P) to sponsor Mohamed.

[REDACTED] As Mohamed was arrested, a search warrant was served on his residence. In this search several Arabic language documents on Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, IFTA Office, letterhead with address 601 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Washington DC 20037, Telephone (202) 342-3700, were seized by investigating agents.

[REDACTED] These documents were subsequently translated by a San Diego Division Arabic language specialist. Of interest, these documents contain written directions from the Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance to Omar Abdi Mohamed to collect information on Muslim converts and the Islamic publications produced by local mosques and the Somali community. The seized documents include mention of a contractual relationship between Mohamed and the Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance; a Saudi Ministry checklist of Muslim convert reporting criteria; a request for reports on the Arab and Somali communities in Canada and San Diego; and a note of leadership personnel changes within the American Dawa Office.

[REDACTED] Mohamed received, by his own admission, over \$100,000 from the Saudi Ministry. Mohamed apparently began receiving this money in the mid 1990's, and was recently receiving \$1,750.00 a month up and until he was arrested. After his arrest, it appears that the Ministry payments into Mohamed's bank account were discontinued.

[REDACTED] With specific regards to captioned subject, the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance sent Mohamed a letter dated February 14, 1996, requesting Mohamed to "provide us with information about well known personalities in their respective communities who have converted to Islam. Especially on such figures like well known Christian ministers and clerics, government ministers, ambassadors, businessmen, doctors, engineers, laureates and intellectuals, and university instructors, individuals who play an influential role in their communities and are highly regarded." The Ministry attached a form with the mentioned letter that was to be filled with the converts full name prior to conversion to Islam, full name after conversion to Islam, and date of conversion to Islam, occupation prior to conversion, occupation after conversion, social activities prior to conversion, social activities after conversion, impact that his conversion to Islam had on others, current address, and other information. The

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letter was signed by Director of Dawa Office in America, Khalid bin Ibrahim AlSuwaylim.

[REDACTED] In a letter dated May 28, 1998, [REDACTED] (P)
[REDACTED] (P)

wrote Saudi Arabia a handwritten request for funding a school they wanted to start in San Diego, California. The Ministry was contacting Mohamed so he could provide further information on the people and the circumstances surrounding the starting of the new school. According to the handwritten letter the five men were forced to flee their native lands because of the "infidels" and they wanted to start an Islamic school because "This land is the land of the infidels, and you are aware of that."

[REDACTED] The Ministry also sent out notices of personnel changes within the Saudi Dawa Office in America. One letter dated January 17, 1998, was sent to "inform you that the Director of Dawa for Europe, America and Australia has approved the nomination of Sheik Fahd bin Ibrahim AlThumairi to oversee the Propagators working in the state of California." San Diego notes that AlThumairi is the subject of [REDACTED] (F). According to LA LHM dated 1/24/2004, the investigation of AL-THUMAIRY was predicated on FBI investigation determined that AL-THUMAIRY had substantial contact with OMAR AL-BAYOUMI. ALBAYOUMI had significant contact with two September 11th hijackers, Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar who lived in San Diego, California, in 2000.

[REDACTED] To date, investigation of Mohamed has not determined the extent, if any, that he reported on the Muslim community and Muslim converts. However, San Diego opines that if Mohamed had not complied with Saudi directives with regards to requests for information and Islamic outreach, he would not have continued to receive his monthly payments from the Ministry. Also unknown is the extent, if any, that Saudi Arabia reimbursed Mohamed for his frequent domestic and international travel. Investigation at San Diego is ongoing.

[REDACTED] Also found were two Arabic language certificate style documents. One of these documents, as translated by San Diego, was issued to Omar Abdo Mohammad al-Khatib by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Islamic Affairs Endowments, Dawa and Guidance, Deputyship of Islamic Affairs Forum Program. The document was noted to be an "Attendance Certificate" for the "first forum for training Propagators in America that was organized by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 27/08/1998 to 04/09/1998". According to the document the attendees received training in Science of the Koran, Science of the Hadith, Islamic Dogma, the Jurisprudence of Islamic Law, Principles of the jurisprudence of Islamic Law, and Propagation." The document was signed by Mohamad bin Abed AlMuhsen AlTurki.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A second similar Arabic certificate was found from the "Islamic African Center in Khartoum, the Dawa Branch, for a training course for Imams and Propagators held in coordination with the Saudi Fatwa body, the World Muslim League, and Imam Mohamed bin Saud Islamic University" from 06/08/1988 to 31/08/1988. This document also certified that Omar Abdi Mohamad attended the training course which included "lectures on Propagation, Science of the Koran, the life of the Prophet Mohamed, the jurisprudence of Islamic Law, anti-Islamic ideologies, and Islamic education issues in the African continent. The signatory for the document was illegible.

[REDACTED] Mohamed's attorney, Mahir Sharif, submitted declarations from [REDACTED] (P), born [REDACTED] (P-1) / [REDACTED] (P), California drivers license number, [REDACTED] (P) La Mesa, California, [REDACTED] (P-1), and [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1), born [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] (P), California drivers license number [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] (P), San Diego, California, [REDACTED] (P), as character references on behalf of captioned subject's immigration removal/deportation proceedings.

[REDACTED] Of note in the declaration, both [REDACTED] (P) claim that they were partners with Mohamed in the corporation [REDACTED] (P) San Diego, California, telephone number [REDACTED] (P) According to both [REDACTED] (P) the [REDACTED] (P) was opened in August 2003 and as of March 2004, was still in operation. Mohamed is an officer of the corporation and was going to make use of his MBA for the benefit of the business. Mohamed was actively participating the building of the business when he was arrested.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Investigation to date has not found that Omar Abdi Mohamed is associated as a board member or officer of the [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P)

[REDACTED]

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Re: [REDACTED] (F), 01/26/2006

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[REDACTED]

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Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 01/26/2006

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[REDACTED] (C-1) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (C-1) [REDACTED]

Trial results

[REDACTED] After two trials in 2006, Mohamed was found guilty of six counts of immigration fraud and acquitted on three. Mohamed was sentenced to 18 months (time served) on each of the six guilty counts, assessed a fine, and was given two years supervised release. After his sentencing, Mohamed was remanded into ICE custody and is currently being held for possible revocation of his US permanent legal resident alien status and consequent deportation. The first deportation hearing is scheduled for January 31, 2006.

[REDACTED] The following information is known regarding OMAR ABDI MOHAMED:

Name:	OMAR ABDI MOHAMED, AKA OMAR KHADIB
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED] (P-1) /1960
Place of Birth:	Somalia
SSN:	[REDACTED] (P-1)
CADLN	[REDACTED]
INS A#:	[REDACTED]
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	180lbs.
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Black
Residence:	[REDACTED] (P-1) La Mesa, CA 91941 [REDACTED] (P-1)

Occupation: President, Somali and East African Youth Center 4979 University Avenue, #D, San Diego, CA 92105 (619) 282-0711

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 01/26/2006

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

[REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] disseminate enclosed LHM as appropriate.

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Full Field Investigation Instituted:

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Enclosure(s):

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To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 02/26/2004

Details: [REDACTED] On January 20, 2004, Mohamed was arrested for immigration fraud. Investigation by ICE determined that Mohamed was in charge of the "Western Somali Relief Agency" (WSRA). WSRA was a fund raising entity that allegedly provided drought and humanitarian relief money to the people of Somalia and Ethiopia. During a US naturalization interview, Mohamed lied about receiving approximately \$350,000 from Global Relief Foundation. The US Treasury Department has frozen the Global Relief Foundation's assets and accused it of providing financial support to terrorism. Mohamed is currently in Federal custody in San Diego.

[REDACTED] Mohamed was identified [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) as the leader of the Al-Ittihad al Islamia (AIAI) in the United States. AIAI was previously identified by FBIHQ as an Islamic extremist group active in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Northeastern Kenya. Later investigation indicated that Mohamed was removed from leadership of the AIAI because he was too radical, especially over Ethiopian issues.

[REDACTED] Mohamed has maintained a low profile since the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) closed down the Global Relief Foundation (GRF) in Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1), (D) [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1), (D) Mohamed has closed his Western Somali Relief Agency.

[REDACTED] As Mohamed was arrested, a search warrant was served on his residence. In this search several Arabic language documents on Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, IFTA Office, letterhead with address 601 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Washington DC 20037, Telephone (202) 342-3700, were seized by investigating agents.

[REDACTED] These documents were subsequently translated by a San Diego Division Arabic language specialist. Of interest, these documents contain written directions from the Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance to Omar Abdi Mohamed to collect information on Muslim converts and the Islamic publications produced by local mosques and the Somali community. The seized documents include mention of a contractual relationship between Mohamed and the Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance; a Saudi Ministry checklist of Muslim convert reporting criteria; a request for reports on the Arab and Somali communities in Canada and San Diego; and a note of leadership personnel changes within the American Dawa Office.

[REDACTED] These Ministry letters to Muslim "Propagators" in General, and "Propagator Mohamed" in specific, document requests dating in the mid 1990's from the Saudi Government Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance for information collection

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on Muslims and the Muslim community in Canada, America, and the Carribean. The seized documents do not indicate the end use of the information collected by the Ministry. But, assuming the personal and social information of influential converts (i.e. engineers, ambassadors, government ministers, pilots) was collected for a legitimate purpose, a great concern would be that radical elements within the Ministry could disseminate such legitimate information for illegitimate ends. If this collection effort is an ongoing policy, it stands to reason that Propagators have been reporting on military, law enforcement, and scientific Muslim converts for
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[REDACTED] For the purposes of captioned investigation, Mohamed received, by his own admission, over \$100,000 from the Saudi Ministry. Mohamed apparently began receiving this money in the mid 1990's, and was recently receiving \$1,750.00 a month up and until he was arrested. After his arrest, it appears that the Ministry payments into Mohamed's bank account were discontinued.

[REDACTED] With regards to Mohamed's employment by the Ministry, in a hand written letter that had an "X" marked across the body of the text to indicate the letter may have been a draft Mohamed writes to Sheik bin Mohamad AlBalihi to complain that he has not received payment for a 15 month period. Mohamed requests that AlBalihi contact the appropriate Ministries to facilitate his reimbursement of salaries for that 15 month period.

[REDACTED] One letter from the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance that was addressed to Mohamed indicated that a housing and travel ticket allowance and a salary was to be paid to those Propagators working under contract outside their countries of origin. The Propagators would lose their housing and travel benefits if they became citizens of the country in which they were working. In several different letters, the Ministry indicates that Mohamed's "contract will be renewed" and provides him with raises or bonuses to "encourage you to double your effort and propagation related activities." One such letter from the Ministry had an enclosed check "as a financial award granted by his Royal Highness Prince Sultan Bin Abd al-Aziz Al-Saud, Second Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defense and Aviation, which he (ALSAUD) has authorized for all propagators belonging to this office" (Dawa office in America). This letter provided contact email addresses of ifta@resa.org, www.islamicpage.org, and www.islam.org.sa. The letters were signed by the Director of the Dawa office in America Khalid bin Ibrahim AlSuwaylim.

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[REDACTED] An indication of the extent of Saudi control over their Propagators is given in a letter from the Ministry dated November 18, 1996. The letter was issued by the Ministry "affirming that no propagator should leave his post or take leave without first obtaining a written authorization from the relevant authority. Whoever violates this guideline will be subject to disciplinary action to include termination of service." The letter was signed by the Director of the Dawa office in America Khalid bin Ibrahim AlSuwaylim.

[REDACTED] With regards to the Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance, requesting information about Muslim converts in the Islamic community: an undated and unsigned letter noted that the Director of Dawa activities conducted abroad received information that "during the past few years a number of Christian clerics and well known personalities have converted to Islam. The Director of Dawa is requesting that you provide him with the names of individuals who have converted to Islam in your locality." The letter requests the Muslim converts previous name, occupation and social status; the Islamic name that the person has acquired and the personal attributes of the individual that may be conducive to using him in propagation activities; the type of services that the individual has received and the party that provided the services; the languages in which the individual is proficient; the address of the individual where he can be reached; (the Propagators) impression about how to deal with the individuals who have converted to Islam and what services might benefit them."

[REDACTED] With specific regards to captioned subject, the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance sent Mohamed a letter dated February 14, 1996, requesting Mohamed to "provide us with information about well known personalities in their respective communities who have converted to Islam. Especially on such figures like well known Christian ministers and clerics, government ministers, ambassadors, businessmen, doctors, engineers, laureates and intellectuals, and university instructors, individuals who play an influential role in their communities and are highly regarded." The Ministry attached a form with the mentioned letter that was to be filled with the converts full name prior to conversion to Islam, full name after conversion to Islam, and date of conversion to Islam, occupation prior to conversion, occupation after conversion, social activities prior to conversion, social activities after conversion, impact that his conversion to Islam had on others, current address, and other information. The letter was signed by Director of Dawa Office in America, Khalid bin Ibrahim AlSuwaylim.

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[REDACTED] Another Letter dated November 22, 1995, from the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance addressed to "Propagator: Omar Abdo Al-Khatib" requests that Mohamed comply with the Ministry's solicitation of information regarding "certain parties and communities." According to the letter, the Ministry was interested in the Somali and Arab communities of Canada and San Diego. The request was signed by Khalid bin Ibrahim Al-Suwaylim. According to the letter, the report should cover the following points:

- 1-Description of Community and its size.
- 2-History of the community and its areas of presence.
- 3-Reason why the community immigrated.
- 4-The leaders of the community and its well known figures.
- 5-Religious dogma of the community.
- 6-Organizational structure of the community.
- 7-Financial condition of the community.
- 8-Literacy rate and educational level of the community.
- 9-Schools and mosques of the community.
- 10-Organizations established by the community.
- 11-Organizations that cooperate with the community.
- 12-Influence that the community has in its locality.
- 13-Other observations about the community.

[REDACTED] In one undated letter from the Ministry to Propagators the conversion of non-Muslims is stressed. According to the letter, "Conversion of non-Muslims who are living in non-Muslim countries into the faith takes on critical importance since they are the inhabitants of the land. Among them is the doctor, the engineer, and the pilot, as well as others. By having these people convert to Islam, the effort to propagate the faith gains a tremendous boost in the country where this activity is being conducted."

[REDACTED] With regards to the Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance requesting information about the activities of local mosques, a letter dated March 20, 1996, and addressed to "all Propagators in America, Canada and the Islands of the Carribean Sea" states "due to the fact that a number of Islamic magazines are being published by Islamic centers that you are working with, and in order to strengthen the relation with these centers and to become acquainted with all the various Islamic activities that you are engaged in, we are requesting that you provide us with all the various publications or magazines or newsletters that are being published by the Islamic center or Association that you are working with." The requested material was asked to be sent to the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, Islamic Affairs, IFTA Office, 601 New Hampshire Avenue N.W., Washington DC 20037. The letter was

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signed by the Director of the Dawa office in America, Khalid bin Ibrahim AlSuwaylim.

[REDACTED] A second letter written in February 22, 1997, and also signed by AlSuwaylim, requested that all Propagators in America and the Carribean, "provide the Ministry with everything that is being published in your locality about Islam and Muslims in general and about the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in particular, such as books, research papers, articles and media programs."

In a letter dated May 28, 1998, [REDACTED] (P)
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wrote Saudi Arabia a handwritten request for funding a school they wanted to start in San Diego, California. The Ministry was contacting Mohamed so he could provide further information on the people and the circumstances surrounding the starting of the new school. According to the handwritten letter the five men were forced to flee their native lands because of the "infidels" and they wanted to start an Islamic school because "This land is the land of the infidels, and you are aware of that."

[REDACTED] The Ministry also sent out notices of personnel changes within the Saudi Dawa Office in America. One letter dated January 17, 1998, was sent to "inform you that the Director of Dawa for Europe, America and Australia has approved the nomination of Sheik Fahd bin Ibrahim AlThumairi to oversee the Propagators working in the state of California." San Diego notes that AlThumairi is the subject of [REDACTED] (F). According to LA LHM dated 1/24/2004, the investigation of AL-THUMAIRY was predicated on FBI investigation determined that AL-THUMAIRY had substantial contact with OMAR AL-BAYOUMI. ALBAYOUMI had significant contact with two September 11th hijackers, Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar who lived in San Diego, California, in 2000.

[REDACTED] In a letter from the Ministry dated December 17, 1996, from Khalid bin Ibrahim AlSuwaylim, an advisory was sent to all Propagators in America and the Islands of the Caribbean Sea. This letter advised that the Ministry "approved the absence of Sheik Fahd bin Ali AlSuwaylim to study English. Sheik Abdulrahman bin Mohammad AlBalihi has been designated to address matters relating to propagation and the propagators. He can be reached at his private telephone number [REDACTED] (P-1) or through the switchboard number (202) 342-3700, extension 2266 and extension 2277.

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[REDACTED] Raisah Douglas. ICE records indicate that Douglas,
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born 11/19/1970, was admitted into the United State on March 22, 2001, until May 21, 2001. Douglas' port of entry was Los Angeles, California, and she arrived on American Airlines flight 7365. Douglas' passport number was L9079185. Asset reporting placed Douglas with Mohamed in San Diego, California, during that time frame.

