Dear Mr. Schulz:

The FBI has completed its final review of records subject to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed documents were reviewed under the FOIPA, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find checked boxes under applicable statutes for the exemptions asserted to protect information exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the processed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely pursuant to applicable exemptions. An Explanation of Exemptions is enclosed to further explain justification for withheld information.

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31 pages were reviewed and 31 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request and the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.


As a result of having completed consultation with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), excisions were made by the CIA pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552, subsections (b)(1) and (b)(3), National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949. Enclosed is a copy of the CIA's explanation of exemptions. The CIA official responsible for the CIA's determination is Michael Lavergne, Information and Privacy Coordinator. You have the right to appeal their decision by addressing your appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee, Washington, D.C. 20505. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.
Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. “Part 1” of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. “Part 2” includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. “Part 3” includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Although your request is in litigation, we are required by law to provide you the following information:

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP’s website: https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of this response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI’s FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state “Dispute Resolution Services.” Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Please direct any further inquiries about this case to the Attorney representing the Government in this matter. Please use the FOIPA Request Number and/or Civil Action Number in all correspondence or inquiries concerning your request.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Joseph E. Bender, Jr.
Acting Section Chief
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures
FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

(i) 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.

(ii) Intelligence Records. To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

(i) Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual’s name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.

(ii) Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

(iii) Requests for Confidential Informant Records. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C.§ § 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

(i) Record Searches and Standard Search Policy. The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.

   a. Main Entity Records – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
   b. Reference Entity Records- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation

(ii) FBI Records. Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.

(iii) Foreseeable Harm Standard. As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.

(iv) Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets. The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks—often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;

(b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

(b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

(d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

(k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

FBI/DOJ
At an early morning hour (April 2002), Abu Zubaydah health deteriorated significantly. Doctor 1 stated subject was suffering from a high fever accompanied with a bad case of pneumonia. Infection appears to be spreading all over Abu Zubaydah's body. SA Soayn and Guadi were both present by Abu Zubaydah's bed side and attempted to comfort him.

Doctors did everything possible to treat his situation and carried out all available procedures.

Subject realized his situation was deteriorating. He stated he was "very sick... and going to die." SA Soayn comforted subject and told him "everything will be OK," and "Doctors are doing everything possible to make him better." Subject then closed his eyes. Tears were observed coming out of both eyes, and stated "I did not want to die!"

SA Soayn explained in Arabic all procedures doctors were conducting. Subject was speaker with doctors and very understood about his health status.
Subject stated that Al-Qa'ida has their own operating to facilitate travel and operational requirements for upcoming attack. When asked who does he think is handling the facilitation of the upcoming attacks in Pakistan or America, subject responded that is from the Gulf area and his a.k.a. is [S].

Subject stated the last time he saw was with. Subject met with them and they were planning to escape out of Afghanistan. Subject stated they were discussing the option of either staying in Pakistan or travelling to Sudan. Subject added that they don't have any other options. Subject claimed to be unaware of what they decided on. Subject stated the circumstances of his meeting with the above mentioned individuals was a long story. Subject requested if you can only write until I can talk.

Subject claimed the meeting took place after the month of Ramadan.

Subject advised "long ago," Multan asked for his cooperation with them. However, he added...
Subject advised that he last saw 7 years ago.

Subject's personal belongings in Pakistan. Subject stated he is not aware of financial sources.

Subject advised that a ka was coordinating the upcoming attack as for his request.

Subject stated that belonged to

Subject advised he does not have details and the issue is not very clear with him. Subject claimed he was told to coordinate the operation with so they can fund the attack.

Subject stated he has a lot of in his belonging because he wanted to travel from Pakistan.

Mukhtar is probably identical to the Mukhtar on the infamous tape showing UBL and the Pashto/Sheikh UBL and the sheikh both referred to Mukhtar throughout their conversation. Also Mukhtar was heard on the tape explaining the wreckage of a destroyed aircraft.

SECRET//HND/FRN
SECRET/NFORN

(S) Subject advised he met both (redacted) and (redacted) in Kandahar. Subject recalled (redacted), and (redacted) in Kandahar.

(S) Subject advised both (redacted) and (redacted) to Afghanistan from Europe. Subject stated (redacted) came to Afghanistan from Britain and through (redacted) and (redacted). (redacted) came from England, however, he was not sure if he came from the side of (redacted) or (redacted).

(S) Subject claimed (redacted) is a Qaeda member and he is sure that he took the Bay rides. Subject does not know if (redacted) took the Bay rides. However, he is pretty sure he most probably did. Subject attended military training at AlFarouq Camp that belonged to Al Qaeda.

