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The New York Times

Islamic Leader on U.S. Terrorist List Is in Brooklyn

By [JAMES C. MCKINLEY JR.](#) | DEC. 16, 1990

A major Islamic fundamentalist leader from Egypt who has been linked to the assassins of President Anwar el-Sadat has slipped into the United States despite a State Department ban and is living in a Brooklyn mosque, the police and Federal authorities say. The 52-year-old religious leader, Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, entered the country more than five months ago despite being on a State Department list of people with ties to terrorist groups, the authorities said. He illegally obtained a tourist visa from a consul in the United States Embassy in Khartoum, the Sudan, in May, according to records of the Federal Immigration and Naturalization Service and State Department officials. "They made a mistake," said a spokeswoman for the State Department, Nyda Novidvorski. "They didn't follow the procedures." Ms. Novidvorski said the consul should have checked the sheik's name against a list of terrorists but apparently did not. The sheik's presence at the Brooklyn mosque has interested Federal agents investigating the assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane because the suspect in that case, El Sayyid A. Nosair, worshiped occasionally at the same mosque. Although agents have questioned Sheik Abdel-Rahman about the Nov. 5 assassination, they said they had found no evidence that the sheik had known Mr. Nosair or had ever spoken with him in private.

Speaking Tours

"We've got people who can put Nosair into the mosque, but the bottom line is that we can't connect anyone else to the Kahane shooting," an F.B.I. agent said. The city police are investigating the slaying, but a joint task force of city detectives and F.B.I. agents is investigating the possibility of a conspiracy. The sheik, through his assistant, Khalid Nasr, declined a request to be interviewed. "He is fasting," Mr. Nasr said. High-ranking police officials said Sheik Abdel-Rahman had gone on speaking tours to mosques in several other cities, including Chicago and San Francisco, since he arrived in New York on July 18. His sermons often have political messages, they said, but it was unclear whether he had ever mentioned Rabbi Kahane in the weeks before the shooting. Federal investigators said they believed more strongly than ever that Mr. Nosair had acted alone in shooting Rabbi Kahane, a militant Zionist whose political party in Israel was banned as racist for its anti-Arab stance. The investigators said they regarded the presence of the sheik in New York as a tantalizing but possibly meaningless footnote. Still, they said they had not ruled out the possibility of a conspiracy. "There are three possibilities," one Federal agent said of Mr. Nosair. "Either the man is a lone nut. Or he's a lone nut and someone whispered something in his ear knowing he'd do it. Or there's an enormous international conspiracy."

Reportedly Denounced the Killing

Mr. Nasr said Sheik Abdel-Rahman, who is blind and in ill health, told Federal agents that he had never met Mr. Nosair and knew nothing about the shooting. In sermons after Rabbi Kahane's death, the sheik reportedly denounced the killing, saying it would bring unwanted trouble down on Muslims, Federal agents said. Mr. Nasr said Sheik Abdel-Rahman was invited to be the imam, or chief religious leader, at the Farouq Majid, the mosque at 554 Atlantic Avenue in downtown Brooklyn where as many as 2,000 people worship, when members of the mosque learned that he

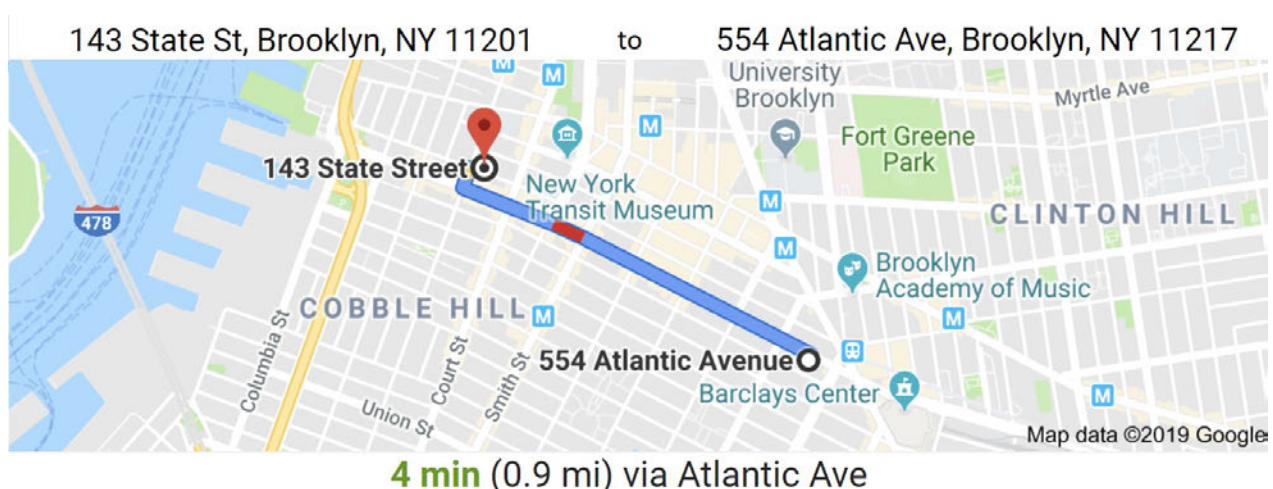
was in the country at a conference of Muslim clerics in Washington last July. Sheik Abdel-Rahman is widely regarded in Egypt as a spiritual leader of several radical underground Islamic extremist groups known collectively as the Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, which favor a violent revolution against the government and the establishment of a state based on Islamic law. Splinter groups of Islamic Holy War, a movement believed to have no more than 20,000 followers in a nation of 55 million, are believed to be behind both the assassination of President Sadat on Oct. 6, 1982, and the fatal shooting of the Speaker of the Egyptian Parliament in October, State Department terrorism experts said.

Frequently Detained

Sheik Abdel-Rahman, who State Department officials say now heads a splinter group known as the Jama-at al Islamiyah, or Islamic Gathering, was tried on charges of inciting Mr. Sadat's assassination but released because of a lack of evidence. He has frequently been detained without trial since then although he has never been convicted. State Department experts on Egyptian politics said the sheik might have come to the United States out of a fear of further arrests. "He's like an Ayatollah Khomeini," said one State Department terrorism expert. "He's been known for rather fiery sermons in the past. The Egyptians were treading lightly as to how to deal with the guy." The sheik was arrested again in March 1990 after another round of clashes in Fayoum between fundamentalists and the police. After a short stint in jail, he was placed under house arrest. Although his departure from Egypt was rumored, it was never confirmed by the Government. **But his presence in New York was not discovered until New York City detectives investigating the Kahane killing went to the Farouq Majid to question people about Mr. Nosair and his cousin, Ibrahim Elgabrownny, who both prayed there, the police said.** State Department officials revoked the sheik's visa on Nov. 17 after the F.B.I. told them of the sheik's presence, Ms. Novidvorski said. Immigration officials said last week that they had been notified that the sheik's visa had been revoked but because of a procedural error they were not aware that he was in the country and would investigate, the first step before any possible deportation. "Is it strange that the sheik's in a mosque in Brooklyn?" said Lieut. Angel Cruz of the New York Police Department. "I don't know. If the Pope came to New York, would you expect him to stay at St. Pat's?"

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Homicides by gunshot reported by city police during the 24-hour period ending at 6 p.m. yesterday

THE TOLL – 3: STAND ALONE CHART | Monday, December 31st, 2000

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8:45 p.m. Thursday: Roberto Rivas, 20, of the Bronx, shot once in the head in a bodega at 1038 Rogers Ave. in Brooklyn. Another man was wounded in the shooting.

5:47 a.m. Friday: Mohammed Syed, 28, of Queens, found shot numerous times in a vacant lot on East 164th Street and Stebbins Avenue in the Bronx.

8:40 a.m. Friday: The body of an unidentified man, bound with duct tape and telephone cords, found in a plastic garbage can in the trunk of a stolen car abandoned at the Metropolitan Hotel on Corona Avenue in Queens. The man was shot twice in the head and stabbed numerous times.

Total in 1994: 87

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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
4 v.
5 OMAR AHMAD ALI ABDEL RAHMAN,
6 a/k/a "Omar Ahmed Ali,"
7 a/k/a "Omar Abdel Al-Rahman,"
8 a/k/a "Sheik Rahman,"
9 a/k/a "The Sheik,"
10 a/k/a "Sheik Omar,"

11 EL SAYYID NOSAIR,
12 a/k/a "Abu Abdallah,"
13 a/k/a "El Sayyid Abdul Azziz,"
14 a/k/a "Victor Noel Jafry,"

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16 SIDDIG IBRAHIM SIDDIG ALI,
17 a/k/a "Khalid,"
18 a/k/a "John Medley,"

19 CLEMENT HAMPTON-EL,
20 a/k/a "Abdul Rashid Abdullah,"
21 a/k/a "Abdel Rashid,"
22 a/k/a "Doctor Rashid,"

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25 a/k/a "Abdou Zaid,"

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a/k/a "Abu Fares,"
a/k/a "Abdou Fares,"

TARIG ELHASSAN,
a/k/a "Abu Aisha,"

FADIL ABDELGANI,
MOHAMMED SALEH,
a/k/a "Mohammed Ali,"

VICTOR ALVAREZ,
a/k/a "Mohammed," and

MATARAWY MOHAMMED SAID SALEH,
a/k/a "Wahid,"

Defendants.

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July 19, 1995
9:35 a.m.

Before:

HON. MICHAEL B. MUKASEY,

District Judge

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1 (In open court)

2 THE COURT: Miss Stewart, the translators have
3 asked that you keep your voice up because they can't hear
4 unless you talk into the microphone.

5 Q You have to move onto your feet and almost be on
6 top of it. Could you try it right now and see if it is
7 working.

8 Mr. Alahiri, do you know Dr. Abdel Rahman?

9 A Yes, I do.

10 Q Do you see him here in court?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Could you tell us generally where he is seated
13 and what he is wearing?

14 A He is sitting right there where I am pointing my
15 finger, and he is wearing a white and red skull cap.

16 THE COURT: Indicating Dr. Abdel Rahman. Go
17 ahead.

18 MS. STEWART: Thank you, Judge.

19 Q When did you first meet Dr. Abdel Rahman?

20 A I believe it was 1990 when he first came to the
21 U.S.

22 Q In 1990, were you associated with any particular
23 mosque?

24 A Yes, I was.

25 Q What was that?

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1 A That was Masjid Farook.

2 Q Masjid, does that mean mosque?

3 A Mosque, yes.

4 Q Where is Masjid Farook located?

5 A It is located in Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New
6 York.

7 Q When you say you were associated, can you tell us
8 how you were associated?

9 A I was a member of the board of trustees for, I
10 think, 13 years.

11 Q How is the board of trustees selected at Farook
12 Mosque?

13 A How was it selected?

14 Q Yes.

15 A Elections.

16 Q Is each mosque, if you know, independent of each
17 other?

18 A Yes.

19 Q There is no supreme mosque that hands down rules
20 or law?

21 A Not that I know of.

22 Q How many people would attend -- strike that.

23 In the year 1990-91, about how often would you
24 attend at services or prayers at Farook Mosque?

25 A Every day, I would say.

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1 Q You have to take your hand away from your mouth,
2 I am afraid. They need to hear you.

3 A Every day.

4 Q Did you hear Sheik Omar preach at Farook Mosque?

5 A Yes.

6 Q At a Friday prayer, how many people,
7 approximately, would attend at Farook Mosque?

8 A Between 50 and a hundred to thousand.

9 Q Did you also hear Sheik Omar lecture during this
10 period of time?

11 A Yes.

12 Q The Jihad Office was located at Farook Mosque, is
13 that correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q In this time period at Farook Mosque, did there
16 ever come a time when Sheik Omar was asked questions that
17 you recall about jihad in America?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Was his answer that you should steal from
20 banks --

21 MR. McCARTHY: Objection.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 Q Would you tell us what his answer was to that
24 question.

25 MR. McCARTHY: Objection.

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1 THE COURT: Overruled.

2 A The answer was that I remember one time he was
3 asked by a person, if it's OK to attack Jewish -- mainly
4 Jewish targets, organizations, top leaders, extremists in
5 this country, because of what they do to the Muslims in
6 Palestine. The sheik replied no, you cannot attack here,
7 you cannot do any violence here, whether they are Jews or
8 not, and I believe the discussion went further and it got
9 kind of tense between the person who asked and the sheik.

10 Q Can you identify the person who asked, at all?

11 A No, I can't. I used to --

12 MR. McCARTHY: Objection.

13 THE COURT: Sustained. Don't volunteer anything.
14 The answer was no, go ahead.

15 Q Did the sheik make any further suggestion to this
16 person?

17 A Yes, he did, because the person insisted, he
18 continued, he continued with that, you know, they are
19 killing men, women and children in Palestine, and their
20 support is here from the United States and from mainly the
21 Jewish organizations here. The sheik told him if you have
22 anything to do with this or if you really want to perform
23 jihad then it's not to be done here, you should go fight
24 them on the same grounds they are fighting you.

25 Q Do you remember during 1990-91 there was a

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1 demonstration at the mosque?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Can you tell us what group was demonstrating
4 against whom?

5 A I believe it was a Jewish extremist religious
6 group, and they called themselves at that time -- the police
7 came and they spoke to me at the mosque. They said a group
8 calling themselves Citizens Against Terror, and the cop went
9 on to say to me that I believe this group is a Jewish group
10 and they don't like sheik and they are here to demonstrate
11 against --

12 THE COURT: Miss Stewart, that is all stricken.
13 You understand that. Yes?

14 Q Did you come to learn the name of the group that
15 was demonstrating?

16 THE COURT: Sustained.

17 Q Did there come a point that people in the mosque
18 wanted to take action at that particular demonstration?

19 MR. McCARTHY: Objection.

20 Q If you know.

21 A Yes.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 Q Directing your attention to late 1990, Mr.
24 Alahiri, at Farook Mosque, was there a time when Sheik Omar
25 was removed from the mosque?

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1 A What do you mean, removed?

2 Q That he was no longer permitted to preach there.

3 A Not really. What I know is that he himself had
4 left --

5 MR. McCARTHY: Objection, unless the witness --

6 THE COURT: Sustained.

7 Q Were you present at the mosque when Sheik Omar
8 was confronted there?

9 MR. McCARTHY: Objection, unless --

10 A Yes, yes, yes. There was one time when he gave a
11 speech, which was during the Gulf War, and he was very
12 critical of Saddam Hussein Baath Party. During that time
13 there was very strong support for Saddam Hussein, and the
14 people attending the congregation, most of them supported
15 Saddam Hussein, and the sheik was, actually they cut him
16 from delivering, you know, his speech, and he was about to
17 be attacked by a group of people, and prayer was canceled,
18 and it was a violent type situation.

19 Q During 1990 and 1991 and since that time did you
20 attend lectures or sermons by Sheik Omar at any other
21 mosque?

22 A Yes, I attended most --

23 THE COURT: You will have to lean forward and
24 talk into the microphone.

25 A I attended most of his lectures that he gave in

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1 Brooklyn. After he left Brooklyn, he gave lectures at
2 masjid State Street, and I believe I attended every lecture
3 that he gave. I also attended sermons that he gave at the
4 same mosque, I believe once every two weeks or every month.
5 That is in State Street, too, and I attended those.

6 Q Did you ever have occasion to drive Sheik Omar?

7 A Yes, I did.

8 Q On how many occasions?

9 A I don't remember really.

10 Q More than 10?

11 A I think so, yes.

12 Q Did you drive him in your own car?

13 A Yes.

14 MS. STEWART: I have nothing else. Thank you,
15 Mr. Alahiri.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Wasserman, representing
17 Mr. Hampton-El.

18 CROSS-EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. WASSERMAN:

20 Q Good afternoon, sir.

21 A Good afternoon.

22 Q We just met this afternoon, correct?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And I asked you if you knew my client Abdel
25 Rashid. Mr. Rashid, can you stand up, please.

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1 MS. STEWART: The defense calls MAC indicated
2 side.

3 THE WITNESS: As-Salamu Alaikum.

4 MAKAID SAID,

5 called as a witness by the defense,

6 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

7 THE COURT: Go ahead, Miss Stewart.

8 DIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MS. STEWART:

10 Q Good afternoon, Mr. Sayyid.

11 A Good afternoon.

12 Q Could you tell us what the clothing you are
13 wearing is called.

14 A Excuse me.

15 Q What the clothing you are wearing is called.

16 A OK. That's called kaftan, galabia.

17 Q Is that Egyptian?

18 A Well, that is Egyptian or -- so much people dress
19 it, most of the Muslims dress it, it doesn't matter,
20 American, Egyptian, Pakistan.

21 Q You have to talk a little bit slower, a little
22 slower.

23 A OK.

24 Q Where were you born?

25 A I born in Egypt.

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1 Q When did you come to the United States?

2 A I come to United States in 1986.

3 Q Do you have a green card?

4 A Yes, I have.

5 Q Where do you reside?

6 A Sorry.

7 Q Where do you live?

8 A I live in Brooklyn.

9 Q What neighborhood in Brooklyn?

10 A Crown Heights.

11 Q Are you employed?

12 A Yes, I do. I superintendent in La Haim Realty.

13 Q Do you have any other employment? Do you have

14 any other work?

15 A As what?

16 Q Do you do any other work besides being a

17 superintendent?

18 A Yes, I have some business, falafal push cart.

19 Q Where is that falafal push cart?

20 A In front of 26 Federal Plaza.

21 Q What is your education?

22 A I have bachelor degree in business

23 administration.

24 Q Where is that from?

25 A Ein-Shams University in Cairo.

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1 Q Is that in Egypt?

2 A Yes, in Egypt.

3 Q Are you married?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Do you have children?

6 A I have children. I am married, Islamic married.

7 I have three girls.

8 Q Do you know Dr. Abdel Rahman?

9 A Yes, I do, I know him.

10 Q How do you know him?

11 A He is Islamic teacher.

12 Q Do you see him here in the courtroom?

13 A Yes, I see him in the courtroom.

14 Q Would you just point him out for us.

15 A Yes, look to Omar Abdel Rahman right here.

16 THE COURT: Indicating Dr. Omar Abdel Rahman. Go

17 ahead.

18 Q Directing your attention to 1991, did you have
19 occasion to see him here in the United States?

20 A I see Dr. Abdel Rahman teach in Masjid Farook and
21 other masjids.

22 Q Did you know of him before that date, before
23 seeing him in the United States?

24 A No, I know him in United States.

25 Q Did you ever see him in any other mosque?

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1 A Yes, I do, I see him in different mosques. I see
2 him in the Dawoud Mosque, I see him in New Jersey mosque.

3 Q Can you say that again.

4 A Masjid Dawoud.

5 Q D-A-W-O-U-D?

6 A Yes, they call States Mosque.

7 Q Are you a member at any mosque? Do you belong to
8 a mosque?

9 A Muslim really don't belong for any mosque but I
10 go to the mosque close to my house, Ekhwa Masjid.

11 Q Where is that located?

12 A In Eastern Parkway, Utica Avenue.

13 Q In Brooklyn?

14 A In Brooklyn, yes.

15 Q Did Sheik Omar ever preach at that mosque?

16 A Yes, he comes here and we invited him to give
17 lecture in this mosque.

18 Q How did he get to your mosque?

19 A We go there and bring him by car.

20 Q Is that your own car or somebody else's car?

21 A No, somebody else car.

22 Q How often did he come to your mosque?

23 A He usually come like once a week.

24 Q How many times would you say you have heard him
25 lecture since 1991?

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1 WALEED ABU SHABAN,

2 called as a witness by the defense,

3 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MS. STEWART:

6 Q What is your first name, Mr. Abu Shaban?

7 A Waleed.

8 Q Did you spell that already?

9 A Yes, W-A-L-E-E-D.

10 Q Did you ever translate for any of the sheik's
11 classes?

12 A Yes, I do.

13 Q Was that class attended by Mustafa, the fireman
14 who was just here?

15 A Yes, indeed.

16 Q Where do you reside?

17 A At the time of the classes or right now?

18 Q No, let's go back to now.

19 A Jersey City.

20 Q What is the address that you reside at?

21 A 115 Fairview Avenue, apartment 59, Jersey City,
22 07304.

23 Q Where were you born?

24 A In the Gaza Strip, Palestine.

25 Q You are a little too close. I think we are

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1 losing the words. You get close but not --

2 A Gaza Strip, Palestine.

3 Q When did you come to the United States?

4 A 1993.

5 Q Are you a citizen?

6 A Yes, indeed.

7 Q What year did you come to the United States?

8 A '93. '83, I am sorry. I thought when I became
9 citizen. That was in '93.

10 Q Take your time. When you came -- let me step
11 back. Where did you receive your green card?

12 A Many I applied for it in the U.S. Embassy in Tel
13 Aviv.

14 Q Are you currently employed?

15 A Not right now, no.

16 Q Are you on disability?

17 A Yes.

18 Q When you are employed, what do you work at?

19 A A banquet coordinator.

20 Q I didn't understand that.

21 A Banquet waiter, coordinator.

22 Q Are you married?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Do you have children?

25 A Three.

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1 Q Are you able to support them right now?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Is your wife receiving money not from you?

4 A Yes.

5 Q What is your educational background?

6 A I finished high school in Palestine. Then I
 7 attend the Islamic college in Gaza Strip. Then I attend law
 8 college in Alexandria University. Then I went to LaGuardia
 9 Community College in Queens. Then I transferred to Essex
 10 University in New Jersey.

11 Q You have to keep your voice up, because if she
 12 can't hear you, they can't hear you back here at all.

13 A OK.

14 Q How many languages do you speak, Mr. Abu Shaban?

15 A Arabic, English, and Hebrew.

16 Q Do you know Dr. Abdel Rahman?

17 A Yes, indeed, I know him.

18 Q Do you see him in court today?

19 THE COURT: Indicating --

20 THE WITNESS: Yes.

21 MS. STEWART: He didn't find him, Judge.

22 THE COURT: He has found him now. Go ahead.

23 Q Do you remember when you first met him?

24 A Yes.

25 Q When was that?

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1 A In late 1991.

2 Q Where was that?

3 A I met him at the El Salaam Masjid in Jersey City.

4 Q Where is El Salaam Mosque Masjid in Jersey City?

5 A It's in Kennedy Boulevard, in second floor.

6 Q Is there another center on Park Street?

7 A 17 Park Street. That's Islamic Center of Jersey.

8 17 Park Street. That's the Islamic Center of Jersey.

9 Q That is separate from El Salaam Mosque, is that
10 right?

11 A Yes, that is separate.

12 Q Did you also attend lectures or hear him speak at
13 other places?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What other places were they?

16 A The masjid in Brooklyn in State Street, and
17 masjid in Queens, and south Jersey.

18 Q Did you ever visit the sheik's apartment on
19 Fairview Avenue?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Can you describe what you observed happening
22 there?

23 A Nothing unusual. It's lecturing, answering phone
24 calls for people to answer the questions, and sort of things
25 like that.

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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

3 v.
4 OMAR AHMAD ALI ABDEL RAHMAN,
a/k/a "Omar Ahmed Ali,"
a/k/a "Omar Abdel Al-Rahman,"
5 a/k/a "Sheik Rahman,"
a/k/a "The Sheik,"
6 a/k/a "Sheik Omar,"

EL SAYYID NOSAIR,
7 a/k/a "Abu Abdallah,"
a/k/a "El Sayyid Abdul Azziz,"
8 a/k/a "Victor Noel Jafry,"

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9 SIDDIG IBRAHIM SIDDIG ALI,
a/k/a "Khalid,"
10 a/k/a "John Medley,"

11 CLEMENT HAMPTON-EL,
a/k/a "Abdul Rashid Abdullah,"
a/k/a "Abdel Rashid,"
12 a/k/a "Doctor Rashid,"

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13 a/k/a "Abu Zaid,"
a/k/a "Abdou Zaid,"

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TARIG ELHASSAN,
16 a/k/a "Abu Aisha,"

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17 MOHAMMED SALEH,
a/k/a "Mohammed Ali,"

18 VICTOR ALVAREZ,
a/k/a "Mohammed," and

19 MATARAWY MOHAMMED SAID SALEH,
a/k/a "Wahid,"

20 Defendants.

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August 1, 1995
9:40 a.m.

22 Before:

23 HON. MICHAEL B. MUKASEY,

24 District Judge
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1 BY MR. WASSERMAN:

2 Q Rashid, you mentioned earlier that you had been
3 born Muslim, that the Temple of Moorish Science, I believe,
4 was the branch. Did there come a time that your education
5 or activities as a Muslim began to change from that early
6 beginning at the Temple of Moorish Science?

7 A Yes, it did. There was a masjid on State Street
8 called the Islamic Mission of America, and I used to pass by
9 there quite frequently because, number one, it's not very
10 far from Long Island College, three blocks, to be exact.
11 And I used to see plenty of different people coming out of
12 there of different persuasion, background, and they dressed
13 somewhat strange to me. At that time I used to laugh it and
14 and say what are all those people doing with long dresses
15 on.

16 Q That is what you are wearing now, a long dress?

17 A Hamdi Allah, yes.

18 Q What is it called?

19 A It is called a galabia.

20 Q Please continue.

21 A I went in there and saw all these people. I said
22 Salam alay kum to them. They said what you are practicing
23 is not really true Islam, and they told me what I should do,
24 and to come back the following day, and I could take
25 shahada.

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1 Q What is shahada?

2 A It is to acknowledge Allah as the one and only
3 God. (Arabic spoken)

4 Q Could you please --

5 A I am going to, because you have to first say it.
6 He is alone without partners. Mohammed, may his peace and
7 blessings be upon him, as his last messenger and prophet.

8 Q Is that the entirety of taking shahada?

9 A No. The acknowledgement of fasting through the
10 month of Ramadan, Zakat, which is a poor tax that is levied
11 on all Muslims, two and a half percent. This money is given
12 to the needy in Islam, because it is a charity tax. The
13 fasting for the month of Ramadan, which is 30 days of
14 fasting, and to make hajj, which is a pilgrimage to Mecca,
15 once in your lifetime, whenever you are able, if you have
16 the money. To refrain from alcohol, any intoxicants, pork,
17 any food that is unhealthy, food that does not have Allah's
18 name mentioned on it -- this is of the animal kingdom. And
19 not to invoke any other deity other than Allah. To respect
20 all people.

21 Q Let me ask you a question. You mention the
22 galabia. Why do you wear what you are wearing now?

23 A This is a tradition of our prophet. It is a
24 custom that Muslims dress mainly. It is becoming quite
25 popular in America but mainly in Africa, Asia, Saudi Arabia,

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1 etc., etc. Women have a traditional dress and men have a
2 traditional dress.

3 Q What about the hat that you are wearing?

4 A The khufi is something that people cover their
5 heads with also.

6 Q Let me ask you, you mentioned fasting for 30
7 days. You don't eat or drink during those 30 days?

8 A You would fast, say from perhaps 2, 3 in the
9 morning, 4:00 in the morning at the latest depending on the
10 time of year that Ramadan comes, because it doesn't come the
11 same time every year. That would be a great burden on other
12 people in different parts of the world, because all Muslims
13 fast in all parts of the world. So you would fast from that
14 time period until sundown. You abstain from any oral
15 intake, any profanity language, any conduct which is bad,
16 which is normally, but you stress more emphasis on that.
17 You try to be extra charitable to people, and that is a
18 regular practice. You go out of your way. This is to
19 condition oneself not to let things turn them into what they
20 are. If you run into someone who is doing bad deeds, that
21 doesn't mean you have to do it.

22 Q Rashid, was there any course that you took for
23 any person that instructed you at State Street mosque?

24 A There was a beloved man by the name of Sheik
25 Daud.

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1 Q Could you spell Daud?

2 A D-A-U-D. And he came to this country in 1910.

3 He established the Islamic Mission in, like, the late
4 thirties, and it was recognized in the mid-forties by the
5 State of New York and given a seal of approval, and he is
6 the gentleman who sat with the United Nations for
7 approximately 17, 18 years.

8 Q When you say he sat, what do you mean by that?

9 A He sat with the delegation in many different
10 countries. I sat with him on two occasions, Sudanese
11 delegation and the Iraqi delegation.

12 Q When was this?

13 A In '75, '76. Most of the masjids in America came
14 from this.

15 Q When you say came from this, what do you mean?

16 A Came from State Street. State Street was a
17 masjid that I used to call it the UN masjid so to speak,
18 because it was so many different people. It was Arabs,
19 Americans, Africans, Egyptians, Palestinians -- there was
20 even some Jews there. Guy used to be a rabbi who became
21 Muslim, hamdi Allah, sweet old man. So there was a lot of
22 people from different places.

23 Q Did there come a time that you learned about
24 jihad while you were learning about Islam at the State
25 Street mosque?

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1 A Yes. I learned more than about jihad. I learned
2 about my prayers and that it was imperative to say them in
3 Arabic.

4 Q Do you know Arabic?

5 A No. Small words, but I know my prayers in
6 Arabic. But just a few scattered words here and there. And
7 the proper method of prayer and the proper cleansing of
8 prayer. Prayer is five times a day and one has to make an
9 ablution, to cleanse oneself before you can approach the
10 creator.

11 I learned what jihad was truly. The first
12 experience was when there was a border clash with Morocco
13 and Spain, and King Hassan said he was going to send planes
14 here to get American brothers over there who would
15 participate in the event there was a fight. And my
16 understanding of jihad was that this was not a fight. So I
17 didn't go. There was offers from many people. Muammar
18 Qaddafi, he sent ambassadors, so to speak, said you could go
19 to Malta, Tripoli, Ben Ghazi, and come to school there. But
20 I was skeptical of this man because it wasn't rare that I
21 heard him speak of Allah, I never heard him speak of Allah.
22 If a man doesn't speak about Allah, I am kind of skeptical.
23 But it broadened my scope and gave me an understanding what
24 our prophet did, because he gave da'wa, meaning he
25 propagated Islam for 13 years. He spoke to the people, he

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1 advised them and tried to give them guidance, and then after
 2 that, when it was forced on him he made jihad. The Koran
 3 says attack those who attack you, and that's the only time
 4 he attacked.

5 Q You started at Long Island College Hospital in
 6 about 1967. Did anything else happen that year, or around
 7 that time?

8 A I took shahada, number one, as I said.

9 Q How long were you living where you were living
 10 when you were arrested?

11 A Close to 30 years.

12 Q Who were you living with when you got arrested?

13 A My wife. I got married in '67.

14 Q What is your neighborhood in Brooklyn?

15 A Flatbush, East Flatbush.

16 Q What is the avenue?

17 A 1351 New York Avenue, crossing Newkirk.

18 Q That is where you lived since 1967?

19 A Yes.

20 Q What kind of community?

21 A When I moved out there it was basically Irish,
 22 Italian and Jewish. Then it kind of opened up. It's a nice
 23 neighborhood but you have to work on keeping the community
 24 nice. So when you see bad elements, troublemakers coming
 25 in, it's your duty to kind of offset this. So I set up

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1 patrol, I worked with communities as far as keeping it
2 clean, making sure we don't have drug dealers, muggers. We
3 used to always say no mugging, through hugging. And checked
4 out people who come in your building. They had to sign
5 where they were going, who they were going to see, and they
6 signed out when they came out. So we monitored who was
7 coming into the community. And we worked with the police to
8 a small degree.

9 Q We have heard people talk about your experience
10 in Afghanistan. I would like to ask you some questions
11 about how you got there. When did you first become aware
12 that there was something going on in Afghanistan that was of
13 interest to Muslims and people in general?

14 A I used to read about it in the papers but I
15 didn't really, really focus on it until I was speaking with
16 a brother, and he told me, he says, you know, perhaps it
17 would be helpful that, because really there is no one there
18 with medical experience and there is a lot of life being
19 lost and they are cutting off a lot of extremities and what
20 not, because the people don't know what to do. People were
21 dying because of loss of blood. And I saw some pictures of
22 people that was unbelievable, with their limbs blown off,
23 females young and old being assaulted and murdered.

24 Q You mentioned a brother. Who were you talking
25 about?

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DAILY NEWS

Sheik: I'm Victim Of U.S. Plot - New York Daily News

By Blanca M. Quintanilla and Greg B. Smith | N.Y. Daily News | Tuesday, October 03, 1995

One day after radical Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman was convicted of a terror plot against the U.S. government, the blind Islamic cleric sat in a Midwest prison cell, insisting his quick transfer was part of a government plot against him. Abdel-Rahman, facing life behind bars for directing the planned terror campaign, was transported at 5:30 a.m. under heavy guard to the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo.

"This is part of a government planning for hardship against me and trying to break my spirit," he told The Associated Press yesterday in a three-way telephone call with an interpreter. Authorities said the ailing cleric was moved for security reasons. Doctors at Springfield will evaluate his heart disease and diabetes, then recommend a transfer to another prison, where he will serve his sentence. Abdel-Rahman, 57, said the move was intended to interfere with his appeal by separating him from his lawyers. He complained that he was strip-searched when he arrived at the medical center. "They show your private parts to everyone. I told them, 'No I can't do that.' They said, 'This is the law, you have to do it.' I said, 'Well, this is the American law that humiliates a human being,'" Abdel-Rahman said. He also charged that the judge refused to allow the defense to get a State Department document that would prove he was arrested at the request of Egypt. "The American government did the dirty work for the Egyptian government," he asserted. "I am jailed for my political beliefs and my religious beliefs. Despite that, there is not a shred of evidence that I am a conspirator," he said, and with that comment, his phone connection was cut off. The transfer came after Abdel-Rahman and nine followers were convicted of plotting to overthrow the U.S. government and force changes in Middle East policy. The other defendants remained at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in lower Manhattan. Meanwhile, the highest security alert since the Persian Gulf War remained in effect at airports across the nation. Around the city, authorities used metal detectors, bomb-sniffing dogs and extra personnel to protect public places as New York readied for the visit of Pope John Paul. International passengers at Kennedy Airport had to show passports even before entering the terminal. Travelers at all area airports were subjected to extra baggage searches. Authorities said there had been no specific threats or unrest.

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The New York Times

U.S. Moves Convicted Sheik To Missouri Medical Center

By [JOSEPH P. FRIED](#) | The New York Times | OCT. 3, 1995

A day after he was convicted of leading a terror-bombing and assassination conspiracy, Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman was moved from the Manhattan jail where he was held during his trial to a medical center for Federal prisoners in Springfield, Mo. None of the nine other men convicted with him of conspiring to carry out a terrorist campaign in the New York region were moved from the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan, a spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Prisons said. The lawyer for the 57-year-old Mr. Abdel Rahman, who is blind, diabetic and suffers from heart problems, said she was told the move was made for medical reasons. **But the lawyer, Lynne F. Stewart, said she believed that he was transferred because prison officials "see him as a threat" and were trying to give the impression that "there is some insidious terrorist plot to break the sheik out of jail" if he remains close to his supporters in the New York area.** She spoke to reporters outside the Federal District Court in Manhattan, where Mr. Abdel Rahman, the militant Muslim cleric, and his co-defendants were convicted on Sunday after a nearly nine-month trial on charges that they plotted to blow up major buildings and transportation links in the New York area. For his part, the sheik said there was "not a shred of evidence that I am a conspirator." In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Mr. Abdel Rahman said he was denied a fair trial and now the Government was trying to separate him from his lawyers. **"This is part of a Government planning for hardship against me and trying to break my spirit," he said in Arabic. "I am jailed for my political beliefs and my religious beliefs."** Earlier in the day, during a hearing on post-trial issues, the sheik's lawyer, Ms. Stewart, complained to Judge Michael B. Mukasey about her client's transfer, saying that the Springfield medical center was "peculiarly inaccessible" and "not salutary surroundings" for Mr. Abdel Rahman. **She said it was an old complex with a poor reputation among inmates and expressed the hope that he would be assigned to a medical center for Federal prisoners in Rochester, Minn.** Judge Mukasey said he could not intervene. A spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Prisons indicated that Mr. Abdel Rahman might have been transferred to the Missouri center for both medical and security reasons. The spokesman, Daniel Dunne, said "there are medical concerns we want to look at to determine where an inmate should be housed in our system" on a permanent basis. He added that, while he could not say definitely if security was an issue, "security is very important and is obviously a primary consideration." Lawyers for some of the other men convicted in the case said they had been told there were no plans to move their clients from the Manhattan jail before their sentencing, scheduled to take place in late January or early February. Mr. Dunne declined to comment. A spokesman for the Springfield center, Marty Anderson, said he "would not anticipate a long-term stay" by the cleric beyond the time needed to evaluate his condition. As the debate about the sheik continued, **Judge Mukasey told defense lawyers yesterday that he would consider their request to hold a post-trial hearing on the issue of whether he should overturn the convictions because of what the lawyers argued was misconduct by the F.B.I.'s chief informer in the case. One lawyer, John H. Jacobs, said the defense wanted to question the chief prosecutor at the trial, Andrew C. McCarthy, about circumstances surrounding the purported misconduct.** A version of this article appears in print on October 3, 1995, on Page B00005 of the National edition with the headline: U.S. Moves Convicted Sheik To Missouri Medical Center. © The New York Times Company

SEXUAL ASSAULT ON SHEIKH OMAR ABDEL RAHMAN BY US PRISON GUARDS!

American Islamic Group

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In The Name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful

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ISLAM REPORT

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Date: 27 March, 1996

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URGENT MESSAGE FROM ISLAM'S SCHOLAR SHEIKH OMAR ABDEL RAHMAN FROM THE US HIGH SECURITY PRISON IN MISSOURI: PRISON GUARDS STRIP MUSLIM BLIND SCHOLAR AND FORCE HIM TO SUBMIT TO SEXUAL HUMILIATION

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JUST IN: FROM US HIGH SECURITY PRISON, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THIS URGENT LETTER FROM THE RESPECTED DR. SHEIKH OMAR ABDEL RAHMAN WHO IS BEING HELD IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT SINCE HIS ARRIVAL AT THE SPRINGFIELD HIGH SECURITY FEDERAL PRISON IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

PRISON OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN SUBJECTING THE SHEIKH TO VARIOUS FORMS OF PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TORTUREARE. THE MUSLIM SCHOLAR IS BLIND, DIABETIC AND SUFFERS FROM A HEART CONDITION.

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO YOUR COMMUNITY WHEREVER YOU ARE. PLEASE HELP DEFEND ISLAM'S SCHOLARS, AT LEAST BY SPREADING THE WORD.

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URGENT LETTER FROM SHEIKH OMAR ABDEL RAHMAN FROM AN AMERICAN HIGH SECURITY PRISON

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

All praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings be to the master of the messengers, prophet Mohammad, and blessings and peace be upon his family, his companions and those who follow him with perfection until the day of judgement....

The conditions in the prison are very bad and severly poor, this can be seen from the following things:

1. What they claim to have, as freedom of religion and freedom of worship, is all false claims. I have not been allowed to pray the Friday prayers, or even pray in congregation since I arrived at the prison in October 1995.
2. There is discrimination in the prison as far as treatment. If a prisoner called out for the guards, they quickly respond, while I stay for hours knocking my cell door to get the guards' help, but no one responds to my pressing calls for help.
3. Hair cuts and nail clipping are not available for months, they never respond to my requests. I am also forced to wash my own under wear clothes.
4. I have been put in solitary confinement, in a cell by myself, without anyone else to look after my needs, and to organize my belongings and stow away my things (REMEMBER HERE THE SHEIKH IS BLIND). I have no one to talk to all day or night, and there is no one allowed to befriend me, and no Muslim is allowed to talk to me, not even a person who speaks Arabic (REMEMBER ALSO THE SHEIKH ONLY SPEAKS ARABIC). I stay like that day and night, hwat cruelty and what harshness is more than that, La Hawla Wa La Quwata Illa Billah.

They want me to be chronically ill, and they want be to become severly sick with lethal diseases, avenging because I am a Muslim. Are these the human rights that they blab about and are filling the news media with cries and noise. They want to confine us so that we are not able to speak or raise our voices.

5. Have you heard about stripping and exposing genitals (private parts), and taking off all the clothes and becoming as strip as you were born? Oh, By Allah, this is happening to me every time I receive a visitor, either a friend or a relative, and I have no relatives in the Americas, however all Muslims here are my relatives.

Every visit means I have to strip twice: They order me to take off all my clothes, and I wish it stops at that, but the head of the prison guards, named Kerlin comes with another man named Day along with several other guards, and they order me to bend forward and keep my thighs apart, and then they take turns as animals and monsters to race for what? - I can not really say that, out of shame and bashfulness, but I will say it to relieve myself from the responsibility, so that the Muslim Ummah take the responsibility and the obligation entrusted to them by Allah, and for which they will be asked on the day of judgement - That group of guards are racing to take turns to look inside my anus, while I am in this bend-over position, and to them, the one who does the best job is that who spends the longest time looking and inspecting.

If it ended at that, it would have been easy, however the guards go even further (to subdue and humiliate me) by a worse action, that is when this named Kerlin, MAY ALLAH CURSE AND DISGRACE HIM, comes up to me and order me to move my penis and testicles left and right. All of this is happening to me while the guards around me are standing looking, laughing and making fun to further humiliate the Muslim, to subdue him and to legitimize what God had forbidden.

They have found their victim, and they have arrived at their wish, so why not do it! They are looking for what in the anus and the genitals? Are they looking for weapons, explosives or drugs which I may carry to my visitor, or from the visitor to my cell? They do it twice while I dissolve in shame, and wish that the earth would swallow me before this thing could happen.

ARE MUSLIMS ACCEPTING THIS HUMILIATION? IS THIS ACCEPTABLE TO THOSE WHO ARE JEALOUS FOR THE RELIGION AND FOR HONOR? O PEOPLE OF COURAGE AND BROTHERHOOD O PEOPLE OF AID AND FAITHFULNESS O PEOPLE OF SACRIFICE AND CONSOLATION ... O MEN OF ALLAH! RISE UP! RISE UP FROM YOUR DEEP SLEEP! RISE UP WITH YOUR LOUD STRIKING VOICES! GO O MEN OF ALLAH ... LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD EVERYWHERE AND SAY IT, O MEN OF ALLAH, VERY STRONG WITHOUT FEAR OR HESITATION. RISE UP AS ONE MAN, LET JUSTICE BE AND VOID THE EVIL. "AND INCLINE NOT TO THOSE WHO DO WRONG, OR THE FIRE WILL TOUCH YOU.." S.11-A.113

Prisons are for Scholars or Criminals to sleep in. Death has surrounded my Ummah, Say Allahu Akbar and tell death to live! Who will wake up a nation that builds its nests on the winds? It numbed its feelings; shows no reaction to plots. It is lost if its Scholars fill up the cells like sheep. Aren't there courageous men who fear Allah? Aren't there strong words to throw the evil and shrink it? Rise up as one. Do not fear loss of income.

BY THE RESPECTED SCHOLAR OF ISLAM,
 DR. SHEIKH OMAR ABDEL RAHMAN
 MAY ALLAH PROTECT HIM AND SET HIM FREE

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"FUZTU WA RABI AL-KA'BA" After the American Jewish judge Michael Mukasey sentenced Dr. Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman for two life terms in prison, the Sheikh smiled and announced in the courtroom: "Fuztu Wa Rabi Al-Ka'ba," which means: "By the Lord of Ka'ba, I have won." The Sheikh's moral has always been high, and his faith has never been shaken in Allah and His mercy

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US AGENTS ARREST PARALEGAL OF SHEIKH OMAR ABDEL RAHMAN WITHOUT CHARGE.
PREPARES TO HAND HIM TO EGYPTIAN REGIME

US immigration and FBI agents arrested Brother Naser Ahmad, the court-appointed para-legal for the respected Muslim Scholar Dr. Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, who is currently appealing a life sentence in the US. Brother Naser was on his way for his immigration hearing last Tuesday 23 April, 1996 when US government agents arrested him without charge. Attorneys failed until now to receive any response from the government to why he was arrested. Brother Naser is considered a key person in the appeal case of Sheikh Omar because he works in both a para-legal and a translator capacity to help the Sheikh communicate with attorneys and the courts. He visited the Sheikh few weeks ago in his Missouri high security prison. Sheikh Omar was a victim of a conspiracy in which the US government, mainly the FBI, the INS and the CIA along with the Egyptian regime intelligence fabricated a case against him. The Sheikh was sentenced to two lives in prison by the Jewish Judge Michael Mukasey, early this year. In April last year and while the hearings in the Sheikh's case were ongoing, the US government arrested Brother Naser for what they called immigration charges, they took him to INS offices and threatened him with deportation to Egypt and that he would be handed over with his family to Egyptian security intelligence if he refused to become a witness against the Sheikh. He was also told to call FBI agents and to say on the witness stand what they want. Brother Naser told the US agents that he would not lie. In the Face of this faithful and brave Muslim, the US government had no choice but to release. One day prior to the arrest of Brother Naser, the so called "Terrorism Bill" was signed into law with the encouragement and influence of Jews in Washington. The new law allows the government to deport anyone after tagging him as a terrorist threat, it also allows agents to arrest people without charge and without allowing them the right to attorney. Before the victim knows and before he/she gets a chance to defend him/her self, government agents, by this new law, can deport him quickly. It now looks that Brother Naser Ahmad may be the first victim of this law which was meant against Muslims especially that Islam has become the fastest growing religion in America. Brother Naser is an Electrical Engineer, married with three children who live in New York, he was also an officer at Masjid Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq, which has been the target of both US and Egyptian intelligence agents for the past few years, most recently the Mosque was targeted by law suites in order to destroy its unique Islamic identity. Naser Ahmad has never committed a crime or a violation since his lawful entry into the US in 1983. It is now clear that the US government want to do anything in its capacity to harm the appeal case of Sheikh Omar, even if it means deporting his para-legal to the Egyptian security forces where he is surely to be tortured or even killed. The US government was involved in the arrest last year and continued detention of Brother Yusuf Saleh, a US citizen, who was the para-legal for Sheikh Omar and was visiting Egypt with his family.

Here is the blessed Eid Al-Adha (Sacrifice) coming to us while the best of our Muslim Scholars and the best of our Muslim youth is spending his time behind bars in the US and other oppressive regime prisons, away from their families, children and people. We condemn this US government cowardly act against Islam and Muslims, and we see the fingertips of Jews all over this campaign. It was a Jewish judge who sentenced the Sheikh, and it will be a Jewish judge also who will preside on Brother Naser's case, even the head of the CIA is a Jew, and so are most of the senior officials in the Clinton's administration, the experts and the think tanks and influential legislatures. We say Hasbuna Allah Wa Ni'ma Al-Wakeel, and this is an urgent call to every Muslim to stand with his brother in this hard time and to assist in his defense.

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Sheik, Calling Imprisonment Humiliating, Seeks Support

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS | APRIL 15, 1996

Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, the militant Egyptian cleric convicted in a plot to bomb the United Nations and other New York City landmarks, has appealed to his followers to help end what he called his humiliating treatment in a United States prison. A letter from Mr. Abdel Rahman, published yesterday in a London newspaper, called on his supporters to "make your voice heard" to improve his living conditions. But the appeal from Mr. Abdel Rahman, the spiritual leader of Islamic Group, the most powerful group of Muslim militants in Egypt, fell short of urging violence. Mr. Abdel Rahman, 57, was sentenced to life in prison by a Federal judge in January for plotting terrorist attacks in New York City and conspiring to kill political leaders including President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. The cleric, who is blind and suffers from diabetes and high blood pressure, has been sent to the United States Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo. "Our response is that we do not discuss an individual inmate's case," Todd Craig, a spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, said in Washington. "But if any inmate has concerns about their treatment, we will investigate them and take appropriate action." In the letter, believed to be the first since his conviction in October, Mr. Abdel Rahman accused prison guards of racial discrimination and religious prejudice. The cleric said the guards strip-searched him after he had visitors, apparently to check for contraband. He said that he was not allowed to pray with other Muslims in the prison and did not have proper washing facilities. A devout Muslim is required to wash and purify himself before praying, five times a day. "Every time I have a visitor, they take my clothes off and force me to stand nude, as when I was born," he wrote. "Do Muslims and the defenders of faith accept this humiliation?" His requests for a haircut have been ignored, said Mohammed Elmasrey, a paralegal who works with Mr. Abdel Rahman's lawyer, Ramsey Clark. "Muslim scholars recommend that we do not go beyond 40 days without trimming our hair," Mr. Elmasrey said. Mr. Abdel Rahman was also denied a request for a shortwave radio that would let him listen to programs in Arabic, Mr. Elmasrey said. "He can't read or watch television," the paralegal said. "He's very isolated." The letter from Mr. Abdel Rahman was reported in Al Hayat, an Arabic daily in London. A copy was obtained by The Associated Press. "People of manhood, support, sacrifice and dignity: Rise up from your deep slumber and make your voice heard," the letter said. "Rise up and see justice done." In February, Springfield prison officials said that security had been increased since the cleric's arrival, and that he was being kept isolated for security reasons. "He's getting equal treatment, the same as any other Federal prisoner," the warden, Pat Keohane, said in Missouri yesterday. "I'm aware that periodically it comes up that he wants to do certain things that go against the grain for security at the institution," Mr. Keohane said. He would not elaborate.

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Med center sends sheik to prison in Minnesota

By Laura Bauer Menner
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Springfield's most notorious federal prisoner is no longer in town.

Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman is now inside the federal medical center in Rochester, Minn. Last week, he was transferred from Springfield's U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, said Rick Veach, spokesman for the Springfield center.