[REDACTED] To date, investigation of Mohamed has not determined the extent, if any, that he reported on the Muslim community and Muslim converts. However, San Diego opines that if Mohamed had not complied with Saudi directives with regards to requests for information and Islamic outreach, he would not have continued to receive his monthly payments from the Ministry. Also unknown is the extent, if any, that Saudi Arabia reimbursed Mohamed for his frequent domestic and international travel. Investigation at San Diego is ongoing.

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AT Washington, D.C.

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U.S. Department of Justice
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Diego, California 92123
October 26, 2001

OMAR ABDI MOHAMED, AKA , OMAR KHADIB
(A), (G), (J-1)

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Derived From: G-3: Declassify On: X1

(A), (G), (J-1)

Full Field Investigation (FFI) authorized:

The purpose of this communication is to set forth justification for renewal of a Full Field Investigation (FFI) of Omar Abdi Mohamed, aka Omar Khadib, a United States Person (USPER), San Diego, CA.

Office of Origin: San Diego Division of the FBI is the office of origin in this investigation.

Date investigative summary prepared: October 26, 2001.

Basis for Investigation: A Full Field Investigation has been authorized by San Diego Division on the basis of specific and articulable facts giving reason to believe that Omar Abdi Mohamed is or may be engaged in international terrorism, or activities in preparation therefor, or knowingly aiding and abetting any person in the conduct of these activities.

Previous Investigation:

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(P-1) advised that Omar Abdi Mohamed was born on (P-1) in Somalia. Mohamed was a resident of Canada from 1990 to 1995. His last known address in Canada was (P-1) Ontario. His telephone number at that address was (P-1) Mohamed was allowed entry into the United States on July 8, 1995. His status at that time was SR-1 (Lawful Alien Permanent Resident - Religious Worker). That status was granted as the result of being offered employment by Masjidul Taqwa (Islamic

Institution), 2575 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101, telephone (619) 239-6738. The offer was made by [REDACTED] (P-1) On April 11, 2000, Mohamed submitted his Application for Naturalization to Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

[REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) Omar Mohamed of San Diego, was selected as the Al-Ittihad Al-Islamia (AIAI) leader in the United States approximately six months ago. [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) members of the AIAI are very secretive. A close friend of [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) advised that AIAI raises large amounts of money in the United States and transfers it to Somalia [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)

[REDACTED] AIAI is an international terrorism organization, directed and financially supported by a foreign power as outlined in the Attorney General Guidelines (AGG). AIAI is a faction of a foreign nation and a political organization that is engaged in international terrorism or activities in preparation thereof, which is not substantially composed of United States citizens.

[REDACTED] AIAI was previously identified by FBIHQ as an Islamic extremist group active in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Northeastern Kenya. A terrorist threat summary received from members of the U.S. Intelligence Community (USIC) suggested that the AIAI is developing cells of supporters in the U.S. primarily responsible for fund-raising and at a future date, possible attacks directed at U.S. targets. One of the goals of the AIAI is to seize the Ogaden region of Ethiopia by force and form an Islamic state composed of Ogaden and Somalia. [REDACTED] (G) has reported that AIAI makes extensive use of non-government organizations (NGOs) for its money laundering and fund-raising activities.

[REDACTED] According to FBIHQ, AIAI believes the U.S. and other western nations support the Ethiopian Government. Therefore, attacks on U.S. citizens and Western interests overseas are possibilities. Intelligence also reports that AIAI threatened unspecified attacks on [REDACTED] (G) in Addis Ababa in December 1996.

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[REDACTED] UBL has purchased shares in the Al-Barakaat company currently managed by AIAI. AIAI is believed to use Al-Barakaat to finance its operations. UBL asked Shaykh Muhammad Ahmad Gassim (or Qasim), who resides in Saudi Arabia, and Shaykh Muhammad Utham, who owns the Amal Bank, to take over the management of the Al Barakaat company as they are both high- ranking members with AIAI. The Al-Barakaat company owns the Halima Rouge Hotel in

Nairobi, Kenya and uses it as a clearing station for weapons to be sent to the various AIAI groups. The AIAI fighters and group members use the hotel as a base until they are given their travel orders.

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██████████ during early July, 2000, a meeting of Islamic fundamentalist leaders took place at the "Omar" mosque in Los Angeles, CA. Omar Khadib and ██████████ (P) (A), (G), (J-1)

██████████ (A), (G), (J-1) among others attended the meeting in Los Angeles. Khadib is a close associate of ██████████ (P) (A), (G), (J-1) (A), (G), (J-1) (P) sponsored Mohamed when he came to San Diego from Canada. The attendees discussed what steps could be taken to assist the expansion of fundamentalist beliefs in America, including

fund-raising for Islamic causes. These causes include building more mosques in the U.S. and supporting Islamic groups in foreign countries such as Palestine, Bosnia, Chechnya, Lebanon and Afghanistan. It was also discussed that America is an enemy of Islam because it provides support to enemies of Islam, especially Israel.

Current Investigation:

(A), (G), (J-1) a prominent Somali community leader, (P) (A), (G), (J-1) (A), (G), (J-1) alleged that KHADIB was actively providing financial support to an unnamed terrorist organization outside the U.S. (P) was astounded that the FBI had not arrested KHADIB and guessed that KHADIB must be providing information to the FBI.

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In (O-1) in the first part of 2000, MOHAMED WALI was at the Hajj (pilgrimage) in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. (O-1) (O-1)

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he was a member of Al-Ittihad Al-Islamia (AIAI), but now was a member of USAMA BIN LADEN's AL-QAEDA network. AL-QAEDA was well-funded and well-organized. WALI's job was to recruit Somalis to join AL-QAEDA to fight against the West.

WALI, a Somali national, was described as 38 - 40 years old, tall, thin, bowlegged, strong hands and legs. He has a gray patch of hair in the front of his scalp, which was surrounded by dark hair. He is married and has five children. He has a Master's

Degree and is working on his Ph.D in economics. He lives in the northeast section of Mecca, called Azizia.

WALI spoke about a very close friend, OMAR KADIB (spelling), who was also a member of AL-QAEDA. KADIB was like a brother to WALI. They meet each other once or twice a year in places such as Mecca and Nairobi, Kenya. WALI gave KADIB's telephone number to (O-1) and told (O-1) to call KADIB. WALI, (O-1) and KADIB are from the Ogaden tribe (O-1) (O-1)

(O-1) identified ABDIAZIZ LNU as another AL-QAEDA member who lived in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (O-1) met ABDIAZIZ at WALI's house in Mecca during the Hajj.

Minneapolis FBI advised that the AIAI had a meeting of its United States leaders in Minneapolis Minnesota over the September 2001, Labor Day weekend. (A), (G), (J-1)
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OMAR AL-BAYOUMI, a Saudi Arabian national and a subject in the PENTTBOMB investigation, has been linked to at least two of the hijackers, NAWAF AL-HAZMI and KHALID AL-MIDHAR. AL-BAYOUMI has provided financial and logistical support to AL-HAZMI and AL-MIDHAR while they were in San Diego during 2000. Reliable assets and other members of the San Diego Muslim community believe that AL-BAYOUMI works for the Saudi intelligence service.

Investigation in San Diego has located documents belonging to AL-BAYOUMI, which contained a telephone list with an entry OMAR AL-KHATEEB (spelling), telephone numbers (P) and (P). Also on scrap papers were notations for OMAR AL-KHATIB, pager number, (P) and (P). Also noted was an E-mail address: (P-1). On January 25, 2000, telephone records for AL-BAYOUMI showed a call to (P) which has been used by OMAR KHADIB.

On 09/17/2001, OMAR KHADIB, who was one of many Muslim community leaders interviewed regarding the 09/11/2001 hijackings, insisted that he had no association with the Arab community and that the Somalis consider themselves African-American, not Middle-Easterners.

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OMAR KHADIB has been seen having lunch with AL-BAYOUMI on numerous occasions (A), (G), (J-1). KHADIB received a monthly stipend of (A), (G), (J-1) from the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Islamic Affairs. KHADIB was described as an extremely radical Muslim fundamentalist who was barred from various mosques for being too

radical, i.e., advocating toppling various governments, including Saudi Arabia. KHADIB was an AIAI leader, then was kicked out of the group for being too radical, especially over Ethiopian issues. KAHDIB formed a radical Muslim splinter group whose name is unknown (A), (G), (J-1)

█ The following information is known regarding Omar Abdi Mohamed:

Name:	Omar Abdi Mohamed, aka Omar Khadib
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	(P-1) 1960
Place of Birth:	Somalia
SSN:	(P-1)
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INS A#:	
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	180lbs.
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Black
Residence:	(P) La Mesa, CA 91941 (P)
Occupation:	Director, Western Somali Relief Agency 4979 University Avenue., #C San Diego, CA 92105 (619) 282-6013 (619) 563-9443 President, Somali and East African Youth Center 4979 University Avenue, #D, San Diego, CA 92105 (619) 282- 0711

█ Objectives: The objectives of this investigation are to: (1) develop additional facts demonstrating that Omar Mohamed continues to be a leader of the AIAI or a splinter terrorist group in the United States, (2) determine if Mohamed is a member of AL-QAEDA, (3) identify other AIAI and AL-QAEDA members and associates of Mohamed and neutralize their support of terrorist activities.

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October 25, 2002

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Full Field Investigation (FFI) authorized:

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The purpose of this communication is to provide the closing results of the Full Field Investigation (FFI) of OMAR ABDI MOHAMED, AKA OMAR KHADIB, a United States Person (USPER), San Diego, CA.

Office of Origin: San Diego Division of the FBI is the office of origin in this investigation.

Date investigative summary prepared: October 25, 2002.

Basis for Investigation: A Full Field Investigation was authorized by San Diego Division on the basis of specific and articulable facts giving reason to believe that OMAR ABDI MOHAMED is or may be engaged in international terrorism, or activities in preparation therefor, or knowingly aiding and abetting any person in the conduct of these activities.

Investigative Results:

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on (P-1) advised that OMAR ABDI MOHAMED was born in Somalia. MOHAMED was a resident of Canada from 1990 to 1995. His last known address in Canada was (P-1) Ontario. His telephone number at that address was (416) 746-4098. MOHAMED was allowed entry into the United States on July 8, 1995. His status at that time was SR-1 (Lawful Alien Permanent Resident - Religious Worker). That status was granted as the result of being offered employment by Masjidul Taqwa (Islamic

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[REDACTED] WALI, a Somali national, was described as 38 - 40 years old, tall, thin, bowlegged, strong hands and legs. He has a gray patch of hair in the front of his scalp, which was surrounded by dark hair. He is married and has five children. He has a Master's Degree and is working on his PhD in economics. He lives in the northeast section of Mecca, called Azizia.

WALI spoke about a very close friend, OMAR KADIB (spelling), who was also a member of AL-QAEDA. KADIB was like a brother to WALI. They meet each other once or twice a year in places such as Mecca and Nairobi, Kenya. WALI gave KADIB's telephone number to (O-1) and told (O-1) to call KADIB. WALI, (O-1) and KADIB are from the (O-1)

(O-1)

(O-1) identified ABDIAZIZ LNU as another AL-QAEDA member who lived in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. (O-1) met ABDIAZIZ at WALI's house in Mecca during the Hajj.

Minneapolis FBI advised that the AIAI had a meeting of its United States leaders in Minneapolis, Minnesota over the September 2001, Labor Day weekend. (A), (G), (J-1)

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KHADIB has closed down Western Somali Relief Agency (WESRA), but still operates the East African Youth Center in San Diego, California. The closing of WESRA appeared to coincide with the shutdown of the Chicago-based Global Relief Foundation (GRF) by the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC), Department of Treasury. MOHAMAD CHEHADE is the Director of Global Relief Foundation (GRF).

The following information is known regarding OMAR ABDI MOHAMED:

Name:	OMAR ABDI MOHAMED, AKA OMAR KHADIB
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	(P-1) 1960
Place of Birth:	Somalia
SSN:	(P-1)
CADLN	
INS A#:	
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	180lbs.
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Black
Residence:	(P-1) La Mesa, CA 91941 (P-1)
Occupation:	President, Somali and East African Youth Center 4979 University Avenue, #D, San Diego, CA 92105 (619) 282-

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/24/2005

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: (G), (S)

From: San

(G)

Contact:

(S)

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Case ID #:

(F)

Title:

Omar Abdi Mohamed,
aka Omar AlKhatib,
Omar Khadib,
Cumar Khadhiib,
abu Hafsa;

(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis:

Submission of (A), (G), (J-1) LHM

(G)

Full Field Investigation Instituted:

(A), (G), (J-1)

Administrative: Enclosed for (G) for dissemination is (A), (G), (J-1) LHM
ref. investigation of captioned subject.

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The offer was made by Imam (P) On April 11, 2000, MOHAMED

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (P) recalled that her relationship with Mohamed changed in 2000. In late 2000, Mohamed traveled to Australia. [REDACTED] (P) is not sure of his purpose of travel, but believed that Mohamed was traveling related to his relationship with an Australian woman.

[REDACTED] According to [REDACTED] (P) Mohamed has relatives in Sydney, Australia. Mohamed's father's cousin lives in Sydney, and he also has relatives in Kenya. [REDACTED] (P) recalled that Mohamed had returned one time each year since 2000. [REDACTED] (P) did not know Mohamed's travel

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plans, but according to Mohamed he went to Australia. Mohamed's last travel was from September 2003 to December 25, 2003, [REDACTED] (P) believed that the trip took Mohamed to Australia.

[REDACTED] (C-1)

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[REDACTED] Investigation further determined that [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) of the Masjid Taqwa in San Diego, California, sponsored Omar Abdi Mohamed's religious worker entry into the US. [REDACTED] (P) was approached by a blue eyed Somali who represented the San Diego Somali Muslim community. The blue eyed Somali, not [REDACTED] (P) encouraged [REDACTED] (P) to sponsor Mohamed.

[REDACTED] As Mohamed was arrested, a search warrant was served on his residence. In this search several Arabic language documents on Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, IFTA Office, letterhead with address 601 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Washington DC 20037, Telephone (202) 342-3700, were seized by investigating agents.

[REDACTED] These documents were subsequently translated by a San Diego Division Arabic language specialist. Of interest, these documents contain written directions from the Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance to Omar Abdi Mohamed to collect information on Muslim converts and the Islamic publications produced by local mosques and the Somali community. The seized documents include mention of a contractual relationship between Mohamed and the Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance; a Saudi Ministry checklist of Muslim convert reporting criteria; a request for reports on the Arab and Somali communities in Canada and San Diego; and a note of leadership personnel changes within the American Dawa Office.

[REDACTED] Mohamed received, by his own admission, over \$100,000 from the Saudi Ministry. Mohamed apparently began receiving this money in the mid 1990's, and was recently receiving \$1,750.00 a month up and until he was arrested. After his arrest, it appears that the Ministry payments into Mohamed's bank account were discontinued.

[REDACTED] With specific regards to captioned subject, the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance sent Mohamed a letter dated February 14, 1996, requesting Mohamed to "provide us with information about well known personalities in

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their respective communities who have converted to Islam. Especially on such figures like well known Christian ministers and clerics, government ministers, ambassadors, businessmen, doctors, engineers, laureates and intellectuals, and university instructors, individuals who play an influential role in their communities and are highly regarded." The Ministry attached a form with the mentioned letter that was to be filled with the converts full name prior to conversion to Islam, full name after conversion to Islam, and date of conversion to Islam, occupation prior to conversion, occupation after conversion, social activities prior to conversion, social activities after conversion, impact that his conversion to Islam had on others, current address, and other information. The letter was signed by Director of Dawa Office in America, Khalid bin Ibrahim AlSuwaylim.

[REDACTED] In a letter dated May 28, 1998, [REDACTED] (P)
[REDACTED] (P)

wrote Saudi Arabia a handwritten request for funding a school they wanted to start in San Diego, California. The Ministry was contacting Mohamed so he could provide further information on the people and the circumstances surrounding the starting of the new school. According to the handwritten letter the five men were forced to flee their native lands because of the "infidels" and they wanted to start an Islamic school because "This land is the land of the infidels, and you are aware of that."

[REDACTED] The Ministry also sent out notices of personnel changes within the Saudi Dawa Office in America. One letter dated January 17, 1998, was sent to "inform you that the Director of Dawa for Europe, America and Australia has approved the nomination of Sheik Fahd bin Ibrahim AlThumairi to oversee the Propagators working in the state of California." San Diego notes that AlThumairi is the subject of [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] According to LA LHM dated 1/24/2004, the investigation of AL-THUMAIRY was predicated on FBI investigation determined that AL-THUMAIRY had substantial contact with OMAR AL-BAYOUMI. ALBAYOUMI had significant contact with two September 11th hijackers, Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar who lived in San Diego, California, in 2000.

