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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 ONGOING CONSULTATION.
- C-2. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENT(S) AND WITHHELD AT THAT GOVERNMENT'S DIRECTION FOLLOWING CONSULTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 14040.
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- F. ADMINISTRATIVELY DESIGNATED FBI FILE AND/OR SERIAL NUMBERS OR HANDLING INFORMATION.
- 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.
- J-3. INFORMATION DETERMINED BY ANOTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY TO BE PROTECTED FROM DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO 8 U.S.C. § 1202(f).
- O-1. INFORMATION WITHHELD AT THE DIRECTION OF ANOTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT.
- P. INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM PUBLIC RELEASE UNDER THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974. SUCH INFORMATION WILL BE PRODUCED IN MDL 03-1570 (S.D.N.Y.) PURSUANT TO THE PRIVACY ACT PROTECTIVE ORDER ENTERED IN THAT CASE.
- 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.

NOTE: Classification markings (classification banners and portion markings) are redacted without a code throughout the release.



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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/12/2008

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: (G), (S)

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From: San Diego

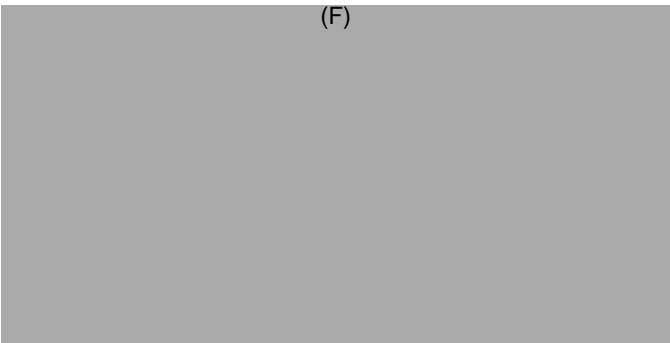
Squad (G)

Contact: SA (S)

Approved By: (S)

Drafted By: (S)

Case ID #: (F)



Title: MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID,
A.K.A. MOHDAR ABDULLAH;
(A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis: (G) To report information regarding (C-2)
(C-2) Mihdar Mohammad Al-Mihdar Zaid, a.k.a.



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To: Counterterrorism From: San Diego
Re: [REDACTED] (F), 05/12/2008

Mohdar Abdullah, (Mohdar) in [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1), during the period of [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)

[REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] (F)

Background: [REDACTED] Mohdar Abdullah met and became acquainted with two of the 9/11 hijackers on AA Flight 77, Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar in the year 2000 while residing in San Diego, California. Mohdar stated he was introduced to the hijackers at a Mosque in San Diego. Mohdar assisted the hijackers in their personal affairs and attempted to acclimate the hijackers to United States, particularly San Diego. Mohdar helped Al-Hazmi acquire a California drivers license, made inquiries in obtaining a social security card, made telephone calls on behalf of both hijackers to enroll in flight lessons at a flight school in Florida, calls were made to a Community College in San Diego to enroll Al-Hazmi in a computer class, helped Al-Hazmi enroll in a English language school in San Diego. In June of 2000, Mohdar traveled with Al-Hazmi to take Al-Mihdhar to the LAX Airport in Los Angeles, California, when Al-Mihdhar left the United States and returned to Saudi Arabia. After dropping off Al-Mihdhar at LAX airport, Mohdar and Al-Hazmi made a visit to the King Fahad Mosque in Culver City, California. Mohdar was employed at Texaco Gas Station, San Diego, California, which was the same gas station where Al-Hazmi worked for a three week period in September of 2000. In December 2000, Al-Hazmi made a final visit with Mohdar at the Texaco station. Al-Hazmi was accompanied by Hani Hanjour, later identified as a 9/11 hijacker also on AA Flight 77. Al-Hazmi introduced Hanjour to Mohdar as a long time friend from Saudi Arabia. On 9/21/2001, Mohdar was detained on a Material Witness warrant issued out of the Southern District of New York. Mohdar was then detained and charged in San Diego on a two-count indictment for making false statements on U.S. Immigration documents. Mohdar remained in a San Diego detention facility until he was deported from the U.S. to Yemen on 05/21/2004.