(S) Subject stated he was not aware of the September 11 attacks in advance. Subject "heard" from a fellow (NFI) brothers that three days prior to September 11, Bin Laden told his followers in Kandahar: "RALH AKBAR, ALAH AKBAR, ALAH AKBAR -- You will be pleased with the good news!" Then UBL disappeared and left Kandahar along with...
Subject claimed the September hijackers were all known in Afghanistan as being al-Qaeda members. All "brothers" at the guesthouses in Afghanistan and Pakistan knew the names of the hijackers. Subject claimed he only knew of the hijackers, however, he needs to see the photographs to identify them. Subject recalled he had previously seen them in Afghanistan about 3 years ago.

Subject stated he assisted in entering Afghanistan through Pakistan. (S) stated he arrived from Canada and wanted to attend the Algerian training camp in Durrant, Jllandal. Subject does not recall who recommended him or how he knew if his arrival to be picked up from Pakistan. Subject stated he acted as the Algerians told him of a location to arrive to in Pakistan.

Subject claimed about if Algerians came from Canada at the same time. Subject requested help from the Algerians because it is very helpful and useful to be and
Subject cannot do anything... got arrested because he was supposedly trying to help in carrying out attacks. Subject advised he had a computer cancer and was helping with Islamic propaganda and jihad funding. Relations also had explosive manuals and different "strange" things on his computer such as poisons.

Subject advised at the time of the millennium he gave a to a Qaida operative known as approximately $100,000. Subject claimed to have purchased a plane ticket to the ticket was bought. Subject claimed the ticket. Subject purchased the ticket because his guests in Islamabad are usually he does not allow them to the destination. Subject claimed he was not aware of the reasons was traveling to.
Subject advised

Subject also advised

Mukhtar is

(S1) Subject stated Mukhtar is approximately 34 years old.

(S2) Subject identified a photo known to investigators as of Khalid Shiekh Mohammed to be of Mukhtar. Subject advised he saw a photo of Mukhtar on the Internet because he is wanted by the Americans.

(S3) Subject advised the Mukhtar is related to Yusuf Rangi, how is in jail in America. Subject is not aware of the real identity of Mukhtar.
The evacuation included both Al-Qaeda and non-Qaida members because everybody started to work jointly after the American strikes. Subject assisted with the evacuation and was one of the last to leave BARMAL.

The evacuation plan included moving mujahidin from BANU years to Pakistani cities. The mujahidin were distributed in houses in LAHORE, Peshawar, KARACHI, and other Pakistani cities. The houses and transportation were provided by the Security of the house was also provided by operating.

Subject advised "it came to their (MUJ) attention that some "problems" are to be expected in LAHORE which lead to spreading to the "brothers" who were placed in LAHORE into other cites such as FAISALABAD.

Subject claimed the "evacuated tribes" were residing in houses provided by subject added "if someone knocks at the door, open the door and check it out!"
(S/NF) Subject stated that he continued to be in contact with
SUBJECT. Subject stated he came back to Afghanistan for
a while; however, it was unclear on the
time period. Subject claimed he lost contact.

(S) Subject stated he was always looking for
and he probably was asking for
for his own personal use. Subject stated
he told him it is easy to obtain.

Subject asked about the situation in Afghanistan and
he thinks it is possible to bring his family
to Afghanistan. Subject explained that
he had to think on his own and
determine if he should bring his family to Afghanistan.

(S/NF) Subject stated he heard from the news
that he Subject was involved with
in some plot against America in
Bosnia. Subject admitted he was not
aware of any such plot.

(S/NF) Subject advised he usually asks for
assistance in Europe for
Tunisian and Moroccan living in the
housing.
SECRET//HUMFORM

(S) Subject: "Al Qaeda and Bin Laden are planning retaliatory attack against the US inside America itself."
Not mentioned he has no details regarding the attack. Subject advised BIN LADEN has different groups for special operations, such as: Mullah's group, AAA group, and SEAL team.

(S) Subject advised many of Bin Laden's bodyguards were arrested by the Americans after his Southeastern Pakistan_taken. Officers pick-up Bin Laden and surrendered to the Americans. Also, the head of the special detachment of USA was arrested along with the bodyguards near Pakistan. They were also given to the Americans by the Pakistanis.

(S) Subject advised Bin Laden was possibly in the tribal area on the Afghan/Pakistan border. He added that it is very difficult for the BIN LADEN to hide these. You cannot trust the Pakistanis near Afghanistan. In not surrender him, Subject was not aware why Bin Laden's bodyguards were in Pakistan or as a part of Afghan's secret forces. Subject advised at any point Bin Laden can be in Texas born. But the subject stated, he heard OR is still alive. Subject stated he heard OR is accompanied by a gang of bodyguards.
(SFA) Judges advised prior to the fall of Ghurda, that:

- Saif Al-Adel
- Abu Mus'ad Al-Zarqawi
- and unknown Yemeni that could not be called, went to meet Mullah Omar at his office in Ghurda.