[REDACTED] To date, investigation of Mohamed has not determined the extent, if any, that he reported on the Muslim community and Muslim converts. However, San Diego opines that if Mohamed had not complied with Saudi directives with regards to requests for information and Islamic outreach, he would not have continued to receive his monthly payments from the Ministry. Also unknown is the extent, if any, that Saudi Arabia reimbursed Mohamed for his

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frequent domestic and international travel. Investigation at San Diego is ongoing.

[REDACTED] Also found were two Arabic language certificate style documents. One of these documents, as translated by San Diego, was issued to Omar Abdo Mohammad al-Khatib by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Islamic Affairs Endowments, Dawa and Guidance, Deputyship of Islamic Affairs Forum Program. The document was noted to be an "Attendance Certificate" for the "first forum for training Propagators in America that was organized by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Dawa and Guidance in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 27/08/1998 to 04/09/1998". According to the document the attendees received training in Science of the Koran, Science of the Hadith, Islamic Dogma, the Jurisprudence of Islamic Law, Principles of the jurisprudence of Islamic Law, and Propagation." The document was signed by Mohamad bin Abed AlMuhsen AlTurki.

[REDACTED] A second similar Arabic certificate was found from the "Islamic African Center in Khartoum, the Dawa Branch, for a training course for Imams and Propagators held in coordination with the Saudi Fatwa body, the World Muslim League, and Imam Mohamed bin Saud Islamic University" from 06/08/1988 to 31/08/1988. This document also certified that Omar Abdi Mohamad attended the training course which included "lectures on Propagation, Science of the Koran, the life of the Prophet Mohamed, the jurisprudence of Islamic Law, anti-Islamic ideologies, and Islamic education issues in the African continent. The signatory for the document was illegible.

[REDACTED] Mohamed's attorney, [REDACTED] (P) submitted declarations from [REDACTED] (P) born [REDACTED] (P-1) (P) California drivers license number [REDACTED] (P) La Mesa, California, [REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P) (A), (G), (J-1) 315N-SD-67075), born [REDACTED] (P-1) (P) California drivers license number B4284713, [REDACTED] (P) San Diego, California, [REDACTED] (P) as character references on behalf of captioned subject's immigration removal/deportation proceedings.

[REDACTED] Of note in the declaration, both [REDACTED] (P) claim that they were partners with Mohamed in the corporation [REDACTED] (P) San Diego, California, telephone number [REDACTED] (P) According to both [REDACTED] (P) was opened in August 2003 and as of March 2004, was still in operation. Mohamed is an officer of the corporation and was going to make use of his MBA for the benefit of the business. Mohamed was actively participating the building of the business when he was arrested.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Investigation to date has not found that Omar Abdi Mohamed is associated as a board member or officer of [REDACTED] (P)
[REDACTED] (P)

[REDACTED] The following information is known regarding OMAR ABDI MOHAMED:

Name: OMAR ABDI MOHAMED, AKA OMAR KHADIB
Sex: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: (P-1) 1960
Place of Birth: Somalia
SSN: (P-1)
CADLN: [REDACTED]
INS A#: [REDACTED]
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Weight: 180lbs.
Hair: Black
Eyes: Black
Residence: [REDACTED] (P-1)

La Mesa, CA 91941
(P-1)

Occupation: President, Somali and East African Youth Center 4979 University Avenue, #D, San Diego, CA 92105 (619) 282-0711

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 01/24/2005

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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[REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] disseminate enclosed LHM as appropriate.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

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Title:

Omar Abdi Mohamed,
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Omar Khadib,
Cumar Khadhiib,
abu Hafsa;
(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis:

Submission of (A), (G),
(J-1) LHM
(G)

Full Field Investigation Instituted

(A), (G), (J-1)

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Enclosure(s):

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[REDACTED]

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Date of Birth:	(P-1) 1960
Place of Birth:	Somalia
SSN:	(P-1)
CADLN	[REDACTED]
INS A#:	[REDACTED]
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	180lbs.
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	[REDACTED]
Residence:	(P-1)

La Mesa, CA 91941

(P-1)

Occupation: President, Somali and East African Youth Center 4979 University Avenue, #D, San Diego, CA 92105 (619) 282-0711

[REDACTED]

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

[REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] disseminate enclosed LHM as appropriate.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/17/2007

To: San Diego

Attn: (G) (S)

From: San Diego (G)

Contact: (S)

Approved By: (S)

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (F)

Title: Omar Abdi Mohamed,
aka Omar AlKhatib,
Omar Khadib,
Cumar Khadhiib,
abu Hafsa;
(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis: Reassign case and all subfiles.

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(U) Full Field Investigation Instituted: (A), (G), (J-1) (USPER)

Details: Request case and all subfiles be reassigned go (S)
(S)

Previous Investigation

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[REDACTED]

(A), (G), (J-1), (D)

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[REDACTED]

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To: Counterterrorism From: Los Angeles
Re: (F) 09/22/2004

[REDACTED] Full Field Investigation Instituted: [REDACTED] (G)

Reference: [REDACTED] (F)
[REDACTED] (F)

Details: [REDACTED] On 9/16/04, [REDACTED] (S) interviewed [REDACTED] (P)
(P) outside his residence at [REDACTED] (P)
(P) CA. (P) is employed at the Royal Consulate
General of Saudi Arabia, 2045 Sawtelle Boulevard, Los Angeles,
CA 90025.

[REDACTED] The following areas were covered during the
interview.

Omar Al-Bayoumi and Kayson Bin Don

[REDACTED] (P) was shown a photograph of Kayson Bin Don but
did not recognize him nor his name. (P) was shown a photograph
of Omar Al-Bayoumi and initially said that he did not recognize
him. When told Al-Bayoumi's name, (P) said that he had heard
of him. (P) then said that he may have seen Al-Bayoumi at the
Consulate handling matters concerning his passport but that
would not concern him (P) because that is not his department.
(P) said he does not remember ever meeting with Bin Don and Al-
Bayoumi at the Consulate.

[REDACTED] (P) was shown photographs of Flight 77 hijackers
Khalid Almhidhar and Nawaf Alhazmi but did not recognize them.
When told they were the 9/11 hijackers, (P) said that he had
never met them. He claimed to have no knowledge of Al-Bayoumi
meeting with the hijackers.

Ahmed Omar Abu Ali

[REDACTED] (P) recognized the name of Omar Abu Ali (Omar)
as someone (P) at the Saudi
Consulate in the early 1980's. Omar is (P),
approximately 56 years old. Omar worked in computer programming
(P). Omar later transferred to
the Saudi Embassy in Washington, D.C. and lived in the suburbs.
(P) considered Omar a well educated and decent individual.
(P) does not have any further contact with Omar but had spoken
to him on the telephone seven or eight years ago.

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[REDACTED] (P) said Omar's son, Ahmed Omar Abu Ali (Ahmed), would have been a small child when [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) did not know Ahmed personally. [REDACTED] (P) had read in the paper about Ahmed being arrested in Saudi Arabia. [REDACTED] (P) heard that Omar was shocked that his son had been arrested. [REDACTED] (P) said that he too was surprised to read of Ahmed's arrest because his father was so well respected.

[REDACTED] (P) did not know Ali Abd Al-Rahman Al-Faq'asi Al-Ghamdi, aka Abu Bakr Al-Azdi.

[REDACTED] (P) has no knowledge of the events of the May 2003 bombing in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Fahd Althumairy and Mohammed Al-Muhanna

[REDACTED] (P) described Fahd Althumairy was a very moderate and correct person who had nothing to do with any terrorists. [REDACTED] (P) had never heard Althumairy give any speeches to mobilize people to act against the United States. Althumairy actually always called for brotherly behavior among Muslims and worked hard to convince people not to harm anyone. [REDACTED] (P) was shocked when Althumairy was denied entry back into the United States when he had traveled to Saudi Arabia. [REDACTED] (P) does not know why Althumairy could not re-enter the United States.

[REDACTED] (P) also described Mohammed Al-Muhanna as a moderate individual. At the King Fahd Mosque, Al-Muhanna only gave sermons on the basic tenets of Islam. He never gave any speeches energizing others to hate Westerners. Al-Muhanna had a disagreement at the King Fahd Mosque which resulted in his leaving his position and the United States.

King Fahd Mosque

[REDACTED] (P) does attend Friday afternoon prayers at the mosque. However he said he rarely goes to the mosque at other times because he is so busy transporting his children back and forth from [REDACTED] (P) to their universities [REDACTED] (P) when he commutes.

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[REDACTED] (P) has never heard anyone at the mosque give sermons calling for deaths to Christians and Jews. He has never heard anyone talking about jihad at the mosque.

[REDACTED] There had been some individuals who split off from the mosque but it had nothing to do with their extreme views. (P) explained that these individuals wanted to create a school which the administration of the mosque did not want due to financial considerations. These individuals then started the school at a small house on Overland Avenue near Palms Boulevard in West Los Angeles. However the location was moved recently. Arabic and the Koran are taught to children at this school.

(P) said this is not a mosque but only a school. He did know the names of those who started the school previously but could not remember them now. When asked again who was there, (P) mentioned that (P) from Yemen but (P) heard that he had been arrested for something.

Tabligh Jamaat

[REDACTED] (P) described Tabligh Jamaat as a sect of Islam whose purpose is to remind negligent Muslims about their duties to the faith. This would be accomplished through small group sessions. (P) acknowledged that there were Tabligh Jamaat members who would come to Los Angeles but he could not recall any of their names. This is not a violent group.

[REDACTED] (P) was also asked about the Muslim Brotherhood. He said they were a group formed in Egypt in the 1930's. He does not know anyone from this group currently in the United States.

Knowledge of Foreign Countries

[REDACTED] (P) has never been to Pakistan and is not in contact with anyone there. Sometimes he will meet persons from Pakistan in ethnic stores but he does not know Pakistanis personally. (P) knows of no recent arrivals from Pakistan nor anyone else who is in contact with terrorists or terrorist supporters in Pakistan. (P) is not familiar with Waziristan or Wazirabad.

[REDACTED] (P) has never been to Afghanistan and is not in contact with anyone there.
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The last international travel [REDACTED] (P) had taken was to return to his home country of [REDACTED] (P) in 1991 to visit a brother and sister there.

[REDACTED] (P) had heard of the [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) but never had any contact with them and never knew anyone who did.

[REDACTED] (P) is not aware of any locations either in the United States or other countries where one could obtain training in weapons or military tactics. [REDACTED] (P) himself has never served in the military nor has he received military type training.

Wahhabism

[REDACTED] When asked about anyone he knew who followed Wahhabism, [REDACTED] (P) said that description is a misnomer since many people believe that Wahhabis are extremists. He said that actually they are some of the most gentle people because they follow the Koran and the Koran does not encourage violence towards others. [REDACTED] (P) then began to explain the origins of the Wahhabis.

Other Information

[REDACTED] (P) does not know anyone who has rented or purchased any heavy vehicles. He does not know anyone who has a commercial license to drive heavy vehicles or transport hazardous materials. He has no information about any purchasing or renting airplanes.

[REDACTED] (P) does not know anyone who is in the United States illegally. When asked if he knew anyone who had gained U.S. citizenship through a sham marriage, he said that over two years ago he heard of someone from Algeria, whose name he could not recall, who was deported because of this.

[REDACTED] When asked if he knew anyone who supported jihad by violent actions, [REDACTED] (P) said he did not. However he had read about those in Afghanistan who fought against the Russians when they invaded the country. But [REDACTED] (P) did not know anyone personally. [REDACTED] (P) said that he does not believe in violence or terrorism as that is not the Muslim way. He knows no one who

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preaches violence or advocates terrorism. (P) said that his family lives in the United States so he would be against terrorist actions because they could end up being victims. When asked if he would contact the FBI should he hear of anyone who would talk about violent actions, (P) said that he would first try to talk to this individual himself and then enlist the aid of a Muslim religious leader. He finally admitted that he would probably call the FBI.

(P) said that he is very busy commuting the (P) each way from his home in (P) to the Consulate. This includes dropping his children off at their college classes. After work, he waits until his children are done with their classes and studies then brings them back home. Therefore he arrives back to his residence late in the evening. When asked why he lives in (P) if he works in West Los Angeles, (P) said that (P). Because of this, (P) said he does not have time to do much else. Therefore he does not do any traveling around California.

SA (S) noted that (P) had a degree in (P) but is not working in that field. (P) acknowledged that his work at the Consulate is as (P) and that he just started working for the Consulate long ago and just stayed with it. (Comment: (P))
(P)

(Comment: (G) has reported that at least one of (P) (P-1)

When asked about his immigration status, (P) said he has legal permanent residence (LPR) status and is working on getting the rest of his family LPR status. He acknowledged that he got his LPR status through the diversity (lottery) program. (P) his children were born in the United States: (P)

(P) said he would be willing to talk with the FBI again. He gave his number at the Consulate as (310) 479-6000, extension (P). He refused to provide his home telephone number. He said that he has an e-mail address but rarely uses

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it and refused to provide it. (Comment: [REDACTED] (P) home telephone
number is [REDACTED] (P-1)
[REDACTED] (P-1)

Descriptive Data

Name: [REDACTED] (P)
Aka: [REDACTED]

Sex: Male
Race: [REDACTED] (P)
DOB: [REDACTED] (P-1) (P)
POB: [REDACTED] (P)
Hair: [REDACTED]
Eyes: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED]
Weight: [REDACTED]
CA D/L: [REDACTED] (P-1)
SOC: [REDACTED] (P-1)
CA SID: [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] (P)
[REDACTED] (P)

Immigration: [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] (J-3)

(J-3)

Citizenship: [REDACTED] (P)
Passport: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]

Vehicles: [REDACTED]

Spouse: [REDACTED] (P)

Children: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (P-1)

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AT PENTTBOM INVESTIGATIVE TEAM, D.C.

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

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From: Los Angeles

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Date: 06/10/2016

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[REDACTED] OPERATION ENCORE -
[REDACTED] Zaid, Mihdar, Mohammad Al Mihdar -
[REDACTED] AKA MOHDAR ABDULLAH CT - SUNNI EXTREMISM
- MIDDLE EAST

Synopsis: [REDACTED] Interview of Abdusattar Shaikh regarding Al-Bayoumi

[REDACTED] (G)

Full Investigation Initiated: 10/26/2007

Details:

[REDACTED] On 06/03/2016, [REDACTED] (S) interviewed Dr. Abdusattar U. Shaikh at Zion Hospital, Kaiser Permanente, San Diego, California. Dr. Shaikh is suffering from congestive heart failure and was admitted to the hospital the previous day. Dr. Shaikh called [REDACTED] (S) and requested that he be visited.

[REDACTED] During the course of the visit, Dr. Shaikh said he found it hard to believe the Saudi's would hire a stupid person like Omar Al-Bayoumi. Dr. Shaikh told [REDACTED] (S) that he knows Al-Bayoumi very well and that

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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he is stupid. [REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] asked if Dr. Shaikh remembers them ever visiting Khalid Al-Midhar and/or Nawaf Al-Hazmi at Dr. Shaikh's residence. Dr. Shaikh recalled Al-Bayoumi visiting them on two occasions and they spoke Arabic. Dr. Shaikh doesn't have full comprehension of Arabic and doesn't recall what they were talking about.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Dr. Shaikh invited [REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] to have lunch in the near future. Dr. Shaikh is hoping to be released soon, although he said he has had about fifteen falls in the previous week due to dizziness from low blood pressure.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Dr. Shaikh said he recently received another E-mail from [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] of 60 minutes, and that they still want to interview him about 9/11. (Dr. Shaikh owns a house in La Mesa and two of the hijackers lived with him at the residence in 2000.)

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Title: [REDACTED] MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID, aka
Mohdar Mohamed Abdullah
[REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis: [REDACTED] Interview regarding Anwar Aulaqi, Mohdar Abdullah
and Sharif ElArbi.