Rahman quietly left on the night of Jan. 14 out of the Springfield-Branson Regional Airport surrounded by heavy security. Word of his transfer wasn't released for several days.

"You do have to have some secrets, or you can't maintain security," Veach said Tuesday.

Many have worried about political repercussions in the area ever since Rahman was brought to Springfield's center in 1995. The sheik was convicted in a plot to bomb the United Nations and other New York sites.

He was also convicted of conspiring to kill Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The sheik is blind, and suffers from diabetes and high blood pressure, which is why he was sent to the Springfield prison.

His supporters have picketed outside the federal Bureau of Prisons headquarters in Washington, D.C., to protest his imprisonment in a city they call "Noplaceville."

Todd Craig, the bureau's chief spokesman, said he can't comment on why specific prisoners are transferred. "Inmates are sent to Rochester for medical evaluation or treatment," he said.

He did say that Rahman is in stable condition.

Veach said as far as he and others at the local medical center know, Rahman won't return to Springfield. He took all of his belongings with him.

Rochester's medical center is smaller than Springfield's. According to federal numbers Craig referred to Tuesday, the Minnesota facility has 808 inmates and Springfield has 1,014.

The Osama bin Laden I Know: An Oral History of al Qaeda's Leader

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On **May 26, 1998**, bin Laden held a press conference to announce publicly that he had “formed with many other Islamic groups and organizations in the Islamic world a front called the International Islamic Front to do jihad against the Crusaders and Jews.”³² **Also present were the sons of the Egyptian cleric Omar Abdel Rahman, “the Blind Sheikh,” who distributed small cards containing their father’s “will.”**

Ismail Khan, a Pakistani journalist, attended the press conference³³ -

“I could see a plume of dust coming up not far in the distance. Then I saw three cars coming, and these hooded guys escorting Osama. Osama came out of the car and the moment he stepped out, there was shooting, frenzied shooting, and these guys started firing RPGs, rocket-propelled grenades, at the mountains. This thing went on for five minutes before the press conference began. I mean this thing still boggles my mind - he spoke of some ‘good news’ in the weeks ahead. Osama [was] sitting in the middle and there was Dr. Ayman al Zawahiri.”

Bin Laden and Zawahiri both spoke at the press conference, and appeared on a videotape filmed by an al Qaeda cameraman. The tape was later discovered in Afghanistan by CNN after the fall of the Taliban.

Bin Laden³⁴ -

“By God’s Grace, we have formed, with many other Islamic groups and organizations in the Islamic world, a front called the “International Islamic Front to do jihad against the Crusaders and the Jews.” And one of the main organizing groups is Dr. al Zawahiri’s group and he is with us in this meeting. And we have received requests from some other organizations that want to join this front. And the matter is moving quickly. So we would like to announce this as good news, by God’s Will. We hope this to lift the shame from the face of Muslims.”

Zawahiri³⁵ -

“We are working with brother bin Laden. We know him for more than ten years. We fought with him here in Afghanistan. We worked with him in Sudan and many other places.”

After the press conference was over, a Pakistani journalist, Rahimullah Yusufzai, asked bin Laden some personal questions³⁶ -

“We had a small conversation over a cup of tea and I asked Mr. bin Laden, that your family in Saudi Arabia has disowned you. And his short answer was that blood is thicker than water, which meant that it’s not true. And then I asked him about his family and children. He said, ‘I have lost count because there are so many.’ And then I asked him about his wealth. And he put his

right hand on his heart saying, 'I am rich and generous here.' So this is a very subtle sense of humor and Mr. bin Laden, despite living in very tough conditions, he has retained some of that wit. His followers were saying that he is very fond of horse riding. So even in Afghanistan, despite being a hunted man, he still occasionally finds time to do horse riding. His people told me that he also sometimes wants to play soccer. I told them that he's suffering from this pain in his back, it's a permanent pain and he walks with the help of a stick, so how can he play football. But they said, sometimes when he feels better he joins them in playing soccer."

Ismail Khan is a Pakistani journalist who covered al Qaeda's press conference -

"The two sons of the blind Egyptian scholar, Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, [were also present at the press conference]. It was Zawahiri who introduced us to his younger son, whose name is [Asim] Omar Abdul Rahman. He was distributing these leaflets which contain the will of the Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman (who has been imprisoned in the United States on terrorism charges since 1993). He said that the U.S. prison authorities were not treating his father well. And they had not spoken with him in some time. And that he's not allowed to wash his clothes and offer prayers. And he said that [the Americans] were killing him slowly."

It's only a colorful, plastic-laminated card (a photograph of which can be found in the photo section) of Arabic script with a picture of a Muslim cleric praying in a prison cell, but it is a key to understanding why some three thousand Americans lost their lives on the morning of September 11, 2001. The card was distributed to several of the journalists who were attending bin Laden's press conference, which is how I acquired my copy. The full text of the Arabic on the card, which is reproduced here in full for the first time in English, reads:

"My Brothers ... If they [The Americans] kill me, which they will certainly do—hold my funeral and send my corpse to my family, but do not let my blood be shed in vain. Rather, extract the most violent revenge, and remember your brother who spoke the truth and died for the will of God...The Mujahid Sheikh Omar Abdel al Rahman. In the name of God, the kind and merciful. The Fatwa of the Prisoner Sheikh Doctor Omar Abdel Rahman. America is in the process of eliminating the ulema (clergy) who are speaking the truth. And America has suggested to its clients in Saudi to imprison Sheikh Safar al Hawali and Sheikh Salman al Awdah, and all the others who speak the truth, just as Egypt had done ... And the Koran has made a decree upon these Jews and Christians, which we have forgotten or allowed to be forgotten: Allah said, 'If they could, they will continue to kill you until they make you turn away from your religion.' And so all Muslims everywhere. Cut off all relations with [the Americans, Christians, and Jews], tear them to pieces, destroy their economies, burn their corporations, destroy their peace, sink their ships, shoot down their planes and kill them on air, sea, and land. And kill them wherever you may find them, ambush them, take them hostage, and destroy their observatories. Kill these Infidels. Until they witness your harshness. Fight them, and God will torture them through your hands, and he will disgrace them and make you victorious over them, and the nation of the believers is on the verge of creation, and the rage will go from them. Your brother Omar Abdel Rahman from inside American prisons."

Hamid Mir, bin Laden's Pakistani biographer³⁷ -

“The language by Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman in his will is very, very strong. [Up until 1998] bin Laden didn't issue any fatwa or anything against the ordinary Americans. He's against American troops, American government, but Dr. Zawahiri he is against every American, because he is directly affected. His leader [Sheikh Rahman] who is blind is arrested by the American authorities. If you go through that fatwa, this is the basic ideology of the al Qaeda. They say, 'Kill Americans in the air, kill Americans in the borders, kill them everywhere, destroy their companies, everything.' So I think what [Sheikh Rahman ruled upon in the fatwa] someone is implementing.”

Algerian Ahmad Ressayd plotted to blow up Los Angeles International Airport in December 1999. In mid-1998 he was training at the Khaldan training camp in Afghanistan, which has graduated several of al Qaeda's more dangerous alumni. In a subsequent terrorism trial, he testified that Sheikh Rahman's fatwa was widely distributed at the training camp he attended³⁸ -

“A fatwa issued by Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, a piece of paper with his photograph on it. It said it was a fatwa by Omar Abdel Rahman from prison. It says fight Americans and hit their interest[s] everywhere ... A fatwa is something that a learned person would come up with. If there is an issue that people want an opinion on, the religious, learned man would study the issue and pass judgment on whether it was permissible or not.”

The significance of Sheikh Rahman's fatwa to al Qaeda has gone unremarked. Sheikh Rahman's fatwa seems to be the first time that a Muslim cleric had given his religious sanction to attacks on American aviation, shipping, and economic targets. The fatwa, with its exhortations to “bring down their airplanes,” “burn their corporations,” and “sink their ships,” would turn out to be a slowly ticking time bomb that would explode first on October 12, 2000, when a suicide attack blew a hole the size of a small house in the USS Cole in Yemen, killing seventeen sailors, and it would explode again with even greater ferocity on 9/11.

To understand the significance of the fatwa you have to understand the spiritual authority that its author, the militant Egyptian cleric Sheikh Rahman, exercises over al Qaeda. Al Qaeda may be led by bin Laden and his deputy Zawahiri, but neither of them have any standing as religious scholars, while Sheikh Rahman has a doctorate in Islamic jurisprudence from al-Azhar University in Cairo, the Harvard of Islamic thought. Indeed, Sheikh Rahman has long been the spiritual guide of Egypt's two most violent terrorist groups, members of which now occupy senior leadership positions within al Qaeda.

The special reverence that al Qaeda has for Sheikh Rahman is underlined by a two-hour propaganda videotape that the group's media division, known as “the Clouds,” released sometime in the spring of 2001. Halfway through the tape, in a segment entitled “Reasons,” bin Laden explains why Muslims should wage a holy war against the United States. Over a picture of Sheikh Rahman, bin Laden fulminates: “He is a hostage in an American jail. We hear he is sick and the Americans are treating him badly.” At a later point on the tape bin Laden explains: “We consider the American government directly responsible...for holding Sheikh Abdel Rahman, whom we consider one of the great scholars of Islam, who is now languishing in jail.” Rahman is the only religious figure mentioned in the course of the two-hour videotape.

Indeed, the American incarceration of Sheikh Rahman has been a hot-button issue for al Qaeda for many years. When the Sheikh was arrested in New York in 1993 on terrorism charges, al Qaeda

members based in Sudan debated whether or not to bomb the U.S. embassy in Saudi Arabia in retaliation, a plan that was rejected because of the risk of injury to civilians, scruples the group would later abandon. When al Qaeda first publicly declared war against the United States in August 1996, bin Laden explained that the “Zionist-Crusaders” had arrested the “holy warrior” Sheikh Rahman. And in 1997 bin Laden told CNN that “Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman is a Muslim scholar well known all over the Muslim world. He represents the kind of injustice that is adopted by the U.S. A baseless case was fabricated against him even though he is a blind old man...The U.S. sentenced him to hundreds of years...He is now very badly treated.”³⁹ In September 2000 Al Jazeera television aired a videotape of al Qaeda’s leaders in Afghanistan sitting under a banner that read “CONVENTION TO SUPPORT HONORABLE OMAR ABDEL RAHMAN.” On the tape bin Laden vowed: “We promise to work with all our power to free our brother, Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman.”⁴⁰ Off camera, one of the sheikh’s sons shouted: “Forward with blood.” This was the first time that a member of Sheikh Rahman’s family had publicly identified himself to be part of al Qaeda.

The intense interest that al Qaeda has taken in the fate of Sheikh Rahman may come as something of a surprise to most Americans who, if they remember him at all, may dimly recall television pictures of the corpulent cleric when he lived in New York in the early nineties, invariably dressed in flowing robes, wearing a red felt hat denoting his senior clerical status, and dark sunglasses that disguised his blind, opaque eyes. On television Sheikh Rahman came off like a cuddly Middle Eastern Father Christmas who had somehow morphed into Ray Charles. The reality is more sinister: The blind sheikh is the Zelig of Islamist terrorism, repeatedly cropping up as the spiritual inspiration or instigator of the most spectacular terrorist attacks of the past two decades, from the 1981 assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo to the 9/11 plot itself.

Sheikh Rahman is important to al Qaeda not only because of the high regard the terrorist organization has for him as a religious scholar, but also because he has long been the spiritual guide of the Egyptian militants who are at the heart of al Qaeda’s operation. It is a fact little understood in the West that while bin Laden, a Saudi exile, is the public face of al Qaeda, its key members are Egyptian, and the terrorist organization’s ideology and tactics first emerged in Egypt. The ideological godfather of al Qaeda is the Egyptian writer Sayyid Qutb, whose brother Mohammed influenced bin Laden when he was a college student in Saudi Arabia. All three of al Qaeda’s successive military commanders have been Egyptian: First Abu Ubaidiah al Banjshiri, who died in 1996, then Mohamed Atef, who was killed in the Afghan war in 2001, and now Sayf Adel, a former Egyptian army officer, who is presently in Iran. The lead 9/11 hijacker, Mohammed Atta, was an Egyptian, while one of the key signatories of bin Laden’s 1998 declaration of war against the United States, Rifa’i Ahmed Taha, is a leader of Egypt’s terrorist Islamic Group. Rifa’i Taha released the following statement in 2000⁴¹ -

“Regarding the case of Omar Abdel Rahman, the Islamic Group’s spiritual leader who is detained in a U.S. jail, the policy of talking and making threats is over. We will address the United States in a language that it understands. I believe the time to do so is drawing near.”

Sheikh Rahman’s fatwa to attack the U.S. economy and American aviation was an important factor in the 9/11 attacks. Al Qaeda’s Egyptian leaders wanted to exact revenge on the United States for the imprisonment and “ill treatment” of their spiritual guide. At the same time, Sheikh Rahman gave his followers his spiritual sanction for terrorist attacks. Sheikh Rahman’s fatwas are the nearest equivalent that al Qaeda has to an ex cathedra statement by the Pope. As someone with a doctorate in Islamic law—for Islam is a religion of laws much like Orthodox Judaism - Sheikh Rahman was able for the first time in al Qaeda’s history to rule that it was legally permissible, and

even desirable, to carry out attacks against American planes and corporations, exactly the type of attacks that took place on 9/11. Indeed, up until 9/11 al Qaeda had confined its attacks to American governmental and military targets and had eschewed attacks on American corporations and airliners.

Further, in 1996 a pamphlet was published by supporters of Sheikh Rahman in the U.S. titled “My Testimony to History.” In the pamphlet, which shows a photograph of Sheikh Rahman in a wheelchair in a U.S. prison, the cleric is quoted in similar language to the will that was distributed at the press conference in Afghanistan, saying, “Take revenge on whoever kills me. Do not let my blood be shed in vain.”⁴²

Of course, it is possible that Sheikh Rahman, who has been incarcerated in American prisons since 1993, did not write the fatwa himself. However, in the past Sheikh Rahman’s incarceration has not prevented him from communicating important messages to his followers through his family or lawyers; for instance, in 1997 he endorsed a ceasefire between the Egyptian government and the terrorist Islamic Group. Then in 2000 Sheikh Rahman publicly withdrew his support from that cease-fire. In his 2001 autobiography, al Zawahiri approvingly noted that “people of the stature of Omar Abdel Rahman...oppose the [ceasefire] initiative.”⁴³

We will simply never know if Rahman did write the fatwa or whether al Qaeda’s leaders wrote it and presented it as the cleric’s fatwa. In either case, the al Qaeda leadership knew that they needed some theological cover for their future campaign against American civilians, and that only someone of Sheikh Rahman’s “stature” could provide that cover.

32. Nic Robertson, “Previously unseen tape shows bin Laden’s declaration of war,” CNN, August 20, 2002

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Usama bin Ladin: "American Soldiers Are Paper Tigers"

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In perhaps his most explicit and detailed statement about the United States, Usama bin Ladin spoke on May 28, 1998, in Arabic, to John Miller of ABC News in his hideaway deep in the mountains of southern Afghanistan.¹ A Saudi who became active against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan, bin Ladin uses his great wealth to advance Islamist causes, primarily through his organization Al-Qa'ida. Although his expressions are stilted and the references sometimes obscure, bin Ladin makes many candid and startling observations in the following interview about the United States that go far to explain his many terrorist assaults on Americans. The interview is reprinted (with minor stylistic alterations) by permission of ABC News.

PERSONAL

John Miller: Mr. bin Ladin, to Americans you are an interesting figure: A man who comes from a background of wealth and comforts who ended up fighting on the front lines. Many Americans would think that's unusual.

Usama bin Ladin: Thanks be to God. It is hard for one to understand if a person does not understand Islam. In our religion we believe that God created us to worship him. God created us and blessed us with this religion. He orders us to carry out the holy struggle, jihad, to raise His word above the words of the unbelievers. We believe this is a form of worship we must follow without regard to our financial ability. It is untrue, as Westerners and secularists in the Arab world claim, that the reason for the awakening and the return to Islam is financial difficulties. In fact, the return of the people to Islam is a blessing from God, and they return out of a need for God. This is not strange. During the days of jihad [against the Soviets in Afghanistan], thousands of young men who were well-off financially left the Arabian Peninsula and other areas to join the fighting. Hundreds of them were killed in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Chechnya. We pray God grants them martyr status.

Miller: I was wondering if you could tell me the story of the gun behind you and how you got it? It is kind of a legend that during the Afghan war you got it in hand-to-hand combat with Russians who were on a three-day assault on the camp.

Bin Ladin: We went through vicious battles with the Russians. It is enough to say that the Russians are known in the West for their brutality and viciousness. They used poisonous gas against us, which I personally experienced. They sent airplanes against our position, and we lost many fighters; but we were able to deter many commando attacks. We are worshipers of God, and we carry out our duties. Our duty is to call on all nations to join the light. Our first duty is as people of this religion and to fight for this religion. The Westerners have been under the impression that we are butchers. They just need to look only at their [Western] brethren in east Europe, Turkey, and Albania to see how they embraced Islam and have for centuries lived happily with it. **The Western masses have fallen under the influence of the Jewish media who do not broadcast information on Muslims except to report that we butcher-without showing that the number of us butchered is much bigger.** It is our duty to lead people to light.

VIEWS OF AMERICA

Miller: You have been described as the "World's Most Wanted Man." There is word that the American government intends to put a price on your head in the millions [of dollars] for your capture. Do you think about that? Does it worry you?

Bin Ladin: Praise be to God. It does not worry us what the Americans think. What worries us is pleasing God. The Americans impose themselves on everyone who believes in his own religion and rights. They accuse our children in Palestine of being terrorists, children who have no weapons and have not even reached maturity. At the same time the Americans defend with their airplanes and tanks a country-the state of the Jews that has a policy of destroying the future of these children. Clinton stands after Qana [a town in Lebanon shelled by the Israelis]

and defends the horrible massacre that severed the heads of children and killed about one hundred persons. Clinton claims Israel has the right to defend itself. We do not worry about Americans' opinion, or the fact they place a price on our heads. As Muslims, we believe our fate is set. Even if the whole world decides to get together and kill us before our time has come, we will not die.

Miller: You have said, "If the Americans are so brave they will come and arrest me." Do you think that is something my country will try?

Bin Ladin: We have seen in the last decade the decline of the American government and the weakness of the American soldier. He is ready to wage cold wars but unprepared to fight hot wars. This was proven in Beirut when the Marines fled after two explosions, showing they can run in less than twenty-four hours. This was then repeated in Somalia. We are ready for all occasions, we rely on God.

Miller: Mr. bin Ladin, you have issued a fatwa [Islamic edict] calling on all Muslims to kill Americans where they can, when they can. Is that directed at all Americans, just American military, just Americans in Saudi Arabia?

Bin Ladin: As we mentioned before, God ordered us in this religion to purify Muslim land of all non-believers, and especially the Arabian Peninsula where the Ka'ba [in Mecca] is. After World War II, the Americans became more aggressive and oppressive, especially in the Muslim world. We are surprised this question is coming from Americans. Each action will solicit a similar reaction. We must use such punishment to keep your evil away from Muslims, Muslim children and women. American history does not distinguish between civilians and military, and not even women and children. Americans are the ones who used the bombs against Nagasaki. Can these bombs distinguish between infants and military? America does not have a religion that will prevent it from destroying all people. Your situation with Muslims in Palestine is shameful, if there is any shame left in America. In the Sabra and Shatilla massacre [of 1982], a cooperative effort between Zionist and Christian forces, houses were demolished over the heads of children. Also, according to testimony of relief workers in Iraq, the American-led sanctions resulted in the death of over one million Iraqi children. All of this was done in the name of American interests. We believe the Americans are the biggest thieves and terrorists in the world. We do not differentiate between those dressed in military uniforms and civilians; they are all targets in this fatwa. The fatwa includes all that share or take part in killing of Muslims, assaulting holy places, or those who help the Jews occupy Muslim land.

Miller: Ramzi Yusuf [the World Trade Center bomber] was a follower [of yours]. Do you remember him? Did you know him?

Bin Ladin: Ramzi Yusuf became a well-known Muslim personality after the World Trade Center bombing and all Muslims know him. Unfortunately, I did not know him before the incident. I remember him as a Muslim who defended Islam from American aggression. He undertook this effort to let Americans know that their government assaults Muslims to insure Israeli and Jewish interests. Americans will see many youths who follow Ramzi Yusuf.

Miller: Wali Khan Amin Shah was captured in Manila [on terrorist charges]. American authorities believed he was working for you, funded by you, setting up training camps there, and that part of his plan was to plan the assassination of President Clinton during his trip to Manila.

Bin Ladin: Wali Khan is a Muslim youth. In Afghanistan, he is nicknamed "The Lion." He is one of the best youths, and we were good friends. We fought together in the same trench against the Russians until God sent them away in humiliating defeat. You mentioned that he works for me. We do not have anyone who works for someone else. We all work for God and await his reward. And regarding your mention of his attempt to assassinate President Clinton, it is not surprising. I did not know about it, but it is not surprising. As I said, every action solicits a similar reaction. What does Clinton expect from those whom he killed and from those whose children and mothers he assaulted? This is not a surprising matter.

Miller: Federal authorities in the United States are still investigating their suspicion that you ordered and funded the attacks on the United States military in Khobar and Riyadh[, two military installations in Saudi Arabia].

Bin Ladin: We roused the people, the Muslims, and carried fatwas from our ulema [religious authorities] after the Saudi government imprisoned them to placate the American government. The most prominent [of the ulema] are Sheikh Salman bin Fahd al-'Uda and Safad bin 'Abd ar-Rahman al-Awali. We carried these fatwas and roused

the people to eject this enemy from the holy land [of Saudi Arabia]; some of the people listened, including Khalid as-Sa'id, 'Abd al-'Aziz al-Mu'aththam, Hamud al-Hajari and Muslih as-Samarra'i.² We pray that God grants them martyr status. They have raised the head of the Muslim nation high and washed away some of the dishonor we had to bear by the Saudi government's collaboration with the American government in the land of God. We look at these young men as great heroes and martyrs who followed the steps of the prophet, peace upon him. We called and they answered. We pray to God to accept them and bless their parents with patience.

Miller: You have been painted in America as a terrorist leader. To your followers you are a hero. How do you see yourself?

Bin Ladin: As I said before, we do not worry about what America says. We look at ourselves and our brethren as worshipers of God who created us to worship him and follow his books and prophets. I am one of God's worshipers. I worship God, which includes carrying out the jihad to raise God's word and evict the Americans from all Muslim land.

DESIRE TO DESTROY THE U.S.

Miller: No one expected the mujahidin [warriors engaged in jihad] to defeat the Russians in Afghanistan; that caused a surprise to everyone. What do you see as the future for the American involvement in the Middle East and taking on groups like yours?

Bin Ladin: NATO [the North Atlantic Treaty Organization], which America created, spent \$455 billion improving weaponry to protect Europe and America from Russians, and they did not fire a single shot. God stood with the Muslims, the Afghan mujahidin, and those who fought with them from other Muslim countries. We fought against the Russians and the Soviet Union until-not to say we defeated them, but God defeated them-they became non-existent. There is a lesson to learn from this for he who wishes to learn it. The Soviet Union entered [Afghanistan] in the last week of 1979, in December, and with God's help their flag was folded December 25, a few years later [1988], and thrown in the trash, and there was nothing left to call the Soviet Union. We are sure of God's victory and our victory against the Americans and the Jews as promised by the prophet, peace be upon him: "Judgment day shall not come until the Muslims fight the Jews, whereas the Jews will hide behind trees and stones, and the tree and the stone will speak and say, 'Muslim, behind me is a Jew; come and kill him,' except for the al-Ghargad tree, which is a Jewish plant." Our battle with the Americans is larger than our battle with the Russians. The Americans made a very stupid mistake that no one has made before. They attacked the Muslim symbol, the qibla, of 200 million people.³ The reaction was very encouraging by the Muslim scholars and the youth. We predict a black day for America and the end of the United States as the United States, and it will become separate states and will retreat from our land and collect the bodies of its sons back to America, God willing.

THE SAUDI ROYAL FAMILY

Miller: What do you see as the future of the Saudi royal family and their involvement with America and United States military?

Bin Ladin: History has an answer to your question. Any government that sells its peoples' interests and betrays its people and takes actions that removes it from the Muslim nation will not succeed. We predict that the Riyadh leader and those with him that stood with the Jews and Christians and forfeited al-Haramayn, the holy shrines [of Mecca and Medina], to Jews and Christians with American or other identities will disintegrate. They have abandoned the Muslim nation. We predict that as with the Iran royal family, the shah, they will disperse and disappear. After God gave them property on the most sacred land and gave them unheard-of wealth from oil, still they sinned and did not value God's gift. We predict their destruction and dispersal after they have devastated the entire Muslim nation, especially the Muslim people of Iraq. **The prophet said, "A woman entered hell because of a cat. She did not feed it and blocked it from finding food on its own." She is going to hell for blocking a cat;** what say those who agreed to the hundreds of thousands of troops who blockaded the millions of Muslims in Iraq?

Miller: Do you think the Saudi government wants the American military to stay?

Bin Ladin: This does not make a difference because of American opposition, aggression, and greed. The Americans came with [Saudi] government permission but now it makes no difference if the government wants them to stay or leave. You will leave only when the [Muslim] youth send you [home] in wooden boxes in which lie the bodies of American troops and civilians. The Muslim masses are moving towards liberating the Muslim world. God willing, we will win.

NEXT TARGETS

Miller: Describe the situation when your men took on the Americans in Somalia. Were you there?

Bin Ladin: After God honored us with victory in Afghanistan, and justice prevailed against those who slaughtered millions of Muslims in the Muslim republics, Muslim minds no longer believed in the myth of superpowers. The youth no longer saw America as a superpower. After leaving Afghanistan they headed for Somalia and prepared for a long battle, thinking that the Americans were like the Russians. They were surprised when the Americans entered with 300,000 troops, and collected other troops from around the world-5,000 from Pakistan, 5,000 from India, 5,000 from Bangladesh, 5,000 from Egypt, Senegal, and others like Saudi Arabia. The youth were surprised at the low morale of the American soldiers and realized more than before that the America soldiers are paper tigers. After a few blows, the Americans ran away in defeat. After a few blows, they forgot about being the world leader and the leader of the new world order. They left, dragging their corpses and their shameful defeat, and stopped using such titles. They learned in America that this name [i.e., God] is larger than them. When this great defeat took place I was in Sudan, and it pleased me very much, just as it pleases all Muslims. God willing, the next victory will be in Hijaz and Najd, [provinces of] Saudi Arabia, and it will cause Americans to forget the horrors of Vietnam and Beirut.

Miller: Many Americans believe that fighting army-to-army, like what happened in Afghanistan, is heroic for either army, but setting off bombs killing civilians and innocents like the World Trade Center is terrorism.

Bin Ladin: They talk one way but act another. After our victory in Afghanistan over the Russians, the world media, lead by the American media, started a campaign against us that is still going on today (despite the fact that the Russians left in 1989, almost ten years ago). They accuse us of being terrorists even though the mujahidin did not strike against the real terrorists, the Americans. That is one side. On the other side, American policy does not differentiate between civilians, soldiers, and children, or between humans and animals. I mentioned Nagasaki and Hiroshima, where they tried to eliminate a whole people. As for Muslim victims, Westerners and Christians testified to the death of hundreds of thousands of our children in Iraq. And there is Qana, Sabra and Shattila, Deir Yasin, and Bosnia. The Crusaders [i.e., Christians] continue their slaughter of our mothers, sisters, and children, and America every time supports them and prevents weapons from reaching the Muslims. You do not have a religion that prevents you from carrying out these actions. You do not have the right to object to like treatment. Every action solicits a reaction. It is a punishment that fits the crime. At the same time, our primary targets are military ones, plus those in the military's employment. Our religion forbids us to kill innocents-children and women who are not combatants. But women soldiers in the battle trenches receive the same treatment as combatant men.

GLOBAL TERROR, GLOBAL ENEMIES

Miller: Is there a high council of the leaders of different groups like yours that decides on ways and means to attack Americans?

Bin Ladin: After the Americans entered the holy land [i.e., Saudi Arabia in 1990], many emotions were roused in the Muslim world, more than we have seen before. A great meeting took place a few days ago in Pakistan, attended by a 150 scholars. Its goal was to work toward liberating the holy land and to coordinate efforts between Muslim masses. With God's blessings, scholars from Afghanistan, India, and other Muslim nations passed around individual fatwas, though no joint fatwas were passed; cooperation is expanding among supporters of this religion.

From this effort, the International Islamic Front for the Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders was formed, which we are a member of along with other groups. It has a Higher Council to coordinate rousing the Muslim nation to carry out jihad against Jews and Crusaders.

Miller: The American people by in large do not know the name Usama bin Ladin, but they soon will. Do you have a message to the American people?

Bin Ladin: I say that the American people gave power to a traitorous leadership. This became especially clear in Clinton's government. The American government is an agent that represents Israel inside America. Look at sensitive departments like the Defense Department or the State Department, or sensitive security departments like the CIA [Central Intelligence Agency] and others; you find that Jews have the first word in the American government. That is how they use America to carry out their plans in the world, especially in the Muslim world. The presence of Americans in the holy land [again, Saudi Arabia] supports the Jews and protects their backs. At a time when millions of Americans live on the street or below the poverty line, the American government is helping Israel occupy our land and build settlements in the holy land. The American government is throwing away the lives of Americans in Saudi Arabia for the interests of the Jews. The Jews are a people who God cited in his holy book, the Qur'an, as having attacked prophets with lies. They attacked Mary and accused her of a great sin. They are a people who killed God's prophets. Would they not kill, rape, and steal from humans? They believe all humans were created for their use; Americans they found to be the best suited to do their will. The American government is driving America to destruction. So, we tell the Americans as a people, and the mothers of soldiers and all American mothers, if they value their lives and those of their children, they should find a national government that will look after their interests, not those of the Jews. Continuation of the present tyranny will only bring the fighting to America, like Ramzi Yusuf and the others did. This is my message to the American people: look for a serious government that watches out for its interests and does not attack the lands or the honor of others.

HOLDING THE UNITED STATES RESPONSIBLE

Miller: Mr. bin Ladin, these are most of the questions we came with. Is there anything else that I did not ask that you would like to add?

Bin Ladin: The issue of liberating holy lands is not my personal desire, for I am just a servant of God and one of God's soldiers in the Muslim nation. The movement is driving forward, fast and light. I am sure of our victory, with God's help, against America and the Jews. Every day the Americans delay their departure from the Muslim countries, they will receive a new corpse. The American government has no choice but to pull its sons from the holy land [Saudi Arabia] especially and from the Muslim lands in general. It also has to refrain in any way from supporting the Israeli government that occupies our land. We place complete responsibility on the American government for its attacks against Muslims and its support of regimes in our countries that go against the best interest of the people. **We also hold it responsible for its attack on that symbol of Islam, Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman,⁴ one of the most prominent Islamic scholars whom God gave the courage to speak the truth. We hear that he is in bad health. He is a man beyond sixty years of age, he is blind, and America treats him badly. The imprisonment of Sheikh Omar is an attack on the Muslim religion and on Muslim countries. We hold the United States completely responsible for his imprisonment and the imprisonment of other Muslims in America. My advice to American journalists is: do not ask why we did what we did, but ask what their government had done that forced us to defend ourselves.**

¹ But bin Ladin's replies were not translated for Miller, who therefore could not ask follow-up questions.

² All of whom the Saudi government accused of the Riyadh bombing, tried, and executed.

³ Meaning Mecca; the qibla is the direction in which Muslims turn to pray.

⁴ In jail for life in Missouri for his role in the attempted bombing of New York landmarks.

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Convicted terrorist claims prison guard injured him; Allegation from Sheik Rahman under investigation

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A prison guard allegedly assaulted Sheik Rahman, convicted as the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing

NEW YORK (CNN) -- The Egyptian cleric convicted of being the mastermind behind the World Trade Center bombing was injured in an attack by a guard at the federal prison in Rochester, Minnesota, according to his lawyer. Federal authorities said they were investigating the allegation. Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, 61 and blind, suffered bruises to his arm and a bump on his head on August 8, attorney Ramsey Clark said. According to Clark, a corrections officer grabbed Abdel-Rahman by the arm and pushed him to the floor while the cleric was using the toilet at the prison, known as the Federal Medical Center. Abdel-Rahman was treated by a prison nurse, who told him he had been assaulted by a lieutenant, Clark said. Three days before the alleged attack, the same guard entered the cell about 4 a.m. and yelled and cursed at the sheik, Clark said. Daniel Dunne, a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons in Washington, said an investigation was under way but that he could not discuss its status. Earlier this week, a federal appeals court upheld the convictions of Abdel-Rahman and nine of his followers, saying their 1995 trial on charges of plotting to blow up New York landmark buildings was conducted fairly. Abdel-Rahman was sentenced to life in prison without parole after the nine-month trial. At least three of six men convicted in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, which killed six people and injured more than 1,000 others, were followers of the sheik.

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The New York Times

Prison Officer Abused Sheik In His Cell, F.B.I. Is Told

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation confirmed yesterday that it was investigating reports of an assault by a Federal prison employee on Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, the imprisoned Egyptian cleric whose followers bombed the World Trade Center and plotted to destroy New York landmarks. The sheik was reportedly assaulted at 6:30 A.M. on Aug. 8 at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minn., when a prison lieutenant entered his cell cursing and yelling and pushed, pulled or threw him off a toilet, causing a bump on the back of his head and bruising his arm. The F.B.I. is investigating, said Special Agent Paul McCabe, a spokesman for the bureau in Minneapolis. The agency routinely investigates reports of civil rights violations in United States prisons. Those familiar with the allegations said the incident was reported by the prison warden to the F.B.I., rather than by the sheik, who is 61. The F.B.I. sent three agents to interview Mr. Abdel Rahman in his cell. Ramsey Clark, Mr. Abdel Rahman's lawyer, said the sheik told him he did not complain to prison authorities about the attack and would not, though he did answer questions from the prison warden. Daniel Dunne, a United States Bureau of Prisons spokesman in Washington, said policies distributed to its 30,000 employees in the 94 Federal prisons clearly forbade mistreatment of inmates. "Allegations of mistreatment are thoroughly investigated," Mr. Dunne said. "If substantiated, appropriate action is taken." He said it was routine that the F.B.I. would handle the initial investigation of reports of civil rights violations, which are violations of constitutional rights. Mr. Clark said the attack on the sheik was especially alarming because Mr. Abdel Rahman is blind and is in declining health, hampered by worsening diabetes and by heart disease. "His isolation is so great that he is only authorized to talk to his lawyers and one 15-minute call a month to his wife in Cairo," Mr. Clark said. He said the assault surprised the sheik because prison employees usually do not enter the cell. They even slide his meals through a trap door, Mr. Clark said. Meanwhile, the London-based Arabic daily, Al-Hayat, reported yesterday that Mr. Abdel Rahman's Egyptian lawyer, Montasser el-Zayat, had sent a letter to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry asking it to press United States officials about the alleged assault. The letter said the foreign ministry should "put aside political differences between Abdel Rahman and the government" and address a case in which an Egyptian citizen and scholar was "being subjected to insults and abuse at the hands of the Americans." Mr. Zayat was unavailable for comment and the foreign ministry was closed yesterday. Mr. Abdel Rahman was sentenced to life in prison after he was convicted in 1995 of conspiracy for plotting to assassinate President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and approving bombings of the United Nations, F.B.I. headquarters in Manhattan and two tunnels and a bridge connecting New Jersey to Manhattan. The United States Court of Appeals for the Second District upheld the conviction of the sheik and nine others this week.

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DAILY NEWS

ANGER AMONG N.Y. MUSLIMS React to Hillary return of money

By Leslie Casimir | Monday, October 30th 2000, 2:14AM

Dr. Ahmad Jaber, a New Yorker since 1982, has voted for a lot of Democrats over the years. Bill Clinton. David Dinkins. Jimmy Carter. But all that is now in the past. On Nov. 7, this American Muslim, an obstetrician-gynecologist from Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, says, he'll vote Republican. "It's a tough choice - we might not agree with what they all stand for - but we're voting for [George W.] Bush and the other Republicans," said Jaber, 53. **Jaber and other Muslim New Yorkers interviewed yesterday say they were infuriated by Democratic Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton's decision last week to return \$51,000 in contributions from American Muslim groups after the Daily News reported that their members have advocated armed conflict with Israel.** "At least he [Bush] did not raise his voice and say I am against Muslim contributions," Jaber said. Bush, in fact, returned \$1,000 from one of the same contributors identified in the Daily News story. Still, New York Muslims yesterday seemed more upset with Hillary Clinton over the donation issue even though it was Clinton's GOP opponent, Rick Lazio, who called the funds "blood money. Muslims said they are more upset with Clinton for giving in to politics and returning the funds in an attempt to curry favor with Jewish voters. Clinton said the checks were being returned because of "offensive" and "outrageous" anti-Israel statements made by officials of the Muslim groups. Her decision only contributed to feelings that the U.S.' 6 million Muslims are being ignored by politicians. **"We feel that we have all been neglected,"** said Jaber, 53, chairman of the Islamic Mission of America, a mosque in **Brooklyn Heights.** "Now we want our voice to be heard." Although greatly outnumbered by Jewish voters, many in New York's Muslim community say they believe their votes should matter - and can make a difference. "We're Americans, too," said Saleh Thabet, 39, an import-export businessman from Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn. "She [Clinton] had no right to return that money. It's like she's saying that she doesn't want to represent us." "Muslim and Jews both have the right to express their religious views," said 65-year-old Assaad Moustafa of Borough Park, Brooklyn. "This is America, isn't it?" Aisha Al-Adawiya, an African-American from Harlem, said she's not surprised by any of this, calling for American Muslims to not support either Senate candidate. "I think neither party deserves our vote," she said. "For both parties have had total disregard for Muslim issues around the world."

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Bin Ladin Determined To Strike in US



Clandestine, foreign government, and media reports indicate Bin Ladin since 1997 has wanted to conduct terrorist attacks in the US. Bin Ladin implied in US television interviews in 1997 and 1998 that his followers would follow the example of World Trade Center bomber Ramzi Yousef and "bring the fighting to America."

After US missile strikes on his base in Afghanistan in 1998, Bin Ladin told followers he wanted to retaliate in Washington, according to a [REDACTED] service.

An Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ) operative told an [REDACTED] service at the same time that Bin Ladin was planning to exploit the operative's access to the US to mount a terrorist strike.

The millennium plotting in Canada in 1999 may have been part of Bin Ladin's first serious attempt to implement a terrorist strike in the US. Convicted plotter Ahmed Ressam has told the FBI that he conceived the idea to attack Los Angeles International Airport himself, but that Bin Ladin lieutenant Abu Zubaydah encouraged him and helped facilitate the operation. Ressam also said that in 1998 Abu Zubaydah was planning his own US attack.

Ressam says Bin Ladin was aware of the Los Angeles operation.

Although Bin Ladin has not succeeded, his attacks against the US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998 demonstrate that he prepares operations years in advance and is not deterred by setbacks. Bin Ladin associates surveilled our Embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam as early as 1993, and some members of the Nairobi cell planning the bombings were arrested and deported in 1997.

Al-Qa'ida members—including some who are US citizens—have resided in or traveled to the US for years, and the group apparently maintains a support structure that could aid attacks. Two al-Qa'ida members found guilty in the conspiracy to bomb our Embassies in East Africa were US citizens, and a senior EIJ member lived in California in the mid-1990s.

A clandestine source said in 1998 that a Bin Ladin cell in New York was recruiting Muslim-American youth for attacks.

We have not been able to corroborate some of the more sensational threat reporting, such as that from a [REDACTED] service in 1998 saying that Bin Ladin wanted to hijack a US aircraft to gain the release of "Blind Shaykh" 'Umar 'Abd al-Rahman and other US-held extremists.

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— Nevertheless, FBI information since that time indicates patterns of suspicious activity in this country consistent with preparations for hijackings or other types of attacks, including recent surveillance of federal buildings in New York.

The FBI is conducting approximately 70 full field investigations throughout the US that it considers Bin Ladin-related. CIA and the FBI are investigating a call to our Embassy in the UAE in May saying that a group of Bin Ladin supporters was in the US planning attacks with explosives.

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FBI Response to E-mail Rumor

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An anonymous internet electronic-mail (e-mail) message has been widely circulated pertaining to an Arab male who warned his wife not to fly on September 11, 2001 and not to go to any shopping mall on **October 31, 2001**. The e-mail further states that the Arab male disappeared prior to the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The FBI has conducted an inquiry into the source of this e-mail and determined that the alleged threat is not credible.

ORIGINAL EMAIL:

Hi All -

I think you all know that I don't send out hoaxes and don't do the reactionary thing and send out anything that crosses my path. This one, however, is a friend of a friend and I've given it enough credibility in my mind that I'm writing it up and sending it out to all of you. My friend's friend was dating a guy from Afghanistan up until a month ago. She had a date with him around 9/6 and was stood up. She was understandably upset and went to his home to find it completely emptied. On 9/10, she received a letter from her boyfriend explaining that he wished he could tell her why he had left and that he was sorry it had to be like that. The part worth mentioning is that he BEGGED her not to get on any commercial airlines on 9/11 and to **not to go any malls on Halloween**. As soon as everything happened on the 11th, she called the FBI and has since turned over the letter. This is not an email that I've received and decided to pass on. This came from a phone conversation with a long-time friend of mine last night. I may be wrong, and I hope I am. However, with one of his warnings being correct and devastating, I'm not willing to take the chance on the second and wanted to make sure that people I cared about had the same information that I did.

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By Tayseer Allouni, 20 July 2002

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A Discussion on the New Crusader Wars Tayseer Allouni with Usamah bin Laden

This interview was obtained from Markaz Derasat and translated by 'Muawiya Ibn Abi Sufyan'

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This was translated because it is a real goldmine for the ones who want to understand the Mujaahideen's political and religious way of thinking. It is a shame that Al-Jazeera refused to air this, for dull reasons which won't escape the attentive reader. Out of all of the footage released

after September 11th, this interview is the one piece of footage to receive the least amount of attention. It was never shown in full, nor talked about in great depth. In a brief 5-minute story bit on this interview, CNN quoted the following [exact translation they used]:

* *“The battle has moved to inside America. We will continue this battle, God permitting, until victory or until we meet God.”*

* *“I tell you, freedom and human rights in America are doomed. The U.S. government will lead the American people and the West in general into an unbearable hell and a choking life.”*

* *“America has made many accusations against us and many other Muslims around the world. Its charge that we are carrying out acts of terrorism is unwarranted.”*

* *“If inciting people to do that is terrorism, and if killing those who kill our sons is terrorism, then let history be witness that we are terrorists.”*

* *“These diseases are a punishment from God and a response to oppressed mothers prayers in Lebanon, Iraq, Palestine and everywhere.”*

* *“We kill the kings of the infidels, kings of the crusaders and civilian infidels in exchange for those of our children they kill. This is permissible in Islamic law and logically.” ... “So we kill their innocents, and I say it is permissible in Islamic law and logic.”*

* *“They made hilarious claims. They said that Osama’s messages have codes in them to the terrorists. It’s as if we were living in the time of mail by carrier pigeon, when there were no phones, no travellers, no Internet, no regular mail, no express mail and no electronic mail. I mean, these are very humorous things. They discount people’s intellects.”*

* *“We believe that the defeat of America is possible, with the help of God, and is even easier for us — God permitting — than the defeat of the Soviet Union was.”*

* *“Our brothers, who were here in Afghanistan, tested them [the Americans], and together with some of the mujahadeen in Somalia, God granted them victory. America exited dragging its tails in failure, defeat, and ruin.”*

Interview Begins

Usamah bin Laden: May Allah greet you [*hayyakallah*].

Tayseer Allouni: A question that is repeated on the tongues of a lot of people all around the world: The USA claims that it has convincing proof of your involvement in the events of New York and Washington. What is your answer to that?

UBL: Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon Muhammad, his pure family and his noble Companions.

To proceed: As to its description that these acts were terroristic, then that description is wrong. These young men, whom Allah has cleared the way for, they have shifted the battle to the heart of the United States and they have destroyed its most outstanding [*abraz*] landmarks, their economic landmarks and their military landmarks, that being with the grace of Allah [*dhalika fadlu allah*]. And they have done this from what we understand, and we have incited and roused

for this [*harradna*] before, and it is in self-defense, defense of our brothers and sons in Palestine and for freeing our holy sites. And if inciting [*tahrid*] for this is terrorism, and if killing the ones that kill our sons is terrorism, then let history witness that we are terrorists.

TA: Alright, but Shaykh, those who monitor your speeches and documents have connected the oath you have given recently, and you have said word for word: “I swear by Allah Almighty, Who lifted the sky without effort, that America will never enjoy safety, until safety becomes a reality for us living in Palestine.” So, it is easy for any follower of these events to connect between the terrorist events that happened in New York and Washington and that previous statement. So what is your opinion on these sayings?

UBL: Making connections is easy. If it implies that we have incited for this, then yes, we’ve been inciting for years, and we released legal rulings [*fataawa*] and documents concerning this issue, and other incitements which were published and broadcasted in the media. So if they mean, or if you mean, that there is connection due to the incitement, then that is true. So we incite, and incitement is appointed [*muta`ayyin*] today, and Allah has asked it from the best of humans, the Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*).

Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) said:

“Then fight O Muhammad (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*) in the Cause of Allah, you are not tasked (held responsible) except for yourself, and incite the believers (to fight along with you), it may be that Allah will restrain the evil might of the disbelievers. And Allah is Stronger in Might and Stronger in punishing.” [*Qur’an*(4):84]

And what He meant as the goal for the disbelievers is fighting and combat. So that connection is right, that we have incited and roused for the killing of Americans and Jews. That is true.

TA: Alright, Shaykh Usamah bin Laden, the al-Qai`dah Organization is facing today a state that dominates the world militarily, politically, and technologically. So with what reason does the al-Qai`dah Organization, whose material capabilities don’t precisely come close to the capabilities that the USA has, so with what logic can an organization, like al-Qai`dah, defeat the USA militarily for example?

UBL: *Alhamdulillah*... I say that the battle isn’t between the al-Qai`dah Organization [*tanzeem al-Qai`dah*] and the world Crusaders. The battle is between Muslims – the people of Islam – and the world Crusaders. And that organization, with the grace of Allah [*bifadlillah*], used to be with our Afghan Mujaahideen brothers, and the people used to say words like this and even stronger: “How could you defeat the Soviet Empire ?” And at that time, the Soviet Empire was a force that was very, very strong, which scared the whole world and NATO used to shake in fear in front of the Soviet Empire. So where is that strong force that Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) has sent toward us [*manna allahu `alayna*] and our Mujaahideen brothers ?

The Soviet Empire has become – with Allah’s grace – a figment of the imagination [*athran ba`da`ayn, lit. traces before the eye*]. Today, there is no more Soviet Empire, it split into smaller states and Russia is left. So the One (Allah) who prolonged us with one of His helping Hands and

stabilized us (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) to defeat the Soviet Empire, is capable (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) to prolong us again and to allow us to defeat America on the same land (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*), and with the same sayings, and that is the grace of Allah [*waa dhaalika fadlullah*] (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*). So we believe that the defeat of America is something achievable – with the permission of Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) – and it is easier on us – with the permission of Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) – than the defeat of the Soviet Empire previously.

TA: How do you think it's easy? Why do you think it's easier?

UBL: We have tried...like our brothers who have engaged in battle with the Americans, similar to the example in Somalia. We have not found before a force that can be mentioned. There is a very huge awe [*haala*] about America, which it uses to scare people before it engages the battle. So our brothers that were here in Afghanistan tried, and Allah has cleared the path for them with some of the Mujaahideen in Somalia. So America left, dragging behind the tails of humiliation, defeat and loss, without turning back for anything [*tajurru athyaal alkhayba wal hazimah wal khusraan laa talwee`alaa shay*], and it retreated before expected, and it forgot all that great media hype about the New World Order, and how it was the master of that order, and that it can do whatever it pleases. It forgot all those facts, and it picked up its armies and it retreated in defeat with Allah's grace (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*). So we tried combat against the Russians, from '79 until '89, 10 years – with the grace of Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) – then we continued against the Communists in Afghanistan. Today we are at the end of the second week, and what a difference like night and day between both battles [*shattaana shattaana bayna al-ma`rakatayn*]. So we implore Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) to prolong us with one of His helping Hands [*yamduduna bimadadin min`indihi*] and to break America, for He is capable of that.

TA: Alright Shaykh, in connection to the land, you have said that we will defeat America on this land. Don't you think that the existance of the al-Qai`dah Organization on the land of Afghanistan is making the Afghan people pay a high price?

UBL: Well, that view is partial and incomplete, and only from one angle. When we first came to Afghanistan, and when we came to give victory to the Mujaahideen when the Russians entered, in 1399H (1979AD), the Saudi government officially asked us to not enter Afghanistan. Due to my entry to Afghanistan, and due to my family's closeness to the Saudi governmental system, a letter arrived commanding Usamah not to enter Afghanistan, and to stay with the Muhaajireen (immigrants) in Peshawar, because in case the Russians were to imprison or capture Usamah, then that would be proof showing Saudi backing of the Mujaahideen against the Soviet Empire. And during that time, the whole world shook in fear from the Soviet Empire, and I am not exaggerating about this prohibition (to enter Afghanistan), so from their point of view, this seemed damaging to them. They were forced because of their opinions.

