

## REDACTION KEY

- 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.
- D. INFORMATION FOR WHICH JUDICIAL AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE IS REQUIRED. INFORMATION FOR WHICH JUDICIAL AUTHORIZATION IS OBTAINED WILL BE RELEASED.
- 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.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 08/04/2004

**To:** San Diego

**Attn:** (G), (S)  
[Redacted]

Denver

**Attn:**

New York

**Attn:**

**From:** (G)

**Contact:** (S)

**Approved By:** (S)

**Drafted By:** (S)

**Case ID #:** (F)

**Title:** MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID;  
AKA MOHDAR MOHAMED ABDOULAH;  
(A), (G), (J-1)

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

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

PENTTBOM;  
MAJOR CASE 182  
OO: NEW YORK

**Synopsis:** To provide the results of the (C-2) (C-2) inquiry regarding leads in the above captioned investigations.



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(G)

Reference:

(F)

Administrative: (C-2) has classified their communication, (F) dated 06/21/2004,

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for San Diego, Denver, New York and Counterterrorism is a letter from (C-2) dated 06/21/2004.

Details: Through the above referenced leads, Legat (G) made numerous requests for assistance (C-2). (C-2) responded, via the enclosed letter, which provided the following information:

BEGIN TEXT:

1) This is further to our previous requests concerning Al Mohdar ALMOHDAR, alias Mohdar Mohamed ABDULLAH, alias Al Mohdar Mohammed Al Mohdar ZEID, alias Al - Mohdar Al-Mohdar, alias Abdullah MODHAR, alias Abdullah MOHDAR, alias Mohdar Modhar ABDULLAH, alias Mohdar AL MOHDAR / ALMOHDAR / ALMODHAR, alias Al Mohdar ZEID, alias Al Mohdar Mohammed Al Mohdar ZEID, alias Al-Mohdar / Al-Mohdar, alias Mohdar Mohamed ABDOLAH, alias Mohdar Mohamed ABDOLAH, alias Mihdar Mohammad Al Mihdar ZEID, alias Franco DE POLO / DEPOLO, alias Franco DI POLO / DIPOLO, (DPOB: (P-1) (P-1), an associate of Flight 77 hijacking subjects Nawaf ALHAZMI and Khalid ALMIHDAR, presently detained in San Diego. (C-2) has been reviewing its holdings on AL MOHDAR, and would appreciate face to face discussions with your San Diego officers on the case.

2) As you know, AL MOHDAR was briefly in Canada from 1998 08 08 to 1998 12 07 at which time (J-3) He then flew from Ottawa to Los Angeles on 1998 12 16. (C-2)

3) In reference to your (F) dated

To: San Diego From: (G)  
Re: (F) 08/04/2004

2001 11 14 which mentions Mohdar ABDULLAH, (C-2) is also interested in discussing the case of (P) a contact of AL MOHDAR's. (C-2)

4) In reference to your (F) dated 2001 12 03 referring to (P) and (F) dated 2002 11 14 referring to (P) (C-2)

5) Finally (C-2) would appreciate an update of AL MOHDAR's situation, specifically, any immigration or criminal charges he is now facing in the light of the attacks of 2001 09 11.

6) (C-2) understands that access to AL MOHDAR has been denied by his lawyers, but considering the links between AL MOHDAR and the attacks of 2001 09 11 as well as his stay in Canada prior to his move to the US, we believe that informal discussions with your San Diego officers may yield (C-2) (C-2)

Thank you.

**END TEXT**

(F) As a result of the above, Legat (G) considers leads (F) covered. Any future requests regarding meeting(s) with the (G) and members of receiving offices should be coordinated through Legat (G)

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To: San Diego From: [REDACTED] (G)  
Re: [REDACTED] (F) 08/04/2004

**LEAD(s) :**

**Set Lead 1: (Info)**

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[REDACTED] Read and clear.

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[REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 01/31/2005

**To:** Counterterrorism  
International Operations  
  
New York

**Attn:** (G), (S)  
**Attn:** [REDACTED]  
**Attn:** [REDACTED]

**From:** (G) [REDACTED]

**Contact:** [REDACTED] (S)

**Approved By:** [REDACTED] (S)

**Drafted By:** [REDACTED] (S)

**Case ID #:** [REDACTED] (F)

**Title:** PENTTBOM;  
MAJOR CASE #182

**Synopsis:** To provide New York with a response from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) associated with [REDACTED] (F).

**Reference:** [REDACTED] (F)

**Enclosure(s):** For New York is original letter from the RCMP, dated 08/31/2004, [REDACTED] (F).

**Details:** Referenced [REDACTED] (F) requested Legat [REDACTED] (G) obtain bank records associated with OMAR AL-BAYOUMI at the Royal Bank of Canada.

The following information was provided by the RCMP, via [REDACTED] (F)

**BEGIN TEXT**

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated February 12, 2002. We apologize for the delay in responding to you which is due to circumstances beyond our control. Hereunder is the result of our enquires at our point.

1. In reference to a wire transfer from the Royal Bank fo Canada (ref. # [REDACTED] (G) dated April 18, 2000, in the amount of \$4,980.50:

The sender "Ali" provided the following information at the point of transaction: [REDACTED] (C-2) This transaction originated from the Wall Street Centre in Dubai. The receiver was identified as [REDACTED] (G) Union Bank of California, College Centre,

To: Counterterrorism From: (G)  
Re: (F), 01/31/2005

6010 West El-Cajun Blvd, SAN DIEGO, California. This transaction consisted of a \$4,980.50 wire transfer and a \$19.50 service fee.

2. In reference to a Royal Bank cheque number (P-1), payable to Manal BAGADER, in the amount of \$1,600, dated December 1, 1999:

The remitter of this cheque is (C-2)  
(C-2) He is associated to a (C-2)  
(C-2) is the holder of a personal bank account at Royal Bank, branch (P-1), located at 70 King Street West, DUNDAS, ON. (C-2) has another bank account at the same branch held jointly with (C-2)

3. In reference to (C-2)

This is a Royal Bank US currency and we confirm it is still active and is held by (C-2) at the Royal Bank branch (P-1) at 70 King Street West, DUNDAS, Ontario.

In your original request you asked for some bank records. If you still intend to obtain further bank records, please submit a formal MLAT request, as what we have provided here is the extent of the information we are authorized to gather for intelligence purposes without a Court Order.

**END TEXT**

To: Counterterrorism From: [REDACTED] (G)  
Re: [REDACTED] (F), 01/31/2005

**LEAD(s) :**

**Set Lead 1: (Info)**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** IMMEDIATE

**Date:** 12/20/2006

**To:** (G)  
International Operations  
  
Counterterrorism  
  
Los Angeles  
  
San Diego

**Attn:** (G), (S)  
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**Attn:**



**From:** Counterterrorism

(G)  
**Contact:** (S)

**Approved By:** (S)

**Drafted By:** (S)

**Case ID #:** (F)

**Title:** (A), (G), (J-1)  
(A), (G), (J-1)



To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

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

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

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

MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID,  
AKA MOHDAR MOHAMED ABDULLAH;

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

(G) PENTTBOM LEADS AND RELATED INVESTIGATION;

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

FOREIGN DISSEMINATION CONTROL FILE

(G)

**Synopsis:** The enclosed tearline is to be provided to the (C-2) in order to provide background information pertaining to the (C-2) (A), (G), (J-1) (C-2)

(C-2)

(G)

**Reference:** Meeting with (C-2) First Secretary, Embassy of Canada, 501 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001 on 12/19/2006 at FBIHQ/ (G)

(F)

To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) 12/20/2006

Enclosure(s) :

(C-2)

Details: (G) On December 19, 2006, representatives from FBIHQ (G)  
(G) , SSA (S) , SSA (S) and IA (S)  
(S) met with Canadian Embassy Liaison (C-2)

To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

(C-2)

[Redacted]

(C-2) FBI-HQ requests that the following tearline be provided (C-2)  
(C-2) to assist in the above referenced investigations.

