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[redacted] ISN [redacted] was interviewed at Camp Delta. Present for the interview were SA [redacted] FBI, SA [redacted] Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), Arabic Linguist [redacted] [redacted] (S)

[redacted] provided the following information, translated by [redacted] (S) b1

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[redacted] stated he had been beaten unconscious approximately three or four weeks ago when he was still at Camp X-Ray. According to [redacted] an unknown number of guards entered his cell, unprovoked, and started spitting and cursing at him. The guards called him a "son of a bitch," and a "bastard," then told him he was crazy.

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[redacted] rolled onto his stomach to protect himself, because he had recently had stomach surgery. [redacted] stated a soldier named [redacted] jumped on his back and started beating him in the face. [redacted] then choked him until he passed out. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was beating him because [redacted] is a Muslim, and [redacted] is Christian. [redacted] indicated there was a female guard named [redacted] who was also beating him and grabbed his head and beat it into the cell floor.

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[redacted] stated that all the soldiers were aware of his stomach problems, and he was taken to the hospital following the beating, where he received an IV and treatment for his facial wounds. [redacted] claimed the camp warden, who is a tall African American male, visited him at the hospital and told the doctors to immediately return him to the camp. [redacted] reported the aforementioned incident to two Red Cross representatives at Camp Delta, who he identified as [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] stated he did not do anything to cause the guards to enter his cell, and did everything they instructed him to do. [redacted] had what appeared to be a recent wound on the bridge of his nose.

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[redacted] stated that he was put in an isolation cell after he was involved in a dispute over food given to him. [redacted] stated that he is unable to eat certain foods, and was placed in isolation after arguing with a guard.

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b6 -4 [redacted] stated he was an imam at the [redacted]
b7C -4 Mosque in [redacted] Saudi Arabia. This mosque was frequented
b7D -1 foreigners in Saudi Arabia for employment. [redacted] was qualified
b7F -1 to be an imam, because he had memorized two sections of the Koran.
[redacted] has had no formal religious training.

b6 -4,5,6 [redacted] met a Jordanian male named [redacted] while
b7C -4,5,6 working at bakery in [redacted] [redacted] told [redacted] he was
b7D -1 interested in traveling to the U.S. and meeting a woman to get U.S.
b7F -1 citizenship. [redacted] told [redacted] his brother [redacted] had
moved to the U.S., and obtained U.S. citizenship, so [redacted]
arranged a meeting between [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] was working in Saudi Arabia when [redacted] met him.
[redacted] gave [redacted] the telephone number of his friend in
b6 -4,5,6 [redacted] Indiana named [redacted] knew an imam
b7C -4,5,6 named [redacted] who worked at the Islamic Center in [redacted]
b7D -1 [redacted] Indiana. [redacted] thought that [redacted] needed an imam, and may
b7F -1 have been willing to help [redacted] with his trip. [redacted]
called [redacted] and arranged to travel to the U.S. and teach at the
[redacted] Islamic Center.

[redacted] stated that he was arrested and incarcerated
in Saudi Arabia after being associated with an armed robbery. [redacted]
[redacted] was friends with a man named [redacted] who owned
a perfume store in [redacted] where [redacted] was a frequent customer.
In addition, [redacted] went out to dinner with [redacted] on a regular
basis. [redacted] and two of his friends named [redacted] AND
b6 -4,5,6 [redacted] were involved in an armed robbery and arrested by
b7C -4,5,6 the Saudi Arabian police. [redacted] was also arrested because he
b7D -1 was an associate of [redacted] stated he had nothing to do
b7F -1 with the robbery, but was coerced by torture to admit he was
involved by the Saudi Arabian police. [redacted] spent two years
incarcerated in a prison in [redacted] One year after he was
released, he got married.

b6 -4 In 1994, [redacted] worked for the [redacted]
b7C -4 [redacted] COMPANY just outside of [redacted] He dealt with
b7D -1 passport issues for foreign workers and represented the company in
b7F -1 traffic violations involving foreign drivers.

[redacted] advised that he took a trip to Afghanistan in
1989, when he was sixteen years old. At the time, the Saudi
Arabian government was offering a 75% discount on airplane tickets

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to Pakistan, for the purpose of traveling to Afghanistan. Flights left twice a week, and were always booked.