So when we came to the Afghans during the first time, we endured what we had to endure, in desire to liven the Islamic self [*li ihyaa' al-nafs al-muslima*], and to safekeep the Muslim children and offspring here, and for victory for the religion [*deen*]. And that is a duty on all the Muslims, not just the Afghans. So if I went, or some of my brothers that came for jihaad, acted upon this duty, (which is) to bring victory to our brothers in Palestine, then that does not mean that Usamah alone has to endure this, but it is a duty [*waajib*] on all of the Islamic Nation [*ummah*] to endure this, because it is in the Way of Allah [*feesabilillah*] and jihaad is designated [*muta`ayyin*] today on all of us, on the Afghans and others, and it is true that they endure, but this is an Islamic duty [*waajib shar`i*] and it is a duty for them and others to support this [*feesabilillah*]....

Interrupted

| **Taysir Allouni:** Let us go back to what happened...

Usamah bin Laden: and in addition to the matters related to the bombing of the Afghans that say that it is only due to us (the Mujaahideen), the reason is not personal. America didn't start by taking my money and didn't hurt me at all, but due to our incitement against the Jews and the Americans in protection of the Islamic Nation [*difaa`an`an ummatil islaam*], those words came from them. And it is a known fact that America is against the establishment of any Islamic state, and the Prince of Believers [*Ameerul Mu'mineen, Mullah Muhammad`Umar of Kandahar*] has declared that on more than one occasion, and so have a lot of the big students [*talibs*], indicating that they are targeted because of their religion [*deen*], not just because of the presence of Usamah bin Laden. And like he (Mullah`Umar) said, the British came and they were defeated in Afghanistan before Usamah was to be found here, and the Russians came, before we did, and now the Americans have come, and we implore Allah to defeat them like He defeated their previous allies.

| **TA:** Let us go back to the transgressions that happened in New York and Washington. What is your analysis about what happened – its effect on America, and its effect on the Islamic world? The question in two parts, if you please.

UBL: I say the events that happened on Tuesday 11th September on New York and Washington, that is truly a great event in all measures, and it's claims until this moment are not over and are still continuing. And if the fall of the towers, with the twins on it's head, was an event that was huge, then consider the events that followed it... let us talk about the economic claims [*tadaa`iyat iqtisaadiyah*], which are still continuing.

According to their own admissions, the share of the losses on the Wall Street Market reached 16%. They said that this number is a record, which has never happened since the opening of the market more than 230 years ago. This large collapse has never happened. The gross amount that is traded in that market reaches 4 trillions dollars. So if we multiply 16% with \$4 trillion to find out the loss that affected the stocks, it reaches \$640 billion of losses from stocks, with Allah's grace (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*). So this amount, for example, is the budget [*miizaniyah*] of Sudan for 640 years. They have lost this, due to an attack that happened with the success of

Allah lasting one hour only. The daily income of the American nation is \$20 billion. The first week they didn't work at all due to the psychological shock of the attack, and even until today some don't work due to the attack. So if you multiply \$20 billion by 1 week, it comes out to \$140 billion, and it is even bigger than this. If you add it to the \$640 billion, we've reached how much? Approximately \$800 billion. The cost of the building losses and construction losses? Let us say more than \$30 billion. Then they have fired or liquidated until today, or a couple of days ago, from the airline companies more than 170,000 employees. That includes cargo plane companies, and commercial airlines, and American studies and analysis have mentioned that 70% of the American people even until today still suffer from depression and psychological trauma, after the incident of the two towers, and the attack on the Defense Ministry, the Pentagon – thanks to Allah's grace (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*). One of the well-known American hotel companies, Intercontinental, has fired 20,000 employees – thanks to Allah's grace (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*). Those claims cannot be calculated by anyone due to their very large scale, multitude and complexity – and it is increasing thanks to Allah's grace (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) – so watch as the amount reaches no less than \$1 trillion by the lowest estimate – thanks to Allah's grace (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) – due to these successful and blessed attacks. We implore Allah to accept those brothers within the ranks of the martyrs, and to admit them to the highest levels of Paradise.

But I mention that there are also other events that took place, bigger, greater and more dangerous than the collapse of the towers. It is that this Western civilization, which is backed by America, has lots its values and appeal [*qiyamuhaa*]. The immense materialistic towers were destroyed, which preach Freedom, and Human Rights, and Equality. It became a total mockery [*hadha'an manthuura*] and that clearly appeared when the US government interfered and banned the media outlets from airing our words which don't exceed a few minutes, because they felt that the truth started to appear to the American people, and that we truly aren't terrorists by the definition they want, but because we are being violated in Palestine, in Iraq, in Lebanon, in Sudan, in Somalia, in Kashmir, in the Philippines and in every place, and that this is a reaction from the young men of this nation [*ummah*] against the violations by the British Government. Therefore, they declared what they declared, and they ordered what they ordered, and they forgot everything they mentioned about Free Speech, and Unbiased Opinion and all those matters. So I say that Freedom and Rights in America, and Human Rights, have been sent forward to the guillotine with no return unless they are quickly reinstated.

The government will take the American people and the West in general will enter into a choking life, into an unsupportable hell, because of the fact that those governments have very strong ties, and are under the payroll, of the Zionist lobby, which serves the needs of Israel who kills our sons and our children without right so that they can keep on ruling with total control.

TA: As for the effects of these actions on the Islamic world, there has been a clash of opinions. There are some that say things that have been believed in the Islamic world, and you hear all the official statements, and the statements of the people that can make statements, always saying that those attacks are terrorist actions and that these are innocent civilians, and that we won't accept those attacks, and that those things don't concord with the modern Islamic religion, and along those lines. So what is your opinion concerning what you have been able to follow of news concerning what happens in the Islamic world with the network that you own or run all around the world?

UBL: I say that the events have proved in a very clear manner the magnitude of the terrorism America inflicts in the world. So Bush admitted that there can only be two kinds of people: one being Bush and his followers, and any nation that doesn't follow the Bush government, or the World Crusade, then they are guaranteed to be with the terrorists. So what kind of terrorism is more terrifying and clearer than that?

So a lot of countries that can't speak for themselves, followed that strong world terrorism, and were also forced to say at the beginning that they were with him (Bush), and they all know without any doubt that we fight to protect our brothers and our holy sites. So the declarations of the leaders, either in the East or the West, were that the causes and roots of terrorism have to be removed. After asking what they are, they said it is the Palestine issue. We being part of a fair issue, but in fear of America, they could not say that our issue is fair, so they call us terrorists and then ask us to fix the Palestine issue. So based on those recent events and what they ensued, Bush and Blair quickly moved and said that now is the time to create an independent nation for Palestine. *Subhanallah* [meaning, "Glory unto Allah," in this usage as "Amazing!"] !! During the last 10 years the time was not ready, only until the attacks happened??

So they won't wisen up without the language of beatings and killings. So like they kill us, without a doubt we have to kill them, until we obtain a balance in terror [*tawaazun fil ru`b*]. This is the first time that the scale of terror got closer between both sides, between the Muslims and the Americans in these recent times, and those Americans did to us whatever they pleased, and the victim isn't even allowed to cry. And then Clinton comes out and tells us that Israel has the right to defend itself, after the slaughter of Qanaa (in Lebanon). They didn't even give the Israelis a warning! And when the new President Bush came with Minister Colin Powell, within the first months of their rule, they said that they would move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and Jerusalem will be the eternal capital of Israel, and the Congress and the Senate clapped for them. That is hypocrisy beyond any hypocrisy, and this is a clear mistreatment.

They will not wisen unless the attacks fall on their heads, and with the grace of Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*), the battle has moved inside America. We will strive to keep it going – with Allah's permission – until victory is attained or until we meet Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) (through martyrdom).

TA: But Shaykh, from what I see from your answers, you say them always about Palestine and about the Palestinian issue. So let me ask you the question, your latest statements, or precisely a statement that appeared a few years ago that preached killing Jews and Crusaders, and we remember that the title had between quotes a famous hadeeth, “Expel the *mushrikeen*(polytheists) from the Arabian peninsula”[narrated by al-Bukhaari (2932) and Muslim (3089)], you concentrated on the expulsion of the Americans from the Arabian peninsula. So in your latest speeches we see a decrease in that. You have put forth the Palestinian issue, or like you call it the Aqsa issue, to the forefront, and you moved the issue of the Haramain to a secondary spot so to speak. So what is your opinion or argument on this matter?

UBL: I say that with no doubt jihaad is mandatory on all Muslims [*fard `ayn*] to free the Aqsa, or to save the weak in Palestine and in Lebanon and in Iraq and in all Islamic lands, and there is no doubt that freeing the Arabian peninsula from the polytheists [*mushrikeen*] is also mandatory on all Muslims [*fard `ayn*].

And concerning the talk that Usamah has put the Palestinian issue to the forefront, that is not true. “Al-`Abd al-Faqir” has a speech from the year 1407H (1986AD) that incites Muslims to boycott American products, and I used to say that the Americans take our money and give it to the Jews so they can kill our children with it in Palestine. That is mandatory on all Muslims [*fard `ayn*] and this is mandatory on all Muslims [*fard `ayn*], and there are a lot of mandatory things [*furood a `yaan*] in jihaad, like Kashmir amongst others, and from the battle front that was created a few years ago, the title of which was called: “The Islamic Front of Jihaad Against the Jews and Crusaders” [*al-Jabha al-Islaamiyya lil-Jihaad Dudda al-Yahood wal-Saliibiyeen*].

So our mention of those two issues or two topics, is of utmost importance. So some of the events of recent times might push one issue over the other, so we move towards that direction, without ignoring the other.

TA: What are the events that have pushed you to the Palestinian issue?

UBL: In recent times, the new rise of the blessed Intifada, the Intifada of Rajab. It helped push towards that direction, and that was the biggest reason that helped this issue, and concerning our pushing, we only strive to do our duty without feeling religiously ashamed. All the above issues affect each other. The attack on the Americans concerning the Palestine issue helps in regards to the Haramain issue, and vice versa, and attacking the Americans because they are considered to be a protective shield for the Jews in the areas of Tabook (*a Northern Saudi province close to Jordan, home of the King Faisal Air Base*) and the eastern regions (*of Saudia*).

TA: Alright Shaykh, now concerning the Jews and the Crusaders, like you say, you have written fataawa concerning the presence of jihaad against the Jews and Crusaders. From what we have seen from other fataawa written by scholars, there are some that support you, but there are also some who argued and some who protested your fataawa. They say under which basis can we kill a Jew just because of his religion? Or the Crusader or the Nazarene (Christian), because of his religion only? So your *fataawa* have differed and don't have any relation with the *fataawa* of the other scholars.

UBL: *Alhamdulillah*. I will say that these issues have raised a lot of *fataawa* from the Muslims. In Pakistan, there are a lot of the *fataawa* that appeared from scholars, one of the biggest being Mufti Nizamudeen Shaamzi (*Head legal advisor of the Taliban*), and in the land of the Arabs, precisely the land of the Haramain, a lot of approved and repeated *fataawa* appeared. One of the best of them being that of Shaykh Hammood bin `Abdullah bin Uqla ash-Shu`aybee, may Allah bless his life, who is one of the biggest scholars in the homes of the Haramain, who incites the duty of fighting the Americans and fighting the Israelis in Palestine, making their blood and wealth permissible [*yubihu dimaa'ihim wa amwaalihim*]. Also appeared a *fatwa* from Shaykh Sulaymaan al-`Ulwaan, and also appeared a book written by one of the talibs of knowledge, *The Truth About the Modern Crusader Wars [Haqiqat al-Huroob al-Saliibiyah al-Jadeedah]*, and he denounced those who say that this fighting is invalid, and whoever disagrees with true *sharee`ah*, and spoke against other wrongdoings [*mafaasiq*]. Yes, so he wrote well, we implore Allah to bless him.

| TA: What about the killing of innocent civilians?

UBL: Killing innocent civilians, like Americans and other educated people say, is something very weird to be said. I mean, who is the one that said that our children and our civilians are not innocents, and that their blood is permissible [*mubaah*] ? In the case we kill their civilians, the whole world yells at us from east to west, and America would start pushing its allies and puppets. Who is the one that said that our blood isn't blood and their blood is blood? Who is the one that declared this? What about the people that have been killed in our lands for decades? More than 1,000,000 children died in Iraq and are still dying, so why don't we hear people that cry or protest or anyone who reassures or anyone who gives condolences??!

And it is said in truth of our Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*) in the *hadeeth saheeh*: "A woman has entered hell because of a cat it tied without giving it food or without letting it eat from the blessings of the earth." [*narrated by al-Bukhaari (2236) and Muslim (2242)*] And that is just because of a cat, so what about the millions of Muslims that are getting killed?? Where are the educated?? Where are the writers?? Where are the scholars?? Where are the free?? Where are the ones who have one atom of faith [*imaan*] in their hearts?? How do these people move when civilians die in the America, when we are killed everyday?? Everyday in Palestine, children are killed. There is a great dysfunction in people today, which needs to be stopped right away by all means, and to recalculate the numbers (of the dead). There is a strong instinct in humans, in which they lean towards the strong without feeling it, so when they talk about us, they know we will not answer them, and if they stand behind the lines of the governments and the Americans, they will think that they will feel something we don't.

A long time ago, one of the Kings that came on the ancient Arabs killed a man from the Arabs [*story mentioned in the 85th Surah (al-Burooj), and narrated by Muslim (4/7148)*], so the people became tamed to the fact that Kings kill humans. So the brother of the deceased stood in the front of the king and killed him, and when the victim who lost his brother was victorious, the people criticized him, saying: "You kill a King just because of your brother?" So who permitted

that King? These are both equals souls, and the blood of the Muslims is equal, and in those times their blood was equal, so that gentle man replied: "My brother is my King." And today all our brothers in Palestine are our Kings, so we kill the Kings of disbelief [*kufur*] and the Kings of the Crusaders, and the civilians amongst the disbelievers, as opposed to the amount of our sons they kill, and that is correct both religiously and logically.

| **Tayseer Allouni:** So you say that this is treatment with the same action? They kill our innocent, so we kill theirs?

Usamah bin Laden: Yes, so we kill their innocents, and that is valid both religiously and logically. Because some of the people who talk about this issue, some talk about it from a religious point of view...

| **TA:** What is their proof?

UBL: They say that this is wrong and invalid [*laa yajuz*], and for proof, they say that the Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*) forbade the killing of children and women, and that is true. It is valid and has been said by the Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*) (in authentic narration)...

| **TA:** This is what we are asking about exactly! This is what we are exactly questioning ourselves about!

UBL: ...But this forbidding of killing children and innocents... is not general [*mutlaqan*] and there are other writings that uphold it [*nusus ukhra tuqayiduhu*].

Allah's (*subhannahu wa ta'aala*) saying:

"And if you punish (your enemy, O you believers in the Oneness of Allah), then punish them with the like of that with which you were afflicted..." [*Qur'an*(16):126]

The scholars and people of the knowledge [*ahlu al-`ilm*], amongst them 'Sahib al-Ikhtiyarat', and Ibn al-Qayyim (*rahimahullah*), and Shawkaani, and a lot of others, and Qurtubi (*rahimahullah*) in his *tafseer*, say that if the disbelievers were to kill our children and women, then we should not feel ashamed to do the same to them, mainly to deter them from trying to kill our children and women again. And that is from a religious standpoint, and those who speak without any knowledge in *sharee`ah*, saying that killing such a child is not valid and what not, and having full knowledge that those young men, that Allah has cleared the way for, didn't intend to kill children, but instead, they attacked the biggest center of military power in the world, the Pentagon, which contains more than 64,000 workers, a military base which has a big concentration of army and intelligence...

Interrupted

| **TA:** What about the World Trade Center...?

UBL: As for the World Trade Center, the ones who were attacked and who died in it were a financial power. It wasn't a children's school! And it wasn't a residence. And the general consensus is that most of the people who were in there were men that backed the biggest financial force in the world that spreads worldwide mischief [*ta`ithu fil ardi fasaadaa*]. And those individuals should stand for Allah, and to re-think and re-do their calculations. We treat others like they treat us. Those who kill our women and our innocent, we kill their women and innocent, until they stop from doing so.

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TA: But now, Shaykh Usamah, the media outlets and the security services also, say that you lead a network with a very big reach, which spreads over 40 or 50 countries as some say, and that the al-Qai`dah Organization has very big capabilities, and that you use those capabilities a lot to order missions. That you support many Islamic Organizations or movements, which are called in some places "terroristic." The question that we ask you is, what is the magnitude of the involvement of the al-Qai`dah Organization, or what is the type of involvement that exists between the al-Qai`dah Organization and with the personality of Usamah bin Laden?

UBL: *Alhamdulillah*. I say in response to what you said, and which I have stated before, that this matter isn't about any specific person [*laa yakhussu al-`abd al-faqir, lit. doesnt involve the poor servant*], and that it is not about the al-Qai`dah Organization. We are the children of an Islamic Nation, with Prophet Muhammad (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*) as its leader, our Lord is one (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*), our Prophet is one (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*), our Qibla (*the direction Muslims face during prayer*) is one, we are one nation [*ummah*], and our Book (*the Qur'an*) is one. And this blessed Book, with the tradition [*Sunnah*] of our generous Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*), has religiously commanded us [*alzatamna*] with the brotherhood of faith [*ukhuwat al-imaan*], and all the true believers [*mu'mineen*] are brothers.

So the situation isn't like the West portrays it, that there is an "organization" with a specific name (such as "al-Qai`dah") and so on. That particular name is very old. It was born without any intention from us. Brother Abu Ubaida (*rahimahullah*) al-Banshiri [*Panjshiri, which is a large valley north of Kabul populated by Tajiks*] created a military base to train the young men to fight against the vicious, arrogant, brutal, terrorizing Soviet empire, which was a truth to all observers [*al-baghi, al-ghaashim, al-mulhid, al-irhaabi haqiqatan lil mu'aamilin*]. So this place was called "The Base" ["*Al-Qai`dah*"], as in a training base, so this name grew and became. We aren't separated from this nation [*ummah*]. We are the children of a nation, and we are an unseperable part of it, and from those public demonstrations which spread from the far east, from the Philippines, to Indonesia, to Malaysia, to India, to Pakistan, reaching Mauritania... and so we discuss the conscience of this nation [*ummah*].

These young men that have sacrificed their selves – may Allah accept them – in New York and Washington, those are the ones that speak the truth about the conscience of this nation [*al-mutahaddithun `an dameer hathihi al-ummah*], and they are its vibrant conscience that sees that

it is imperative to take revenge from the evildoers and transgressors and criminals and terrorists [*al-thalim, al-baghi, al-mujrim, al-irhaabi*] that terrorize the true believers. So not all terrorism is restrained or ill-advised [*mathmoom*]. There is terrorism that is ill-advised and there is terrorism that is good feat [*mahmood*]. So, if we follow their words, the criminal and the thief feels that he is terrorized from the police. So, do we tell the police that they are terrorists and that they terrorized the thief? No, so the terrorism of the police towards the criminals is good feat, and the terrorism that is being exercised by the criminals on the true believers, that is wrong and ill-advised [*mathmoom*]. So America and Israel practice ill-advised terrorism, and we practice terrorism that is good feat, which deters those [*yarda`*] from killing our children in Palestine and other places...

TA: Alright, Shaykh Usamah, what is your strategy concerning the Arab states? What is being seen is that some Arab states have discussed what happened in New York and Washington and they have backed the American claims against you, and by standing behind what happened in New York and Washington. Some Arab states were most strong in their criticism, like for example the latest speech of the Saudi Interior Minister, who warned against you personally, and warned against the following of your curriculum [*nahjikum*] and what you say. So do you have a specific strategy for Arab nations? And what is your answer about the latest declaration by the Saudi Interior Minister?

UBL: I assure that we are a part of this nation [*ummah*], that our goal is the victory of our nation, and the struggle to lift mischief, inequality, irresponsibility and the acceptance of staying away from them [*dhul, dhulm, hawaan, wal qunuu` `anha*], and the removal of the man-made laws that America has forced on its agents in the area so that this nation [*ummah*] could be ruled by the Book that has been sent down by its Creator, Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*).

So I listened to some of the words of the Interior Minister and he blamed us directly, also saying that "those people call Muslims disbelievers" [*yukaffiruna al-muslemeen*] – we seek Allah's refuge from this [*ma`athallah min thalik*]! We think that the Muslims are Muslims, and we don't call any Muslims disbelievers unless they specifically commit one of the well-known big wrongdoings [*naaqitha*] of Islam, while having full knowledge that this is one of the actions of wrongdoings in religion.

So I say that, in general, our concern is that this nation [*ummah*] unites either under the Words of the Book of Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) or His Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*), and the movement of this nation to the establishment of the righteous Khilafah of the nation [*ummah*], which has been prophesized by our Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*) in his hadeeth saheeh [*narrated by at-Tirmidhi*], that the righteous *Khilafah* will return with the permission of Allah (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*), and the nation [*ummah*] is asked to unite itself under this Crusaders' campaign, the strongest, most powerful, and most ferocious [*ashad wa a`naf wa ashtras*] Crusaders' campaign to fall on the Islamic nation [*ummah*] since the dawn of Islamic history. There has been past Crusader wars, but there has never been a campaign like this one before.

So Bush has declared with his own tongue (words): "Crusade attack." [*Usamah bin Laden pronounced these words in English*] So the odd in this is that they have said what we didn't have to say (*that this war is a crusade*). Some people also believe, as it is said about us, like the Minister's words, that we make takfeer on Muslims – we seek Allah's refuge from this [*ma`athallahu min thaalik*!] But, when Bush speaks, people make apologies for him and they say that he didn't mean that this war is a Crusade, even though he said himself that it was a Crusade!!

So the image of the world today is split in two parts, like Bush said, either you are with us, or you are with terrorism. Either you are with the Crusade, or you are with Islam. Bush's image today is of him being in front of the line, carrying his big cross while yelling. And I swear by Allah Almighty, that whomever walks behind Bush or his plan, has rejected the teachings [*millah*] of Muhammad (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*), and this ruling is one of the clearest of rulings in the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*), and I advise, like I have advised before and like a lot of scholars have advised before, that the proof for this is the Almighty's words while speaking to the true believers:

"O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as Auliya' (friends, protectors, helpers, etc.), they are but Auliya' to one another. And if any amongst you takes them as Auliya', then surely he is one of them..." and this is the ruling: "And if any amongst you takes them as Auliya', then surely he is one of them..." "Verily, Allah guides not those people who are the Zaalimoon (polytheists, wrong-doers, and unjust)." [*Qur'an* (5):51]

The scholars of knowledge have said, whomever takes the disbelievers as friends, protectors, and leaders [*awliya'*] has become a disbeliever [*qad kafara*], and the biggest signs of alliance [*wilaayah*] is favoring their victory [*al-munaasarah*], in speaking, discussing and writing [*fil qawli, wafil sinaani wa fil bayaan*]. So whoever walks behind Bush and his campaign against the Muslims, then he has disbelieved [*kafara*] in Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) and His Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*), and Allah also says in the verse [*aayah*] that follows the previous one:

"And you see those in whose heart there is a disease (of hypocrisy), they hurry to their friendship, saying: 'We fear lest some misfortune or disaster may befall us.' Perhaps Allah may bring a victory or a decision according to His Will. Then they will become regretful for what they have been keeping as a secret in themselves. And those who believe will say: 'Are these the men (hypocrites) who swore their strongest oaths by Allah that they were with you (Muslims)?' All that they did has been in vain (because of their hypocrisy), and they have become the losers." [*Qur'an* (5):52-53]

Ibn Katheer (*rahimahullah*) has said in his *tafseer*: There was a lot of Companions [*Sahaabah*] who didn't know that the spearhead of the hypocrites [*munafiqoon*] was the disbeliever [*kaafir*] and the hypocrite [*munafiq*], `Abdullah ibn Ubayy ibn Salul. So when the arguments happened between the Muslims and the Jews, and when the Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*) decided to punish the Jews, the spearhead of hypocrisy [*nifaaq*] (`Abdullah ibn Ubayy) moved and

stood with the Jews, and he stood in the way of the Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*) with the Jews, so these verses [*ayat*] came down for this reason, and its likes. So the ones who take the disbelievers as leaders, friends, and protectors [*yatawallawna allathi kafaru*], then they have disbelieved in the Allah (*subhannahu wa ta `aala*) and His Prophet, so I add the following verse, to stress what I previously stated, because the one who has taken the disbelievers as leaders [*tawalla al-kaafirin*] has become an apostate [*qad irtad*], so this verse came down:

“O you who believe! Whoever from among you turns back from his religion (Islam), Allah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; humble towards the believers, stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allah, and never afraid of the blame of the blamers. That is the Grace of Allah which He bestows on whom He wills. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures’ needs, All-Knower.” [*Qur’an* (5):54]

So I tell the Muslims, to be very weary and careful from befriending Jews and Christians, and whomever helps them with one word, let him be devout to Allah, and to renew his faith so he can repent about what he did...

| TA: Even the word??

UBL: Even the word, whomever upholds [*yu`ayiduhum*] them with one word...

| TA: Falls into this apostasy??

UBL: Falls into apostasy [*yaka `u fil ridda*], a terrible apostasy, and there is no might nor power except with Allah [*walla hawla wala quwata illah billah*]...

| TA: But Shaykh, a big part of the nation [*ummah*] falls into this...

UBL: No... No, it is not a big part. This is the rule of Allah (*subhannahu wa ta `aala*), and a clear statement in His generous Book, and it is one of the clearest of rulings!

| TA: And the Arab and Islamic governments...?

UBL: Anyone that.... it is no use for you to say Amr or Zayd [*meaning, "so and so"*]. If you know the truth, you will know its followers. You will not know the truth by looking at men [*laa ta `rif al-haqqa bilrijaal*]. This is the Book of Allah (*subhannahu wa ta `aala*) which is one of the constants for us. If the world became full of people who want to change things in it, that won't affect us, and it won't change our convictions at all. It is either truth or it is mischief [*baatil*]. Either it is Islam or either is it disbelief [*kufr*]. So these verses...

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TA: Just to make things clear, if you please. Isn't it possible to forgive those states that are considered to be impotent and weak [*maghluub `ala amrihaa, lit. whos command has been defeated*]. Let us take the state of Qatar, for example. The state of Qatar is a small state, whose Foreign Minister once said that he is surrounded by a supreme force that can wipe out his existence in all ease. Therefore, he is forced to become an ally of America and others. Isn't it possible to forgive such states? Like Kuwait, for example? Or Bahrain?

UBL: Concerning these matters, the matters that concern Islam, the matters concerning the killing of true believers [*mu'mineen*] and Muslims... so what the previously mentioned people do, who use compulsion [*ikrah, meaning, force or being forced*] as an excuse, that is not the same compulsion [*ikrah*] that is allowed by Islamic Law [*sharee`ah*]. That compulsion is not religiously allowed [*yu`tabar shar`an*]

Now let's say (for example), if the Emir of Qatar came and he ordered one of his men to kill your son, then we came to that soldier asking him why he killed the son of brother Tayseer, so he says: "Well brother, I am forced to do it! [*yaa akhee, ana mukrah*] And you know brother Tayseer, that you mean a great deal to me, but I am obligated (*forced to kill your son*)! [*ana mukrah*"]". So the blood of the Muslims will be lost with these kind of excuses, with this compulsion [*ikrah*] that isn't backed by the Islamic Law [*sharee`ah*]. The soul of that soldier isn't better than the soul of your son. If he is killed, he will be killed by violation and oppression [*wa huwa mathluman*], but he (the soldier) isn't allowed to obey the Tyrant (!) by killing your son. So this compulsion [*ikrah*] isn't religiously allowed.

Tayseer Allouni: What is your opinion about what is being said concerning your examples and the "clash of civilizations" ? Your constant use and repetition of the word "Crusade" and "Crusader" shows that you... uphold that saying, the "clash of civilizations..."

Usamah bin Laden: I say that there is no doubt in this. This is a very clear matter, proven in the Book and the Sunnah, and any true believer [*mu'min*] who claims to be faithful shouldn't belie [*yukathib*] these truths, no matter what so and so says about it [*qaala biha`amr am lam yaqul bihaa*]. What goes for us [*al-mu`tabar`induna*] is whatever is found in the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Prophet (*sallallahu`alayhi wasallam*). But, the Jews and America have come up with a fairytale that they count to the Muslims, and they've been unfortunately followed by the local rulers (of the Muslims) and a lot of people who are close to them, by using "world peace" as an excuse. That is a fairytale [*khuraafah, meaning, a fictional matter*] which has no basis whatsoever!

TA: ... Peace?

UBL: The peace that they push on Muslims is to ready and prepare them to get slaughtered, and the slaughter still goes on. So if we try to defend ourselves, they call us "terrorists," and the slaughter still goes on. So it is said that the Prophet (*sallallahu`alayhi wasallam*) said in truth [*sahha*]: "The Hour will not come until the Muslims fight the Jews and kill them. When a Jew hides behind a rock or a tree, it will say: 'O Muslim, O Servant of Allah! There is a Jew behind me,

come and kill him!' All the trees will do this except the box-thorn (al-Gharqad), because it is the tree of the Jews." [narrated by al-Bukhaari (3593), Ahmad, at-Tirmidhi, Ibn Maajah]

And whoever claims that there is permanent peace between us and the Jews, then he has disbelieved [*kafarah*] from what has been sent down on Muhammad (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*), and the battle is between us and the enemies of Islam, and that will go on until the Hour, and the so-called "Peace" or "Peace award" (Nobel Peace Prize), that is a fairytale that is given to the biggest blood-shedders [*safaaheen*]. That man (Ronald) Reagan, the perpetrator of the Der Yassin massacre, was awarded the Peace Prize. That traitor Anwar al-Sadat, the one that sold the land and the (Palestinian) issue and the blood of the martyrs, was awarded the Peace Prize.

So we are in a time, like is said in truth by our Prophet in this *hadeeth saheeh*: "There will come upon the people years of deceit in which the liar will be believed, the truthful disbelieved, the treacherous will be trusted and the trustworthy held to be treacherous, and the despicable (*ar-Ruwaybidah*) will speak out. It was said: 'Who are the despicable ones (*ar-Ruwaybidah*)?' He said: 'The lowly, ignoble man who speaks out about the public affairs.'" [narrated by Ahmad (7899), Ibn Maajah (4036) and others; this chain of narration is weak, however it has another chain of narration reported by Ahmad (8440) and it has a witnessing narration reported by Ahmad also (3/220), so the *hadeeth* is supported to the level of *hasan*]

And unfortunately, that is ruling on the Islamic world today, with its big leaders, and its famous rulers, so it is a trick, they trick people and lie to them, but, with the permission of Allah, the liberation and release of Allah is close [*faraju allahi qareeb*], and the promised victory is close – Allah willing.

TA: So we can deduce from the words of Shaykh Usamah bin Laden that he refers to the ordeal that Afghanistan is going through right now, and the war that America is waging with its allies, that it falls in the circle of a battle between the Crusaders, or whom you call Crusaders, and Islam. Alright, so how do you see an exit from this ordeal?

UBL: We are in a strong and brutal battle, like I have mentioned today, between us and the Jews, with Israel being the spearhead, and whomever backs it from Zionists and Crusaders. So we have not hesitated [*lam natawarra`*] in the killing of the Jews who conquered the sanctuary of our Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*). And the ones who kill our children and women and brothers night and day, and whomever stands in their trench, he only has himself to blame [*falaa yalumna illa nafsihi*].

So if you meant how is the exit from the ordeal, then this is in the hands of the others. Like we have been violated [*i`tidaa*], so our first duty is to remove this violation. So whoever violated us, let him remove the violation. The Jews, it appears to us and appears from the writing of the Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*) that we will have to fight them under that name and on this land, in this blessed land which has the sanctuary of our Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*) [*nasra*].

And the United States has engaged its people and it engaged itself [*aqhamat nafsaha*] over and over for more than 53 years, and it was the one which recognized Israel, and it was the one which supported it, and it was the one that dispatched a general air bridge [*jisran jawiyan `aam*] in 1393H (1973AD) during the days of Nixon, from America to Tel Aviv, with weapons and aid and men, which has effected the events of the battle, so how could we not fight it (America)? It is a duty on every Muslim to fight it. So if it wants to survive, we have said some simple words, but America has terrorized and it has erased its values [*amhat qiyamaha*].

They have made laughable claims. They said that there is ciphering (*i.e. hidden messages*) in Usamah's letters intended for terrorists. It is like we are living in the times of pigeon carriers, without the existence of telephones, without travelers, without Internet, without regular mail, without faxes, without e-mail. So these are laughable matters. They belittle people's intellects [*yastakhiffun bi `uqulalnaas*], and these are just words.

We swore that America will never dream of safety, until safety becomes a reality for us living in Palestine [*amrika lan tahlama bil-amn, hataa na `ishuhu waaqi `an fee filistin*]. That has exposed the American government, and that it lives as an agent of Israel, and it puts Israel's needs on top of the needs of its own people. So the case is easy, America won't be able to leave this ordeal unless it leaves the Arabian peninsula, and it stops its involvement in Palestine, and in all the Islamic world. If we gave this equation (*problem*) to any child in any American school, he will easily solve it within second. But, according to Bush's actions, the equation won't be solved unless the swords fall on their heads, with the permission of Allah.

TA: Alright, Shaykh Usamah, do you have any message you want to address to the viewers?

UBL: I say: Concerning this ordeal and this battle between Islam and Crusaders, I want to reiterate that we will continue – with the permission of Allah – this *jihad* and the incitement of the nation [*ummah*] for it, until we get it while blessing us [*hataa nalqahu wa huwa raadin `anna*], and the war, like we have been promised, that is going on between us and the Jews.

So any nation that joins the Jewish trenches has only itself to blame, and as Shaykh Sulayman Abu-Gaith has declared in some of his previous statements, concerning America and Britain, so that should not be etched [*fahaatha laysa lil hafr, meaning, those sayings shouldn't be taken literally*], but indeed he gave some of other nations a chance to review its calculations.

What is Japan's concern? What is making Japan join this hard, strong and ferocious war? It is a blatant violation of our children in Palestine, and Japan didn't predict it will be at war with us, so it should review where it stands. What is the concern of Australia in the farthest south with the case of those weak Afghans? And those weak in Palestine? What is Germany's concern with this war?

Besides disbelief and crusade, it is a war which is repeating (*bringing back*) the Crusades, similarly to the previous wars. Richard LionHeart, and Barbarossa from Germany, and Louis from France... similarly is the case today, when they all immediately went forward the day Bush

lifted the cross. The Crusader nations went forward. What is the concern of the Arab nations in this Crusaders' War? They entered it openly, without disguise, in broad daylight [*safaaran, jahaaran, nahaaran*]. They have accepted to be ruled by the cross.

Everyone that supports Bush with one word, even without offering facilitations and aid [*tasheelaat*], and whatever is so-called facilitations, is only a great treachery. They change its names by not calling it military aid. They join them in killing our sons, and they tell us that it is not facilitation and help?? How can we believe that this system (*i.e. the Arab governments*) is collecting aid to help the weak Afghans, while being the main reason in openly giving the Haramain to the Americans and their allies? How do we believe them while they are one of main reasons for the death of more than 1 million children?

I say to those people who walk behind those rulers, don't they have hearts? Don't they have faith [*imaan*]? How can they declare faith [*imaan*] while they are helping those fornicating disbelievers [*al-kafara al-fajara, fajar is the root of a 4-letter English word that starts with F*] against the children of Islam? They help them against our children in Iraq and Palestine.

I say to the ones who talk about the innocents in America, they haven't tasted yet the heat of the loss of children, and they haven't tasted the look on the faces of their children in Palestine and others. With what right do our families in Palestine get denied safety? The helicopters hunt them while they are in their homes, while they are amongst their women and children, they remove the bodies and wounded everyday. So those fools [*sufahaaa*] cry about the deaths of Americans, and they don't cry about the deaths of our sons? Don't they fear of receiving a similar punishment? And our Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*) said in truth [*sahha*]: "He who does not join the warlike expedition (*jihad*), or equip, or looks well after a warrior's family when he is away, will be smitten by Allah with a sudden calamity." [*narrated by Abu Dawood (2/2497)*]

So let them fear Allah, and repent, and let them remove the siege from those innocent children. So the Westerners are free, Europe wants to enter the war, that is their prerogative, but our duty is to fight whomever is in the trench of the Jews. America and the American people are free, they have entered the trench, and they will get what is coming to them.

And concerning us, we are in worship and in *jihad*, it is said in truth about our Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*): "Verily a man's standing firm in the ranks for one hour (*in jihad*) in the Way of Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, is more virtuous than 60 years of worship." [*Collected by al-Bayhaqee; Al-Albaanee called it saheeh in Saheeh Jaami `As-Sagheer (#5151)*] So what matter is better than that? Under the pride of Allah (*subhannahu wa ta `aala*), we ask the Almighty to accept from us and from you, and concerning the Muslims, I tell them to trust in the victory of Allah (*subhannahu wa ta `aala*), and to answer the call of Allah (*subhannahu wa ta `aala*), and the order of His Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*), with *jihad* against world disbelief [*kufr al-`aalamin*]. And I swear by Allah, happy are the ones who are martyred today, happy are the ones who are honored to stand under the banner of Muhammad (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*), under the banner of Islam, to fight the world Crusade. So let every person amongst them come forward to fight those Jews and Americans, and their killing is from the most important duties

and most pressing things, and let them remember the teaching of the Prophet (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*), when he said to the child Ibn Abbaas (*radiyallahu `anahum*): "Young man, I shall teach you some of words (of advice): Be mindful of Allah, and Allah will protect you. Be mindful of Allah, and you will find Him in front of you. If you ask, ask of Allah; If you seek help, seek help of Allah. Know that if the world were to gather together to benefit you with anything, it would benefit you only with something that Allah had already prescribed for you, and that if they gather together to harm you with anything, they would harm you only with something Allaah had already prescribed for you. The pens have been lifted and the pages have dried." [*narrated by Ahmad, at-Tirmidhi, and others*] So don't discuss the killing of Americans with anyone, trust in the divine favor [*baraka*] of Allah, and remember your appointment with Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) with the presence of the Best of Prophets (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*).

And in conclusion, I would like to dedicate a call to the brothers in Pakistan, to the position of the Pakistani government, with a lot of sorrow. Pakistan is one of the biggest pillars of this unlucky alliance, this Crusaders' Alliance. So the movement of our brothers in Pakistan will lead to – with the permission of Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*) – a big attack on this unlucky [*mash'oom*] Crusader Alliance. So whoever has stood with America, by aiding them with material or unmaterial things, that is disbelief [*kufr*] and the biggest rejection of the creed and teachings of Islam [*millah*]. And it is a duty on the brothers in Pakistan to make a strong serious move, for the victory of the religion of Allah (*subhannahu wa ta`aala*), and the victory of the Prophet Muhammad (*sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*). And the Islam of today is calling them, WAA ISLAMAA, WAA ISLAMAA, WAA ISLAMAA (*Oh Islam! Oh Islam! Oh Islam!*)

Alaa hal ballaght (Have you delivered the message)?? Allahuma fashhad (May Allah bear witness)!! Alaaa hal ballaght?? Allahuma fashhad!! Alaaa hal ballaght?? Allahuma fashhad!!
**Crying* Alaaa hal ballaght?? Allahuma fashhad!! Wassalaaam `alaykum wa rahmatuallah (And May the Peace and mercy of Allah be upon all the Muslims)...*

Interview Ends

Title: Rochester prison holding terrorist takes extra steps; Security is tight at the Federal Medical Center, where Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman has been since 1998.



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After the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, the federal prison in Rochester holding terrorist Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman installed a guard post at its entrance. Officers in bulletproof vests appeared on the grounds toting automatic weapons. And in less visible ways, authorities are enforcing an unusual restriction on Abdel Rahman, a Muslim cleric and spiritual leader of a plot to blow up tunnels, buildings and a bridge in New York City in the early 1990s. The federal government won't allow him to speak publicly, saying his words might incite more terrorism or other violence. **The sheik's name has been an international rallying cry for militant Muslims, who demand his release from the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, where he is serving a sentence of life without parole. In a videotape released this summer, Osama bin Laden called him "a hostage in an American prison." On Thursday, a prison employee opening mail to check for contraband found powder in an envelope addressed to an unidentified inmate. Firefighters wearing protective suits arrived and employees were moved temporarily from the area where the mail was opened, said Rochester Deputy Fire Chief Lyle Felsch. The prison said Friday that tests showed the**

substance didn't contain anthrax. Officials would not elaborate on the envelope, which was turned over to the FBI. As the United States braces for new rounds of terrorism, the restriction on Abdel Rahman's speech illustrates some ways in which the far-flung war against terror is being fought at home. The restriction wins approval from some residents across the street from the prison. "We just don't need to incite more terrorism," said Joe Ryan, 45. "Why add fuel to the fire? And he is incarcerated, and you lose a lot of privileges when you are in there."

Intended to slaughter

Abdel Rahman, 63, an Egyptian, is blind and diabetic. He came to the United States in 1990, preached at a mosque in New York and gave fiery speeches. He was the ringleader of 11 people who plotted "a day of terror the likes of which the world has never seen," a prosecutor told a jury at the beginning of their conspiracy trial in January 1995. That plot against New York envisioned terrorism more elaborate than the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, which killed six people. Associates of Abdel Rahman were convicted of that crime. This time, the sheik and his companions schemed to explode five bombs in 10 minutes, blowing up the United Nations building, FBI headquarters, the Lincoln and Holland tunnels and the George Washington Bridge, prosecutors said. "They planned to slaughter people as they traveled between New York and New Jersey or sat in office buildings while there were ticking time bombs underground," Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Khuzami told jurors. The killing and destruction were intended to punish the United States for its support of Israel and Egypt, according to the government. **Abdel Rahman's lawyer said the sheik was only an outspoken opponent of U.S. foreign policy, didn't conspire against the country and was being persecuted because of his religion.** But the jury heard tape-recorded conversations between a government informant and Abdel Rahman that offered a different view. In one tape, the sheik was heard endorsing a bid to bomb U.S. military targets. Another defendant tape-recorded his remarks as he drove through the Holland tunnel, describing intentions to set off a bomb in the middle of it and laughing at the prospect of commuters drowning as the Hudson River poured in. After a trial that lasted eight months, the jurors deliberated for a week before finding Abdel Rahman and others guilty of seditious conspiracy. Several hours after the convictions, U.S. intelligence officials received an anonymous threat that a New York- area airport or jetliner would be attacked as retribution, according to the New York Times.

Outspoken, angry

While awaiting sentencing in the Federal Medical Center in Springfield, Mo., Abdel Rahman gave an interview complaining about being held in solitary confinement and mocking the assassination of Israeli leader Yitzhak Rabin. At his sentencing on Jan. 17, 1996, the sheik delivered a rambling and sometimes threatening diatribe in Arabic that lasted more than an hour. **He said America was trying to "destroy the Muslim family and to spread corruption and homosexuality and spread AIDS and encourage abortion and birth control and ... all the diseases found in the American community. "Muslims around the world agree that the United States of America is an infidel country, infidel when it comes to all measures. The Congress itself is an infidel. The White House is an infidel. The Pentagon is infidel. This courtroom is an infidel."** District Judge Michael Mukasey interrupted several times to tell the sheik's interpreter and lawyers that he was nearing the end of his allotted time. Abdel Rahman went on, exhorting followers. "We say America will go and will wither, and this civilization will be destroyed, and everything in existence will go. ... The time of sleep is over. Rise in God as one man. And don't take the Christians and the Jews as your friends." When the

sheik finished, Mukasey told him, "You have made an eloquent plea for a fair sentence, although not, I suspect, in the way that you intended." In imposing a life term without parole, the judge said: "You were convicted of directing others to perform acts which, if they had been accomplished, would have resulted in the murder of hundreds if not thousands of people, and brought about devastation on a scale ... unknown in this country since the Civil War." Mukasey said the destruction "would have made the [1993] World Trade Center outrage seem almost insignificant by comparison. That is what you are being punished for, not for your religion."

Keeping him silent

Abdel Rahman was moved in 1998 to the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, a complex of brown brick buildings surrounded by double rows of two-story-high fencing topped by razor wire. He is blocked from speaking publicly under a 1997 federal prison regulation designed to prevent acts of violence and terrorism and safeguard national security, according to Federal Bureau of Prisons spokeswoman Tracy Billingsley. The U.S. attorney general or other top officials can invoke it if they determine "that there is a substantial risk that a prisoner's communications or contacts ... could result in death or serious bodily injury to persons." The restriction was expected to apply to only a small portion of the prison population, the Bureau of Prisons said. Authorities can block correspondence, visits, interviews with the media and use of the telephone "to protect persons against the risk of acts of violence or terrorism." The restrictions can take place for as long as 120 days and can be extended in 120-day increments if directed by the attorney general. Billingsley declined to say when restrictions were imposed on Abdel Rahman. The guard post and heavily armed perimeter guards were added after the Sept. 11 attacks, said Rick Veach, associate warden of operations. In the neighborhood outside the prison, Ryan and his wife, Mary Brandenburg, 40, recall how security intensified outside the fences after the Sept. 11 attacks. They were walking on an adjacent road and saw three cars with "special forces types" on patrol. "They were watching you very close," Ryan said. Ryan said Bin Laden's remarks justify the measures. "If one of his goals is to get the guy out, we have to take it seriously," Ryan said.

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More information on Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman:

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Ashcroft: New terror attack possible

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WASHINGTON (CNN) -- **The United States should be on heightened alert in the coming days because of possible new terrorist action, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said Monday afternoon.** In a quickly called news conference, Ashcroft said intelligence sources had found "credible" information the nation could be the focus for some sort of terrorist attack within the week. He called on law enforcement agencies, citizens and U.S. interests abroad to be on "highest alert." As if to underscore his warning, an American Airlines Boeing 757 en route from New York to Dallas, Texas, Monday evening was diverted to Washington's Dulles International Airport after a threatening note was found on the plane, CNN learned. Flight 785 had taken off carrying 141 passengers and a crew of eight when the note was found, a source told CNN. The FAA ordered the flight to Dulles, where the passengers exited via emergency chutes as officials closed off the western side of the airport. Ashcroft took Monday's information seriously enough to cancel a planned trip Monday night to Toronto, Canada, where he was scheduled to speak Tuesday to a meeting of the International Association of Police Chiefs. **The information authorities received was not specific but was sufficient to share with the public, Ashcroft said.** "I trust the American people to be able to understand ... that they can make good judgments and understand this kind of information," he said. The information is good, said FBI Director Robert Mueller, who also attended the conference. Officials do not know what might be attacked, or how, said Mueller, calling on police and citizens to be "extremely vigilant." He declined to name the source of the information. Various federal agencies, including the EPA, FAA, FBI and Department of Transportation, have been alerted, Mueller said. The FBI also issued a terrorist advisory to 18,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide, he said. "On every occasion when the government has received credible information, we have chosen to warn our colleagues in the law-enforcement community," Mueller said. "We are doing so today because we have such information, even though it is not specific as to intended target or as to intended method." On October 11 -- one month after terrorist attacks -- the FBI warned another terrorist attack might come "over the next several days." The next several days passed uneventfully. Tom Ridge, director of Homeland Security, also has discussed the heightened security alert with the nation's governors, asking them "to take appropriate precautions in their respective states," Ashcroft said. President Bush was alerted about the threat early Monday, Ashcroft said.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- Calling the Taliban "an illegitimate, unelected group of terrorists," U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on Monday accused the organization of using civilians as human shields by placing military equipment in residential areas. Defending the U.S.-led military campaign against terrorist targets in Afghanistan, Rumsfeld blamed the Taliban for "every single casualty in this war." The air campaign, now in its fourth week, is now concentrating on Taliban military hardware and forces fighting against the opposition Northern Alliance, said Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- U.S. planes targeted Taliban forces near the Tajikistan-Afghan border for the first time in support of troops of the Northern Alliance, according to the opposition group's vice defense minister. ([Full story](#))
- U.S. forces may soon establish a forward military base in Afghanistan that would support 200 to 300 commandos, USA Today reported Monday. Asked about the report at a Pentagon briefing, Rumsfeld said, "We consider lots of things, and we don't discuss them."

