SECRET  PTQ4405  RELEASED IN FULL

PAGE 01  STATE 170698  020218Z

ORIGIN INR-00

INFO  LOG-00  A-00  CA-01  WHA-00  SRP-00  DS-00  EAP-00
EUR-00  FAE-00  VC-00  TDEE-00  IO-00  L-00  VCE-00
AC-01  NMA-00  NCSC-00  OIC-02  FM-00  ACE-00  P-00
SCF-00  SSO-00  SS-00  TRSE-00  USSS-00  SA-00  FMB-00
DSSC-00  G-00  SAS-00  /004R

DRAFTED BY:  INR/TNC:SMADSEN:ESULLIVAN
APPROVED BY:  INR/FO:TFINGER
FO:CFORD  P:MGROSSMAN  CIA:CTC-CGRAHAM  DIA:MBBMGARDNER
NSA:TLSLAUGHTER  FBI:SMCCRAW  S/ES-O:DBAME

O  020115Z  OCT 01
FM  SECSTATE  WASHDC
TO  AMEMBASSY  ANKARA  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  ATHENS  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  BRUSSELS  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  BUDAPEST  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  COPENHAGEN  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  DUBLIN  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  HELSINKI  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  LISBON  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  LUXEMBOURG  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  MADRID  IMMEDIATE
USEU  BRUSSELS  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  OSLO  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  REYKJAVIK  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  ROME  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  STOCKHOLM  IMMEDIATE

SECRET

PAGE 02  STATE 170698  020218Z

AMEMBASSY  THE  HAGUE  IMMEDIATE
USMISSION  USNATO  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  VIENNA  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  WARSAW  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  BERLIN  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  PRAGUE  IMMEDIATE
USMISSION  USUN  NEW  YORK  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  TOKYO  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  SEOUL  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  MOSCOW  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  BEIJING  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  ISLAMABAD  IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY  NEW  DELHI  IMMEDIATE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ROBERT R STRAND
DATE/CASE ID: 19 MAY 2008  200700764

http://www.intelwire.com
S E C R E T

PAGE 03 STATE 170698 020218Z
SECRET STATE 170698

SENSITIVE

E.O. 12958: DECL: (X1)
TAGS: PTER, PINR
SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 11: WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGHT THE PLAGUE OF GLOBAL TERRORISM AND THE CASE AGAINST AL-QA'IDA

CLASSIFIED BY THE SECRETARY; REASON 1.5 (B) AND (D)

1. (U) ALL ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO BRIEF SENIOR HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE INFORMATION LINKING THE AL-QA'IDA TERRORIST NETWORK, USAMA BIN LADIN, AND THE TALEBAN REGIME TO THE SEPTEMBER 11 TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AND PENTAGON AND THE CRASH OF UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT OBLIGED IN ANY WAY TO MAKE ANY KIND OF SHOWING AS A PREREQUISITE OR PRECONDITION TO THE EXERCISE OF ITS RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER, WHETHER NOW OR IN THE FUTURE. ALSO NOTE THAT THIS IS PRELIMINARY INFORMATION. THE DEPARTMENT, DURING THE COURSE OF ITS INVESTIGATION, IS DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. IN ADDITION, POSTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE SECRET CLASSIFICATION OF THIS MESSAGE PRECLUDES THE SHARING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT SOURCES AND METHODS. APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN HOST COUNTRIES MAY SEEK MORE DETAILED INFORMATION IN
ESTABLISHED INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS. POST SHOULD DRAW FROM
THE INFORMATION BELOW IN PREPARING THE PRESENTATION. POSTS
SECRET

PAGE 04 STATE 170698 020218Z
SHOULD PROVIDE ORAL BRIEFINGS ONLY AND NOT/NOT LEAVE THE
DOCUMENT BELOW AS A NON-PAPER. POST SHOULD ENSURE THAT
THE FOCUS OF THE ORAL BRIEFING, ESPECIALLY AT THE OUTSET,
INCLUDES THE OVERALL TERRORIST THREAT WE FACE (DRAWING ON
THE FIRST THREE PARAGRAPHS BELOW) AND THE PRESIDENT'S
STATEMENT ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN WE INTEND TO UNDERTAKE
AGAINST TERRORISM AND THE STATES THAT HARBOR AND SUPPORT
IT.

2. (C) BEGIN TEXT:
(C) THE TERRORIST THREAT THE UNITED STATES AND ITS
PARTNERS CONFRONT IS A BROAD-BASED NETWORK OF CELLS. MANY
OF THESE GROUPS SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND ARE SUPPORTED BY
STATES. GIVEN THE EXTENSIVE NATURE OF THIS NETWORK, THE
UNITED STATES HAS A MULTI-PHASE, LONG-TERM STRATEGY. WE
WILL NEED COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE FROM AROUND THE
WORLD, POSSIBLY FOR YEARS TO COME. AS PRESIDENT BUSH HAS
SAID, WE ARE EMBARKING ON A LENGTHY CAMPAIGN THAT WILL
COMBINE DIPLOMACY, FINANCIAL MEASURES, MILITARY ACTION,
INTELLIGENCE, AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS OF POWER AND
INFLUENCE. WE WANT TO STARVE TERRORISTS OF FUNDING, AND
WE WANT TO DEPRIVE THEM OF REFUGE.

(C) THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACK INDICATES THAT THE THREAT HAS
GROWN MORE SOPHISTICATED AND DANGEROUS. WE HAVE SUFFERED
PREVIOUS ATTACKS, SUCH AS THE BOMBING OF THE USS COLE AND
THE ATTACKS AGAINST OUR EMBASSIES IN KENYA AND TANZANIA.
THOSE ATTACKS, AND OUR EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE
NETWORK OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS THAT CONDUCTED AND
SUPPORTED SUCH ATTACKS, HAVE GIVEN US A BETTER
UNDERSTANDING OF THE GLOBAL BREATH AND REACH OF THE
SECRET

PAGE 05 STATE 170698 020218Z
TERRORIST THREAT WE FACE. THEY POINT TO THE KEY ROLE
PLAYED BY AL-QA'IDA. BUT THE SHADY NATURE OF THE TERROR
NETWORK AND ITS SUPPORTERS STILL LEAVES US WITH
UNCERTAINTY ABOUT ITS REACH, MEMBERSHIP, CAPABILITIES AND
LINKAGES.

(C) THE INFORMATION WE CAN SHARE, POINTS CONCLUSIVELY TO
AN AL-QA'IDA ROLE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS. ALTHOUGH
WE ARE CERTAIN ABOUT THEIR ROLE, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE
UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHO ELSE MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. AS
WE CONTINUE OUR INVESTIGATION, NEW INFORMATION SUGGESTS

UNCLASSIFIED

http://www.intelwire.com
UNCLASSIFIED

INVOLVEMENT BY OTHERS AS WELL. THE WEB OF ACTIVITY AMONG HUNDREDS OR THOUSANDS OF EXTREMISTS WORKING IN COMPARTMENTED CELLS IN DOZENS OF COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE WILL REQUIRE A CONSISTENT, LONG-TERM EFFORT, COUPLED WITH COOPERATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, TO WEAVE TOGETHER THE THREADS OF THE PROBLEM. THUS, OUR CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS THAT CARRY OUT SUCH ACTS MUST EXTEND WELL BEYOND AL-QA'IDA AND USAMA BIN LADIN. WE MUST ADDRESS THE ENTIRETY OF THE LOOSE CONFEDERATION OF DISPARATE GROUPS, SOME OF WHOM TRAINED IN AFGHANISTAN, THAT RELY ON TERROR TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR GOALS, WORKING WITH STATES COMMITTED TO THEIR EFFORT. THESE GROUPS AND STATES REPRESENT A THREAT NOT ONLY TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT ALSO TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS THAT OPPOSE THEIR IDEOLOGY.