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[Redacted]

(F)

[Redacted]

(C-2)

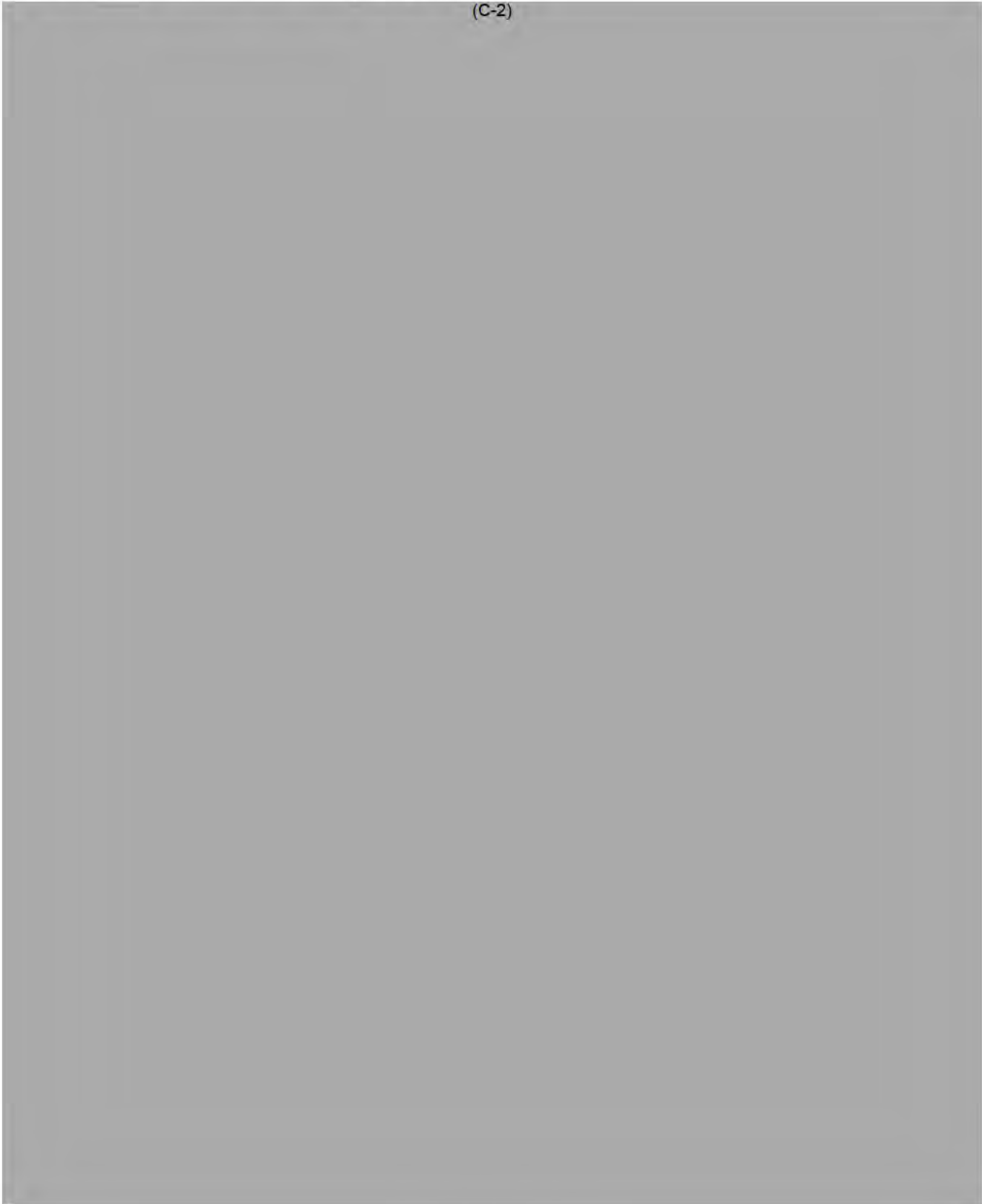
[Redacted]

[Redacted]



To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

(C-2)



To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

(C-2)



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To: [REDACTED] (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: [REDACTED] (F), 12/20/2006

(C-2)

**Background**

[REDACTED] The following is a summary background [REDACTED] (C-2)  
[REDACTED] (C-2)

[REDACTED] In early 2004, FBI Los Angeles began readdressing leads and related investigations that resulted out of the investigation of the 9/11 attacks. FBI Los Angeles is attempting to identify 9/11 hijackers' KHALED AL-MIHDHAR (AL-MIHDHAR) and NAWAF AL-HAZMI'S (AL-HAZMI) (American Airlines #77 that crashed into the Pentagon) whereabouts in Los Angeles for a two week period between 01/15/2000 and 02/04/2000, and to identify individuals in Los Angeles who assisted them. FBI investigation has identified Omar AL-BAYOUMI (AL-BAYOUMI) and

[REDACTED]

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To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

ABDULLAH as individuals who visited the Los Angeles area and had contact with hijackers AL-MIHDHAR and AL-HAZMI.

During interviews with KHALID SHEIKH MOHAMMED (KSM) he stated that at least 20% of the people in Al-Qaeda training camps were Yemeni. FBI Los Angeles has initiated investigations to determine if there was a Yemeni cell in Los Angeles, CA that assisted the 9/11 hijackers. The 9/11 investigation and related investigations have identified many Yemeni nationals with links to known Al-Qaeda operatives or individuals who are suspected of being associated with terrorists and/or terrorist activities, such as: AL-MIHDHAR (a Saudi of Yemeni descent); RAMZI BINALSHIB (BINALSHIB); TAWFIZ MOHAMMED BIN SALEH BIN RASYAYD BIN ATTASH AKA KHALLAD (BIN ATASH); ABU BARA AL-TAIZI AKA SUHAIL SHURABI AKA BARAKA; ANWAR AULAQI (AULAQI); ABDULLAH and (A),(G),(J-1) (P) , RAMEZ NOAMAN and WALID AHMED ALHUSSAINI (ALHUSSAINI).

In June 2004, FBI Los Angeles received information from FBI San Diego that while ABDULLAH was in US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody he bragged to other inmates that he had advance knowledge of the 9/11 attacks. FBI San Diego is still investigating these allegations made by ABDULLAH's fellow inmates.

During a FBI interview with ABDULLAH, he stated that he drove 9/11 hijackers Al-MIHDHAR and AL-HAZMI to Los Angeles International Airport from San Diego, CA in June 2000 so that AL-MIHDHAR could catch an International flight. Airline records show that AL-MIHDHAR departed the US on 6/10/2000 for Germany with a connection to Yemen. During the investigation of the 9/11 attacks, FBI Los Angeles obtained hotel records from Deano's Motel in Culver City, CA which is within the territory of Los Angeles. The hotel records indicated that ABDULLAH had booked a room with a check-in date of 6/9/2000 and a check-out date of 6/10/2000.

During their investigation FBI Los Angeles identified video surveillance footage from Los Angeles International Airport security cameras for the date of 06/10/2000. The video surveillance footage shows ABDULLAH and AL-HAZMI walking with AL-MIHDHAR in the airport prior to AL-MIHDHAR boarding his flight. According to (O-1) AL-MIHDHAR left the United States for the purpose of training other recruits in Afghanistan. The video also depicts three additional unknown male subjects (UNSUBs) who appear to be accompanying ABDULLAH, AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR through Los Angeles International Airport security. Review of the video reveals an UNSUB wearing a baseball hat, who appears to be holding a camera to conduct reconnaissance of Los Angeles International airport. FBI Los Angeles investigation has possibly identified this UNSUB as (P) . The video also displays a second UNSUB wearing a plaid shirt.



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Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

FBI Los Angeles investigation has possibly identified this UNSUB as RAMEZ NOAMAN. The third UNSUB in the video who is wearing a v-neck sweater is still currently unidentified.

