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(U) DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE REPORT - TERRORISM

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(b)(3):10 USC 424 (S) (b)(3):10 USC 424 USAMA BIN LADIN'S DEATH INITIALLY WILL SPUR OPERATIVES BOTH FORMALLY AND INFORMALLY ALIGNED WITH AL-QAIDA TO PURSUE RETALIATORY ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN TARGETS, PARTICULARLY THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. OVER THE LONG TERM, HOWEVER, WE EXPECT AL-QAIDA'S TRANSNATIONAL NETWORK WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY DECENTRALIZED AS AL-QAIDA'S REGIONAL NODES DIVERGE FROM AL-QAIDA LEADERSHIP AND FOCUS ON INDIVIDUAL PRIORITIES. THE IMPACT WOULD BE COMPOUNDED BY A RAPID, SUCCESSIVE LOSS OF BIN LADIN DEPUTY AYMAN AL-ZAWAHIRI, ESPECIALLY AS AL-QAIDA STRIVES TO PORTRAY ITSELF AS A VIABLE AND UNIFIED MOVEMENT DESPITE THE LOSS OF ITS MOST PROMINENT LEADER.

(b)(3):10 USC 424 (S) [ ] BIN LADIN WAS A SYMBOLIC AND UNIFYING FIGURE, AND WE JUDGE THAT HIS DEATH WILL EXPAND EXISTING FISSURES AMONG AL-QAIDA'S OPERATIONAL CADRES, PARTICULARLY AMONG SUPPORTERS AND MEMBERS FOR WHOM BIN LADIN RETAINED IMPORTANT STANDING AND AUTHORITY. HIS

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PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT WAS CRITICAL IN ADVANCING AL-QAIDA'S STRATEGIC GOALS AND SOME AL-QAIDA SENIOR MEMBERS REMAINED IN THE ORGANIZATION LARGELY OUT OF PERSONAL RESPECT FOR HIM. IN PAKISTAN, WE JUDGE THAT AL-QAIDA WILL FACE CHALLENGES MAINTAINING STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL INSURGENT AND MILITANT LEADERS, SOME OF WHOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH AL-QAIDA WERE BASED ON LOYALTY TO BIN LADIN. EROSION OF THOSE RELATIONSHIPS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERMINE AL-QAIDA'S ABILITY TO OPERATE IN THE REGION.

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