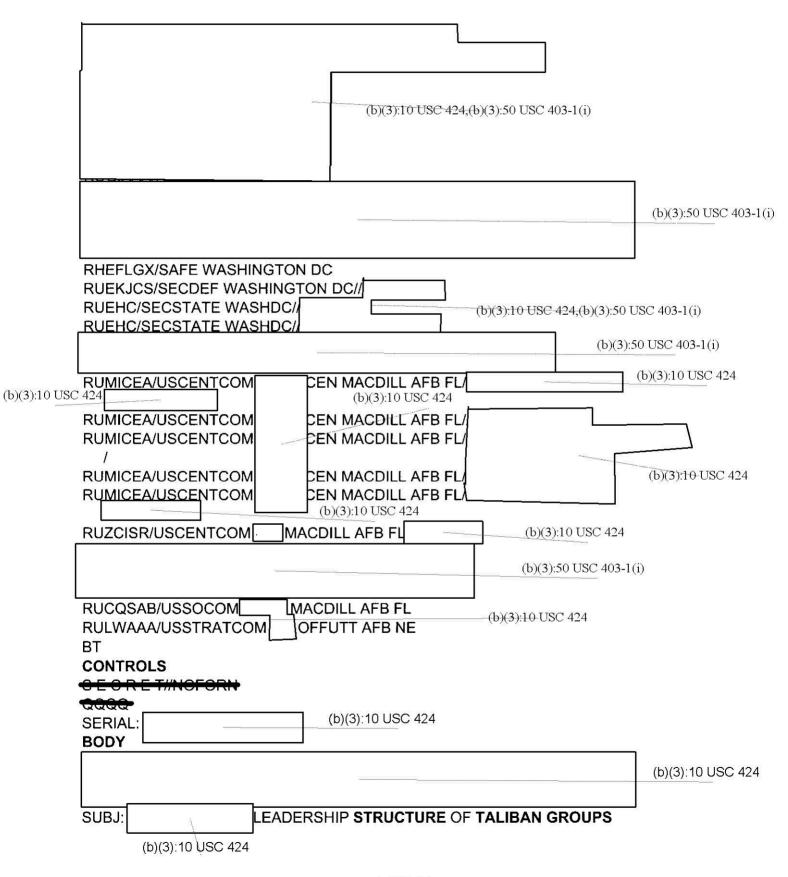
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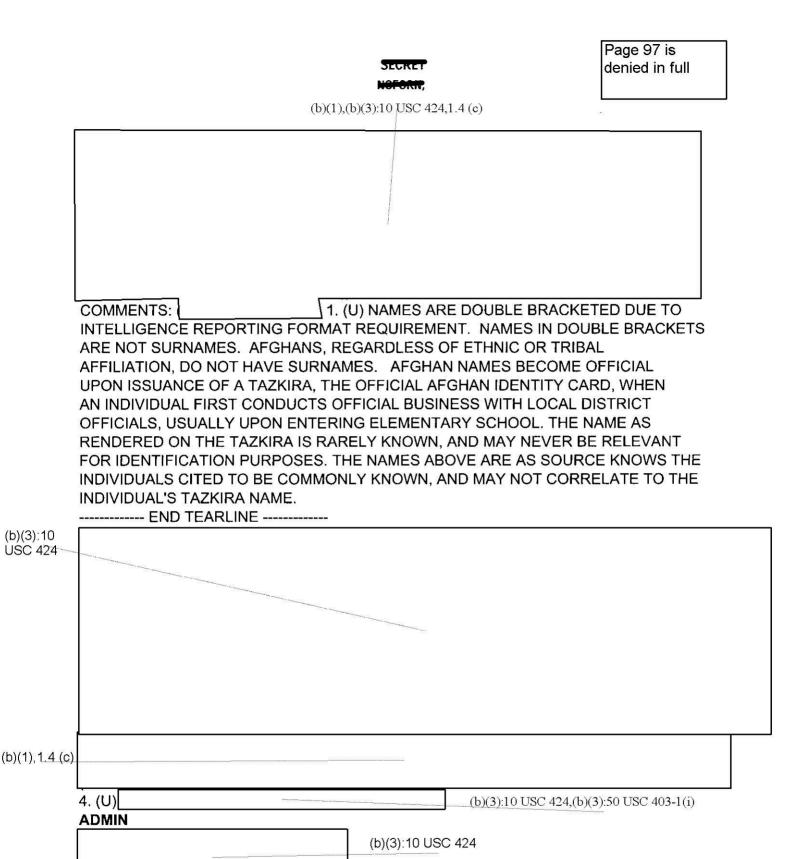
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PUNJABIS, ARABS, CHECHENS, AND UZBEK FOREIGN FIGHTERS, MOST OF WHOM
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TALIBAN LEADER MAULAWI ((ISMAIL)) WHO OPERATES FROM OFFICES IN THE
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