(G) ABDULLAH, (P) , NOAMAN, AULAQI, AL MIHDHAR and AL-HAZMI have identified a group of Yemenis who held meetings during 2000/2001 on Friday evenings in Long Beach, California. (P) , NOAMAN, ABDULLAH, AULAQI and AL-HAZMI attended these meetings. The meetings were discontinued after the 9/11 attacks and were resumed again in 2005 by the original members who remained in the United States. The following is a list of the individuals who are believed to have attended the Friday night Yemeni group meetings in 2000-2001 (further background on each listed individual is provided below):

1. (P)
2. RAMEZ NOAMAN (NOAMAN)
3. WALID ALHUSSAINI (WALID)
4. MOHAMMED SAEED (MOHAMMED)
5. ABDULLAH ABDUL GABBAR SAEED (GABBAR)
6. FUAD OMAR BAZARAH; (BAZARAH)
7. NAGIB MAHFOUZ SAEED (NAGIB)
8. BASIM IBRAHIM SAEED (BASIM)
9. SAMI MOHAMMED SAEED (SAMI)
10. AKRAM ABDULLA MOKRED AKA AKRAM MOQRED (MOKRED)
11. MOHAMMED ALSARARY (ALSARARY)
12. (P)
13. (P)
14. AHMED FAROOK MOHAMMED RASHED (RASHED)
15. MAJID ALI ALSAIAGHI (MAJID)
16. MAGDI ALI AHMED AL SAYAGHI (MAGDI)
17. OMAR ABDULAZIZ NASSER AKUMAIM (AKUMAIM)
18. (P)
19. (P)
20. ANWAR AULAQI (AULAQI)

1. (P) : (P) is believed to be the individual on the LAX surveillance video wearing the baseball hat who appears to be holding a camera and conducting reconnaissance of the LAX security on 6/10/2000 with AL MIHDHAR, AL-HAZMI and ABDULLAH. (P) is a legal permanent U.S. resident, married to U.S. citizen (P) . (P) and his wife are reportedly "out of the country", however their departure records can not be confirmed.

While in Los Angeles (P) was in contact with NOAMAN and the Al Ribat Islamic Center in San Diego, where AULAQI was the Imam. AL MIHDHAR, AL-HAZMI and ABDULLAH were also members of the Al Ribat Islamic Center in San Diego.

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Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

(P) was on a list of students who benefitted from a student fraud scheme to remain in the United States. (P) (G)

was running a student visa fraud scheme, wherein he illegally issued fraudulent I-20 forms to allow "students" to enter and remain in the United States for up to five years on student visas.

To satisfy student visa requirements, (P) created fraudulent grade reports and fraudulent records of attendance indicating the "students" were taking classes at various educational institutions, when in fact, many were not taking any scholastic courses of any kind. (G)

the common demographic of these "students" was young males of Middle-Eastern descent, mainly from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

(J-2)

(J-2)

ABDUL GABBAR HAYEL SAEED, (P), is a member of the board of directors for Hayel Saeed Aman Group (HSA), Taiz, Yemen. HSA director HAYEL SAEED ANAM did \$286 billion in business with SADDAM HUSSEIN under the Oil for Food Program. ANAM is also the founder of a European-based firm called Malaysian Swiss Gulf and African Chamber (MIGA), which is designated by the US Treasury

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To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

Department as belonging to or associating with al-Qa'ida. ANAM gave power of attorney to run MIGA to a financier AHMED IDRIS NASREDDIN, a member of the radical Muslim Brotherhood, who also ran a bank designated by the Treasury Department as a financial backer of al-Qa'ida.

(G) (P) used to live in Irvine, California but it is believed he has returned to Yemen. (P) attended the Yemeni group meetings in 2000/2001 and went to Chapman University. (P) has (P) (P). (P)'s wife was born in the United States, but grew up in Yemen. (P)'s wife also attended school in the U.S. OMAR ALKUMAIM (ALKUMAIM) and (P) knew (P) very well.

2. **RAMEZ NOAMAN (NOAMAN)**: NOAMAN was (D) (D) In an interview on 9/28/2001, he advised that in May 2000, he was introduced to AL-MIHDHAR and AL-HAZMI by ABDULLAH. NOAMAN befriended AL-MIHDHAR and AL-HAZMI at the Abu Bakr mosque in San Diego, and later provided interpretation services to aid them in flying lessons.

While NOAMAN was a student at San Diego State University, he traveled to Los Angeles several times a month to meet with a group of Yemenis on Friday evenings. On one occasion, NOAMAN, took AL-HAZMI with him to meet the Yemeni group. Also, NOAMAN stated that he traveled home to Yemen during the Summer 2000. This is significant because ABDULLAH was in Yemen between 07/25/2000 and 8/25/2000, RAMZI BINALSHIBH (BINALSHIBH) was also in Yemen as of 8/19/2000 and AL-MIHDHAR departed the United States for Yemen on 6/10/2000. (J-3)

(J-3) BINALSHIBH also attempted to enroll at the Florida Flight Training Center in Venice, Florida in February 2001, however, BINALSHIBH's (J-3) and as a result he never entered the U.S.

NOAMAN's roommate in the United States was FUAD OMAR BAZARAH (BAZARAH). BAZARAH was a friend and co-worker of BINALSHIBH at the International Bank of Yemen. In August 1995, BAZARAH and BINALSHIBH went to the United States Embassy in Sanaa together to (J-3)

(J-3) BAZARAH first entered the U.S. in 1995, and was deported to Yemen in December 2004. NOAMAN's close association with BAZARAH and BAZARAH's association with BINALSHIBH, makes NOAMAN's introduction and relationship to AL-MIHDHAR and AL-HAZMI while they were in California appear to be more than coincidental.



To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

On 09/12/2001, London-based Longulf Trading UK LTD, by order of SAEED ABDO SAEED, transferred \$21,000 from an account at Credit Agricole Indosuez, London, to an account held by NOAMAN at the Bank of America in La Verne, California.

Additional intelligence indicates that a former employee of Longulf Trading reportedly told British law enforcement authorities that the company was involved in money laundering, production of false passports and documents, and prostitution on behalf of Russian-based PAULA ASIA, who had links to the Russian mafia (NFI). SAEED ABDO SAEED, who ordered the transfer, has a similar name to Yemeni national DIRHAM ABDO SAEED, identified according to available intelligence as managing director of Longulf Trading.

In September 2002, NOAMAN was deported to Yemen. (G) NOAMAN is currently in Yemen. (G) the following email addresses used by NOAMAN: (P-1) and (P-1).

**3. WALID ALHUSSAINI (WALID) :**  
WALID's telephone number was found in ABDULLAH's wallet at the time of his arrest on 09/24/2001. WALID was in contact with NOAMAN, ABDULLAH and (P) while in Los Angeles, CA. (P) who is (P) of KAMAL DERWISH (deceased), aka SHEIKH DABWAN, a high-level Al Qaeda associate. In early November 2002, DABWAN along with five other Al Qaeda associates including ABU ALI AL-HARTHI, were killed in Yemen. DABWAN was the leader of a group from Lackawanna, NY who trained at an Al Qaeda terrorist camp in Afghanistan in May 2001. DABWAN has plead guilty, and been sentenced, for providing material support to terrorism.

In an interview dated 09/29/2001, NAJEEB ALI SALEH ALSHAIBAH, BAZARAH's friend who came to the U.S. from Yemen for a six month visit in 2001, advised that his first encounter with NOAMAN in 05/2001 took place at an apartment complex in La Verne, California. The meeting was arranged by his cousin, WALID. ALSHAIBAH advised that upon his arrival in the United States in early 2001, he stayed at WALID's apartment. BAZARAH was also living in the apartment. BAZARAH seemed to have a closer relationship with NOAMAN than WALID. BAZARAH moved out of the La Verne apartment in early June, 2001. ALSHAIBAH moved out of the apartment shortly after BAZARAH. They moved because WALID was getting married and was relocating. ALSHAIBAH, BAZARAH and NOAMAN relocated together to another apartment in Pomona, California.

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To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

(P)  
WALID, MOHAMMED (described below) and (P)  
(described below) are (P). WALID lived in Riverside,  
California and departed the United States for Yemen in 2002.

4. MOHAMMED ABDULGALIL SAEED (MOHAMMED): (G)  
(G) MOHAMMED SAEED is currently living  
in Yemen.

(G)  
the following (O-1) information for MOHAMMED:  
(J-2)

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5. ABDULLAH ABDUL GABBAR SAEED (GABBAR): (G)  
(G) GABBAR is currently living in Yemen. (G)  
(G) no financial information was available  
for GABBAR.