(U) ON SEPTEMBER 11, TERRORISTS HIJACKED FOUR JETLINERS FROM AIRPORTS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND NEWARK, NEW JERSEY AND PROCEEDED TO COMMIT THE MOST HEINOUS ACT OF TERRORISM IN HISTORY. THE TERRORISTS USED THE AIRLINERS AS WEAPONS, KILLING CIVILIANS FROM 79 NATIONS WHEN UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 175 AND AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 11 FROM BOSTON WERE CRASHED INTO THE TWIN TOWERS OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY AND AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 77 WAS FLOWN INTO THE PENTAGON OUTSIDE WASHINGTON, D.C. THE FOURTH HIJACKED PLANE, UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93, WENT DOWN WITH ALL ABOARD IN SOUTHERN PENNSYLVANIA. NEARLY 7,000 INNOCENT MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN WERE KILLED OR ARE MISSING AND PRESUMED DEAD. THIS WAS AN ATTACK NOT ONLY ON PARTICULAR BUILDINGS AND THEIR OCCUPANTS, BUT ALSO ON THE BASIC FREEDOMS AND STABILITY OF THE ENTIRE CIVILIZED WORLD.

ATTACKS ALSO ARE CONSISTENT WITH USAMA BIN LADIN’S OFTEN-REPEATED PUBLIC STATEMENTS VOWING TO KILL AS MANY AMERICANS AS POSSIBLE.

(U) AL-QA’IDA WAS ABLE TO PLAN AND PREPARE TERRORIST ACTS BECAUSE OF THE SANCTUARY AND SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE TALEBAN REGIME IN AFGHANISTAN. IN DEFiance OF THE WILL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY—AS EXPRESSED IN RESOLUTIONS AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON EVERY CONTINENT—THE TALEBAN HAVE HARBORED AL-QA’IDA AND MAINTAINED CLOSE MILITARY, INTELLIGENCE, AND FINANCIAL TIES. THE TALEBAN ARE WITNESSING AL-QA’IDA’S GOALS AND USE OF TERRORISM.

(U) THE TALEBAN ARE THEREFORE COMPLICITous IN THESE ACTIONS, WHICH CONSTITUTE A BETRAYAL OF THE PRINCIPLES OF ALL CIVILIZED NATIONS AND ALL RELIGIONS, INCLUDING ISLAM. IN FACT, ISLAMIC SCHOLARS AND ARAB POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE CONDEMNED BIN LADIN AND AL-QA’IDA’S ATTEMPT TO HIjACK THEIR RELIGION FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES. THE U.S. MET WITH THE TALEBAN DOZENS OF TIMES, PRESENTED INFORMATION, AND WARNED THEM TWICE THAT THE U.S. WOULD HOLD THEM DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE.

(U) THE TERRORIST THREAT WE FACE IS A BROAD THREAT, FROM A NETWORK OF TERRORIST GROUPS OF GLOBAL REACH AND STATES THAT SUPPORT THEM AND WORK WITH THEM. THEY ARE SOPHISTICATED AND DETERMINED IN CONCEALING THEIR ACTIVITIES AND THEIR CONNECTIONS. THERE IS MUCH ABOUT THEM WE ARE STILL LEARNING. WE ALMOST SURELY WILL LEARN ADDITIONAL FACTS ABOUT THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE SUPPORT PROVIDED TO AL-QA’IDA BY NOT ONLY THE TALEBAN BUT POSSIBLY ALSO BY OTHER GROUPS OR GOVERNMENTS.

UNCLASSIFIED

PART I. WHAT HAPPENED ON SEPTEMBER 11

(U) ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 11, TERRORISTS, OPERATING IN TEAMS, HIJACKED FOUR JETLINERS DEPARTING FROM AIRPORTS IN THE NORTHEAST U.S. THEY DELIBERATELY CRASHED TWO OF THE PLANES INTO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER BUILDINGS IN NEW YORK AND A THIRD PLANE INTO THE PENTAGON BUILDING IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA. THE ATTACKS WERE CAREFULLY PLANNED AND EACH TEAM INCLUDED AT LEAST ONE HIJACKER WHO HAD TRAINED TO FLY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.

(U) THE 767 AIRCRAFT THAT STRUCK THE WORLD TRADE CENTER CAUSED MASSIVE LOSS OF LIFE IN ADDITION TO KILLING THE 148 PASSENGERS AND CREW ON BOARD. THOUSANDS WERE KILLED IMMEDIATELY AND THOUSANDS MORE WERE TRAPPED BY FIRE AND SMOKE ON THE TOWER’S UPPER FLOORS. WITHIN 90 MINUTES BOTH TOWERS—STRUCTURALLY WEAKENED BY THE INTENSE HEAT OF THE FLAMES—COLLAPSED, KILLING THOUSANDS MORE INCLUDING SEVERAL HUNDRED POLICE AND FIRE FIGHTERS WHO HAD RUSHED INTO THE BURNING BUILDINGS ON A COURAGEOUS RESCUE MISSION.

SECRET

PAGE 09 STATE 170698 020218Z

(U) AT THE PENTAGON, THE RISK OF COLLAPSE PREVENTED RESCUERS FROM REACHING MANY OF THE VICTIMS. 190 PEOPLE WERE KILLED, INCLUDING THE 64 PASSENGERS ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 77, AND MANY OTHERS WERE HOSPITALIZED.

(U) PASSENGERS ON THE FOURTH HIJACKED PLANE, UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93, LEARNED OF THE ATTACKS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FROM CELL PHONE CONVERSATIONS AND ATTEMPTED TO OVERPOWER THE TERRORISTS. THEIR PLANE CRASHED IN AN OPEN FIELD IN PENNSYLVANIA, KILLING ALL 45 PEOPLE ON BOARD BUT NO ONE ON THE GROUND.

(U) THE DEATH TOLL FROM THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11 IS STILL UNCERTAIN, BUT IS ESTIMATED AT NEARLY 7000—THE SINGLE BLOODIEST DAY IN U.S. HISTORY SINCE THE CIVIL WAR. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE STILL MISSING AND PRESUMED DEAD. NEW YORK IS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY AND THE VICTIMS INCLUDED HUNDREDS OF PERSONS FROM 79 DIFFERENT NATIONS. THE WORLD TRADE CENTER WAS HOME TO THREE FOREIGN MISSIONS AND 430 COMPANIES FROM 28 COUNTRIES.

