TO: ALEC
FROM: ALEC

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - DETAILS OF NOVEMBER 2002 DEBRIEFING OF 'ABD AL-RAHIM AL-NASHIRI

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE; FYI ONLY.

2. DAY ONE OF THE AGGRESSIVE INTERROGATION PHASE OF DETAINEE 'ABD AL-RAHIM AL-NASHIRI (SUBJECT) BEGAN AT 0415 HOURS AT 0415 HOURS, HVT INTERROGATORS, SECURITY TEAM MEMBERS AND LINGUIST ENTERED THE CELL, THE ROLLED

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Towel/Neck support was placed around his neck, and subject was moved to the walling board. He was now in the place they had warned him about. Subject said he was ready to talk; asked if he knew the information Interrogators wanted, subject replied that they wanted information on his joining Jihad and what he did afterwards. Interrogators told subject he was wrong: they wanted information to stop ongoing operations against the United States. Subject was warned not to lie, and was told that if he lied, he would suffer the consequences, and his life would become infinitely worse. Interrogators promised subject that they had no other agenda to pursue, and that they would do whatever it takes to get the information they wanted from him. They wanted to know who, what, when, where and how ongoing operations would take place, and would stop at nothing to get it. Subject was also promised that the interrogators would not lie to him, and that everything they said they would do to subject would come to pass. Asked if he understood, subject mutely nodded.

3. Asked what he had to say, subject began to relate information already obtained. Interrogators cut subject off, asking if this was the same information he had already given "the other people." When subject said yes, interrogators immediately advised subject they were not interested in past activity, but wanted to know of real, actionable information regarding ongoing operations in progress.

Interrogator immediately used the attention grab with the rolled towel/neck support to move subject off the wall and down on to the floor of the cell. Subject's clothes were ripped off of him by security team members while the interrogator told subject we knew he was lying, and demanded subject tell them the truth. Subject repeated that he didn't know of any operations, but maybe knew some names... again subject was immediately cut off and held on the floor by security team members, while interrogators repeated to subject that he is a master operational planner who knows what we want to know. Subject whimpered that he would do anything the interrogators wanted. When told to begin talking, however, subject began to babble. Interrogators told subject he was going to be left alone to consider the names and operational plans of individuals involved in ongoing attack planning, adding that if he refused to cooperate he would suffer in ways he never thought possible. Interrogators/translator left the room at 0435; subject's head was shaved by security staff while subject moaned and wailed. Interrogators/translator returned to the room at 0440 -- pointing to the large box, interrogator told subject to look at it, as it was now his new home. Interrogator again repeated the bridge that we wanted information to stop ongoing operations against the U.S.: who the operators are, what their plans are, what the targets are, and every other conceivable detail. Subject was placed in the large box at 0443 hours; subject was locked in the large box at 0445 hours.
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