- U.S. officials say that Pakistan's intelligence service -- a key U.S. ally in the war against terrorism -- has had a longstanding relationship with Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network, The New York Times reported Monday.
- The Taliban said Monday that America's "wicked designs" against Afghanistan continue, but that the only significant achievement in the U.S.-led campaign has been genocidal attacks against civilians in cities throughout the country. The Taliban ambassador to Pakistan indicated some Americans may have been detained in Afghanistan, but he didn't give any details.
- New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani called Monday for "an absolute revolutionary new era in the sharing of information" between federal, state and local authorities. Giuliani spoke at a terrorism and homeland defense hearing in New York. ([Full story](#))
- Beginning Monday, the nearly 11,000 firefighters who responded to the World Trade Center collapse on September 11 will be checked for respiratory problems. The chief pulmonologist for the New York Fire Department said there has been an increase in the number of cases he calls the "World Trade Center cough." ([Full story](#))
- The Iranian government has agreed to reverse an earlier decision and allow Afghan refugees to settle in camps inside Iran should the need arise, an influential member of Iran's parliament said Monday. Meanwhile, the United Nations announced Ruud Lubbers, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, will urge Pakistan to open its borders to Afghan refugees and refrain from deporting those who already have arrived.
- President Bush is willing to impose his version of airport security by executive order if Congress does not produce a bill that allows the federal government to contract with private companies to provide airport and baggage security, a key House GOP ally of the Bush White House told CNN Sunday. ([Full story](#))
- A special commission of Iran's reformist parliament said Monday the international campaign against terrorism demands that Iran re-establish diplomatic relations with the United States. The two countries have not had diplomatic contact for 22 years. ([Full story](#))
- Mufti Mohammed Masoom Afghani, the head Islamic cleric of the Ulema Council for all Afghanistan, called on all Muslims throughout the world to defend Afghanistan, saying it has been invaded by an infidel country. In the interview with CNN's Kamal Hyder, Afghani, quoting the Koran, said it is mandatory for all Muslims to assist their brethren when attacked.
- Gen. Tommy R. Franks, commander in chief of U.S. Central Command, arrived in Islamabad, Pakistan, Monday for talks with Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf, who is under increasing domestic pressure for his support of a U.S.-led military campaign in neighboring Afghanistan, U.S. embassy officials told CNN. ([Full story](#))
- Lawmakers in the Upper House of Japan's parliament have passed controversial legislation allowing the country's armed forces to take part in limited operations assisting the U.S.-led war on terror. ([Full story](#))

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CITY LEFT IN DARK ON NUKE ALERT

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Top federal officials reportedly feared in October that terrorists were planning to detonate a nuclear bomb in New York - potentially annihilating 100,000 people and flattening a hunk of Manhattan - but never told senior FBI officials or the mayor. The doomsday scenario was kept secret because of concerns that it could panic the city, already shaken to its core by the Sept. 11 attacks, Time magazine reported. "It was brutal," one unnamed U.S. official told the magazine. The threat later was determined to be false. But the news of the scare and details of its handling seemed certain to reignite the debate on the sharing of terror-related intelligence among crime fighting agencies. According to Time, the government was tipped by an agent code-named Dragonfire, who reported that terrorists had obtained a 10-kiloton nuclear weapon from the Russian arsenal and planned to smuggle it into the city. Intelligence officials believed the information was of "undetermined" reliability, Time reported. But they noted that it jibed with a report from a Russian general who believed a 10-kiloton weapon was missing from the Russian arsenal. A handful of government agencies, including the Energy Department's top secret Nuclear Emergency Search Team in Nevada, were told of the information, according to Time. But the White House's Counterterrorism Security Group - part of the National Security Council - decided to keep the threat largely secret even as counterterrorist investigators went on their highest alert. Rudy in the dark Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani says he was not told about the feds' fears that New York could be struck by a nuclear bomb capable of killing 100,000 people, irradiating 700,000 others and flattening everything within a half-mile diameter, Time reported. Senior FBI officials also were kept in the dark, the magazine said. It was not clear from the article exactly when officials learned of the threat and when they determined it to be false. But the feds issued two terror alerts that month: On Oct. 11, the FBI warned the nation to be alert for an unspecified threat "over the next several days," and on Oct. 29, Attorney General John Ashcroft warned of a new and "credible but not specific" danger. Bush in the city During October, President Bush made one trip to the city. On Oct. 30, he threw out the first pitch at Game 3 of the World Series at Yankee Stadium, accompanied by his wife, Laura Bush, and his mother, Barbara Bush. A spokeswoman for Giuliani declined to comment, and former police commissioner Bernard Kerik wasn't immediately reachable. But on Oct. 29, both testified before a House subcommittee in favor of a bill that would force the FBI to share intelligence with local law enforcement officials. "We need the information and we need it right away," Giuliani told the panel. "Otherwise, we're going to make a terrible, critical mistake." Intelligence officials ultimately dismissed Dragonfire's report, but they do appear to be taking the threat of nuclear terrorism seriously. Since November, hundreds of radiation detectors have been placed around U.S. borders, overseas facilities and around Washington, the Washington Post reported yesterday. Delta Force commandos have been on standby, ready to kill or disable terrorists who try to detonate such a device, the paper said. In recent months, the Secret Service has sent a vehicle with radiation and chemical detectors around New York. And the Customs Service lent the NYPD hand-held radiation detectors for use in Times Square on New Year's Eve. At a City Council hearing last month, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said he hoped to buy a bomb-sniffing truck for the city. The intelligence community believes that the Al Qaeda terrorist network probably has the radioactive materials necessary to create a so-called "dirty bomb," which could spread radiation in a wide area, The Washington Post said. 'Dirty bomb' simulation A computer simulation performed for the Daily News found a "dirty bomb" explosion in lower Manhattan would kill hundreds in the blast and about two dozen more from radiation sickness. Osama Bin Laden claimed to have both chemical and nuclear weapons in an interview with a Pakistani journalist in November. To try to prevent future terrorist attacks, Kelly has hired veteran spymaster David Cohen and Frank Libutti, a retired lieutenant general with the Marines. Cohen, the former No. 4 man with the CIA, will restructure the NYPD's intelligence gathering, and Libutti is charged with training cops in anti-terror tactics.

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Nuclear weapon plot deemed not credible

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WASHINGTON (CNN) -- The Bush administration received information last October outlining a plot to smuggle a stolen Russian nuclear weapon into the United States, most likely New York City, two administration officials said Sunday. The intelligence was viewed as suspect from the outset and later was deemed "not to be credible," as one official said, when a polygraph test determined the informant was "bogus." Nevertheless, it was the source of an alert to government agencies charged with trying to prevent such a scenario, because there are "some things you can't afford to be wrong about," one official said. One official said the warning "was one of many before and since." "We have no choice but to take any such information or allegation seriously," another official said. "In this case it was looked into and deemed not to be credible."

The Russian government has said repeatedly in recent years that its nuclear inventory is accounted for. Some former members of the Russian military, however, have suggested security lapses could have occurred. And leading members of Congress with access to intelligence reports have said if nothing else Russian documentation is insufficient to say with certainty that nuclear materials have not been stolen. **Word of the October alert was just the latest sign of the concerns U.S. officials have about the possibility al Qaeda or another terrorist network might gain access to a nuclear device -- either a nuclear weapon or a so-called "dirty bomb," one that contains radioactive material spread by detonating a conventional explosive.** That perceived threat was one reason President Bush activated a so-called "standby" government of roughly 100 or so senior officials who stay outside of Washington and would keep government running if the capital was paralyzed by terrorist attacks. Officials involved in homeland security issues said the White House would soon announce a new ranking system for alerts to law enforcement agencies and the American people if any information suggests the possibility of new attacks. In the past, the government has been criticized by some local officials and police agencies for warning of potential terrorist threats absent any specific information about the location or type of attack believed possible. Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge is scheduled to announce the new system as early as the end of this week and no later than next week, officials said. The system is modeled after military base security protocols in which a color code signifies the level of precaution and perceived threat, according to two officials involved in developing it.

-- CNN Correspondent David Ensor contributed to this report.

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Embassy Row: Questioning Detentions

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Egypt and Pakistan are raising questions about Egyptian and Pakistani citizens detained in the United States after September 11. The U.S. ambassador to Egypt was called to the Foreign Ministry yesterday where a senior official, Mohamed Abbas, asked about the status of those held in connection with the U.S. investigation into the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Ambassador David Welch told reporters in Cairo that neither the U.S. nor the Egyptian government knows how many Egyptians are under detention. "This subject is of increasing concern to the government of Egypt and to the citizens of Egypt," Mr. Welch said. The United States, he explained, "understands its responsibilities under the Vienna Convention, under international law, to provide access to anybody in detention." The Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations established procedures for the notification of foreign governments when their citizens are detained. "We intend to look into this matter because we understand our responsibilities, and we take them seriously," he said.

In Washington, the Pakistani Embassy raised concerns about three Pakistani citizens. The embassy identified them as Syed Farooq Ahmed, 33, detained in New York; Mahboobur Rahman, 47, held in Carroll County, Md.; and Qaiser Rafiq, detained in Suffield, Conn. "The embassy has established contacts with the FBI, the State Department and the relevant detention centers to provide the requisite consular assistance to the detainees," said embassy spokesman Asad Hayauddin.

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Three more Pakistanis detained in America

November 21, 2001

WASHINGTON, Nov 20: Three more Pakistani nationals have been detained by US authorities, bringing the total number of Pakistanis in custody so far to nearly 70.

These are cases of which the Pakistan embassy has been informed and relate only to Pakistani nationals, not to US citizens of Pakistani descent, hundreds of whom are also said to be in custody. Almost 90 per cent of the Pakistani nationals detained are being held on immigration charges.

The three new cases, reported over the weekend, concern Syed Farooq Ahmed, 33, held in New York; Khwaja Mahboobur Rahman, 47, in Baltimore, Carroll County; and Qaiser Rafiq, 39, in Suffield, Connecticut.

A Pakistan embassy press release says that contact has been established with the FBI, the State Department and the relevant detention centres to provide the requisite consular assistance to the three detainees. The embassy has urged Carroll County Detention Centre officials to provide medical treatment to Mahboobur Rahman, who is suffering from high blood pressure. US officials at Suffield, Connecticut, have neither confirmed nor denied Qaiser Rafiq's arrest. However, the embassy says it has been inquiring about his welfare from the officials concerned on the basis of the information provided by Mr Rafiq's family.

The Baltimore arrest is reported to be purely on immigration charges, while the other two cases relate to unspecified suspicions. But it is stressed that none of the three cases is linked to the Sept 11 attacks.

Both information and consular access relating to Pakistani nationals held by US authorities is said to have improved recently following demarches from the embassy. In some cases, arrested Pakistani nationals have waived their rights to consular access, presumably because they hope to seek asylum in this country. Meanwhile, the three city officials of Pakistani descent whose houses were raided last week in Chester, Pennsylvania, are handling their cases on their own, without Pakistan embassy intervention.

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Two friends gunned down over monetary dispute

[Our Staff Reporter](#) | April 25, 2010

LAHORE - A middle-aged man along with his accomplices gunned down his two friends over a monetary dispute outside a flat at Centre Point in Gulberg police precincts in the wee hours of Saturday. The deceased were later identified as **Farooq Ahmad**, 45, son of Mehmood Ahmad, resident of Jehlum, and Ferooz Khan, 33, son of Ziaul Din Khan, resident of Afghanistan. The incident occurred between 3 to 4 am when some unknown bike-riders opened indiscriminate fire on the victims while they were leaving in their Corolla car (NV-320) after meeting with their third friend and accused in this case, Sajjad Ahmad, resident of Gujrat, a police source said. **Police source further said the victims had arrived from Abbotabad to Lahore during the last night and stayed at the flat owned by their third friend.** They demanded their share from Sajjad, who instead of giving them their due money, called his accomplices and informed them about his nefarious design. The accused ultimately closed the chapter of their lives when they were leaving the site after getting angry, the sources further said. Police said Ferooz Khan died on the spot while Farooq was pronounced dead by the doctors at Services Hospital. Police investigators said Ferooz Khan was a driver at the USA Embassy in Afghanistan while Farooq, a businessman in America, was his friend. The accused Sajjad Ahmad is also their partner in an unknown business. All of them often visited America regarding their business, a police source said, adding it seemed they were involved in some criminal act. Talking to The Nation Police Station Gulberg SHO Inspector Ehsan Ashraf said accused Sajjad had been living in a flat at Centre Point near a Mosque, Sarkaar-e-Madina since long. They were fast friends and often visited the USA. **Farooq was settled in America but was detained after the incident of 9/11, the SHO added. He said during investigations conducted by the FBI or the USA police,** Farooq suffered from throat cancer and was sent back to Pakistan a couple of years back. He said according to the heirs of the victims they had come to the City for medical treatment of Farooq. We have learnt from the neighbours that all of them were involved in drug smuggling but nothing could be established before seeking solid evidences, he commented. Ehsan Ashraf, however, said parents of the victims first flatly refused to get an FIR registered against the accused besides insisting the police to hand over the dead bodies without completing legal requirements. They agreed for lodging a case of double murder seeing the unwillingness of police in handing over the bodies without legal documentation, he added. Edhi ambulances shifted the bodies to the city morgue for autopsy. No case was registered till filing of this report with no arrest so far. Further investigations are underway.

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Islamic Wise Man Said to Lead U.S. Terror Sleepers

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Amid reports of an infestation of the U.S. by as many as 5,000 al-Qaeda sympathizers, the surveillance by the FBI of nearly 200 suspected hard-core al-Qaeda terrorists in major U.S. cities, and intelligence of a planned terror training camp in the Pacific Northwest has come the chilling revelation that an al-Qaeda "wise man" may be orchestrating all from inside the country. The New York Post reported this weekend that counterterrorism officials revealed that documents captured in Afghanistan refer to a "wise man" in the U.S. who is masterminding and funding terror cells. Although the Post's sources would not say if the identity of the wise man is known or whether he is under surveillance, they do admit he may play a role similar to that once played by the blind Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, the Islamic spiritual adviser to the terrorists who perpetrated the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. Although federal authorities now consider Rahman, who is serving a life sentence, neutralized by being under super security at a federal facility, it was not long ago that the wise man was playing a leadership role – even from the confines of his jail cell. Convicted in 1995 of plotting to bomb the Lincoln and Holland tunnels and the United Nations, by as late as December 2001 evidence was emerging that Rahman continued to lead his extremist following despite being hampered by a 24-hour lockdown in a windowless cell at the federal prison in Rochester, Minn. During the trial of four followers of Osama bin Laden charged with bombing the U.S. embassies in Africa, one witness testified that Abdel Rahman smuggled a flier from prison calling on Muslims to avenge indignities he sustained as a prisoner.

'Rise Up' - "Oh people, oh men of Allah, rise up from your deep slumber. ... Rise up and see justice done," the sheik wrote in a letter smuggled out of prison. At that time, assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald said the appeal reached the ears of the sheik's followers in Al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, Egypt's largest militant organization, also known as the Islamic Group, thought to have merged with bin Laden's al-Qaeda. By May 1997, only months after the flier made its rounds, over 60 tourists were killed in Luxor, Egypt. The Islamic Group claimed responsibility, leaving a note: "This is to free Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman." Reportedly, by August 1998 Rahman's flier had been read in bin Laden's camps in Afghanistan. By way of corroboration, Ahmed Ressam, the terrorist behind the foiled plot to bomb Los Angeles International Airport, testified in federal court that he and his confederates were called to arms by the sheik during the U.S. millennium celebrations. Rahman's close ties with bin Laden were also manifested by his son Ahmed Abdel Rahman, who along with a dozen other al-Qaeda operatives ran a terrorist training camp in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. Another son of the blind sheik, Assad, was plastered on bin Laden's promotional posters. At last report, Rahman is now incarcerated in the Supermax prison in Florence, Colo. Reportedly, security on this latest move was so tight that no one – not even Rahman's lawyers – knew where he was for an entire month. Others on ice at Supermax include Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski and Ramzi Yousef, chief engineer of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. Supermax is mainly underground.

Sleeper Cells - In the meantime, more details have emerged as to the nature of the sleeper cells reportedly thriving in the U.S. At least five hard-core units are suspected to be searching for radioactive material to carry out an attack. The Washington Times reported that active units of Middle Eastern men are thought to contain about six members each and to be operating in Atlanta, Seattle, Chicago and Detroit. Attorney General John Ashcroft said, "There are sleeper terrorists and their supporters in the U.S. whom we have not been allowed to identify." The Seattle Times reported that a British Taliban fighter being held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has provided intelligence linking a group of Seattle-based militant Muslims and a radical mosque in London. According to the Times, in November 1999 two men from the London mosque cased a ranch in Bly, Ore., as a potential al-Qaeda training camp. Living at the ranch at the time was Semi Osman, formerly a Muslim cleric at a defunct Seattle mosque. Osman has been arrested by federal authorities and charged with an immigration violation in support of international terrorism. In a revelation with obvious irony, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld recently admitted that many of those in the U.S. had come here in recent months from Afghanistan – as a means of escaping allied forces. "They clearly have moved some to the U.S., some to Yemen, some to Saudi Arabia, a variety of states," Rumsfeld said.

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GETTING 'WISE' TO HIDDEN TERROR PLOT: 'MASTERMIND' ROUSING U.S. SLEEPERS: FEDS

By [Niles Lathem](#) | July 13, 2002 4:00am

WASHINGTON - Investigators believe an al Qaeda "wise man" in the United States is secretly directing hundreds of Osama bin Laden's sleeper agents, it was revealed yesterday.

U.S. counterterrorism officials confirmed to The Post that documents seized in Afghanistan refer to the presence in America of a "wise man" who serves as senior adviser and financial manager to terror cells - but who does not participate directly in attacks. The presence of a terrorist mastermind is the latest in a series of chilling and detailed disclosures by federal authorities in recent days about al Qaeda activities in the United States.

Authorities estimate there may be as many as 5,000 Al Qaeda sympathizers in this country, including some American citizens. Officials also said the FBI now has 195 suspected hardcore Al Qaeda terrorists under surveillance in New Jersey, Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit and Seattle.

The FBI and Treasury Department are conducting a separate probe of scores of American citizens who may be giving support to Al Qaeda, law-enforcement officials said. U.S. officials would not reveal whether they know the name of the wise man or whether he is among the Al Qaeda operatives who are now under FBI surveillance in several U.S. cities.

Intelligence sources said he is likely to be playing a similar role to blind Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, considered the spiritual adviser to the Islamic terrorists behind the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. Rahman was also involved in plots to attack New York City landmarks and assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Bin Laden and other al Qaeda operatives often referred to Rahman as the "wise man" and frequently consulted with him on religious matters and long-range strategy.

But the blind and sickly cleric is unlikely to play much of a role now because he is under 24-hour lockdown at a maximum-security facility in Rochester, Minn., where he is serving a life sentence. Federal authorities recently indicted Rahman's lawyer, Lynne Stewart, for passing messages between Rahman and his followers.

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FBI Searches for Americans Suspected of Advising Al Qaeda Sleeper Cells

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WASHINGTON – There may be as many as 5,000 people in the United States linked to Usama bin Laden's Al Qaeda terror network, intelligence officials estimate. But the number of hardcore Al Qaeda members here who might actually do harm to Americans is in the low hundreds or even less, officials believe. The 5,000 estimate includes all those in the "realm of suspicion" and those who may be aware of terrorist activities but not participate, one official said. The FBI is searching for Americans and others suspected of advising Al Qaeda cells operating underground on U.S. soil and preparing for another attack, according to law enforcement officials. **Some of the suspected advisers are believed to be longtime U.S. citizens, fully immersed in American life and able to financially direct an attack without directly participating in it, the officials said. Al Qaeda manuals recovered in Afghanistan suggest that terror operations have a "senior adviser or wise man" who does not take part attacks, said a law enforcement official who is familiar with the investigation.** While law enforcement looks broadly for terrorists, some FBI agents are working closely with Treasury agents to conduct a more specialized search for U.S. residents who might be working in that advisory capacity. As part of the effort, federal investigators are conducting extensive checks into the backgrounds of longtime citizens who fall under suspicion, looking for operatives who may not have anything unusual in their immediate histories. The agents are "looking for people who have an affinity toward or sympathy for those carrying out terrorist attacks and provide any kind of support," one law enforcement official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The search for terrorist operatives has frustrated members of the Muslim American community, who are pleased with the Justice Department's prosecution of backlash hate crimes but feel their own rights are being violated. The FBI's counterterrorism team played a major role in the search of 14 homes and businesses in Virginia and Georgia in March. No one was arrested. None of the law enforcement agencies involved would provide further information, saying affidavits filed in support of the search warrants are under seal in federal court. Days after the raids, Laura Jaghlit, a high school English teacher from Fairfax Station, Va., described the raid on her home as "the most un-American thing I have ever seen." She is still indignant. "No one ever had to give us any explanation of why we were chosen for a search or what they were looking for," Jaghlit said. "We're just supposed to forget about it." Ibrahim Hooper, a spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said, "We understand and have been told that the FBI is looking for terrorist operatives of all ages and races, but what we're seeing is that people who are well-known and respected citizens are being treated like suspects." "There are all of these vague references to threats without any evidence. It puts everybody on edge and makes the Muslim community suspect." Law enforcement officials believe that limiting the search to those suspected of actively planning an attack might allow some who give terrorists support to remain hidden. The possibility of terror advisers who don't fit the demographics of any of the Sept. 11 hijackers — young, Muslim men, who came to the United States in recent years — has led the FBI agents to seek out contacts in all parts of the Muslim community. That includes older men and people of different demographics that might have gotten in contact with Al Qaeda later in life, one law enforcement official said.

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DRUG LORD'S JIHAD – NEW YORK JUSTICE FOR THUG WHO VOWED TO POISON AMERICA

By [Kati Cornell Smith](#) | October 25, 2005 | 4:00am

Meet the alleged fiendish Afghani drug lord **who bragged about waging jihad on America by poisoning New York's streets with heroin.** Haji Baz Mohammad, 47, used his Afghanistan poppy fields for his sickening plot against the city, boasting to cohorts **"that selling heroin in the United States was a jihad because they were taking the Americans' money, and the heroin was killing them,"** a stunning, newly unsealed indictment reveals. But Mohammad **"now faces what all drug kingpins fear the most – justice in a court in the United States, delivered by an American jury on the very streets of New York that he'd sought to poison,"** said Karen Tandy, administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Mohammad was busted in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in January and finally extradited Friday to Manhattan to face federal charges filed here in 2003. He became the first person to be extradited from Afghanistan to the United States on federal charges, authorities crowed. But the steely-eyed suspect yesterday remained unbowed as he appeared before a Manhattan federal court judge for his arraignment. **"I am innocent,"** Mohammad said defiantly, dressed in the traditional tan and gray Afghan garb of a tunic and vest over pants. Mohammad also is accused of allowing his business to be used as a Taliban cash machine, funneling funds into the terror group while flooding city streets with his killer drugs. **"His opium trade financed the Taliban, and they in turn protected his crops, his heroin labs, his drug-transportation labs and his associates,"** Tandy said. **"[Mohammad] was one of the world's most wanted, most powerful and most dangerous drug kingpins."** **The drug thug allegedly made his chilling boast of launching his drug jihad on America during a meeting with cronies in Pakistan in 1990.** He allegedly ran a widespread ring that had manufactured \$25 million worth of heroin in Afghanistan and Pakistan since 1990 and funneled much of it to New York. **The ring allegedly smuggled the drugs in suitcases and clothing, even sewing heroin into dresses to be mailed to Manhattan.** In June, President Bush added Mohammad's name to a list of the world's most-wanted narcotics traffickers. U.S. Attorney Michael Garcia described the suspect as one of a group of top international criminals trying to **"destabilize Afghanistan's emerging democracy, flood the Western markets with heroin and use their profits to support the Taliban and other terror groups."** About 13 other alleged ring members also are in custody, including main U.S. distributor Bashir Ahmad Rahmany, who was busted in July. Court papers show that over \$1.4 million in heroin seized in the United States has been traced to Mohammad, who is thought to have controlled poppy fields in Afghanistan and drug labs there and in Pakistan. In June 2004, investigators seized from the ring about 120 kilograms of chemical powder and **a ledger documenting the sale of missile explosive devices, rocket shells, AK-47s and other weaponry during a raid on a gas station in Afghanistan's Nangarhar province, prosecutors said.** Both Mohammad and Rahmany face up to life in prison if convicted of the charges. Mohammad was denied bail yesterday. His lawyer declined comment after his hearing. Rahmany is awaiting trial. **Their busts come amid another probe: An informant linked to a Colombian coke cartel allegedly told U.S. authorities that terror kingpin Osama bin Laden plotted to have devilish disciples peddle poisoned cocaine to Americans. Several months earlier, an international drug lord with ties to bin Laden and the Taliban also was busted for allegedly smuggling \$50 million in heroin from Afghanistan and Pakistan into the United States. Bashir Noorzai – dubbed the "Pablo Escobar of Asia," in reference to the late Colombian drug chief – was reputedly closely tied to the Taliban, which provided protection for bin Laden's operations in Afghanistan before the Sept. 11 attacks.**



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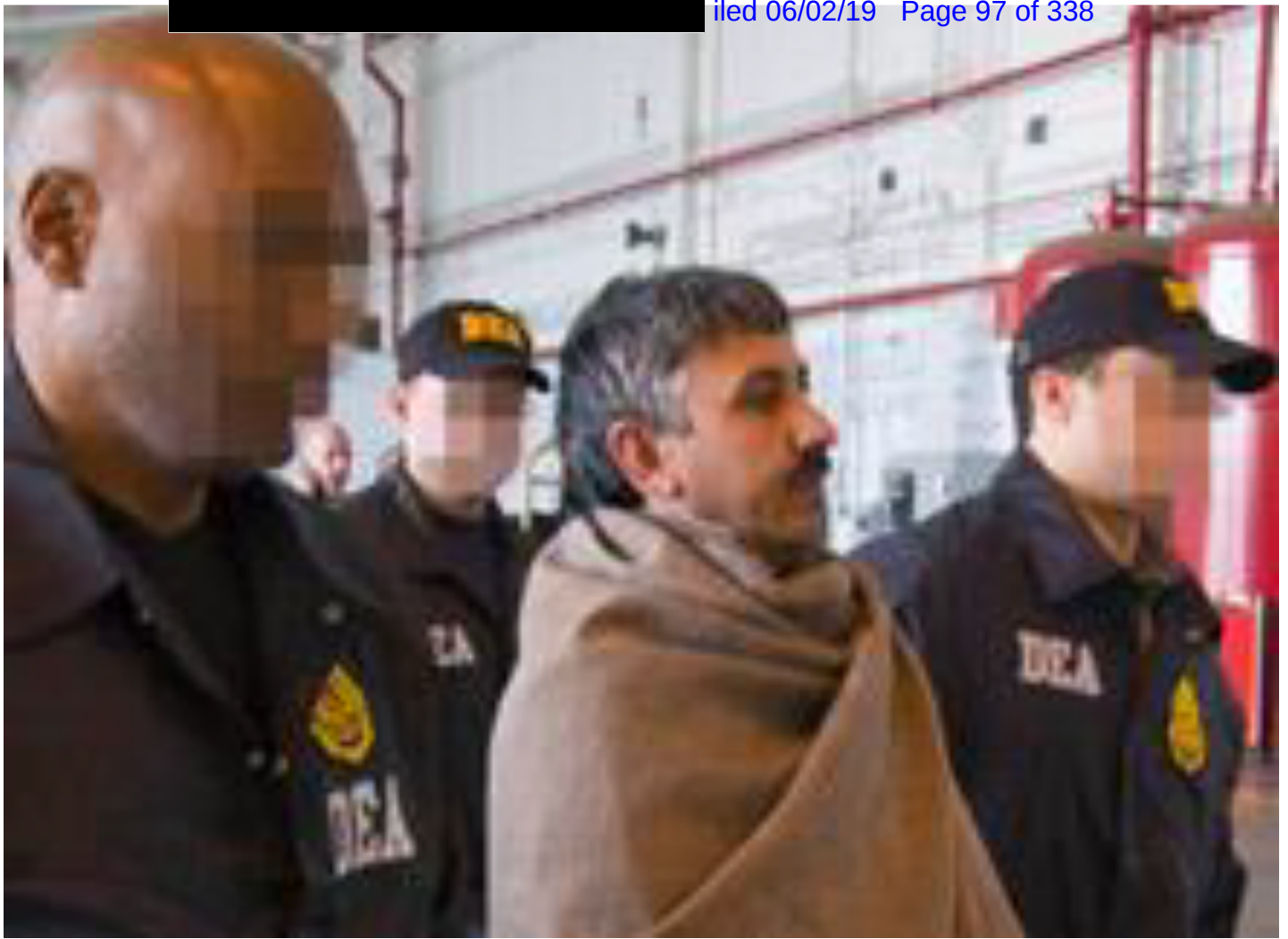


JIHAD DEVIL

The man who tried to poison New York

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Al-Qaeda cleric Khalid Fajr bin Muhammad arrives in the U.S. in the custody of DEA agents, whose identities are being protected.



HEROIN HAJJ: Haji Baz Mohammed is arrested (above). His plan involved smuggling drugs into the United States concealed in such mundane items as clothes.



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U.S. Arrests 9 Afghani Natives on Charges of Importing Heroin from Pakistan and Afghanistan

ANTHONY PLACIDO, the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration and JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York announced the arrests of 9 individuals on charges of importing more than half a million dollars in heroin into the United States from Pakistan and Afghanistan, and distributing that heroin in the New York Area.

According to a criminal Complaint unsealed today in Manhattan federal court, the 9 defendants - and 3 others who have been charged but not yet arrested - participated in a conspiracy to import more than eight kilograms of heroin into the U.S. over an 18-month period, often concealing drugs inside heat-sealed plastic tubing sewn into the seams of traditional Afghani women's clothing. All of the defendants are natives of Afghanistan who are currently living in New York and Pakistan.

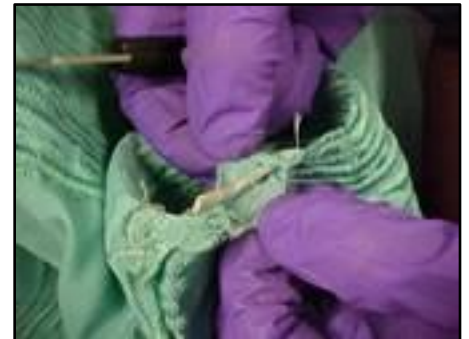
According to the Complaint, a confidential witness (CW-1) negotiated with several of the defendants, including MOHAMMAD DAUD RAHIMI, AHMADULLAH BABURY and ABDUL WAHAD, to have heroin sent from Pakistan to a post office box in Manhattan, which the DEA had set up as an undercover mailbox. To facilitate the shipment of heroin to the post office box, RAHIMI instructed CW-1 to change the name on the mailbox from "M. Khan" to an "American-sounding" name because RAHIMI believed that a Muslim name would draw law enforcement attention. Ultimately, CW-1 received several shipments totaling approximately 550 grams of heroin sent from Pakistan to the post office box hidden in the seams of Afghani women's dresses.

Also according to the Complaint, in April 2002, WAHAD met with CW-1 in Karachi, Pakistan, where WAHAD was living. During the meeting WAHAD told CW-1, among other things, that:

- a. Christmas was the best time to send heroin overseas because the high volume of mail overwhelmed law enforcement in the United States.



Heroin concealed in the fabric of a woman's dress.



- b. WAHAD would be using a new technique to conceal heroin inside of clothing, which consisted of a high-quality plastic that could withstand heat sealing and was impossible for law enforcement to detect. The technique takes approximately 10 days to conceal one kilogram of heroin inside the clothing.
- c. WAHAD obtained opium from fields in Jalalabad, Afghanistan and Northern Afghanistan. Once obtained, WAHAD processed the opium into heroin by utilizing acid and high-quality chemicals that he obtained from Germany.

As alleged in the Complaint, in August 2002 MOHAMMADDIN AZIZI supplied a different cooperating witness (CW-2) with almost 7 kilograms of heroin inside a gym bag in the back of a minivan owned by AZIZI. Also according to the Complaint, AZIZI told CW-2 that he (AZIZI) received his heroin from a source in Pakistan who mailed heroin to AZIZI sewn inside women's Middle Eastern clothing.

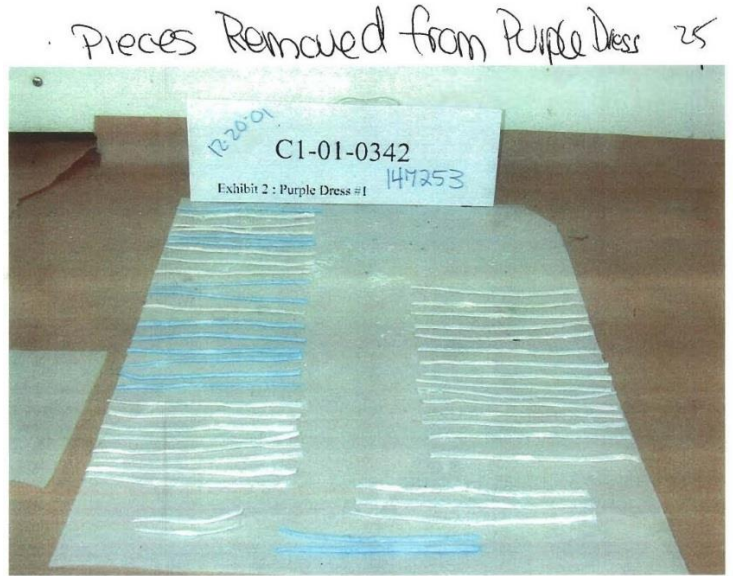
The other defendants charged in the conspiracy are ALI AHMED, MOHAMMAD ISMAEL, ABDUL RASHID, TAJ MOHAMMAD, KHALIL PACHA, SHAH MAHMOOD, HAMAYON SALIMI and SHAH WALI.

RAHIMI, BABURY, ISMAEL, RASHID, MOHAMMAD, PACHA, AZIZI, SALIMI and WALI were arrested this morning and are scheduled to be presented on the charges in the Complaint before United States Magistrate Judge DOUGLAS F. EATON later today. The defendants are facing a maximum term of imprisonment of life and a mandatory minimum term of 10 years imprisonment. In addition, each defendant faces a fine of up to \$4 million.

ANTHONY P. PLACIDO, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION'S NEW YORK OFFICE stated, "The successful culmination of this investigation demonstrates the vital importance of a coordinated approach in targeting transnational crime. In addition to the outstanding cooperation between the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and a number of domestic law enforcement agencies, I would also like to acknowledge and thank Pakistan's Anti-Narcotics Force for their valuable assistance."



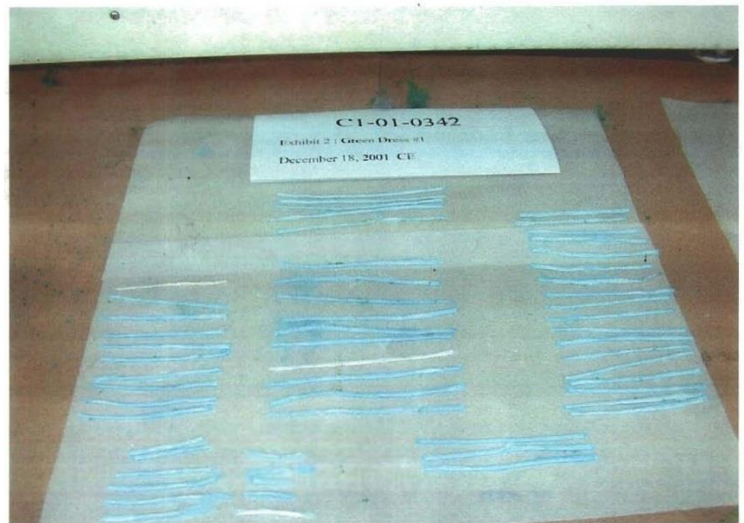
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Arrests in Drug Scheme

9 charged with smuggling heroin in Afghan garments

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Nine people were arrested yesterday and charged with smuggling more than \$500,000 worth of Afghan and Pakistani heroin into the United States by hiding it in shipments of traditional Afghan women's dresses, the office of U.S. Attorney James Comey said. The complaint charges that the defendants participated in a conspiracy to import more than 8 kilos, or more than 17 pounds, of heroin into the United States during an 18-month period beginning in August 2001 and ending last month. Three more people were charged in the complaint but remain fugitives. Investigators charged that the drugs often were enclosed in plastic, heat-sealed, straw-like tubes, obtained from Germany, and then sewn into embroidery on the dresses' bodices. Some of the defendants bragged to one witness that it would take about 10 days to conceal and sew the drug-filled tubes into the dresses, the complaint charges. Agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration, working with a cooperating witness, set up a mailbox in Manhattan to facilitate shipping of the drugs, the complaint charges. The indictment charges that one of the fugitive defendants, identified as Abdul Wahad, met with a cooperating witness in Karachi, Pakistan, and advised him that Christmas was the best time to send heroin overseas "because the high volume of mail overwhelmed law enforcement in the United States." The complaint charges that Wahad said he had high-quality plastic tubes that could withstand heat sealing, a technique Wahad claimed made it almost impossible for law enforcement to detect the drugs. Prosecutors charge the drugs were obtained by Wahad from opium fields in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, and northern Afghanistan, and were processed by utilizing German chemicals. Wahad told the cooperating witness, identified in court papers as CW-1, that the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and subsequent anthrax attacks in the U.S. "made sending heroin by mail to the United States very difficult ... because packages were being scrutinized by law enforcement officials in search of anthrax. The defendants in custody were slated to be arraigned late last night in U.S. District Court in Manhattan before Magistrate Douglas Eaton. If convicted of the drug conspiracy charges, each faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$4 million.

[Illustration]

Caption: AP Photo - The seam of a Afghani garment is peeled open to reveal heat-sealed plastic tubing filled with heroin. Investigators say more than 17 pounds of the drug was sewn into clothes and then shipped to the United States.

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DRUG RING COMES APART AT SEAMS

By [John Lehmann](#) | April 4, 2003 | 5:00am

A bunch of drug smugglers stitched together what they thought was a foolproof plan to beat the feds – hiding as much as \$500,000 worth of heroin in the seams of traditional Afghani dresses, court documents say. But their plan unraveled when they chose a secret federal informant to take part in a conspiracy to import more than eight kilograms of heroin into the U.S. over 18 months, the feds charge. Nine Afghans, living in New York and Pakistan, were arrested yesterday on drug smuggling charges that could land them in prison for life. FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration agents learned of the drugs-in-a-dress scheme when the informant met with accused smugglers Abdul Wahad and Ali Ahmed in Karachi last April, **Manhattan U.S. Attorney Jim Comey said**. Wahad told the informant that heroin could be sewn into the seams of traditional women's dresses after being placed inside a high-quality plastic material that could withstand heat sealing, DEA special agent Patrick Hamlette Jr. said in a criminal complaint unsealed yesterday. Using a factory in Pakistan, one kilogram of heroin could be hidden inside garments over a 10-day period. The informant organized to have heroin sent from Pakistan to a post office box in Manhattan and received several shipments of garments containing more than 550 grams, the court documents said. Another accused smuggler, Mohammad Daud Rahimi, suggested to the informant that he change the name on his mailbox from "M. Khan" to an "American-sounding" name, Hamlette said. The smugglers were accused of processing opium from Afghanistan into heroin using acid and chemicals obtained from Germany. If convicted, they face maximum life sentences and fines of up to \$4 million.

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Arrests hint at Afghan drug exports

By - *The Washington Times* - Saturday, April 5, 2003

Ten Afghan nationals were arrested by federal agents this week in New York in a suspected scheme to smuggle heroin into the United States from Pakistan and Afghanistan igniting concerns that Afghanistan is again turning to opium as a key source of revenue. DEA Agent Anthony Placido, who heads the agency's New York division and supervised the investigation into the Afghan nationals, said efforts are under way to determine whether Afghanistan is back in the drug business. "It is something that has peaked our interest and we are giving it serious attention," Mr. Placido said. "Afghanistan traditionally has been seen as a major source of heroin and we're looking to see if there has been a major resurgence." The now-defunct Taliban regime, aligned closely with terrorist Osama bin Laden, collected more than \$40 million a year in profits from illicit opium sales, with some of the cash going to terrorists who hid and trained in that country. At one time, Afghanistan accounted for 70 percent of the global supply of poppies, the source crop for opium and heroin. More than 80 percent of the heroin sold in Europe was processed from opium produced and stockpiled in Afghanistan. Mr. Placido also said there are concerns that heroin sales in that country could be used again to finance terrorism, although "we're clearly not making that link in this case." He noted that while Afghanistan has been at war, the Taliban stockpiled as much as 60 percent of the country's opium crop to drive up the price. He said that supply could now be available. In the newest investigation, DEA agents said the 10 suspected drug smugglers took part in a conspiracy to import more than 17 pounds of heroin worth about \$500,000 into this country over an 18-month period, often concealing the drugs inside heat-sealed plastic tubing sewn into the seams of traditional Afghani women's clothing. Mr. Placido said all of the suspected smugglers are natives of Afghanistan who are currently living in New York and Pakistan. According to a criminal complaint unsealed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, a confidential DEA informant negotiated with several of the suspected smugglers to have heroin sent from Pakistan to a post office box in Manhattan, which the DEA has set up as an undercover mailbox. To facilitate the shipment, the complaint said Mohammad Daud Rahimi told the informant to change the name on the box from "M. Khan" to an "American-sounding" name because Mr. Rahimi believed a Muslims name would draw law-enforcement attention. The complaint said the informant received several shipments totaling 19 ounces, or heroin from Pakistan hidden in the seams of Afghani women's dresses. Also, according to the complaint, a suspected smuggler identified as Abdul Wahad met with the informant in Karachi, Pakistan, in April 2002, and during that meeting, Mr. Wahad told the informant: Christmas was the best time to send heroin overseas because the high volume of mail volume overwhelmed law enforcement in the United States. Mr. Wahad would be using a new technique to conceal heroin inside of clothing, which consisted of high-quality plastic that could withstand heat sealing and was impossible for law enforcement to detect. He said the technique takes about 10 days to conceal 2.2 pounds, or 1 kilogram, of heroin inside the clothing. Mr. Wahad obtained opium from the fields of Jalalabad, Afghanistan, and from northern Afghanistan. Once obtained, he processed the opium into heroin by utilizing acid and high-quality chemicals he obtained from Germany. The complaint said another suspected smuggler, Mohammaddin Azizi, supplied a second confidential informant with almost 15-1/2 pounds of heroin inside a gym bag in the back of a minivan owned by Mr. Azizi.

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Flushing Afghans smuggled heroin in dress lining: Feds

By Alexander Dworkowitz | April 10th, 2003

Federal agents pulled the plug on a suspected **Flushing-based** heroin ring this week with the arrest of nine people charged with smuggling the drug inside traditional Afghan wedding dresses, **U.S. Attorney James Comey in Manhattan said**. Eight of the men were arrested Monday morning and were later arraigned in front of U.S. Magistrate Judge Douglas F. Eaton in federal court in Manhattan on charges of conspiracy to import heroin, while one man was arrested back in August, prosecutors said. They each face up to life in prison and \$4 million in fines if convicted. Three of the suspects still are at large. The ring operated by sending the drug sealed inside the dresses from Pakistan to a Manhattan post office box, according to testimony by Patrick Hamlette Jr., a special agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration, in the criminal complaint. All of the defendants were born in Afghanistan, prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District said. Authorities secretly recorded meetings between a confidential informant and the defendants, **many of whom conducted their transactions out of apartments in Flushing, Hamlette said. The informant first met with one of the defendants, Mohammad Daud Rahimi, at the Afghan Independence Festival in Flushing Meadows Corona Park in August 2001, Hamlette said.** Through Rahimi, the informant arranged to buy heroin from dealers in Pakistan, who in turn got the drug from Afghanistan, Hamlette said. Afghanistan is the world's largest source of opium, which is used to make heroin. **Federal authorities were looking into the possibility that some of the money had made its way into the hands of terrorist organizations in Afghanistan and Pakistan, a source said.** About 550 grams of the seized heroin was sent to the post office box, prosecutors said. The drug was concealed in heat-sealed plastic tubing sewn into the seams of traditional Afghan women's wedding clothing, a time-consuming technique, prosecutors said. **The informant often dropped off the money to the dealers in apartments on Parsons Boulevard in Flushing, Hamlette said. Flushing has one of the largest populations of Afghan immigrants in the country. The nine were not the first to be arrested in the sting. In August 2002, authorities arrested Mohammaddin Azizi, a Flushing resident, after he supplied a courier with almost seven kilograms of heroin hidden inside a gym bag, Hamlette said.** The courier, who was also arrested, became a second government informant in the case, prosecutors said. The first shipment to the post office box was taken by federal agents on Dec. 5, 2001, Hamlette said. Abdul Wahid, the accused supplier of the heroin in Pakistan, told the informant that "Christmas was the best time to send heroin overseas because the high volume of mail overwhelmed law enforcement in the United States," Hamlette said. Wahid also told the informant that scrutiny after Sept. 11, 2001 made shipping the drug extremely difficult, Hamlette said. The post office box was originally under the name of M. Khan, but the dealers thought the name would arouse suspicion and changed it to Lisa R. Ford, Hamlette said. On the recorded conversations, the defendants called a kilogram of heroin a "telephone," a "textile" or a "car," **while heroin dealers were named "chicken stores," according to Hamlette. Several of the defendants living in the city were employed at fried chicken stores, where Afghan immigrants often work, prosecutors said.** Azizi, Rahimi, Ahmadullah Babury, Mohammad Ismael, Taj Mohammad, Khalil Pacha, Abdul Rashid, Hamayon Salimi, Shah Wali were arrested and charged in the ring, prosecutors said. Wahad, Ali Ahmed and Shah Mahmood were also charged and were still at large, prosecutors said.

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DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION LECTURE SERIES - HAJI BAZ MOHAMMAD

00:00:01:01 We're marking the 35th anniversary of DEA and looking back across the decades. We started in the 1970s with Nicky Barnes and Frank Lucas. Then in April we went to the 1980s with Pablo Escobar, 1990s with the Ariano Felix organization, and today we wrap up with the 2000s and Haji Baz Mohammad. **00:00:22:03** Just a brief mention for the courtesy of your fellow guests in the auditorium as well as the speakers, if you could silence your cell phones and pagers that would be much appreciated. I want to thank Katy Drew or museum educator who has put together this spring lecture series and all of her hard work in getting the speakers together.

00:00:41:04 Today I'm very honored to introduce our expert panel. We have three guests that have traveled down from New York to be here today to speak. I'm gonna introduce all three of them as we begin and then they'll all three be speaking throughout the course of the presentation, and then at the end we'll have a period of time for questions and answers.

00:00:58:21 First is Special Agent Patrick Hamlet. He's currently assigned as a group supervisor out of DEA to the New York Field Division's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force, specifically group Z-53. That's the group that initiated the Haji Baz Mohammad investigation back in March of 2001 through the analysis literally of an anonymous letter.

00:01:21:01 So you never know where your sources are coming from. He spent nine years with the New York Fire Department and fourteen years in drug law enforcement. He served in the United States Marine Corps and holds a Masters of Business Administration from his educational background.

00:01:38:05 Special Agent Francis Rawl has been a special agent with the DEA's New York Field Division since 2000. He worked in the high intensity drug trafficking area group from 2000 to 2004 and is currently also assigned to the New York Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force.

00:01:55:01 Prior to being employed with DEA Special Agent Rawl was a Captain in the United States Army Military Intelligence Branch and received an honorable discharge. He is a graduate of St. Johns University, Queens, New York.

00:02:08:22 Finally, Assistant United States Attorney Boyd Johnson. He's a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Hamilton College and a Cum Laude graduate of Cornell Law School where he served as editor of the Cornell International Law Journal.

00:02:21:31 After clerking for a federal judge in Los Angeles, California and working for a corporate law firm in New York City Mr. Johnson joined the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York in January in 1999.

00:02:36:21 During his tenure Mr. Johnson has served as the Deputy Chief and Chief of the International Narcotics Trafficking Unit. Mr. Johnson has prosecuted DEA-led cases against Gilberto and Miguel Rodriguez Orwhela, the leaders of the Cali cartel, the ten leaders of the Norte Viyeh cartel and Haji Baz Mohammad of course the one we're here to hear about today.

00:02:59:13 He's the first Afghan drug lord ever extradited from Afghanistan to the United States. Mr. Johnson also supervise DEA prosecutions of the leaders of the AUC and the FARC, and from November 2006 through to the present Mr. Johnson has served as Chief of the Public Corruption Unit in the Southern District of New York.

00:03:20:02 Interestingly in that capacity he has supervised prosecutions against corrupt officials at the UN and at federal, state and local government. Most recent and most notably Mr. Johnson led the prosecution of an international prostitution and money laundering ring that resulted in the resignation of New York Governor Elliot Spitzer from office.

00:03:39:10 Mr. Johnson is currently leading the DEA terrorism prosecution of Mozar Alcazar, a notorious international arms trafficker charged with conspiring to kill Americans overseas. Please join me in welcoming our three guest speakers, Boyd Johnson, Francis Rawl and Patrick Hamlet. Thank you.

(Applause).

BOYD JOHNSON

00:04:08:12 MS: Thank you very much and good morning everyone. Thanks for coming. It's always a tough way to begin a day to listen to a lawyer talking so I particularly appreciate your attendance to hear me. I've worked with the DEA for nine and a half years now, almost a decade, and I've had a lot of opportunities to support the DEA on a number of cases.

00:04:34:18 But one of the highlights has really been this case that we're gonna be talking about today, **the Baz Mohammad** case, which ultimately led to his extradition from Afghanistan to the U.S. I've really been in awe through the years of supporting the DEA with the work of the DEA both here in this country, in our communities and our neighborhoods and also in the casework that they've done abroad.

00:05:02:12 Really from where I sit as one of the prosecutors who gets the opportunity to support these cases I can't really think of another agency that does the kind of work internationally with the kind of success that they've had as the DEA. So it's an honor to be here. It's particularly an honor to be here with my colleagues and friends, Fran and Pat, who are gonna be discussing this case with me, and hopefully we'll be able to keep you engaged this morning.

00:05:37:05 **This is a photograph of our target in this case, Haji Baz Mohammad from sometime in the 1990s.** He looks a lot different from the man we saw who came off the plane in October of 2005 in New York after he was extradited. But this is Baz Mohammad really

at the height of his power running a heroine trafficking importation distribution organization from Pakistan and Afghanistan, really the source of supply for the organization and also the manager making sure that the heroine is imported into the U.S. and then is distributed throughout the communities.