[REDACTED] In September 2006, Mohdar applied for a Canadian visa at the Canadian Embassy in Abu Dhabi, UAE. [REDACTED] (C-2)
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Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED], 05/12/2008

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After the initial greetings, a casual conversation began with Mohdar. Mohdar made reference to their last meeting in [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) Mohdar enquired in general about San Diego, California and his buddies in San Diego. He particularly talked about [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] (P)

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(P) [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED]
(P) [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] and (P) [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED]
Mohdar also discussed the animosity he still had towards Omar Al Bayoumi, [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mohdar talked about Al Bayoumi receiving money to financially assist the Al Hazmi and Al Mihdhar. Mohdar stated it was known in the Muslim community of San Diego that Al Bayoumi worked for the Government of Saudi Arabia. It was also known Al Bayoumi started getting a lot of money when the hijackers where in San Diego. Mohdar did not see the money nor could he provide any detailed information regarding the financial assistance to Al Hazmi and Al Mihdhar. Again, Mohdar claimed he was not tasked by Al Bayoumi to assist the hijackers after they arrived in San Diego. Mohdar claimed he was just helping out fellow Muslims who were new to the community. Mohdar stated he wanted to clarify that point because of their previous conversation in [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) [REDACTED] where Mohdar was asked if he knew about Taskia. Mohdar was then asked if he knew before hand/or at some point, become aware of who issued the Taskia for the hijackers. Mohdar was asked why the Taskia was honored by several individuals throughout the duration of time Al Hazmi and Al Mihdhar entered the US in Los Angeles, California, and then continued while Al Hazmi and Al Mihdhar lived in San Diego, California. Mohdar denied any knowledge as to who authored or issued the Taskia and why it was honored.

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During the (A).(G).(J-1) meeting, the subject of the LAX video was again presented to Mohdar. Specifically, Mohdar was asked about the events on 06/10/2000, in which Mohdar accompanied Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar to the LAX airport in Los Angeles, California from San Diego, (F). Mohdar was asked to provide the identity of the unknown individual in the video who appeared to have accompanied Mohdar and the hijackers. Again, Mohdar claimed he could not recall the identity of the individual and could not provide any details or particulars regarding the individual. Agents took Mohdar back through the events of the day mentioned above on 06/10/2000 but to no avail. Mohdar did mention that on the morning of 06/09/2000, Jamal Al Bahasan, (G) was at the residence on Mount Vernon Street in San Diego in which Jamal took a photo of Mohdar, Nawaf and Khalid, before they left on their trip to Los Angeles. According to Mohdar, Nawaf became furious with Al Bahasan for taking a photo of them and grabbed the camera and ripped out the film destroying the photo, NFI.

(Agent note: It was clear Mohdar was still being deceitful about his recollection of the events and association with the 9/11 hijackers back in 2000 and 2001. For example, Mohdar provided detailed information but asked to provide information regarding a pertinent situation, he would say he could not recall nor provide the specifics. It appeared to SA (S) that Mohdar displayed the body language of someone who was uncomfortable with the questioning and needed to lie or selectively not recall in order to redirect the questioning. Mohdar would craft responses which seemed as if he had already rehearsed them. It also seemed he would parallel his untruthful information to match known events. Mohdar appeared to think about the questions and then craft the answer without incriminating himself. He seemed to separate himself from the truth).

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Mohdar was presented with all of the inconsistencies in his recollection of the events and association with the 9/11 hijackers. Mohdar was again shown the LAX video where on 06/10/2000, Mohdar accompanied Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar to the LAX airport. Mohdar was again asked to provide the identity of the unknown individual in the video.

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Mohdar was told the video was going to be released to the public and viewed on the television show "America's Most Wanted". Mohdar was asked if he spoke with a journalist named (P) Mohdar stated he was contacted by (P) (who is one of Mohdar's former attorney's), who encouraged him to give his story to (P).

Mohdar stated he did not know yet if he was going to speak to (P) because he still resented the last story written about him by San Diego Union Tribune reporter, (P). It was then discussed with Mohdar what it would take (the information he needed to provide) for the FBI and/or DHS to orchestrate any possible visits to the West, particularly the United States. (Agent's note: This interview, whose tone was intense and firm, was viewed as the last

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

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Only two new piece of information were generated during the (G) Mohdar discredited the allegation he was the closest person to the hijackers. Mohdar insisted an individual named Fathi Al Shafee was the closest individual in San Diego to the hijackers. Second the previously noted information regarding Yazeed Al Salmi telling Mohdar that Nawaf Al Hazmi and Khalid Al Mihdhar were bad guys and they were on the terrorist watch list.

