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~~(S//NF)~~ Philippines: (b)(1),1.4 (c) Describes Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device for Possible Use against US Embassy

~~(S//NF)~~ In late November 2002, a (b)(1),1.4 (c) described a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) which he planned to use against a target in Manila, possibly the US Embassy. The VBIED would be inside a medium sized van, and have one of three possible primary firing systems and a secondary firing system.

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- ~~(S//NF)~~ The (b)(1),1.4 (c) claimed that (b)(1),1.4 (c) he did not have sufficient funds to procure the necessary equipment to construct such a device. He described in detail; however, the technical aspects on how he planned to construct a large VBIED.

~~(S//NF)~~ The main charge would be large enough to attack a hardened target.

- ~~(S//NF)~~ A medium sized van would contain five 55-gallon drums loaded with ammonium nitrate fuel oil (ANFO.) Each drum would contain a roll of detonating cord as a booster charge. The driver would position the VBIED near the front gate of the embassy, and then flee. A spotter would initiate the device by means of a cellular telephone.

~~(S//NF)~~ The device would have one of three possible initiation systems: a cell phone, a timer, or a suicide switch.

- ~~(S//NF)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) cell phone initiation system as most reliable and the preferred choice. (b)(1),1.4 (c) considered a timing device as a secondary initiation system; however, he discounted this option since he believed the cell phone initiator was sufficient. Finally, he considered a simple suicide switch, but dropped this option because he was unable to find any volunteers.

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~~(S//NF)~~ *A booby-trap on the rear door of the van would be a secondary firing system.*

- A simple victim-actuated wire loop switch device would be wired separately to the main charge, and then attached to the rear doors preventing forcible entry of the van. The van described by the source has no access to the rear from the cab.

~~(S//NF)~~ (b)(1), 1.4 (c) *described and visibly demonstrated capability to modify a cell phone into a firing device.*

- (S//NF) In describing construction of the initiation system, [redacted] confidently (b)(1), 1.4 (c) displayed knowledge of basic firing circuits necessary to construct such a device. (b)(1), 1.4 (c) demonstrated ability to modify circuitry of a cell phone for it to initiate an explosive device.

~~(S//NF)~~ **Analysis:** The overall description of how to build a large VBIED is authoritative and credible. (b)(1), 1.4 (c) knowledge of basic explosive theory, electrical circuitry, and VBIED tactics indicates he trained in construction and employment of these devices. **Further, it is possible [redacted] members of ASG possess equal or greater knowledge and are capable of executing the type of attack described.**

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