00:06:20:11 This case again really the most exciting event in this case for me was the extradition of this defendant from Afghanistan, and that happened on October 21st of 2005, and it was really an incredible achievement and the results of the individual work of Pat and Fran and the other agents in New York but also just a testament to the collective ability I think of the DEA to work overseas to support their investigations abroad and to display a commitment to identifying and to dismantling the command and control elements of Mafia organizations around the world.

00:07:25:28 VIDEO

00:09:35:12 So the question becomes how did we get to the extradition of Baz Mohammad, and that's gonna be the focus of our presentation to you this morning. Really to understand how we got to October 21st of 2005. You have to go back four years to a brand new DEA agent or almost a brand new agent sitting at his desk in New York who got an anonymous letter in the mail.

00:10:02:19 From that we got four years after to the fact to this historic extradition. So I'm gonna turn it over to Pat Hamlet, one of the case agents on this case, to begin to give you the background to this investigation and to show you while this was an exotic investigation in a lot of ways it's really at the core of what the DEA does best which is work informants, wire tap the phones and then work with its partners around the world to identify and to dismantle their command and control. Pat.

PAT HAMLET (AT SOME POINT IN THE FOLLOWING BOYD STARTS SPEAKING)

00:10:43:18 Good morning. My name is Pat Hamlet, and I want to thank the DEA Museum for having us here to present the Haji Baz Mohammad case. It a true privilege to share this investigation with you. Haji Baz Mohammad is a high level or was a high level southwest Asian heroine trafficker.

00:11:05:15 From 1990 to 2005 Baz Mohammad was responsible for distributing and for conspiring to distribute hundreds of kilograms of southwest Asian heroine to the United States, and he did this from his safe haven in Afghanistan.

00:11:23:28 Now bear in mind from 1990 to 2001, during the course of this conspiracy, there was no U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan and there was no DEA presence in Afghanistan other than our agents in Islamabad who handled Afghanistan.

00:11:41:16 With that situation Baz Mohammad led a jihad in his own words. He sent this heroine to the United States, and as a result Americans were killed because of it. Baz Mohammad knew that from his safe haven in Afghanistan he was untouchable or so he thought.

00:12:02:21 In 2001 when the intelligence division of New York provided me with an anonymous letter and asked that I review it I had no idea that we would get to this point. But as a result of that letter and as a result of DEA's initiative traction was gained in this investigation, and DEA became Baz Mohammad's worst nightmare.

00:12:29:20 DEA became the worst nightmare of Baz Mohammad's New York-based organization. Evidence that we acquired in this case led us to the conclusion based on seized heroine that Baz Mohammad was sending his heroine to the United States concealed in dresses and other ceremonial Afghan garments.

00:12:54:09 This heroine tested over 93% pure which is extremely high. His associates in the United States which were other members of his Afghan tribe would then distribute this heroine throughout the United States, from the east coast of New York all the way to California, and they did this and they evaded law enforcement for over a decade.

00:13:20:15 The characteristics of this organization enhanced their ability to evade law enforcement. They were extremely patient. They did not have to turn over this heroine fast in order to fund their operations. They could hold on to the heroine for months, close to a year at a time.

00:13:40:02 They were very select in who they sold their heroine to. They did not live flashy lifestyles with a lifestyle that would catch the eye of law enforcement. They often lived in rented apartments, sometimes 10/15 people to an apartments with very little furniture.

00:14:05:17 Now in 2001 when I received the anonymous letter it provided the name of an individual in Afghanistan who was arrested in the United States at one time but was since deported and it stated that the U.S.-based members of this organization were selling the heroine, sending it to Afghanistan and it was supporting the Taliban. That's all we had. We had nothing else. We had no lead from SOD.

00:14:34:20 We had no seizures that we knew of. We had no informants, and in any type of investigation in order to dismantle the hierarchy of the organization having human beings there with human intelligence is essential.

0:14:51:03 So our first step in dismantling this organization was to identify the members, and we did so by taking the phone record of the individual who was in New York at one time and (tape skips) Afghanistan and getting his toll records. We then analyzed those toll records.

00:15:13:14 Once we identified the subscribers of these phones that were in contact with our target we query our law enforcement databases and we reached out to our counterparts. Again, this is very important, and I want you all to remember this. What DEA prides itself on in our ability to work with our counterparts both domestic and overseas.

00:15:40:10 That was crucial in this investigation. With the identification of these individuals who are in contact with officials (unint.), and with the law enforcement databases showing that they have prior arrests in the United States, we had a blueprint if you will of this organization.

00:16:06:13 Our next focus was to find human sources that could infiltrate this organization. So with the criminal record database checks we found that there were people incarcerated throughout the United States that smuggled heroine into the United States.

00:16:28:07 We then traveled all over the United States in an attempt to recruit human sources. We probably got one out of twenty people to cooperate, but that one person was able to then give us a sub-source who we recruited.

00:16:44:24 With this newly recruited sub-source we began to infiltrate this organization, gain evidence and intelligence on how this organization operates. Early in the investigation when I reached out to our counterparts about their reports, our counterparts in customs, in FBI, they had told me that they seized Afghan heroine at different airports throughout the United States as you see in different years.

00:17:19:10 During these seizures they acquired the phone records and address books of the individuals that they arrested. They had the phone number and the name of Baz Mohammad. Now that was the first time we heard of Baz Mohammad.

00:17:37:13 But our law enforcement counterparts who did a great job. They told us look, we seized this heroine. We know that Baz Mohammad is significant, but we have no way of getting to him in Afghanistan. We just don't know how to do it.

00:17:52:08 So with Baz Mohammad identified and with these seizures that we have (unint.) to him we began to put together a historical conspiracy. Okay, that's where we started. Second, with the individual who we recruited and who infiltrated the organization we instructed this informant to make buys of heroine from the New York based members of the organization.

00:18:21:00 We now had current buys into this organization which were crucial to our wiretaps. We initiated wiretaps not only on the cellular telephones of the New York members of this organization but also non-consensual intercepts in their housing, judicial authorized room bugs and video, **and that was crucial because this organization they infrequently used telephones.**

00:18:53:14 **What they would do was meet in person and that was a norm of their customs and that is what made it extremely difficult for U.S. law enforcement to infiltrate this organization because it was a face-to face way of doing business.**

00:19:11:25 **Everything they did was face-to-face.** After we made heroine buys from the New York based members of the organization we began to make arrests. In April of 2003 roughly two years after getting the anonymous letter we arrested nine members of the organization in New York.

00:19:35:11 Subsequent to that we began arresting and indicting additional members which led to cooperators. These cooperators provided a great deal of insight on Haji Baz Mohammad and how he operates, where he lives in Afghanistan, conversations that he had with these members about how the organization operates **and who he supports, the extremist organizations in Afghanistan.**

00:20:06:12 We reached out to our counterparts overseas and to our DEA embassy and to the Islamabad country office, the Kabul country office, and we drafted a game plan to locate Baz Mohammad and arrest him.

00:20:35:29 Now of course part of that game plan was knowing where Baz Mohammad is, okay. In Bangohar (ph.) province, next to Jilalobod, Baz Mohammad had opium crops and labs that he used to convert opium into heroine. In Kandahar (ph.) Afghanistan where Baz was from he led the organization and had the refuge and safe haven of southern Afghanistan and had armed followers that protected him.

00:21:03:19 In Qaeda (ph.) Pakistan he lived. He had a residence that he used to purchase with narcotics proceeds, and in Karachi Pakistan we arranged a meet in coordination with our counterparts in Pakistan between a member of this organization and one of our confidential sources.

00:21:31:06 As a result of this meeting we obtained additional heroine which was sent to the United States in the dresses and which would directly link to Baz Mohammad.

00:21:52:11 Now this investigation is a testament to really all DEA employees. There were so many people that took part in this, not only the agents but the intel analysts, the program analysts, the people who worked in SORI (ph.). I can't tell you how many times I had to call headquarters and request reports that were written ten years before, and the people in SORI pulled these reports and sent them to me immediately which we used in the indictment.

00:22:20:29 I know I went off focus for a second, but that's very important. I want you all to realize that DEA has an extreme priority of objectives. We know what we want and we know how to get it. Baz Mohammad never thought that we would be able to reach out and touch him, but we did and he's now sitting in jail.

00:22:45:29 **Now this organization led by Baz Mohammad sold the heroine, smuggled it into the United States. The proceeds were used to fund the Taliban. As a result the Taliban provided Baz Mohammad with the safe haven and protected his routes, his smuggling routes, transportation routes so that he can continue his conspiracy to send heroine to the United States.**

00:23:28:15 Now since 2001 the investigation continued to grow and gain traction. The first indictment against him was in 2003. Post-2003 we continue to breach operators. It required new evidence and information. We used that in a subsequent indictment in 2004.

02:48:00:06 Now in 2005 in coordination with our counterparts in Afghanistan and in working with Boyd Johnson from the Southern District of New York we had intense negotiations with the Afghan government. As a result Baz Mohammad was captured in Kandahar and he was actually held.

00:24:11:21 He was held at the Minister of Interior's holding facility subsequent to his capture. Now you have to keep in mind this was never done before. This was never done before in Afghanistan, and the Afghan government received a great deal of pressure and nonsupport from outside factions because of what they did to help the United States in capturing this major trafficker.

00:24:43:18 They were steadfast. They held Baz Mohammad in custody for over a year although they were getting daily pressure to have him released. **As a result President Karzi (ph.) authorized Baz Mohammad's extradition to the United States in October of 2005.**

00:25:12:08 It was remarkable obviously because it was the first extradition but also because at the time of the arrest of Baz Mohammad the government of Afghanistan really didn't know how to handle an extradition because there had never been an tradition from that country to the U.S. or to any place else in the world.

00:25:31:07 And they were at the time and they continue to be today a team of attorneys from the department and obviously a number of agents from DEA on the ground at the embassy in Afghanistan who worked with us and with the government of Afghanistan to get through these issues.

00:25:47:16 There was no—there was no agreements, formal agreement between the two countries, for extradition. So there was no mechanism that was in place in 2005 to carry out the extradition. The constitution of Afghanistan in fact had just been written. So we had a situation, and it's hard for us to appreciate this because this country has obviously had a constitution for hundreds of years.

00:26:13:11 But this is a country who just had written a constitution, no agreement for extraditions with the United States and we're asking them to extradite a kingpin from their country to ours. Very difficult situation for the government of Afghanistan. But as Pat indicated they were committed to this.

00:26:34:08 They were committed to the rule of law and ultimately we worked with those issues and found a mechanism for Baz Mohammad to be extradited to the U.S. WE worked together on the order for Karzi to execute, and now in fact with the support of DOJ attorneys and DEA agents and other agencies on the ground in Afghanistan now there is a mechanism in place for extradition to the U.S.

00:27:02:23 But it was really the Baz Mohammad case that was able to pave the way for that. Just to tell you some more details about what happened to Baz Mohammad he was extradited to New York. He appeared before a judge. There was a date for trial that was set. We began to prepare for trial which as it often requires in these cases including moving witnesses from Afghanistan and family members to the U.S. so they would be secure.

00:27:40:06 But ultimately in July of '06 we got an agreement from Baz Mohammad to plead guilty. Just to be in that courtroom that day as Pat and I were and hear him say what we had known for years that he was in charge of this heroine trafficking organization, that he gave the heroine to the couriers in Pakistan and Afghanistan to bring it to the U.S., that he knew that heroine was coming to the U.S. and was distributed in our communities was so satisfying for all of us who had worked so long on this case.

00:28:18:17 I mean it's always a great thing for a defendant to plea because you don't have to go to trial. But it was particularly significant in this case to know that what we had thought all along was true and that the guy who was for so long above the law finally was prepared to admit his crimes in court.

00:28:35:27 Then in October of last year he was sentenced to 188 months in jail. He's an older guy and so that sentence likely means that he'll spend the rest of his life in jail, and he has not appealed which is also a good development. So I'll turn it back to Pat.

PAT HAMLET

00:29:01:10 PH: Thank you Boyd. Just to add to this organization's characteristics, we completely dismantled the New York cell of this organization. As a result through intelligence gleaned from human sources and to our domestic and (unint.) program we were able to determine that since the dismantlement of this cell the availability of southwest Asian heroine in New York has significantly dropped.

00:29:31:16 So we have an identifiable reduction in southwest Asian heroine as a result of this organization. To date every one who we were gonna take to trial in this organization has plead guilty. Again, this case was started with an anonymous letter. It's a testament to the DEA family and our commitment to go after the worst, the most threatening, the top leadership in these international heroine trafficking organizations.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER

00:30:10:06 MS: We traveled together shortly after the extradition to Afghanistan and met with the officers and attorneys over there from the Afghan side who had contributed so much to this extradition and to this investigation.

00:30:27:02 The one thing that I remember the most from that trip is how we constantly were hearing from the Afghan officials how this case had given them hope that for so long the rule of law had been non-existent in Afghanistan and that the people who were really controlling the trade of opium and of heroine were simply above the law and that while there still was heroine in Afghanistan, while there still were lots of obstacles to overcome, the fact of this extradition to those Afghans we spoke with was very, very significant.

00:31:07:27 There are problems in Afghanistan. The problem of narcotics in Afghanistan is a complicated one. Just like it was long ago when the DEA first started to go to Columbia. You think about the progress that's been made in Columbia with the leadership of the terrorist organizations, of FARC and the paramilitaries now being extradited to courts in the U.S., and you think about the achievements that have happened with the DEA as really the tip of the spear of law enforcement in those countries and that country.

00:31:52:14 You have to think that there is some hope for Afghanistan. But there's a long way to go there, and there's substantial issues to be overcome. We're gonna show you just a video that just came out that The Voice Of America just completed, and it really—I think it puts in context the significance of the Baz Mohammad extradition and his conviction.

00:32:19:22 But it also highlights the problems in Afghanistan that are ongoing. The commitment of DEA in Afghanistan and the mission of DEA in Afghanistan I think is so important to the communities in this country but also to the world that we just have to continue and to try to build on the success of Baz Mohammad and to continue to identify the kingpins over there and to bring them to justice in this country.

VIDEO

00:37:09:25 MS: So the Baz Mohammad case I think is really the beginning of what will be the journey of DEA and its counterparts in Afghanistan, and I know that the DEA is gonna continue to succeed over there and there's gonna be more cases like the Baz Mohammad case which are very important to this country and for our neighborhoods but also for the people of Afghanistan who are the ones who are really being exploited on the ground by these—by these criminals.

00:37:44:15 So what were the keys to our success in the Baz Mohammad case? First, I mean these cases are all about informants and wire taps, and that's what the DEA is all about. I think the DEA is certainly one of the best in the business on working to recruit and to

develop and to deploy informants and also to try to attack the ability of criminal organizations to communicate which is where we get the lion's share of our evidence that we used—that we use in court.

00:38:18:24 Second, I think the key is the relationship between the agents and the prosecutor on the case. These are tough cases, and I can remember lots of discussions with Pat and Fran that weren't maybe as cordial as you would expect. But that's the way these cases ought to work. There's gotta be a relationship where you have confidence in each other, where you trust each other and where you're willing to go to bat for each other.

00:38:51:16 I mean there were times in this case as there have been in other cases certainly I've worked with DEA where we're hanging out there a little bit and people looking for us to fail. If you're not sure of the partnership that you have between your agent and the prosecutor these cases just aren't gonna come together.

00:39:10:11 Finally the partnerships internationally so key to success in these cases and in this case in particular. Without the courage of the government of Afghanistan and the President of Afghanistan to go forward with the extradition this case wouldn't be a success. We would have gotten everybody in New York but the kingpin would have remained and he would have hired a bunch of new people to run his drugs around our communities.

00:39:37:18 The DEA has sure as much as you all know has the most offices abroad of any federal agency and has the unique ability to develop partnerships with their counterparts abroad appreciating the culture within which they have to work and really making the bonds between agents and investigators that are the key to these kinds of cases.

UNKOWN MALE SPEAKER

00:40:08:05 MS: As I look across the room I see many managers that were in New York and in... (tape skips) and individuals that were here in headquarters that directly contributed to the success of this investigation. I'm sure those people in this audience just as myself would never have thought seven years ago when this case was initiated we would be where we are right now.

00:40:39:22 As DEA demonstrates time and time again that's just a testament to that strategic focus. Every single seizure that DEA makes takes you somewhere else. If you stick together, if you work on it, you develop those relationships with your prosecutor, with other domestic law enforcement agencies, with our foreign counterparts as we did in this investigation, history will be met.

00:41:07:11 History will be made, and the first extradition from another country yet to be made will happen again. So it's been fun, it's been stressful and it's been an incredible learning experience. The case is ongoing. We're still working and we'll continue to work. We're not done.

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00:41:26:28 MS: Just one final word, I mean some of the lessons I think that I draw at least from this case is first there's no limits to what the DEA can do around the world, and the idea that a GS-9 sitting at his desk in New York would have gotten a letter from some nut job in jail and would have read it and would have followed up on it and seven years—well four years after that would frankly have changed the world with the first extradition from Afghanistan I mean people would laugh at that.

00:42:05:21 But that's how you should be thinking every day. That's how agents and investigators and prosecutors should be thinking every day. I mean each lead that you get matters and might be the one that will make all the difference. Since I've moved from narcotics to corruption I mean I'm still very much involved in narcotics with DEA.

00:42:27:10 I get a lot of calls about who is the one who was—they had the shooter of Kennedy, where Hoffa is buried in New York. Lots of calls that I figure out aren't leads that we should follow. But you get that one call, that one lead, one tip from an informant and that could be the one that could make the career case for you.

00:42:57:14 So it's a commitment to following up on every lead and to appreciating that there just are no limits to what you and the DEA, what your partners around the world can achieve. Thanks for your attention, and I guess we'll take questions now, right.

00:43:16:19 MS: If I may Boyd, if we could have folks with questions just wait a moment until a microphone arrives when you raise your hand and Boyd calls on you that way everyone in the audience has an opportunity to hear your question.

00:43:43:28 MS: Just make up a question, anything.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

00:43:54:14 MS: Were you able to follow the money back and if so how were they sending the money back.

00:44:00:17 MS: We were. Do you want to comment on that.

00:44:04:17 MS: We were able to send—to follow the money back. The method that this organization utilized to send the heroine proceeds back to Afghanistan and Pakistan is centuries old non-formal system called Whowala (ph.). They did not use traditional banking methods.

00:44:23:22 So they used this century old system whereas money does not physically leave one location to another location at that time of the transfer. For example, if there is \$100,000 in heroine proceeds here in the United States in New York that needs to go to Kandahar, Afghanistan the Whowala dealer in Afghan—in New York will contact the Whowala dealer in Afghanistan and say I need to send \$100,000. That \$100,000 in Afghanistan will already be there, okay. The recipient in Afghanistan would pick up that money by way of a password. It could be a password, it could be the serial number from a dollar bill that was provided by the sender in New York.

00:45:18:20 They usually charge a 2% or 3% fee of the amount to be sent, and that money is replenished at a later time whether it's smuggled into Afghanistan via human couriers, whether it's goods and items sent to Afghanistan that were under-valued or over-valued. But the money is recouped.

00:45:42:12 MS: Just a follow up. We charged and we convicted the money launderers involved in this organization who were primarily responsible for collecting the money and using the Whowala system that Pat described to get the proceeds back to Afghanistan. Yes.

00:45:57:20 MS: Good morning. I have kind of two questions. One is what were **the—how strong were the links between Baz and the Taliban as far as financing acts of terrorism or financing Taliban operations in general?** Two, because he considers killing Americans with heroine as a form of jihad and based on his support of the Taliban is there—is there any way in the law that you run into problems with bringing him here for prosecution and if he's seen as more of an enemy combatant.

00:46:30:15 Kind of where is that fine line where we could bring somebody here and try them where they're seen as an enemy combatant and go to Guantanamo or something like that?

00:46:38:06 MS: Last question is a big question. I don't think I'm competent or frankly have time to answer this morning. But I mean from the beginning this was a case that was going to court. It was a criminal investigation from the moment that we began to look at Baz Mohammad and we saw it as a criminal investigation.

00:47:00:26 There certainly are some operations that lead elsewhere in terms of the way the cases are handled ultimately. But just back to the first question that you asked. **I mean we charged in the initial indictment in this case that from 1994 forward some of the proceeds that were generated from Baz Mohammad's heroine were going back to the Taliban in Afghanistan.**

00:47:24:12 You gotta realize at the time that he was in charge of his heroine organization, at least up to the mid to late 1990s, the Taliban was the government of Afghanistan, and as you've seen say in Columbia or Mexico, in other countries abroad, often times the ability of the traffickers to corrupt the government or officials within the government can really be key to their success to move their loads out of the country or to control the money that's coming back.

00:47:57:02 So we—we actually included in the initial indictment the allegation that some of the proceeds were going back to the Taliban in Afghanistan and that obviously changed the focus of the case a bit. I mean obviously any guy who is importing a substantial amount of heroine to our neighborhoods I think is a risk to the national security of this country.

00:48:16:23 **Which is why in June of '05 the President actually identified Baz Mohammad as a threat to our national security. But where you've got this added element of funds that are going to a terrorist organization that's obviously something that raises additional and different concerns. Yes.**

00:48:38:29 MS: As you said Haji Baz Mohammad is not in business anymore. But Afghanistan is still a country who produces most opium in the world, most heroine. United States, Britain and some other countries they have spent like hundreds of millions of dollars to stop heroine production and processing in Afghanistan.

00:49:12:10 But as we have heard the reports that the heroine production in Afghanistan is the same amount that was produced last year. My question is why this is impossible to stop heroine production in Afghanistan? There is not—there is no good policy for that? Where is the problem?

00:49:42:00 MS: As in the case with this investigation and the arrest of Haji Baz Mohammad this organization that sent the heroine to the United States was dismantled. As a result the availability of southwest Asian heroine in the United States has significantly declined.

00:50:02:04 That's the success, and that's what we will continue to do. Now as you accurately pointed out the output of heroine and opium production in Afghanistan either increases or it's been steady in some provinces. But it's also decreased in provinces as well along the northern parts of Afghanistan.

00:50:23:18 So there are huge successes in Afghanistan with the production of opium. Now Afghanistan is a traditional opium-producing country. The United States in coordination with the Afghan officials have not been working for long in trying to find alternate livelihoods, in training the Afghan farmers in alternate livelihoods and ways to support their family as well as their judicial system.

00:50:53:21 We're still at the ground level and we're still working hard. So progress has been made, but everyone understands that it is going to take time.

00:51:05:22 MS: I think it's also as very well put. It's a complicated issue, the issue of the supply of opium and heroine out of Afghanistan. The mission of DEA that I've been able to support has been focused on identifying the organizations that control the supply of illegal drugs and trying to dismantle them from the command and control on down. It's a mission that I think is essential to making the kind of progress that needs to be made in Afghanistan.

00:51:33:07 That said the issues are complicated and there's one other thing that I noticed at least when I was in Afghanistan with Pat. There's a lot of good people on the ground from the U.S., from the UN and certainly from Afghanistan itself.

00:51:47:08 Some Afghan citizens who have come back to the country now after being in exile for years who really want to make it better for the people of Afghanistan. So I think that there is a commitment there, but that doesn't mean it's a problem that's gonna be solved overnight.

00:52:01:23 I mean I think you do look for example to Columbia and you go from the days of Escobar, one of the lectures that you had. It's a guy who basically ran the government of that country and was a terrorist. And you look at what's happening there now. The guy who inherited the cartel from Escobar has been extradited to New York and he plead guilty. He's spending the rest of his life in jail.

00:52:25:22 I mean there are real signs of progress in Columbia but it took an awful long time. I think it's a commitment that I know that the DEA has made and that the U.S. government and its partners around the world need to make to work with the Afghans for as long as it takes to try to address the problem.

00:52:44:25 MS: I'm Major James Manchip, Civil Air Patrol and Drug Demand Reduction officer. Twenty-something years ago Public Law 99570 was passed. It allowed the Department of Defense to aid the process of drug enforcement.

00:53:02:24 That question goes with this. How much do you think that the military presence in Afghanistan contributed to at least the potential of the government to feel that they could survive if they cooperated. That's sort of a first question. The second question you mentioned about corruption.

00:53:24:20 I question then is the corruption speaking of foreign corruption or do you address also corruption in the United States. So that's kind of related to that. Third thing you talked about jihad and you spoke about dollar figures. But jihad was against individuals. You have any numbers of youth, our American children who are dying on the streets by result of Haji Baz Mohammad.

00:53:58:14 Then finally, do you have any way that you can see this thing to be reached out to the teenagers in our schools today which is the drug demand reduction effort?

00:54:10:11 MS: Well let me just say I mean first I've traveled a fair amount in a decade or so working with the DEA to countries, and I've spoken to a lot of officials in those countries, and the big issue that they always have raised with me is the problem of our demand for these illegal drugs in this country.

00:54:26:17 That's a problem that you and your partners in OMBCP have been working on and are working on successfully. But it's a big issue. I mean we are the market for these drugs, for cocaine out of Columbia, for heroine out of Columbia and in part for heroine out of Afghanistan, and that's a problem.

00:54:40:17 And we need to be honest about that problem and deal with it. I mean it's always very hard to show the link between a certain amount of heroine that comes in say to a country to your and then to the users down the line. I mean there just are—there's a number of people in between the supplier and ultimately the user that it's almost impossible to detect and in this case actually haven't been able to identify any specific individuals who are users.

00:55:09:06 But I mean there's no drug more potent or dangerous than heroine. We all know that in this world. The extent that you have a guy here who realizes that this poison he's getting into this country has the potential to kill Americans and is satisfied by the fact that it's making him rich that's the guy I want to go after.

00:55:34:02 As far as the relationship between the military in Afghanistan and the courage of the Karzi administration actually I think it mattered. I think that certainly I know that the DEA since they've engaged in Afghanistan has been working with the military over there. It's essential to operate, to hit the labs they're hitting, to dismantle the organizations they're dismantling.

00:01:54:12 That's a partnership that I know is gonna continue. I mean the military has a lot of responsibilities in Afghanistan aside from attacking opium supply. But I think it's a mission that's able to compliment the rest of the missions the military is carrying out over there.

00:56:13:26 I'm not sure if I missed any of your questions there. But I tried to address them all.

00:56:18:03 MS: It's virtually impossible for you to track down who the (unint.) levels the (inaud.) the depth of (inaud.).

00:56:32:20 MS: Yeah, I mean you can go to communities. You know we know communities from Queens to Brooklyn even and part of Manhattan where the heroine ultimately ended up. But again it's hard to find and to specifically identify the users. But this is a guy—I mean he plead guilty to supplying heroine from 1990 through 2005.

00:56:54:11 I frankly wasn't sure that's what he would say when he plead guilty. It's not what he—he could have said less. But he said for a decade and a half he got that dope to New York and all across the U.S. Because of this case we forced him to take responsibility for that.

00:57:13:01 MS: Good morning. My name is David McKeeby (ph.). I'm a staff writer for America.gov. It's the State Department public diplomacy website. First I want to thank you for your service. Fascinating lecture. From the State Department's perspective a very important part of this question is it comes down to governance, and it's no coincidence that the areas where the production concentration is right now are the places where you have the least security.

00:57:41:08 USAID is doing a big part on alternative livelihoods and that part of the puzzle. But I'd like to ask you two quick questions. One, I wonder if you could tell us a little bit more about the informant. Obviously you can't tell us specifics, but I'd love to know if you have any insight as to what might have motivated that informant.

00:58:03:19 Second, I'd like you to talk a little bit more about your partnership with the Afghan police and Pakistani authorities in this case. Generally speaking characterize how that relationship works, how positive is it and also because there is that climate of corruption, particularly in Afghanistan, is here sometimes a question of confidence in your partners? Thank you.

00:58:31:19 MS: Well I think it's probably best as we often say not to discuss the details of any informants. They're obviously security issues that surround that and just that observation about your other question I'll turn over to Pat. I think any time that you're operating in a country that is emerging like in Columbia when the DEA went down there.

00:58:55:22 Mexico now in certain ways and certainly in the past you have the issue on the corruption and you have to be aware of that issue. The DEA has policies in place and very specific policies to try to identify the corruption and that's a part of the partnership.

00:59:13:06 I mean of course where there's any indication that anyone involved in the operation is corrupt that needs to be dealt with immediately whether it's American or corruption on the other side. I mean I think the relationship is whether it's been a success or not I think it's shown by the result.

00:59:31:18 We got Baz Mohammad back. He spent a lot of time in Pakistan, he spent a lot of time in Afghanistan. We did operations in both of those countries with the cooperation and support of those governments. So I mean it was very successful.

00:59:44:24 Were there bumps in the road, of course. But the fact that we got him here, that we got the complete support of our partners in those two countries to build the case and to convict him is a testament to the relationships and to their commitment to doing the right thing.

01:00:00:01 MS: I agree. Thank you for your question. As far as operating overseas and more specifically in this case it's absolutely crucial that you have a relationship with your host country counterparts and in this case Pakistan and Afghanistan. There have been bumps in the road as in any type of relationship. But we were able to overcome those obstacles.

01:00:21:14 One key factor in any type of investigation is you've got to know your targets and you've got to know the people that you're dealing with. That holds true for your counterparts as well. For example often it's not a criminal motive that would lead a counterpart not to agree with you.

01:00:43:07 Sometimes it's merely a tribal relationship, and that goes deeper and is more profound than a loyalty to the individual country. That's something that you've gotta understand when working with counterparts overseas. You've gotta understand the people. You've gotta understand the culture.

01:01:02:18 Once you do that it will definitely enhance the working relationship. That's one of the things we were able to identify and address in this investigation.

(END OF SIDE A)

01:01:17:21 MS: ...Johnson. It's a pleasure having you at DEA headquarters. You are a friend of DEA and you have the guts to take on one of the difficult cases that DEA has worked on. Question. I would like for you to elaborate a little bit more on the extradition. Did you use the 1961 Convention to extradite Haji Baz Mohammad and/or what other mechanism? Do we currently have a formal negotiation with the Karzi government on informant extradition between the United States and Afghanistan? Thank you.

01:01:53:18 MS: I appreciate those comments at the beginning. You can keep going if...no. We don't have a formal extradition treaty between the two countries. That's something that I know—something I know is via the Department of State has been dealing with. But there is a mechanism in place as we saw in Baz Mohammad for extraditions to happen.

01:02:17:22 What we did is we used the 1988 Vienna Convention on Drugs which anyone who has done an EMLAT (ph.) to a country or made a request for evidence that's the document that you rely on. With our partners at the Office of International Affairs DOJ we argued to the Karzi administration and to the chief judge of the - well the courts in Afghanistan who by the way was not an attorney which may have been a good thing.

01:02:50:21 That there was a basis because Afghanistan signed on to that convention. There's a provision in that convention that actually says if there were parties to the treaty that you can use that or to the convention rather than that you can use that and that document as a basis for extradition.

01:03:08:29 Now the other obstacle I had then was to convince the Karzi government that the constitution of Afghanistan which had just recently been passed which had something in it about the aversion to extradite anybody from Afghanistan anywhere wasn't a barrier to using the UN convention that way.

01:03:29:02 So there was actually a memo I did over a weekend I remember to one of the other DOJ attorneys in Afghanistan, and then the next thing I knew Monday they said oh, this went to Karzi and he read it which was a little jarring for me because I would have probably taken some more time to spell check it.

01:03:47:05 But anyway, but we carried the day with that argument, and I think again just to go back to the beginning it was really the ability or the desire of the Karzi administration in Afghanistan to promote the rule of law that carried the day because what we said was you signed the convention. We all agree that this heroine is bad for all of us and this guy is a bad actor.

01:04:14:22 There's a basis in law for you to extradite him and they did. Thanks very much. Thank you. It's been an honor and a pleasure. (Applause)

(END OF TAPE)

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U.S. SECRETLY MET WITH FOLLOWERS OF BLIND SHEIKH OMAR ABDEL RAHMAN BEFORE CONTROVERSIAL VISA APPLICATION

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Followers of Omar Abdel Rahman made overtures to U.S. diplomats one year before the radical sheikh entered the United States on a visa approved by a CIA agent. During several meetings with diplomatic officers at the U.S. embassy in Cairo, members of al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya (The Islamic Group) provided extensive details about the operations of one of Egypt's most notorious terrorist organizations. Initiated by al-Gama'a, the meetings were aimed at creating a dialogue with the U.S. in the hopes of eventual, unspecified cooperation. The initiative was based on a perception that the U.S. enjoyed similar cooperation with the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt. Less than four years after the approach, an al-Gama'a terror cell led personally by Abdel-Rahman bombed the World Trade Center in New York City. The 1989 meetings are described in secret cables from the U.S. embassy in Cairo, which were declassified and released as part of a Freedom of Information Act request by INTELWIRE.

THE APRIL 1989 MEETING <http://intelfiles.egoplex.com/1989-04-25-gamaat.pdf>

An April 25, 1989 cable from the Cairo embassy describes several meetings between unidentified "embassy officers" and a self-proclaimed member of al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya. The name of the member is redacted, as are several other sections of the cable. Signed by U.S. ambassador to Egypt Frank Wisner, the cable is addressed to several other U.S. embassies and to U.S. intelligence services and military posts. An ambassador's name is often used on cables written by other embassy offices. Contacted by INTELWIRE, Wisner said he was not aware that any meetings with Rahman's people had taken place. The cable was classified as "secret." Known as the "blind sheikh," Rahman was considered the main spiritual guide for both al-Gama'a and al-Jihad, otherwise known as Egyptian Islamic Jihad. At the time of the meeting, Rahman was under detention in Egypt but was expected to be released shortly. In meetings with embassy officials, the member said al-Gama'a and al-Jihad were, in fact, the same organization. Historically, the two groups have had overlapping membership and agendas. Today, they are considered separate organizations, and Al-Gama'a has renounced the use of violence. The member estimated al-Gama'a membership as between 150,000 and 200,000, a figure which the embassy suspected was exaggerated. The member said he was part of al-Gama'a Shura Council while he was in prison, between September 1981 and October 1988. He said his specialty was organizing protests and demonstrations. The member disputed government characterizations of al-Gama'a as "secret" and "violent" and disavowed attacks that had been attributed to the group. The member provided printed material concerning Rahman and al-Gama'a beliefs and goals. He said the group found the government of Saudi Arabia to be "the best Islamic government today" but faulted Saudi King Fahd for failing to take a hard line against Iran. However, the member said, Rahman met with an Iranian delegation in Pakistan during the autumn of 1988 and was "favorably impressed." Rahman also traveled to the United States in 1988 to speak a conference, the member said. The "blind sheikh" traveled to the U.S. yearly, the member said, on trips supported by Saudi Arabia. Embassy officials were skeptical about some of the claims made by the member and recorded their suspicions concerning his motives, as well as questioning whether his approach to the embassy had the blessing of his superiors in al-Gama'a. Embassy officials noted that their skepticism "leaps instantly from the fact that he has revealed much more than we would have considered prudent."

THE MAY 1989 MEETING <http://intelfiles.egoplex.com/1989-05-03-gamaat.pdf>

In May, embassy officials met with "a young lawyer of 'The Islamic Group' (or Jihad as it is called by the government)." The meeting came after "repeated recent contacts" between al-Gama'a and U.S. diplomats, the cable states. The May cable is addressed only to the Secretary of State, the consul in Alexandria and the Defense

Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C. It is signed by Wisner and classified "secret" and "department only." The lawyer repeated the figure of 150,000 to 200,000 members and reiterated other key points from the April cable. Embassy officers believed this figure included a loose group of "sympathizers" and did not "represent an Islamic revolutionary vanguard." He claimed "he was informing us about his group as a result of a 'change in thinking' within the group." Al-Gama'a was "concerned about the 'radical and violent image' of the group presented by the government," according to the lawyer. The lawyer said an individual, whose name was redacted, "had persuaded them that U.S. diplomats were 'sincere,' so they decided to present this 'true picture' directly to" embassy officers. It's not clear whether this is a reference to the individual described in the April cable, or whether that individual and the lawyer are the same person. The cable states: "[redacted] had told us separately that [redacted] had opined that the government was not persecuting the Muslim Brotherhood because the U.S. was 'supporting' the Muslim Brotherhood against the more radical Islamic trends. On this widely accepted conspiratorial premise, the 'Islamic Group' may be making its own bid for outside support." An embassy officer told the lawyer that "the U.S. does not intervene in internal affairs nor support any group of any sort against the government of Egypt."

Among the points and claims made by the lawyer:

- Members of al-Gama'a are "unified in a single ideology, though there are different 'styles' of action from region to region."
- Members can directly contact other members across Egypt.
- Omar Abdel-Rahman was described as the mufti of the group, or alternatively as its emir. The former title is a religious position, the latter implies some degree of operational control. However, a separate individual was identified as the chief operational leader. The name of that person is redacted.
- The 11 members of al-Gama'a Shura Council were named by the lawyer, but the names were redacted from the cable before its release by the State Department.
- The lawyer characterized other known Egyptian Islamist groups as having been disbanded or largely imprisoned, including Egyptian Islamic Jihad and Takfir Wal Hijra. Later reporting suggests this claim was significantly inflated.
- The Muslim Brotherhood was seen by al-Gama'a as part of the "governing establishment."
- Al-Gama'a members "reject the concept of 'takfir,'" i.e., condemning opponents such as the government as infidels who may be attacked with impunity.
- The lawyer claimed the Egyptian government had "pinned" the name Jihad on al-Gama'a in order to blame the group for attacks on Christians. The lawyer denied al-Gama'a had any role in attacking Christian interests in Egypt.
- The lawyer accused the Muslim Brotherhood of "playing games" and acting out of personal and property interests.
- "Local groups of Islamic youth exist around the country," according to the lawyer. "Because they lack proper religious guidance, they do crazy things" which are then blamed on al-Gama'a. However some of these youth are also members of al-Gama'a, he conceded.
- Sayyid Qutb and his books are the group's primary ideological inspiration, particularly his anti-secular (and anti-American) tract "Milestones on the Road."

The cable concludes with a reference to a follow-up cable describing the organization's ties to foreign governments. However, the follow-up cable was not included in this FOIA release.

THE 1990 VISA

In May 1990, approximately one year after the second meeting in Egypt, Omar Abdel Rahman obtained a visa to enter the United States (Time Magazine, May, 24, 1993). The visa was issued in by the U.S. embassy in Khartoum, Sudan. Rahman's name had been placed on a terrorist watchlist that should have kept him out of the United States. Embassy officials said the visa was issued in error and began an investigation of the embassy official who approved the passport. That official turned out to be an officer of the CIA (New York Times, July 14, 1993). According to the Times, the CIA officer was working as a consular official as part of his official cover and did not act on behalf of the CIA. Officials described the event as a "coincidence," according to the Times. Rahman traveled from Sudan to Pakistan, then entered the U.S. in July 1990. He was subsequently indicted and convicted for leading a cell of terrorists in New York City responsible for the World Trade Center bombing and a thwarted "Day of Terror" plot in which several New York landmarks were targeted for simultaneous truck bombings.

INTELWIRE has obtained more than 1,400 pages of declassified U.S. State Department documents concerning Egyptian radical groups. For more information about INTELWIRE research services, please contact [J.M. Berger](#). Views expressed on INTELWIRE are those of the author alone.

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF CONVERSATIONS WITH A MEMBER OF

"THE ISLAMIC GROUP", AKA "AL-JIHAD"

REF: A. CAIRO 5506 (AND PREVIOUS) B. CAIRO 8608

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2. INTRODUCTION ON SOURCING: IN SEVERAL INITIAL
CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHO CLAIMS HE IS A FOLLOWER OF RADICAL SHEIKH 'OMAR 'ABDURRAHMAN, COMMENTED EXTENSIVELY ON VARIOUS ISSUES CONCERNING HIS GROUP.

[REDACTED] SAID HIS GROUP IS PROPERLY CALLED "AL-GAMA'A AL-ISLAMIYA" (THE ISLAMIC GROUP). HOWEVER, HE ASSERTED THIS GROUP IS IDENTICAL TO THAT KNOWN AS "AL-JIHAD," A NAME [REDACTED] DISAVOWS AS APPENDED TO THE GROUP BY THE GOVERNMENT. THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES

[REDACTED] COMMENTS.

[REDACTED] END INTRODUCTION.

3. LEADERSHIP AND IDENTITY: [REDACTED] ASSERTED THAT THE ISLAMIC GROUP NUMBERS SOME 150,000 - 200,000, IN ADDITION TO THE "SMALL NUMBER -- INCLUDING 1500 ARRESTED SINCE APRIL 1 -- IN PRISON." (COMMENT: [REDACTED] DISMISSED ANY DISTINCTION BETWEEN "SYMPATHIZERS" AND MORE DEEPLY COMMITTED ACTIVISTS AMONG THE CLAIMED MEMBERSHIP, WHICH WE SUSPECT IN ANY CASE HE EXAGGERATED. HOWEVER, THE INTERIOR MINISTER HAS PUBLICLY CONFIRMED [REDACTED] CLAIM OF 1500 ARRESTEES SINCE APRIL 7 -- SEE REF D ON THIS QUESTION -- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] END

COMMENT.) THE GROUP IS WELL ORGANIZED, AND ITS MEMBERS COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION FROM ONE

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END OF EGYPT TO THE OTHER. GROUPS SUCH AS JIHAD, AL-NAGUN MIN AL-NAR, TAKFIR WAL HIJRA, ETC., EITHER NO LONGER EXIST OUTSIDE PRISON WALLS OR HAVE FEW FOLLOWERS (REF A). THE ISLAMIC GROUP AND THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD ARE THE ONLY SUCH ISLAMIC GROUPS ACTIVE THROUGHOUT EGYPT TODAY. THE GROUP DIFFERS WITH THE MB BOTH IN MEANS AND "SOME OBJECTIVES." SMALLER GROUPS EXIST ON THE LOCAL LEVEL, BUT LACK THE KIND OF CORRECT RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY THE ISLAMIC GROUP'S "MUFTI" (ISLAMIC LEGAL INTERPRETER) OR "AMIR 'AAM" (GENERAL COMMANDER OR PRINCE), DR. 'OMAR 'ABDURRAHMAN.

4. ABDURRAHMAN WAS JAILED IN FAYOUM ON APRIL 7.

"OPERATIONAL LEADER" IS [REDACTED]

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WHO HAS BEEN DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGES SINCE LAST DECEMBER, BUT IS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED FROM PRISON SHORTLY. [REDACTED] HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE GROUP'S 11-MAN "CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY" WHEN HE WAS IMPRISONED IN SEPTEMBER, 1981, UNTIL OCTOBER, 1988. [REDACTED] RELATED HIS TACTICS IN LEADING STREET PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS. HOWEVER, THE GROUP IS NEITHER "SECRET" NOR "VIOLENT", HE CLAIMED. CONTRARY TO GOVERNMENT PORTRAYALS OF THE GROUP, THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO FOREIGN TOURISM TO EGYPT; TO THE SERVING OF ALCOHOL IN DESIGNATED PLACES TO NON-MUSLIMS; OR TO THE FULL FREEDOM OF RELIGION FOR CHRISTIANS AND JEWS, UNDER ISLAMIC LAW. THE GROUP HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY OF THE REPORTED ATTACKS ON CHRISTIANS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

5. RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT: THE GROUP DOES NOT

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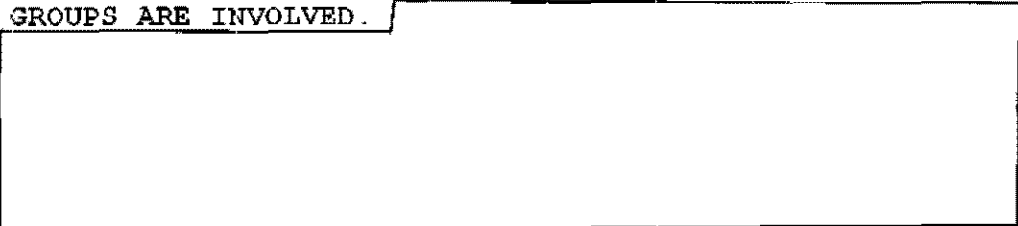
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RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT, BUT SOMETIMES
 COOPERATES WITH IT, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF
 'ABDURRAHMAN, WHO MET WITH THE INTERIOR MINISTER BEFORE
 THE APRIL 1987 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS AND AGREED NOT
 TO DISTURB THE PEACE. HOWEVER, THE GROUP DOES NOT/NOT
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COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN STAGING THE MASS
 PRAYER RALLIES ON THE HOLIDAYS; OTHER, LOCAL ISLAMIC
 GROUPS ARE INVOLVED.



THE GOVERNMENT, NOT 'ABDURRAHMAN, PROVOKED
 THE RIOT IN FAYOUM APRIL 7 (REF B), AND THE GROUP WILL
 MOUNT DEMONSTRATIONS TO PROTEST 'ABDURRAHMAN'S
 IMPRISONMENT.

6. THE GROUP "RESPECTS" ALL THE 'ULEMA, WHETHER THOSE
 OF THE GOVERNMENT OR THE INDEPENDENTS; HOWEVER, IT DOES
 NOT FEAR TO TELL THEM WHEN IT BELIEVES THEY ARE
 ERRING. THE "DIALOGUE" WITH THE MUFTI OF THE REPUBLIC

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AND OTHER OFFICIAL MEN OF RELIGION IS ONLY GAINING THE GROUP MORE SUPPORTERS.

[REDACTED]

WE WILL

TRANSMIT SEPARATELY SEVERAL ITEMS PASSED US BY [REDACTED] ONE IS A BOOKLET JUST DISTRIBUTED LAST MONTH BUT DATED DECEMBER 1988-JANUARY 1989, ENTITLED: "GRAVE REPORTL ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION BETWEEN THE ISLAMIC GROUP AND THE EGYPTIAN REGIME;" ANOTHER IS A BOOK BY AND ABOUT 'ABDURRAHMAN', "A WORD OF TRUTH: THE (1981-82 TRIAL) DEFENSE OF DR. 'OMAR 'ABDURRAHMAN," WHICH [REDACTED] CLAIMED IS THE COMPLETE STORY OF 'ABDURRAHMAN'S LIFE AND IDEAS; A THIRD ITEM IS A LOOSELY BOUND SHEAF OF PHOTOCOPIED MANUSCRIPTS PURPORTEDLY EXPLAINING THE SECRET

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GROUP'S OBJECTIVES AND THOUGHT.)

7. FOREIGN TIES: THE GROUP FINDS KING FAHD AND HIS SYSTEM THE BEST ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT TODAY, FAULTING QIM MAINLY BECAUSE OF HIS LACK OF FIRMNESS IN CONFRONTING KHOMEINI AND THE SHI'ITES. THE GROUP REJECTS KHOMEINISM CHIEFLY FOR ITS VIOLENCE, THOUGH IT SHARES KHOMEINI'S BELIEF IN ISLAM AS THE BASIS OF GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, LEADER 'ABDURRAHMAN EVIDENTLY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED AN IRANIAN DELEGATION HE MET AT AN ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN PAKISTAN LAST FALL. EGYPTIAN MEMBERS OF THE ISLAMIC GROUP ARE FIGHTING WITH THE MUJAHIDEEN IN AFGHANISTAN. THE GROUP ALSO HAS CLOSE TIES TO THE ISLAMIC GROUP IN ALGERIA, WHO HAVE MORE FREEDOM THAN THEY HAVE IN EGYPT. THE GROUP DOES NOT OBJECT TO EGYPTIAN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S., BUT BELIEVES EGYPTIANS ARE SOMEWHAT LAZY AND SHOULD DEPEND UPON THEMSELVES, NOT OUTSIDERS. THE GROUP HAS NOT ATTACKED AND WILL NOT ATTACK U.S. DIPLOMATS, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] 'ABDURRAHMAN TRAVELLED LAST YEAR TO THE U.S. TO SPEAK AT A CONFERENCE, AND TRAVELS YEARLY TO THE UK AT THE INVITATION OF AN ISLAMIC GROUP THERE. HE UNDERTAKES HIS FOREIGN TRAVELS VIA SAUDI ARABIA.