(U) IN ADDITION TO THE LOSS OF LIFE, THE TERRORIST ATTACKS INFlicted MASSIVE PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC DAMAGE. IN NEW YORK ALONE, THE ATTACKS DESTROYED AN ESTIMATED 22 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE. REPAIRS TO THE

UNCLASSIFIED
PART II. AN INTRODUCTION TO AL-QA'IDA:

A. AL-QA'IDA AND ITS LEADERS

(U) WHILE SERVING AS AN UMBRELLA FOR VARIOUS LIKEMINDED GROUPS, AL-QA'IDA IS ALSO A HIERARCHICAL ORGANIZATION AND USAMA BIN LADIN AND HIS KEY LIEUTENANTS ARE ITS UNDISPUTED LEADERS. IT WAS FOUNDED BY BIN LADIN TO CARRY OUT "JIHAD" OR HOLY WAR, AGAINST THOSE HE SAW AS INFIDELS AND NONBELIEVERS. BY 1992, AL-QA'IDA'S PRIMARY ENEMY WAS THE UNITED STATES. IT WAS FOCUSED ON DRIVING AMERICAN TROOPS OUT OF THE HOLY LAND (SAUDI ARABIA). IN HIS FEBRUARY 1998 "FATWA," BIN LADIN EXPLICITLY STATED THAT IT WAS THE DUTY OF EVERY MUSLIM WHO CAN DO IT, IN ANY COUNTRY, "TO KILL THE AMERICANS AND THEIR ALLIES..." BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONS. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, "...ALL EFFORT MUST BE DIRECTED AT THIS ENEMY, KILL IT, FIGHT IT, DESTROY IT, BREAK IT DOWN, PLOT AGAINST IT, AMBUSH IT, AND GOD THE ALMIGHTY WILLING, UNTIL IT IS GONE."


B. BIN LADIN'S PUBLIC THREATS

UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED

(U) BIN LADIN HAS BEEN VERY CLEAR ON WHAT HE EXPECTS FROM HIS CO-CONSPIRATORS. HE HAS MADE NO SECRET OF HIS BELIEF THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS A DUTY TO KILL AS MANY AMERICANS AS POSSIBLE—INCLUDING MILITARY PERSONNEL, CIVILIANS, AND EVEN FELLOW MUSLIMS—AND HAS WORKED HARD TO CONVINCE OTHERS TO ACT ON THIS BELIEF.

(U) - IN HIS 1996 "DECLARATION OF JIHAD," BIN LADIN URGED COORDINATED EFFORTS TO KILL AMERICANS AND ENCOURAGED OTHERS TO JOIN THE JIHAD AGAINST THE AMERICAN "ENEMY."

(U) - BIN LADIN ISSUED A DECLARATION THAT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE ARABIC NEWSPAPER AL-QUDS AL-‘ARABI ON FEBRUARY 23, 1998 WHICH STATED THAT MUSLIMS SHOULD KILL AMERICANS—INCLUDING CIVILIANS—ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD WHERE THEY CAN BE FOUND.

(U) - IN AN INTERVIEW AIRED ON AL JAZIRA (DOHA, QATAR) TELEVISION IN JUNE 1999, BIN LADIN STATED, "OUR ENEMY... IS EVERY AMERICAN MALE, WHETHER HE IS DIRECTLY FIGHTING US OR SECRET PAYING TAXES."

(U) - AND PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, HE HAS PUBLICLY STATED HIS INTENT TO STRIKE INSIDE THE UNITED STATES. IN TWO INTERVIEWS AIRED ON U.S. TELEVISION IN 1997 AND 1998, HE DESCRIBED THE TERRORISTS WHO BOMBED THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN 1993 AS ROLE MODELS AND URGED HIS FOLLOWERS TO "TAKE THE FIGHTING TO AMERICA."

C. AL-QA’IDA’S RECORD OF TERRORISM

==THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY’S RESPONSE TO BIN LADIN’S PREVIOUS ATTACKS==

(U) THE U.S. HAS PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED EVIDENCE OF AL-QA’IDA’S TERRORIST ACTIVITIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE UN RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO OUR REQUEST TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS AGAINST BIN LADIN FOR HIS ACTIONS, AS WELL AS AGAINST THE TALEBAN FOR HARBORING HIM AND HIS ORGANIZATION. UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION (UNSCR) 1333 PLACED AN ARMS EMBARGO ON THE TALEBAN AND DECLARED THAT ALL STATES SHOULD FREEZE THE ASSETS OF BIN LADIN AND AL-QA’IDA. UNSCR 1267 EARLIER DEMANDED THAT THE TALEBAN TURN BIN LADIN OVER TO A COUNTRY IN WHICH HE HAD BEEN INDICTED. MOST RECENTLY, UNSCR 1368 CONDEMNED THE TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11 AND STATED THE COUNCIL’S READINESS TO TAKE

UNCLASSIFIED
ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO COMBAT ALL FORMS OF TERRORISM.
SUMMARIES OF MAJOR AL-QA'IDA OPERATIONS PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 11 FOLLOW.

---THE 1993 WORLD TRADE CENTER BOMBING AND THE MANILA SECRET---


---THE EAST AFRICA EMBASSY BOMBINGS---


UNCLASSIFIED

http://www.intelwire.com
UNCLASSIFIED

AQ'IDA CAMPS, AND WITH UBL'S DIRECT PERMISSION FOUGHT
ALONG SIDE THE TALIBAN IN AFGHANISTAN. AL OWHALI ADMITTED
HE ASKED USAMA BIN LADIN FOR ANOTHER MISSION; HE RECEIVED
IT. HE WAS DISPATCHED TO EAST AFRICA AFTER UNDERGOING
EXTENSIVE SPECIALIZED TRAINING AT CAMPS IN AFGHANISTAN.

ANOTHER DEFENDANT, MOHAMED SADEEK ODEH, IN WHOSE RESIDENCE
WAS FOUND A SKETCH OF THE AREA WHERE THE BOMB WAS TO BE
PLACED, ADMITTED HE WAS A MEMBER OF AL-QA'IDA AND
IDENTIFIED THE OTHER PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE BOMBING
AS AL-QA'IDA MEMBERS. ODEH ADMITTED THAT HE WAS TOLD
THE NIGHT PRIOR TO THE BOMBINGS THAT BIN LADIN AND THE OTHERS
HE WAS WORKING WITH IN AFGHANISTAN HAD RELOCATED FROM
THEIR CAMPS BECAUSE THEY EXPECTED THE AMERICAN MILITARY TO
RETALIATE.

(U) THE WOULD-BE SUICIDE BOMBER AL-'OWHALI RAN AWAY FROM
THE BOMB TRUCK AT THE LAST MINUTE AND SURVIVED. HE HAD NO
MONEY, PASSPORT, OR PLAN TO ESCAPE KENYA, SO, DAYS LATER,
HE CALLED A TELEPHONE NUMBER IN YEMEN AND ARRANGED TO HAVE
MONEY TRANSFERRED TO HIM IN KENYA. A CALL WAS PLACED TO
THAT TELEPHONE NUMBER IN YEMEN FROM USAMA BIN LADIN ON THE
SAME DAY AS AL-'OWHALI WAS ARRANGING TO GET MONEY.