While they were at the office of Mullah Omar, the director of Mullah Omar's office was destroyed and some judges and unknown Yemenis were slightly injured.

(SFA) After the missile hit, all of them went to the office to wash up. Judges advised a group to wash up after that. The Islamic Jihad Group (IJG) and Al-Zarqawi are Jordanians, who are a well-known Mujahid. He does not belong to any group to unknown Yemenis.

(SFA) The reason behind the meeting was for the Judges to tell Mullah Omar that they need to fight and not to have Ghurda mirror the destruction with Mullah Omar and the Judges.

(SFA) Judges advised possibly going back to Ghurda.
Subject stated he planned to conduct a series of operations inside the United States. The operations are to be conducted...

The plan is to put explosives at different locations in America. The reason of the operation is to release OMAKABA and to conduct continuous attacks.

Subject discussed the plan with VBI prior to September. If VBI adapted it, it's a good plan. However, the logistics need to be studied. VBI adapted the operation is not to be only for OMAKABA but RAHMAH will have to be included.

Subject advised he thought about the operation when he was still in Afghanistan. Pakistan sent the order to study the possibility of the plan. OMAKABA expert later left to Chechnia.
Early morning hours

Subject's health situation deteriorated. Doctors stated subject suffered from a high fever and a bad case of pneumonia. Infection appears to be spreading all over his body. So, he was in a critical condition.

Doctors attempted every possible treatment and procedure available to save his health.

He realized his situation was not good. He stated, "I'm very sick." He believed he was dying. So, he confided in Subject by saying everything will be ok and doctors are doing everything possible to make him better.

Subject looked at So, he said, and responded, "I hope so," then closed his eyes. Tears were coming out of his closed eyes.

So, he explained to Subject all proceeding doctors were conducting. Subject was cooperative with doctors and very worried about his health status.

Exemptions asserted on this page are per CIA
Summary report dated ____________

CAVEAT: Detailed below is a summary of a preliminary interview between Abu Zubaida (hereafter referred to as Subject) and FBI Agents Ali Soufan and Stephen Gaudin. Subject spoke in both Arabic and English. SA Soufan is a native Arabic speaker. Subject advised that he had no linguistic problems conversing with the agents. The interviewing agents are in the preliminary stages of report building with the subject. Subject appeared somewhat cooperative and did not exhibit any hostility towards the agents. For medical reasons associated with subject wounds and travel this day, the interview was brief and informal. We will begin more formal interview tomorrow morning after subject is better rested. This report is only a summary of today's conversions with subject and NOT a final product of an FD-302 (FBI interview report). The purpose of preparing this summary is to quickly provide information and intelligence to both CTC and FBIIHQ re: subject. It is requested that this information be passed to CTC and FBIIHQ Attn: A/DAD and IOS.

At approximately _______ transported to our location an Arabic male (believed to be Abu Zubaida). Upon arrival, subject (Abu Zubaida) was examined by a medical team. The medical team advised that subject is in critical condition from his wounds. The medical team attended to the treatment of subject and provided him with medication. Subject was able and willing to speak to the interviewing agents.

Subject first identified himself as "Daoud" and then admitted to having the names ZEIN AL-ABEDEN; ABU ZUBAIDA; ABU HUARYAH; TAREQ; and ___________. Subject stated he was born in 1971 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Subject attended elementary school at ABU HUNAYFAH School and intermediate schooling at UQBA BIN NAFE' School, both the city of Riyadh. Subject does not recall the name of the high school he attended, however, he advised it was also located in the city of Riyadh.

After graduating high school, he attended Karnatica (ph.) University in Maysour, India where he graduated with a two-year computer science degree. Subject advised that around the age of 19 (could not recall the exact age) he departed India to attend the KHALDAN Camp in Afghanistan for military training. Subject advised _______ was the Emir of the camp at that time. Subject attended the camp for approximately four months where he "tried to learn everything he could." At KHALDAN subject chose the alias _______ for himself. After training he left for jihad in Gardez Afghanistan where he participated in the fighting against the Afghani communists such as _______ and _______.

Subject advised that he received $100,000 from _______ in Saudi Arabia _______. Subject stated he met _______ back in _______ during the Jihad and has sustained a relationship with him. Subject stated that purpose of the money (above) was to sponsor a series of attacks to be conducted in Palestine because (quote) "we do not want to live without dignity and do nothing about it." (end quote)
Please send the following information as a tear-line to FBIHQ (attn: A/DAD for Counter Terrorism and IOS and CTC.

Caveat: The draft report below is a summary of interview(s) conducted with Abu Zubaida this day by FBI Agents Ali Soufan and Stephen Gaudin. This draft report is not to be considered a finalized FBI form FD-302 (Report of Interview). This draft report is being prepared for and transmitted to both CTC and FBIHQ in an effort to provide timely intelligence and other information pertaining to current and future threats regarding interviews with Abu Zubaida (hereafter referred to as subject).