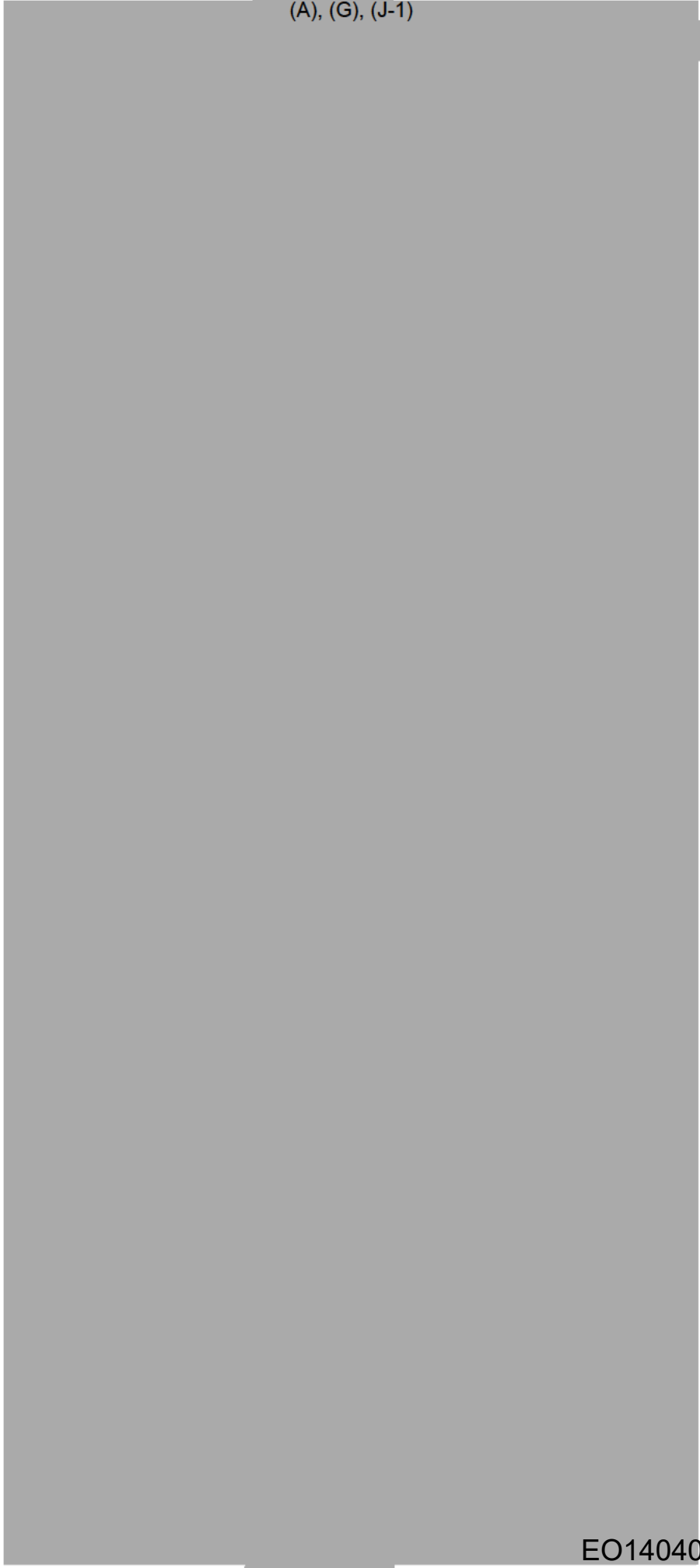
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(A), (G), (J-1) believed Aulaqi to currently be in Yemen. Although (A), (G), (J-1) described Aulaqi as anti-Western, the only Aulaqi lecture (A), (G), (J-1) remembered being truly anti-Western was the 2002 Ramadan speech Aulaqi gave when he returned to San Diego from the east coast. During the 2002 speech, Aulaqi told the crowd that good Muslims would never live in the United States. Good Muslims would move out of the United States to live in a Muslim country. Aulaqi denounced the west and called the United States infidels, and said that any Muslim who stayed in America would be living in sin. (A), (G), (J-1) didn't know anyone who was currently in contact with Aulaqi. (A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

Aulaqi organized the paint ball outings.

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1) Most of the people who went paint ball shooting were from the Masjid Ar-Ribat. (A), (G), (J-1) some of the people who went paint balling took it very seriously and talked of it being training for jihad. The people would run around yelling "Allah akbar," or God is great, like they were fighting jihad. Aulaqi did not say anything about the paint ball shooting being training for jihad. Aulaqi did not encourage or discourage the paint ballers to act like they were training for jihad. Other members of the paint ball group went just to have fun and shoot paint ball guns. (A), (G), (J-1) could not remember the names of anyone who went shooting paint guns. Although Aulaqi believed it was un-Islamic for Muslims to get their picture taken, he appeared in all of the paint ball group photographs

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

did not believe that there was any real organization to how the cliques of people who attend the mosque were formed. There was no organized youth group or study group. The most influential clique is made up of Arabs who speak Arabic. (P) and Anwar Aulaqi were members of this clique. Their clique likes to have tea in the upstairs electronics room.

(A), (G), (J-1)

knew Mohdar Abdullah from attending the Masjid Ar-Ribat. (A), (G), (J-1) did not know Mohdar personally but he saw Mohdar all the time at the Masjid Ar-Ribat. Mohdar (A), (G), (J-1) and was very good friends with (P) Mohdar was one of the paint ballers who yelled "Allah akbar" and acted like he was training for jihad.

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1) recognized the photograph of Nawaf

Alhazmi as someone he frequently saw at the Masjid Ar-Ribat but he wasn't sure of his name. Nawaf and Mohdar were very close.

(A), (G), (J-1) believed that (P) was helping either Mohdar or Nawaf learn English. (P) tried to get one of them enrolled in English classes because they didn't know English at all.

(A), (G), (J-1) could not be sure if (P) was helping Mohdar or Nawaf. (SD comment: Investigation at San Diego has determined that Abdullah was fluent in English when he arrived in the United States in late 1998. Investigation has also determined that one reason Nawaf Alhazmi failed out of flight school in San Diego was because he couldn't speak English.) (A), (G), (J-1) did not think that Mohdar and (P) had worked their way into (P)'s clique at the Masjid Ar-Ribat. Although they were friendly with each other, there appeared to be a status difference between (P) clique and (P) and Mohdar. (A), (G), (J-1) described Sharif as a pledge who was always trying to get into (P)'s fraternity.

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1) Albayoumi was a Saudi who lived in San Diego for a while in the late 1990's then moved to England.

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

described a well educated bearded member of the Tablighi Jamaat named (P)

When SA's provided (A), (G), (J-1) with the last name (P) (A), (G), (J-1) immediately recognized the name and confirmed (P) as being

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(P) (A), (G), (J-1) considered (P) to be two faced. (P) presented a very moderate Islamic face when he was under public scrutiny, but when he was in private he was anti-Western. (P) gave the prayer lecture at the Muslim Community Center of San Diego on 02/24/2006. (P) told the members of the mosque that they should stay grounded in Islam and be careful not to get too involved in western thinking. Before 09/11/2001, (P) and his friend (P) LNU liked to shoot guns and talk about iihad. (A), (G), (J-1)



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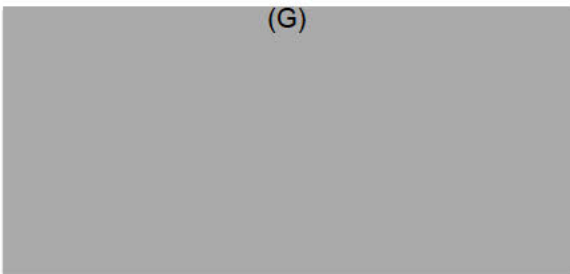
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On September 26, 2001, a search was conducted, pursuant to federal search warrant, of the office utilized by Omar Al Bayoumi at the Kurdish Mosque, 511 South Magnolia, El Cajon, California. Documents seized during the search include a telephone list with an entry Omar AlKhateeb with telephone numbers, (P) and (P). Also seized were notations on scrap papers for Omar Al Khatib, pager number (P) and (P). Also noted for Omar Al Khatib is an Email address: (P-1). Another notation pairs Omar Al Khatib with another name, Al Ghannem or Ghanem, at telephone number (P).

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Title: MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL MIHDAR ZAID

(A), (G), (J-1)

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MUSAED AL-JARRAH

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Re: (F), 04/06/2010

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ADEL MOHAMMED A ALSADHAN

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FAHAD ALTHUMAIRY

(A), (G), (J-1)

OMAR AHMED ALBAYOUMI

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis:

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Re: (F) , 04/06/2010

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Details: MUSAED AL-JARRAH (A), (G), (J-1)
(A), (G), (J-1) worked at the Saudi Arabian
Embassy (SAE) in Washington, D.C. for many years. (J-2)
(J-2) the Institute of Islamic and Arabic
Sciences in America (IIASA). The IIASA was a Saudi funded educational
institute in Fairfax, Virginia, affiliated with the Imam Muhammad
Ibn Saud Islamic University (IMSIU) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. (Analyst
note: subjects FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY and ADEL AL-SADHAN reportedly
attended IMSIU in the 1990s; AL-JARRAH, in his role at the SAE,
reportedly assigned Saudi imams in the United States, including
assigning AL-THUMAIRY to the King Fahad Mosque; AL-SADHAN reportedly
worked for AL-JARRAH at the SAE, (A), (G), (J-1)
(A), (G), (J-1)

(J-3)

(F)

(G) (A), (G), (J-1) AL-JARRAH (A), (G), (J-1)
(A), (G), (J-1) was the head of
the Islamic Affairs Department at the RESA. (J-2)
(J-2)

Background regarding IIASA:

Extensive information regarding IIASA is summarized on
(F) Relevant excerpts follow: (A), (G), (J-1)
(A), (G), (J-1)

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Re: (F), 04/06/2010

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1) was initiated in October 2002 based on information indicating that the IIASA was one of seven "Saudi Arabian Offices" located in the United States and on information indicating that an address found during a 05/30/2002 joint CIA/FBI (O-1) (O-1) raid of an Al-Qaeda safe-house in (O-1) included an address utilized by an individual that listed their employer as the IIASA and their supervisor as being ABDULLAH BIN LADEN.

(G) stated that the IIASA was associated with the WORLD ASSEMBLY OF MUSLIM YOUTH (WAMY), in Alexandria, Virginia and (P) (P) with the ISLAMIC ASSEMBLY OF NORTH AMERICA (IANA) in Michigan, which are also funded by the Saudi Government. (G) was not aware if IIASA provided any monetary support to terrorist organizations or groups; however, the individuals that worked at the IIASA were obviously recruiting individuals into extremist views.

Bank records and documents seized from the search of IIASA indicated a significant financial relationship between IIASA and several entities in Mombasa, Kenya. Analysis of information provided by (O-1) indicated that each of these Kenyan entities was associated in some manner with SIRAJUR RAHMAN NADWI. Information provided by (O-1) revealed that in February 2000, a walk-in to a United States Embassy in Africa alleged that NADWI was involved in facilitating the movement of Al Qaeda operatives involved in the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombings in Africa.

In 2003, NADWI's P.O. Box number, 087764, in Mombasa, was linked to telephone numbers connected to 2002 Mombasa bombing suspect SALAH ALI SALAH NABHAN. As of 2003, telephone 25411495803, registered to NADWI, was found in the address book of ABDOLRAHMAN BARZANJEE, an Islamic extremist who is claimed to be the head of Ansar Al-Islam (AI) in Europe. (Analyst note: BARZANJEE was the (A), (G), (J-1); he attended a party in San Diego for Flight 77 hijackers NAWAF ALHAZMI and KHALID ALMIHDHAR in 2000 and was paid by OMAR ALBAYOUMI for services as a visiting imam at the Kurdish Community Islamic Center.)

Another individual associated with IIASA, ABDULLAH ALNOSHAN, (A), (J-1), (G), (D) and financially to (A), (G), (J-1) subject MUTAIB AL-SUDAIRY (F). ALNOSHAN (J-3) (J-3) and at the end of 1998 became the head of MUSLIM WORLD LEAGUE (MWL) (F).

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[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 04/06/2010

Currency Transaction Reports and [REDACTED] (J-2)
regarding AL-JARRAH:

[REDACTED] On 01/09/1998, MUSAED AL JARRAH, [REDACTED] (P-1) McLean, VA 22102, date of birth [REDACTED] (P-1) 1960, cashed out negotiable instruments in the amount of \$15,000.00 at Riggs Bank. The account number was 17191595. AL JARRAH indicated the transaction was conducted on behalf of his employer, the Embassy of Saudi Arabia [REDACTED] (J-2)
(Analyst note: [REDACTED] (O-1))
[REDACTED]

(U) [REDACTED]

(J-2)

(U) [REDACTED]

(J-2)

[REDACTED] (J-2)

[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 04/06/2010

(J-2)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(J-2)

[REDACTED]

(J-2)

[REDACTED]

EO14040-000425

[REDACTED]
To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 04/06/2010

[REDACTED]
(J-3)

[REDACTED]
(A), (D), (J-1), (G)

[REDACTED]
(J-3)

[REDACTED]
(J-2)

[REDACTED]
To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 04/06/2010

LEAD(s) :

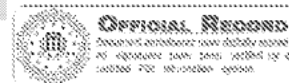
Set Lead 1: (Info)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

[REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
EO14040-000427



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Electronic Communication

Title: Interview of Abdusattar Shaikh

Date: 10/07/2015

From: SAN DIEGO

(G)

Contact:

(S)

Approved By:

(S)

Drafted By:

(S)

Case ID #:

(F)

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

(F)

OPERATION ENCORE -

Synopsis: Abdusattar Shaikh contacted (S) and provided information regarding 60 Minutes TV requesting an interview.

(G)

(G)

Details:

On Wednesday 09/30/2015, Abdusattar U. Shaikh, DOB (P-1) 1935, was interviewed at his residence, (P) Lemon Grove, CA, by FBI (S). Shaikh had contacted the FBI and requested the interview be conducted at his residence.

EO14040-000428

Title: Interview of Abdusattar Shaikh
Re: (F) 10/07/2015

Shaikh said he had recently received a card which was placed on the front door of his residence addressed to Dr. A. Shaikh. The card was dated 9/9/15 and read "Hope you're feeling better. Looking forward to talking soon. Best regards, (P) 60 Minutes".

Shaikh said he has continued to correspond via E-mail with 60 Minutes, and they are trying to convince him to be interviewed for their television show. Shaikh has told them he feels too sick to grant them an interview, but he told (S) that he may be lured by a financial incentive, of which he didn't disclose.

Shaikh is suffering from what he described as low blood pressure. He said he's been in and out of the hospital eight times over the past year. In December he will become 80 years old and he said he feels very weak. Shaikh said he spends most of his time at home reading. Shaikh has hired a friend who takes him back and forth to his medical appointments.

Shaikh said his reason for contacting the FBI is to advise that he is considering going through with the 60 Minutes interview, and he wants to let the FBI know and not be surprised because he doesn't want to upset the FBI.

Shaikh didn't mention the reason 60 Minutes is re-exploring his role in the events of September 11.

Shaikh told (S) that in 2000, 9/11 Hijackers Khalid Al-Midhar and Nawaf Al-Hazmi lived in the rooms upstairs in his residence. They would often come downstairs to use his prayer rug near the living room. Shaikh said the two men refused to use his house telephone, even though he gave them permission. Shaikh said that about once a week, they would have a very loud and long argument with each other. He said the arguments were in Arabic, and in that Shaikh doesn't understand Arabic, he didn't know what they were yelling about.

Shaikh said he didn't charge them rent and let them know they could live there for free. He said they insisted on paying \$300 a month.

[REDACTED]
Title: [REDACTED] Interview of Abdusattar Shaikh
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 10/07/2015

[REDACTED] Shaikh said he has had other people living at the residence since the above two Saudi hijackers. He said he was victimized financially by two Pakistani brothers who lived there afterwards. The Pakistani's stole several items from his house, and he later learned they had applied for, and received a credit card under Shaikh's name unbeknownst to him. They were able to hide it from him by taking in the mail, some of which he never saw. Shaikh was later advised by the bank that they had charged over \$180,000 on the card. Shaikh didn't want to disclose their names to Law Enforcement because he feels vulnerable living alone in his house and fears retaliation if they found out he reported them to authorities. He said they left the U.S., but he believes one of them is returning soon. Shaikh said he may advise [REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] with their names at a later date.

[REDACTED] Shaikh will remain in touch with [REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] and advise him of any new developments.

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CLASSIFIED BY: NSICG [REDACTED]
REASON: 1.4 (C)
DECLASSIFY ON: 12-31-2033
DATE: 02-23-2021

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/19/2008

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: [REDACTED] (G), (S)

Los Angeles

Attn: [REDACTED]

From: San Diego

[REDACTED] (G)

Contact: [REDACTED] (S)

Approved By: [REDACTED]

(S)

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

(S)

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

(F)

(G)

Title: [REDACTED]

(A), (J-1), (G)

Synopsis: [REDACTED]

(A), (G), (J-1)

[REDACTED] (G)

Background [REDACTED] In 2004, FBI Los Angeles began reviewing PENTTBOM leads and related investigations. During the investigation, a video surveillance footage from the Los Angeles International Airport, LAX, was discovered that shows Mohdar Abdullah, [REDACTED] (F), together with 9/11 hijackers Nawaf Al Hazmi and Khalid Al Mihdhar inside the terminal area at LAX. This footage also shows an unknown male, UNSUB, who appeared to have accompanied the three listed above in the terminal area. The UNSUB appeared to be holding an unidentified object in his hand. To date, FBI Los Angeles' investigation has not identified the UNSUB.

EO14040-000431

[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: (P) 08/19/2008

[REDACTED] FBI San Diego previously made arrangements with (P) and at his request with his attorney, (P) in order to show (P) a photo of the UNSUB for possible identification purposes or related information to the UNSUB. This was based on (P) being an (P) and (P) with Mohdar Abdullah. In addition, (P) met and was acquainted with Nawaf Al Hazmi and Khalid Al Mihdhar when they resided in San Diego, California.