SECRET

PAGE 15 STATE 170698 020218Z

(U) AL-'OWHALI AND ODEH BOTH IMPLICATED MEN NAMED "HARUN,"
"SALEH," AND "ABDEL RAHMAN," ALL NOW FUGITIVES, IN THE
ORGANIZATION OF THE NAIROBI BOMBING. ALL THREE ARE AL­
QA'IDA AND/OR EIJ MEMBERS. DOCUMENTS RECOVERED IN A 1997
SEARCH OF A HOUSE IN KENYA SHOWED HARUN TO BE AN AL-QA'IDA
MEMBER. THE HOUSE WHERE THE NAIROBI BOMB WAS ASSEMBLED
ALSO WAS RENTED BY HARUN. MOREOVER, THE RECORDS FOR THE
TELEPHONE LOCATED AT THE BOMB FACTORY SHOWED CALLS TO THE
SAME NUMBER IN YEMEN THAT AL-'OWHALI AND USAMA BIN LADIN
HAD CONTACTED BEFORE AND AFTER THE BOMBINGS.

(U) THE SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR THE TANZANIA BOMBING, KHALFAN
KHANIS MOHAMED, ALSO IMPLICATED "SALEH" AND "ABDEL RAHMAN"
IN THE TANZANIA BOMBING - AS DID ODEH. TELEPHONE RECORDS
CONFIRMED THAT THE KENYA AND TANZANIA CELLS WERE IN
CONTACT SHORTLY BEFORE THE BOMBINGS.

(U) FOLLOWING THE BOMBING, ALI MOHAMED, A U.S. CITIZEN AND
ISLAMIC ACTIVIST, WAS ARRESTED IN THE UNITED STATES. HE
LATER ADMITTED THAT HE HAD HELPED TRAIN TERRORISTS
BELONGING TO AL-QA'IDA AND EIJ IN AFGHANISTAN IN THE EARLY
1990s. THOSE THAT HE TRAINED INCLUDED MANY PERSONS
INVOLVED IN THE EAST AFRICA BOMBINGS. MOHAMED ADMITTED
DURING HIS GUILTY PLEA THAT HE SURVEILLED THE AMERICAN

UNCLASSIFIED
EMBASSY IN NAIROBI IN LATE 1993 ON BEHALF OF AL-QA’IDA AND LATER DISPLAYED A FILE OF SKETCHES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EMBASSY TO BIN LADIN HIMSELF IN SUDAN. ALI MOHAMED ALSO DESCRIBED SECRET CONTACTS BETWEEN AL-QA’IDA, EIJI, AND HIZBALLAH. IN LATE 2000, L’HOUSAİNE KHERCITOU, AN ADMITTED FORMER MEMBER OF AL-QA’IDA, PLED GUILTY AND AGREED TO TESTIFY, ADMITTING THAT HE HAD HOSTED THE AL-
SECRET

(U) ADDITIONAL PROOF OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF AL-QA’IDA AND EIJI IN THE EAST AFRICA BOMBINGS CAME FROM A SEARCH CONDUCTED IN LONDON OF SEVERAL RESIDENCES AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES BELONGING TO AL-QA’IDA AND EIJI MEMBERS. IN THOSE SEARCHES, A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND, INCLUDING CLAIMS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE NAME OF A FICTITIOUS GROUP. AL-‘OWHALI, THE WOULD BE SUICIDE BOMBER, ADMITTED THAT HE WAS TOLD TO MAKE A VIDEOTAPE OF HIMSELF USING THE NAME OF A FICTITIOUS GROUP, THE SAME NAME FOUND ON THE CLAIMS OF RESPONSIBILITY. THE CLAIMS OF RESPONSIBILITY WERE RECEIVED IN LONDON ON THE MORNING THE BOMBINGS OCCURRED, PROBABLY EVEN BEFORE THE BOMBINGS TOOK PLACE. THE CLAIM DOCUMENTS WERE TRACED TO A TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BIN LADIN. THE CLAIMS, WHICH WERE DISSEMINATED TO THE PRESS, WERE CLEARLY AUTHORED BY SOMEONE FAMILIAR WITH THE BOMBING CONSPIRATORS. THEY STATED THAT THE BOMBINGS WERE CARRIED OUT BY TWO SAUDIS IN KENYA AND ONE EGYPTIAN IN TANZANIA. THE NATIONALITY OF THE BOMBERS DID NOT BECOME KNOWN TO INVESTIGATORS UNTIL WEEKS LATER. MOREOVER, ALTHOUGH THE PLAN CALLED FOR TWO SAUDIS TO BE KILLED IN THE NAIROBI BOMBING, ONLY ONE WAS ACTUALLY KILLED BECAUSE AL-‘OWHALI RAN AWAY AT THE LAST MINUTE. THUS, THE CLAIMS WERE WRITTEN BY SOMEONE WHO KNEW THE PLAN BEFORE THE ACTUAL RESULTS WERE KNOWN.

==THE MILLENNIUM PLOT==

SECRET

PAGE 17 STATE 170698 020218Z
(SECRET/REL TO SELECT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS) IN DECEMBER 1999, JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES DISCOVERED AND THWARTED A PLOT BY MEMBERS OF AL-QAIDA TO BLOW UP THE FULLY BOOKED 400-ROOM RADISSON HOTEL IN AMMAN, AS WELL AS SEVERAL HOLY SITES AND A BORDER CROSSING, BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 31. AT THE SAME TIME, CANADIAN AND U.S. AUTHORITIES DISCOVERED A
NETWORK OF TERRORISTS LINKED TO AL-QA'IDA ATTEMPTING TO CONDUCT ATTACKS INSIDE THE UNITED STATES. AHMED RESSAM, AN ALGERIAN WHO WAS STOPPED AT THE U.S.-CANADIAN BORDER WITH OVER 100 POUNDS OF BOMB MAKING MATERIALS IN HIS CAR, ADMITTED THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO SET OFF A LARGE BOMB AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TERRORIST TRAINING AT AL-QA'IDA-RUN CAMPS IN AFGHANISTAN UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF SENIOR BIN LADIN LIEUTENANT ABU ZUBAIDA AND WAS INSTRUCTED TO GO ABROAD AND KILL U.S. CIVILIANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL.

(U) JUST A FEW DAYS LATER, ON JANUARY 3, A GROUP OF AL-QA'IDA MEMBERS AND OTHER TERRORISTS WHO HAD TRAINED IN THE GROUP'S CAMPS IN AFGHANISTAN ATTEMPTED TO ATTACK A U.S. DESTROYER WITH A SMALL BOAT LOADED WITH EXPLOSIVES IN YEMEN. THEIR BOAT SANK, FOILING THAT ATTACK, BUT THEY SUCCEEDED NINE MONTHS LATER.