During the early morning hours subject’s health deteriorated significantly. The doctor stated subject has a high fever, infections appears to be spreading through his body and may possibly have pneumonia. FBI agents Stephen Gaudin and Ali Soufan were both present by subject’s bedside attempting to comfort him and trying to assure him that he was going to be “OK.”

The medical team did everything possible to treat subject’s situation and carried out all available procedures. It was decided that subject has to be transported to a hospital for more intensive care.

It was evident to both FBI agents that subject realized his medical condition was deteriorating. Subject stated that he was very sick and going to die. The FBI agents continued to comfort subject, holding his hands, advising him the doctors were doing everything they could to help him and that he was going to be OK. Subject stated “I hope so” (tears were observed coming from his eyes). Subject then stated that “I don’t want to die.”

Subject’s condition deteriorated to the point that emergency medical attention had to be applied and demanded that we make necessary plans to move him to a hospital. “Intubate” subject in order to assist his breathing. Subject was soon thereafter put into an ambulance and moved to a hospital, where he was put in the ICU. At this point subject is on “life support” systems and being fully attended to by ICU staff. Until subject’s condition improves interviews can not be conducted (as he is still intubated). However subject does wake up from time to time. FBI agents are staying at subject’s side to comfort subject (so he sees a familiar face) and to continue to build report with subject. Doctors advise that subject could come off his intubations tube any time now and the FBI agents want to be in a position to speak to subject whenever he is able.

While the medical team was attending to subject, SA Soufan explained in Arabic to subject all the procedures the medical team was conducting. Subject was cooperating with the medical team and appeared worried about his health status.

END OF DRAFT REPORT

FBI(21-cv-2166)-96
This report has been prepared by FBI Agents Ali Soufan and Stephen Gaudin.

Caveat: This draft report is not to be considered a finalized FBI form FD-302 (Report of interview). Abu Zubaida (hereafter referred to as subject) provided the following information this day:

Subject advised he last met both [redacted] and [redacted] approximately one year ago in Qandahar, Afghanistan, and [redacted].

Subject advised both [redacted] and [redacted] came to Afghanistan from Europe. Subject stated [redacted] came to Afghanistan from Britain in a trip recommended by [redacted]. Reid also came from England, however he was not sure if he was sent by [redacted] or [redacted].

Subject advised [redacted] is AL-QLAEDA member and he is sure that he gave the bayat to BIN LADEN. Subject does not know if [redacted] took the bayat, however he thinks he most probably did. Subject attended military training in AL-FAROUQ camp that belongs to AL-QLAEDA.

Subject stated he had no advance knowledge of the September 11 attacks. Subject "heard" from other (NFI) "brothers" that three days prior to September 11, BIN LADEN told his followers in Qandahar "ALLAHU AKBAR, ALLAHU AKBAR, ALLAHU AKBAR, you will be pleased with the good news." Then BIN LADEN disappeared and left Qandahar along with [redacted]. Subject claimed all suicide hijackers were known by the mujahideen in Afghanistan to be AL-QLAEDA members.

Subject claimed he only knew of two of the hijackers because he saw them during their presence in Afghanistan. Subject advised he would need to see their photographs in order to identify them.

Subject stated he assisted [redacted] about five years ago to enter Afghanistan through Pakistan. Subject stated [redacted] arrived from Canada to attend the Algerian training camp (Durantra) in Jallalabad. Subject does not recall who recommended [redacted] or how he (subject) knew of [redacted]. Subject assumed that possibly the Algerians contacted him (Subject) regarding [redacted] arrival to Pakistan. Subject claimed four other Algerians also came from Canada at the same time of [redacted]. Subject requested [redacted] from the four Algerians because such passports are useful and helpful.
Subject advised he assisted to enter Afghanistan for training approximately three years ago. Subject claimed he was only interested in specialized explosive training and requested to be taken to a camp. He wanted to learn about explosive manufacturing and remote control detonation. He intended to conduct operations in however, subject was unaware of the details regarding these operations. Subject stated he was a friend of however he is not aware if was involved with operational plans. Subject stated is not a member of AL-QAEDA.

Subject stated he knows is a friend of Both once in Afghanistan while he was accompanying Subject advised that "simple man," who "always wants to do something but cannot do anything." got arrested because he was supposedly trying to assist in carrying-out attacks. Subject advised had a computer center and used to help in the field of Islamic propaganda and public relations matters concerning Jihad also had explosive manuals and different "strange things" on his computer such as topics that range from poisons to explosives.

Subject advised at the time of the millennium he provided a to an AL-QAEDA operative known as Subject charged $1000 (one thousand American Dollars) for the passport. Subject purchased the ticket because was staying at his guesthouse in Islamabad. The regulations of the guesthouse prevent those visiting from going outside in order to keep a low profile.

