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NLETS MESSAGE (ALL REGIONS)
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MESSAGE FROM FBI COUNTERTERRORISM DIVISION, WASHINGTON, D.C.

[NATIONAL THREAT WARNING SYSTEM--POTENTIAL ANTI-U.S. TERRORIST
ATTACKS].

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THE PERMISSION OF THE FBI. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF FBI
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IN RECENT WEEKS, THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY {USIC} HAS
BEEN TRACKING AN INCREASED VOLUME OF THREAT REPORTING EMANATING
FROM GROUPS ALIGNED WITH OR SYMPATHETIC TO USAMA BIN LADEN. THE
MAJORITY OF THIS REPORTING INDICATES A POTENTIAL FOR ATTACKS
AGAINST U.S. TARGETS ABROAD. ON 6/22/01, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
STATE {USDS} ISSUED A WORLDWIDE CAUTION WARNING AMERICANS
TRAVELING ABROAD OF THE INCREASED RISK OF A TERRORIST ACTION FROM
EXTREMIST GROUPS. THE USDS CAUTION EXTENDS THROUGH 9/22/01.

THE FBI HAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING A CREDIBLE THREAT OF
TERRORIST ATTACK IN THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE
HEIGHTENED LEVEL OF ANTI-U.S. THREAT REPORTING, THE RECENT LIFE
SENTENCE HANDED DOWN FOR MOHAMMED RASHED DAUD AL-OWHALI IN
CONNECTION WITH THE 1998 U.S. EMBASSY BOMBINGS, THE CONVICTION OF
AHMED RESSAM AND THE ONGOING TRIAL OF MOKHTAR HAOURI IN RELATION
TO THE 1999 MILLENNIUM BOMB PLOT, AND THE INDICTMENTS RECENTLY
FILED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT AGAINST 14 INDIVIDUALS SUSPECTED OF
INVOLVEMENT IN THE 1996 BOMBING OF KHOBAR TOWERS, THE POSSIBILITY
OF ATTACK IN THE UNITED STATES CANNOT NOT BE DISCOUNTED. THE
APPROACHING INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY ON 7/4/01 MAY FURTHER
HEIGHTEN THE POTENTIAL THREAT IN THE UNITED STATES AND AGAINST
U.S. TARGETS ABROAD.

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