Details: On 08/14/2008, (S) and (S) FBI-SD, met with (P) in the presence of his attorney, (P) in a public place in San Diego, California. After advising (P) of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, (P) voluntarily provided the following information:

(P) met and was an acquaintance of Mohdar Abdullah from associating within the San Diego Muslim community and attending the Masjid Ar Ribat. (P) and Abdullah later (P) apartment on Saranac Street in La Mesa, California, NFI. Mohdar brought Nawaf Al Hazmi to the Saranac apartment for visits. (Agent note: It should be noted, (P) California, during the same time Al Hazmi worked at the Texaco for a short period of time in 2000). (P) stated he was not aware of any prior knowledge of the attacks on 9/11 or any terrorist activities by Nawaf Al Hazmi or Khalid Al Mihdhar. (P) was not aware of any connections to terrorist activities by Mohdar Abdullah or himself. (P) and his attorney did not want to go over questions that have already been asked in the past by the FBI and the United States Attorney's office.

(P) was shown two pages of still photo's of the LAX UNSUB mentioned above, taken from the video surveillance tape. (P) said he did not recognize the individual nor could he provide any further details regarding any association of the UNSUB with Mohdar Abdullah or the 9/11 hijackers. (P) did not see the UNSUB at the Saranac apartment mentioned above nor at the residence of the hijackers, at the time in 2000, located on Mount Vernon Street, San Diego, California.

(P) and (P) spoke in length of what (P) went through and what he has been going through since (P) back in 2001. (P) discussed conspiracy theories as to who was really responsible for the introduction of the hijackers to San Diego. (P) believed Omar Al Bayoumi had a major role in the introduction of the hijackers to the San Diego Muslim community. (P) was asked if there was anything he realized now that he didn't realize back in 2000 relative to the hijackers terrorist activities while they resided in San Diego. (P) felt it was odd to him that the hijacker's, who were

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: (F) [REDACTED] 08/19/2008

students, always had money and never went to school. (P) was asked, was it strange to him now that the hijacker's always seemed to get around without difficulty when they were not familiar with the Western culture nor could they speak or write the English language. (P) agreed with the question and commented there was always people who would help them, which is not always the case with everyone, NFI. The conversation went on, however, no pertinent information was obtained from this point on.

Agents returned to (P) (with a FD-597 receipt), on plastic bag containing some paperwork, pamphlets and what appeared to be a Quran that had smoke and water damage from a fire which occurred at a (P) store where (P) had been working and residing. The store was located in (P), California.

On 08/19/2008, (P) telephonically contacted (S) (S) and advised that he, (P) and (P) had been reminiscing about the UNSUB in the photo's shown to (P) on 08/14/2008. (P) asked if the FBI had compared the UNSUB photo to all the employees of the Saudi Arabian Consulate in Los Angeles in order to determine if the UNSUB was a current or former employee. When asked why, (P) said because it was well known, NFI, that Omar Al Bayoumi regularly visited the Saudi Consulate in Los Angeles and was in fact an employee of the Saudi Government the entire time period Al Bayoumi resided in San Diego, California. (P) emphasized again that Al Bayoumi played a key role in getting (P) who were detained as Material Witnesses, (agent note: investigation previously identified Material Witnesses as Mohdar Abdullah, (P) (P) Yazeed Al Salmi and Roamez Noman), introduced and involved with the 9/11 hijackers.

(P) said he still does not believe the alleged story that Al Bayoumi coincidentally met the hijackers at a restaurant in Los Angeles was true. (P) volunteered a story that he had telephonically contacted the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Washington D.C. to ask for assistance, monetary or legal assistance, with the Material Witnesses at the time (P) (P) spoke with the legal counsel at the Saudi Embassy named Siddique LNU, who said the Saudi Embassy could only assist in the representation of Yazeed Al Salmi, because he was a Saudi citizen. (P) questioned (P) as to why the Embassy could not assist (all (P) because all of (P) had become involved with the 9/11 hijackers through a Saudi citizen named Omar Al Bayoumi. (P) told (P) he was very familiar with Omar Al Bayoumi and Al Bayoumi's role, NFI, but (P) continued to deny (P) any assistance with his (P) (P) thought about that statement today and now questioned why (P) was so familiar with Al Bayoumi coming from the legal counsel in the Saudi Arabian Embassy and because of Al Bayoumi's consistent visits to the Saudi Arabian Consulate in Los

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: (F) [REDACTED] 08/19/2008

Angeles. (P) again stressed that the statements that he, (P) read about in Al Bayoumi's interview by the U.S. Government exonerates Al Bayoumi of any wrong doing.

(P) would not comment if (P) had mentioned any information in connection to the above statements, other than (P) said that he and (P) had talked about the photo's again, NFI.

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON DC

[REDACTED]

EO14040-000434

[REDACTED]
To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F) 08/19/2008

[REDACTED]
Read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Discretionary)

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] If not already performed, compare the LAX UNSUB photo with current or former employees in June 2000 at the Saudi Arabian Consulate in Los Angeles, California, for possible identification of the LAX UNSUB.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/12/2004

To: Counterterrorism

Attn:

(G), (S)

From: San Diego

(G)

Contact:

(S)

Approved By:

(S)

Drafted By:

(S)

Case ID #:

(F)

Title:

(G)

(A), (G), (J-1), (P)

(USPER)

Synopsis:

(A), (G), (J-1)

(G)

Preliminary Inquiry Instituted:

(G)

(G)

Details:

(A), (G), (J-1), (P)

Al Salmi and (P) were arrested
as material witnesses in the PENTTBOMB investigation.

(A), (G), (J-1), (P)

[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 08/12/2004

and KARAWIA. As a result of the interview, (A), (G), (J-1) [REDACTED] did not provide any relevant information regarding the questions outlined in (G) [REDACTED]

(G) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] Saranac address
(P) Mohdar Abdullah, however, he did not recall Nawaf Al Hazmi or Khalid Almidhar visiting the apartment. (P) [REDACTED] was told that the FBI had determined that Al Hazmi and Almidhar spent a substantial amount of time with Mohdar Abdullah at the apartment between August and September 2000.
(P) [REDACTED]

and suggested Al Hazmi and Almidhar visited Mohdar Abdullah when he was not at the apartment.

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] with Al Hazmi. He described Al Hazmi as a person who didn't talk much and kept to himself. He said that on one occasion he ate lunch with Mohdar Abdullah and Al Hazmi at (P) [REDACTED] California. He could not recall the extent of the conversation nor the name of the restaurant.

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] advised that he would be willing to be contacted in the future, however, he didn't think he would be able to provide any relevant information.

Set Lead 1: (Info)

[REDACTED]

EO14040-000437

[REDACTED]
To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 08/12/2004

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT Washington D.C.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] read and clear.
[REDACTED] for information only.

(G)

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(Rev. 01-31-2003)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 05/18/2004

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: (G), (S)

(S)

PENTTBOMB TEAM

Los Angeles

Attn: (S)

San Diego

Attn:

From: Atlanta

(G)

Contact:

(S)

(S)

Approved By:

(S)

Drafted By:

Case ID #:

(F)

Title:

MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID,
A.K.A. MOHDAR MOHAMED ABDULLAH;
(A), (G), (J-1)

DO:SD

Synopsis:

To report results of interview of

(P)

(G)

Full Field Investigation Instituted:

(G)

Encloses: For San Diego are California Department of Motor Vehicles photo's shown to (P) to include, Mohdar Abdullah, Omar Bakarbashat, Ellsworth Black, (P) and (P) (P) Also for San Diego are notes from the interview of (P) inmate history as provided by Atlanta Federal Prison.

EO14040-000439

[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: Atlanta
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 05/18/2004

Details: [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P)
address, 601 McDonough Boulevard South East, Atlanta, Georgia 30315
(Atlanta Federal Prison), Inmate number, [REDACTED] (P) was interviewed.
Also present during the interview was Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] (S)
[REDACTED] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents
and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] (P) provided the following
information:

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

[REDACTED] (P) was married in San Francisco in 2001 to
[REDACTED] (P) (phonetic). She is currently residing in California along
with their seven year-old daughter, [REDACTED] (P). He has six brothers and
five sisters. He was born in [REDACTED] (P). He attended some college
in [REDACTED] (P) with an emphasis in [REDACTED] (P). He has some experience
as a chef. [REDACTED] (P) 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.

[REDACTED] (P) 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] (P) 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.

[REDACTED] (P) 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] (P) cell
number was [REDACTED] (P). He spoke with MOHDAR infrequently. He did not like MOHDAR
and described him as "childish, crazy and he talked too much." [REDACTED] (P)
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] (P) volunteered the name of a man he called "Mr. Black."
BLACK lived in cell number 105 in CCA. He thought highly of BLACK. BLACK
helped him write and speak English. He said BLACK told him that he served
in the Vietnam war and in Desert Storm. [REDACTED] (P) said BLACK also did
not like MOHDAR. BLACK told [REDACTED] (P) that MOHDAR "talked too much."
[REDACTED] (P) said MOHDAR gave BLACK some immigration-related papers and
asked for assistance from BLACK with some type of immigration problem.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: Atlanta
Re: [REDACTED] (F), 05/18/2004

BLACK gave the papers back to MOHDAR and refused to help MOHDAR. (P)
said he spoke to BLACK "through the cell walls."

(P) described a time in 2003, while incarcerated in CCE, when BLACK, MOHDAR, another inmate and he were outside in the "yard" talking. MOHDAR was talking with BLACK and (P) was talking with another inmate. He overheard MOHDAR tell BLACK that he (MOHDAR) gave a ride to two of the September 11, 2001 hijackers. He told BLACK that he gave "them" a ride from San Diego to Los Angeles. (P) 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. (P) does not recall talking further with either MOHDAR or BLACK about this situation. (P) recalls someone telling him that MOHDAR provided the FBI with the information about giving a ride to two of the 09/11/2001 hijackers.

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

(P) 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: "Mr. Black."

Photograph #3: "Mohdar."

Photograph #4: (P) (phonetic). (P) believed (P) is from (P).

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

The following information was obtained from (P) and by personal observations:

Name: [REDACTED] (P)
Alias: [REDACTED] (P)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
To: Counterterrorism From: Atlanta

Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 05/18/2004

DOB: [REDACTED] (P-1) (P)
Height: [REDACTED] (P)
Weight: [REDACTED]
Eyes: [REDACTED] (P)
Hair: [REDACTED]
Nationality: [REDACTED] (P)
City of Birth: [REDACTED] (P)
Inmate number [REDACTED] (P)
Tattoos: [REDACTED] (P)

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON D.C.

[REDACTED]

EO14040-000442

SECRET

To: Counterterrorism From: Atlanta
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 05/18/2004

[REDACTED] For information only.

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 2: (Info)

SAN DIEGO

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED] For information only.

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 3: (Info)

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED] For information only.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/16/2004

To: San Diego

From: San Diego

(G)

Contact:

(S)

(S)

Approved By:

(S)

Drafted By:

(S)

Case ID #:

(F)

Title:

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

OMAR AHMED ALBAYOUMI;

(A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1)

MIHDAR MOHAMMAD ALMIHDAR ZAID;

(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis:

Interview of

(P)

(G)

Details:

number

(P-1)

(P)

born

(P)

(P)

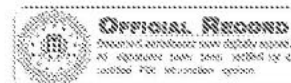
social security account
La Jolla, California 92037,

home telephone number (P) cellular telephone number (P)
(P) was interviewed at his place of business, (P),
Inc., (P), La Jolla, California, telephone
number (P) on 09/02/2004 by (S)
(S) informed (P) that this interview was in regard to certain
names he mentioned in a previous interview with him on 10/11/2002
by (S) and (S). After being advised
of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the
interview, (P) provided the following information:

(P) advised (P) who speaks Arabic, was
living with weird guys before renting from (P) (P) recalls
seeing Khalid AlMidhar, Omar AlBayoumi, (P) and Mohdar
Abdullah when (P) visited (P) apartment for dinner one
night. (P) did not really talk to anyone at the apartment other
than (P). (P) exchanged the usual salutations with all the
other men present, and he described AlBayoumi as a "fat guy" who
was "crazy". (P) is no longer renting from (P).
(P) moved out of (P) property in July 2003. (P)
currently resides in Navajo, California.

(P) advised he will provide (S) with any
information (P) obtains from his visits to any mosque, as well
as any information he obtains from his friend, (P).

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Electronic Communication

Title: Interview of (P)

Date: 07/24/2014

CC: (S)

(G)

From: SAN DIEGO

(G)

Contact: (S) (S)

Approved By: (S)

Drafted By: (S)

Case ID #: (F)

(A), (G), (J-1), (P)

(F)

(F)

ANWAR NASSER AULAQI;

SUNNI EXTREMISM - MIDDLE EAST

ALBAYOUMI, OMAR, AHMED -

ZAID, MIHDAR, MOHAMMAD AL MIHDAR -

AKA MOHDAR ABDULLAH

(A), (J-1), (G)

(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis: On May 13, 2014, (P) was interviewed in person by FBI-SD in San Diego, California.

(G)

Full Investigation Initiated: (G)

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. interview notes of (P)

EO14040-000446

Title: (F) Interview of (P)
Re: (F) 07/24/2014

Details:

On May 13, 2014, (P) hereinafter (P) date of birth (P) (P), California DL (P) SSN (P-1) cellular telephone (P) was interviewed in person by (S) and (S) FBI-San Diego, at the Law Office of (P) (attorney for (P), (P), San Diego, California, (P). This interview was previously arranged via an agreement between (P) and FBI-San Diego. (P) voluntarily provided the following:

In 1989, the first (P) immigrants began arriving in San Diego, California. These (P)'s initially attended prayer at the Masjid Al Ribat. At the time, the individual who had a huge influence on the (P) population in San Diego was (P) (previously identified in Pentbom investigation, (P) date of birth (P-1) (P) was a (P) who was employed as a (P) (P) and also the owner of the (P). (P) was allowed (P) for the Masjid Al Ribat. (P) does not know exactly how (P) became such an influential person at the mosque but thought it ensued because of his influence on the (P) immigrants. (P) was aware of but could not comment on any details as to (P) monthly travel to the Saudi Consulate in Los Angeles, California. (P) was aware of other leaders for San Diego area mosques, particularly Masjid Al Ribat and the Masjid Abu Bakr, who would make monthly trips to the Saudi Consulate. (P) claimed to not have any details of the purposes for these trips.

(P) directed agents to Omar Al Bayoumi, (F) pending), stating Al Bayoumi knew everything related to the 9/11 hijackers. According to (P) Al Bayoumi brought Nawaf Al Hazmi and Khalid Al Mihdhar, (previously identified as two of the 9/11 hijackers on American Airlines flight 77), down to San Diego, California, from Los Angeles, California. (P) saw Al Bayoumi and the hijackers at the Masjid Al Ribat because (P) was one of the

Title: [REDACTED] Interview of [REDACTED] (P)

Re: [REDACTED] (F) 07/24/2014

administrators of the mosque during that time period, circa 2000. (P)
(P) has continued to [REDACTED] (P) since the establishment of the mosque. (P) did not like Al Bayoumi because he felt Al Bayoumi was not a genuine person nor would he tell the truth. (P) concluded this based on in person conversations and watching Al Bayoumi interact with everyone at the mosque. Al Bayoumi would come once a week to the Masjid Al Ribat and recite poetry. (P)
(P) never felt Al Bayoumi was a part of the mosque. However, at one point, (P) could not remember the date), Al Bayoumi invited about 15 Sheikhs for a two week visit to San Diego. The arrangements for the visiting Sheikhs were handled by Al Bayoumi from the Masjid Abu Bakr. The Sheikhs visited most of the mosques located in the San Diego area. (P) could not recall the identities of the visiting Sheikhs, other than they were all well respected from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, (KSA).

It was (P) opinion that the KSA no longer allowed it's Saudi Arabian students to attend the Masjid Al Ribat. This was based on the 9/11 hijackers attending the Masjid Al Ribat and the negative attention the mosque endured after the events of 9/11. Additionally, Anwar Aulaqi, [REDACTED] (F) pending), was the Imam of the mosque, Mohdar Abdullah, [REDACTED] (F) pending), and his roommates being detained by the FBI at that time period for their association with the hijackers. (P) was asked to comment or provide more details in regards to the association between the 9/11 hijackers, Aulaqi, Mohdar and the others. (P) denied knowing any specific information that could assist the FBI in the investigation of the 9/11 attacks.

The administrators at the Masjid Al Ribat have obtained a restraining order against an individual named [REDACTED] (P) LNU. This person was originally from Jordan who applied with the U.S. Immigration service for a Green Card. The Immigration service has not issued him a Green Card. The administrators don't want (P) to attend the mosque due to his disruptive behavior. (P) was asked to provide more details on (P) in which he could not. (P) would report more information to interviewing agents regarding (P) at a later date.

Title: [REDACTED] Interview of [REDACTED] (P)

Re: [REDACTED] (F) 07/24/2014

[REDACTED] (P) feels individuals, who are members of the Muslim Brotherhood, are doing what ever it takes to remove [REDACTED] (P) from his position at the mosque and take over the Masjid Al Ribat. [REDACTED] (P) claimed the Imam's at the Masjid Abu Bakr were the members of the Muslim Brotherhood. [REDACTED] (P) did not provide any further information regarding the above statement.