Subject claimed he was not aware of the reasons wanted to travel through however he stated it is probably because he did not want to fly directly to Karachi, Pakistan. Subject recalled final destination in was. Subject recalled was accompanying Subject obtained for both and Subject then arranged for both to travel from Islamabad to Karachi. Subject does not recall if he himself drove and to Karachi or whether they were taken by someone else.

Subject stated that was possibly going to or with. Subject stated he assisted in coordinating his trip with some "brothers." The "brothers" were residing in Subject claimed he knew from

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the time he assisted them to enter Afghanistan from Pakistan for military training. Subject did not recall the names or the aliases of the "brothers" in

Subject was unaware of any operations to be conducted by the brothers in Subject advised he was not able to return to Saudi Arabia for security reasons, and thus he wanted to go to

Subject stated he knows of Subject described as a veteran Mujahideen to Mujahideen possibly from Saudi Arabia.

Subject advised is a "brother" who works in the field of humanitarian relief, helps the orphans and families of Arab martyrs in Peshawar, Pakistan. Subject claimed the last time he saw was approximately one year ago.

Subject stated was in Pakistan. Subject described as an independent movie producer.

Subject stated he had previously assisted in

Subject was not aware of the identity of those who carried out the USS Cole attack. Subject stated he did not have an advanced knowledge of the attack. Subject heard for other individuals (NFI) that BIN LADEN was behind the USS COLE attack. Subject stated it is well known to everyone that BIN LADEN was responsible for the attack.

Subject stated he was aware of two guesthouses in Afghanistan that were named . Subject claimed is a major guesthouse in Afghanistan and constantly receives new recruits after their arrival for Pakistan. Subject is unaware the reason the two guesthouses were named . Subject stated both guesthouses belong to Al-QAEDA.

Subject claimed he heard of the name but does not recall who he is. Subject stated he is unaware of the identity of

Subject advised he received an injury in his head in approximately 1993. The injury resulted from shrapnel caused by a howitzer round. Subject stated the injury occurred while he was fighting with the mujahideen against Dr. Najibullah in Afghanistan. As a result of the injury, subject claimed he lost his memory for approximately two years. Subject claimed he "even forgot" his mother's name and how she looks. He also forgot his own Arabic name. Subject claimed the memory loss affected him tremendously. He forgot many things including all what he learned during his studies in the field of computer science.
Subject stated there are no definite plans regarding the attacks in Israel. Subject stated he did not have the chance to meet with the unidentified Palestinian group which was to undertake the attack.

Subject stated [redacted], aka [redacted], is currently in Iran. He left for Iran approximately three months ago. Subject was to meet the [redacted] in Iran after [redacted] coordinated the meeting.

Subject advised he was thinking about hitting military targets in Israel because the religious scholars disagree about killing women and children. Subject insisted he did not have any specific targets in mind since it was the role of the (unidentified) Palestinians.

END OF DRAFT REPORT.
Subject advised that he “believes” that and operatives (NFI). Subject advised that were all present at

Subject claimed that all of the above mentioned operatives departed for areas inside Pakistan, most likely Karachi. Subject advised that he has assisted Al-Qaeda operatives to evacuate Afghanistan. This evacuation plan was implemented by members as “everybody started to work jointly after the US air strikes.” Subject advised that he was one of the last to leave Barmal during the evacuation. Subject stated that “mujahideen” were moved from to the “Banu” via cars. The mujahideen where then dispersed to safe houses in Lahore, Peshawar, Karachi and other Pakistani cities. The safe houses and transportation for these moves was provided by Operatives of also provided security at the

Subject stated that “it came to their attention (NFI) that some problems were to be expected in Lahore, which lead to the spreading out of the brothers who were initially brought from Afghanistan to Lahore and then eventually on to other cities such as Faisalabad.”

Subject claimed the “evacuated Arabs” were residing in houses provided by Subject advised “if someone knocked on the door, a Pakistani opens the door to check it out.”
While in [Redacted], the subject assisted in the evacuation of the Arab Mujahideen to Pakistan. The Mujahideen were transported via cars from [Redacted] Pakistan, and then to other Pakistani cities.

Subject met many of the leadership of al-Qaeda at [Redacted] to include [Redacted]. Subject stated [Redacted] was wanted by the Americans and thus was arranging his travel to Pakistan and from there to possibly outside Pakistan.

Subject advised most of the al-Qaeda leadership left to Karachi because it is a big city, which makes it easy to hide. Subject advised al-Qaeda arranged their own accommodations in Karachi. Subject is not aware where the al-Qaeda leadership is staying in Karachi.

Subject advised [Redacted] left with [Redacted] and other Egyptians.

Subject stated he did not go to Karachi because everybody else went there which can create problems in the city.