Agent note: The name Fathi Al Shafee was not associated with the Mohdar investigation. Upon receipt of this information FBI SD identified Fathi Al Shafee as an alias of Fathi Adli Mohamed Abdalla. FBI SD was familiar with this individual. The identity is listed as follows:

Name: Fathi Adli Mohamed Abdalla

Alias: Fathi Al Shafae

File number (P-1)

DOB (P-1)

POB (P-1)

SSN (P-1) and (P-1)

Passport (P-1)

CDL (P-1)

ARN (P-1)

He was deported on 12/10/2003 to (P-1)

Mohdar was questioned as to his statement that Yazeed Al Salmi telling him the hijackers were bad guys and on a terrorist watch list before 9/11. Mohdar stated Al Salmi was making reference to Nawaf and Khalid being on the terrorist list for the Kingdom of

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Saudi Arabia. Mohdar could not provide any further information regarding the above.

(S) At the conclusion of the interview, Mohdar was escorted downstairs to the lobby area of the hotel by SA [REDACTED] (S). SA [REDACTED] (S) then made the introduction between Mohdar and SSA [REDACTED] (S). SSA [REDACTED] (S) stated that the investigation revealed all of the indicators showed Mohdar was in fact aware of the identity of the unknown individual in the LAX video. SSA [REDACTED] (S) attempted to gain Mohdar's cooperation by informing him that the identity of the unknown individual in the LAX video was crucial to the FBI's continuing investigation. The fact he was being interviewed again indicates the FBI believed he, (Mohdar), was withholding information. If he failed to cooperate, Mohdar would face possible prosecution once evidence was developed through the release of the LAX video that he was involved in the 9/11 attacks. Mohdar was told under no circumstances would it be considered that he return to the United States until he first identified the unknown individual in the LAX video. If Mohdar cooperated, the FBI would seriously consider any request Mohdar might have within reason. (A), (G), (J-1)

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Agent note: FBI SD will continue with the investigative plan of conducting interviews of Mohdar's associates and individuals mentioned by Mohdar throughout the [REDACTED] (G) Investigation will be [REDACTED]

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(G) [REDACTED] of individuals associated with Mohdar and/or the 9/11 hijackers who are still in the United States or abroad. FBI SD will make an assessment of the associates and [REDACTED]

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(G) [REDACTED] FBI SD will coordinate with FBIHQ, FBI NY and FBI LA, to include confirming the [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] was shown the photos and the video of the LAX UNSUB in order to determine if the UNSUB has familial, childhood or neighborhood ties in Yemen with Mohdar or his extended family.

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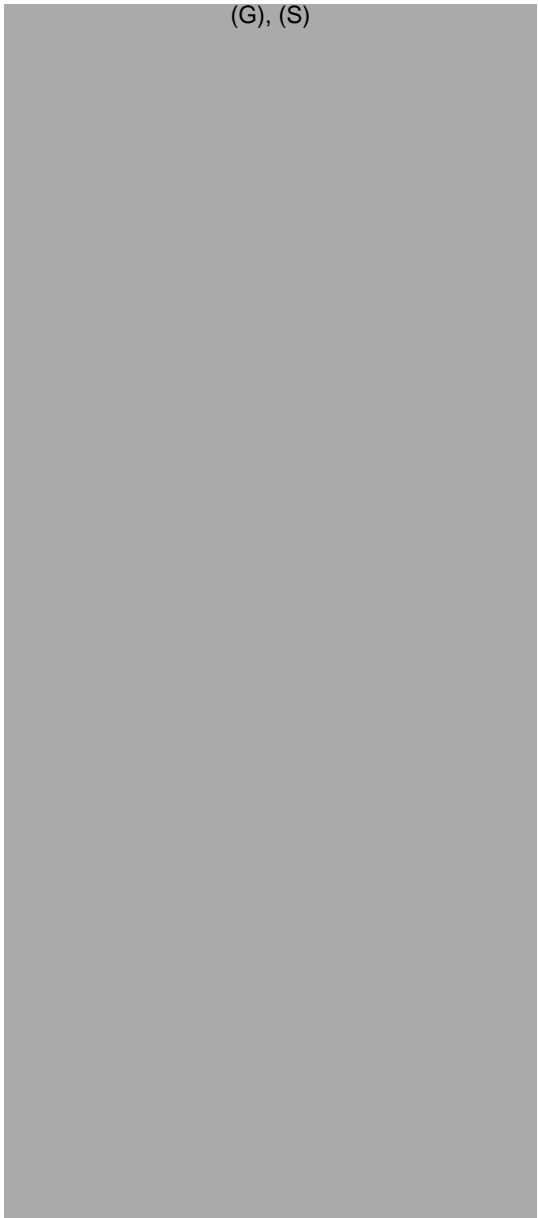
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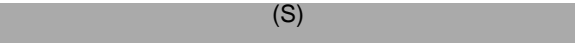
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From: San Diego
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Contact: SA