[REDACTED] The Masjid Al Ribat has fired it's Imam and is in the process of hiring a replacement. The prayer at the mosque will be run by different substitute Imam's until a permanent Imam is found.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Title: [REDACTED] (F) interview of [REDACTED] (P)
[REDACTED] Re: [REDACTED] 07/24/2014

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Electronic Communication

Title: [REDACTED] 09/04/2015 Follow-Up Interview with [REDACTED] (P)

Date: 09/29/2015

CC: [REDACTED] (S)

From: SAN DIEGO

(G)

Contact: [REDACTED] (S)

Approved By: [REDACTED] (S)

Drafted By: [REDACTED] (S)

Case ID #: [REDACTED] (F)

[REDACTED] ZAID, MIHDAR, MOHAMMAD AL MIHDAR -
AKA MOHDAR ABDULLAH CT - SUNNI EXTREMISM
- MIDDLE EAST

Synopsis: [REDACTED] 09/04/2015 Follow-Up Interview with [REDACTED] (P)

(G)

Full Investigation Initiated: 05/29/2002

Details:

On 09/04/2015, [REDACTED] (P) DOB: [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] (P) was interviewed during an hour-long break in the courtyard of her employer's office building located at [REDACTED] (P-1) San Diego, California. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] (P) provided the following information:

[REDACTED] (P) advised that she first met Hashim AL-ATTAS at [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) in San Diego in 1995 or 1996. At the time, [REDACTED] (P) worked [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] 09/04/2015 Follow-Up Interview with [REDACTED] (P)
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 09/29/2015

part-time for the university's library and AL-ATTAS worked as a computer lab assistant. (P) first met AL-ATTAS when she went to the computer lab to do homework. (P) recalled that AL-ATTAS previously drove an old Ford car and offered to give her a ride. (P) described AL-ATTAS as always smiling, well-loved by everybody and always helping people.

[REDACTED] AL-ATTAS later moved into a unit in [REDACTED] (P) apartment complex. (P) and AL-ATTAS eventually [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P).

[REDACTED] (P) said AL-ATTAS had an older brother named Hussein who attended flight school in Florida. (P) advised that she would be able to identify a photograph of Hussein. AL-ATTAS's mother and younger brother traveled from Saudi Arabia to visit AL-ATTAS in San Diego. His mother and younger brother eventually returned to Saudi Arabia. AL-ATTAS also had an uncle from Saudi Arabia who visited him in San Diego. (P), AL-ATTAS and his uncle went to Disneyland.

[REDACTED] (P) learned after she and AL-ATTAS [REDACTED] (P) that he was already engaged to one of his cousins in Saudi Arabia. AL-ATTAS and his cousin eventually married after he returned to Saudi Arabia.

[REDACTED] AL-ATTAS did not lead a very healthy lifestyle. He regularly ate junk food and would sit in front of his computer day and night. He would not leave the apartment much except to work. (P) said AL-ATTAS helped people to create websites. (P) said she also discovered that AL-ATTAS [REDACTED] (P-1) on his computer. (P) advised that AL-ATTAS was not very wealthy. He had to work while he was in the U.S.

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Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 09/29/2015

and he made good money. AL-ATTAS claimed to be a descendant of the Prophet Muhammad.

[REDACTED] Early in 1999, AL-ATTAS told [REDACTED] (P) that he was moving back to Saudi Arabia, explaining that his family was pressuring him to get married. AL-ATTAS and [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P), and [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) noted that she left some of her belongings behind

(P)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P) manager for the apartment complex, later went to AL-ATTAS's apartment to retrieve [REDACTED] (P) belongings. Two Saudi Arabian men opened the door. [REDACTED] (P) commented that he had never seen or talked to the two men. They had placed [REDACTED] (P) belongings by the front of the door, and they would not let her in. The two men moved out of the apartment shortly after they moved in. [REDACTED] (P) said the two Saudi men left behind a computer and other electronics equipment when they moved out.

[REDACTED] (P) said she saw pictures of the two men on the news in connection with the 9/11 terrorist attacks. She later confirmed with [REDACTED] (P) that the men from AL-ATTAS's apartment had been involved in the 9/11 attacks. Shortly after 9/11, [REDACTED] (P) talked to AL-ATTAS either on the phone or via chat. AL-ATTAS told [REDACTED] (P) that he met the two Saudi men at the mosque and they needed a place to stay.

[REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] 09/04/2015 Follow-Up Interview with [REDACTED] (P)
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 09/29/2015

[REDACTED] (P) did not have any knowledge of AL-ATTAS being involved in 9/11, adding that even if he were he would not have said anything to her.

[REDACTED] In 2002 and 2003, AL-ATTAS tried to call [REDACTED] (P) Later on, AL-ATTAS also tried to connect with [REDACTED] (P) via Twitter and Facebook, but she declined his friend requests.

[REDACTED] (P) advised that Omar LNU, [REDACTED] (P) LNU and [REDACTED] (P) LNU were AL-ATTAS's closest associates when he lived in San Diego. [REDACTED] (P) once asked AL-ATTAS where Omar LNU's money came from. AL-ATTAS replied that it came from the Saudi government (NFI). [REDACTED] (P) recalled that [REDACTED] (P) LNU's girlfriend, [REDACTED] (P) LNU, spoke to AL-ATTAS right after 9/11. [REDACTED] (P) LNU later moved to the UK.

[REDACTED] Writer's note: [REDACTED] (P) LNU may be identifiable with [REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P) LNU may be identifiable with [REDACTED] (P) Additionally, [REDACTED] (P) LNU may be identifiable with [REDACTED] (P) and Omar LNU may be identifiable Omar BAYOUMI.

[REDACTED] (P) said [REDACTED] (P) lived in the same apartment before AL-ATTAS moved in, and the two men later became friends. However, [REDACTED] (P) noted that AL-ATTAS and [REDACTED] (P) may not have known each other very well. [REDACTED] (P) later moved to Portland, OR.

[REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] 09/04/2015 Follow-Up Interview with [REDACTED]
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 09/29/2015

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On July 16 2002, (P) (P) Voluntarily appeared at the New York Office (NYO). (P) a male white date of birth (P-1) (P) ss# (P-1) address (P) St. Clair Michigan. was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview. (P) volunteered the following information:

(P) stated Avco Overseas, a Houston based company purchased its contracts with The Saudi Arabian Presidency of Civil Aviation (PCA) through contacts with Sheik Salih Kamel. Kamel is the principal of Dallah Al Baraka and his son Abdullah Kamel runs the Los Angeles office of Al Baraka. (P) is sure Al Bayoumi was receiving monies from Avco but was unaware of the vehicle for transferring these monies to Al Bayoumi. (P) could not remember the name of the individual at Avco who was familiar with the payments to Al Bayoumi.

(P) was present at seven meetings in the United States related to the negotiations of the award of the default Avco overseas contracts. The first meeting was held at the Avco offices in Texas during the month of February 1995. (P) explained that the representatives for Avco had an unexplained interest in the awarding of the new contracts. (P) speculated that this was the result of the corrupt relationship that existed between Salih Kamel and the Avco representatives. The second was also held during the month of February 1995, at the offices of (P) in Newport Beach California. The third meeting was held at (P) during the month of April 1995, at this meeting (P) remembers a letter being issued by Mohammed Al-Salmi of PCA to (P) (P) Of (P) outlining the financial support of Omar Al Bayoumi by Ercan and guaranteed by PCA/AE ANSS project account. (note: (C-1)

(C-1) The additional four meetings all took place at the offices of (P) during the spring and summer of 1995. (P) usually traveled to these meetings in the U.S. with Hamid Al Rashid and Salaam Al Colie. During one of the summer meetings (P) met Al Bayoumi for the first time. (P) thought it possible that Al Bayoumi could have picked up cash from (P) (P) at that meeting.

(P) believes Sheik Salih Kamel is a Saudi national with Pakistani origins, Kamel is also extremely wealthy and has many business interests around the world To include Dallah Al-Baraka Investment and Development. (P) was not aware of any Kamel connection to the non

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profit organization Sana-Bell Inc. located in Falls Church VA. (P) was not aware of other individuals who were involved in funding Al Bayoumi.

(P) indicated that (P) would have specific details with respect to the payments made to Al Bayoumi by PCA, Avco, and (P) and at times (P) acted as the "bag man" for the PCA. (P) often complained to (P) about this roll. (P) provided a phone number for (P): (P)

(P) didn't possess any information relating to Al Bayoumi's connection to the Culver City or the purchase Madina Mosque other than that Al Bayoumi was involved with a Mosque in some manner.

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OMAR AHMED AL-BAYOUMI

(F)

Telephone Numbers:

(U) The following information was obtained from Telephone Applications (TA) and pertains to toll records loaded in connection with telephones subscribed or utilized by Omar Al-BAYOUMI or his wife, Manal BAGADER.

U.S.

(D)

England

(G)

(U) A review of the following calls indicate a total of 141 calls made by telephone numbers associated with Omar Al-BAYOUMI to entities of the Saudi Arabian government in the Washington, D.C. Area.

(U) In connection with calls made to entities of the Saudi Arabian government in the Los Angeles, California area, there were 34 calls made.

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Area Code 202
Washington, D.C.

202-298-8722

SAUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL MISSION
2600 VIRGINIA AV NW STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number was called 7 times from (D)

(D) These calls were made during the period of 01/26/2000 to 03/20/2000. The average duration of calls was 2 minutes, with one exception of an 11 minute call.

(U) In addition, one call was made to telephone number from (D)

(D) and billing address (D)

(D) This call was made on 08/08/1999 and was for a duration of one minute.

(P)

UNKNOWN SUBSCRIBER

Based on A/C, prefix and similarity in line number this telephone could possibly be subscribed to:

SAUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL MISSION
2600 VIRGINIA AV NW STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number was called 3 times from (D)

(D) These calls were made during the period of 01/28/2000 to 03/09/2000. The average duration of calls was 1.6 minutes.

202-298-8806

SAUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL MISSION
2600 VIRGINIA AV NW STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC

USERS (P) - 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 74009

[REDACTED]

(U) This number was called 4 times from [REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D) These calls were made during
the period of 11/24/1999 to 12/07/1998. The average
duration of calls was 2 minutes. ?

202-298-8809

SAUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL MISSION
2600 VIRGINIA AV NW STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number was called once from [REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D) This call was made on
07/08/1999 for a duration of 1 minute.

202-298-8813

SAUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL MISSION
2600 VIRGINIA AV NW STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number was called 28 times from [REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D) These calls were made during
the period of 03/09/2000 to 03/29/2000. The average
duration of calls was 2 minutes.

(P) [REDACTED]

UNKNOWN SUBSCRIBER

Based on A/C, prefix and
similarity in line number
this telephone could possibly
be subscribed to:

SAUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL MISSION
2600 VIRGINIA AV NW STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number was called 5 times from [REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D) These calls were made during
the period of 02/03/2000 to 03/22/2000. The average
duration of calls was 2minutes.

[REDACTED]

(P)

UNKNOWN SUBSCRIBER

Based on A/C, prefix and
similarity in line number
this telephone could possibly
be subscribed to:

SAUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL MISSION
2600 VIRGINIA AV NW STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number was called 3 times from

(D)

(D)

These calls were made during
the period of 01/28/2000 to 03/09/2000. The average
duration of calls was 2.3 minutes.

(P)

Based on A/C, prefix and
similarity in line number
this telephone could possibly
be subscribed to:

SAUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL MISSION
2600 VIRGINIA AV NW STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number was called once from

(D)

(D)

This call was made on
08/24/2000 and was for a duration of 2 minutes.

(P)

UNKNOWN SUBSCRIBER

Based on A/C, prefix and
similarity in line number
this telephone could possibly
be subscribed to:

SAUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL MISSION
2600 VIRGINIA AV NW STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC

[REDACTED]

(U) This number was called once from [REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D) This call was made on
12/03/1998 for a duration of 1 minute.

202-298-8861

SAUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL MISSION
2600 VIRGINIA AV NW STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number was called 4 times from [REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D) These calls were made during
the period of 01/27/2000 to 03/21/2000. The average
duration of calls was 1 minute.

202-298-8862

SAUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL MISSION
2600 VIRGINIA AV NW STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number was called 8 times from [REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D) These calls were made during
the period of 01/27/2000 to 03/21/2000. The average
duration of calls was 1 minute.

202-337-2978

SAUDI ARABIA EDUCATION MISSION
600 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

(U) This number was called once from [REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D) This call was made on
03/21/2000 and was for a duration of 1 minute.

202-337-9450

SAUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL MISSION
2600 VIRGINIA AV NW STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number is the main billing number. One call was
made [REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D) This
call was made on 03/09/2000 and was for a duration of 1
minute.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(U) This number was called 10 times [REDACTED] (D)

(D) [REDACTED] The average duration of calls was 2 minutes with the exception of a 24 minute call on 10/27/1998.

202-342-3700

EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA
601 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

(U) This number was called 30 times from [REDACTED] (D)

(D) [REDACTED] (D) These calls were made during the period of 01/19/2000 to 03/24/2000. The average duration of calls was 3.5 minutes.

(U) In addition, this number was called 21 times from [REDACTED] (D)

(D) [REDACTED] (D) These calls were made from 07/21/1998 to 07/08/1999. The average duration of these calls was 5 minutes with the longest call being 32 minutes.

This telephone number was listed in a telephone book seized from Al-BAYOUMI's office on 09/27/2001 with a notation of Abdulaziz ASSALEH. (source - 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 3332)

202-342-3800

EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA
601 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., N.W.
SUITE 1000
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number was called once from [REDACTED] (D)

(D) [REDACTED] (D) This call was made on 01/28/2000 and was for a duration of 7 minutes.

(U) In addition, this number was called 3 times from [REDACTED] (D)
(D) [REDACTED] These calls were made from 07/15/1998 to 12/03/1998. The average duration of these calls were 2 minutes.

This telephone number was listed in a telephone book seized from Al-BAYOUMI's office on 09/27/2001. (source - 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 3332)

202-494-2777

EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA
601 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

(U) This number was called 2 times from (D)

(D) These calls were made during the period of 02/18/2000 to 02/19/2000. The average duration of calls was 4 minutes.

(U) In addition, 1 call was made to this number from (D) This call was 14 minutes in duration.

(U) This telephone number was listed in a telephone book seized from Al-BAYOUMI's office on 09/27/2001 with a notation to Khalid ASSWAILEM (202) 944-3140 and C (202) 494-2777. (source - 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 3332)

202-944-3344

NATIONAL GUARD OF SAUDI
3050 K ST NW
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number was called two times from (D) These calls were made on 07/21/1998 and 07/08/1999 and were for a duration of 13 and 2 minutes, respectfully.

(U) This telephone number was listed in a telephone book seized from Al-BAYOUMI's office on 09/27/2001 with a notation to Dr. Jameel Al-Shami. (source - 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 3332)

202-944-5982

EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA CHANCERY
601 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE NW
WASHINGTON, DC

(U) This number was called two times from (D) These calls were made on 07/21/1998 and 07/27/1999 and were for a duration of 2 and 1 minute, respectfully.

(U) This telephone number was listed in a telephone book seized from Al-BAYOUMI's office on 09/27/2001 with a

[REDACTED]

notation to Abdulaziz ASSALEH. (source - 265A-NY-280350-SD
serial 3332)

(P)

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Based on A/C, prefix and
similarity in line number
this telephone could possibly
be subscribed to the
Saudi Arabian Embassy

(U) This number was called once from (D) [REDACTED]
(D) [REDACTED] This call was made on 12/18/1998
and was for a duration of 15 minutes.

Area Code 310

Los Angeles Area

310-479-2752

SAUDI ARABIA ROYAL CONSULATE
2045 SAWTELLE BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CA

FACSIMILE LINE

(U) This number was called once from (D) [REDACTED]
(D) [REDACTED]. This call was made on 12/02/1998
and was for a duration of 2 minutes.

(U) This telephone number was listed in a telephone book
seized from Al-BAYOUMI's office on 09/27/2001 with a
notation to Saudi Consulate F. (source - 265A-NY-280350-SD
serial 3332)

310-479-6000

SAUDI ARABIA ROYAL CONSULATE
2045 SAWTELLE BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CA

USERS - Abdullah Ext 245

(P)

(U) This number was called 11 times from (D) [REDACTED]
(D) [REDACTED]
(D) [REDACTED] These calls were made during
the period of 01/26/2000 to 02/10/2000. The average

[REDACTED]

duration of calls was 3.5 minutes.

(U) In addition, 13 calls were made from telephone number [REDACTED] (D) [REDACTED]. These calls were made during the period of 07/11/2000 to 12/20/2000. The average duration of calls was 3 minutes with the longest call being 7 minutes.

(U) This number was called 7 times from [REDACTED] (D) [REDACTED]. These calls were made from 11/08/1998 to 01/26/1999 and the average duration was 8 minutes with the longest call being 22 minutes.

