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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.

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USC 424 (S) (b)(3):10 USC 424 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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