Subject added many of the Mujahideen "gave bay'at to death." Subject explained they would rather die than get arrested. Subject stated he himself "gave bay'at to death" and he prefer to die than get arrested. Subject advised he always carried two hand grenades on him to be detonated if he was to be arrested by thePakistanis. Subject stated that after he last arrived from Afghanistan to Pakistan, he preferred not to carry weapons and that’s why he is still alive.

Subject stated he met BIN LADEN prior to the month of Ramadan in Khost. Accompanied BIN LADEN. BIN LADEN told subject that the Americans will strike soon and Kabul and Qandahar will probably fall, but "they" will fight on a later time.

Subject stated BIN LADEN spoke at length of the September 11 attacks. BIN LADEN believes the casualties of the attacks against the World trade Center is 50,000 (fifty thousands) and not 3,000 (three thousands) as the US claims.

Subject advised the fourth plane was going to strike the American Congress. Subject stated, “he heard" the attack was to be directed against Congress, however, he does not recall from whom.

Subject stated the idea of September 11 was conceived by MUKHTAR and his group. The idea was initially to attack the targets using small [Redacted] aircrafts. The idea then was expanded to fill the [Redacted] air crafts with explosives in order to inflict greater damage. When MIKHA TR proposed the idea to BIN LADEN for approval, BIN LADEN asked "why do you use an ax if you can use a bulldozer." Subject advised BIN LADEN used this analogy because of his experience in the field of construction. Subject added, BIN LADEN’s input altered the original plan to what actually occurred on September 11.
and the Serbs in Bosnia. Subject claims the victims are to be kidnapped from wherever available. The victims can even be hired prostitutes lured into isolated locations and then slaughtered. The slaughtering part will be video taped and broadcasted over the Internet to put fear in the hearts of the American people. Subject claimed to be unaware of the identity of those who kidnapped and killed the journalist Daniel Pearl. He stated he only heard about the kidnapping in the media.

Subject believes al-Qaeda and BIN LADEN are planning retaliatory attacks against the United States inside America itself. Subject insisted he has no details regarding the attack. Subject advised BIN LADEN has different groups for special operations such as MUKHTAR’s group, group, and many others (NFI).

Subject advised many of BIN LADEN’s bodyguards were arrested by the Americans after being betrayed by the Pakistani tribes was picked-up in Queta by Pakistanis and surrendered to the Americans. Also the head of BIN LADEN’s personal security detachment, was arrested along with a number of BIN LADEN’s bodyguards. They were also given to the Americans by the Pakistanis. Subject was not aware why BIN LADEN’s bodyguards were in Peshawar or escaping from Afghanistan to Pakistan.

Subject advised BIN LADEN might possibly be in the Tribal Areas on the Afghani/Pakistan boarder. Subject advised it is very difficult on BIN LADEN to hide out in Afghanistan or Pakistan because neither the Pakistanis nor the Afghans can be trusted. Subject advised that at one point BIN LADEN was in TORA BORA, but he is unaware if he is still in that area. Subject “heard” BIN LADEN is being escorted by some bodyguards. Subject is unaware of the identity of the bodyguards who are currently with BIN LADEN except of

Subject advised and stayed in Afghanistan to organize the war efforts against the United States. Many of the “brothers” were ordered out of Afghanistan to Pakistan until the situation settles down, then they will go back to Afghanistan to participate in the war of the Taliban mobilized the Mujahideen in Kunduz and ABED are also in Kunduz. Subject advised many “brothers” are now returning to Afghanistan to join-up with the war efforts.

Subject advised the Saudi Mujahideen are able to return back home to Saudi Arabia. Most Saudis are leaving Pakistan to Syria or Morocco where they stay for a short period of time waiting to determine if they are wanted in by the Saudi security services. Then they travel back to Saudi Arabia. Subject advised the Saudi government has not been giving any problems for the returned Mujahideen. Yemeni brothers on the other hand, are either staying in Pakistan or returning to Afghanistan because they cannot go back to Yemen. Subject advised the Yemeni government has been arresting all those who return to Yemen from Afghanistan.
Subject advised prior to the fall of Qandahar the Arab Mujahideen wanted to defend the city. There was a rumor that the Taliban will surrender the city, which prompted a group of the Arab Mujahideen to request a meeting with MULLAH OMAR to discuss the situation. The group included the subject, SAIF AL-ADEL, and ABU MUSAB AL-ZARQAWI and an unknown Yemeni that was possibly accompanying SAIF AL-ADEL. The group visited MULLAH OMAR’s secretary TAIB AGHA in order to arrange for the meeting. While they were at TAIB AGHA’s house, the whole place collapsed on them as a result of an American missile. 

As a result of the strike, the meeting with MULLAH OMAR did not take place and the attendees went their separate ways to clean-up after the missile strike.

