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SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.

TEXT: 1. (S) (b)(3):50 USC 403-1(i) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. THE ISLAMIC STATE
OF IRAQ IS A GROUP FORMED BY AL-QA'IDA IN IRAQ TO ACT AS AN UMBRELLA
ORGANIZATION SO ALL SUNNI GROUPS OPERATE UNDER ONE BANNER. ISI
BELIEVES THAT UNITING THESE GROUPS COULD ACHIEVE THE ERADICATION OF
COALITION FORCES. ISI IS LED BY ABU UMAR AL-BAGHDADI. PUBLICLY
AL-BAGHDADI IS HIGHER THAN ABU AYYUB AL-MASRI, BUT IN REALITY,
AL-MASRI OUT RANKS AL-BAGHDADI.

2. (S) (b)(3):50 USC 403-1(i) ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ. THE ISLAMIC STATE OF
IRAQ (ISI) IS A GROUP FORMED BY AL-QA'IDA IN IRAQ (AQI) TO ACT AS AN

UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION SO ALL SUNNI GROUPS OPERATE UNDER ONE BANNER. THE ISI WAS FORMED APPROXIMATELY A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. CURRENTLY ISI INCLUDES AQI AS WELL AS SOME MEMBERS OF ANSAR AL-SUNNA, JAYSH AL-ISLAMI, JAYSH AL-MUJAHIDIN, ABU BAKR AL-SALAFI BRIGADES, AND THE 1920S REVOLUTIONARY BRIGADE. (SOURCE COMMENT-- THE ISI HAS NOT WORKED OUT HOW AQI ORIGINALLY PLANNED; MEMBERSHIP IS LIMITED TO ONLY INDIVIDUALS FROM THESE GROUPS INSTEAD OF THE GROUPS AS A WHOLE COMING UNDER THE ISI, AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED. THE EXTREME IDEOLOGY OF THE ISI HAS LARGELY PREVENTED MORE GROUPS FROM JOINING IT.) THE ISI IS ANOTHER NAME FOR AQI (SOURCE COMMENT-- THE ISI AND AQI ARE TWO FACES OF THE SAME COIN AND TWO NAMES FOR THE SAME ENTITY.) AQI LEADERS COULD NOT BRING GROUPS TOGETHER UNDER THE AQI BANNER BECAUSE OF THE IRAQI CITIZENS' HATRED FOR THE AQI NAME, SO THEY FORMED THE ISI TO TRY AND GET MORE SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE; HOWEVER, THE ISI IS DOING THE SAME THINGS THAT CAUSED PEOPLE TO HATE AQI. SOME IRAQIS DON'T BELIEVE THE ISI AND AQI ARE THE SAME GROUP, SO THEY SUPPORT THE ISI WHILE CONTINUING TO DISLIKE AQI. AQI CHANGED ITS NAME TO ISI TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE THAT AQI NO LONGER EXISTS IN IRAQ.

3. ~~(S)~~ (b)(3):50 USC 403-1(i) ISI LEADERSHIP AND CONNECTION TO AL-QA'IDA. THE ISI IS LED BY ABU UMAR AL-BAGHDADI. ALL OF THE LEADERS UNDER AL-BAGHDADI ARE MINISTERS, INCLUDING ABU AYYUB AL-MASRI (AAM) AKA ABU HAMZAH AL-MUHAJIR, THE EMIR OF AQI. PUBLICLY AL-BAGHDADI IS HIGHER THAN AAM, BUT IN REALITY, AAM OUT RANKS AL-BAGHDADI. AL-BAGHDADI IS AN IRAQI AND WAS PUT IN POWER TO TRY AND GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE ISI. HE IS MORE OF A FIGUREHEAD THAN A REAL LEADER. ALL OF THE ORDERS AND COMMANDS COME FROM AAM. THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ISI AND AL-QA'IDA. USAMA BIN LADEN IS THE EMIR OF AL-QA'IDA AND AL-BAGHDADI IS THE EMIR OF THE ISI. SINCE AN ELEMENT OF AL-QA'IDA (REFERRING TO AQI) IS THE MAJOR PART OF THE ISI, THERE IS A NATURAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ISI AND AL-QA'IDA. ANOTHER CONNECTION TO AL-QA'IDA LIES IN THE FACT THAT AAM IS AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF AL-QA'IDA, AND HE IS ALSO IN THE ISI.

4. ~~(S)~~ (b)(3):50 USC 403-1(i) MISSION OF ISI. THE MOST IMPORTANT PURPOSE OF THE ISI IS TO FORM AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION TO UNITE ALL SUNNI GROUPS OPERATING IN IRAQ AND TO CONNECT PEOPLE WITH ISLAM. THE ISI BELIEVES THAT UNITING THESE GROUPS COULD ACCOMPLISH THE TASK OF ERADICATING COALITION FORCES FROM IRAQ AND DESTROYING THE IRAQI POLICE (IP), IRAQI ARMY (IA), SHIA AND SUNNIS WORKING WITH THE COALITION, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ (GOI). THE ISI TRIES TO TEACH PEOPLE THAT ALL THESE ENTITIES ARE NON-BELIEVERS AND SHOULD BE KILLED (SOURCE COMMENT-- THE ISI ALSO CONSIDERS TRIBAL LEADERS AS NON-BELIEVERS BECAUSE TRIBAL LAW IS NONCOMPLIANT WITH THE LAWS OF THE