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Title: [REDACTED] MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID,
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[REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis: [REDACTED] To report information regarding [REDACTED] (C-2)
[REDACTED] (C-2) [REDACTED] investigative event of Mihdar Mohammad Al-Mihdar
Zaid, a.k.a. Mohdar Abdullah, hereinafter Mohdar, in [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)
during the period of [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1).

[REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] (F)

Background: [REDACTED] In September 2006, Mohdar applie
VISA at the Canadian Embassy in Abu Dhabi, UAE. [REDACTED] (C-2)

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Mohdar said he was not going to answer any questions ask to him by SA (S) or anyone from the FBI. Mohdar relayed he still had issues with the manner in which he was treated by the FBI back in 2001. SA (S) acknowledged his troubles and advised there were no questions to be asked. Mohdar spoke in length of what he went through and what he has been going through because of the events following 9/11. SA (S) listened to Mohdar and then advised him that it would be in his, Mohdar's, best interest to present an update to his story pertaining to his association with two of the 9/11 hijackers, Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar and circumstances surrounding the events of 9/11. Mohdar agreed he

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needed to get the story straight but was reluctant to begin at that moment. SA (S) told Mohdar he should take advantage of the opportunity presented to him at the moment by having the SD case agent there in person and in a third country.

Mohdar inquired as to who SA (S) had already talked to regarding him. SA (S) advised many individuals Mohdar was familiar with were talked to, however, they were talked to regarding circumstances surrounding the events of 9/11 and not necessarily directed towards Mohdar. Mohdar asked if the FBI talked to Al Bayoumi, referring to Omar Al Bayoumi. SA (S) acknowledged that the FBI did in fact talk to Al Bayoumi. Mohdar asked if SA (S) believed what Al Bayoumi said. SA (S) advised he did not conduct the interview of Al Bayoumi but after reading the results of the interview it was believed Al Bayoumi did not tell the truth. Mohdar stated the FBI needed to look into Al Bayoumi's bank records but Mohdar did not elaborate or give any indication as to why. Mohdar then asked if the FBI talked to Anwar, referring to Anwar Nasser Aulaqi, (F). SA (S) acknowledged that Anwar was also interviewed by the FBI. Mohdar did not make any comment. Mohdar asked if the FBI had talked to (P) referring to (P) (G). SA (S) said yes (P) had been talked to. Mohdar asked if (P) was going to get U.S. citizenship now (G) (G) SA (S) did not know the answer because the decision was with (P) and the U.S. Immigration office, Department of Homeland Security. Mohdar commented he saw (P-1) picture in the newspaper not too long ago. SA (S) confirmed that (P) was mentioned in an article published in (P) a few months ago. Mohdar asked if (P) and (P) had been talked to, referring to (P) (G) and his younger brother (P) SA (S) said yes both (P) brothers had been talked to by the FBI. Mohdar asked about (P), referring to (P) (G) Again, Mohdar was told that (P) had been interviewed. Mohdar did not comment further. Mohdar reminisced about the San Diego Muslim community and his time spent in San Diego, California.