Subject advised prior to any (terrorist operation), it should be approved by BIN LADEN and his Shura Council. The Shura Council includes AYMAN AL-ZAWAHIRI and

Subject advised that during a meeting he attended prior to the September (11) attacks in Qandahar, BIN LADEN did not discuss the intended targets. (Subject previously advised writers that he attended a meeting at the Qandahar airport that included BIN LADEN and AYMAN AL-ZAWAHIRI, ABU and during the meeting UBL warned the attendees of a possible American strikes against Afghanistan. Subject claims BIN LADEN did not give the reasons of the anticipated strikes). Subject did not have an answer for the reason he was in such a high keyel meeting that included the Shura Council with the discussing anticipated American strikes prior to September 11.
and two individuals who the subjects described as a Tunisian and a Saudi. Subject stated ABED AL-BARI and "his friend" the NFI Saudi stayed at another house.

Subject claimed a week later moved the group again into one house that was located in Lahore. Subject advised a week later, the group moved again but this time to Faisalabad.

Subject stated upon their arrival to the first safe house in Lahore, the group was provided by a desktop computer by Subject claimed AL-KINI and AL-MUHAJIR found on an Internet site that had a recipe of building a Atomic bomb. The recipe included mixing uranium with regular explosives. Subject recalled the site as WWW.LBOMB.COM. AL-KINI and AL-MUHAJIR both approached the subject with the idea of manufacturing such a bomb and detonate it in the United States. Subject recalled that AL-KINI took explosive manufacturing training at possibly ABU Khabab's camp in Afghanistan. Subject is unaware of AL-MUHAJIR's experience, if any, in the field of explosives.

Subject claimed he was suspicious if the Internet formula to manufacture the bomb really works. He asked AL-KINI and AL-MUHAJIR if the uranium has to be enriched uranium and how it will be obtained. AL-KINI and AL-MUHAJIR believe the formula will work.

Subject advised AL-MUHAJIR appeared to be familiar in the Washington area volunteering to detonate the bomb himself performing a "martyrdom operation" if needed. Subject believes AL-MUHAJIR was to assist in the process but he is not to be a suicide operative.

Subject claimed AL-KINI and AL-MUHAJIR discussed the plan with him at least three times, twice in Lahore and once in Faisalabad. Both AL-KINI and AL-MUHAJIR were secretive about their plan. Subject does not believe they discussed it with anyone else but him. Subject claimed AL-KINI and AL-MUHAJIR requested him to arrange for them a meeting with MUKHTAR in order to discuss their idea with him. Subject advised he told AL-KINI and AL-MUHAJIR that upon their arrival to Karachi, they can request of the person in-charge at the safe house to meet MUKHTAR. Subject advised is in Karachi spearheading the evacuation travel to outside Pakistan for AL-QAEDA. Subject described as a Pakistani who lived is Saudi Arabia and speaks Arabic with a Saudi dialect. Subject stated is an associate of and MUKHTAR in Karachi.

Subject advised the reason he sent AL-KINI and AL-MUHAJIR to MUKHTAR is because they are foreigners who hold non-Arab passports and not because of their idea of building an atomic bomb. Subject claimed he thought the idea of building an Atomic bomb is unrealistic. Subjects added there are many obstacles in conducting this operation such as the ways to obtain the enriched uranium. Subject added he sent AL-MUHAJIR
Subject advised he does not believe AL-QAEDA has uranium. Subject added, however if BIN LADEN wants to obtain uranium, it is possibly to get through his (UBL) vast connections. Subject advised that AL-QAEDA in Karachi was funding all relief and evacuation operations in Pakistan. Subject stated that he was going to take about $10,000 or $15,000 for his own expenses.

NOTE: Subject was unclear regarding the real reason for the money, specially he had the money for more than a month before his arrest and did not help nor assisted anyone. Instead, he stated that AL-QAEDA in Karachi was funding all relief and evacuation operations in Pakistan.

were all escorted by via train to Karachi. Subject advised that he gave each one approximately 5000 or 6000 Pakistan Rubia for their travel expenses from Lahore to Karachi. Subject stated the money was taken form the $ 30,000 sent to him by Subject advised the travelers that upon their arrival to Karachi they will be taken care of for other travel expenses. Subject stated AL-QAEDA is financing all expenses in Karachi. Subject advised who is in-charge of the funds in AL-QAEDA is in Karachi.
Subject advised he discussed the plan with BIN LADEN who thought it was a good idea, however, UBL suggested the operational logistics needed to be refined. Subject claimed BIN LADEN did not want the purpose of the sole operation to be the release of only ABDUL RAHMAN and suggested the demand should include wider causes.

Subject claimed that he thought about the idea years ago when he was residing in Peshawar, but did not discuss it with BIN LADEN until before September 11. Subject does not recall the exact timing of his meeting with BIN LADEN regarding this operation.

