SUBJ: IIR — ALLEGED REASON FOR SARDAR MOHAMMAD'S ASSASSINATION OF AHMED WALI KARZAI (U).
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SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.
TEXT: 1. SARDAR MOHAMMAD, AHMED WALI KARZAI'S (AWK) BODYGUARD, HAD AN
ARGUMENT WITH TWO SONS OF AHKTER ((MOHAMMAD)), ANOTHER OF AWK'S BODYGUARDS, THE DAY BEFORE HE KILLED AWK. AHKTER MOHAMMAD, AND HIS OLDER BROTHER MOHAMMAD SHAH, A HIGHLY TRUSTED BODYGUARD FOR PRESIDENT HAMID ((KARZAI)), CONFRONTED AWK THE DAY BEFORE THE MURDER. AWK SUMMONED SARDAR TO HIS HOUSE THE NEXT MORNING, INTENDING TO DISARM AND FIRE SARDAR. SARDAR KILLED AWK BECAUSE HE FEARED BEING DISARMED AND THEREFORE VULNERABLE TO ATTACK BY THE TALIBAN.

2. ON 11 JULY 2011, THE DAY BEFORE AHMED WAli ((KARZAI)) (AWK) WAS ALLEGEDLY KILLED BY SARDAR ((MOHAMMAD)), SARDAR HAD A HEATED ARGUMENT WITH TWO OF AKHTER ((MOHAMMAD))'S SONS (NFI). AKHTER MOHAMMAD WAS A TRUSTED BODYGUARD FOR AWK. AKHTER'S SONS ARE AFGHAN NATIONAL POLICE (ANP) OFFICERS IN KARZ VILLAGE, DAND DISTRICT, KANDAHAR PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN, THE HOME OF THE KARZAI FAMILY. AKHTER MOHAMMAD'S OLDER BROTHER IS MOHAMMAD ((SHAH)) (SOURCE COMMENT: MOHAMMAD SHAH AND AKHTER MOHAMMAD ARE BOTH FROM KARZ VILLAGE. THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE SAME TRIBE AS THE KARZAI FAMILY AND HAVE BEEN LOYAL TO THE KARZAI FAMILY FOR YEARS). SHAH IS A TRUSTED BODYGUARD FOR PRESIDENT HAMID ((KARZAI)). ONE OF AKHTER MOHAMMAD'S SONS CALLED AKHTER MOHAMMAD SHORTLY AFTER THE ARGUMENT WITH SARDAR MOHAMMAD. AKHTER MOHAMMAD THEN CALLED HIS BROTHER, MOHAMMAD SHAH, AND INFORMED HIM OF THE ARGUMENT HIS SONS HAD WITH SARDAR MOHAMMAD, REQUESTING THAT SARDAR MOHAMMAD BE DISARMED AND FIRED FROM HIS POSITION WITH AWK.

3. MOHAMMAD SHAH CALLED AWK ON 11 JULY 2011 TO INFORM AWK OF THE ARGUMENT BETWEEN SARDAR MOHAMMAD AND AHKTER MOHAMMAD'S SONS. ALLEGEDLY, MOHAMMAD SHAH TOLD AWK ABOUT THE ARGUMENT SARDAR MOHAMMAD HAD WITH SHAH'S NEPHEWS. ADDITIONALLY, SHAH TOLD AWK THAT SARDAR SMOKES HASHISH AND SNORTS HEROIN. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS CONVERSATION, AWK ALLEGEDLY AGREED TO DISMISS SARDAR MOHAMMAD FROM AWK'S BODYGUARD DETAIL. AWK OR AN ASSOCIATE OF HIS CALLED SARDAR MOHAMMAD ON 11 JULY 2011 AND TOLD SARDAR TO COME TO AWK'S HOUSE THE NEXT MORNING, BRINGING A LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS FOR ALL THE WEAPONS IN HIS POSSESSION.

4. ON THE MORNING OF 12 JULY 2011, SARDAR MOHAMMAD PREPARED TO DEPART HIS COMPOUND IN KARZ. SARDAR ALLEGEDLY TOLD HIS PERSONAL BODYGUARDS THAT TODAY HE WILL EITHER REGISTER HIMSELF AND HIS WEAPONS WITH THE ANP, OR TODAY HE WILL DIE. SARDAR MOHAMMAD WAS FROM THE VILLAGE OF ZAKER, A VILLAGE RIGHT NEXT TO THE KARZ VILLAGE IN DAND DISTRICT, KANDAHAR PROVINCE. SARDAR'S FATHER WAS A MULLAH WHO WAS SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE TALIBAN EVEN BEFORE THE TALIBAN CAME INTO POWER. SARDAR KILLED MANY TALIBAN DURING THE AFGHAN CIVIL WAR IN THE FIGHT SO SARDAR...
BELIEVED THAT IF AWK DISARMED HIM AND TOOK AWAY HIS BODYGUARDS, THE TALIBAN WOULD IMMEDIATELY SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY AND KILL HIM. SARDAR MOHAMMAD WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS ALLOWED TO BE ARMED WITH A PISTOL WHEN MEETING WITH AWK. THE MORNING OF THE SHOOTING, SARDAR WAS ARMED WITH TWO PISTOLS).
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