GABBAR granted a consensual search of his apartment in  
California. During the consensual search, a computer disk was  
recovered in which there were news articles regarding sanctions  
against Iraq, as well as, educational documents and compositions.  
These compositions appeared to be written by (P) (background  
provided below). GABBAR indicated he did not know why he had  
(P) diskette.

6. FUAD OMAR BAZARAH (BAZARAH): During an interview  
on 04/07/2004, BAZARAH revealed that he attended 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. Around the same time,  
for approximately one and a half years, BAZARAH also attended

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the American Institute for English to prepare him for studies in the United States.

BAZARAH's father, OMAR BAZARAH, worked at the Central Bank of Yemen in Sana'a, Yemen. OMAR BAZARAH was responsible for managing the business of foreign clients of the bank.

The Paid and Remittance Department at the International Bank of Yemen employed eight to ten people, including BINALSHIBH and BAZARAH. BINALSHIBH was already working at the bank in a clerical position when BAZARAH started. BAZARAH did not know how long BINALSHIBH had been working for the bank. During the interview, BAZARAH identified a photograph of BINALSHIBH.

According to BAZARAH, BINALSHIBH was three or four years older than BAZARAH. He stated that they only interacted with each other at work. BAZARAH was unable to provide any information on BINALSHIBH's friends or family. 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. One or two months prior to BAZARAH entering 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. According to BAZARAH, they went together to the United States Embassy due to their common interest of going to the United States. BAZARAH intended to study in Arizona and BINALSHIBH intended to work at an 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.

The visa application required BAZARAH to submit supporting documents such as an I-20 form, bank statements, and a letter. BAZARAH's application was accepted, and the United States Embassy issued a visa to him on 7/29/1995. The embassy denied BINALSHIBH'S visa application because it contained too many discrepancies.

According to BAZARAH, BINALSHIBH was upset when the United States Embassy denied his visa request. BINALSHIBH told BAZARAH he would pursue his alternate plan of moving to Germany. BINALSHIBH told BAZARAH that he chose Germany because he had an uncle there who was a brain surgeon. BINALSHIBH had in fact obtained a Chechen visa prior to applying for the United States visa, which was part of the reason BAZARAH understood BINALSHIBH's interest in Germany to be an alternate plan that BINALSHIBH had in mind all along.



To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

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 stated that he had not heard from or had contact with BINALSHIBH since their last interaction at the bank in 1995.

BAZARAH stated he learned more about BINALSHIBH after returning to Yemen in October 2001. The press was reporting on BINALSHIBH's role in 9/11 attacks 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 the 9/11 attacks. 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 (NFI) 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.

In December 2004, BAZARAH was deported by the United States to Yemen.

**7. NAGIB MAHFOUZ SAEED (NAGIB):** (G)  
(G) NAGIB is currently living in Yemen.

(G) the following (O-1) information for NAGIB:

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To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

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8. **BASIM IBRAHIM SAEED (BASIM)** : BASIM is from Yemen and currently resides in Saudi Arabia and Yemen. BASIM currently is the Executive Director for the family's business, HSA in Saudi Arabia. When living in the United States, BASIM resided in Long Beach, California. He attended the University of Southern California (USC) and majored in business. While in the United States, BASIM drove a BMW, until his driver's license was suspended for two years. During the two year suspension, BASIM hired a private driver for transportation purposes. BASIM was one of the organizers of the Friday night Yemeni meetings in Long Beach, California in 2000/2001. In March or April, 2005, BASIM asked ALKUMAIM to sell his car for him.

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Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

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(G) 9. SAMI MOHAMMED SAEED (SAMI) : (G)  
(G) SAMI is currently in Yemen. (G)  
(G) no financial information or other derogatory information.

(G) 10. AKRAM ABDULLA MOKRED AKA AKRAM MOQRED (MOQRED) :  
MOQRED was (G)

(G) . During an interview, MOQRED identified the individuals who were regular attendees of the Yemeni Friday night meetings in Long Beach, California as:

- . MOHAMMED SAEED - cousin
- . ABDULLA SAEED - cousin
- . JASSEN SAEED - cousin
- . NAGIB SAEED - cousin
- . BASIM SAEED - cousin
- . SAMI SAEED - cousin
- . (P)
- . (P) - friend
- . WALID AL-HOUSAIN - friend
- . (P)
- . AHMED FAROOK RACHID - friend
- . MAJID ALI ALSAIAGHI - friend
- . MAGDI A. ALSAYAGHI - friend
- . NAZER SAEED - friend
- . MONDHER SAEED - friend
- . (P) (ph) - friend

(G) His interview questions revolved around his cousin NOAMAN's possible involvement in the 9/11 attacks, which MOQRED denied. MOQRED and NOAMAN have known each other since they were very young. NOAMAN traveled to the United States one week prior to MOQRED and they stayed together for approximately one and one-half months. MOQRED was polygraphed on 09/21/2001 and failed on the question of knowledge of the events and subjects from the attacks on 09/11/2001. MOQRED later explained he suspected NOAMAN was somehow involved in the attacks because of his secretiveness and because he admonished his relatives after they revealed he had moved to Pomona, CA.

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MOQRED is

(P)

NOAMAN and

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Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

11. **MOHAMMED ALSARARY (ALSARARY)**: (G)  
(G) ALSARARY traveled to Yemen on October 03, 2001.

12. (P) (P) is a Legal Permanent Resident in the United States and currently resides in Irvine, California. (P) is (G)

During a consensual search granted by GABBAR of his apartment, a computer disk was recovered in which there were news articles regarding sanctions against Iraq, as well as, educational documents and compositions. These compositions appeared to be written by (P) GABBAR indicated he did not know why he had (P) diskette.

On 08/25/2003, Catoosa Police Department (CPD) in Catoosa, Oklahoma performed a traffic stop on a 1999 Green Suzuki Utility Vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was identified by his California Driver's License as (P). The passenger was also identified by his California Driver's License as (P).

(P) and (P) both gave consent to an officer to search their vehicle for suspected contraband. Upon conducting the search, the officer did not find any contraband, but discovered the following: one bill of sale from Sentry Auto for the 1999 Suzuki (given by (P)); one road atlas; one digital camera with multiple pictures of the Gateway Arch of St. Louis, MO; images of unknown roads; one filing folder with multiple file folders inside; one file labeled "FICTITIOUS BUSINESS FILE" containing all information pertaining to Sesame Auto; driver directions for Philadelphia; a hotel receipt from New Jersey; (P)'s Visa wallet containing his Visa from Yemen, currency from England, Mexico, Korea, the United States (all U.S. currency was in old silver certificates or "silver backs"), and one or more Arabic countries; and, a letter from the Irvine District Attorney.

The officer discovered several discrepancies when talking with the subjects. They stated they had flown from California three days earlier to drive the 1999 Suzuki from Boston, MA to Sesame Auto. The bill of sale was dated 08/08/2003. They stated that they had only been driving the vehicle for two days. The mileage recorded on the bill of sale, when compared with the mileage when stopped by the Officer showed almost three thousand miles of travel. The individuals were released because the officer was unable to locate any contraband or articulate information justifying a more lengthy custody. CPD advised that when Sentry Auto was run, the address came back to an apartment rather than a car dealership.

Significant contacts with (P) are as follows:

(P)



To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F), 12/20/2006

(P) was in telephonic contact with (P) (G) (P) (G) (P) his connections with MOULOUD BELLOUT (BELLOUT). (P) visited BELLOUT while he was in immigration custody. BELLOUT admitted being a member of the Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA) and participated in setting fire to a government building in Algeria.

(A), (G), (J-1) (P) (P) (P) (P) is the President of (P) and (P) (P) (P) came to the attention of FBI following the 9/11 terrorist attacks when (P)'s father-in-law advised that (P) actually supported the Afghan mujahadeen during the period of his purported studies overseas. (P) attended the (P) (P) (P) (G) (P) (P) was the spiritual leader of a number of radical males who were recently estranged from the Al-Ansar Mosque in Anaheim, CA.