Subject stated when he first thought of the plan, he requested an Algerian associate and explosive expert to study the practicality of the idea. Subject advised the plan was to plant bombs at different locations throughout America. Subject explained each bomb is to be

Subject stated he recently requested to study the feasibility of the plan promised to do so after he finishes training the two Saudis that were sent by

(Note: time frame of this conversation is late March 2002)
Associates of Mukhtar (Khaild Sheikh Mohammed):
Abu Jafar Al-Tayar:
Subject advised that while in Bermal, he was approached by a Yemeni named Abu Jafar Al-Tayar. Abu Jafar asked subject if he (subject) could arrange for quicker departure from Bermal to Pakistan for he and a friend. Subject told Abu Jafar that he had to wait his turn like everyone else but Abu Jafar told subject that he and his friend had to get to Karachi because they had business with. Subject described Abu Jafar Al-Tayar as short and stocky, black hair and dark skin; speaks very good English and may have studied in the US (and Abu Jafar’s friend may also have studied in the US). One time Abu Jafar once brought a laptop computer to and one was supposed to be for subject, but the laptop didn’t make its way to subject.

Subject noticed who he was told were part of group. This group was on their way to Karachi to meet up with. One of these men (NFI) spoke very good Arabic and he would be the only one subject would be able to recognize if shown a photograph.

Subject advised that is a close associate of who is wanted by the USG but we have not yet shown him a photo of. Subject further stated that the American and Kenyan he sent to Mukhtar in mid-March 2002 (as he previously told us in other reports), subject actually sent them to (in Karachi), who would have then arranged for them to be taken to Mukhtar. Subject further added that when he sent the American and Kenyan to Mukhtar, he prepared a letter to Mukhtar with instructions regarding the two “brothers” (the Kenyan and the American). The letter was to be delivered to for delivery to Mukhtar.

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Regarding [Al-Qaeda Explosive/CBRN Expert],

SUBJECT SEPARATELY PROVIDED COMMENTS ON AN EXPLOSIVES/ CBRN SPECIALIST WHO WORKS FOR AL-QA’IDA NAMED [PERSON], WHO IS CURRENTLY IN KARACHI AND WOULD BE IN AND AROUND THE AREA IN WHICH THE EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED. AL-QA’IDA SET THIS GUY UP WITH ALL THE LAB EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, ETC. THAT THIS GUY WOULD NEED. THE GOAL WAS TO DEVELOP SOME TYPE OF MUSTARD GAS AND ANOTHER TYPE OF POISONOUS TYPE OF GAS (BUT DIDN’T THINK IT WOULD BE SAME AS THE SERIN GAS USED IN TOKYO SUBWAY, HOWEVER SUBJECT WAS NOT SURE WHAT THE POISON GAS WAS). subject told subject that was “much better than explosives and this type of things.” (Note: THIS WAS MEANT AS AN EXTREME COMPLIMENT TOWARDS subject’s SKILLS.) THE LAB THAT [PERSON] DID HAVE WAS AT [PLACE] WHICH SUBJECT ASSUMES IS GONE BECAUSE OF U.S. PRESENCE. SUBJECT BELIEVES THAT IS CURRENTLY IN KARACHI.

SUBJECT DESCRIBED [PERSON] AS FOLLOWS:

PROVIDED BY AL-QA’IDA), AND GOT TURNED AROUND IN UAE BACK TO PAKISTAN. WITHIN 2-3 WEEKS, THE PAKISTANI’S TURNED HIM OVER TO AL-AQA’IDA. SUBJECT BELIEVES THAT UBL MAY HAVE PERSONALLY INTERVENED TO HAVE RELEASED BECAUSE subject believes that [PERSON] IS IN KARACHI NOW. SUBJECT SAID THAT WERE HE EVER TO NEED TO CONTACT [PERSON] OR ANYBODY IN KARACHI, SUBJECT WOULD HAVE GONE THROUGH subject’s [PERSON] OF THE LATTER OF WHOM he believes is wanted is the same scientist that subject thought he would have used to run the AMERICAN (PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS JOSE PADILLA) AND NUCLEAR IDEA BY. Subject does not know if this had happened, as he [PERSON] was arrested prior to taking a planned trip to KARACHI TO SEE

DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE DEBRIEFING, SUBJECT WAS SHOWN A NUMBER OF PHOTOS OF INDIVIDUALS FROM THE COLE AND EMBASSY BOMBINGS. was done in an effort to gauge his willingness to cooperate and provide details about people, the last times he saw them, where they were going, etc. He appeared to be very cooperative, provided details on people that we expected him to know, the collective groups in which they departed AFGHANISTAN, WHERE he thinks they may now be, etc.

USS Cole Photos:

Without providing subject with any predatory questions regarding these photos, subjected provided the following information about each photo: