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SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 (b)(3):10 USC 424 VIEWS OF ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCES (RSNF) OFFICERS REGARDING THE WAR ON TERRORISM. (U)

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SUMMARY: ~~(C)~~ HIGH LEVEL SAUDI NAVAL OFFICERS EXPRESS DISBELIEF IN THE DEVELOPING U.S. CASE AGAINST USAMA BIN ((LADEN)). BIAS AGAINST MUSLIMS, ERRONEOUS ACCUSATIONS IN CASE OF OKLAHOMA CITY BLAST, HASTILY RELEASED/FLAWED LIST OF SUSPECTED HIJACKERS, AND TENETS OF ISLAM CITED.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C)~~ (b)(1); (b)(3):10 USC 424; Sec. 1.4(c) MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE FOLLOWING ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCES (RSNF) OFFICERS:

(b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c)

DURING A SERIES OF SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS EACH LASTING OVER 40 MINUTES, EACH OF THESE WELL-EDUCATED OFFICERS, AND WHO HAVE ALL RECEIVED TRAINING IN THE U.S., EXPRESSED DISBELIEF THAT THE PERPETRATORS OF, AND THE CONSPIRATORS IN, THE 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS IN CONUS WERE ARABS OR MUSLIMS, LET ALONE USAMA BIN ((LADIN))'S AL QAIDA ORGANIZATION.

2. (U) ALL OF THE ABOVE-LISTED RSNF OFFICERS EXPRESSED THEIR APPARENTLY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO REGARDING THE CASUALTIES OF THE 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS.

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3. ~~(c)~~ REASONS GIVEN FOR NOT BELIEVING THE DEVELOPING U.S. CASE AGAINST BIN LADEN INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

A. ~~(c)~~ THE "VERY EARLY AND BASELESS" ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ARAB AND MUSLIMS IN THE CASE OF THE 19 APRIL 1995 BOMBING OF THE MURRAH FEDERAL BUILDING IN OKLAHOMA CITY. AT LEAST ONE OF THE RSNF OFFICERS OPINED THAT THE PERPETRATORS AND CONSPIRATORS WERE AMERICANS "LIKE IN THE CASE OF OKLAHOMA CITY."

B. ~~(c)~~ THE "INSTANT" RELEASE TO THE MEDIA OF THE LIST OF SUSPECTED HIJACKERS AFTER THE 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS IN CONUS. SEVERAL OFFICERS CITED NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS ON THAT LIST WHO WERE FOUND TO BE LIVING ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD AT THE TIME OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS.

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C. ~~(c)~~ (b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c) CITED THE "VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE" DISCOVERY OF ONE OR MORE SUSPECTED HIJACKER PASSPORTS IN THE "BURNED RUINS" OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER. INCIDENTALLY, HE ALSO EXPRESSED DISBELIEF REGARDING THE CASE OF THE 31 OCTOBER 1999 CRASH OF EGYPT AIR FLIGHT 990, CITING A "MISSILE" AS THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH, AS OPPOSED TO THE ACTIONS OF THE ARAB MUSLIM PILOT.

D. ~~(c)~~ THE "AUTOMATIC" U.S. SIDING "AGAINST MUSLIMS" IN VARIOUS CONFLICTS AROUND THE WORLD. CONFLICTS IN PALESTINE, SUDAN, AND EAST TIMOR WERE MENTIONED.

E. ~~(c)~~ SEVERAL OF THE RSNF OFFICERS MENTIONED THE ALLEGATION, REPORTED IN THE ARAB PRESS, THAT 4000 JEWS DID NOT SHOW UP FOR WORK AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ON THE MORNING OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2001. SEVERAL EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT ISRAEL WAS BEHIND THE 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 ATTACKS, AS THEY "HAVE THE CAPABILITY" AND THE MOTIVE, I.E., "TO DISCREDIT ARABS."

F. ~~(c)~~ SEVERAL OF THE RSNF OFFICERS MENTIONED THAT THE KILLING OF INNOCENTS WAS CONTRARY TO THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM AND, THEREFORE, THE REAL PERPETRATORS WERE "PROBABLY NON-MUSLIMS." IT WAS ALSO

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MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES THAT THE U.S. WAS APPARENTLY NOT SUFFICIENTLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE KILLING OF "INNOCENT PALESTINIANS BY ISRAELIS."

4. ~~(c)~~ (b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c) WAS PARTICULARLY INSISTENT THAT THE U.S. WAS RESPONSIBLE THROUGH ITS FOREIGN POLICY FOR CREATING A CLIMATE IN WHICH THE 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 ATTACKS COULD TAKE PLACE. HE MENTIONED SEVERAL EXAMPLES INCLUDING U.S. POLICY REGARDING ISRAEL AND IRAQ.

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