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[REDACTED] traveled from Islamabad to Peshawar, Pakistan and stayed in an Arab guest house called, Beit Al-Ansar. The leader of this house was [REDACTED] an ex-Mujahid from Saudi Arabia. While he was at the house, he was informed there were two military camps for training in Afghanistan. The Al-Siddeek camp was for short term training, usually limited to about two weeks. The Al-Farouk camp was for longer training. [REDACTED] was on a break from school, so he decided to attend the shorter Al-Siddeek camp.

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The Al-Siddeek camp was located near Khowst, Afghanistan. [REDACTED] received training on the KALASHNIKOV and physical exercise. He claimed it was very cold and the camp's well was frozen. [REDACTED] stated he was obese at the time and was unable to complete the training. He attended three days of training before requesting to be sent home. His trainer was [REDACTED] from Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

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[REDACTED] traveled to Bosnia in 1995. At the time, he was renting an apartment with his wife and struggling financially. He stated Sheik [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] Saudi Arabia offered to pay his rent and provided him with 7,000 to 10,000 Saudi Riyals if he would agree to journey to Bosnia to fight. He left Saudi Arabia with another man named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] claimed his motivation for traveling to Bosnia was money and the possibility of meeting a woman. [REDACTED] was married at the time, but indicated the marriage was not working.

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[REDACTED] traveled from [REDACTED] Saudi Arabia to Zagreb, Croatia by plane on a Croatian Visa. From Zagreb the two traveled by bus to Split, Croatia. [REDACTED] had an address in Split from his cousin who worked for AL HAI'A AL OLYAA LIJAMI' AL TABAROAT WA LIMOSADAT MUSLIMI AL BOSNIA AL RIYADH. The translation for this name means The High Committee to Collect Donations for the Muslims in Bosnia, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This organization was chaired by Saudi Prince SALMAN BIN ABDEL AZIZ. The two stayed at a hotel on the beach in Split for two or three days. They visited the offices of the High Committee in Split. [REDACTED] mentioned the Haramayn organization was also involved in Bosnia while he was there. The Haramayn organization supplied food, medical supplies, and money to the Arab houses in Bosnia. He had no knowledge of any military support provided by Haramayn. Haramayn was chaired by Sheik [REDACTED] and Sheik [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] Haramayn was

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headquartered in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. [redacted] stated this was all common knowledge in Saudi Arabia.

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They boarded a bus in Split and traveled to Zenica, Bosnia. They met with a group of Arabs fighting with the Bosnian Army. The contact information for this group was provided by [redacted]. The group of Arabs were called AL-KATEEBA. [redacted] stated this group was involved in military operations in Bosnia with the Bosnian Army. They traveled to AL-KATEEBA's headquarters in Zenica and stayed for a few days. [redacted] did not like the AL-KATEEBA group because of the strict discipline and harsh schedule. [redacted] stated he was forced to get up every morning before the sunrise prayer and was not allowed to return to sleep. He pleaded with [redacted] to go to a different group in Bosnia called Al-Zubair. Al-Zubair was also involved in military operations with the Bosnia Army, but was not as strict with discipline. Al-Zubair had Arab houses in Travnik, Tuzla, and another unidentified city. [redacted] stated the Arabs at the houses would get picked up by the Bosnian Army, issued weapons, and taken to fight. There were no weapons present at any of the houses. [redacted] heard AL-KATEEBA and Al-Zubair were receiving weapons through the Croatian mafia from Iran. [redacted] went to the Travnik Arab house where he spent the remainder of his time in Bosnia.

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While [redacted] was at the Travnik house he served as the cook. [redacted] enjoyed cooking and after the Arabs at the house discovered his talent, they allowed him to stay at the house and perform the cooking duties. [redacted] denied involvement with any military operations in Bosnia.

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While [redacted] was in Bosnia, he learned his wife in Saudi Arabia was pregnant, so he was forced to return home. He talked with the leader of the house in Travnik named [redacted] and was given permission to return to Saudi. [redacted] traveled to Saudi with [redacted] a Saudi from Jeddah who had spent four months fighting in Bosnia. [redacted] thought [redacted] was a good traveling partner because he was not a devout Muslim and enjoyed having a good time while traveling.

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[redacted] returned to Saudi Arabia and worked at [redacted] Contractors as a liaison between the Saudi government and foreign workers in Saudi. He worked for the company for approximately eight months to one year. While working at [redacted] Contractors, [redacted] decided to take a trip to Mecca and visited [redacted] in Jeddah on his way home from Mecca.

