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BODY

SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 TALIBAN OBTAIN MONEY, **OPIUM**, AND LODGING
THROUGH SIX ELDERS IN HELMAND PROVINCE, AF (S) (b)(3):10 USC 424

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SUMMARY: (b)(3):10 USC 424 SIX ELDERS IN MUSA QALA DISTRICT, HELMAND PROVINCE, AF PROVIDE MONEY, **OPIUM**, AND LODGING TO TALIBAN MEMBERS, INCLUDING MULLAH ABDULLAH JAN.

TEXT: 1. (b)(3):10 USC 424 TALIBAN MEMBERS IN HELMAND PROVINCE, AF RECEIVE SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF MONEY, **OPIUM**, AND LODGING FROM SIX ELDERS IN MUSA QALA DISTRICT, HELMAND PROVINCE, AF. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON THESE ELDERS IS PROVIDED BELOW.

2. (b)(3):10 USC 424 HAJI ABDUL QAYUM ((AKHONDZADEH)) COLLECTS MONEY IN MUSA QALA AND ONE TENTH OF THE **OPIUM** FROM VILLAGERS AND PROVIDES THESE TO TALIBAN LEADER MULLAH ((ABDULLAH JAN)).

AKHONDZADEH HAS A FAMILIAL TIE WITH ABDULLAH JAN AND USES ABDULLAH JAN'S NAME WHILE SOLICITING MONEY AND **OPIUM** FROM

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AKHONDZADEH IS A MEMBER OF THE ALIZEI TRIBE AND IS ORIGINALLY FROM THE VILLAGE OF MAZRABAD JANUBI (b)(3):10 USC 424 MUSA QALA DISTRICT, HELMAND PROVINCE, AF.

3. (b)(3):10 USC 424 ABDULLAH JAN IS KNOWN AS AN ALL-AROUND EXPERT WITH THE 82 MILLIMETER (MM) SHOULDER-FIRED ROCKET LAUNCHER WHO ALSO REPAIRS AND TRAINS OTHERS ON THE SYSTEM

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ADDITIONALLY, ABDULLAH JAN SHOT SEVERAL TANKS IN THE PAST FEW ATTACKS CONDUCTED AGAINST THE BRITISH IN HELMAND PROVINCE (NFI). DURING THE TALIBAN REGIME, ABDULLAH JAN WORKED WITH A MAN NAMED MULLAH ((SALAM)). SALAM WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE AFGHAN NATIONAL ARMY (ANA) 2ND CORPS IN HERAT, AF WHILE ABDULLAH JAN SERVED AS THE ARTILLERY COMMANDER OF THE 2ND CORPS. ABDULLAH JAN CURRENTLY OPERATES IN SANGAIN DISTRICT, HELMAND PROVINCE, AF.

4. (b)(3):10 USC 424 MAULAWI MOHAMMAD LAL ((SAHEB)) ALSO COLLECTS MONEY FOR THE TALIBAN USING ABDULLAH JAN'S NAME. SAHEB IS A MEMBER OF THE KAKAR TRIBE AND IS THE IMAM AT THE MOSQUE LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF MASHADYIAN KAREZ (CNA), MUSA QALA DISTRICT.

5. (b)(3):10 USC 424 HAJI MULLAH MOHAMMAD ((HASSAN)) IS A SMUGGLER FROM MAZRABAD JANUBI WHO ALSO COLLECTS MONEY FROM LOCALS USING ABDULLAH JAN'S NAME. HASSAN DRIVES A RED TOYOTA LANDCRUISER (NFI).

6. (b)(3):10 USC 424 HAJI ABDUL ((RASHID)), A MEMBER OF THE

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ALIZEI TRIBE PROVIDES LODGING TO THE TALIBAN IN THE VILLAGE OF SHARAGEH (b)(3):10 USC 424 MUSA QALA DISTRICT. RASHID IS A FRIEND OF TALIBAN LEADER MULLAH ABDUL ((BARI)).

7. (S) (b)(3):10 USC 424 BARI CURRENTLY CONDUCTS TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN SANGAIN DISTRICT BUT IS ORIGINALLY FROM THE VILLAGE OF KHWAJADAD (b)(3):10 USC 424 MUSA QALA DISTRICT. BARI IS FROM THE ISAQZEI TRIBE, IS THE SON OF ABDUL ALIM AKA, AND IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS KOKA AGHA. DURING THE TALIBAN REGIME, BARI WORKED UNDER MULLAH NA'IM ((AKHUN)) IN SHINDAND CITY (b)(3):10 USC 424

(HERAT PROVINCE, AF)

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8. (S) (b)(3):10 USC 424 SHAH AGHA IS A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS A GUEST HOUSE IN KAREZ (CNA), MUSA QALA DISTRICT WHERE TALIBAN COMMANDERS IN THE REGION COME TO STAY. TALIBAN MEMBERS WHO HAVE STAYED AT SHAH AGHA'S GUEST HOUSE INCLUDE COMMANDER TORAKEI, MULLAH MATIN, TORJAN, AND MULLAH ABDUL BARI.

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SHAH AGHA ALSO COLLECTS MONEY FOR THE TALIBAN FROM PEOPLE IN MUSA QALA. SHAH AGHA IS THE SON OF ABDUL HAKIM KHAN AND MEMBER OF THE ALIZEI TRIBE. HE IS ORIGINALLY FROM MUSA QALA DISTRICT BUT NOW LIVES IN KAREZ.

9. (S) (b)(3):10 USC 424 HAJI MALEM ((ASTIKHAN)) COLLECTS MONEY FROM LOCALS IN MUSA QALA DISTRICT WHICH IS PROVIDED TO THE TALIBAN VIA SHAH AGHA. ASTIKHAN IS FROM THE ALIZEI TRIBE AND ORIGINALLY FROM THE VILLAGE OF ZOLMABAD (b)(3):10 USC 424 MUSA QALA DISTRICT.

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