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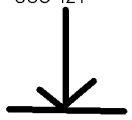
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SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] LETTER TO MUHAMMED IBRAHIM
MAKKAWI AKA SAIF AL ADEL EXPRESSING SECURITY CONCERNS CAUSED BY A
FORMER IRAQI INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (U)

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REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

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SOURCE: (C) [REDACTED]

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SUMMARY: (C) A FOUR-PAGE DOCUMENT CONTAINED A LETTER ADDRESSED TO
MUHAMMED IBRAHIM MAKKAWI AKA SAIF AL ADEL EXPRESSING CONCERNS ABOUT
THE BEHAVIOR OF MULLAH ABDULLAH, A NEW AL-QAEDA MEMBER WHO WAS A
PRIOR WARRANT OFFICER IN IRAQI INTELLIGENCE.

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TEXT: 1. (C) [REDACTED]

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2. (C) TRANSLATED LETTER. THE UNEDITED ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE
LETTER FOLLOWS--

"IN THE NAME OF GOD THE MOST MERCIFUL AND COMPASSIONATE

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TO SAYIF AL-ADIL

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THIS IS A MATTER OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND REQUIRES FROM US OUR HARDEST EFFORTS WITHOUT DELAY OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MATTER. I AM OF THE OPINION THAT THE FOLLOWING MATTERS DIRECTLY CONCERNS THE SECURITY OF THE MEN AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE MATTER WILL COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE "PARTICULAR SCHOLAR" HIMSELF. YOU KNOW, MY BROTHER, THAT I ONLY SPEAK SERIOUSLY AND YOU HAVE LEARNED THAT I ONLY ACT AFTER I AM SUFFICIENTLY CONVINCED IN A CERTAIN MATTER.

THE SITUATION HERE IS RELATED TO A GROUP OF ARABS WORKING IN THE SECURITY COMMAND. AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS AN IRAQI WORKING THERE NAMED MULLAH ABDULLAH WHO USED TO BE A WARRANT OFFICER OR AN OFFICER IN IRAQI INTELLIGENCE. AS YOU ALSO KNOW, HE DESERTED HIS POST AND FLED TO AFGHANISTAN. HE WORKED IN SECURITY AND IN HIS FORMER POSITION [INTELLIGENCE] AND WAS APPOINTED AS AN INVESTIGATOR (DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE DOES NOT SPEAK FARSI OR PASHTO). ACCOMPANYING HIM WAS ANOTHER IRAQI NAMED SHAHAB AD-DIN, [VAR: SHIHAB AL-DIN] BUT HE SEEMED TO BE OF A CALMER DISPOSITION THAN HIS FRIEND. THE TWO MET WITH ABU ALI IN BAGRAM [T.C. AREA IN AFGHANISTAN] AND WERE PUT TO WORK WITH EACH OF THEM ISSUED A PISTOL. MULLAH ABUDULLAH WAS GIVEN SOME ORDERS WHICH HE CARRIED OUT AND CAME ONE DAY TO SPEAK TO ME - BUT I WAS NOT THERE AT THE TIME. INSTEAD, HE SPOKE TO ABU-HAFS] AND MENTIONED TO HIM THAT HE WAS ATTACKED BY THE TALIBAN AND THAT HE NEEDED SOME MEN BECAUSE HE WAS SCARED THAT THE AFGHANIS WOULD KIDNAP OR ATTACK HIM. HE WAS EXAGGERATING, IT SEEMS, AND APPARENTLY, HE WAS ATTACKED BY THE TALIBAN - BUT ONLY AFTER HE HAD INITIATED A CONFRONTATION. IT WAS LEARNED THROUGH THE INFORMATION THAT WE GATHERED FROM ABU JIHAD, MAHMOUD, ABU DIMANA, [DUMANA] ABU SAJAN AND ABU HAJAR WHO WERE WITH AHMAD JALBI FORCES (AN IRAQI OPPOSITION FIGHTER IN NORTHERN IRAQ) THAT THEY FLED IRAQ AFTER IRAQI FORCES ENTERED NORTHERN IRAQI ALMOST A YEAR BEFORE. THEY RECEIVED SUPPORT IN VARIOUS PLACES AND SOME OF THEM STAYED IN IRAN FOR 6 YEARS. THE OTHER MATTER IS THAT THE GROUP IS MADE UP OF BOTH SUNNIS AND SHI'AS AND THEY ARE ALL IN AGREEMENT THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO SECTS BUT IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS ARABS INSTEAD. ANOTHER MATTER (WHICH IS MORE DANGEROUS) IS THAT ABU HAMZA AL-FALISTINI [THE PALESTINIAN] JOINED THE GROUP AT THE COMMAND CENTER AND HE IS SLEEPING IN THE SAME ROOM AS ABDULLAH, SHAHAB, AND ABU ALI. HE [ABU HAMZA] WAS DELIVERED A CAR (A GOLD SUZUKI) WHICH MAY ACTUALLY BE HIS PERSONAL CAR BECAUSE HE IS ALWAYS IN IT. THERE IS A STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MULLAH ABDULLAH, SHAHAB, ABU ALI, ABU JIHAD, AND ABU HAMZA AL-FALISTINI [THE PALESTINIAN]. AS

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FOR THE OTHERS, THEIR LOYALTY IS DISPLAYED BY FREQUENT VISITS TO THE GROUP - THE MOST FREQUENT VISITORS BEING ABU SAJAN AND ABU HAJAR. THEY ARE VISITED WITH A LESSER DEGREE BY ABU BASAM - WHO DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE THAT STRONG OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GROUP. AS FOR DIMANA AND MAHMOUD, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THEY HAVE MADE ANY VISITS TO THE COMMAND CENTER.