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B DESPERATE OUTREACH EFFORT ...: THE QUESTION OF
MOTIVES LEAPS INSTANTLY FROM THE FACT THAT HE
HAS REVEALED MUCH MORE THAN WE WOULD HAVE CONSIDERED

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PRUDENT, FROM THIS UNDERGROUND GROUP'S PRESUMABLY
 SUSPICIOUS PERSPECTIVE TOWARD THE U.S. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] HAD STIMULATED [REDACTED] WILLINGNESS
 TO MEET POLOFF BY REPORTING TO [REDACTED] OVER A PERIOD OF
 MONTHS, THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY WAS PAYING ANALYTICAL
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ATTENTION TO THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT. WE DEDUCE THAT
 [REDACTED] WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS --
 MOST RECENTLY AT THE EMBASSY ITSELF -- IS MOTIVATED IN
 PART BY THE HARD-PRESSED GROUP'S DESIRE TO MAKE ITS
 CASE TO THE U.S., AS [REDACTED] ALLEGES, PERHAPS IN A
 DESPERATE HOPE OF SECURING U.S. "SUPPORT." [REDACTED] HAD
 CONFIDED SEPARATELY TO [REDACTED] THAT THE GROUP
 BELIEVES THE GOVERNMENT IS TOLERATING THE MB AS A
 RESULT OF US "SUPPORT" FOR THE MB; SUCH LEBANESE-STYLE
 THINKING IS NO LESS WIDELY ACCEPTED FOR BEING BIZARRE.
 THE BOOKLET WHICH [REDACTED] PROVIDED CONVEYED MUCH OF THE
 SAME INFORMATION HE REPORTED ORALLY. IT EXPLAINS THAT
 THE GROUP IS PUBLISHING ITS "FULL STORY" THEREIN IN
 ORDER TO "PRESENT ITS CASE TO PUBLIC OPINION," AS THE
 GOVERNMENT HAS STEPPED UP ITS LEVEL OF "OPPRESSION."
 WHATEVER [REDACTED] EXPECTATIONS MAY BE OF GAIN FOR HIS
 GROUP FROM CONTACT WITH THE U.S., POLOFF WARNED THAT
 THE U.S. HAS RELATIONS WITH AND SUPPORTS THE GOVERNMENT
 OF EGYPT, AND THAT WE SUPPORT THE STRENGTH AND
 STABILITY OF EGYPT, ITS GOVERNMENT, AND PRESIDENT
 MUBARAK; WE DO NOT SUPPORT INTERNAL GROUPS OF ANY SORT
 AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

9. ... VANITY, AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES: HOWEVER,
 PERSONAL MOTIVES PROBABLY ARE ALSO IN PLAY: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHOWED A CERTAIN MESSIANIC
 EXCITEMENT IN ACTING AS A SPOKESMAN FOR HIS GROUP AND
 ITS IMPRISONED LEADERSHIP, WHICH HE CLEARLY REVERES,
 TOWARD A SUPERPOWER HE EVIDENTLY BELIEVES IS IN NEED OF
 THE ENLIGHTENMENT HE HAS TO OFFER. [REDACTED] MAY BE A BIT
 IN FRONT OF HIS LEADERSHIP; HE SAID HE HAD NOT

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REQUESTED THE PERMISSION OF LEADER [REDACTED] TO PASS THE PRINTED MATERIALS TO US, BUT WAS CONFIDENT [REDACTED] WOULD APPROVE AND HE WOULD TELL [REDACTED] HE HAD DONE SO. DESPITE [REDACTED] APPARENT SINCERITY, WE ARE ALSO ALERT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF HOSTILE MOTIVES, ON THE PART OF EITHER THE ISLAMIC GROUP OR THE GOVERNMENT SECURITY SERVICES. OUR [REDACTED] COLLEAGUES, WHO ALSO MET [REDACTED] LAST DECEMBER, SHARE THIS ASSESSMENT OF HIS MOTIVES, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NOT FOUND HIM, OR THEN RELEASED LEADER [REDACTED] SO FORTHCOMING AT THAT TIME.

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SUBJECT: CONVERSATIONS WITH A MEMBER OF "THE ISLAMIC
 GROUP": (I) IDENTITY AND LEADERSHIP

REF: A. CAIRO 9476

B. CAIRO 5506 (AND PREVIOUS)

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1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: A YOUNG LAWYER OF "THE ISLAMIC GROUP" (OR
 "JIHAD", AS IT IS CALLED BY THE GOVERNMENT) ASSERTED
 THAT HIS WELL-ORGANIZED GROUP NUMBERS SOME 150,000 -
 200,000, IN ADDITION TO THE "SMALL NUMBER -- 1500 --
 DETAINED SINCE APRIL 1." GROUPS SUCH AS JIHAD,
 AL-NAGUN MIN AL-NAR, TAKFIR WAL HIJRA, ETC., EITHER NO
 LONGER EXIST OUTSIDE PRISON WALLS OR HAVE FEW
 FOLLOWERS. INSTEAD, AL-GAMA'A AL-ISLAMIYA, OR THE
 ISLAMIC GROUP, AND THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD, ARE THE ONLY
 SUCH ISLAMIC GROUPS ACTIVE ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL. THE

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GROUP DIFFERS WITH THE MB BOTH IN MEANS AND "SOME
 OBJECTIVES." SMALLER GROUPS EXIST ON THE LOCAL LEVEL,
 BUT LACK THE KIND OF CORRECT RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE
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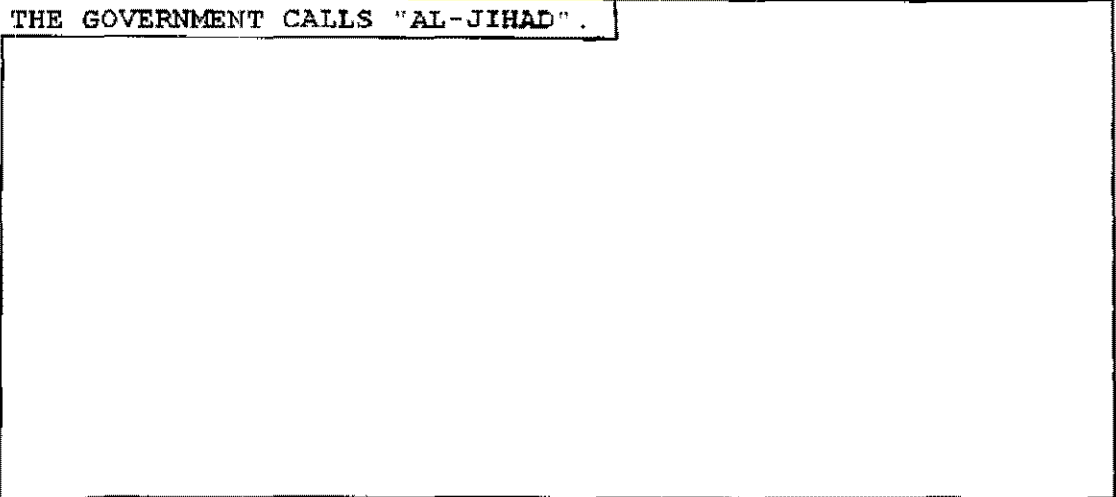
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ABDURRAHMAN, WHO WAS JAILED IN FAYOUM ON APRIL 7. OPERATIONAL LEADER, HOWEVER, IS [REDACTED] EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED FROM PRISON SHORTLY AFTER HIS DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGES SINCE LAST DECEMBER. [REDACTED] HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE GROUP'S 11-MAN "CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY" WHEN HE WAS IMPRISONED IN SEPTEMBER, 1981, FOR SEVERAL YEARS; THE OTHER TEN LEADERS REMAIN IN PRISON OR WERE EXECUTED. THE ISLAMIC GROUP IS NEITHER "SECRET" NOR "VIOLENT", HE CLAIMED; HIS MOTIVE IN INFORMING US ABOUT HIS GROUP WAS TO PRESENT A "TRUE" PICTURE IN THE FACE OF GOVERNMENT MISREPRESENTATION OF THEM. (REF A SUMMARIZES THIS AND ADDITIONAL MESSAGES REPORTING IN GREATER DETAIL THE ISLAMIC GROUP'S RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.) END SUMMARY.

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BACKGROUND

3. SETTING AND BIO: IN REPEATED RECENT CONTACTS, SEVERAL AT THE EMBASSY, [REDACTED] RELATED TO EMBOFFS HIS VIEWS AS A FOLLOWER OF 'OMAR 'ABDURRAHMAN, AND THUS A MEMBER OF "THE ISLAMIC GROUP" (REF B), WHICH THE GOVERNMENT CALLS "AL-JIHAD".



HE HAS BEEN IMPRISONED AND TORTURED SEVERAL TIMES.

4. MOTIVES: [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT HE WAS INFORMING US ABOUT HIS GROUP AS A RESULT OF A "CHANGE IN THINKING" WITHIN THE GROUP. THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE "RADICAL AND VIOLENT IMAGE" OF THE GROUP PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. (A CA. JANUARY 1989 BOOKLET WHICH [REDACTED] GAVE US, TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY, SIMILARLY ASSERTED THAT ITS PURPOSE WAS TO PRESENT THE TRUE

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PICTURE OF THE GROUP IN THE FACE OF STEPPED UP
 GOVERNMENT OPPRESSION.) [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED] HAD
 PERSUADED THEM THAT U.S. DIPLOMATS WERE "SINCERE", SO
 THEY DECIDED TO PRESENT THIS "TRUE PICTURE" DIRECTLY TO
 US. [REDACTED] HAD TOLD US SEPARATELY
 THAT [REDACTED] HAD OPINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT
 PERSECUTING THE MB BECAUSE THE U.S. WAS "SUPPORTING"
 THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD AGAINST THE MORE RADICAL ISLAMIC
 TRENDS. ON THIS WIDELY-ACCEPTED CONSPIRATORIAL
 PREMISE, THE "ISLAMIC GROUP" MAY BE MAKING ITS OWN BID
 FOR OUTSIDE SUPPORT. POLOFF WARNED [REDACTED] THAT THE U.S.
 SUPPORTS EGYPT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT, AND
 SUPPORTS ITS STABILITY AND STRENGTH. THE U.S. DOES NOT
 INTERVENE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS NOR SUPPORT ANY GROUP OF
 ANY SORT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT. STATEMENTS
 BELOW ARE [REDACTED] UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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 WHO ARE THE "ISLAMIC GROUP?"

5. MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION: [] ASSERTED THAT THE GROUP NUMBERS ABOUT 150,000 - 200,000; THUS THE 1500 JAILED SINCE APRIL 1 IS A SMALL NUMBER. " MOREOVER, EACH MEMBER HAS A LARGE FAMILY, AND THE FAMILY NATURALLY SHARES HIS BELIEFS AND SUPPORTS HIM. THERE ARE MEMBERS IN EVERY GOVERNORATE. THE MEMBERS ARE UNIFIED IN A SINGLE IDEOLOGY, THOUGH THERE ARE DIFFERENT "STYLES" OF ACTION FROM REGION TO REGION. [] PASSED A THICK SHEAF OF PHOTOCOPIED HANDWRITTEN PAGES EXPLAINING THE GROUP'S IDEOLOGY; ALSO BEING TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY.) NONETHELESS WE ARE ONE, ORGANIZED GROUP: A MEMBER IN THE NEW VALLEY (EXTREME
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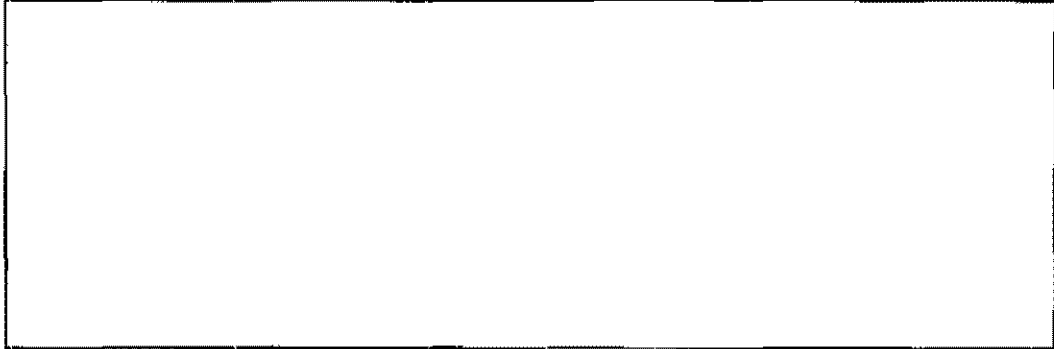
S.W. EGYPT) CAN DIRECTLY CONTACT A MEMBER IN THE SINAI (N.E. EGYPT) THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION. (COMMENT: THOUGH PRESSED, [] REFUSED TO ACCEPT A DISTINCTION BETWEEN "SYMPATHIZERS", SUCH AS FAMILY MEMBERS, AND GROUP MEMBERS WHO WERE COMMITTED AND READY TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE ESTABLISHED ORDER. WE SUSPECT THAT A VERY LARGE PROPORTION OF THE 200,000 CLAIMED MEMBERS WOULD FALL INTO THE "SYMPATHIZER" CATEGORY, AND DO NOT REPRESENT AN ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY VANGUARD. MOREOVER, [] BIAS OBVIOUSLY IS TOWARD INFLATING THE NUMBERS OF THE GROUP. END COMMENT.)

6. LEADERSHIP: OMAR 'ABDURRAHMAN IS OUR "MUFTI" (GIVER OF RELIGIOUS LEGAL JUDGEMENTS) OR "AMIR 'AAM" (GENERAL COMMANDER OR PRINCE), BUT OUR "OPERATIONAL LEADER" ("AMIR AL-HARAKA") IS [] (SEE REF B FOR [] REPORT OF 'ABDURRAHMAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN RIOTS IN FAYOUM APRIL 7 AND SUBSEQUENT ARREST.)

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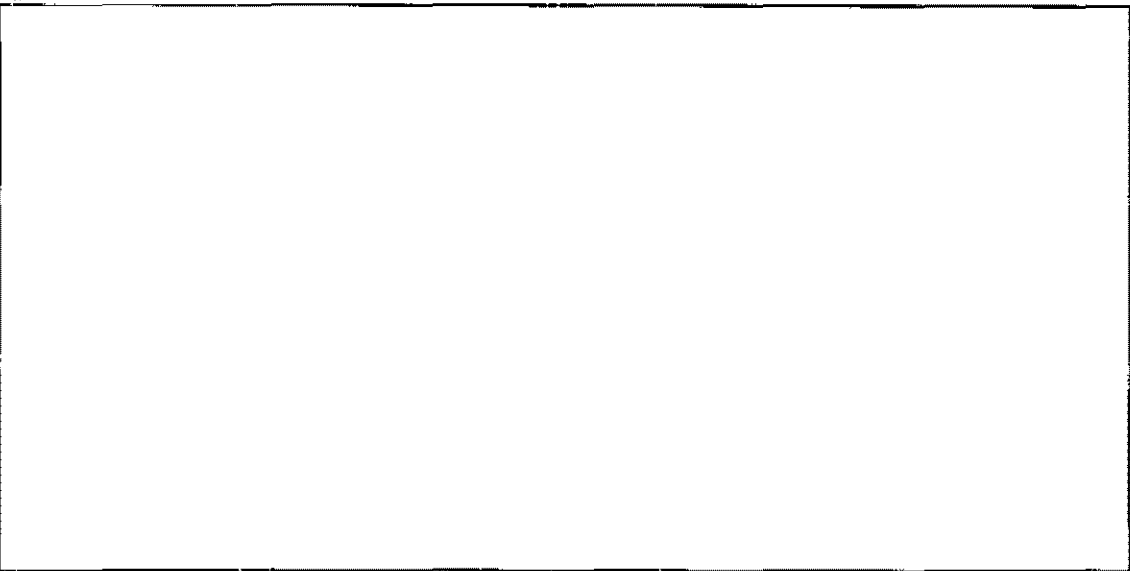
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[REDACTED] WAS ONE OF THE ELEVEN ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF OUR CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY (MAGLES AL-SHURA), ALL OF WHOM ARE EITHER IN PRISON OR WERE EXECUTED. THE SHURA COUNCIL, IN APPROXIMATE ORDER OF RANK, WAS COMPOSED OF:



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8. "THE GROUP" VS. OTHERS: AL-JIHAD, AL-TAKFIR WAL HIJRA, AL-NAGUN MIN AL-NAR, AL-TAWAQQUF WAL TABAYYUN (WHO ARE REALLY THE SAME AS AL-NAGUN) ARE EITHER NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE, OR HAVE FEW MEMBERS OUTSIDE PRISON, AND THEN ONLY ON A LOCAL BASIS. THE ONLY ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION ON A NATIONAL LEVEL IS THE ISLAMIC GROUP. THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD (MB) IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION BUT THEY ARE PART OF THE GOVERNING ESTABLISHMENT. WE REJECT THE CONCEPT OF "TAKFIR" (NOTE: CONDEMNING OTHERS, SUCH AS THE GOVERNMENT, AS INFIDELS) AND THUS ALSO REJECT THE IDEA THAT WE MUST

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SHUN INFIDELS (NOTE: THE IDEA OF HIJRA, OR FLIGHT, OR
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ONLY STRIKE BACK WITH FORCE IN SELF-DEFENSE. THE
GOVERNMENT PINS THE NAME "JIHAD" ON US, AND BLAMES US
FOR ATTACKS ON CHURCHES, BUT NONE OF OUR MEMBERS WERE
INVOLVED IN A SINGLE ATTACK AGAINST CHRISTIAN INTERESTS
ANYWHERE IN EGYPT.

9. DIFFERENCES WITH THE MB: WE DIFFER WITH THE MB'S

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TACTICS AND SOME OF THEIR OBJECTIVES. OF COURSE, WE SHARE THE GOAL OF IMPOSING ISLAMIC LAW IN EGYPT, BUT WE SEEK THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN CALLING FOR AN ISLAMIC REGIME, WHEREAS THE MB'S GOALS ARE PRIMARILY PERSONAL INTERESTS AND PROPERTY INTERESTS. WE ALSO REJECT THE GAMES THEY PLAY WITH THE REGIME; THEY ARE EVEN PUTTING FORWARD TO THE GOVERNMENT MB CANDIDATES AS CABINET MINISTERS. THEY HIDE THEIR OBJECTIVES; WE ARE OPEN ABOUT OURS. WE DO NOT COOPERATE WITH THEM. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY HAD MEMBERS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

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THE LAWYERS' SYNDICATE, BUT WE, NOT THEY, WERE THE ONES WHO PROVOKED THE CRISIS THERE (IN JANUARY). THE "ISLAMIC" COMMITTEE OF THE LAWYERS' SYNDICATE THAT IS PREPARING FOR THE UPCOMING SYNDICATE ELECTIONS [REDACTED] WE HOPE WE WILL HAVE THREE CANDIDATES IN THOSE ELECTIONS. (COMMENT: THE TWO "ISLAMIC" MEMBERS OF THE PREVIOUS SYNDICATE BOARD WERE MB. END COMMENT.) WE WILL NOT COOPERATE WITH THE MB IN THE SHURA COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

10. OTHER GROUPS: LOCAL GROUPS OF ISLAMIC YOUTH EXIST AROUND THE COUNTRY. BECAUSE THEY LACK PROPER RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE, THEY DO CRAZY THINGS; THEN THE GOVERNMENT GIVES THEM SOME NAME AND FALSELY ASSOCIATES THEM WITH US. FOR EXAMPLE, "AL-GHURABA'" ("THE ALIENS" -- CITED IN A PRESS REPORT ABOUT FAYOUM) IS A GROUP OF TEN OR FIFTEEN YOUTHS WHO ARE NOT CONNECTED TO US; HOWEVER, SOME OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN BOMBINGS AND INCIDENTS IN FAYOUM ARE/ARE GROUP MEMBERS. ONE TIME WHEN I WAS IN JAIL, I MET THE KIDS WHO BOMBED VIDEO CLUBS A FEW YEARS AGO. THE BOYS WERE TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS OLD. I ASKED THEM WHY THEY DID SUCH A CRAZY THING IN THE NAME OF ISLAM. THEY TOLD ME THEY "WANTED TO DO SOMETHING FOR ISLAM", AND CAME UP WITH THIS IDEA ON THEIR OWN. THIS SHOWS THEIR LACK OF PROPER RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE. WE SHOW VIDEOS, INCLUDING SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT VIDEOS IN OUR MOSQUES. WHY SHOULD WE BOMB VIDEO CLUBS? (COMMENT: [REDACTED] PAMPHLET, HOWEVER, LISTED THE SEIZURE OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS AS AMONG THE GROUP'S "CONDEMNING OF THE EVIL AND ORDERING OF THE GOOD" ACTIVITIES." END COMMENT.)

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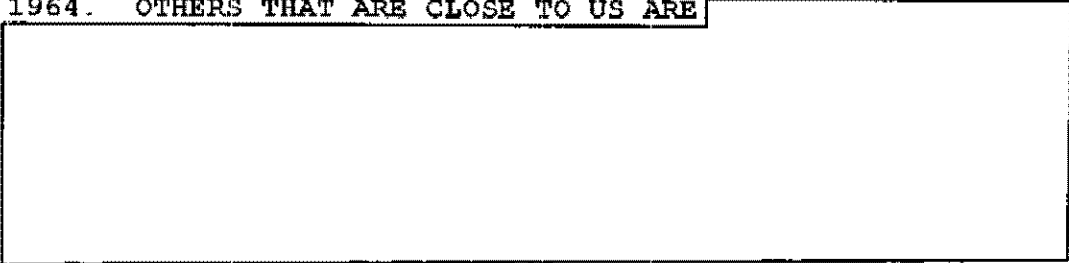
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11. IDEOLOGICAL INFLUENCES: SEYYED QUTB, ESPECIALLY HIS BOOK "MILESTONES ON THE ROAD," IS THE ISLAMIC THINKER TO WHOM WE ARE CLOSEST. THE ME HAS STRAYED FROM HIM LONG AGO, BEGINNING WITH THEIR IMPRISONMENT IN 1964. OTHERS THAT ARE CLOSE TO US ARE



12. SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES REPORT [REDACTED] DESCRIPTION OF THE GROUP'S RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT AND WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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Jihad Joe: Americans who Go to War in the Name of Islam

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Another prominent scholar with a significant following in the United States was an Egyptian named Omar Abdel Rahman. Blind since childhood, Rahman had managed to memorize the entire Koran, an impressive act of scholarship even for the sighted. He earned a degree from Cairo's Al Azhar, the most prestigious Sunni Islamic University in the world, and lectured there on the fundamentals of Islam. He also became embroiled in the seething cauldron of the Islamic movement in Egypt and eventually emerged as a spiritual guide to the Islamic Group and the EIJ organization led by Ayman Al Zawahiri.²⁵ The relationship between Rahman and Zawahiri was close and operational but riddled with rivalry and animosity. At one point, Zawahiri sided with a faction that sought to remove Rahman from his position on the grounds that blindness made him an unfit leader for the jihad. Nevertheless, they were both potent figures who commanded substantial resources, and ultimately an uneasy accommodation was reached. Rahman continued to lead the Islamic Group, while Zawahiri established a branch of EIJ in exile. Each man exerted significant influence within the other's circles, despite the tensions.²⁶ Rahman was arrested after the assassination of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat by EIJ in 1981 and accused of having foreknowledge of the attack and having provided a fatwa to justify the killing on religious grounds. He was acquitted, but Egypt became unfriendly ground for him. Despite his blindness, he made his way to Afghanistan to "see" the war for himself and soon became one of the most vocal supporters of the mujahideen.²⁷ Some people in the United States looked on Rahman favorably because of his support for the CIA-backed jihad in Afghanistan. He made several trips to the United States to raise funds for the mujahideen and call American Muslims to join the fighting, attracting a large number of followers. Although Afghanistan was a strong focus for his speeches, Rahman roused a different sort of inspiration than Azzam and attracted more of a hardcore radical audience. Azzam, in his rhetoric, had a tendency to lead with the glories of jihad, leveraging the spectacle to introduce ideological aspirations more subtly. His writings and speeches still contain plenty of blood and fire, and his goals were unabashedly those of Islamic supremacism. The Assam style, however, was to first entice new recruits to Afghanistan to see the miracles and later inculcate them with ideology – that approach had drawn in Loay Bayazid, the mostly secularized Muslim from Kansas City, among others. If Azzam used jihad as the carrot, for Rahman it was unquestionably the stick. The blind sheikh was more vocally – or at least more visibly – critical of Western and American morals than many of his contemporaries. Yet much of his venom was reserved for Muslim Leaders. As the incendiary nature of his rhetoric became clear, Rahman was added to a State Department watch list that barred him from entering the United States. Soon afterward, he wrote a scathing commentary questioning whether the leaders of Arab countries could be considered Muslims. His arguments were consistent with the radical Islamic movement known as *takfir* – Arabic for "excommunication" – claiming that only leaders who conformed to the strictest interpretation of Islam should be considered Muslims. Leaders who adopted secular legal systems, instead of shariah law such as the government of Egypt, could legitimately be killed in the name of jihad and "must not remain unopposed even for a moment."

"How could a Muslim be so bold, after all we have seen, as to replace even one part of the Shariah? How could a ruler claim to follow Islam, and still do such a thing? Wouldn't he be aware that by giving preference to his own legislation over that of Allah he would inevitably have excluded himself from the Islamic Community? [...] The common people and their rulers, the educated and the ignorant, the cultured and the illiterate, all agree that these things are fundamental

to Islam. Someone who denies any part of this has left Islam, and must perish in the mire of apostasy.”²⁸

In April 1989 Rahman was arrested by Egyptian authorities on charges of provoking an antigovernment riot. A few days later, the Islamic Group began to make tentative overtures to the U.S. government, a delicate proposition given American support for Sadat’s successor, Hosni Mubarak, an ironclad dictator. One of Rahman’s disciples secretly came to the U.S. embassy in Cairo and met with State Department diplomats to spin the Islamic Group as a legitimate political organization, rather than a terrorist gang. Rahman, he explained, was innocent of the instigation charge that had been leveled against him, and the group was inclined to work with the government to make Egypt more Islamic and less secular. During the long conversation, the IG operative also assured the diplomats that the blind sheik’s organization had not attacked U.S. citizens, and he dangled the prospect of cooperation with the Americans where mutual interests could be found.²⁹ The embassy officers were intrigued but cautious. The approach seemed like a “desperate outreach effort,” one of them wrote in a cable back to Washington. The Islamic Group operative “has revealed much more than we would have considered prudent. [...] We deduced that [name redacted]’s willingness to meet with embassy officers, most recently at the embassy itself, is motivated [by] a desperate hope of securing U.S. ‘support’” The meetings apparently took place without the knowledge of U.S. ambassador to Cairo Frank Wisner, who was aware of the Islamic Group as an Egyptian opposition movement involved with the assassination of Sadat. Wisner said he was unaware of the contacts that were being cultivated within the embassy. Any formal asylum request would have had to go to Wisner for his signature, and he said that no such request was ever filed. An embassy official directly involved in the meetings refused to be interviewed for this book.³⁰ A little more than a year after this meeting, in July 1990, Omar Abdel Rahman moved to the United States via a circuitous route from Egypt to Pakistan to Sudan. Despite the presence of his name on a watch list, Rahman’s visa to enter the United States was signed by a CIA officer assigned to the embassy in Khartoum who was pulling duty as a consular officer. The government characterized the decision to allow the visa as a simple oversight. The CIA’s involvement, investigators said, was merely coincidental.³¹ Even as Rahman’s visa was working its way through the system, the blind sheikh was openly telegraphing his hostile intent toward the United States. In early 1990, Rahman gave a speech in Denmark:

“If Muslim battalions were to do five or six operations to the Americans in surprise attacks like the [1983 terrorist bombings] in Lebanon, the Americans would have exited [the Persian Gulf] and gathered their armies and gone back [...] to their country.”³²

25. Neil MacFarquhar, “In Jail or Out, Sheikh Preached Views of Islam.” *New York Times*, October 2, 1995.

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27. Richard Bernstein, *Out of the Blue: The Story of September 11, 2001, from Jihad to Ground Zero* (New York: Macmillan, 2002), 438.

28. Omar Abdel Rahman, *The Present Rulers and Islam: Are They Muslims of Not?* (Kuwait: 1998).

29. State Department Cable, “Summary of Conversations with a Member of ‘The Islamic Group’ AKA A1 Jihad,” CAIRO 09476, dated April 25, 1989, obtained by the author through the Freedom of Information Act.

30. Interview with Frank Wisner, former U.S. ambassador to Cairo, July 1, 2010.

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PRISONERS OF FAITH

SHEIKH OMAR ABDEL RAHMAN

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‘I am being tried because of my beliefs in Islam... I am honoured to join those in jail... for a just cause.’¹

Background

Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman was born in El Gamalia, Egypt in 1938. He lost his eyesight when he was an infant, at the age of 10 months. In his early childhood, he used to go to the mosque with his nephew to study the Quran. When he was 5 years old, he enrolled in a school for the blind and learned Braille, and by the age of 11 years he had become a hafiz. His nephew, who would accompany him every day after Fajr to study Islamic lessons, played a big supporting role in helping Sheikh Omar achieve this. He studied at Al-Azhar in Cairo and graduated with highest honours in 1965. In 1968, he started teaching at Al-Azhar, and delivering sermons in mosques in El Faiyum, where he was also an Imam in one of the mosques. He used to openly condemn Jamal Abdel Nasser’s regime in his lectures. His criticisms increased to the point that he was removed from his post at Al-Azhar. In 1972, he obtained his PhD from the College of Principles of Religion, Department of Qur’anic Commentary. As part of his PhD he completed a five-volume thesis on the Muslim duty of Jihad, which according to his current attorney Ramsey Clark, (former attorney general of the US), many would have found a controversial area for a thesis, fearing persecution.² Thereafter, he was offered to teach at Al-Azhar again, hence he taught at the university for four more years.

Arrests in Egypt

Sheikh Omar was first arrested and imprisoned in 1970 in Egypt after he had told members of his congregation at *Juma* (Friday) prayers that it was forbidden to pray for the deceased Egyptian President Jamal Abdel Nasser. He was released on 10 June 1971 and testified to being tortured and beaten during his imprisonment. In his sermons Sheikh Omar spoke of the *Sharia* (the Islamic code of laws) as being the solution to the problems of the Muslims, whilst repeatedly condemning government policies propagating practices deemed unacceptable by Islam, widespread under the governments of Anwar Sadat and Hosni Mubarak. After the assassination of President Anwar Sadat in October 1981, Sheikh Omar was arrested and accused of calling for Sadat’s assassination as well as belonging to a “jihad” organization. He was tried in a military court. Nevertheless, he was successful in defending himself against all charges, and left the prison camp in October 1984, only to find himself arrested two years later in 1986. This time, with another 100 defendants he was charged with conspiring to overthrow the state. Again, he was acquitted.

Trial in US

In 1990, Sheikh Omar left Egypt for the United States of America to serve as imam of a mosque in Brooklyn. A year later his green card was cancelled and procedures for his deportation began.³ The World Trade Centre was bombed on 26 February 1993. In October 1995, a New York jury found Sheikh Omar guilty on all five counts as charged of seditious conspiracy against the US government, solicitation to murder Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, conspiracy to murder Mubarak, conspiracy to bomb and solicitation to bomb a US military installation.⁴ He was charged under US sedition laws not used since the civil war. In fact, the FBI and Egyptian intelligence agencies had begun investigating Sheikh Omar almost as soon as he arrived into the USA, seeking refuge from persecution from his native Egypt.⁵ Although under constant FBI surveillance he was arrested in July 1993, for being a “danger to the community” and posing “a risk of flight”.⁶ However the reasons given for his arrest were for immigration charges. He was strip-searched and kept in solitary confinement without any medical aid for his diabetes.⁷ In the same month, a meeting was convened between a US ambassador and the Egyptian Foreign Minister, where “...recent actions in the United States with respect to Omar Abdel Rahman” were discussed.⁸ Procedures were already under way in the US for the Sheikh to be deported, as his green card had been rescinded in 1991 and he was currently being detained for immigration charges. By US law he would have been allowed to leave for a third country which worried the Egyptian officials so they, in turn requested his extradition. However, extradition charges did not exist. The following month in August, a series of tapes prepared by an Egyptian FBI spy named Emad Salem were revealed. The contents revealed secretly taped conversations between Emad Salem and Sheikh Omar or other Muslims, which were disclosed and used at the end of August to indict the Sheikh and 14 others in the World Trade Centre bombings and for conspiracy to bomb other New York landmarks.⁹ For the trial,

Sheikh Omar had asked civil rights lawyers William Kunstler and Ronald Kuby, who were already defending several others in the case to represent him as well. The two attorneys filed a motion asking for the dismissal of the judge who was to preside over the trial, Judge Michael B Mukasey, a known Zionist. They argued that Judge Mukasey, whose wife worked for a school which actively supported *aliyah* (the immigration of the world's Jews to Israel), would not be impartial over a trial of defendants, the majority of whom were of Arab lineage.¹⁰ The motion was denied and in November 1993 Judge Mukasey prohibited both attorneys from representing Sheikh Omar. Instead, the federal court appointed attorney Lynne F. Stewart to represent Sheikh Omar. In early 2005, Ms Stewart was wrongfully convicted for supporting terrorism. Hence, Mr. Clark is the current attorney for Sheikh Omar.

Violations

Several other serious violations during the investigation and trial of all the defendants and Sheikh Omar were well documented at the time:

- It was vital that the media hype, full of both anti-Muslim and anti-Arab sentiment after the bombings did not bias the jury, but several questions that would help determine whether potential jurors could be affected in this was which submitted by Sheikh Omar's defence during jury selection were ignored by the judge.¹¹
- Mahmoud Abouhalima, who often attended Sheikh Omar's lectures in New York, was one of four defendants who had been arrested in March 1993 after the bombings. Whilst in Egypt in March 1993, he was arrested by security forces, blindfolded, taken to an unknown location and tortured. He was asked about the world trade centre bombings; a confession extracted under torture stated that Sheikh Omar was told of the bombing plans and approved of them. Mahmoud Abouhalima was handed over to FBI officials on his return to America, where an FBI doctor confirmed that bruises and burn marks were present over his body. He was convicted with three others, each receiving 240 years in prison.¹²
- FBI agent Emad Salem had illegally recorded several tapes (known as bootleg tapes since the FBI did not know they were being recorded) and doctored several recordings between himself and Egyptian intelligence officials once he discovered they may be used by the defence in the trial.¹³ He was paid over \$1 million by the US for his work in the case.¹⁴
- Repeated attempts were made to link Sheikh Omar with El Sayed Nosair, who was tried and acquitted of murdering Rabbi Meir Kahane in 1992.¹⁵
- During the trial, Judge Mukasey barred the defence from presenting three experts to testify on the meanings of Islamic terminology used during the trial. Words including *jihād*, *bayaa*, *istikhara* etc taken from Sheikh Omar's lecture tapes and sermons were obviously not every day terminology, so the defence sought to clarify this by Islamic experts. Judge Mukasey claimed the experts' testimony would "confuse the jury".¹⁶

Although the Sheikh had been blind almost since birth, could only read Arabic braille, suffered from diabetes and heart disease and was unfamiliar with the American geography let alone knowing the whereabouts of the landmarks in New York, this did not make a difference to the US government. His attorney Ramsey Clark said of the trial "From its opening ... the government appealed to fear and prejudice, telling the jury time and time again ... Dr. Abdel Rahman sought to kill Christians and Jews, to destroy Israel and the United States ... If our law has any role in the protection of fundamental human rights, this conviction must be reversed."¹⁷ Sheikh Omar had admitted to wanting to overthrow the Egyptian regime of Hosni Mubarak but by peaceful means only. According to the committee set up to free him, he was not found guilty of any act, but rather for his thoughts, speech and writings which were highly critical of Hosni Mubarak's regime. Therefore when, Sheikh Omar was found guilty of the five aforementioned charges his defence team were not surprised and stated "We expected convictions, but not to such an overwhelming extent".¹⁸

Detention

Sheikh Omar said after the verdict that he was not the first, nor would he be the last to be imprisoned for his beliefs.¹⁹ Before he was handed down his sentence, Sheikh Omar delivered a speech from his prison cell for the Muslim *Ummah* (community). He said²⁰ –

"I have legally obtained an entry visa to the US, and later became a lawful permanent resident and then I entered and departed, came and went, and moved throughout the US east to west. If I had committed any crime, I would not have travelled the way I did, but actually I would have fled ... they did not allow us to bring an Islamic scholar (as an expert witness) to attest that my words are but the words of Islam, the Quran and the noble Messenger, and what Allah has ordered ... I only teach Islam in schools, universities and mosques. It is my only

profession. Then the prosecution distorted the facts, manipulated the intent of my words and barred the jury from listening and knowing about what Islam and Quran really are saying ... The prosecution has no evidence to present against me. It is impossible that I can build a bomb, or put one anywhere. That is not my profession. That is not the profession of a Muslim preacher. I could do that neither physically nor by virtue of my position as a Muslim scholar. That confirms that the attack in this case was only on Islam ... The whole focus, activity and concern in my life is teaching Islam. I tell people in schools and mosques what the Quran says. And I tell couples how to resolve their marital problems. I advise businessmen about valid and prohibited transactions in earnings and profits. All that I have done is teach Islam.”

He was given a life sentence without the chance for parole and detained in solitary confinement. He was not allowed to pray *Juma* (Friday prayers) or any other congregational prayers. Many times, when the Sheikh recited the Quran in prison, the prison guards played loud music in disrespect. He was not allowed any contact with the outside world, and rarely received any visitors. Every time he did have a visitor, he was subjected to strip searches. He was only allowed a five-minute phone call to his family once a month. He has been physically abused on many occasions. In addition to this he was routinely subjected to degrading treatment such as internal examinations²¹ and reportedly suffered from gangrene in one of his legs. After Sheikh Omar’s detention, Mr. Clark wrote a letter of appeal to the prison authorities which revealed that Sheikh Omar had become significantly weak in prison, was constantly tired due to sleeplessness and suffered from ‘headaches and organ pains’.²² His condition was further exacerbated by the ‘poor air quality and bad odours’²³ in the cell in which he was confined. Sheikh Omar went on many voluntary fasts as a protest against his inhumane conditions. Mr. Clark further stated, ‘It would be difficult to devise a crueler plan to kill him.’²⁴ After the 9/11 attacks, restrictions on the Sheikh were further increased and all contact between the Sheikh and his family was cut off. In December 2001, Minnesota’s 1st District Rep. Gil Gutknecht called upon the Federal Bureau of Prisons to move Sheikh Omar to a secret location, claiming his presence puts the residents of Rochester in danger. His request was denied but Gutknecht maintained he will see the Sheikh moved, suggesting he could be “kept at a military base in a prison-type facility”. He further added those suspected of or convicted of terrorism are typically not US citizens so they do not have the same rights as American prisoners. In early December 2001 Sheikh Omar’s son Ahmed was captured in Afghanistan and interrogated by the US personnel as he was assumed to be a high-ranking member of Al-Qaeda. Sheikh Omar’s former attorney, Ms Stewart, continued to represent him after his conviction and detention, in order to ‘improve the terms of the blind and diabetic Sheikh’s confinement... [and]...to try to convince the U.S. to return him to his home country, Egypt.’²⁵ In 2000, the government allowed Ms Stewart to resume communication with the Sheikh, under restricted conditions detailed under the Special Administrative Measures (SAMs). All such contact was prohibited which was considered to be ‘outside the scope of legal representation’.²⁶ On 31 October 2001, the SAM regulations were secretly amended by Attorney General John Ashcroft to ‘allow the Bureau of Prisons to conduct videotape and audiotape surveillance with respect to attorneys’ communications with people in federal custody.’²⁷ Hence, under the amended regulations, the government was able to eavesdrop on Ms Stewart’s conversation with Sheikh Omar. The authorities alleged that in 2000, Ms Stewart released an article to Reuters containing a message by the Sheikh to his followers that he was ‘withdrawing his support for a ceasefire’ that existed in Egypt ‘in a bid to win the sheik’s release.’²⁸ Authorities also alleged that Ms Stewart was present when her assistants, who served as translators for the Sheikh and Ms Stewart, were composing the message on behalf of the Sheikh to his followers. Ms Stewart was subsequently found guilty in February 2005, ‘on five counts of defrauding the government, conspiracy, and providing support for terrorism.’²⁹ According to many lawyers, the definition of terrorism was greatly stretched in this particular case. Ms Stewart was not known to have any links to terrorism whatsoever, nor did her actions result in any kind of terrorist act.

Current Situation of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman

The Sheikh was detained in the federal Supermax prison in Colorado until September 2003, a prison which is known for housing USA’s most dangerous and notorious criminals. He was shifted to the US Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP) in Springfield, Missouri³⁰ due to his serious health conditions. He is now 69 years of age and suffers from severe heart problems and diabetes. His diabetes has worsened to the extent that it has ‘threatened the loss of his limbs.’³¹ In early December 2006³², he suffered a medical emergency and was given blood transfusion. During his medical examination at the centre it was also discovered that he has a tumour on his liver. According to physician reports, ‘his overall prognosis is poor.’³³ He is currently detained at Federal Medical Centre (FMC) in Butner, North Carolina.

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Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008 9:05 PM
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Abid Chaudhry
CASE #: 1:00-cr-01184-JSR-1

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[REDACTED]

From: Motto, Jimmy (USANYS) <Jimmy.Motto@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2009 4:46 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Chaudhry

Your Information is being forwarded to SA Ken Bradley.

Thanks

From: Motto, Jimmy (USANYS)
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 9:48 AM
To:
Subject: Chaudhry

[REDACTED] your information has been forwarded to the DEA, S/A Ken Bradley who is knowledgeable about this case. I spoke to S/A Bradley and he will be getting in contact with you shortly and reporting back to this office with his findings.

Any further information will be greatly appreciated.

James Motto

Investigator

United States Attorney's Office

Southern District of New York

International Narcotics Trafficking Unit

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/27/2005

EL SAYYID NOSAIR, USM# 350-74-054 was interviewed at his place of incarceration, ADX Florence, Colorado. Also present during this interview was AUSA Leslie Brown, Southern District of New York (SDNY). Prior to the interview, AUSA Brown advised NOSAIR that he was under no obligation to answer questions asked of him, he could terminate the interview at any time and that no promises of any kind could be extended to him as a result of the substance of his responses, nor could any assistance be given to him, by the U.S. Attorney's office, in regards to his sentence. NOSAIR was then advised of the identities of the investigators and the nature of the interview. NOSAIR provided the following information:

NOSAIR stated that due to his incarceration for the Kahane murder he stopped dealing with MUSTAFA SHALABI. NOSAIR further stated that he told MOHAMMED SALAMEH that because of the problems SHALABI was causing he wished that SHALABI would disappear or die. He further that for months after SHALABI's death he felt guilty that he may have been responsible for SHALABI's death. However, NOSAIR stated that he never directed SALAMEH or anyone to kill SHALABI and he would not say such a thing knowing that his conversations may be recorded while he's in incarcerated.

NOSAIR was shown a photo of Muhannad Hussein and informed investigators that he did not recognize the individual in the photo.

NOSAIR further stated that on the night of Kahane's murder he was in an auto with ALKAISI and SALAMEH three blocks from the hotel where Kahane was speaking that evening. NOSAIR possessed two guns and gave one of the guns to ALKAISI. NOSAIR was aware that ALKAISI was already in possession of one handgun and now possessed two. He further stated that on the night of the murder Kahane had just finished speaking to the crowd and NOSAIR said to ALKAISI that "this is the moment" (meaning that they were going to kill him). ALKAISI told NOSAIR to "be patient, let's take our time". NOSAIR further stated that the opportunity to shoot Kahane presented itself and he shot Kahane. At the time of shooting NOSAIR did not know ALKAISI's location.

Investigation on 12/20/2005 at Florence, Colorado

File # 183C-NY-256245

Date dictated 12/27/2005

by Detective Michael Hanratty
Detective Thomas Bidell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2009 3:20 PM
To: askdoj@usdoj.gov; criminal.division@usdoj.gov
Subject: fw: [REDACTED]

This is the contents of an email i sent to leslie.brown@usdoj.gov back on Tue 3/11/2008:

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Of course, I never recieved any call from S/A Ken Bradley regarding this case and I never heard from anyone in the doj again regarding it. I even travelled to Florida to testify in another case in October of 2008, and I was never approached by federal agents and questioned regarding it.

In the meantime, murderers roam free all throughout america, and terrorists plot tragedy with anti-aircraft missiles, law

enforcement moles commit espionage and criminal related activities, and not one person in federal law enforcement seeks to do anything to stop them.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2009 1:05 PM
To: askdoj@usdoj.gov, criminal.division@usdoj.gov
Subject: [REDACTED]

Could I at least get an email response stating that a member of the justice department recieved my emails? An automated response from an email server just doesn't do anything to let me know that my emails were actually read by the appropriate authorities. Just tell me you recieved them and you have no interest in their contents, and that would be enough to indicate to me that there is nothing that the justice department can do. In the past I have sent emails that have never been recieved by the recipients, and in some cases I would find this out much later. This prompts me to attempt to resend emails more than once when it is probably unnecessary. There have also been instances in the past when someone unknown individuals seems to take an interest in my attempts to reach out, and this sometimes results in my being threatening in bizarre ways, which cause me to become fearful for the safety of my friends and family. In these instances, by the time law enforcement gets to me to discuss anything, I am already completely incapable of being logical and coherent, which ultimately destroys my credibility and further delays an investigation into these issues. Although I am numb to the threats at this point and it seems unlikely that I could ever be incapacitated in those ways ever again, I still am fearful for the safety of innocent people in this awkward situation.

Please. This is the first time I have reached out to law enforcement after the Bush administration. I expected that there would be resistance by Bush officials to implicate themselves in wrongdoing, but I hope and prey that yet another administration does not end up crippled and hostage to the mistakes of the previous administration. A simple "thanks but no thanks" will suffice, but a non-response is an indication that the threats are already on the way (as was the case in the past with the non-responses). I would just like to know that this information is not getting back into the hands of those that would seek to harm me.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2009 5:21 AM
To: askdoj@usdoj.gov, criminal.division@usdoj.gov
Subject: fw: [REDACTED]

I don't think it is a coincidence that the CIA agent who claimed there was a nuclear terrorism threat against New York following September 11th was codenamed "Dragonfire."

The selection of that code name may be related to the fact that I divulged information while under illegal government surveillance after 911, regarding arms trafficking activities engaged in by the Chinese company Norinco. That company was once implicated in an ATF investigation codenamed "Dragon Fire" (a fact i just discovered today through some internet research). My high level NYPD mole is actually a "former" Asian organized crime associate with links to the Norinco case (who also represents a "second link" I have to this company's activities that may be presently unknown to law enforcement, although the first link may already have been discovered). I would also be willing to provide the name of that individual, even though I have already provided the name while under illegal government surveillance sometime between 2003 to 2005. The interesting thing would be to find out if this individual has ever been questioned, and by whom (I suspect that they may have simply overlooked it, but I cannot be sure). This, and other information I can provide, will lead to clear attempts to obstruct justice by top Bush administration officials. I am not in agreement that any such investigations should be prosecuted (mainly because of the damage it will do to America), but the truth should be documented by appropriate authorities, and steps should be taken to prevent such misconduct in the present and future.

There are issues that need to be discussed immediately, including the possibility that anti-aircraft missiles may still be on the loose in the United States and elsewhere, and that these armaments may already in the hands of terrorists seeking to use them against commercial aircraft. I can also help lead investigators to the location of Norinco type 54 9mm pistols that were part of an illegal arms shipment distributed by that company in the United States prior to 911. The shipment I have information about included a crate of 20 Norinco type 54 9mm pistols. I also have information regarding anti-aircraft missiles that may be in the possession of terrorists.

I regret that my attempt to cooperate in 2001 resulted in such a massive calamity, but I insist that it was the government (whoever it was that took over the investigation after I contacted Special Agent John Hannah of the DEA, which I suspect must be either be NSA, DOD, CIA or the military) that provoked the standoff by attempting to frame me for crimes of which I was innocent.

I can prove the credibility of the information I sought to provide to the government in 2001 beyond any reasonable doubt, and until this moment I have been very careful not to divulge critical elements of this information, despite the fact that they are important to national security. I have been forced to withhold such information because I knew that if I did so, via illegal surveillance or during a debriefing conducted by law enforcement that was likely loyal to the Bush administration, that whoever took over the investigation after my call to John Hannah in 2001 would likely attempt to destroy such evidence in their continuing attempt to cover up their very grave criminal improprieties. I also fear that these individuals may ultimately resort to murder in order to prevent their improprieties from being investigated.

It is impossible that the government could somehow be able to discover the information I sought to provide (absent a miracle). There is no justification to continue a policy of trying to frame me in order to find ways to force me into talking, when I can simply provide all my information. It is a fact that prior attempts to cooperate led to death threats against me, and as a result of these death threats, subsequent contacts with law enforcement were tainted with the fear that if I divulged certain information, that I would be killed by those seeking to cover this all up. This may have made me seem like a non-credible source of information during those times, but that was not my intention. It was just that I did not know how to react to certain types of threats, and there was no particular playbook for my unprecedented situation.

I am, and have been for years, willing to provide this information without any promise of immunity from prosecution, except at this moment I do have one condition due to the fact that I still feel I am being framed. I simply request that an independent, neutral international monitor of some sort be present during all proffer sessions. I don't think that is too much to ask considering the illegal actions taken against me by various individuals in government(s), both known and unknown to me.

I have always maintained that if I am guilty of any crimes, that I should be prosecuted for them, just as I would hope that if any other people are guilty of any crimes (be they CIA, military or Bush Administration officials or foreign entities), that they should also be prosecuted for their crimes.

I ask for nothing in return for my cooperation on these matters.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2009 9:49 AM
To: askdoj@usdoj.gov, criminal.division@usdoj.gov
Subject: [REDACTED]

Attached is an email I sent recently sent to the criminal division of the justice department. I wanted to add this.

I just recently came back from Egypt where I met with Muntasir al-Zayyat and Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman's son.