THE ATTACK ON THE USS COLE

(U) ON OCTOBER 12, 2000, THE USS COLE WAS STRUCK BY AN EXPLOSIVES-LADEN BOAT WHILE REFUELING IN ADEN HARBOR, YEMEN. THE EXPLOSION KILLED 17 CREWMEMBERS AND INJURED APPROXIMATELY 40 OTHERS. THE INVESTIGATION HAS IDENTIFIED MULTIPLE SUSPECTS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE ATTACK. SEVERAL OF THE PERPETRATORS (MOSTLY YEMENIS AND SAUDIS OF YEMENI ORIGIN) TRAINED AT BIN LADIN-SPONSORED MUJAHIDIN TRAINING CAMPS IN AFGHANISTAN. THE TWO COMMANDERS OF THIS OPERATION HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE PLANNING AND LOGISTICS OF THE EAST AFRICA EMBASSY BOMBINGS.

PART III. THE INVOLVEMENT OF AL-QA'IDA IN THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS

(U) IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT AL-QA'IDA IS A SECRETIVE, CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION, ITS MEMBERS TRAINED TO MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF OPERATIONAL SECRECY WHILE THEY CONDUCT THEIR OPERATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE INVESTIGATION INTO THESE ATTACKS IS STILL IN THE EARLY STAGE. THERE ARE STILL GAPS IN OUR KNOWLEDGE. WE EXPECT TO LEARN MORE OVER TIME AS WE CONTINUE OUR INVESTIGATION. HOWEVER, THE FACTS TO DATE DEMONSTRATE CLEARLY THAT AL-QA'IDA CONDUCTED THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS.
(U) NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE NOT LIMITING OUR INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS TO AL-QA'IDA ALONE. WE CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD IDENTIFY OTHER GROUPS, GOVERNMENTS, OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THESE SECRET ATTACKS.

==1. AL-QA'IDA MEMBERS CONDUCTED THE ATTACK==

==AMERICAN AIRLINES #77 HIJACKERS KHALID AL-MIHDHAR & NAWAF AL-HAZMI==


==SENIOR BIN LADIN TERRORIST: "KHALLAD"==

- (SECRET/REL TO SELECT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS) IN ADDITION, IN AUGUST 1998 A SOURCE INVOLVED IN THE EAST AFRICA EMBASSY BOMBINGS IDENTIFIED "KHALLAD THE SAUDI" AS PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN ORGANIZING THOSE ATTACKS.

- (SECRET/REL TO SELECT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS) A DIFFERENT SOURCE INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK ON THE USS COLE (WHO WAS NOT IN CONTACT WITH THE FIRST SOURCE) INDICATED THAT KHALLAD ACTED AS THE SENIOR BIN LADIN HEADQUARTERS COMMANDER FOR THE COLE OPERATION.

- (SECRET/REL TO SELECT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS) WE OBTAINED SECRET INFORMATION POSITIVELY IDENTIFYING KHALLAD AS ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WAS OBSERVED MEETING WITH AL-MIHDHAR AND AL-HAZMI IN EAST ASIA DURING A SERIES OF CLANDESTINE MEETINGS.

==ADDITIONAL HIJACKERS IDENTIFIED AS UBL ASSOCIATES==

(SECRET/REL TO SELECT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS) A LAW
ENFORCEMENT SOURCE WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO SENIOR OFFICIALS

OF AL-QA'IDA HAS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED SEVERAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 HIJACKERS AS KNOWN BIN LADIN ASSOCIATES FROM PHOTO SPREADS AND POSSIBLY RECOGNIZED OTHER ADDITIONAL HIJACKERS AS WELL. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS.

2. AL-QA'IDA HAD KNOWLEDGE PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 11 OF A MAJOR TERRORIST ATTACK

(U) IN THE RUN-UP TO SEPTEMBER 11, BIN LADIN AND HIS ASSOCIATES SEEMED TO BE ANTICIPATING WHAT WE COULD ONLY IDENTIFY AS AN IMPORTANT EVENT OR ACTIVITY, POSSIBLY AN ATTACK, ALTHOUGH LOCATION AND TARGET WERE NOT CLEAR. THESE GENERAL INDICATIONS, WHEN VIEWED IN HINDSIGHT AND COMBINED WITH THE SPECIFIC EVIDENCE CITED ABOVE, FURTHER BOLSTER THE CASE AGAINST BIN LADIN AND AL-QA'IDA FOR CULPABILITY IN THE SUICIDE HIJACKINGS.

(U) BIN LADIN PRECEDED HIS 1998 ATTACK IN EAST AFRICA WITH A PROPAGANDA VIDEOTAPE THAT EXTOLLED VIOLENCE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER TARGETS. IN THE MONTHS BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS, PROPAGANDA VIDEOTAPES WERE AGAIN DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST AND AMONG MUSLIM POPULATIONS WORLDWIDE BY AL-QA'IDA IN WHICH USAMA BIN LADIN AND OTHERS WERE SHOWN ENCOURAGING MUSLIMS TO ATTACK AMERICAN AND JEWISH TARGETS. BIN LADIN HAS ALSO BEEN SHOWN IN SEVERAL TELEVISION NEWS REPORTS, INCLUDING COVERAGE OF HIS SON'S WEDDING, MAKING STATEMENTS CALLING FOR JIHAD, AND PRAISING THOSE WHO HAD ALREADY DIED FOR THAT CAUSE OR WOULD SO SACRIFICe THEMSELVES IN THE FUTURE.

(SECRET/REL TO SELECT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS) FINALLY, ALL SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORTING INDICATES THAT BIN LADIN AND SENIOR LIEUTENANTS HAD ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF THE OPERATIONAL PLANNING AND TIMING FOR THE ATTACKS. SPECIFIC WARNINGS WENT OUT TO SELECTED BIN LADIN CONFIDENTS IN AFGHANISTAN AND ELSEWHERE TO MOVE TO SAFEHAVENS IN ANTICIPATION OF AN IMMEDIATE U.S. RESPONSE FOLLOWING THE ATTACKS.

3. TACTICAL SIMILARITY TO EARLIER ATTACKS

(U) METICULOUS PLANNING, A DESIRE TO INFLECT MASS CASUALTIES, (INCLUDING NON-AMERICANS) AND MULTIPLE, SIMULTANEOUS SUICIDE ATTACKS, HAVE CHARACTERIZED AL-
UNCLASSIFIED

QA’IDA’S OPERATIONS.

(U) - SOME OF AL-QA’IDA’S FORMER OPERATIVES-INCLUDING WITNESSES IN THE EAST AFRICA BOMBING TRIAL-HAVE DESCRIBED HOW THE GROUP SPENDS YEARS PREPARING FOR AN ATTACK: REPEATEDLY DOING SURVEILLANCE, PATIENTLY GATHERING SECRET MATERIALS, AND IDENTIFYING AND VETTING OPERATIVES WHO HAVE BOTH THE TECHNICAL SKILLS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK AND THE WILLINGNESS TO DIE FOR THEIR CAUSE.

(U) - THE TERRORISTS WHO ATTACKED THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AND THE PENTAGON MADE SIMILAR LENGTHY PREPARATIONS. THEY ATTENDED FLIGHT SCHOOLS, USED FLIGHT SIMULATORS TO STUDY THE CONTROLS OF LARGER AIRCRAFT, AND EXAMINED POTENTIAL AIRPORTS AND ROUTES THROUGH REPEATED SURVEILLANCE.