Mohdar said he had one last thing to discuss before he needed to leave and meet some friends, NFI. Mohdar was upset that the FBI called his ex-wife, (P) (D) (D) Mohdar wanted to know why the FBI turned (P) against him which lead to their divorce. SA (S) acknowledged (D)

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[REDACTED] (D) [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] (S) commented the FBI did not have any influence on [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] decision to divorce Mohdar. Mohdar commented that [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] was remarried with two children and currently living in [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] Mohdar did not elaborate further on his contact with [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In and out of casual conversation, Mohdar talked about different people in San Diego, particularly his roommates at his former apartment's on Saranac Street and Lexington Street in San Diego, California. Mohdar wanted SA [REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] to know that he regrets his association with Omar Al Bayoumi. He is now convinced Al Bayoumi was not his friend for getting him involved with the two hijackers, NFI. Mohdar stated that Al Bayoumi drove the two hijackers, Nawaf and Khalid, from Los Angeles to San Diego, and subsequently introducing the hijackers to Mohdar in San Diego. Mohdar denied accompanying Al Bayoumi in the car when he allegedly drove the hijackers from Los Angeles to San Diego. Mohdar did not elaborate further.

[REDACTED] Later in the evening after Mohdar seemed comfortable, he was asked if he knew the meaning of an Arabic term called Taskia. Mohdar made a strange expression with his face but said that he indeed knew what the term meant. Mohdar wanted to clarify if we were talking about Taskia in the present or in the past, meaning centuries ago when the term originated. SA [REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] clarified we were talking about Taskia in the present day. Mohdar knew it

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originated in the area of Saudi Arabia but was also practiced in the area of Yemen. Taskia was a method used to vouch for a business partner, friend or a relative when they traveled to a new city or an area where they were not from. Mohdar was asked if perhaps the two hijackers traveled to the United States with a Taskia. And perhaps Fahad Al Thumary from Los Angeles and Omar Al Bayoumi from San Diego had been tasked with the hijackers' Taskia. And perhaps the Taskia was then past down from Al Thumar (P) and (P), (G), in (P) and Mohdar in the San Diego area by Al Bayoumi. Mohdar commented he did not know but speculated that the hijackers had something, NEI, because they could not have functioned in the United States without some kind of help from a knowledgeable person with the ways of Southern California or the United States. Mohdar stated the hijackers could not read or speak the English language and could not function on their own. Mohdar commented that someone had to have even shown the hijackers how to exit the LAX airport from the gate of the airplane because the hijackers could not have done that on their own, NEI. Mohdar changed the subject and did not comment further.

The subject of the LAX video was presented to Mohdar again, where on 06/10/2000, Mohdar accompanied Nawaf and Khalid to the LAX airport in Los Angeles from San Diego, (F). Mohdar was asked to provide the identity of the unknown individual in the video who appeared to have accompanied Mohdar and the hijackers. Again, Mohdar could not recall the identity of the individual and could not provide any details or particulars regarding the individual. Mohdar did speculate that the individual would have been from the Los Angeles, California, area, but did not provide any basis for that comment.

Mohdar inquired as to any changes in the Muslim community of San Diego. SA (S) advised that (P) (P), had been fired by (P) (G) from the Masjid Ar Ribat. And followers of (P) were raising funds to start a new Mosque for him in La Mesa, California, which was in the same area as the Masjid Ar Ribat making a statement in protest of (P) firing (P).

Mohdar again spoke of (P) and (P) (P) and wanted to know if they were still mad at the FBI. SA (S) advised a lot of people were mad at the FBI shortly after 9/11 because the FBI approached these people in the San Diego Muslim community because they had some sort of association with three of the Flight 77 hijackers, Nawaf, Khalid and Hani Hanjour. Mohdar said he wanted to get in contact with (P) and his brother (P). Mohdar also stated he wanted to get in contact with (P). When