(U) This telephone number was listed in a telephone book seized from Al-BAYOUMI's office on 09/27/2001 with a notation to Saudi Consulate. (source - 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 3332)

Islamic Affairs	X240
Abdullah AWAAD	X241
Sami ASSADHAN	X246
Saad Al-JEBREEN	

(P) [REDACTED]
YOSEF M. AL-SUMAIRY
(P) [REDACTED]
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

BILLING NEXTEL
SSN [REDACTED] (P-1)
US DEPT OF STATE DIPLOMAT

USER (U) ~~(S)~~ Fahad

(U) There were 3 calls made to this telephone [REDACTED] (D) [REDACTED]. The calls were each one minute in duration.

(U) According to ECF, Al-SUMAIRY is a Consular Officer in the office of the Consulate General of Saudi Arabia.

[REDACTED]
(P)

SALAH AL-HATLANI

(P)

LONG BEACH, CA

(U) There were 2 calls made to this telephone [REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D) These calls were made on 12/14/2000 and 12/20/2000 and were 1 minute and 2 minute calls. calls were each one minute in duration.

(U) ChoicePoint indicates Salah ALHATLANI, SSN [REDACTED] (P-1) works as the Vice Counsel for the Saudi Arabian Consulate in Los Angeles, CA.

(U) For information, telephone number [REDACTED] (D) is [REDACTED] (D) at the same address. This number was called 6 times from Al-BAYOUMI during the period of 12/19/1999 to 01/24/2000.

ECF Searches

(U) The following are chronological summaries of Electronic Case File (ECF) references regarding possible ties of Al-BAYOUMI to the Saudi Arabian Government, Embassies or Consulates.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 7792
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 1103
FD302 dated 09/17/01

(U) (P) birth date (P-1) 58, the spiritual leader of the Islamic Center of San Diego (ICSD) identified Omar Al-BAYOUMI as a person who may know Nawaf Al-HAZMI. (P) described Al-BAYOUMI as influential among Saudi Arabian members of the ICSD and provided needed assistance to various students and families who needed his help. He also advised Al-BAYOUMI was a frequent traveler to Saudi Arabia. Lastly, he stated Al-BAYOUMI had moved to England several months ago to attend school in England.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 7785
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 1101
265A-NY-280350-302 serial 7790
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 1102
FD302 dated 09/19/01

(U) On 09/18/2001, (P) birth date (P-1) 49, was interviewed by SA (S) (P) serves on the Board of Trustees at the Islamic Center of San Diego (ICSD). (P) provided the following information on Omar Al-BAYOUMI. (P) stated Al-BAYOUMI lived in San Diego for approximately four or five years, and left to attend college in England. (P) stated some people at the ICSD believed Al-BAYOUMI was associated with the Saudi Arabian government. Al-BAYOUMI never had a steady job, though he may have worked a short time for the Saudi Arabian Airlines. (P) believed Al-BAYOUMI was well connected with the consulate, and seemed to get things done for others. Al-BAYOUMI was involved with funding Al Medina mosque in El Cajon. He acted as an intermediary between the Kurdish community and an

[REDACTED]

unknown wealthy Saudi Arabian man who donated funds to create the mosque. Some members of the ICSD believed there was always a covert employee of the Saudi Arabian government stationed at the mosque, no one has taken Al-BAYOUMI's place.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 10044
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 1424
FD302 dated 09/19/2001

(U) On 09/18/2001, Mohdar M. Abdullah, (identity requested confidential) birth date [REDACTED] (P-1) 78, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] (S) Abdullah advised that Omar Ahmed Al-BAYOUMI was the Manager/Leader of a Kurdish Mosque in El Cajon and was a member of the Aviation Board for Saudi Arabia. Omar introduced Abdullah to Nawaf Al-HAZMI and Khalid Al-MIHDHAR at the Islam Mosque on Saranac Street, Lemon Grove, California. Abdullah stated Omar was now in London, England, pursuing a Doctorate degree from an unknown university.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 1111
EC dated 09/19/2001

(U) An EC prepared by SA [REDACTED] (S) set leads for various field offices to interview former neighbors of Nawaf Al-HAZMI, Khalid Al-MIHDHAR and Omar Al-BAYOUMI. The EC stated that interviews of Muslims indicated that Al-BAYOUMI had been involved in aviation when he lived in Saudi Arabia and that he did not work while in the U.S., but had more money than he knew what to do with.

(U) The EC also provided information from an interview of a prominent Islamic leader in San Diego who identified Al-BAYOUMI as being employed by the Saudi government to monitor the activities of Saudi dissidents that resided in the U.S.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 24879
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 2302
FD-302 dated 09/21/2001

(U) On 09/21/2001, SA [redacted] (S) interviewed [redacted] (P) (protect identity) who provided information regarding his knowledge of Omar Al-BAYOUMI. Information pertaining to his relationship with the Saudi Arabian government were that he often furnished the Islamic Center with copies of the Qu'ran which had been provided to him by the Saudi Arabian Consulate. He also stated that Al-BAYOUMI appeared to have regular contact with the Saudi Arabian Consulate in Los Angeles, California. Al-BAYOUMI made frequent trips to the consulate during the six years he was known to live in San Diego.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 23351
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 2117
FD302 dated 09/21/01

(U) On 09/20/2001, SA [redacted] (S) interviewed Dilek [redacted] (P) birth date [redacted] (P-1) (P) [redacted] (P) provided the following information regarding [redacted] (P) Hashin Moshen Alattas. When shown a photograph of Omar Al-BAYOUMI, [redacted] (P) recognized him and said she had seen him many times. Al-BAYOUMI attended USIU to get his master's degree and wanted to move to London to receive a PHD from a business school. Al-BAYOUMI and his family were from Saudi Arabia and possibly lived in the Clairemont Mesa area of San Diego, California. [redacted] (P) reported Alattas did not like Al-BAYOUMI and believed Al-BAYOUMI worked for the Saudi government to watch the actions of Saudis in the United States.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 28999
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 2546
265A-SD-63930-302 serial 5
FD302 dated 09/22/01

(U) On 09/20/01, [redacted] (P) birth date [redacted] (P-1) (P) was interviewed by SA [redacted] (S) and [redacted]

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shown a photograph of Omar Al-BAYOUMI. (P)
 recognized Al-BAYOUMI and said he knew him as
 "Abuemad", father of Emad. Previously, (P)
 was living in an apartment off Balboa Avenue with Saudi
 Arabian students (P).
 (P) believed the Saudi students received tuition
 money from the Saudi government. Al-BAYOUMI would
 visit the two students at their apartment. Al-BAYOUMI
 asked (P) to be an Iman, at the mosque. When
 (P) was alone Al-BAYOUMI would inquire about
 (P)

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 18085
 FD-302 dated 09/22/2001
 Interview of (P)
 (interviewing agent not identified in ECF)

(U) (P) birth date (P-1) (P) owns two
 businesses (P)
 (P) Approximately 1995, (P) contracted with the
Civil Aviation Administration (CAA) of Saudi Arabia,
 which according to (P), has connections with Ministry
 of Defense. A company called Dallah of Saudi Arabia
 had the contract for operations maintenance and (P)
 supplied the parts. The CAA asked (P) to provide
financial support to Al-BAYOUMI, when (P) refused he
was told his contract may be jeopardized. (P) did
 write sponsor letters to universities for Al-BAYOUMI,
 but stated he never provided Al-BAYOUMI financial
 support. (P) advised he wrote the last letter
 approximately two years ago.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 1663
 EC dated 09/22/2001

(U) In a EC prepared by SA (S) a lead
 was sent to Legat Riyadh to obtain information
 regarding Omar Ahmed Al-BAYOUMI. The following
 information was furnished to the Legat:

- Al-BAYOUMI's claim that he was on a financial
 scholarship and received support from his
 government.
- Information pertaining to his employment in the
 aviation management/financial services of the

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 Arabian
 Al-Bayoumi*

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Saudi government.

- Interviewees claims that Al-BAYOUMI as an employee of the Saudi Arabian Government that he traveled to mosques throughout the world to monitor and observe Saudi citizens for signs of dissident behavior.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 1801
265A-NY-280350-302 serial 16180
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 1802
FD302 dated 09/23/01 and 09/24/2001

(U) According to an EC prepared by SA [REDACTED] (S)
[REDACTED] (P) birth date [REDACTED] (P-1) (P)
[REDACTED] (P) California, was interviewed and provided information regarding Omar Al-BAYOUMI. (P) had met Al-BAYOUMI at the Islamic Center mosque (ICSD) in the early 1990s.

(U) Approximately six months ago Al-BAYOUMI announced to members of the ICSD he was moving to the United Kingdom (UK) to pursue his PHD. (P) has not had any contact with Al-BAYOUMI subsequent to his departure for the UK. (P) recalled Al-BAYOUMI lived in an apartment on Beadnell Way in San Diego even though he never went to his home. Al-BAYOUMI indicated he was on a scholarship and was financially supported by the Saudi government. (P) did not know what form Al-BAYOUMI received his funding. Al-BAYOUMI maintained he had friends at the Saudi consulate in Los Angeles, California. Because of Al-BAYOUMI's comments regarding his business, (P) believed he may have worked for Saudi princes. While living in San Diego Al-BAYOUMI attended the University of Phoenix. (P) remembered Al-BAYOUMI may have also received a scholarship from Saudi Airlines and worked for them as well.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 24631
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 2239
FD302 dated 09/24/01

(U) On 09/24/01, Abdussattar Shaikh was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] (S). Shaikh advised that he is one of the founders of the Islamic Center of San Diego, (ICSD). Shaikh identified a photo of Omar Al-BAYOUMI, whom he became acquainted with in 1994 when Shaikh was teaching at the American Commonwealth University. Shaikh described Al-BAYOUMI as follows: Al-BAYOUMI was in the U.S. using a Saudi Arabian passport, because of his facial features, he is possibly of Egyptian descent. Al-BAYOUMI appeared to be approximately 40 to 45 years old. Shaikh believed Al-BAYOUMI always had a significant source of supply of money and observed him driving a new Toyota. Al-BAYOUMI was charismatic, charming and didn't conceal his attempts to attain leadership roles within the San Diego Muslim community. Al-BAYOUMI had expressed an interest in becoming a citizen, which may have been just a ploy. Al-BAYOUMI socialized with Nawaf Al-HAZMI and Khalid Al-MIHDHAR. Al-HAZMI disclosed to Shaikh, Al-BAYOUMI was a spy for the Saudi Government and directed Shaikh not to socialize too much with him. Al-BAYOUMI attended business classes at the United States International University and was believed to be President of a Saudi Arabian club at the university. Al-BAYOUMI had an office at the Kurish mosque in El Cajon, California, where the leadership neither liked or trusted him and asked him to leave approximately three years ago. Shaikh did not trust Al-BAYOUMI as well and believes he possibly was involved with 09/11/01.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 25718
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 2396
FD-302 dated 09/30/01

(U) [REDACTED] (P) DOB [REDACTED] (P-1) (P) was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] (S) on 09/28/2001. [REDACTED] (P) stated he first met Omar Al-BAYOUMI about two years ago at the mosque located near Balboa Avenue and the 805 freeway in San Diego, California. [REDACTED] (P) thought Al-BAYOUMI may be of Egyptian extraction but moved to Jeddeh, Saudi Arabia, prior to moving to the United States. [REDACTED] (P) believed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Al-BAYOUMI was deceptive and did not trust him. He described Al-BAYOUMI as lacking in formal education and lacking in intellectual capability. Al-BAYOUMI was well known at the mosque near Balboa Avenue and 805 freeway and frequently surrounded himself with men in their twenties. Al-BAYOUMI would promise to help visiting Islamic students, but his assistance never evolved. (P) [REDACTED] concluded Al-BAYOUMI was asked to leave his position at the Al Medina mosque after irregularities were found in association with his collection and distribution of funds.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 3039
EC dated 10/03/01

(U) On 10/03/2001, SA [REDACTED] (S) prepared an EC providing information on [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) was the emergency contact listed on Omar Al-BAYOUMI's rental agreement for [REDACTED] (P-1) at the Parkwood Apartment Complex. Al-BAYOUMI moved into [REDACTED] (P-1) on approximately 09/01/99, and lived there with his wife Manal Bagader and their three children. Rental records indicated Al-BAYOUMI was a student and received financial support from his family.

(U) Al-BAYOUMI had co-signed for highjackers Nawaf Al-HAZMI and Khalid Al-MIHDHAR when they rented an apartment at Parkwood and paid their rent occasionally as well. Al-HAZMI and Al-MIHDHAR lived with Omar Al-BAYOUMI prior to them renting their own apartment. (P) [REDACTED] did not like Al-BAYOUMI personally and was unaware he (P) [REDACTED] was listed as an emergency reference on Al-BAYOUMI's rental agreement. Al-BAYOUMI revealed to (P) [REDACTED] he received financial support the Saudi Arabian Government or Saudi Airlines. An individual who requested confidentiality (PC1) reported he believed Al-BAYOUMI worked for the Saudi Arabian Intelligence Service and reported on dissident Saudis in the United States.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-CD serial 8789
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 3396
EC dated 10/05/2001

(U) An EC dated 10/05/2001, prepared by SA [REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED]

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provided a summary of information furnished by the
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This information was obtained through their interviews of Al-BAYOUMI.

(U) Al-BAYOUMI stated that he was connected with a Saudi Arabian company that is equivalent to the Federal Aviation Administration. Al-BAYOUMI claimed that this company pays him \$5,000.00 per month to study for his PHD.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 64787
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 4763
FD-302 dated 10/07/01

(U) On 10/03/01, (P) (protect identity) was interviewed by SA (P-1), (S) and SA (P-1), (S) (P) described Omar Ahmed Al-BAYOUMI as a "braggart from a low status Egyptian family that migrated to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia." (P) stated Al-BAYOUMI would videotape when he went to mosque which led individuals from the Muslim community to believe he was a Saudi Arabian intelligence officer. According to (P), Al-BAYOUMI's social associates included the Minister of Islamic Affairs, the Saudi Consulate, and known criminals. Al-BAYOUMI has also hosted Saudi visitors. Al-BAYOUMI's character is suspect and he was accused of keeping a \$10,000 donation from a Saudi visitor intended for the Kurdish Mosque.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 55234
FD-302 dated 10/07/2001

(U) On 10/06/2001, SA (P-1), (S) interviewed Isamu Alva DYSON, birth name Clayton (P) MORGAN, date of birth (P-1) (P) DYSON stated he knew Khalid Al-MIHDHAR, Nawaf Al-HAZMI and Omar Ahmed Al-BAYOUMI during his period of residing in San Diego, approximately December 1999 to February 2000. DYSON stated he never heard Al-BAYOUMI speak about politics or against the U.S. DYSON and Al-BAYOUMI shared company often. Al-BAYOUMI had indicated to DYSON that

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he was some type of engineer for the Saudi Arabian government. He even showed DYSON some type of paperwork indicating same. Al-BAYOUMI indicated he was being paid to learn English. Al-BAYOUMI's company, or the Saudi government through his company, was paying for the education. DYSON did not know how much Al-BAYOUMI was being paid. DYSON understood that Al-BAYOUMI had to learn English or he was not going to be promoted any higher in his company.

(U) DYSON said that Al-BAYOUMI's student visa was expired, or ready to expire and was considering crossing into Tijuana, Mexico to get the paper work done. DYSON encouraged Al-BAYOUMI to call the Saudi Consulate in Los Angeles. DYSON accompanied Al-BAYOUMI to the Saudi Consulate where Al-BAYOUMI got his visa paperwork straightened out.

(U) After the consulate, DYSON and Al-BAYOUMI proceeded to a Mediterranean restaurant near the Culver City mosque. Al-BAYOUMI stated that the Culver City mosque was built by the Saudi Government. DYSON stated that other than when Al-BAYOUMI was meeting behind closed doors at the consulate, Dyson was with Al-BAYOUMI the entire time during the trip.

(U) Information was also furnished regarding the building of the El Cajon mosque. A wealthy man from Saudi Arabia donated the money to build the Kurdish mosque. Al-BAYOUMI did all of the administrative work at the mosque and was the director.

(U) Al-BAYOUMI has introduced DYSON to Nawaf Al-HAZMI and Khalid Al-MIHDHAR and that they resided in an apartment co-signed by Al-BAYOUMI.

(U) DYSON was told by Al-BAYOUMI that his wife was Saudi and came from a rich family.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 3332
EC dated 10/09/2001

(U) In an EC prepared by SD [REDACTED] (S) a request was made to obtain information from officials

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at the Saudi Arabian Consulate in Los Angeles, California and the Embassy in Washington, D.C. regarding Omar Al-BAYOUMI.

(U) A summary of information extracted from this EC regarding Al-BAYOUMI's association with the Saudi Arabian government indicated [REDACTED] (P), President [REDACTED] (P) California wrote a letter on 01/22/1997, stating that [REDACTED] (P) was supporting Al-BAYOUMI by providing \$4,000.00 a month.