Once they heard the story, they very cleverly sprung the media on me in an attempt to document portions of my story in the Arabic media. I did not request to speak to any journalists, I merely sought to pass on information onto the Sheiks family that they had a right to know about. I had to beg them not to publish anything prior to my speaking with Sheik Rahman's attorney in America (Ramsey Clark), and this took several hours to accomplish once the cat was out the bag. They even offered me money to print the story but I refused it. I have not been able to get in touch with Ramsey Clark since he appears to be travelling, and there is a possibility that if too much time passes without the Sheik's family receiving a response from me regarding the issues I notified them about and my attempt to resolve them behind the scenes through the proper administrative channels in the United States, that they would go ahead and authorize the article to be printed against my wishes and thereby put American and Arab lives in danger, even though they have the absolute right to print such an article as it is actually US government improprieties to blame for putting lives in danger, and no one can ever blame the media for simply reporting on them. It is the right of any media outlet fortunate (or unfortunate) enough to find out about them, to notify the public. My personal opinion is that nothing I became involved in since 1991 should ever be released to the media, especially since the US government improprieties are so extremely sensitive that they could ultimately do great harm to the reputation of the United States and others. I also do not agree that it would serve the better interests of the United States government to simply refuse to address these issues and continue to ignore and cover them up while continuing the failed policies of the Bush administration, and to instead allow the Arabic media to

have a field day with American government improprieties. I am a natural born American citizen (and a Moroccan citizen) that cares greatly about the reputation of my countries and the welfare of both the American and Arabic peoples, and as an American I believe that we should take steps to clean up our own house before others seek to exploit our very grave and misguided improprieties in a manner that ultimately does not serve the interests of anyone but the militants that seek to do harm to anyone that disagrees with their violent ideologies. I have notified you that this is an urgent matter that deserves immediate attention. If you drop the ball once again, then there is no one to blame but yourselves.

ATTACHED EMAIL:

My name is [REDACTED].

Background:

My life was ruined after I joined a Boy Scouts "Explorer" program administered by the DEA at their headquarters in New York (99 Tenth Ave). I was in the program between age 13 and age 18. While in the program, I was recruited by a drug organization to spy on the DEA.

As a result of my involvement with this Explorer program and my recruitment by the drug organization, I was eventually arrested in a federal drug conspiracy in 1996. The agents that arrested me in that case had no idea that I had been a participant in their Explorer program. I did not disclose to them that I had been in the program after my arrest, and I fought the federal drug conspiracy charges without ever having notified them about it.

Immediately upon my arrest in 1996 (literally within minutes of being arrested), I offered Special Agent Donald Bailey my cooperation on a murder investigation that had arisen from an apparent drug related murder that was alleged to have taken place in 1994. I received information about the murder from one of the apparently four participants. I could have easily solved that 1994 murder after my arrest in 1996, as I had detailed knowledge regarding the circumstances surrounding that event, including the whereabouts of physical evidence that could have convicted all those involved. These are the facts of the murder as were relayed to me by one of the participants that trusted me very much.

My understanding is that the murder probably occurred in 1994, likely between January and March. The murder was supposed to have taken place in the Bronx in a "deserted warehouse" area (likely south Bronx somewhere, like Hunts Point). The victim was a Pakistani male, who was actually a resident of New Jersey at that time. The victim was shot execution style in the back of the head several times with a .38 caliber revolver while he attempted to relieve himself through urinating. The ammunition used in the shooting was either Glazer or Shot Shells (which would leave no ballistic traces). There were three people present on the scene (Abid Chaudhry, Raoul Campana and a mafia hitman that ultimately pulled the trigger). There was an intermediary between the hitman and Raoul Campana (whose identity I know). It is also possible that I have met the actual hitman, but I cannot be sure it is the person whom I believe it to be. Immediately following the murder, probably that same day, a massive snowstorm had hit New York. I also know a location where the ammunition allegedly used in the execution was accidentally discharged prior to the murder (which would enable forensics to be able to retrieve bullet fragments with metal that is probably molecularly consistent with the metal fragments recovered from the victim). There are also probably two other people that may have conspired in that murder, but I have never been able to confirm this.

The Agents refused to discuss this murder, or anything else I could have helped them with, because they wanted me to first plead guilty to the two kilograms of heroin as a condition of my being permitted to cooperate on cases that had nothing to do with my drug charges, if that makes any sense.

My conduct that resulted in my arrest in the drug case belie the charges they sought to frame me with. I had contributed a total of \$1,000 to a drug deal consummated by a co-defendant. As a result of that contribution, the DEA and the AUSA sought to charge me with conspiring to distribute half a million dollars worth of heroin. I was also forced to contribute that \$1,000 under duress by a violent ex-felon to whom I had owed the money. This person took my \$1,000 contribution, and added another \$5,000 from his real drug customer, and attempted to effectuate the purchase of approximately 100 grams of heroin. He was subsequently arrested and overcharged with 2 kilos in order to force his cooperation, at which point he attempted to frame me entirely for the purchase he intended to make while covering for his real drug customer, who happened to be a friend of his family. I would have liked to plead not guilty and fight the case, but I was scared to blow trial knowing that this cooperating witness was lying about the nature of my involvement with him. I also did not receive the exculpatory evidence until after I had already pled guilty, or I would have never pled to begin with. Even though I had still not received the exculpatory evidence prior to my guilty plea, I refused to accept the offense conduct attributed to me by the DEA, offense conduct that was greatly exaggerated for the purpose of forcing me to testify against other targets of their investigations. When I was arrested, the DEA agents found a card belonging to Pat Stiso in my wallet. Pat Stiso and his boss, Francisco Maisonet, were targets of one of their high-profile investigations, so they decided that it would be a good

strategy to force a two-kilogram case on me (in order to trigger the mandatory minimum ten years) so that I could be forced into cooperation against those individuals and others. I wanted to cooperate, but I refused to accept their inflated charges as a condition of my being allowed to cooperate, so this provoked a standoff whereby any possibility of my cooperation was being illegally held hostage by the agents and the prosecutor. They simply refused to talk to me about anything, including the 1994 murder, unless I first agreed to accept responsibility for the two-kilogram charge. What I would come to find out later was that the DEA and the prosecutors had evidence that my version of the events was correct, and that their informant was lying about the nature of my agreement with him, but they hid this evidence from me and my attorney and purposely framed me for 2 kilos when they knew I was only responsible for at most, \$1,000 worth of heroin, while another individual was actually responsible for the bulk of the heroin to be purchased on that day.

I fought the case for nearly a year, and during that time I also managed to make several tape recordings with one of the persons involved in the murder that took place in 1994. During those tape recorded conversations, the person clearly implicates himself and others in the murder, and the tapes and other physical evidence would have resulted in nothing less than speedy convictions for all those involved. Again I approached the prosecutor attempting to cooperate with regards to this murder investigation, and again the prosecutor refused to speak to me regarding anything unless I first plead guilty to the fabricated two-kilogram charges. The impasse between myself and the agency became insurmountable, chiefly because of their illegal investigative and prosecutorial misconduct, and as a result they refused to take steps to investigate and prosecute the 1994 murder, even after I made tape recordings with one of the participants and despite my having access to other knowledge about the whereabouts of physical evidence that would have solved the case.

Now after many years, I'm not even certain that this murder took place, despite the fact that the circumstances that occurred both before and after the alleged murder clearly contradict that assumption. The only reason I am now left doubting this murder took place, was because after attempts in 1996, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2008 to provide my evidence in the case to state and federal authorities for purposes of solving it, I have not once received a request by any agency, State or Federal, to be debriefed about the information I have regarding the murder and other crimes. This apparent refusal by law enforcement to solve this murder would make sense in only two scenarios. First, the murder never took place, in which case they could have simply indicated this to me during my many attempts to resolve it. Second, they are wrongfully claiming me to be a suspect in the murder in order to cover for their mistake to not solve it when they first had the chance (or perhaps they are even looking for ways to illegally frame me with it), in which case the tape recording, witnesses and other evidence I could provide them with could completely clear me of any suspicion in the case, had I just been allowed the opportunity to be debriefed at which point I could have handed over all the evidence and given them the names of the actual murderers and other witnesses that could corroborate the information I sought to provide.

The fact is that the DEA dropped the ball on solving the murder back in 1996, and as a result, at least one of the four participants was subsequently murdered. The DEA could have easily prevented his murder by putting him in jail at the time when I had first come forward. This is certainly one of the reasons why the DEA has become even more fanatical about not solving the case if it results in clearing me of involvement with it (if that is in fact their position at the moment), because they bear responsibility for at least one death that could have been prevented had they just allowed me to cooperate back in 1996. They had no right to make cooperation on the murder case dependent upon pleading to offense conduct in a drug case where they knew I was innocent. The fact is that the DEA was caught red handed withholding evidence of my innocence during my drug case. It is certainly scandalous for them to refuse my cooperation on a murder case, simply because I refused to accept being illegally framed in their drug case (especially when they KNEW they were hiding evidence of my innocence in that case). The exculpatory evidence in the drug case came in the form of a telephone conversation between their cooperating witness and the actual intended recipient of the drugs, an individual named Robert that they seemed to have been protecting, for whatever the reason. In that telephone conversation, it is clear that the drugs purchased by my co-defendant were actually destined for this other customer named "Robert," the person who actually contributed the bulk of the money. They completely denied the existence of this individual throughout the entire Fatico hearing, up until we provided the tape of the conversation that proved he actually existed, and consequently corroborated our version of events, but the agents initially sought to hide that audio-taped evidence in order to present the theory that I was the sole distributor of the drugs for the purpose of maintaining illegal leverage against me in order to force me to cooperate against other targets of their various investigations that actually had nothing to do with my case. The government therefore argued in open court that I should be held accountable for the entire 2 kilo's that they had intercepted at Kennedy Airport, and this was clearly illegal in light of the evidence they were found to have been hiding. Shortly before the Fatico hearing where I was given the opportunity to dispute the allegations, a mole within the DEA that I had known since my youth, came forward and provided me with the exculpatory tape (the "Robert" tape) in order to thwart the illegal prosecution being forced upon me. My attorney eventually sprung the tape on the cooperating witness at the end of his testimony, and all the while I was able to cleverly hide the fact that I received the tape from a mole in the agency by alleging the prosecutor accidentally provided me the conversation on other tapes they provided me in the case (even though it is clear the prosecutors would have NEVER given me such a tape since it completely contradicted their version of the events). The prosecutor and their witness were caught red handed lying to the judge, and as a

result, the judge threw out the 2 kilo charge and reduced the charges against me to 100 grams, and this was only made possible by getting possession of that tape that they sought to hide from us. So the DEA fabricated a two kilo case against me (which couldn't even hold up under a bare preponderance standard of evidence in effect during a Fatico hearing), and because I wouldn't accept the fabricated charges, they allowed murderers to roam free, one of which has already died. The sad reality is that I believe the hitman and at least one other individual in that murder case may have still managed to escape apprehension until this day, and as a result there could be any number of additional murders committed by those people that may have occurred between 1996 and now, and if this is the case, it is clear that they also could have been prevented by the incarceration of these two individuals back in 1996 (and again in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2008). It is 16 years later, and as far as I know, there has never been an indictment in that 1994 murder case or any other case where I have information. It appears that federal agencies have willingly allowed murderers to continue to roam free as a result. The DEA ultimately bears responsibility for at least one preventable death that can be conclusively proven, and any number of additional murders committed by others that may have arisen by their refusal to admit their mistakes.

The situation was further complicated after I attempted to cooperate after the September 11th attacks. It is a fact that I had viable information regarding terrorism, but immediately after finally contacting my agent friends from the explorer program in my youth (which I did for the first time after 911), the DEA responded to my volunteering to try to help prevent further acts of terrorism by launching a massive investigation against me in an attempt to frame me for a whole host of serious crimes, all of which I was innocent of. They immediately stepped up efforts to solve the 1994 murder by actually capturing one of the suspects who was hiding in Pakistan, and they even extradited him to the States immediately after I attempted to cooperate after the 911 attacks. They did this in an obvious attempt to break that murder case wide open (likely because they probably still refused to believe I wasn't involved, even though I had clear and convincing evidence to prove conclusively that I had nothing to do with it other than having been told about it afterwards). They again sought to arrest me on a whole host of fabricated charges in an attempt to use those charges against me as leverage to get information on terrorism related investigations that they now believed I had information on due to my volunteering to provide that information. It was almost a repeat of the misconduct in my 1996 case that allowed murderers to roam free for almost two decades, but this time the misconduct has now allowed potential terrorists to roam free in America since 911. I had already willingly volunteered to provide that information by calling them in 2001, information that until this day they still have never received because they again refused to discuss anything of substance with me prior to putting the handcuffs on my hands. They still have never attempted to debrief me about this very important terrorism related information until this day. They even charged a murder suspect from the 1994 case (Abid Chaudhry) in a drug case after 2001 in order to be able to hold him in federal custody, and I assume they attempted to get him to divulge information in the murder case in an attempt to frame me, but until this day I have still never been debriefed in that murder case even though I could very easily solve the case in an instant. As far as I know, until this day there still has been no indictment made in that 1994 murder case (even though at least one of the murders sits in federal custody as I write this). Once again, viable leads in terrorism cases are put on hold while they try to find a way to frame me in murder or fabricated terrorism cases of which I have absolutely no involvement, and I can prove this conclusively with the evidence I have in my possession.

The rest of the story is a testament to a tragedy. I have been labeled a permanent terrorism and murder suspect for no reason other than the malfunction in investigative procedures that has rendered the DEA and other federal agencies incapable of resolving any crimes I have information about, and as a result it appears that all state and federal agencies are prevented from talking to me about any crimes which I could actually solve. Instead, I have been traumatized to the point where I ended up in a hospital on more than one occasion while under extreme threat of prosecution for fabricated crimes, and I was only called into questioning at times when I was extremely fearful of my life and completely untrusting of the people that sought to question me. It was also clear that during those very brief and sporadic meetings with federal authorities since 911, much care and caution was taken not to ask me about viable investigations that I could have actually resulted in convictions for serious crimes. For example, I was once questioned by an FBI agent named Perry Coucci, and I took a chance and divulged to him that I had information regarding murders and other serious crimes, and instead of taking me seriously, he referred me to talk to a State detective and recommended I engage in buy-and-bust operations of local street level drug dealers for personal-use quantities of drugs. This was pretty much his way of telling me that he did not consider me a credible source of any information, and this is without him ever having asked me about the murders, at least one of which I was apparently a suspect (he did also mention that the DEA was not providing him with any information regarding what happened between us in 2001, which in my estimation was very important). All brushes with federal law enforcement since 1996 yielded little or no progress in any of the major investigations that I could easily solve, mainly because of the DEA was guarding information about their improprieties and the scandal that erupted as a result of my volunteering to cooperate in terrorism investigations after 911. The DEA further sought to discredit me with other agencies by lying or keeping important information from them while they sought to find ways to frame me for a variety of crimes over the course of a decade. The DEA essentially sought to punish me (or perhaps execute me) for having been a spy in their Explorer program, but I was a child at the time and I truly didn't know any better.

There are criminals in the highest levels of government that have apparently gotten away with mass murder in the name of fighting terrorism, while an innocent person is in danger of being executed for doing nothing more than coming forward to try and help

protect his countries (both America and Morocco) from being victimized by terrorism. You have to forgive me if I no longer trust any government agency of the United States. You must understand that I myself had two moles in two different federal agencies, and a mole that was a high level detective in the NYPD. It is not beyond me to believe that police are perfectly capable of committing crimes, as I am a direct witness to this.

At this point, all I am requesting is that I be given the name of the Pakistani murder victim from 1994 so that I may notify his family about what actually happened to their son and the subsequent misconduct engaged in by the DEA. I have exhausted all options with every law enforcement organization I could think of. If those of you that receive this email actually believe in following laws and agree that all federal authorities should not be above the law, then please allow me to help that poor Pakistani family as I myself cannot sue the agents for their refusal to solve the case, and I have given up on trying to expose the illegal actions of the DEA and others. You can email me back at [REDACTED] or call me at [REDACTED] with that information. Unfortunately, despite my numerous attempts to research the identity of this alleged victim, I have never received a call back from any authorities regarding this matter, so I don't even know if there really is a victim. If there is no victim and no murder that matches the description I gave above, then please just let me know so that I can put this to rest for all times. If you cannot help, please just let me know that you received this email so that I know it is not just another email that disappears into the federal black hole, never to be heard from again. The non-response is unnerving sometimes, especially when I cannot simply forget these events and move on with my life without a resolution. If you cannot help, just let me know and I will continue to look for others that can actually do something about all this.

From: mandi fahmy <mandi.mourad@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2009 3:12 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: fw:

Hi, there,

Quick reply because i'm not feeling well. I just wanted to let you know that I received your emails and that I will relay the message to the Doctor and Montasser. Write you later when I'm feeling better. Sorry for the delay in replying and hope all is well with you.

On Wed, Apr 29, 2009 at 5:24 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:
Hi Mandi,

I hope all is well. I spoke briefly with Mr. Clark a few days ago and I put together a document for him to review. He is travelling until sometime next week so he will likely not see it until then. Again, I just want to reiterate some things and if it is possible please explain this to the doctor and Montasir. I hope to persuade the American government to ultimately reduce the amount of restrictions forced upon the Sheikh, especially with regards to his ability to communicate, but this is a difficult thing for the American government to do. If the situation goes public prior to my exhausting all administrative remedies within the Justice Department and with his attorney, then I believe it will become even more difficult to accomplish this. That is why nothing should be done via the media until I can assess Mr. Clark's response to what I provided him with. I do not know at this moment if Mr. Clark is genuinely working in the best interests of the Sheikh, but I will certainly be able to ascertain that shortly. Unfortunately, my first impression is that he was being deceptive about certain things, but that may just be a necessary formality at the moment.

The problem with the Sheikh is a catch 22 situation for the US. If the government gives the Sheik the ability to speak out, then he will likely begin to articulate the abuse he suffered over the course of years, and he will also corroborate certain aspects regarding my communications with him at the prison (which will have devastating effects on the global image of American leadership in the war on terror). After 911, the Sheikh was in a position to be able to put out a statement condemning the 911 attacks and asking Bin Laden to surrender, but the government purposely prevented it from happening (that is another long story that I could not discuss with you while in Egypt, but an important part of what led to my standoff with the government after 911). The flip side to this scandal is that the government is engaging in illegal activities to cover it all up, and that could also cause them just as much harm.

The reason that the government appears paralyzed with regards to my situation is that I can provide clear corroboration of the abuse and the fact that they purposely stifled any investigation that could expose it. At least one incident of abuse happened in front of over twenty witnesses as I indicated to you, and several other incidents were witnessed by me and other inmates that were not even part of our Muslim community at the prison. I am probably the only person who can identify the other non-Muslim witnesses, and this corroboration is also crucial to document the more severe physical abuse that was inflicted upon him. I have withheld the names of these non-muslim inmates for years because once I name them, the government will take steps to cover it up as that has been their strategy in the past. If the abuse is made public prior to an internal investigation by the Justice Department, then the American government's only option will be to make his isolation more extreme in order to obstruct any investigation that will prove the abuse. My belief is that if the Justice Department is able to conduct a secret investigation and take steps in secret to remedy the situation, then they may do it if they believe it can be less destructive to the national interests of America than if the situation simply goes public and they lose control of it.

I could also prove conclusively that the US government took steps to make sure Bin Laden escaped apprehension after 911. This is another delicate situation. After I named a mole in the Taliban that was willing to betray Bin Laden by facilitating his capture or execution, they took steps to expose his identity and he has since disappeared (I believe he was executed, but I am not sure and can't take the steps necessary to confirm this until the scandal gets investigated properly).

So the normal rules do not apply to anything in these situations. The only thing I am sure of is that as long as the US

government continues to maintain an interest in covering up all these scandals, I will continue to have leverage against them to try to force them to conduct a proper investigation behind the scenes, which would expose a lot more than if it was done in public.

I didn't hear from you after my last email. I hope that I have not caused you any problems. Certainly, if any of you are ever contacted by authorities regarding me, I expect all of you to be entirely truthful with them. Do not attempt to withhold any information from them regarding anything they ask you, and do not lie to them about anything. Everything I told you is already known to the authorities in America, so don't worry about me. You cannot do me any harm by cooperating with anyone that might attempt to contact you guys.

Once again, I am sorry if I have caused you any inconvenience.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2009 1:09 PM
To: "mandi fahmy" <mandi.mourad@gmail.com>
Subject:

Hi Mandi,

So I've made several attempts to get through to Ramsey Clark and so far no response. Maybe he is still travelling.

If you speak to the doctor and he happens to speak to Mr. Clark, maybe he can tell Mr. Clark to call me at [REDACTED]. I've even left several messages for Clark, and I also indicated in one message that I met with the doctor in Egypt, but Mr. Clark has not yet responded. Also I would recommend that nothing be printed in the media until I finally make contact with Mr. Clark or anyone else that may be able to help.

I have also attempted to once again contact the Justice Department as an alternative to Ramsey Clark should he be unavailable for any period of time. Typically (during the Bush administration), when I have contacted various agencies of the Justice Department, it has resulted in aggressive surveillance and harassment (including the event when I was kidnapped). I am hoping that the new Obama Administration (and the changing of the guard in the DOJ), coupled with the fact that I am located in Morocco, will make it more difficult for them to do anything illegal to me should that continue to be their policy with regards to how they intend to keep the situation under wraps. There is a possibility that I could be wrong, because I have not yet been able to ascertain whether the Moroccan government is actually hostile to my situation, or simply curious about what happened with me in America. I have not been called in for questioning since that one time in February, so for now it appears that everything is ok in Morocco.

I would also like to contact your friend in HRW. If you can provide me with his number and let him know that I will be calling him. I do have some evidence that I may be willing to release if the Justice Department and Ramsey Clark do not respond in a timely fashion.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 10:26 AM
To: lwschilling@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] & Sheik Rahman
Attachments: [REDACTED].doc

To whom it may concern,

I sent an email (approximately 30 pages) to this email address (lwschilling@earthlink.net) about two weeks ago to be forwarded to Mr. Clark.

Would like to confirm you received it. Please tell Mr. Clark to call me back [REDACTED] to confirm his receipt, or email me back to confirm you forwarded it to him. Thank you. Attached is the document in case you didn't receive it.

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From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009 11:57 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: info regarding homicide in 1994 in the bronx

hello I am det. Scalia of the cold case squad. I recieved a call from crime stoppers with regards to the information you gave. The problem is i need more information, if you can call me at 718 834-4580 or 4585 or respond to me via Email at ANTHONY SCALIA@nypd.org. hope to hear from you soon

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009 7:42 PM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: Re: info regarding homicide in 1994 in the bronx

I have been having difficulty pinning down exactly when the murder occurred and the identity of the victim. In fact, the only thing that I am certain of is that the murder did in fact occur, but I cannot even be certain that the details I was told about it are entirely accurate.

I believe the murder occurred in early 1994, during the snow season. That would narrow it down to between Jan and April of 1994. This is my recollection, but if you are unable to locate it, then the second identifier that I am certain of is that it occurred while I was attending Hofstra University, which would put it between Jan of 04 and Jan of 06.

The victim and his friend, Abid Chaudhry, were both residents of New Jersey. Abid eventually became involved in the drug trade and became an intermediary between the victim and a man named Raoul Campana. Raoul was high level drug trafficker and associate of several organized crime gangs, one of which was the Maisonet organization from the Bronx (Google Francisco Maisonet and heroin). Several months before the murder, the victim agreed to sell Raoul approximately 150 grams of Pakistani heroin for about \$10,000 through Abid, the middleman in the transaction. The victim demanded that Raoul pay the money up front before receiving the drugs, and Raoul and Abid eventually acquiesced to his demand. They gave the victim the money, and the victim disappeared. They were supposed to receive the drugs within an hour, and the guy never showed. He completely disappeared with the money, and never called them back.

Raoul and Abid eventually tracked down the victim, who had apparently left to Pakistan with the money. The victim spent a few months in Pakistan telling Abid that he was not stealing the money, but that he was actually planning to use the \$10,000 to buy the heroin and import it himself. During the months when the victim was in Pakistan, Abid was being threatened by members of Raoul's organized crime gang to come up with the \$10,000. Abid did not have it. I recall that it was a very stressful time for Abid. For several months Abid was pleading with the victim to return to America and get him out of the trouble he was in. The victim ultimately purchased about a kilogram of pure heroin in Pakistan, and after a few months, he showed up back in America with the drugs.

The victim immediately gave Abid the 150 grams originally promised, with an additional 150 grams on "consignment" for the trouble he put Abid and Raoul through over the months. He refused to give them any more drugs until they paid for the quantity that was given them on consignment. Abid and Raoul were not happy with that arrangement. Since they knew that their money ultimately purchased the entire shipment that the victim was now withholding from them, they grew angry with the victim. From Raoul and Abid's perspective, they were equal partners with the victim for the entire shipment since it was their money that the victim invested to import it. The victim essentially forced them to invest in the importation scheme against their will, when all Raoul and Abid wanted was to make a quick purchase.

Eventually Abid and Raoul agreed to rob the victim for the drugs. Abid was concerned that if they robbed the victim, that the victim would attempt to take revenge against Abid's family back in Pakistan. Abid made it clear to Raoul that the only way they could rob the victim, was if they killed him in the process in order to remove the possibility of retaliation. Raoul agreed to kill the victim for Abid, and they began to plan the hit.

Raoul approached another man who was an associate of an Italian mafia organization that Raoul dealt with. This guy, whom I also know, provided Raoul with a hitman. So if you are keeping up with me, there are at least four people that I know of that were involved with this murder. Raoul and Abid planned it, and then there was the mafia intermediary and the hitman.

So Raoul and Abid called the victim and pretended that they were going to pay him for the heroin that was given on "consignment." They both picked up the victim, drove him to the Bronx and picked up the hitman on the way to go "pick up the money." All four of them went to a deserted area of the Bronx where Raoul, Abid and the hitman were claiming they were going to pick up the money, then they induced the victim to leave the vehicle, and while they were on the street somewhere in the Bronx, the hitman crept up behind the victim and shot him in the head. After the victim fell to the ground, the hitman shot him several more times in the head to make sure he died.

Abid and Raoul then dropped off the hitman somewhere in the Bronx, and returned to the victim's home in New Jersey. They located the stash of heroin and stole it. They eventually agreed to sell the drugs (about a kilo) to Francisco Maisonet for approximately \$90,000. Frank took the drugs and paid Raoul \$45,000 up front, with another \$40,000 to come after the drugs were sold. Frank was supposed to pay the remaining money after a few days, but somehow Frank found out that Raoul killed the dealer and stole the drugs, even though Raoul was claiming that he had to pay the dealer back for the drugs. Frank decided that he was not going to pay the remaining money since the drugs were all profit for Raoul anyway. Frank accomplished this by beginning to claim that the drugs were low purity, so Frank demanded that he wanted to return the drugs and get his money back. Frank knew that Raoul would never give the money back fearing that Frank had already diluted the drugs in the time he had possession, so instead of allowing Raoul to put pressure on him for the remaining money, Frank immediately began putting pressure on Raoul to take back the drugs and return his money. Of course, once Raoul refused to return the money, Frank could conveniently refuse to pay the remainder that was owed on the grounds that it was he that was being robbed. This eventually led to a very complicated situation.

Immediately after the murder, the police considered Abid a suspect. Apparently, the victim had confided in someone about his dealings with Abid, and when the victim showed up dead, the story got out that Abid was involved. The police were searching for Abid everywhere. At that time, Raoul was hiding Abid in Astoria Queens and at the Pinnacle (a luxury condominium building on Queens Boulevard), where Raoul lived at the time. Raoul knew that if Abid was arrested, that he would likely turn him in for the murder. Raoul gave Abid \$25,000 and instructed him to leave the country. Abid immediately left to the Dominican Republic, where he spent an unknown amount of time before eventually heading to Pakistan. So now all Raoul had left was \$20,000 and he still had to pay the hitman \$5,000 for the hit, which he was planning to do with the remaining money from Frank. Since Frank stiffed Raoul for the remainder of the money, Raoul then went to the hitman and told him that Frank stole the hitman's money and that the hitman should go get his money from Frank (apparently trying to force a confrontation between two rival organized crime syndicates). The hitman was pissed off at the complications, and eventually he threatened to kill Raoul if he wasn't paid for his services. Frank was also threatening to kill Raoul for defying his directive to return his money and for trying to start a war, so Raoul fled New York and moved to Florida. Before he fled to Florida, he told me the entire story.

So it is now approximately 1996, and Raoul is living in Florida and Abid is living in Pakistan. Raoul and Abid kept in contact with each other over the years since the murder, and Abid was attempting to source out heroin connections while in Pakistan to continue his dealings with Raoul. In the meantime, Raoul was a marked man in New York, with at least two contracts out on his life, and numerous enemies. Raoul also knew that if Abid ever returned to the United States that he would get arrested for the murder and likely turn him in, and that is when Raoul began to consider killing Abid to eliminate him as a witness. Raoul confided in me in what he wanted to do to Abid, and I was extremely against it. I was friends with Abid and I didn't want him to be killed, especially since it was Raoul to initially corrupt him by bringing him into the drug business. In 1996, Raoul had made several trips to New York, and during those trips I met with him and tape recorded two conversations where we discussed the murder and his apparent desire to have Abid "out of the picture." I wanted to turn Raoul into the police in order to protect both his and Abid's life, and I also had a feeling that Raoul would not last much longer with all the enemies he had. Before I could be successful, Raoul was eventually killed in North Carolina by another mutual friend of ours, a man by the name of Kun Young Yoon (Google him). Yoon was arrested almost immediately after killing Raoul, and he eventually served 10 years for that murder before being released.

So now I have a taped conversation with a dead man discussing a murder he committed and implicating others in the murder. Although Raoul is dead, there are several things to consider with regards to these tapes. First, there were two other people whose voices are present on those tapes. These two people knew that I was recording Raoul, and they could testify and corroborate that Raoul was indeed present during those tapes. Second, the family could easily confirm Raoul's voice is on those tapes, especially with his very distinct voice and accent. Third, I took the tapes to a well known attorney in Manhattan in 1996 while attempting to turn Raoul in for the murder, and this attorney also listened to the tapes in their entirety, prior to Raoul being killed. Furthermore, I can corroborate the date and time on those tapes as having occurred during dates when Raoul flew to New York. With all those things considered, it is possible that the tape may still be admissible in some capacity.

Second, I was given details of the murder that only the murderers could know. These are some of the distinct details I was told by Raoul, and I am confident that he was being truthful with me. You can even hear some of these details on the tapes. The victim was apparently a blackbelt in karate, so they wanted to make sure they surprised him in a way where he could not thwart the hit. The murder also occurred immediately prior to a big snowstorm. The victim was killed with special ammunition that defeats ballistic tests. The type of ammunition was either .38 Glazers or shotshells. The murder weapon was a revolver. The victim was shot multiple times in the head, and there were some comments made at some point about the victim being in the process of urinating when he was shot. I think he was relieving himself on the street when the hitman shot him, so he may have been found with his pants zipper down or something like that. After the hitman shot the victim, they all ran back to the car. After they got back in the car, they realized they forgot to get the victims

wallet. Raoul commanded Abid to run back to the victim and get his wallet, and Abid refused so they simply fled the scene. The victim should have still had his wallet when he was found.

Sometime after the murder, the corpse of the victim was transported to New Jersey. I believed this transport took place in the morning.

Other important things:

If I recall correctly, the ammunition that was used to kill the victim, came in a plastic shrink-wrapped type packaging containing six bullets. I can lead you to one of the bullets that came from that exact package, and this remaining bullet is NOT inside the victims head. I assume that a molecular analysis of the bullet I can provide, and the fragments in the victims head, will be molecularly consistent as having come from the same batch of metal. This is a key piece of physical evidence that can tie Abid Chaudhry to the murder, and it can stand on it's own since it is also possible that I can tell you how to link this bullet to Abid through fingerprints.

I can also provide a lead to telephone records that can corroborate communication between the victim, Raoul and Abid, while the victim was in Pakistan.

I have uploaded an audio clip of one of the taped conversations between myself and Raoul (this clip comes from a 30 minute conversation, beginning to end). I followed the Manhattan attorney's directions when I made the tape. This attorney told me that I must start the recording from the very beginning of the conversation and let it record all the way out to the end, which is what I did. The first conversation is 20 minutes and the second is 30 minutes. During the conversation, you can see that Raoul and I were brainstorming what evidence could possibly link Raoul to the murder, and I am asking him various questions. You can take the snippet to Raoul's family to confirm it is his voice on the tape. I have other home videos that can corroborate certain other aspects of this saga, including numerous hours of home videos containing high level organized crime figures, some of which are mentioned in this email. In fact, these home videos alone could have put numerous people in prison, but they have never been made public.

The link for the audio clip is as follows:

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Another thing. During the course of my investigating this event to try and locate the name of the victim, I went through the Newsday Archives of murders between Jan and April of 1994. This was the closest victim I could find that matches the description. I pasted the Newsday article below. The only things that don't match up with the name below is that it says Mohamed Syed is from Queens, when I am fairly certain the victim is from Jersey. Also, it says the murder was on Jan 29th, but I could not find a weather report that confirms a snowstorm within a day of that date. It only looks promising because the murder was in the Bronx, the age of the victim seems about right, and it was the only Pakistani sounding name I could find within that time period.

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Homocides by gunshot reported by city police during the 24-hour period ending at 6 p.m. yesterday

8:45 p.m. Thursday: Roberto Rivas, 20, of the Bronx, shot once in the head in a bodega at 1038 Rogers Ave. in Brooklyn. Another man was wounded in the shooting.

5:47 a.m. Friday: Mohammed Syed, 28, of Queens, found shot numerous times in a vacant lot on East 164th Street and Stebbins Avenue in the Bronx.

8:40 a.m. Friday: The body of an unidentified man, bound with duct tape and telephone cords, found in a plastic garbage can in the trunk of a stolen car abandoned at the Metropolitan Hotel on Corona Avenue in Queens. The man was shot twice in the head and stabbed numerous times. Total in 1994: 87

I hope this helps. Please let me know that you received this email.

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From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2009 5:12 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: info regarding homicide in 1994 in the bronx

Hello this is Det. Scalia I did recieve your E-Mail, but on one part you indicate that Raoul hired a hit man from the mob who you also know, if you can do you have a name or what family this hit man belonged to. I am going to check that bronx homicide that you sent me in that news clip. Hope to hear from you soon .
thank you

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From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2009 2:54 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: bronx homicide

hey nolo, this is Det Scalia got some good news I located the homicide in the bronx, but if it is at all possible I need more information with regard to the video tape you have and if you can expand on the audio tape that you gave me in your last E-Mail. I would like to meet with you in person to talk with about this homicide, and maybe register you as a confidential informant. I need more information in regards to the italian mafia and what family may have been involved, and possibly the name of the hit man if you know it.

Thank You
Tony Scalia

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2009 8:11 PM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: Re: bronx homicide
Attachments: BB_MurderLineup.jpg

Is it really still an unsolved homicide? That is absolutely nuts. I cannot believe that the only way I could get someone to locate this event was to submit a tip through crimestoppers of all things. I was beginning to believe that the only reason no one ever called me back was because it was already solved or something like that, but because I never got actual confirmation of this, I just kept trying. Absolutely amazing.

Perhaps email is not the best way to do this. I could meet with you, but the only thing is that I have no plans to return to the States at the moment. I'm in Marrakesh, Morocco. You're more than welcome to swing through if you want, or you can wait until I return to America. Unfortunately, my return could be in a few months away or longer, as I don't have a timeline at the moment. I have been here since 2006 so far, and when I came, I bought a one-way ticket with no plans on returning. I went back for a week in October of 2008 to testify in a technology case in Florida, and that was the last time I was in America. I guess it's been 15 years already in the Chaudhry case, so a little longer isn't going to make much difference, but that should be your decision, not mine. Law enforcement negligence in the past has allowed the Chaudhry case to remain unsolved long enough for at least one witness to be killed (as was the case with Raoul), and as more time passes it is possible that other critical evidence and witnesses could become unavailable, or un-apprehended hitmen could continue to be allowed to roam the streets free to claim more victims (which is another crazy thing, as if this hitman has killed any more people since I first tried to turn him in 13 years ago, then I would imagine that whoever dropped the ball on my tip back in 1996 could end up getting in trouble). I have not kept in contact with many of these OC people since about 2003, so I could not even tell you if some of them, including the hitman in the Chaudhry case, are still alive. I know Abid is still alive since he is currently locked up at USP Atlanta, and Frank and Nolo are apparently still alive since they are doing life in federal prison as well. Nolo is not my name, but actually he was a hitman for the Maisonet organization, which is who came to my mind when I chose this AOL screenname back in 1998. You can call me Alex instead of Nolo. I think Pat Stiso is also still alive, but he has been released from prison a while back, and I think several other people are also still alive since they appear to be incarcerated or just recently released, then there are many other people whose real names I don't know, so they would probably have to be tracked down with other identifying information in my possession. I have the audio and video tapes with me here in Morocco as well, and I can provide them to you, as well as the rest of the information you need, if we meet.

P.S.

There are several more murders I could probably solve (between 1992 and 2001), spanning several states, two of which I was present on the scene. The first murder was about 17 years ago, the second one probably 16 years ago, and the rest are anywhere from 16 years ago, to the last murder I witnessed which was 9 years ago. In that last murder, I actually ended up driving one of the wounded parties from a shootout to the hospital immediately following the shootout (he ended up surviving, but my other friend died in that same shootout). I was picked up by the police at the hospital when I arrived there with a gunshot victim, and I was taken to the precinct and asked to point out the triggerman in a lineup, but I refused for good reason. I believe that murder is also still unsolved. If I were a betting man, I would bet that all these murders are still unsolved at the moment, especially since you appear to be saying that the Chaudhry murder is also unsolved, which just boggles the mind.

What I had been doing for nearly a decade (unbeknownst to all the OC people I was hanging out with at the time), is gathering, documenting and preserving evidence related to their crimes, and I was doing this on my own without any help from law enforcement, with the intent to someday provide this information to law enforcement. Throughout the years I have tried to provide various portions of this evidence to law enforcement at various times, including as early as 1996 when I first attempted to drop the tip in the Chaudhry case. At that time I was instructed by my attorney, Roger Bennet Adler, on how to make the tapes on Raoul, and after I made them and Roger heard them, Roger contacted the feds about the murder but they inexplicably never asked to talk to me about it. You are the first person in law enforcement to even confirm that the Chaudhry murder actually took place, as I have never once been questioned in that case or any other murder case I have information on, except for the last murder in 2000 when I was dragged into the precinct and asked to pick the shooter out of a lineup. Actually, when I was dragged into the precinct that morning in 2000, I noticed a photo that looked like a lineup laying on the desk of the police officer when he was asking me to view the lineup. When the officer left the room for a moment, I went to his desk to inspect the photo and I immediately recognized the killer (no 4), so

I swiped the photo (which the cop didn't notice at the time) and took it home with me in an effort to continue documenting all these murders on my own. It's attached to this email and I believe that the police can confirm that the killer was no4 even though I never officially picked him out. The 2000 murder has nothing to do with the Chaudhry case, but I do believe that the case is still unsolved as well. There is an archive of other material in my possession that could also help to solve some of these cases, including photo's and newspaper articles about some of the unsolved crimes.

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From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 7:01 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: bronx homicide

Hey Alex I got your E-mail and I thank you. I think that i will wait for your return to the U.S. I hope it is before two years for thats when I am retiring. But until then if you can, until then give me a little more about the 2000 homicide if it was in the five boroughs, I need time,borough,what precinct,and if possible a victims name. Again this is if you can remember. The other thing is if you can make copies of the video and audio tapes that you have and send them to me so I can eagerly work on these cases, and maybe put and end to these cases by solving them together.

P.S I did not get the audio that you said was on this last E-Mail.

Thank You
Tony Scalia

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From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 7:40 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: bronx homicide

Hey alex hows it going, I forgot to give an address in the event that you able to make copies of all the information you have and mail it to me the address is as follows: 300 gold st Brooklyn N.Y.11201. Again if there is a problem the job will reenburst you on the mailing fee. I am reading the case folder as I write this E-mail, and let me know if I can send you names via E-mail of people involved in the chaudhry case as to their relevance.

Thank you
Tony Scalia

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 12:24 PM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: Re: bronx homicide

Yeah you can send names if you want. Can you also send me the name of the victim, and the date he was found. I will see if I can post up any more clips. I didn't send an audio clip in the last email, I attached a picture. If you didn't get it I'll post it up and send you the link. I sent an audio clip in the first email, the one with Raoul. Did you not receive that clip?

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From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 12:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: bronx homicide

Hey Alex hows it going, the victims name was Mohammad Syed and he was found in the bronx, at East 164 st and stebbins ave. shot in the head.

If you can Alex those two homicides you know about where one of your friends was killed if you can give me month year Borough and victims name. Again I your man I will see if we can get closure to all these open cases.

Thank You
Tony Scalia

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From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 1:59 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: bronx homicide

Hey Alex here are a few names, maybe you can shed some light to their relevance to this case the names are as follows;

1.Mohammed Ayub 2. Ikram Haq 3.Ahmed Shahzad 4. Mohammed Ansar.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Thank You
Tony Scalia

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 3:46 PM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: Re: bronx homicide

1.Mohammed Ayub 2. Ikram Haq 3.Ahmed Shahzad 4. Mohammed Ansar.

These names are not familiar, but most people never use their real names anyway. Photos would probably be better. Most people that roll in these circles, spanish, pakistani and otherwise, have American nicknames that they use (most people never knew my name either). Do you know their nicknames? Is one of them Abid's uncle (he one who was arrested by the DEA in a federal heroin case in Jersey I believe? I don't know if that guy was his real uncle or just a close friend he called his uncle, but I do know that for sure he was a family friend at least. This "uncle" tried to set Abid up by luring him to a hotel to pick up the drugs he had been caught with, and I know the DEA was looking to arrest Abid in that drug case which actually happened sometime before the murder. I don't know his uncle's name or nickname. That drug case was the first time Raoul hid Abid from law enforcement. He hid abid from the DEA for a few months until they stopped trying to find him. That was another close call for Abid, but he didn't learn from that one and proceeded to the murder shortly afterwards.

I can post up the videos on youtube.com and you can view them, so there is no need for postal service. If there is a need for the originals in the future, I can provide them. All original masters are on magnetic media (Hi8 for the video, and the audio is on microcassettes).

Before I post up any video clips, I would like you to do something for me if you are able. Can you contact S/A John Hannah from the DEA, and find out the name of the S/A he set me up to meet with after the 911 attacks. I only got his first name, which was Jimmy (who Agent Hannah said was a good friend of his), and there was also another agent present when I was interviewed at DEA headquarters approximately a week after 911. This other agent was of Asian, Oriental persuasion, but I did not get his name. Please see if you can find out the identities of those two agents. Agent Hannah was not present during my meeting with them, so no matter what he says, make sure you can get the names of those two agents specifically, and once you are able to locate them, please speak to Agent Jimmy directly and ask him if he (or whoever he was working with at the time) ever obtained the audio tapes of the Chaudhry Murder, or any of the video tapes I made between 1995 and 1996, during any investigation they may have initiated against me after my attempt to cooperate in September of 2001. I need for them to officially tell another law enforcement agency, on the record, that they have no idea these tapes exist. If you really want to understand the depth of all this, then this is an important thing to establish prior to my posting up clips from these videos. When you see the clips, then you will understand.

The 2000 murder where I was present was Ahmed Hasan

An article in the murder:

[REDACTED] [/Medina_BoraBora.jpg](#)

A picture of the gunshot victim I drove to the hospital:

Left:Joey [REDACTED] Middle:[REDACTED] (the gunshot victim) Right: [REDACTED]
[/JoeyJasonEddie.jpg](#)

Picture of the lineup from the murder:

[REDACTED] [/BB_MurderLineup.jpg](#)

Picture of the victims brother:

[REDACTED] [/Medina_RamiHassan.jpg](#)

In that 2000 murder I think the cops hit dead ends, but they were also investigating other events related to Rami Hasan that I knew about, like the shooting of Boris (shot in the head while sitting in Rami's car) in Astoria. There may also be another murder related to this one but like the Chaudhry case, I don't know names of victims, or if they actually exist (like the Chaudhry situation).

Another murder was between Sep 12 and 13th in 1992 in Woodside queens. It was a retaliatory drive-by shooting conducted in response to an earlier drive-by shooting in Elmhurst, Queens. The earlier drive by shooting was

documented in the following article, but the retaliatory strike is not documented. I believe that in the retaliatory strike, a victim was killed and another victim paralyzed from the waist down in Woodside, Queens (the rival gang's territory). It was the same outcome of the earlier shooting in Elmhurst where Kevin was killed and Tom was paralyzed. It was later discovered that the victims in the retaliatory drive-by were not even members of "TA7", but were rather innocent victims that just happened to be standing on the corner in the wrong neighborhood, on the wrong night. I know the participants of the retaliatory strike, and one of them was even recruited as a federal informant in a drug case, even though he was hiding his involvement in this murder from them. Abid Chaudhry did the same thing by being an informant in a drug case where he informed on Farooq (his co-defendant in that case), but was still denying involvement with this murder all the while because he did not think he could be convicted of it should they ever try to charge it (especially if the police would have attempted to proceed without having the other participants in custody). The feds sure know how to pick informants, but the problem is that they don't really know how to admit when they made a mistake with some of them.

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There is also a 1996 murder in Washington DC.

There is also a mass murder (four or more victims) in Corona, Queens, although I located one online and it appears to be solved, I don't know if that is the one, as there may have been more than one mass murder fitting the same description at the same time in that same neighborhood. If there is one that is still unsolved, it would make more sense considering that there appears to be someone still not apprehended.

There is also a East New York shooting of a cop that could have been prevented, but because of borderline criminal negligence by a federal parole officer, the shooting was allowed to happen when it was completely preventable. The shooter in that case was killed by the police, but the feds were never admonished for their role in that event, nor is it even known to the NYPD that the feds had some responsibility for what happened. Khan was an acquaintance of mine. At some point shortly before the police shooting, he was harassing another friend of mine. This other friend approached me and asked me to intervene with Khan to tell him to stop bothering him. At this time, Khan had already gained possession of the gun he used to shoot the cop (I know who provided him with the gun), and he was menacing my other friend with this gun (they both lived in the same building). I told Khan to stop bothering this kid, but he wouldn't stop at which point the kid called Khan's federal parole officer and pleaded with him to protect him from Khan. The parole officer (Richard James), completely dropped the ball and did nothing to arrest Khan, even though Khan had just been arrested the previous week for state charges (which was immediately a violation of his parole). If the arrest was not enough to lock Khan up, then the PO should have jumped once he received a call from my friend notifying him that Khan's was armed and threatening him. This PO entirely ignored the situation for enough time to pass where the cop was shot.

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So please, don't just tell me that you tracked down S/A Jimmy without doing it, just to get more stuff out of me. It's not just murders. Reach out to Detective Mark Valencia from the 111th precinct and see if they solved the Star Nissan robbery in Bayside that he once tried to question me about (where I denied all knowledge). I can solve that one as well if it is still unsolved. Call Kennedy airport and see if they can tell you about the approximately \$580,000 in US currency that was intercepted on a PIA flight to Pakistan between 2002 and 2003. I don't know the exact date, but I am positive that I was working at MTV when the interception occurred, so I can narrow it down to that time period. I have never had an opportunity to explain to law enforcement the importance of that event as it relates to terrorism, nor have I ever had the opportunity to discuss the Flushing, Queens Afghani connection to the stinger missiles. I hope we can solve some of these cases before you retire, but even more so before a jumbo jet is shot down somewhere in the world when it could have possibly been prevented.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 5:32 PM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: (no subject)

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This individual, Farooq, was Abid's codefendant in the case that he is currently incarcerated for.

He was arrested after I spoke to Agent Jimmy from the DEA. Farooq's arrest by the DEA was meant to expose me as a terrorism informant, probably in an attempt to thwart my suggestion that they recruit my swat valley connection to help them out in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Had they agreed to enlist my friend, and had I been able to convince him (or even force him) to enlist on our side in the so called "war on terror," then I believe the war would have been over before it even began. Someone apparently did not want this "war on terror" to end so quickly once they found out this was actually on the table.

Farooq was arrested in 2001 and then questioned about the Abid murder by the DEA right after I "showed up out of the blue" to assist with terrorism investigations (a walkin at DEA headquarters, 99 tenth ave after the 911 attacks). Abid had been in custody for probably over a year in Pakistan by the time they arrested Farooq, yet they also did not extradite Abid until after I showed up at DEA headquarters to offer terrorism leads. Farooq was even called into a proffer session by the DEA to discuss the Abid murder with them, but he did not have enough knowledge of the incident to shed light on what happened. It was so bizarre, cause Farooq was trying to call me from jail to find out more info about the murder, just so he could turn Abid in and get out of jail, and yet the feds still refused to talk to me about it even though Fooka himself was calling me to ask me about it. I guess the feds believed I was somehow involved in the murder (probably on wrong information provided by a previous federal informant, a man named ghazi). They wanted so bad to arrest me in the Abid murder case that they completely disregarded any information that contradicted their hypothesis, and if you review the murder file, there is absolutely no inkling that I had anything to do with it. The first time they injected me into the case as a possible suspect was in 1996 when another informant lied to them and told them I was involved. Between 1994 and 1996 there is absolutely nothing to suggest I had any involvement, and since 1996 this particular group of federal agents in the DEA went off on a tangent in the investigation due to this deceptive informant, and they never recuperated from it since. Once the DEA (or whatever agency Agent Jimmy is from) finally got a hold of the murder tapes in 2001, they realized they were completely wrong about everything, but it was already too late for Raoul, and subsequent events made it impossible for them to enlist me as an informant without first exposing the huge mistake they made in the weeks following 911. I don't even think they cared about Raoul having died because of their negligence. What they were really upset about was that in the meantime the Dragonfire incident had occurred, and that event was too provocative to risk exposing, just to solve a murder or any other "street" crime. The terrorism stuff took precedence, but they had bungled it up so bad that even the terrorism investigations had to be avoided at all costs. If it ever turned out that it could be proven I had viable information about anything that they refused to talk to me about, then it was going to be a problem for certain agents that probably made some honest mistakes at first, but then began a course of conduct that amounted to nothing less than obstruction of justice. If only these agents could have tried to find a way to make good on their mistakes in a legal way rather than just attempting to conceal them because it was exponentially more convenient to do so. Perhaps this would not be the law enforcement tragedy that it is.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 8:58 PM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: (no subject)

A driver from the retaliatory strike (1992). I think he was in a second car that didn't open fire, but they all went there to kill anyway. He is pictured here with rapper Slick Rick. Also, if you can, please confirm if this retaliatory strike actually happened.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2009 7:45 AM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: (no subject)

The murder weapon ammunition.