(G) an association with (P) and an unidentified UBL/Al-Qaeda network associate in Nairobi, Kenya (NFI). A listing was found at the residence of a known UBL associate (NFI) in Nairobi, Kenya, containing the name of (P) in Malaysia. (G) (P) an association between (P) AND (P) (P) shared a bank account with NIDAL AYYAD who was convicted for his role in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

(P) had contact with Palm Air International Travel (PIT). PIT is a major client of Arabian Horizons Travel, Dearborn, MI, which is managed by (P) (P). (P) is the nephew of SHEIK ABDEL AL-MAJID AL-ZINDANI of Yemen. SHEIK AL-ZINDANI has been designated by OFAC as a Specially Designated Terrorist and has been linked to a number of international terrorism subjects throughout the U.S. Investigation of the 9/11 attacks revealed that Flight 77 hijackers HANI HANJOUR and Al-MIHDHAR previously purchased airline tickets from PIT. They did not purchase their 9/11/2001 tickets from PIT. (A), (G), (J-1)

(A), (G), (J-1) (J-2) (J-2) (J-2) As introductory comments regarding the analysis of the checking account, the (J-2) (J-2)

To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

(A), (G), (J-1)  
(A), (G), (J-1) (P) has been associated with PIT as (P) since the mid-1990s. (P) is (G) his close connections to (G) SHEIK ALMOAYAD. ALMOAYAD was convicted for multiple charges including Material Support of Terrorism in 2005. (P) is also linked to an intercepted shipment of chem-bio suits and other restricted military items in 1/2003 which were destined for Yemen from California. (P) is also likely still employed by the Yemeni Intelligence Service or Yemeni government even after naturalizing to the United States in the mid 1970s.

(P) (P) has been in contact with (P) of Lake Tahoe, California. (A), (G), (J-1) (A), (G), (J-1)

(P) was born in (P) and is a naturalized US citizen. (P) has a connection to (P) (P), (P) of the (P) Branch of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). (P) has residences in (P) Illinois, and (P) CA. (P) has been associated with a company called (P) (G) in 2001 (P) 's company (P).

(O-1) information on (P) (O-1) (J-2)



To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

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(P) graduated from (P)  
(P) and has a degree in Management Information Systems (MIS). (P) currently works in exporting salvaged cars to Yemen. (P)'s brothers send him money from Yemen after (P) ships the cars. (P) is a devote Muslim. (P) is part of the group of Yemeni individuals who met in 2000/2001 and also in 2005 on Friday nights.

13.

(P)

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

(P)

departed the United States on 01/09/2006 for Yemen. (P)  
(P) and his family returned to Yemen reportedly because he did not like living in the United States.

14. AHMED FAROOK MOHAMMED RASHED (RASHED) :

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(G)

RASHED may have traveled to San Diego to visit NOAMAN in 2000/2001. RASHED left the United States shortly after the 9/11 attacks for Yemen. RASHED's family is very wealthy and is associated with HSA.

15. MAJID ALI ALSAIAGHI (MAJID) :

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(G)

MAJID is the brother of MAGDI ALSAYAGHI. MAJID is currently living in Aden, Yemen. MAJID was in contact with ABDULLAH.

(G)

the following

(O-1) information on MAJID:

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To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

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16. **MAGDI A. ALSAYAGHI (MAGDI)** : MAGDI attended California Polytechnic Institute in Pomona, California. MAGDI is very religious and attended the Ansar mosque in Anaheim, California. MAGDI was a roommate of BAZARAH and NOAMAN in March 2004. In August 2006, (O-1)

(O-1)

(G) the following significant contacts of MAGDI are:

- (P) (Referenced above)
- Palmar Travel Corp. (PIT) (Referenced above)

(O-1) information of MAGDI:

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17. **OMAR ALKUMAIM (ALKUMAIM)** : ALKUMAIM attended California State University-Fullerton. ALKUMAIM's father used held the position in the Yemeni Government of Finance/Treasury or Foreign Minister and was the Yemeni Ambassador to Egypt. ALKUMAIM and (P) are very good friends. ALKUMAIM was on school probation for poor grades and was deported on 8/29/06 due to violation of (J-3)

18. (P) : (P) is a Legal Permanent Resident of the United States. He currently resides in Huntington Beach, California. (P) currently attends the Friday night Yemeni group meetings in California. (A), (G), (J-1)

To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

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

On 10/22/2003, an Officer from the Huntington Beach, California Police Department advised that (P) and (P) (P) (P) were brothers who celebrated after the 9/11 attacks and carried pictures of Usama Bin Laden in their wallets. (P) recently married an exotic dancer for the purposes of obtaining United States citizenship.

On 06/04/2002, (P) was detained for possible embezzlement charges. He was not arrested due to insufficient evidence to prosecute, and was released.

(P) has been in contact with (P) (please see above for background on (P)).

(P) is married but (G) (G) (P) likes to speak out against the American policies against Arabs.

19. (P) : (P) is currently residing in Costa Mesa, California. (P) is married and has a green card and works at (P) in the Santa Ana mall.

(G) (P) was also in contact with PIT.

#### SAN DIEGO PAINTBALL ACTIVITIES

In February 2006, San Diego discovered that ANWAR AULAQI AKA SHEIK AULAQI AKA ABU ATIQ organized and participated in several paintball events in the San Diego, California area during 2001/2002. Participants in these events were both from San Diego, California and Los Angeles, California. Investigation has revealed that while the younger members of the group were there to have fun and play paintball, the older members of the group took these outings very seriously and appeared to be training for jihad. ABDULLAH was an active participant in these activities. It is believed that ABDULLAH took these paintball activities to be training for jihad.

Listed below are several significant individuals who have been possibly identified as attendees of the paintball activities with AULAQI and ABDULLAH are:

#### LOS ANGELES PARTICIPANTS

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To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) , 12/20/2006

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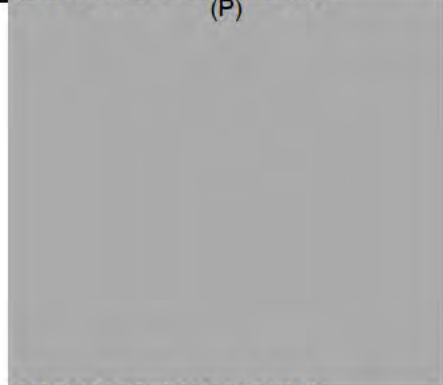
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**SAN DIEGO PARTICIPANTS**

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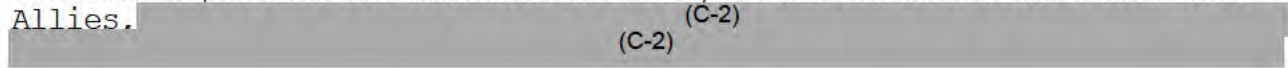
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MOHDAR ABDULLAH  
ANWAR AULAQI  
(P)  
OMAR AL-BAYOUMI  
AMMAR AULAQI  
(P)

The FBI appreciates (C-2) support and understanding of our efforts to protect the National Security of the United States and their Allies.

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-----END TEARLINE-----





To: [REDACTED] (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: [REDACTED] (F), 12/20/2006

**LEAD(s) :**

**Set Lead 1: (Action)**

[REDACTED] (G)

AT [REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] (F) (F)

**Set Lead 2: (Info)**

INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

AT [REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

**Set Lead 3: (Info)**

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

**Set Lead 4: (Info)**

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

**Set Lead 5: (Info)**

[REDACTED]

To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  
Re: (F) 12/20/2006

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CA

Read and clear.

**Set Lead 6: (Info)**

SAN DIEGO

AT SAN DIEGO, CA

Read and clear.

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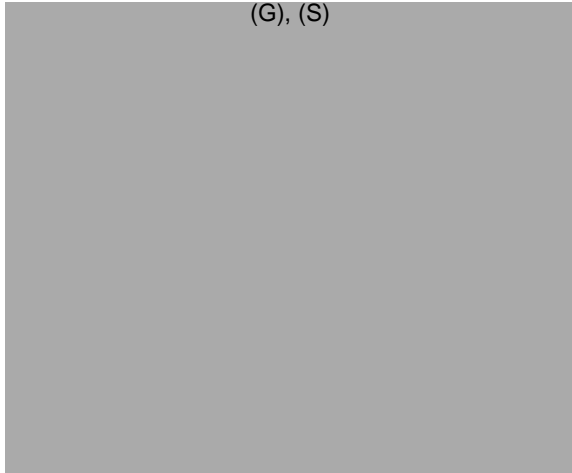
**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 05/07/2007

**To:** Los Angeles

**Attn:**

(G), (S)



Office of Public Affairs  
Operations

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San Diego

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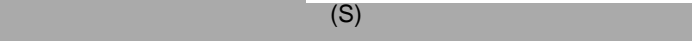
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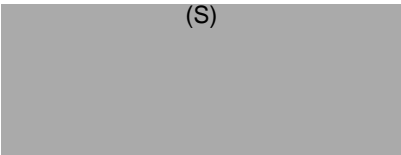
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**Contact:**



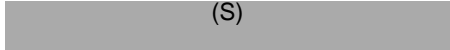
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**Drafted By:**



(S)

**Case ID #:**



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**Title:**

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

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

PENTTBOM

**Synopsis:** FBI-HQ's response to Los Angeles regarding matters associated with captioned investigations as outlined in referenced serial.



[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: Los Angeles  
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 05/07/2007

[REDACTED] (G)

**Reference:** [REDACTED] (F)

**Details:** [REDACTED] FBI-HQ recognizes the excellent efforts by FBI-LA in conducting the follow-up PENTTBOM investigation associated with Los Angeles. After review of the above referenced EC, the following points address the operational matters identified by Los Angeles and provide additional investigation action to be taken by Los Angeles in furtherance of the investigation.

[REDACTED] As referenced EC specified, the investigation of Mohdar Abdullah (Abdullah), is being conducted by the San Diego Field Office. FBI-HQ concurs that because Abdullah is in the 06/10/2000 LAX video, gaining access to Abdullah to identify the UNSUB in the video would greatly assist the Los Angeles investigation.

[REDACTED] (C-2)

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[REDACTED] Abdullah has continued attempts to enter either Canada and/or the United Kingdom which provide opportunity for the FBI to gain access to Abdullah

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[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: Los Angeles  
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 05/07/2007

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In reference to the LAX videotape, FBI-HQ also requests that Los Angeles conduct appropriate research on what type of video camera devices and/or cameras were available in 2000. Specifically what type of camera devices could be carried in the palm of your hand and the type of images that could be recorded.

[REDACTED] On numerous occasions, FBI-LA and FBI-SD representatives have attended coordination meetings with FBI-HQ CTD to discuss the status of captioned investigations. At this stage of the investigation, FBI-HQ does not believe a coordination meeting is necessary. FBI-LA is requested to continue liaison efforts with FBI-San Diego and FBI-HQ regarding any updated activity associated with captioned investigations.

[REDACTED]

EO14040-004047



[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: Los Angeles  
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 05/07/2007

**LEAD(s) :**

**Set Lead 1: (Action)**

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CA

[REDACTED] Discontinue all leads associated with referenced EC. Provide appropriate research that indicates what type of recordable equipment was available and could have been utilized in the June 2000 LAX video.

**Set Lead 2: (Info)**

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

[REDACTED] OPA: Read and clear.

**Set Lead 3: (Info)**

INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

AT WASHINGTON, DC

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

**Set Lead 4: (Info)**

SAN DIEGO

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

**Set Lead 5: (Info)**

[REDACTED] (G)

AT [REDACTED] (G)

To: Counterterrorism From: Los Angeles  
Re: (F) 05/07/2007

Read and clear.

**Set Lead 6: (Info)**

(G)

AT (G)

Read and clear.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/02/2007

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: (S), (G)

San Diego

Attn:

Los Angeles

Attn:

From: New York

(G) Contact: SA (S)

Approved By: (S)

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (F)

Title: PENTTBOM  
MAJOR CASE 182  
(A), (G), (J-1)

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

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

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

Synopsis: Sets forth operational/investigative plan for interview of MOHDAR ABDULLAH as relates to the above-captioned cases.

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[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: New York  
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 11/02/2007

**Details:** [REDACTED] PROVISO: MOHDAR ABDULLAH's (MOHDAR) participation in the upcoming interview is of his own volition. The interview of MOHDAR will be **non-custodial** and nothing stated hereinafter should be interpreted to imply differently.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] New York has a significant and substantial interest in the information that MOHDAR may be able to provide regarding a multitude of subjects and investigations. The below brief summary of each captioned case details such:

[REDACTED] PENTTBOM: After the dismantling of the PENTTBOM TEAM, the PENTTBOM case reverted to its office of origin, i.e., New York. All investigative responsibility for PENTTBOM, including its main and referenced subjects, therefore also resides in the New York Office (NYO).

[REDACTED] The PENTTBOM investigation's initial interest in MOHDAR began after he was identified as a close associate of NAWAF AL-HAZMI and KHALID AL-MIHDHAR by OMAR BAKARBASHAT [REDACTED] (G). MOHDAR spent a substantial amount of time with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR during their time in the United States. It appears MOHDAR may have also met HANI HANJOUR. As a close associate of at least two of the 9/11 hijackers, MOHDAR may have been privy to highly sensitive Al Qaeda tactics and tradecraft. In addition, MOHDAR may have been introduced to additional individuals who participated in the preparation for and/or the planning of the 9/11 terrorist attacks (e.g., unknown male, "Khallam," who met with MOHDAR, AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR).

[REDACTED] OPERATION ENCORE: As a result of an intelligence collection project conducted under the auspices of the PENTTBOM investigation [REDACTED] (F), a possible Saudi Salafist support network and a methodology for being vouched into such a network (i.e., tazkia) may have been discovered. Operation Encore was opened to ascertain: i) the individuals who may have been involved in this support network and their culpability in the 9/11 terrorist attacks; and ii) who may have been the tazkia-provider(s) allowing AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR to obtain support from this network.

[REDACTED]

EO14040-004051



[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: New York  
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 11/02/2007

[REDACTED] Operation Encore's interest in MOHDAR relates to statements he has made on multiple occasions to the effect that he was "tasked" by OMAR AL-BAYOUMI to assist AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. AL-BAYOUMI is a subject of interest in the investigation as he appears to be intimately involved in the Saudi Salafist support network. Considering MOHDAR's closeness to AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR, it seems likely that he would have been exposed to any support provided by such a network, if it existed. In addition, MOHDAR has not had questions posed to him regarding tazkia (i.e., Did AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR benefit from tazkia? Who provided it? And who was the tazkia-receiver?).

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P)  
[REDACTED] (P) first came to the attention of the FBI in September 2001, in connection with [REDACTED] (G) BAKARBASHAT. [REDACTED] (P) name and phone number appeared in some of the written documents seized by the FBI during a consensual search of BAKARBASHAT's personal belongings [REDACTED] (G). Interest was renewed in [REDACTED] (P) due to contact between a telephone number subscribed to by [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) and Yemeni telephone number [REDACTED] (P-1) on 03/02/2000. This Yemeni telephone number first came to the FBI's attention shortly after Al Qaeda's attacks on the U.S. Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, on 08/07/1998. KHALED RASHEED DAOUD AL-OWHALI, one of the two suicide attackers in Nairobi, survived the attack and called this number for assistance in fleeing Kenya. AL-OWHALI was later captured in Kenya and identified this number during his confession to the FBI, at which time he admitted to calling this number both before and after the attack. Due to [REDACTED] (P) inability to sufficiently explain his contact with a telephone number that has been used operationally by Al Qaeda and [REDACTED] (P) refusal to recontact the interviewing agents, FBI New York opened a full investigation.

[REDACTED] According to recent source reporting (see [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] (P) is very religious and involved in the Muslim Community of San Diego. [REDACTED] (P) has told various sources to get married, dress conservatively and stay in school [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) [REDACTED] (P) according to the same sources, seems very organized, rapidly soliciting information from individuals and committing it to memory. One source went so far as to state that he seemed "trained" [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] (F). During New York's initial interview of [REDACTED] (P) stated that he had had recent email contact with MOHDAR. MOHDAR, according to [REDACTED] (P) had emailed [REDACTED] (P) to ask for [REDACTED] (P) to pick up his school transcript. [REDACTED] (P) added that he could get into contact with MOHDAR again if requested to do so.

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: New York  
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 11/02/2007

[REDACTED] An interview of MOHDAR regarding [REDACTED] (P) could provide information on a variety of topics, including any role [REDACTED] (P) may have had in assisting AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR's acclimation to life in the United States, [REDACTED] (P) connection to Yemeni telephone number [REDACTED] (P-1) and [REDACTED] (P) current activities, motivations and potential allegiances to terrorist groups. In addition, MOHDAR appears to have followed a similar path to [REDACTED] (P) in coming to the U.S. (i.e. coming from [REDACTED] (P) to San Diego, California three months apart, both [REDACTED] (O-1) and therefore may be able to explain [REDACTED] (P) background (i.e. citizenship and his connection to the San Diego community).

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) is reportedly (P) [REDACTED] (P) of the DAR US SALAM (DUS) bookstore located at [REDACTED] (P) Brooklyn, New York [REDACTED] (F). The DUS bookstore, according [REDACTED] (O-1) has replaced the AL-HARAMAIN INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (AHIF) and is believed to be carrying out activities previously performed by the AHIF [REDACTED] (O-1). Per [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] (F) the AHIF is classified as a [REDACTED] (O-1) defined as [REDACTED] (O-1) [REDACTED] (O-1)

[REDACTED] The DUS bookstore appears to be the latest iteration in a long line of Saudi-based funding streams. The individuals identified in OPERATION ENCORE, discussed above, were either working in or associated with the Islamic Affairs Office of the Saudi Arabian Consulate and Embassy. The Islamic Affairs office may have exercised direct influence over this potential Saudi Salafist support network.

[REDACTED] In 2004, the Saudi government, in an ostensible effort to exert control over these funding streams, reduced the number of Islamic Affairs officers in the U.S. to one and announced the implementation of the National Commission for Relief and Charity Work Abroad (National Commission) to coordinate government disbursement of funds. In June of the same year, the Saudi government announced the closure of the AHIF, adding that the same National Commission would be solely responsible for overseas missionary work. However, since such "consolidation" announcements, the Saudi government has yet to create the National Commission. As the above-detailed intelligence suggests, the Saudi government's efforts to exert control over such funding streams has not been wholly successful.

[REDACTED] MOHDAR's potential involvement in a support network would have exposed him to, and allowed him access to, the inner-workings of such a group. His potential ability to explain the modus operandi of the network cannot be understated. MOHDAR could possibly clarify [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

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the aims/goals of the network, the methodology for recruiting individuals in the local Muslim community, as well as individuals who may continue to be a part of the network.

[REDACTED] As the above case briefings underscore, New York has a considerable interest in the upcoming interview of MOHDAR and in the circumstances under which it is conducted. Therefore, the following details the operational necessities for such an interview:

(C-2)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] For the upcoming interview, (G) [REDACTED] MOHDAR's (G) [REDACTED] from the (G) [REDACTED] (and potentially from the (G) [REDACTED], if possible) is (G) [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] will likely be necessary to (G) [REDACTED] coming into (G) [REDACTED] (C-2)

(C-2) [REDACTED] Facilitation of this (G) [REDACTED] may require the involvement of (G) [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] MOHDAR should be (G) [REDACTED] where his (G) [REDACTED] and his (G) [REDACTED] at least (G) [REDACTED] MOHDAR's (G) [REDACTED] necessary (using an (G) [REDACTED] will be (G) [REDACTED] would be necessary, however (G) [REDACTED] should be sufficient, as during the day MOHDAR should theoretically be in the interview room). The FBI should have at least one representative (G) [REDACTED]

(G) [REDACTED]. Information (G) [REDACTED] will (G) [REDACTED] interviews for the following day. Additionally, this representative should be separate and apart from the (G) [REDACTED] It would be untenable for this representative to participate in an (G) [REDACTED] and then attempt to participate in the (G) [REDACTED] (G) MOHDAR. The (G) [REDACTED] could also (G) [REDACTED] to reduce the number of participants and the USG (G) [REDACTED] NOTE:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Critical thought should be given to the [REDACTED] (G), i.e.,  
[REDACTED] (G) may have a tendency to [REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] MOHDAR will have [REDACTED] (C-2)  
(C-2) that will need [REDACTED] (G) if possible). [REDACTED] (C-2)  
[REDACTED] (C-2)

Considering the importance of this interview, [REDACTED] (G)  
information on MOHDAR's [REDACTED] (G) will be indispensable.  
As with the [REDACTED] (G) this may necessitate [REDACTED] (G)  
[REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] Interview of Mohdar: [REDACTED] (C-2)  
[REDACTED] (C-2) FBI personnel  
should be limited to two individuals at a time during interviews of MOHDAR.  
[REDACTED] (G) at least [REDACTED] (G)  
the interview and [REDACTED] (G) is purely  
to allow the interviewing agents the [REDACTED] (G) The  
[REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] MOHDAR will be allowed ample breaks and time for  
meals, but these will be at the discretion of the interviewing agents.  
[REDACTED] (C-2)

[REDACTED] Analysis of Information Received: In order to fully  
exploit the information received from MOHDAR in a timely fashion, at  
least one, and more likely two, FBI representatives should be placed  
at the Legat offices in [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] (C-2)  
[REDACTED] (C-2)

[REDACTED] New York considers this interview with MOHDAR  
potentially a "one-shot" deal. Based on the past interaction with MOHDAR,  
[REDACTED] (C-2), there is nothing to indicate that MOHDAR  
will continue to meet [REDACTED] (C-2)  
[REDACTED] (C-2)

[REDACTED] (C-2) It is also possible that MOHDAR  
may end the instant interview on his own accord, before the interviewing  
team is able to cover the entirety of questions. Therefore the interview,  
while attempting to renew a relationship with MOHDAR that could

[REDACTED]

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potentially assist the FBI in a multitude of investigations, should be structured and prioritized with the idea that the FBI may never have the opportunity to interview him again. It is believed that the above operational/investigative plan will accomplish such.



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Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 11/02/2007

**LEAD(s) :**

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[REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 02/26/2002

**To:** Counterterrorism

**Attn:**

(G), (S)

[REDACTED]

Investigative Services

New York  
San Diego

**From:** [REDACTED] (G)

**Contact:** [REDACTED] (S)

**Approved By:** [REDACTED] (S)

**Drafted By:** [REDACTED] (S)

**Case ID #:** [REDACTED] (F)

**Title:** [REDACTED] PENTTBOMB  
MAJOR CASE #182

**Synopsis:** [REDACTED] Forward information from RCMP concerning Lead 6 of [REDACTED] (F). Lead covered.

[REDACTED] (G)

**Reference:** [REDACTED] (F)

**Enclosure(s):** [REDACTED] Letter from RCMP, dated 12/01/2001; [REDACTED] (F).

**Details:** [REDACTED] Referenced [REDACTED] (F) provided information regarding phone calls made MOHDAR MOHAMED ABDULLAH, DOB: [REDACTED] (P-1), an associate of Flight 77 highacking subjects. Legat [REDACTED] (G) was requested to obtain subscriber and toll information regarding telephone numbers [REDACTED] (P-1) [REDACTED] (P-1), and [REDACTED] (P-1).

[REDACTED] This information was disseminated to the [REDACTED] (C-2)  
[REDACTED] (C-2)

[REDACTED]

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Re: (F), 02/26/2002

(C-2) with the request to obtain subscriber information and run security traces for the subscribers.

The enclosed letter from RCMP reports that (C-2) (C-2) Ottawa, Ontario is the current subscriber for telephone (P-1). From 07/1999 to 03/2000, the telephone number was assigned to (C-2) (C-2) Ottawa, Ontario. (C-2) roommate was (C-2) RCMP security and indices checks of (C-2) were negative.

The enclosed letter from RCMP reports that (C-2) (C-2) Nepean, Ontario, is the current subscriber for telephone (P-1). RCMP security and indices checks of (C-2) were negative.