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Also during this time, [REDACTED] was introduced to two individuals from the United Arab Emirates by his friend [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was the owner of a perfume shop in [REDACTED]. He introduced [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] a direct descendant of the prophet Mohammed, and an unidentified man of Indian descent. [REDACTED] took [REDACTED]'s phone number and contacted him in 1996 before a trip to the United Arab Emirates. When he arrived at [REDACTED]'s home in Abu Dhabi in the Emirates, he learned the two were planning a trip to Chechnya. They invited [REDACTED] to go to Chechnya to fight with them. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] he had no money for the trip. [REDACTED] told him not to worry and provided him with 3,000 to 4,000 Saudi Riyals in addition to travel expenses.

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The group flew to Baku, Azerbaijan and stayed at an unidentified hotel in the city. [REDACTED] called a contact at an Arab safe house in an unidentified location and they were driven to the house. When [REDACTED] arrived at the house he unexpectedly met [REDACTED] and another Saudi named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] spent the next two months at the safe house. During this time, they went on walks, rode the merry-go-round, and went sightseeing. The safe house was a staging area for Arabs traveling to Chechnya to fight, but when [REDACTED] was there the route was closed and no one was able to get into Chechnya. After two months, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were bored and returned home.

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After an unidentified amount of time in Saudi Arabia, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] decided to visit the parents of [REDACTED] a friend who had been killed in Bosnia. They traveled to Bahrain and talked to [REDACTED]'s brother, [REDACTED]. The three decided to travel to Tajikistan to fight. [REDACTED] volunteered to finance the trip for [REDACTED] and gave him an unknown amount of money plus traveling expenses. The group traveled by vehicle back to Saudi Arabia and eventually to Kuwait. They made airline reservations to fly to Pakistan. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had the connections necessary to get them to Tajikistan.

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While the group was waiting in Kuwait for a flight, the incident at the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia occurred and the group was detained by Kuwaiti Intelligence for ten days. Following the interrogations, the group was released without charge and split up. [REDACTED] returned to Bahrain and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went to Qatar for two days until things returned to normal. While in Qatar, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had a disagreement over money and [REDACTED] departed for an unidentified location. [REDACTED] decided to

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return to Saudi Arabia, so he flew to Bahrain and called his parents to pick him up.

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On his way from Bahrain to Saudi Arabia, [Redacted] was arrested by Saudi Intelligence under suspicion stemming from the Khobar Towers bombing and his foreign travel. He was sent to prison in Dammam where he was beaten for two weeks prior to his interrogation. He was detained by the Saudi government for approximately three months and released. His passport was revoked for one and a half years. He returned home and was hired as an Imam in a local mosque. During this time he was also employed by the [Redacted] Company in [Redacted].

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Two weeks after his passport was returned, he was again detained by the Saudi government. He was taken to prison in Jeddah and interrogated four times over the next month and a half. He was released and returned to [Redacted] but his passport was revoked for five years. [Redacted] claimed to be unaware of the reasons behind his apprehension and passport revocation.

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In 1998 the Bahrain government announced it was reissuing Bahraini passports to members of the [Redacted] tribe in Saudi Arabia. [Redacted]'s father was originally from Bahrain and as a result, [Redacted] was able to receive a Bahraini passport. [Redacted] decided he could no longer live in Saudi Arabia because of the persecution of the government. He planned on going to live in Kuwait or the United Arab Emirates, but met [Redacted] and decided to travel to the U.S.

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[Redacted] traveled to Bahrain and visited the U.S. embassy and received a five year tourism visa. [Redacted]'s father gave him 19,000 Saudi Riyals for his trip to the U.S. He flew from Bahrain to Istanbul to [Redacted] to [Redacted] and was picked up at the airport by [Redacted]. [Redacted] took him to the Islamic center in [Redacted] IN. [Redacted] was moved to the Islamic center at [Redacted] in [Redacted] IN. He was there for approximately two months before returning to Saudi Arabia to visit his sick father. After eight months in Saudi Arabia, [Redacted] returned to the U.S. He spent about ten days in West [Redacted] before he was transferred to the Islamic center on the [Redacted] IN. He spent approximately six and a half months in [Redacted] but also made side trips to Michigan and Buffalo, NY. He returned to Saudi Arabia for two or three months, then returned to Buffalo, NY until three weeks after the Trade Center disaster. He flew to Bahrain

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for two days, then to Iran where he met
for the mosque tour of Afghanistan.

[Redacted]

his contact

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