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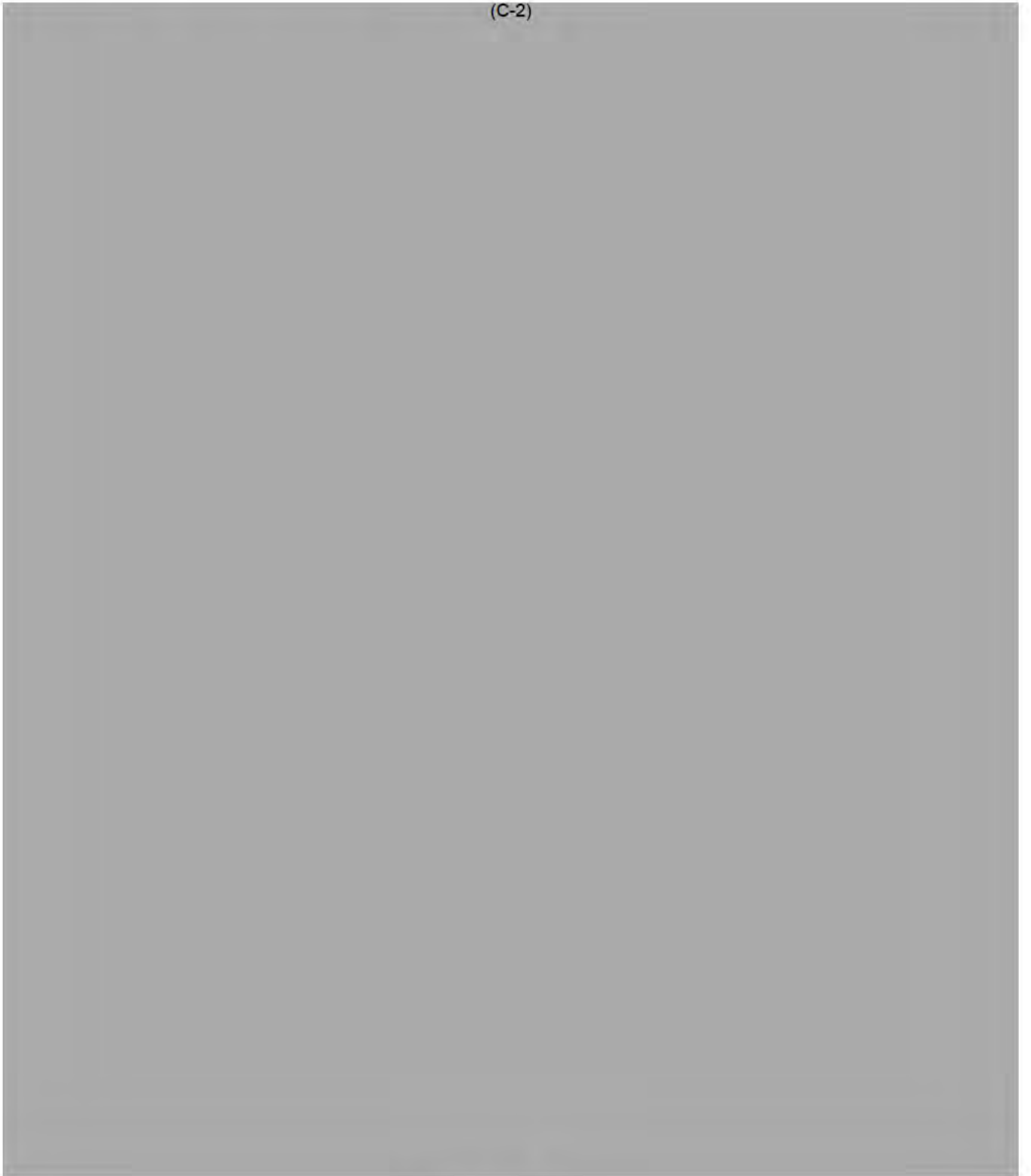
stating he wanted to get in contact with (P) and (P). Mohdar was inquisitive as to SA (S) reaction. Mohdar was told (P) was no longer residing in San Diego because of employment reasons but (P) was still residing with his father in San Diego. (P) had recently returned from (P) and was in the process of bringing his wife from (P) to the United States. Mohdar asked if two of his former roommates, (P) and (P), were still mad at the FBI. Mohdar asked if SA (S) knew where (P) (P) was at the moment in a manner indicating to SA (S) Mohdar was seeking a denial reaction. SA (S) comm yes, that he had heard through the San Diego Muslim community of (P)'s departure from San Diego. Mohdar made a comment to SA (S) wanting to know if he could believe how devout (P) was to Islam being that he was (P) NFI. Mohdar did not comment further on (P) but stated he wanted to get in contact with (P) (P) was still residing and working in San Diego.

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