(U) [REDACTED] (P) was subsequently interviewed, and as a result of that interview advised that even though [REDACTED] (P) was requested by an unknown representative of the Civil Aviation Administration (CAA) of Saudi Arabia to provide a \$4,000 per month stipend, [REDACTED] (P) refused to do so. [REDACTED] (P) did, however, furnish letters to numerous schools, on Al-BAYOUMI's behalf, stating that he and his company were subsidizing Al-BAYOUMI. As a direct result of the above information, a Criminal Complaint was filed on or about 09/27/2001, in the Southern District of California, charging Al-BAYOUMI with Title 18, U.S.C. Section 1546, Visa Fraud.

(U) In May 1998, Al-BAYOUMI applied for an Executive Doctorate in the Management Program at the Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) in Cleveland, Ohio, which was subsequently declined. Through numerous interviews and by obtaining school records and resumes, it has been determined that Al-BAYOUMI stated that he has been employed by the CAA for at least 20 years and is also associated with Dallah/Avco Trans Arabia Company as the Assistant to the Director of Finance, in the Contracts and Finance Control Division, PCA, Airways Engineering.

(U) In reviewing the documents obtained from CWRU a letter, dated May 20, 1998 from Dr. Jamil Shami, Director, Academic Affairs, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, National Guard Office, 3050 K Street, N.W., Suite 207, Washington, D.C., was sent on Al-BAYOUMI's behalf. The letter stated that Al-BAYOUMI was a candidate for a full scholarship from the Government of Saudi Arabia.

(U) On September 21, 2001, a representative from United Parcel Service advised that their records indicate that [REDACTED]

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on January 18, 2001 a delivery was made to [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] San Diego, California, where Al-BAYOUMI resided, from the Saudi Arabian Embassy, 601 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

(U) On 09/25/2001, [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) of the Kurdish Community Islamic Center, 2675 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon, California, was interviewed and [REDACTED] (P) advised that he was shown a copy of a check Al-BAYOUMI provided for \$500 to the mosque drawn from the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, dated December 14, 2000. Written on the check was a notation in Arabic that [REDACTED] (P) said indicted the check was for food. Al-Bayoumi stated he received the check from Los Angeles, California.

(U) On 09/27/2001, execution of a federal search warrant was conducted by the San Diego Division in a room utilized by Al-BAYOUMI as an office within the Kurdish Community Islamic Center (Masjid Al-Medina Al-Munawara), located at 511 S. Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon, California. As a result of that search a copy of Al-BAYOUMI's phone book, dated October 4, 2000 was seized.

(U) Listed in Al-BAYOUMI's phone book were the following names and telephone numbers:

(U) Dr. Jameel Al-Shami (202) 944-3344;

(U) Saudi Embassy WA. (202) 342-3800, AbdulAziz Assaleh (202) 342-3700 and F (202) 944-5982; Khalid Asswailem (202) 944-3140 and C [REDACTED] (P-1) Saudi Consulate (310) 479-479-6000 F (310) 479-2752, Islamic Affairs x240, Abdullah Awaad x241, Sami Assadhan x246, and Saad Al Jebreen, 2045 Sawtelle Blv., LA, CA 90025.

(U) Additionally, seized during the search were various personal and business documents, business cards and scraps of paper with names and telephone numbers of individuals. Included in this information were names and telephone numbers associated with the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission, Washington, D.C. and are as follows: Mohammad Al-Sheik and Abed Al-Sulieman with the following telephone numbers (202) 298-8869, 8817, 8850 and 8738.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(U) Also obtained was a notation for the Saudi Consulate in Los Angeles. telephone number (310) 479-6000 and the name [REDACTED] (P). (U) From January 2000 through May 2000, two known cellular telephones associated with Al-BAYOUMI showed 32 calls placed to the Embassy, 24 calls placed to the Consulate in Los Angeles and 37 calls placed to the Cultural Mission.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 3331
LHM dated 10/10/01
(Authoring agent not identified in ECF)

(U) Omar AHMED Al-BAYOUMI, aka Omar Al-BAYOUMI, Omar A. Al-BAYOUMI, ABUEMAD, Omar A. M. Al-BAYOUMI, Omar AL-BAYOUMI, birth date [REDACTED] (P-1) 57, had contact with the following individuals at the Embassy of Saudi Arabia, Washington, D.C., the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission, Washington, D.C., and the Saudi Arabian Consulate, Los Angeles, California.

Saudi Arabian Embassy, Washington, D.C.:
Adbulaziz Assaleh
Khalid Asswailem
Jamil Shami

Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission, Washington D.C.:
Mohammad Al-Sheik
Abed Al-Sulieman

Saudi Arabian Consulate, Los Angeles, California
[REDACTED] (P)
Abdullah Awaad
Sami Assadhan
Saad Al Jebreen

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 3562
265A-NY-280350-BA serial 4557
EC dated 10/11/2001

(U) On 10/11/2001, SA [REDACTED] (S) prepared and EC regarding new information reported on [REDACTED] (P)

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It is believed Al-BAYOUMI was financially supported by the Saudi Arabian Government and was suspected to be an Intelligence Officer for the Saudi Government as well. It appears Osama Bassnan is to be the replacement for Al-BAYOUMI.

Reference: (S) 199N-SD-63929 serial 24
(S) 199N-SD-63949 serial 9
(S) FFI - (A), (J-1), (G)
EC dated 10/17/2001

On (A), (J-1), (G) information was provided to SA (S) regarding Omar Al-BAYOUMI.

(A), (J-1), (G) Al-BAYOUMI almost daily taking telephone calls from Saudi Arabia. The Emir from the Ministry of Defense, who was in charge of the Air Traffic Control would frequently call Al-BAYOUMI. Al-BAYOUMI registered in school for immigration purposes and to meet new students from the Middle East.

Al-BAYOUMI (A), (J-1), (G) was going to Los Angeles to pickup some visitors. Within a day or two after returning from Los Angeles Al-BAYOUMI introduced (A), (J-1), (G) Nawaf Al-HAZMI and Khalid Al-MIHDHAR . (A), (J-1), (G)

(A), (J-1), (G) Al-BAYOUMI (A), (J-1), (G) he had met Al-HAZMI and Al-MIHDHAR in a restaurant on his way back from Los Angeles. Al-BAYOUMI invited the two to come to San Diego and they accepted. Al-BAYOUMI did not tell (A), (J-1), (G) if Al-HAZMI and Al-MIHDHAR were the visitors he was expecting. Subsequently, Al-BAYOUMI hosted a dinner to welcome Al-HAZMI and Al-MIHDHAR to the San Diego Muslim community, Al-BAYOUMI videotaped the event as well.

Reference 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 69403
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 5616
FD-302 dated 10/15/2001

(U) On 10/15/2001, SA [REDACTED] (S) interviewed Talal Al-HAMDAN, date of birth [REDACTED] (P-1) 1979, the brother of Faisal Al-HAMDAN. Talal stated that his family is from a bedouin tribe once located in Western Saudi Arabia and that the family is not part of the royal family. The family is fairly well known and wealthy. His father, Ahmed Abdul Azziz Suleiman Al-HAMDAN, is one of three Finance Ministry officials employed under the Deputy Finance Minister of Saudi Arabia and is responsible for the Western region of Saudi Arabia.

(U) Talal Al-HAMDAN is subsidized in the U.S. by his father and by scholarship money from the government of Saudi Arabia. While attending George Washington University in Washington, D.C. he resided with a sponsor who was an employee of the Saudi Embassy in Washington, D.C.

(U) In May 1999, Talal moved to San Diego where he resided in a hotel. During his stay he had an argument regarding his bill and an outstanding balance. Talal directed Al-BAYOUMI to pay the bill and Al-BAYOUMI paid the outstanding debt.

Analyst Note - During the period of ... telephone number [REDACTED] (P) was subscribed by Talal Al-HAMDAN, [REDACTED] (P) San Diego, California 92124.

Reference: [REDACTED] 199N-SD-63929 serial 23
[REDACTED] 199N-SD-63949 serial 8
FFI - [REDACTED] (A), (J-1), (G) (S)
EC dated 10/17/2001 (S)

On [REDACTED] (A), (J-1), (G) information was provided to SA [REDACTED] (S) regarding Omar Al-BAYOUMI. [REDACTED] (A), (J-1), (G) believed that Al-BAYOUMI made friends with [REDACTED] for the purpose of gaining control, rather than friendship's sake. Al-BAYOUMI was considered by most in the community some type of intelligence agent for the Saudi Arabian government reporting on the [REDACTED]

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activities of Muslims (particularly Saudis) in the San Diego area. The feeling that Al-BAYOUMI was an agent for the Saudi government was further reenforced by the fact that he held no regular job, but always had plenty of money to prepare lavish dinners at his apartment or apartments of friends. The purpose of the dinners was usually to introduce and welcome newcomers to the local Muslim community or to bid farewell to those leaving. AL-BAYOUMI would always videotape these dinners.

[REDACTED] (A), (J-1), (G) Al-BAYOUMI told (A), (J-1), (G) that he had traveled up to Los Angeles to pick up someone coming into the country, when by chance he met Al-MIHDHAR and Al-HAZMI.

[REDACTED] Al-BAYOUMI frequently traveled to the Los Angeles airport to drop off or pickup Saudis visiting southern California.

[REDACTED] (A), (J-1), (G) that Al-BAYOUMI was a person know to have connections with the Saudi government. Al-BAYOUMI would travel to Washington, D.C. every one to two months and had a contact in the Dawa (ph) who was related to the civil aviation office of the Saudi Arabian Consulate on Wyoming Street, in Washington D.C. Through this contact, Al-BAYOUMI would be able to items such as Qu'rans or robes much faster than if done through regular request.

(S) Al-BAYOUMI traveled back to Saudi Arabia approximately one a year for approximately two to three weeks. Al-BAYOUMI's stay in the U.S. seemed to be decided on a yearly basis. (A), (J-1), (G) Al-BAYOUMI learned that he would be leaving San Diego, but did not know where he would go next. Approximately seven to eight months ago, he knew he would be moving to England (information dated (A), (J-1), (G) [REDACTED])

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 72758
265A-NY-280350-SD serial 6477
FD-302 dated 10/19/2001

(U) On 10/15/2001, SA [REDACTED] (S), interviewed Faisal Ahmed Al-HAMDAN, date of birth 12/12/1975, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Faisal's father is Ahmed Abdulazziz Suleiman Al-HAMDAN and is a high-ranking Saudi official who works as a Director within the Ministry of Finance.

(U) While attending school in San Diego, Faisal Al-HAMDAN listed Omar Al-BAYOUMI as the emergency point-of-contact on his ELS and ALI applications. Faisal identified Al-BAYOUMI as a business associate of his father.

Reference 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 3984
EC dated 10/20/2001

(U) On 10/20/2001, SA [REDACTED] (S) requested (A), (J-1), (G) (A), (J-1), (G) to conduct an interview of Ahmed Abdul Azziz Suleiman Al-HAMDAN regarding his contact with and knowledge of Omar Al-BAYOUMI. Al-HAMDAN is an official under the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance in Saudi Arabia. This request was made as the result of San Diego interviews of Faisal and Talal Al-HAMDAN.

(U) The EC noted that Al-BAYOUMI is an employee of the Ministry of Finance, or works under a separate department which answers to the Ministry of Finance. Talal Al-HAMDAN described the relationship between Al-BAYOUMI and his father:

- ▶ Al-BAYOUMI had to get Al-HAMDAN's signature on various documents.
- ▶ On one of these documents, Al-BAYOUMI requested Al-HAMDAN to provide a reference sponsorship for Al-BAYOUMI's application to the Saudi Government to travel to the U.S. to pursue post graduate

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studies. Al-HAMDAN's father provided this reference or sponsorship.

- At some point in 1998, Faisal and Talal's father instructed Talal to contact Al-BAYOUMI. The Al-HAMDAN brothers met with Al-BAYOUMI at the Abu Baker mosque on numerous occasions from late 1998 to July 2001.
- Al-BAYOUMI's bank records revealed that on 02/18/1999, a \$20,000.00 wire transfer was made from Ahmed Abdul Azziz Suleiman Al-HAMDAN to Al-BAYOUMI.
- On 12/16/1999, Al-BAYOUMI paid an outstanding hotel bill for Talal in the amount of \$1,349.00.
- On at least one other occasion Al-BAYOUMI generated a check to Talal in the amount of \$1,450.00.
- Faisal and Talal were in the process of selling Al-BAYOUMI's vehicle and were instructed to forward the sale proceeds to Al-BAYOUMI's address in England.

Reference 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 98127
 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 14097
 FD-302 dated 11/21/2001

 265A-NY-280350-302 serial 36130
 FD-302 dated 10/02/2001

(U) On 11/19/2001, SA [REDACTED] (S) interviewed [REDACTED] (P), born in [REDACTED] (P). The EC provides extensive education and employment background on [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) was employed at PCA / Dallah and stated that Al-BAYOUMI was a representative that PCA personnel wished to keep in America. [REDACTED] (P) was requested to provide a stipend to Al-BAYOUMI in an amount of \$3,500.00 per month. According to [REDACTED] (P), Al-BAYOUMI was already drawing a salary from PCA / Dallah. The PCA person hinted that [REDACTED] (P) should pay for Al-

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BAYOUMI because Al-BAYOUMI would be in a position to assist (P) in the future. In addition, (P) was requested to furnish Al-BAYOUMI with reference letters.

Reference: 265A-NY-280350-SD serial 12014
265A-NY-280350-302 serial 85936
FD-302 dated 11/27/01

(U) On 11/15/2001, (P) birth date (P) was interviewed by SA (S) and provided the following information. (P) once heard Omar Al-BAYOUMI disclosing to others at the Islamic Center of San Diego (ICSD) he had friends or contacts at the Saudi Consulate in Los Angeles, California. (P) advised Al-BAYOUMI was extremely close to other ICSD Saudis. (P) believed Al-BAYOUMI was in the United States on scholarship from the Saudi Airport Authority of Saudi Airlines and Al-BAYOUMI would eventually return to his former job.

Reference (U) ~~(S)~~ 265A-NY-282573-SEC serial 28
EC dated 01/11/2002

(C-1)

[REDACTED]



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Reference 265A-NY-280350-SD Serial 14812
LHM dated 04/15/2002

(U) An LHM dated 05/15/2002. from San Diego to New York furnished information regarding Omar Al-BAYOUMI and his employment with Dallah Al Baraka. The

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information was received from an interview of [REDACTED] (P)
[REDACTED] (P)

(U) [REDACTED] (P) identified Al-BAYOUMI as a "ghost employee" of AVCO Oversees. [REDACTED] (P) estimated that there were approximately fifty (50) individuals carried on the books and PCA or Dallah and being paid for doing nothing.

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Scope Note

This is a joint FBI-CIA intelligence report as prescribed by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the FY 2004 Classified Annex S.1025/S. Report 108-44. This report provides the intelligence oversight committees with an assessment of the nature and extent of Saudi Government support of terrorism as well as the Saudi intelligence threat to the United States. In addition, this report (O-1) [REDACTED]

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Executive Summary

Since the 11 September 2001 attacks, the United States Intelligence Community (USIC) has been working to assess Saudi Arabia's ties to terrorism, including the 2001 terrorist acts, in order to address questions arising about the country's support for organizations that may have provided support for previous al-Qa'ida attacks. Our assessment to date is as follows:

- There is no evidence that either the Saudi Government or members of the Saudi royal family knowingly provided support for the attacks of 11 September 2001 or that they had foreknowledge of terrorist operations in the Kingdom or elsewhere.
- There is evidence that official Saudi entities, chiefly the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and associated nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), provide financial and logistical support to individuals in the United States and around the world, some of whom are associated with terrorism-related activity.
- The Saudi Government and many of its agencies have been infiltrated and exploited by individuals associated with or sympathetic to al-Qa'ida.
- Suspected Saudi intelligence officers and cooptees appear to be engaged in collecting intelligence in the United States. Saudi-funded clerics have been found to be collecting on Saudi-Americans and other communities in the United States.
- Suspected Saudi intelligence officers and cooptees in the United States, including diplomats, are engaged in a campaign to influence public perception and policy.
- The Saudi Government and private Saudi individuals support the propagation of the conservative Wahhabi-Salafi sect of Sunni Islam in the United States. Jihadists adhere to and interpret this sect's beliefs to justify their actions.
- There is no information to indicate that either Omar al-Bayoumi or Osama Basnan materially supported the hijackers wittingly, were intelligence officers of the Saudi Government or provided material support for the 11 September attacks, contrary to media speculation.

Recent cooperation between Saudi intelligence and the USIC is largely driven by the Saudi royal family's recognition of the domestic threat posed to it by al-Qa'ida following several bombings by the group inside Saudi Arabia, starting in May 2003.

- In the past, the Saudi Government found itself in a precarious position, on the one hand it was denouncing al-Qa'ida as a threat, yet on the other hand it was underestimating al-Qa'ida's vitality within the Kingdom and treating the group with special consideration. Recent raids by the General Directorate for Investigations (Mabahith), which have resulted in the death or arrest of al-Qa'ida members in Saudi Arabia, demonstrate how this policy has changed.