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A SAFE HOUSE AND A MOSQUE USED BY AL QAEDA AND OSAMA BIN LADEN SUPPORTERS IN SALMAN PAK, IRAQ (U) WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT CLASSIFIED ~~SECRET~~, (b)(3):10 USC 424

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SUMMARY: (S) [Redacted] A SAFE HOUSE FOR SUSPECTED AL QAEDA AND OSAMA BIN LADEN SUPPORTERS LOCATED IN SALMAN PAK, IZ HAS BEEN UTILIZED AS AN OPERATIONAL BASE. A MOSQUE LOCATED NEAR THE SITE ALSO HAS BEEN USED FOR THE SAME AQ AND OSAMA BIN LADEN SUPPORTERS. THE IMAM OF THE MOSQUE IS SUPPORTING ANTI-COALITION EFFORTS. ENCLOSURES.

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TEXT: 1. (S) [Redacted] SUSPECTED AL QAEDA (AQ) AND OSAMA BIN LADEN (OBL) SUPPORTERS HAVE BEEN OPERATING FROM A SAFE HOUSE AND A MOSQUE LOCATED IN SALMAN PAK, APPROXIMATELY 20 KILOMETERS (KM) SOUTHEAST OF BAGHDAD, IRAQ (IZ). THE SAFE HOUSE // (b)(3):10 USC 424 LOCATED, ON THE BANK OF THE TIGRIS RIVER, IN SALMAN PAK. THE SAFE HOUSE HAS BEEN UTILIZED AS BILLETING AND AN OPERATIONS BASE FOR

APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 40 SUSPECTED AQ AND OBL SUPPORTERS THAT INCLUDE AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF SAUDIS. STORED IN THE SAFE HOUSE ARE U/I RPGS, U/I IEDS WITH MAGNETIC METAL PLATES AND REMOTELY CONTROLLED UP TO 300 METERS, U/I EXPLOSIVES, U/I PORTABLE SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES, U/I MACHINEGUNS, AND OTHER UNKNOWN WEAPONS. THE SAFE HOUSE IS ALSO UTILIZED FOR BILLETING FOREIGN FIGHTERS FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND U/I COUNTRIES. THESE AQ AND OBL SUPPORTERS ALSO UTILIZED THE JAMA (MOSQUE) OF MAHMOUD [REDACTED] ABOUT ONE KM WEST OF THE SAFE HOUSE, FOR WEAPONS STORAGE AND A MEETING SITE.

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2. ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] IN 1998, AN U/I DOCTOR FROM AN U/I COMPANY OWNED BY OBL LOCATED IN SAUDI ARABIA, PURCHASED A HOUSE IN THE SALMAN PAK AREA, IZ. THE DOCTOR PURCHASED THE HOUSE FOR SAADAM LAST NAME UNKNOWN (LNU) AND ABASS LNU. SAADAM, A 30 TO 35 YEARS OLD, MALE, IRAQI OR SAUDI ARABIAN, SEEMED TO BE THE LEADER OF THE SUSPECTED AQ AND OBL SUPPORTERS. ABASSY, APPROXIMATELY A 30 YEAR OLD MALE IRAQI, IS AN ASSISTANT FOR SAADAM.

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3. ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] SUSPECTED ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP. THE GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ROCKET ATTACK ON THE IZ POLICE ACADEMY ON AROUND 17 FEB 2004, TWO IED ATTACKS ON U.S. MILITARY HUMMVEE CONVOYS (DATES UNKNOWN), AND AN IED ATTACK ON A U.S. TANK (DATE AND LOCATION UNKNOWN). THE GROUP ALSO SUPPORTED THE FALLUJAH POLICE STATION ATTACK. NFI.

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4. ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] VEHICLES UTILIZING THE SAFE HOUSE. RECENTLY SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED GOING IN AND OUT OF THE HOUSE AT NIGHT.

4A. A MINI-VAN, 1994 OR 1996 MODEL KIA, GOLD IN COLOR, RED CURTAINS INSTALLED FOR WINDOWS, 12 PASSENGER.

4B. TWO TRUCKS, TWO TON, KIA, ONE WAS GREEN IN COLOR, THE OTHER IS UNKNOWN COLOR.

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4C. A SEDAN, U/I BMW, RED IN COLOR, WITH SUNROOF

4D. A SEDAN, U/I OPEL, SILVER IN COLOR.

5. ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] THE HOUSE [REDACTED] IS LOCATED AT A CORNER OF A THREE WAY INTERSECTION TOWARD A PONTOON BRIDGE ON THE TIGRIS RIVER IN SALMAN PAK, IRAQ. THE PERIMETER OF THE HOUSE IS PATROLLED BY THREE TO FOUR SECURITY GUARDS 24 HOURS A DAY (PLAIN CLOTHING, ARMED WITH AK-47S), U/I GUARDS INSIDE THE HOUSE, AND HAS A U/I PATROL BOAT ON WATERFRONT SIDE. THE HOUSE HAS A LARGE YARD, TWO WATER TANKS (BOX SHAPE) AND A SATELLITE DISH ON THE ROOF. THE HOUSE IS SURROUNDED BY ABOUT A THREE METER TALL CEMENT WALL WITH CONCERTINA WIRE ON TOP. THE WALL IS LIGHT BROWN SAND IN COLOR AND PREVENTS OBSERVATION OF THE HOUSE FROM OUTSIDE. THE HOUSE HAS TWO GATED ENTRANCES, ONE AT FRONT AND THE OTHER AT SIDE. LOCATED OUTSIDE

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THE HOUSE IS A BLUE TRAILER WHICH IS USED AS A SECURITY GUARD REST AREA. NFI.

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6. ~~TS~~ [REDACTED] MOSQUE // [REDACTED] IS LOCATED NEXT TO A PEPSI PRODUCTION COMPANY, SALMAN PAK, APPROXIMATELY 20 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF BAGHDAD. DURING RELIGIOUS SERVICES, THE IMAN FROM THE MOSQUE HAS PREACHED THAT COALITION FORCES ARE STEALING EVERYTHING FROM IRAQIS AND TRYING TO CHANGE RELIGIOUS PRACTICES IN IRAQ TO SOME OTHER RELIGION THAN THE ISLAMIC RELIGION. THE IMAN HAS ALSO ENCOURAGED THE IRAQI PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANTI-COALITION FORCES ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING JIHAD. NFI.

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