The enclosed letter from RCMP reports that (C-2) (C-2) Nepean, Ontario, is the current subscriber for telephone (P-1). Also residing at this address is (C-2) RCMP security and indices checks of (C-2) were negative.

This information is being provided to receiving offices for whatever action is deemed appropriate.

This information is being provided to receiving offices in response to Lead 6 of (F) (C-2) (C-2)

This lead is considered covered.

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Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 02/26/2002

**LEAD(s) :**

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/28/2002

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: (G), (S)

[Redacted]

Investigative Services

New York  
San Diego

From: (G)

Contact: (S)

Approved By: (S)

Drafted By: (S)

Case ID #: (F)

Title: PENTTBOMB  
MAJOR CASE #182

Synopsis: Forward information from RCMP. LEAD (F)  
(F) covered.

(G)

Reference: (F)

Enclosure(s): Letter from RCMP, dated 01/16/2002; (F)  
(F)

Details: Referenced serial (F) provided information regarding Omar AL-BAYOUMI, date of birth (P-1) (G), who was detained and questioned by Scotland Yard in connection with above referenced investigation. San Diego is currently amassing information in support of an arrest warrant for AL-BAYOUMI. Canadian telephone number (P-1) is associated with AL-BAYOUMI. San Diego requested all available subscriber information and toll records for these numbers from 01/2001 to present, unless otherwise specified.

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

To: Counterterrorism From: [REDACTED] (G)  
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 02/28/2002

[REDACTED] This information was disseminated to [REDACTED] (C-2) [REDACTED] (C-2) with the request to identify the subscriber for the above noted telephone number.

[REDACTED] The enclosed letter from RCMP reports that the current subscriber (1/2002) for telephone number [REDACTED] (P-1) is unlisted. However the subscriber for the telephone number between 10/2001 - 12/2001 is listed as [REDACTED] (C-2) [REDACTED]. The RCMP conducted numerous drive-by checks of the address with negative results. Canadian indices checks for [REDACTED] (C-2) [REDACTED] were negative.

[REDACTED] For information of San Diego, under Canadian law, the only subscriber information that can be obtained without court authorization is public source information on published numbers. Non-published numbers require a search warrant that must be obtained through a formal Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) request.

[REDACTED] This information is being provided to receiving offices for whatever action is deemed appropriate.

[REDACTED] In light of the above information, [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] considers [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] (F) covered. Any further information received by [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] from Canadian authorities will be forwarded to San Diego.

To: Counterterrorism From: [REDACTED] (G)  
Re: [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] 02/28/2002

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** IMMEDIATE

**Date:** 09/19/2002

**To:** Counterterrorism

**Attn:** [Redacted] (G), (S)

International Operations

New York  
San Diego

**From:** [Redacted] (G)

**Contact:** [Redacted] (S)

**Approved By:** [Redacted] (S)

**Drafted By:** [Redacted] (S)

**Case ID #:** [Redacted] (F)

**Title:** [Redacted] PENTTBOMB;  
MAJOR CASE 182

**Synopsis:** [Redacted] To provide response letter from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

[Redacted] [Redacted] (G)

**Reference:** [Redacted] (F)  
[Redacted] (F)

**Enclosure:** [Redacted] Enclosed for the New York Division is the original letter from the RCMP, dated 05/14/2002.

[Redacted] Enclosed for the San Diego Division is one copy of the letter from the RCMP, dated 05/14/2002.

**Details:** [Redacted] As background, the San Diego Division has identified Mohdar Abdullah, aka Al Mohdar Mohammed Al Mohdar Zeid, aka, Al-Mohdar Al-Mohdar, Date of Birth [Redacted] (P-1) (also listed as [Redacted] (P-1), as an associate of Flight 77 hijacking subjects Nawaf Alhazmi and Khalid Almihdar. He is currently being held as a material witness in New York following his arrest in San Diego, CA, on September 21, 2001.



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Re: (F), 09/19/2002

It is believed Abdullah is actually from Yemen and falsely claimed political asylum as a Somalian refugee in order to enter the United States. A Yemen identification document bearing his likeness and the name Al Mohdar Mohammed Al Mohdar Zeid was found during the search of his residence. This identification stated he was born in Yemen.

A medical card was obtained during the search of his residence which revealed he had an address of (P-1) Ottawa, Ontario. The name on the card was Al Mohdar Al Mohdar.

A temporary checkbook for the Bank of Montreal and a Bank of Montreal credit card was found during the search of Abdullah's residence. The checkbook revealed the bank address of (P-1), telephone number (P-1), Nepean, ON (P-1). The bank's transit number was 24426, bank number 001, and account number (P-1). The Bank of Montreal credit card number was (P-1).

A receipt from The Bank of Montreal was also obtained during the search of the residence. The receipt revealed a deposit of \$4959.97 into the account of Al Mohdar Al Mohdar, (P-1) Ottawa, ON (P-1). The deposit was from Algonquin College, where Abdullah attended under the name of Al Mohdar Al Mohdar, student number (P-1).

(C-2)

Abdullah admitted he lived in Ottawa from August 1998, until December 1998, with a host family while attending Algonquin College. The host family was provided by Algonquin College. Abdullah also claimed he maintains telephonic contact with an individual named (P) (phonetic).

The RCMP conducted an investigation into Mohammed Al-Mohdar Zeid, aka, Mohdar Abdullah. (C-2)

(C-2)

(C-2) Al-Mohdar (P-1)  
listed his permanent mailing address as Mohammed Al-Mohdar Zeid, Sana's, Republic of Yemen. (C-2)

(C-2)

(C-2)

December 16, 1998 - US Airways, Flight #1722  
Depart Ottawa 15:24

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Re: (F), 09/19/2002

Arrive Philadelphia 16:50

US Airways, Flight #87  
Depart Philadelphia 18:30  
Arrive San Diego 21:22

December 26, 1998 - US Airways, Flight #86  
Depart San Diego 09:40  
Arrive Philadelphia 17:27

US Airways, Flight #1959  
Depart Philadelphia 21:15  
Arrive Ottawa 22:48

The RCMP has identified an individual and address in Ottawa that was involved in Al-Mohdar's (C-2)  
The RCMP is attempting to locate and interview the individual. Results will be forwarded.



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Re: (F), 09/19/2002

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** Routine

**Date:** 10/01/2002

**To:** New York  
Counterterrorism

**Attn:** [Redacted] (G), (S)

International Operations  
San Diego

**From:** [Redacted] (G)

**Contact:** [Redacted] (S)

**Approved By:** [Redacted] (S)

**Drafted By:** [Redacted] (S)

**Case ID #:** [Redacted] (F)

**Title:** [Redacted] PENTTBOM;  
MAJOR CASE 182

**Synopsis:** [Redacted] To provide response letter from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). [Redacted] (F) covered for Legat [Redacted] (G)

[Redacted] (G)  
[Redacted]

**Reference:** [Redacted] (F)

**Enclosure:** [Redacted] Enclosed for the New York Office is the original letter from the RCMP, dated 09/16/2002, [Redacted] (F)

**Details:** [Redacted] Per referenced request by San Diego, the RCMP conducted an investigation into several phone numbers called by Mohdar Mohamed Abdullah.

[Redacted] The RCMP provided information on the following telephone numbers:

[Redacted] (C-2) As of 10/23/2001, this cellular phone number was registered to [Redacted] (C-2) Ottawa, Ontario. Criminal checks on [Redacted] (C-2) were negative. Further checks revealed from 6/1999 to 3/2000, the phone number was registered to [Redacted] (C-2) Ottawa,

[Redacted]

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phone number (C-2) (C-2) resides with (C-2)  
(C-2) Criminal checks on both persons were negative.

(P-1) : As of 10/23/2001, this number was registered  
to (C-2)  
(C-2) Nepean, Ontario. (C-2) also  
resides at (C-2) Criminal checks on  
both persons were negative.

(C-2) As of 10/23/2001, this number was registered  
to (C-2) also a resident of (C-2)  
No further information was obtained by RCMP on (C-2)



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Re: (F), 10/01/2002

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