(U) - THE EAST AFRICA BOMBINGS-FOR WHICH FOUR AL-QA’IDA OPERATIVES WERE CONVICTED IN U.S. COURT-KILLED 212 KENYAN AND TANZANIAN CIVILIANS UNCONNECTED TO HIS CAUSE AND WOUNDED THOUSANDS OF OTHERS, INCLUDING MANY MUSLIMS. IN AN INTERVIEW LATER THAT YEAR, BIN LADIN CALLOUSLY ATTEMPTED TO JUSTIFY THEIR DEATHS BY CLAIMING THAT THE NEED TO ATTACK THE UNITED STATES EXCUSED THE KILLING OF OTHER INNOCENT CIVILIANS, MUSLIM AND NON-MUSLIM ALIKE. CITIZENS OF 79 NATIONS WERE KILLED IN THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS.


==ADDITIONAL REPORTING SINCE SEPTEMBER 11 POINTING TO AL-SECRET

- (SECRET/REL TO SELECT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS) SINCE SEPTEMBER 11 SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED WITH BIN LADIN INDICATED AL-QA’IDA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS.

UNCLASSIFIED
PART IV. LINKS BETWEEN THE TALEBAN AND AL-QA'IDA

==WHO ARE THE TALEBAN==


THE TALEBAN'S ACTIONS TO HAR bor USAMA BIN LADIN==

(U) BIN LADIN MOVED TO AFGHANISTAN FROM SUDAN IN 1996 AND BEGAN TO SUPPORT THE TALEBAN. OMAR AND BIN LADIN QUICKLY DEVELOPED A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP, BASED ON COMMON INTERESTS AND A SHARED RELIGIOUS VISION. OMAR PROVIDED BIN LADIN A SAFE HAVEN AND ASSISTED HIM IN SETTING UP AND MANNING TERRORIST TRAINING CAMPS. HE OCCASIONALLY USED PUBLIC RELATIONS TO PROTECT BIN LADIN (E.G., DENIED HIS CULPABILITY IN THE 1998 U.S. EMBASSY BOMBINGS IN EAST AFRICA AND THE RECENT BOMBINGS IN NEW YORK CITY AND WASHINGTON D.C.) AND CLAIMED HE "DISAPPEARED" WHEN THE WORLD WAS LOOKING FOR HIM.

(U) BIN LADIN HAS PROVIDED THE TALEBAN TROOPS, ARMS, LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AND MONEY TO FIGHT THE NORTHERN ALLIANCE; GIVEN INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE, AND

UNCLASSIFIED

http://www.intelwire.com
UNCLASSIFIED

HUMANITARIAN AID; AND PROBABLY ORCHESTRATED THE RECENT
ASSASSINATION OF NORTHERN ALLIANCE COMMANDER AHMED SHAH
MASOOD. EVIDENCE AT THE RECENT TRIAL CONCERNING THE 1998
EAST AFRICA EMBASSY BOMBINGS INCLUDED A REPORT ENDORSING
THE TALEBAN, WHICH WAS WRITTEN BY AL-QA'IDA'S MILITARY
COMMANDER.

SECRET

PAGE 25  STATE  170698  020218Z
(U) THE TALEBAN HAVE PROVIDED SAFE HAVEN AND SOMETIMES
ASSISTANCE TO OTHER TERRORISTS GROUPS, SUCH AS THE
EGYPTIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD, AL GAMA'AT EL ISLAMIYYA (ALSO
EGYPTIAN), THE CHECHEN ISLAMIC MUJAHIDIN, KASHMIRI
MILITANT GROUPS, AND THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT OF UZBEKISTAN.
MUCH OF THIS ASSISTANCE WAS WITH THE COLLABORATION AND
SUPPORT OF BIN LADIN.

(U) WITH THE BACKING OF BIN LADIN AND THE PAKISTANIS, THE
TALEBAN DROVE THE NORTHERN ALLIANCE BACK TO A RELATIVELY
SMALL AREA (5 - 10 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY) IN THE
NORtheast, INCLUDING MASOOD'S NORTHERN ALLIANCE
STRONGHOLD. LIMITED FIGHTING BETWEEN THE TALEBAN AND
NORTHERN ALLIANCE FORCES CONTINUES, BUT THE FEAR OF U.S.
ACTION HAS PROMPTED THE TALEBAN TO SCATTER THEIR FORCES
AND AL-QA'IDA VIRTUALLY TO ABANDON THE TERRORIST TRAINING
CAMPS.

==U.S. ENGAGEMENT WITH THE TALEBAN AND AFGHANISTAN==

(U) THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN MEETING WITH THE TALEBAN
SINCE THEY CAPTURED KABUL IN 1996 TO DISCUSS TERRORISM,
PEACE, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, DRUGS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

SINCE OCTOBER 1999, THE U.S. MET DIRECTLY--DOZENS OF
TIMES--WITH THE TALEBAN TO URGEx THEIR ABANDONMENT OF UBL
AND SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM. WE PROVIDED EVIDENCE OF USAMA
BIN LADIN'S INVOLVEMENT IN TERRORIST ATTACKS IN EAST
AFRICA DIRECTLY TO SENIOR TALEBAN LEADERS. IN OUR TALKS,
WE STRESSED THAT UBL HAS MURDERED AMERICANS AND CONTINUES
TO PLAN ATTACKS AGAINST AMERICANS AND OTHERS. WE
SECRET

PAGE 26  STATE  170698  020218Z
UNDERLINED THAT THE U.S. CANNOT IGNORE THESE THREATS. AT
THE SAME TIME, WE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH THE
TALEBAN TO EXPEL ALL TERRORISTS AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT
TERRORISM. THESE TALKS WERE FRUITLESS.

(U) IN JUNE 2001, WHEN THREATS OF AN IMPENDING AL-QA'IDA

UNCLASSIFIED

http://www.intelwire.com

(TALEBAN STEPS TO CLOSE THE TERRORIST NETWORK AND CAMPS WOULD HAVE ENABLED THE U.S. TO DISCUSS OTHER ISSUES WITH THE TALEBAN IN AN IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE. DESPITE TALEBAN REBUFFS, THE U.S. CONTINUALLY DEMONSTRATED SUPPORT FOR THE AFGHAN PEOPLE.

SINCE 1999, THE U.S. HAS BEEN THE SINGLE LARGEST DONOR OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN WITH CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALING $600 MILLION. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE U.S. SOUGHT WITH AFGHANISTAN'S NEIGHBORS A FRAMEWORK FOR THE TALEBAN AND THE NORTHERN ALLIANCE TO SEEK A CEASE-FIRE AND PRISONER EXCHANGE. WE CALLED UPON THE TALEBAN TO ADHERE TO INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED HUMAN RIGHTS NORMS AND PRACTICES, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING WOMEN AND YOUNG GIRLS. WE SUPPORTED UNSYG ANNAN'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR AFGHANISTAN TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT AND OTHER INITIATIVES TO INCLUDE ALL AFGHANS IN A PROCESS TO ESTABLISH A BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT.