THE MOST IMPORTANT AND MOST DANGEROUS PART OF THE MATTER FOLLOWS: YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (SATURDAY - 11/07/98), THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN ABU JIHAD, SHIHAB, AND ANOTHER ONE OF THE MEN DIGRESSED TOWARD MARRIAGE. DURING THE LAST PART OF THE CONVERSATION, THE YOUNG MAN COULD TALK OF NOTHING BUT MARRIAGE. THE THREE MEN THEN WENT TO VISIT THE OTHERS AT THE COMMAND CENTER. THE MEN LOCATED AT THE COMMAND CENTER INCLUDED ABU HAMZA AL-FALISTINI [THE PALESTINIAN], MULLAH ABDULLAH, SHAHAB, ABU JIHAD, ABU SAJAN, ABU HAJAR, AND THE BROTHER [UNIDENTIFIED].

THE CONVERSATION CENTERED AROUND THE TALIBAN'S ADHERENCE TO ISLAMIC PRECEPTS. ABU JIHAD BEGAN TO CURSE AND VERBALLY BASH THE TALIBAN WHILE MOST OF THE OTHERS LISTENED AND SHOOK THEIR HEADS IN AGREEMENT. THE CONVERSATION THEN STEERED TOWARD THE ABSENCE OF A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SUNNI AND SHI'A SECTS OF ISLAM. (THESE TWO TOPICS ALWAYS COME UP IN CONVERSATION). ABU JIHAD BEGAN TO TRY TO CONVINCE THE BROTHER TO GO TO A PLACE WHERE THERE WERE A LOT OF PROSTITUTES AND FOR THEM (MEANING THE ENTIRE GROUP) TO HAVE SEX WITH THEM. HE BEGAN TO DESCRIBE THE PLACE AND SAID THAT ANYONE WHO WANTED DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR WHISKEY COULD GET IT THERE. HE CONTINUED BASHING THE TALIBAN AND SAID THAT THEY ARE NOT TRUE FOLLOWERS OF ISLAM OR [EXPLETIVE FOLLOWS]. HE ADDED THAT PROOF FOR THIS STATEMENT WAS FOUND IN THE DEVIANCE MENTIONED

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EVERYONE WAS LISTENING TO ABU JIHAD TALK AND NO ONE SPOKE TO COUNTER HIM EXCEPT ABU SAJAN AND ABU HAJAR, WHO WERE READING A BOOK ENTITLED "THE BOOK OF THE DEAD". HE THEN LEFT THE PLACE AND WENT TO THE LINE DIRECTLY. FROM THERE, THEY RENTED A PRIVATE CAR AND THE FOUR MEN [ABU JIHAD, SHAHAB, ABU ALI, AND THE BROTHER] FINISHED THE JOURNEY TO THE "DESIGNATED PLACE" IN A TAXI. THE OTHERS WAITED NEAR THE PLACE WHILE ABU JIHAD WENT IT. HE RETURNED AFTER 10 MINUTES TO APOLOGIZE THAT NO ONE WAS IN THE APARTMENT AND PROMISED THEM THAT THEY WOULD ALL RETURN TOMORROW. AFTER THEY HAD RETURNED TO THE OFFICE [PASHTU], THE BROTHER IMMEDIATELY INFORMED US OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED. I THEN ADVISED HIM AND JANDAL AND EXPLAINED TO THEM THE DANGER OF BEING INVOLVED IN THESE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES. I ALSO EXPLAINED TO HIM THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING GOD AND THE IMPORTANCE OF DISTANCING ONESELF FROM THINGS THAT POLLUTE THE MIND. I THEN

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ASSURED HIM THAT HE COULD REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THE GROUP CONCERNING THE LAST MATTER - BUT IN A LIMITED CAPACITY. I ADVISED THIS LIMITED CONTACT BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID THAT HE WOULD GET INVOLVED IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION OR SOMETHING CAUTION AGAINST BY ISLAMIC LAW - OR WORSE THAN THAT. THEY [THE GROUP] MAY MAKE HIM TAKE OATHS OR EVEN PLEDGE LOYALTIES.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, DEAR BROTHER, THE SITUATION HAS REACHED A CRITICAL STATE AND REQUIRES SPECIAL AND SWIFT ATTENTION. IF THIS HAPPENING WAS JUST A "NORMAL" DISPLAY OF DEVIANCE, THEN IT IS A DANGEROUS ONE; BUT, IF WHAT TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY WAS AN ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT THE BROTHER IN ORDER TO INFILTRATE OUR RANKS, THEN IT IS FAR MORE DANGEROUS AND WE CANNOT IGNORE IT.

I ASK THAT YOU COME WITH A WORK GROUP TO FIND THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, OR SEND SOMEONE COMPETENT WITH A SPECIAL GROUP TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER.

MY DEAR BROTHER, I IMPORE YOU TO BE GREATLY CONCERNED WITH THIS MATTER BECAUSE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT AND NOT A JOKE.
[EXTRANEIOUS COMMENT - NO CONTEXT]: \$5 MILLION IS VERY TEMPTING

[ISLAMIC CLOSING]
YOUR BROTHER,
ABDUL HADI AL-ANSARI [VAR: ABD AL-HADI AL-ANSARI]"

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