PART V. THE WIDER CONTEXT OF THE GLOBAL TERRORIST THREAT

THIS REPORT MAKES CLEAR THAT THE AL-QA'IDA NETWORK OPERATES WITH GREAT SOPHISTICATION AND SECRECY, BUT NONETHELESS DEMONSTRATES DISTINCTIVE PATTERNS AND LINKAGES THAT WE HAVE SEEN AGAIN CLEARLY IN THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS. IT IS LIKELY THAT INVESTIGATIONS IN THE U.S. AND ELSEWHERE WILL REVEAL MORE ABOUT HOW AL-QA'IDA PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT THE TERRORIST ACTIONS OF SEPTEMBER 11. WE MAY ALSO LEARN ADDITIONAL FACTS ABOUT THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE SUPPORT PROVIDED TO AL-QA'IDA BY THE TALEBAN AND, PERHAPS, OTHERS. BUT ONE FACT IS CLEAR AND INCONTROVERTIBLE; AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVES PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE IN THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, A ROLE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE TALEBAN.

MEETING THE THREAT OF TERRORISM POSED BY AL-QA'IDA AND
UNCLASSIFIED

OTHERS WILL TAKE GREAT EFFORT. AS PRESIDENT BUSH DECLARED ON SEPTEMBER 20: "OUR WAR ON TERROR BEGINS WITH AL-QA'IDA, BUT DOES NOT END THERE. IT WILL NOT END UNTIL EVERY TERRORIST GROUP OF GLOBAL REACH HAS BEEN FOUND, STOPPED, AND DEFEATED. . . . AND WE WILL PURSUE NATIONS THAT PROVIDE AID AND SAFE HAVEN TO TERRORISM."

(U) WE FACE AN EVEN GREATER DANGER--THE DANGER OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN THE HANDS OF TERRORIST GROUPS OR THEIR STATE SUPPORTERS. WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING SUCH WEAPONS AND ARE WILLING TO USE THEM TO DO GRIEVOUS HARM TO AMERICANS AND OUR FRIENDS. THIS MAKES OUR BROAD CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE TERRORIST THREAT EVEN MORE URGENT AND COMPELLING.

(U) THE TASK IS THEREFORE AS THE PRESIDENT STATED ON SEPTEMBER 20: "WE WILL DIRECT EVERY RESOURCE AT OUR COMMAND--EVERY MEANS OF DIPLOMACY, EVERY TOOL OF INTELLIGENCE, EVERY INSTRUMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, EVERY FINANCIAL INFLUENCE AND EVERY NECESSARY WEAPON OF WAR--TO THE DESTRUCTION AND TO THE DEFEAT OF THE GLOBAL TERROR NETWORK."

(U) MEETING THE THREAT OF TERRORISM WILL ALSO REQUIRE COMMON EFFORT. SUCH COOPERATION IS BOTH NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE. THE TARGETS OF THE HORRIBLE ACTS OF SEPTEMBER 11 WERE NOT ONLY INNOCENT AMERICANS BUT ALSO INNOCENT INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. TERRORISM IS A THREAT TO US ALL, REGARDLESS OF RELIGION, NATIONALITY, OR RACE. ALL CIVILIZED NATIONS AND CIVILIZED PEOPLE EVERYWHERE MUST BAND TOGETHER TO DEFEAT THIS THREAT.

--A THREAT TO THE ENTIRE WORLD--

(U) AL-QA'IDA DOCTRINE DEMONSTRATES A PROFOUND INDIFFERENCE TO THE FATE OF INNOCENT PEOPLE--NOT ONLY AMERICANS--THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IN HIS OWN PUBLIC STATEMENTS, BIN LADIN HAS SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THE DEATH OF LARGE NUMBERS OF INNOCENT BYSTANDERS IS AN ACCEPTABLE PART OF HIS OPERATIONS.

(U) THE VAST MAJORITY OF AL-QA'IDA'S VICTIMS IN THE
UNCLASSIFIED

BOMBINGS OF THE U.S. EMBASSIES IN KENYA AND TANZANIA WERE INNOCENT AFRICAN BYSTANDERS IN NO WAY CONNECTED TO THE UNITED STATES.

(U) ALONG THE SAME LINES, THE TOLL OF MISSING AND DEAD FROM THE RECENT ATTACK ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER INCLUDES HUNDREDS OF NON-U.S. CITIZENS FROM 79 NATIONS.

(U) AL-QA'IDA ALSO PROVIDES GUIDANCE, FUNDING, TRAINING, OPERATIVES, AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO TERRORIST GROUPS THAT TARGET THE MANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS IT OPPOSES--SUCH AS OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES AND GOVERNMENTS IN MUSLIM COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT SUPPORT ITS EXTREME INTERPRETATION OF ISLAM. THE FOLLOWING ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE MANY EXAMPLES THAT ILLUSTRATE AL-QA'IDA'S WIDER TERRORIST TIES AND THE BREATH OF ITS AGENDA.

--(U) THE EGYPTIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD--THE ORGANIZATION THAT KILLED 16 PEOPLE IN A BOMBING OF THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN PAKISTAN IN 1995--IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF AL-QA'IDA, AND ITS LEADER, AYMAN AL-ZAWAHIRI, IS ONE OF BIN LADIN'S TOP DEPUTIES.

--(U) TERRORISTS WHO CONFESSION ON SAUDI TELEVISION TO HAVING BEEN INSPIRED BY BIN LADIN BOMBED A JOINT U.S.-SAUDI MILITARY TRAINING MISSION IN RIYADH IN 1995, KILLING SECRET FIVE AMERICANS AND TWO EMPLOYEES OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT.


--(U) IN DECEMBER 2000, AUTHORITIES IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY, ARRESTED MEMBERS OF A TERRORIST CELL WHO HAD TRAINED IN AFGHANISTAN. THEY WERE ASSEMBLING BOMBS AND HAD PRODUCED SURVEILLANCE TAPES OF A CROWDED CHRISTMAS MARKET AT A DOWNTOWN SQUARE IN STRASBOURG, FRANCE.

--(U) AL-QA'IDA SUPPORTS THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT OF UZBEKISTAN (IMU), A TERRORIST GROUP THAT HAS CONDUCTED TERRORIST OPERATIONS IN CENTRAL ASIA. TALEBAN LEADER MULLAH OMAR HAS APPOINTED THE IMU'S MILITARY CHIEF, JUMABOY NAMANGANI, AS THE COMMANDER OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES

UNCLASSIFIED

http://www.intelwire.com
FIGHTING ALONGSIDE THE TALEBAN.

---(U) WHAT MOSLEM SCHOLARS SAY ABOUT BIN LADIN'S TACTICS---

(U) BIN LADIN HAS DISTORTED THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM IN AN ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY HIS SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN OF ALL FAITHS. AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE KORAN, SURAT AL BAQARA (SURE II), VERSE 190: "FIGHT IN THE CAUSE OF GOD THOSE WHO FIGHT YOU, BUT DO NOT SECRET TRANSGRESS LIMITS, FOR GOD DOES NOT LOVE TRANSGRESSORS." BIN LADIN'S TWISTED INTERPRETATIONS HAVE BEEN REJECTED REPEATEDLY AND FORCEFULLY BY SOME OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED FIGURES IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD.

--(U) SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAYYED AL-TANTAWI OF AL-AZHAR, THE HIGHEST INSTITUTION IN SUNNI ISLAM, DECLARED TO THOUSANDS OF THE FAITHFUL IN HIS SEPTEMBER 14, 2001 SERMON IN CAIRO THAT "ATTACKING INNOCENT PEOPLE IS NOT COURAGEOUS, IT IS STUPID AND WILL BE PUNISHED ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT."

--(U) THE GRAND MUFTI OF THE REPUBLIC OF SYRIA, HIS EMINENCE SHEIKH AHMAD KIFTARU, ON SEPTEMBER 15 DENOUNCED THE ATTACKS, SAYING THAT "MUSLIMS SHARE THE AMERICAN'S GRIEF OVER THIS PAINFUL TRAGEDY."

--(U) FORTY-SIX ISLAMIC OPPOSITION GROUPS AND MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD IN EGYPT, RECENTLY SIGNED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING OUTRAGE AT THE SEPTEMBER 11 TERRORIST ATTACKS ON INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

END TEXT

3. (U) THE FOLLOWING GLOSSARY OF NAMES AND TERMS OFFERS USEFUL REFERENCE.

BEGIN GLOSSARY

==NAMES==

(U) A. ABU HAFS AL-MASRI ((HAFS)): AL-QA'IDA MILITARY SECRET COMMANDER. AL-MASRI MEANS THE EGYPTIAN.

(U) B. NAWAF AL-HAMZI ((NAWAF HAMZI)): SUSPECTED HIJACKER OF AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 77, WHICH CRASHED INTO THE

UNCLASSIFIED

http://www.intelwire.com
PENTAGON.

(U) C. HARUN ((HARUN)): BIN LADIN OPERATIVE AND ORGANIZER OF THE 1998 EAST AFRICA EMBASSY BOMBINGS. RENTED THE HOUSE WHERE THE NAIROBI BOMB WAS ASSEMBLED.

(SECRET/REL TO SELECT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS) D. MUHAMMAD JAMAL KHALIFA ((KHALIFA)): BIN LADIN'S BROTHER-IN-LAW. FINANCIER OF THE TERRORISTS ARRESTED IN THE MANILA AIRPLANE BOMBING CONSPIRACY.

(SECRET/REL TO SELECT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS) E. KHALLAD: A SENIOR BIN LADIN LIEUTENANT WHO HAS SERVED ON BIN LADIN'S SECURITY DETAIL AND WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY A SOURCE INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK ON THE USS COLE AS THE MASTERMIND OF THE BOMBING.


(U) G. L'HOUSSAINE KHERCHTOU ((KHERCHTOU)): AN ADMITTED FORMER MEMBER OF AL QAIDA. ADMITTED THAT HE HAD HOSTED THE AL-QA'IDA SURVEILLANCE TEAM (INCLUDING ALI MOHAMED) IN NAIROBI IN 1993.

SECRET

PAGE 33 STATE 170698 020218Z

(U) H. USAMA BIN LADIN ((BIN LADIN)): FOUNDER AND LEADER OF AL-QA'IDA. HAS DECLARED THAT HIS GOAL IS TO DRIVE AMERICANS FROM THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST BY KILLING U.S. CITIZENS, GOVERNMENT, MILITARY OR CIVILIAN, WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

(U) I. KHALID AL-MIHDHAR ((MIHDHAR)): SUSPECTED HIJACKER OF AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 77, WHICH CRASHED INTO THE PENTAGON.

(U) J. KHALFAN KHAMIS MOHAMED ((MOHAMED)): CONVICTED FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE 1998 DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA, EMBASSY BOMBING.

(U) K. MOHAMMED SADDEK ODEH ((ODEH)): PARTICIPANT IN THE 1998 NAIROBI, KENYA, EMBASSY BOMBING.

(U) L. MULLAH MOHAMMAD OMAR ((OMAR)): LEADER OF THE TALEBAN IN AFGHANISTAN.
UNCLASSIFIED

(U) M. MOHAMED RASHED DAQUD AL-'OWHALI ((OOWHALI)): WOULD-BE SUICIDE BOMBER WHO CARRIED OUT THE 1998 NAIROBI, KENYA, EMBASSY BOMBING.

(U) N. ABDEL RAHMAN ((RAHMAN)), NAME VARIANT 'ABD AL-RAHMAN: BIN LADIN OPERATIVE AND ORGANIZER OF THE 1998 EAST AFRICA EMBASSY BOMBINGS.

(U) O. SHEIKH OMAR ABDEL RAHMAN ((SHEIKH RAHMAN)), NAME VARIANT SHEIKH OMAR 'ABD AL-RAHMAN: CONVICTED OF SECRET CONSPIRACY TO BOMB LANDMARKS IN NEW YORK CITY IN 1993. IN 2000 BIN LADIN CALLED FOR A JIHAD TO FREE THE "BROTHERS" FROM JAIL, INCLUDING SHEIKH OMAR ABDEL RAHMAN.

(U) P. AHMAD RESSAM ((RESSAM)): ALGERIAN NATIONAL WHO WAS STOPPED AT THE US-CANADIAN BORDER WITH OVER 100 POUNDS OF BOMB MAKING MATERIALS IN HIS CAR. LATER ADMITTED THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO SET OFF A LARGE BOMB AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TERRORIST TRAINING AT AL-QA'IDA-RUN CAMPS IN AFGHANISTAN AND WAS INSTRUCTED TO GO ABROAD AND KILL US CIVILIANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL.

(U) Q. SALEH ((SALEH)): BIN LADIN OPERATIVE AND ORGANIZER OF THE 1998 EAST AFRICA EMBASSY BOMBINGS.


(U) S. AYMAN ZAWAHIRI ((ZAWAHIRI)): HEAD OF THE ISLAMIC RADICAL GROUP EGYPTIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD (EIJ) AN ORGANIZATION CLOSELY LINKED WITH BIN LADIN'S AL-QA'IDA.

(U) T. ABU ZUBAIDA ((ZUBAIDA)): ZAYN AL-ABIDIN MUHAMMAD HUSAYN, A SENIOR BIN LADIN LIEUTENANT AND TERRORIST FACILITATOR.

==TERMS==

SECRET

PAGE 35  STATE 170698 020218Z

(U) AA. AL-QA'IDA - ARABIC FOR "THE BASE," AS IN A

UNCLASSIFIED

http://www.intelwire.com
MILITARY BASE.

(U) BB. FATWA - A RULING ISSUED BY AN ISLAMIC SCHOLAR REGARDING THE LEGITIMACY OF A PARTICULAR ACTION.

(U) CC. JIHAD - HOLY WAR

(U) DD. MUJAHIDIN - A MUSLIM FIGHTER IN A HOLY WAR.

(U) EE. TALEBAN - AFGHANISTAN'S RULING ORGANIZATION. ORIGINALLY A MILITIA GROUP MADE UP OF FORMER RELIGIOUS STUDENTS. DEVOTED TO A STRICT, FUNDAMENTALIST INTERPRETATION OF ISLAM.

END GLOSSARY.

POWELL

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>