A gun discharged a round of ammunition identical to the type found in Mr. Syed's head.

The apartment where the gun discharged is in a building located on 111th street, between 48th and 49th ave in Corona Queens.

This is a picture of the outside of the building since I do not know the exact address (should be 48-01 111th).

[REDACTED] [/111th.jpg](#)

This is a sketch of the layout of the apartment as I remember it. The apartment number is 4a.

[REDACTED] [/4a.jpg](#)

There were a number of people gathered there that day, so numerous witnesses can corroborate that event.

Farooq, the co-defendant in the Abid drug case, was toying with a .38 revolver loaded with the Glazer (shot shell) rounds when it accidentally went off. The bullet round penetrated the cabinet directly below the sink. There should be a bullet hole visible from the outside of the cabinet (unless it's been patched up or changed). Farooq never understood the significance of that event as it related to the Abid murder since the Abid murder happened later on. If he had known the connection, I believe he certainly would have shared it with the DEA when they questioned him.

Immediately following the accidental discharge, Fooka was ordered to take a duffle bag full with guns and drugs down to the garage and hide out, just in case the neighbors called the police. After about an hour, the coast was clear and he went back upstairs to the apartment.

The the ammunition became a novelty when everyone started examining the cabinet where the bullet lodged. There was a hole in the outside of the cabinet, but on the inside there was no secondary hole in the wall where the bullet should have lodged, nor was there a slug, as everyone was accustomed to seeing. A normal bullet would have lodged in the wall and been retrievable, but this bullet appeared to have fragmented into thousands of tiny little metal shards. They where scattered all over the floor of the cabinet. The bullet had exploded into these shards upon penetration of the outer wooden cabinet door, and then scattered like a shotgun blast pattern all throughout the inside of the cabinet. Most of the shards were apparently not moving at a velocity fast enough to lodge in the wall, as they appeared to be mostly laying atop the floor of the cabinet. Hopefully, some of the shards are still embedded in that cabinet area somewhere, as fifteen years of cleaning may have wiped away most traces of this. Be mindful that this accidental discharge of the galzer ammunition had occurred prior to the murder, so it was probably more than 15 years ago. I tried to offer this starting back in 1996 but the DEA didn't want to hear anything about it, so I hope their negligence did not cost you the recovery of this key physical evidence. Regardless of the fact, glazer ammo is rare. There are numerous people that witnessed the accidental discharge and inspected the damage to the cabinet, including myself, so there are numerous people that can corroborate they witnessed the ammunition and it's effects. None of us had seen this type of ammunition before, or it's effects, previous to that accidental discharge. It is certainly not a coincidence that similar shards end up in Mr. Syed's head.

This is the best I can do through email for the Chaudhry thing. I know you understand. I hope you can flip Abid. If the hitman is in a photo book for arrests (look for precincts in the south Bronx at first), then Abid may be able to point him out, provided you can force his cooperation.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2009 8:19 AM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: (no subject)

one more thing about the ammo.

for all this time I have been uncertain about the glazer/shotshell thing.

There were two different packages. One were .38 Glazers, and they looked like metal slugs with a blue tip. then there were the .38 shotshells, which the slugs looked like a plastic container with little metal balls packed inside (almost like a transparent shotgun shell). The glazer is the one that went off in apt 4a, but i cannot be absolutely certain (although multiple conversations with raoul seem to support the glazer hypothesis overwhelmingly). There is still a small possibility that it could have been the shotshells used in the murder. On more than one occasion, Raoul told me it was the "exploding" bullets, which is what we referred to the glazers after we witnessed how the slug behaved during the accidental discharge. Still there was this second package with these other "shotshell" type bullets, and the plastic container slug was also a transparent blue (the glazer also had blue tips i believe) so on the tape raoul refers to "the blue ones" but they both had blue qualities. If Syed had little metal balls, rather than metal shards, found in his head, then Raoul used the shotshells instead, so the glazer shards in that apartment would not be that significant, aside from the fact that it corroborates Raoul's experimentation with specialty ammo, for the purposes of defeating ballistic tests that could link bullet slugs to a specific gun.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2009 9:18 AM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: (no subject)

also, call Maria from the card below:

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Ask her for her phone records, or subpoena her phone records from the number on the card (212-243-1712). Get the phone records for the time period prior to the Chaudhry murder. She can confirm that Raoul and Abid were calling Pakistan from her shop at that time. They were calling the victim, so you can link them via the phone records to the victim.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2009 11:02 AM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: (no subject)

another shooting, you would have to check and see if anyone showed up shot at the hospitals.

It must have been about 1995. It was a winter month as I was wearing a leather jacket.

It was on Forley St in Elmhurst (I'm pretty sure its forley, and I wanna say forley and whitney, but I could not be sure unless i was back there). A shooting inside a building, top (or second to top) floor, in the hallway (many bullet holes, including bullets penetrating into neighbors apartments). I was with a friend, we were ambushed in the hallway by hit men sent to kill him. I jumped one of the assailants who was holding a gun and about to shoot us. He started discharging the weapon as we struggled for the gun. Later, my friend was arrested with one of the guns he used to shoot back at the assailants.

He accidentally named me by my real name when the police caught him later that night while standing on a street corner with the gun in his waist. I was standing right next to him when the police arrested him, but he didn't tell them it was me they were looking for. They never found me to question me in that incident.

These people I speak of, if you approach them, they will know that I am talking, and you will lose the bigger cases, just so you know.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2009 12:51 PM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: (no subject)

Please confirm you received the last emails or I will be deleting the links shortly. Make sure you download the files locally to your computer so you can continue to view them.

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From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 5:41 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: (no subject)

Hey Alex hows it going yes I was out for three days, but I did recieve all your E-mails and reviewed them, and I am working all the information you gave me. Sorry for the gap in time, but I am working your leads. Hope to hear from you soon.

Thank You
Tony Scalia

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 12:55 PM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: Re: (no subject)

Last tip on the Chaudhry thing:

Find Larry (Raoul's friend). He used to work in a flower shop in Manhattan. Maria should know him, or Jeanette, or Christian (Raoul's brother). I don't know his last name. He may be able to corroborate this information I am about to give you.

On the day of the hit, they set out to do the hit in Larry's Chevy Bronco (Black, Older model). Sometime during the hit, maybe before they picked up the hitman, or afterwards, the Bronco ran into some kind of mechanical problem, and they had to take it to a mechanic (probably in Manhattan). The mechanic inspected the car and determined it needed a piece that had to be ordered, so the car had to stay. Raoul, already committed to doing the hit, so he convinced the mechanic to loan him a car to use while the mechanic completed the repairs. The mechanic loaned them a white Chevrolet Caprice (white, older model, box shaped). The hit was completed using that white Caprice. Sometime in the days afterwards, they returned the caprice to the mechanic and got back the Bronco, which was ultimately returned to Larry.

Now, Abid would probably be very shaken and disturbed to hear these details. I imagine it could convince him to turn on the hitman. If you approach him with this, don't indicate that the hitman witnessed the breakdown of the Bronco, because it is a possibility that he was picked up in the white Caprice afterwards and had no knowledge of the Bronco, but if you claim to Abid that you have the hitman, or the intermediary to the hitman in custody, and that you have reason to believe Abid committed the hit in a white Chevrolet Caprice (maybe you could indicate that you also have information that the Bronco broke down, without saying how you know). Point is that maybe he will cooperate if he really believes you already have at least one of the remaining conspirators in custody giving information.

Now, if Abid thought you had the hitman in custody and he was giving you this information, then he would be suspicious if you guys were still trying to find out the hitman's identity. You could try to use the info to press him to give you any information he might have on the intermediary, assuming he knows that there was an intermediary to begin with. I think the best trap to set for him, would be to claim you have the intermediary in custody, and he/she is giving this information, except he/she is saying that Abid was the triggerman. You could hint that you have reason to believe that he/she is covering for the hitman. That is possibly the best way you could trick Abid into pointing out the hitman in a photobook of arrests (as he certainly would not have any other identifying information regarding the guy, other than his visual appearance and demeanor on that day).

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From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 3:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Hey Alex got you E-mail, and I am working all the leads. Now to let you know I work Monday to Friday, and off Saturday & Sunday, so if you send anything late Friday I won't open it till Monday when I come in. I appreciate all your information and I will have my people get to the bottom of all this. hope to hear from you soon.

Thank You
Tony Scalia

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From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2009 6:37 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: (no subject)

Hey Alex, I am very serious. The reason I say my people, is that in my 24 years of experiance I know that the information you give cannot be investigated by one person, and I've built a bevy of I trust and have the same work ethics that I have if not more. So again you are not waisting your time. but again it would be allot easier if we could sit down and talk face to face rather than cloak and dagger. But if this is the only way we can communicate so be it I am comfortable with it.

Thank You
Tony Scalia

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From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 9:08 AM
To: [REDACTED]

Hey Alex hows it going, about the chaundhry murder am I correct in thinking that Francisco Maisonet supplied the money to Raoul and Abid to give to Mr. Sayed, and Mr. Sayed went to Pakistan to get the Heroin but did not return till months later, which made Francisco put pressure on Abid and Raul for iether the drugs or the money. And when Mr. Sayed did return from Pakestan, with the original 150 grams of heroin and gave another 150 grams on consignment, that drove Abid and Raoul crazy and thats when they decided they had to kill Mr Sayed because Francisco paid for the entire ammount of heroin.

Would it be feasable to use Francisco to flip Abid. I would not like to use the hit man as leverage due to the fact as of yet we don't have his identity, and if Abib asks me so whats his name I don't want to look like a fool. But I am planning a trip to see Abid in the near future. I just have to clear it thru my job, which should not be a problem. Again I would like to Francisco due to the fact I know allot about him.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 11:27 AM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: Re: (no subject)

Frank was not the person that provided the original \$10,000, that is 100%. You should also know that Frank's organization was actually a group of organizations, all linked together through Pat Stiso who was defending them all, but I cannot explain it through email. There are other people related to a "second faction" of the Maisonet organization, that to my knowledge, were not arrested in the 1998 bust where Frank and most of them went down, and again these are people I won't discuss via email. Nevertheless, you should be able to extract the identities of some of these people without my having to provide them myself. Ask Maria who was living at the Pinnacle with Raoul. She was the owner of apartment 17B. This is a business card of the individual, but I must black out the identifying information, and I am only providing it for corroboration and am requesting that you do not show it to anyone but Abid. See if you can get Abid to tell you who that business card belongs to, assuming he may have seen it before or maybe even had one at some point in time. It didn't belong to Raoul, but the person putting pressure on Abid. Also understand that if you attempt to go to anyone in the "second faction" on this, you may lose other cases. Keep it with Abid, and on paper, if Abid talks and names them, there should be no reference to me having provided their identities. They expect Abid to inform, but they would not expect it from me. On paper, this case and any information you derive, has to come directly from Abid or the people I direct you to (without them knowing that I am directing you to them, or you will possibly lose some of the cases).

[REDACTED] [/scarface.jpg](#)

Looking at this card (which I had not looked at for so long), I noticed that this person was also using the 111th street address (where he also once lived with Raoul), except he indicated Suite #1 as the apartment, but the apartment was 4A. The address appears to be 48-50 instead of 48-01 as I thought previously, but 100% the picture of the front of the building that I provide earlier is the location.

Anyway, this is how they got the cash, and Abid knows some of this as well (which is another detail that should rattle Abid). He likely does not know all of this, but try to keep up with me if you can.

Raoul approached a guy related to Danny from lower east side. Danny was a big time drug dealer that got busted with 2 kilo's of "double dragon" brand name heroin on the LIE expressway (if i remember correctly, the brand name was wrapped in a brown paper wrapping, with a red logo imprinted on it. the logo consisted of two dragons facing each other, and the numbers 99.9 can be seen along the side of it, this is not related to the "double UO globe" heroin that Raoul was getting from the LeBarbe organization). The "chino" told on Danny, and sent him to jail. It was a big case. The chino was a tall, thin Chinese guy that wore glasses, although I never knew his real name, but we all knew him as Danny's "chino" (not to be confused with "Chinaman" from the Maisonet case). The chino got busted and told on Danny, and he even led the feds to a house in Long Island where they found over a million dollars belonging to Danny, hidden in the walls of the residence. So anyway, Danny got bagged and went to jail, and everyone in the Bronx ran away from the rest of Danny's family because they thought they were snitching. Raoul met Danny's relatives through a guy named Alan (now Frank may or may not have met Alan, but Alan is one brother of the guy pictured with Slick Rick, and Alan is the guy that introduced Raoul to the "second faction" of the Maisonet Organization). At the time that Mr. Syed was first offering the heroin, Raoul probably tried to go to Frank and the others for the money, but no one was down with the "give the money up front" conditions that Mr. Syed was demanding. So Raoul couldn't raise the cash the way he hoped, and this is what he did:

Raoul went and borrowed a car from one of Frank's people, the leader of the "second faction" (a guy he was living with at the Pinnacle, the guy from the business card above), and he then went behind this guys back and approached Alan to help him pawn the car for cash. The plan was to pawn the car, get the cash, do the drug deal quick, then go back and get the car and return it before anyone realized what happened. It was a brand new dark green Nissan 300ZX that belonged to this other resident of the Pinnacle. So Alan took Raoul to Danny's brother, and Danny's brother loaned them the cash and took the car as collateral. It was commonplace for these guys to loan each other cars to hang out with, so it was not suspicious at the time (Frank himself had many cars, including an Acura NSX, a Lexus, a Ford Explorer and a few others). Raoul did not tell Frank's guy that he was planning to pawn the car for cash to do the drug deal that no one wanted to do, so Raoul went and pawned the car behind his back. In fact, if this person would have found out that Raoul actually went to Danny's brother to pawn the car, he would have had a fit. This guy was also a suspect in the Danny heroin investigation, but had escaped apprehension in that case and avoided Danny's relatives at all costs because he thought they were informants. If he had known that Raoul went to Danny's brother, he would have been extremely

pissed. This guy also evaded arrest in numerous other high profile cases over the years, including the case where Frank went down, and he is someone I consider to be one of the most brilliant organized crime lords I have ever met (at least in the top three). He probably has never been apprehended for anything serious until this day. So Raoul pawned the car, got the cash, did the deal, lost the money, then there was a time period when the owner of the 300ZX started to inquire about the car. So at first Raoul was stalling, telling the guy the car was in the shop, it broke down, he was getting it fixed, as him and Abid kept searching out Mr. Syed, who had disappeared with the money. After a while, the guy was like "take me to the shop, I wanna see what's wrong with the stupid car." Raoul had no choice but to come clean and tell the guy what happened to the car and that Abid was responsible. So none of these details would have probably made it to Frank prior to when he finally received the remainder of the drug shipment, unless the owner of the 300ZX tipped him off as to what was happening as it was occurring.

So Abid would probably not know the names or identities of the people that helped provide the cash loan with the car as collateral, but he certainly knows the make, model and color of the car, he would also know who the owner of the car was, and he also knows that the car was pawned to get the cash that he ultimately lost (Abid may have even went along when Raoul took the car to get pawned). So Abid would know that the car did not belong to Frank, assuming he even knew who Frank was. In fact, I am pretty sure that Abid never met Frank, and he could not even pick him out in a lineup if he wanted to. Abid was extremely out of the loop, and no one trusted him but Raoul, so if Abid should happen to know other details of stuff from Raoul, other than what he witnessed directly, then I would consider it a blessing for you.

Don't think that Abid would know the name of the hitman. That would be impossible. All Abid knows, is how he looks. Abid only met him on the day of the hit, and I am pretty sure that Abid would not have anymore information about him, as Raoul was already fearful of Abid and would not have given him those details, to the best of my knowledge.

Furthermore, there never was an agreement by anyone that dealt with Mr. Syed that they would provide \$10,000 for his importation scheme. In Mr. Syed's mind, he never had an obligation to hand over all the drugs, just enough to cover for the \$10,000 he took initially, and a little more on "consignment" to help diffuse the fact that he disappeared with the money. I don't think that Mr. Syed even cared to get the money from the drugs he gave on consignment, as he already had between 700 to 1000 grams left over from the importation scheme that he claimed as his own. Once Mr. Syed returned with the drugs, Abid was immediately exonerated and back in the good graces of organized crime. There was never any pressure on them to rob or kill Mr. Syed once they handed over the 300 grams to cover for the \$10,000.

"And when Mr. Syed did return from Pakistan, with the original 150 grams of heroin and gave another 150 grams on consignment, that drove Abid and Raoul crazy and that's when they decided they had to kill Mr Syed because Francisco paid for the entire amount of heroin."

So no this is an incorrect way to view the situation, and if you go at Abid this way, he will know something is lacking in your case. The person putting pressure on Abid and Raoul in the beginning was not Frank, since it was not Frank's money to begin with. Since the 300 grams given to pay back the original debt, was probably worth about \$24,000 at the time, the person who gave the car would have gotten back about \$14,000 more than the value of the car when everything was said and done, so he certainly was not complaining once he finally got his money back for the car, plus the \$14,000 extra. The beef with Frank came afterwards when the distribution of the remaining drugs fell into his hands. Frank paid \$45,000 cash upon receipt of the between 700-1000 grams that remained. Mr. Syed imported approximately 900 to 1200 grams, although I never pinned down the exact amount. After Frank received the remaining shipment of the drugs, there was a time period afterwards when (according to the story I was told) Raoul's girlfriend tipped off his roommate at the Pinnacle, and that guy probably tipped off Frank, at which point Frank refused to pay for the remainder of the drugs. I believe the money that Frank still owed, was approximately \$40,000. So again, exact quantities of drugs I am not certain, but exact quantities of cash, I am certain. Raoul got \$10,000 for pawning the car, and returned approximately \$24,000 to the owner of the car to compensate him for the car. He then received another \$45,000 from Frank, and there was another \$40,000 that remained that he was never paid.

Frank probably doesn't like me since I used to mess around with some girl he was crazy about (Liz from College Point). Both he and nolo were fighting over her, so if he did find out that I was messing with her too, then he may still be pissed of at me about it. I only met Frank twice, but I was a lot closer to him than he actually knew. When I was arrested by the feds, I had Pat Stiso's card in my wallet, and I know about the existence of some politically connected person in Washington DC that Pat sometimes used to get cases thrown. Ever wonder why Pat didn't cooperate? All these years I have wondered about the "second faction." I got a murder on the leader of the second faction as well, and I think that one is pretty solid too.

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From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 3:14 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Hey Alex hows it going, I just met with John Hanna at 10th ave today, and he indicated to me he does not have the Raoul tapes. But I was able to track S/A Jimmy as (Jimmy Arroyo). I was not able to speak with agent Arroyo as he was not available today. but as soon as I can I will arrange a meeting if you deem it neccassary. At this point I feel more comfortable with my good buddies Det. Castillo and Sgt Slevin of the N.Y.P.D who as eager to solve these matters as I am. And more importantly I trust them.

Thank You
Tony Scalia

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 4:44 PM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: Re: (no subject)

Ok. Amazing. You don't need to actually meet Jimmy, but I would like you to talk to him and find out what agency Jimmy was with (if he wasn't DEA), the name of the other agent that was with him on that day and what agency he was with (I suspect the Asian guy was not DEA), and please find out what the official story is as to why they never called me back. John Hannah would probably not have much information on what happened after Jimmy took over, and if you talk to Jimmy, you may possibly find that he was pulled off and someone else took over, but once you reach the end of that chain (and take every name along the way), whoever is at the end of that chain, please have them confirm they never obtained these tapes. It is very important to me. I don't even want the names, I just want to know that someone out there in law enforcement has these names recorded somewhere. This is a transcript of the second tape, the one that has the more damaging evidence. A is for Alex and R is for Raoul: The conversation starts after we return back to my car from waiting outside at a payphone with two other friends of mine (who can corroborate the events of that day, as they were in on the plot to record Raoul). It is a continuation of a conversation we had the previous night.

A: Listen. I'm goin' somewhere at five o'clock and I wanna know what you think. Now I need a favor from you, and I'm willing to do you a favor, but if you don't wanna do this, then don't discuss what I'm asking you with anyone. This between me and you. Don't go tellin your girl, don't go tellin your brother, don't go telling the world

R: Why would I tell my brother and my girl, you must be crazy man.

A: Nah, because, I'm serious about certain things. Certain things you don't fuck around with, you don't, it's not for the world to know, know what I mean. You like to tell people things, I don't...

R: Such as?

A: Huh?

R: That I like to tell people things...

A: I mean, you know what I mean. OK. I was thinkin' about what we talked about last night, and I need a favor from you, if you do me that favor then I could do you a favor.

R: What's the favor?

A: Sometime, when I come out of jail, I don't know when, not sure, I don't know how long, but I need a favor from you.

R: You gotta tell me what it is bro.

A: Ok, I'm gonna meet someone at five o'clock today, I called last night, after I spoke to you I went to call one of my friends to see if he was still around or whatever, I talked to him a little while, he's going to Pakistan...

R: Right...

A: On the 14th of (inaudible), and he has the means, and it's not even about money, know what I mean?

R: Right...

A: He's not gonna charge me no fuckin' money bro. Do you have enough numbers where you could reach him?

R: Yeah, definitely, I have the number where he's at, that if I call right now, you could reach him right now so if somebody that speaks the language finds out "hey where is this fucking place"

A: Nah, I mean, you're gonna have to call this kid, you're gonna have to tell him look, you know you go meet somebody or whatever, over there b, I mean, shit like that happens every day. The government's fucked up, you know?

R: I know, I know

A: So this is the thing, I'll do it for you, no money no nothing bro, I'm not asking you nothing now, understand, but for two reasons bro, number one, you owe me that favor back, sooner or later, that's the first thing. If you have a problem with that, tell me. I won't ask you anytime soon, but some day, if it's necessary, I mean, totally necessary, that I have a problem or something, and I need it done, which I might, I'm not sure, then I need for you to do it, or find somebody, it doesn't matter, you know, I don't care how it turns out, I'm not gonna give details, I'm just gonna point, and you take care of it, and I'll do Abid. I'll take care of him for you.

R: Is it now, or like, later?

A: No time soon bro, it may never even happen, but I'll tell you like before, I would never take a body for money, know what I mean? I mean, he's an asshole anyway, but I won't take him for money though, if you told me I'll pay you this much or that much.

R: Let's say....

A: If I do it, I'm not asking you nothing. I'm not asking you nothing, but, you owe me that favor back. Don't you think that's fair? I mean, anyway, if he comes over here you're gonna have to do him anyway, so your gonna have to do something in this country anyway, if he ever comes over here, right? And it's risky over here as it is.

R: Riskier

A: That's what I'm trying to get at. But if I take him out over there, it won't even be a problem. You were gonna do him anyway over here, so sooner or later, only if it's absolutely necessary, then I will ask you for that favor. I would never ever ask you for that favor if it wasn't necessary, and I wouldn't even do this for you if it wasn't absolutely necessary. I need to know, is this absolutely necessary? Is there any way that you're gonna have a problem with this kid if he comes back?

R: I think I would, because knowing the way he is.

A: Ok, you're not listening to me. It's more than just his word, you understand? He could say anything he fucking wants, anything, but, is there any other way that they can link you to this guy? Anything at all? See, I thought of something last night which you might not have even thought of. I'm just curious to see if you really are as smart as....

R: Ok lemme ask you something, this is the thing, I don't know...what is that? You were saying that maybe, what is it you were thinking?

A: Oh that, you could be linked to him?

R: Yeah.

A: OK, other than Abid, how can you be linked, think about it, it's the fucking easiest thing in the world, R: The person who did it.

A: ...and I know you missed it.

R: the person who did it?

A: No. Ok yeah, that's one thing, that's another way, OK, but there's another way without that guy.

R: Another way without that guy?

A: And I guess this something you didn't count on. You told it to me once, and I was thinking about everything last night, and there was one thing that just hit me right in the fuckin face, and I said "damn, this nigga never thought about that shit."

R: Um, [name removed] knowing?

A: Nope. Lotta people know, your girl knows, I don't know how many other people you told, I don't know how many people Abid told, know what I mean? That's not even the question.

R: So what's the question?

A: What physical evidence is there that can link you to that man?

R: Physical?

A: Yes, there is one thing b, that I know of, I don't know of anything else, but there is one thing that I know of, that could link you to that man, to him, specifically. Let's see if you've figured it out.

R: I can't think of anything physical.

A: You wanna know? Before you did it, you used to call him from Maria's. Remember that?

R: Call him?

A: You used to call Pakistan from Maria's.

R: Oh, right, oh you mean this other guy?

A: Him. It was him.

R: Him? Lemme see. Yeah we did call over there.

A: Now, phone records never go away bro, phone records never go away, but other than that I can't really think of any other evidence, physical evidence, they can get. They could subpoena phone records and they'll know that you had contact with this guy in the past through Maria's salon, you know what I mean?

R: So lemme ask you, let's say, Abid was out of the...

A: Ok, this is what I need to know, is there any other thing, other than the phone records, to link you to this man. I'll tell you this much b, I would never ask you to take a body for me, unless it was absolutely necessary.

R: From what I see, you're thinking about it already, and that's why I ask you how soon is it...

A: OK look, but this is the thing, it may never happen, it may never happen.

R: But if it happens how soon, (inaudible), oh ok...that's not a fucking problem bro

A: But, that's what I'm trying to explain to you, it may never happen because I will never do it unless it's absolutely necessary...

R: Look, whenever its time, you can't rush, you know, you know what was the biggest problem with this man? The rush, and like you said, sometimes you cannot rush man, and your right, that's why I'm saying right now, you know, I don't wanna rush and I let you take your fucking time and I'll let you do what you think is better. Why? Because you're in, your there, you know what I mean?

A: You're missing the whole point of this...

R: Why?

A: There's no rush right now, there's no rush for nothing. OK, I just need to know, you see, it's easy for me to do this, it's a coincidence the guy is going over there, and he's the one more capable than anybody to do it, understand? All Abid has to do is go meet him, and that's it kid. I mean there no fucking, nothing about it. It's easy for me to do this for you. I know I could do this. It's not a problem. But there's no amount of money you could pay me, but one day I might ask you for the favor, and I might never ask you, because I would never do it unless it was absolutely necessary. See I wouldn't even do it for you, if I knew that even if Abid got caught, and he ratted you out, if you had more than a sixty, seventy percent chance of beating the case without having to go to jail then I wouldn't do it. Understand? I will only do the nigga if it's absolutely necessary. And that's why I keep asking you, what fucking things have you left behind. I don't know details, details. You told me bits and pieces here and there. I remember everything. I have a photographic memory, ok, photographic memory, but other than the phone records, I can't think of anything.

R: I can't think of anything else besides the guy who was there at the time, I mean, the guy who did it, him. And then...

A: You see, if the guy who did it ever gets....what, what ever happened to the gun? Was the gun destroyed or gotten rid of at least?

R: It was the, the guy's gun.

A: Oh, it was his own gun?

R: Yeah, and we used those bullets, the ones that ah, not, not regular bullets, the blue ones.

A: Yeah, there's two kinds, there's the shotshells and the glazers. Remember the glazers with the blue tip that they explode or some shit. That one?

R: Yeah yeah.

A: Did you leave prints on the shells?

R: Me, I did not, I gave it to him. I made sure he was the one who put them there.

A: There's nothing really else. OK, when it happened was there any fucking eye witness, any kind of eye witness?

R: It was a fuckin deserted area in the (inaudible)

A: No eyewitnesses? Not even close?

R: Nah, not that I know of it was like fucking dead, snowing, raining, and you know what happened? Right after it happened, it snowed and it rained like crazy.

A: That's better for you.

R: It was like snowing like fucking crazy.

A: You got the number that I could reach him?

R: Yeah.

A: You got it with you now? You gotta pen, and a paper? And how is it at this number all the time?

R: I don't know, he there, I don't even know, I think it's a house where people stay, like kind of a hotel, I don't know exactly what it is.

A: I'm gonna write it on a dollar. You got a paper better?

R: Yeah.

A: This is what your job is bro, first of all, this never leaves this car. Understand? Never bro, never. This is nobody's business and nobody needs to know my business.

R: Trust me bro, I learned a lot, why? I learned a lot, I did a lot of stupid mistakes.

A: Don't tell your girl. You tell your girl b and she finds out you got girls left and right, she's gonna flip out and run to the police, like that day when you fuckin beat her up and she came out screaming in the hallway.

R: That's cause she knew what the hell was going on, you know.

A: But why you gotta tell a girl bro? I wouldn't even tell my brother. My brother would never put me in jail or nothing like that, but I would never tell my brother. It takes more than just fuckin talking about it, but still, that's enough, it could get you in trouble, you understand?

R: Of course.

A: So why you wanna even bother.

R: It's not worth it. It's 9242

A: 001? 001 9242

R: 728

A: 728

R: 5693

A: 5693. Abid. Chaudhry right?

R: Yeah.

A: C H A U D R Y, and he's at this number all the time?

R: Yeah

A: This is your job...

R: Look, you gotta tell me when this guy is going so...

A: He's leaving I think the 14th or the 15th, this is what you have to do. You have to call Abid. I'm never gonna talk to you about this, ever again. When we leave this car b, even if you bring it up to me, I'm gonna be like "look, I don't know what you're talking about." Don't take it personal, you know what I mean?

R: No, I understand.

A: Don't take it personal, but, you gotta call Abid, tell him, that uh, get into a conversation with him, I don't know what you gotta tell him...

R: I'll tell him that, you know...

A: You gotta get him to want to go meet whoever I send over there. You know what I mean?

R: But you gotta tell me who he is, so I could tell him who he is.

A: Samir. He's not gonna go himself, he'll send somebody or something, but just tell him Samir. Tell him, you know, like, "look, I'm working with these Pakistani's, they are working with me now, you know, uh, they're sending people in the planes, but I'm gonna have them give you some stuff, and you send it to me by mail," or something like that. He's gonna be like whatever, alright, meet me, and it's fuckin' simple as fuck bro. But like I said man, you owe me that favor bro, just never forget it. I don't care if you do it yourself, or you get someone to do it. Whatever the fuck it is. Someday I might ask you, I might, and I'm never gonna tell you that I will, 100%, but someday I might, and that's something you shouldn't play around with me with, that's all I'm sayin'.

R: Of course.

A: It's a respect between us.

R: If it happens I just wanna know that it happened. I wanna be sure that it happened. That's all.

A: That's all I'll tell you, if it ever happens I'll just let you know that it happened. If it doesn't happen, I'll let you know. I gotta go. I gotta meet this guy at five. We gonna go eat, and I'm gonna go and talk to him about it. He's cool as fuck bro. I mean, if this wasn't going on, you would have definitely met this guy but, now you don't need to.

R: What does he do, what does he work with?

A: Uh, the mail. He deals dope through the mail. He's cool b, mad fuckin' cool. He's older man, he's like 45 years old. He has like a huge family over there. They run over there. They got so much power over there, I mean, they could even put him in jail. You know what I mean, they could put him in jail for like 25 years, 30 years, 40 years. You know? Put him with shit or whatever, give him some stuff and just put him away, but then he's gonna know you set him up. You know what I mean?

R: Of course.

A: And that's a problem.

R: It's not worth it.

A: Yeah it's not worth it.

R: Anyway, so what we gonna do?

At this point, my two friends, who were waiting outside at a payphone while I spoke to Raoul in my car, entered the car, and we drove to drop Raoul off at his car. My two friends knew that I was taping Raoul. One of them even switched on the tape recorder in the trunk after I gave him my jacket to put in the trunk, which was the cue for him to hit record.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2009 4:29 AM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: (no subject)

I prepared you a transcript of the first tape. Please confirm you got the last email with the links to the two tapes and that you were able to download them. This is the transcript if you can't make out certain things. The conversation started outside my car, and then we got in my car to head out to Bayside. During this conversation, he was driving my car to his mother's house. The conversation started at Loews movie theater on Queens blvd and ended at his mom's house in Bayside. He exits the car and I think I exit with him, then I return to my car and go back to my home.

R: You remember Juan right? Fuckin' poor kid got shot in the head also.

A: He got what?

R: You remember Juan, right? The guy from the Bronx that I used to give him, ahh, dope. He had a black Cherokee?

A: Oh, Louis's friend?

R: Yeah.

A: You know, I think you told me about that shit one time.

R: Yeah, he got fuckin' killed.

A: They shot him b. You know, you told me that shit but then you didn't even know for sure.

R: That's what they told me, man but...

A: Who told you?

R: I think it was [name omitted].

A: This business is shit.

R: Yeah, fucking dope is bad. Coke is bad, but not as bad, and then weed is bad, but it best to work with.

A: You know, I even saw that kid one time, that's why (inaudible) I mean, yo, see how fast you could end up dead in this fuckin' business bro.

R: Very fast.

A: Like this (snapping fingers).

R: That's why I'm very careful bro. You can never be too careful, but I'm trying to be, you know what I mean.

A: You're not that careful.

R: Why?

A: Why?

R: Tell me.

A: Think about it bro.

R: You can never be too careful bro but you gotta take your chances. That's part of the business.

A: But you take ridiculous chances bro.

R: Such as what.

A: You take ridiculous chances. You know like, like I said, remember, the other day I told you, you're always in a fuckin' hurry, and this and that.

R: In a hurry, I the sense that I (inaudible) the money right away.

A: This, this is the thing. This is the thing with you. You remember when you left New York, right?

R: Yeah

A: I mean, you had bad times at that time. You know, I count four bad things happened to you. You know what those four things were?

R: What?

A: Ok, first thing...

R: I don't wanna guess, when you can tell me (inaudible) right away.

(inaudible)

A: If you think about it, OK, look what happened to Larry.

R: Right.

A: That was your best fuckin' friend right?

R: I know.

A: How much he lost?

R: Five thousand dollars.

A: And he didn't even do nothing. I mean...

R: It's all my fault, because, and he was very naïve, but I told him bro, but it's not his fault, it's my fault.

A: Number two, you got fucked by [name omitted]. Ok? And number three, the fucking murder. You was running bro, you didn't even think about that shit, before you did it (inaudible) and Abid, that dickhead. Since that time, you never been the same bro. You've never been the same.

R: In what sense?

A: You can't see it because you weren't around...

R: But you know what also, you know what also? I been away for two years, and I haven't been locked up or nothing like that, and my life has changed. You know what I mean?

A: Yeah but, (inaudible) see I see things differently. You're life has changed, and your life is gonna keep changing (inaudible) but like I said before the past doesn't leave you. You know what I mean? An if you think about, I don't understand, what were you thinking at that time? Look at Abid, that nigga is running around, you don't even take the time to go call that nigga. And one day he's gonna show up in New York, you think not that he's gonna show up? Cause he's a little kid, he doesn't know. He doesn't know what the fuck, you know, like, the reality of things. You think he knows? And I always remember one thing about Abid, and this is something that, if I were you I would be scared shitless. If you remember, do you remember one time, when you were in Forest Hills, what he told you.

R: Yeah, I don't remember what he told me, but I remember the argument. More or less. A friend had told him that, you know, that he should have taken more or whatever, and ah, some shit like that.

A: He told you, and I'll tell you his words exactly. "If I go down, you go down."

R: Yeah, I remember that.

A: "If I go down, you go down." He wasn't gonna go down for that murder. He was gonna take you with him. And even now he's still out there b, and what changes that fact? You know what I mean? I keep tellin' you yo, call the kid, tell him not to come...

R: Yeah, I spoke to him a few days ago (inaudible) and he's like, he's not doing nothin' bro.

A: Ok but, he's broke. What's gonna drag him back to New York other than money. I mean, he did it for money, right? So he's gonna come back for money. And one day he's gonna pop up, and he's wanted already, right or wrong? I mean, they were looking for him. If he gets bagged he's gonna fucking tell on you bro. He's the only link to you. He's the only link. If you don't have Abid, you didn't have a problem, but, he's out there, and you don't even know where the fuck he is. You're not even friends with him no more, you don't even speak to the kid. And I mean, it could be ten, twenty years from now, he's walking down the street, he gets bagged, and he already told you to your face, "if I go down, you go down." Why did you do that with that kid. I would never have even done some shit like that, period, because for money, it's not worth it. You know what I mean, and that's why in my life, I was never successful when it comes to dealing and shit like that, because everybody knows that I would not kill someone for money. It doesn't matter how much.

R: But you know what...

A: I would never kill anybody for money. Never bro. And that's why I've never been successful. Everybody knows that. And that's why it's easy for people to take advantage of me. You know what I mean? It's easy for people to take advantage of me. I mean, see, even me, I don't know what to think of you cause (inaudible) it wasn't even worth it. Think about it.

R: Let me ask you something. Did you ever do something that you regret? I'm pretty sure you have.

A: Everybody does.

R: Alright, so..

A: No, but there's a difference. You know what's the fuckin' difference.

R: What's the difference.

A: Did you have a brain back then, like you have now? Yes or no?

R: Of course.

A: Of course. Ok. What the fuck, how come you're brain wasn't working back then and it's working now? I mean, when you do something that you regret, I mean, at the same time you do it you have a brain to think with. You know what I mean? You don't lose your brain at that moment. You had I don't know how many day or weeks to think about it before you did it. How long did you have to think about it?

R: You see, that's the only thing, Abid, cause, everything was done ok. You know what I mean? Don't you think that everything was done ok? Because if not, then I would have been fuckin' locked up.

A: Yo, physical evidence, is not the only shit. Do you watch Court TV bro?

R: Of course I know

A: Do you watch Court TV?

R: But that's why I'm sayin' that he's the only thing.

A: Ok, he's the only thing, but he's the loose cannon running around everywhere bro. He's the fucking loose cannon kid, they may not, ok, I don't know what the fuck (inaudible)

R: This is what I tell you bro, this is what I tell you...

A: Physical evidence is not...

R: Let me tell you something bro, he's the only thing that's loose right? So what do you think is the right thing for me to do if he was to come here. You tell me.

A: I dunno bro.

R: OK. You answered your question bro, and believe me, I'll do what I have to do bro. Ok. I'll do what I have to do.

A: For that, why don't you get it done in Pakistan?

R: I don't have the means.

A: You don't have the means, but other people do.

R: Ok. Do you have the means?

A: I could do it. I could do it.

R: What's the price.

A: Ok, this is the thing, me myself, like I told you I would never take a body for money.

R: Right, I know

A: But, I mean, I can, I dunno, I can

R: Ok, if you can find somebody or hook me up with somebody you let me know.

A: But you made a big mistake. He's a fuckin' little kid bro, and he's just running around there.

R: Listen to me (inaudible)

A: When he was down here and he told you, "if I go down, you go down," what did you think? What did you think then? Shit was gonna change bro? What did you think then bro. I mean if you were gonna do it, you would have done it back then, but you didn't do it.

R: I know.

A: I don't even see a use for a fuckin' hitman bro. Is there a use for a hitman?

R: I guess not.

A: There was no use. You told me that, "oh I wanted to make sure it's done right," look, you're a big guy. I don't know how big that fuckin' guy was, but what could you have, what was that nigga did, that you hired, that you could not have done yourself, and honestly I'll tell you one thing, I told you one time (beeper starts going off). I told you one time that I don't have the balls to take a body, you know what I mean, but if I had to do it, I would not hire somebody to do it. You know what I mean?

R: When I tell you, what do you think is the right thing for me to do if he was to come over? I wouldn't need a hitman. But, I wouldn't want to wait for that. If you're tellin' me, there's a way to do it over there, the thing would be...

A: Over there, people die every day bro, every fuckin' day. Hundred, two hundred people die it's like (snapping fingers), one two three. You know what I mean?

R: I gotta make (inaudible).

A: What we doing?

R: I'm gonna stay here. You're gonna go down south right?

A: No. This fuckin...who's this (looking at the pager). 69? Who the fuck is this, wait a minute, wait a minute..

R: This car's sweet bro.

A: The shocks are fucked up.

R: (inaudible) smooth.

[REDACTED] --- Sent

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2009 5:04 AM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: (no subject)

I also forgot to mention. Again, as before, you will hear names on the first tape. If you hear a name I never gave you via email, forget you heard it.

Another little detail I forgot about until preparing the transcript of the first tape. Abid may or not know about this as well.

Larry, whom I mentioned in an earlier email, is a good guy to the best of my knowledge. I know he was close to Raoul and he probably witnessed a lot of things over the years he knew him, but he was in no way involved in anything criminal (except for maybe doing mill work from time to time). He was a hard working guy and pretty much a straight arrow, or at least that's the way Raoul used to describe him to me. The situation referred to on the tape, with the \$5,000 that Larry lost, was related to the hit. I'm fuzzy on the details, but if I recall correctly, there was some car (a white mustang convertible with rims) that was probably mixed up with all the betrayals that went down after Frank got the drugs. I think Larry paid some money up front to get this car, then never received the car, or the car got taken away from Larry because Raoul never paid the hitman, or something like that. So it is possible that the money that was supposed to be paid for the hit somehow ended up coming out of Larry's pocket, even though he had nothing to do with it. His only mistake was being Raoul's friend at the time when he probably attempted to purchase a car from people related to this situation. Since they knew Larry was with Raoul, they somehow stiffed him for the money on the premise that Raoul owed them money. I am also pretty sure that Raoul never told Larry that he was setting out to do the hit in his car. Larry used to loan the car to Raoul for weeks on end, so I have absolutely no reason to believe that he knew anything about the hit, unless Raoul told him about it after it already happened, which is fairly likely since Larry ended up getting stiffed for \$5,000 sometime after the beef's with Frank and the hitman's crew went down.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2009 6:46 AM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: (no subject)

Another thing. I clearly told S/A Baily that I had information about a murder on the day I was arrested, Feb 14, 1996. He was writing down stuff on a paper as I was talking. There are notes out there somewhere that confirm this. I went to a proffer session, told them the entire truth about what happened in my drug case, and they never called me back after that day. They later told my lawyer that they didn't call me back because I was not being truthful with them (meanwhile, I had proven in open court that it was their informant that was lying, and they even knew he was lying because they already had the "Robert" tapes in their possession but were not telling me they existed (I believe the tapes of the trial have been completely uploaded, so if the links didn't work for you before, try them again).

After I made the tapes on Raoul, my lawyer again approached Dorsky to once again cooperate. The wouldn't even listen to him, nor were they interested in anything I had to say. In fact, they were so abrupt and standoffish with everything that we never even got a chance to tell them there were tapes. They simply just didn't want to hear it.

I was insistent with my lawyer that even if the feds didn't want it, that I still needed to turn Raoul in. I knew Raoul's life was in danger, and as a consequence of these tapes, I became certain that Abid's life was also in danger. Adler even considered calling some of his friend's in the Bronx D.A.'s office, then he decided, and if I remember his words correctly, "it's probably better not to get cute with these guys" (referring to the feds). Adler even stated that these bunch of agents and the prosecutor were not normal. So we decided that we should at least try to beat the federal case before taking it to the state authorities, which we did. Even after beating the fed case (knowing that both Raoul and Abid's lives were in danger), I still wanted to turn Raoul in to save his life and consequently save Abid's life. Immediately upon my arrival at the prison, I wrote a letter to Adler thanking him for his work on my case, and at the very end of the letter, I once again reiterated the urgency of turning in Raoul. Please go see if Adler still has a copy of that letter somewhere. I only have the letter he send me in response.

[/AdlerLetter.pdf](#)

So you see, Raoul's death was completely preventable, and any deaths committed by any of these people since February 14th, 1996, were completely preventable.

--- Recieved

From: SCALIA, ANTHONY [ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2009 7:05 AM
To: [REDACTED]

Hey Alex, good morning or afternoon as it may be in your neck of the woods. I recieved your E-mail about the \$5,000 for thet mustang that may have been used by Raoul, but let me backtrack a little, you said or i may have misread that that night they were going to use a Bronco but that vehicle had problems and they brought it in for repairs, and that evening they used a white chevy the boxy kind to drive to the bronx and kill Mr. Syed. Correct me if I am wrong.

P.S. Alex it is Friday and if I don't reply to any Email sent later on this afternoon it because I am off on Saturday and Sunday and an old man like me needs two days off to rest. but I will be back on Monday and work very hard.

Thank You
Tony Scalia

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2009 1:14 PM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: Re: (no subject)

the white mustang was not used in the murder. The actual murder occurred in a white chevy caprice type car according to Raoul.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2009 4:08 AM
To: ANTHONY.SCALIA@nypd.org
Subject: (no subject)

Also, the "Juan" murder that Raoul refers to on the first tape, is related to the "Chingalings" motorcycle gang.

They even once profiled "the Chingalings" in some documentary on television (I think it was discovery channel). I studied the footage intently trying to see if I could locate the member that I knew, but he was not present anywhere in that documentary footage.

The member of the gang that I knew, was a big Puerto Rican guy with a ponytail who was known as "Chino." He has tattoos on his arm of the gang's emblem. His son, a guy known as little "Chinito" could probably give you the full identity of "Juan." His son was once shot in the leg, and I think his brother was also killed, in a shootout in the Bronx where they were shot at with an AK 47.

I could explain to you than murder as well if you can locate the case.

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**U.S. District Court
District of New Jersey [LIVE] (Newark)
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Case title: USA v. HAQ, et al

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Defendant (1)

IKRAM HAQ

Pending Counts

None

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

None

Terminated Counts

None

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Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints

None

Disposition

Assigned to: Judge William G. Bassler

Defendant (2)

SHAHZAD AHMED

Pending Counts

None

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

None

Terminated Counts

None

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints

None

Disposition

Assigned to: Judge William G. Bassler

Defendant (3)

MOHAMMAD ANSAR

Pending Counts

None

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

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Terminated Counts

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Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

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Complaints

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Disposition

Plaintiff

USA

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 8:20 AM
To: haneefa@ihrc.org
Subject: Re: Shaykh Omar Abdur Rahman update

If you go to Google, type in the following term

phonebook: ramsey clark

There is a 212 number in the listings. That is his home number. Do not tell him that I gave it to you or that I am in communication with you. Tell him you found his number in the phonebook.

I cannot prove this conclusively, and there is a very small percentage of a chance that I could be wrong, but I have good reason to believe that Ramsey Clark is not working in the best interests of Sheik Rahman. He appears to be protecting the US government, so they could continue to appease the Egyptians by keeping the Sheik in American custody (where he clearly should not be).

In a message dated 8/3/2009 2:29:06 P.M. Greenwich Standard Time, haneefa@ihrc.org writes:

Walakum salam warahmtullah,

I pray your in the best of emaan and health.

I've repeatedly contacted the firm which you gave me the details for. I managed to speak to Abdeen Jabar, who told me that Ramsey Clark does not work there anymore. He wouldn't give me the new contact details for Ramsey Clark, saying that he needs to get authorization from Ramsey Clark himself first. That was two weeks ago, he hasn't replied to me.

If you have any other contact details for Ramsey Clark please do pass them on. I'm sure you know better that I do the urgent nature of this campaign, especially considering the Shaykh's health condition.

Jazakullah Khairun

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 12:54 PM
To: Haneefa Sarwar
Subject: Re: Shaykh Omar Abdur Rahman update

Salam Alaikum

I have not yet heard back from Mr. Clark regarding the information I sent him, but as soon as he gives his OK I will share it with you. I know Mr. Clark has many high profile cases at the moment and is fairly busy traveling. His firm's number is 212 475 3232 and the firm's email is lwschilling@earthlink.net

In a message dated 7/10/2009 2:44:50 P.M. Greenwich Standard Time, haneefa@ihrc.org writes:

Dear Alex,

Salam Alaykum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatu

I pray your in the best of emaan and health, amen.

A while ago you spoke to my colleague Abid from the Islamic Human Rights Commission.

You said that you have the latest details about Shaykh Omar Abdur Rahman.

I would be grateful if you could email me as much information as possible because we are currently trying to re start the campaign for Shaykh Omar's release. We understand that his health has seriously deteriorated.

Please do pass on as much information as possible, as this would help us greatly. We are also trying to get the contact details for Ramsey Clark, the attorney, because apparently he also has new information on Shaykh Omar.

I really appreciate any help you can lend us.

Jazakullah Khairun

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 12:49 PM
To: wasi@ihrc.org
Cc: abed@ihrc.org; haneefa@ihrc.org
Subject: Re: Incident Report

I'm not sure where we left off, but I spoke to some people from your organization already, and they know some of the details.

This is a quick summary. I have provided some information to Ramsey Clark, and I have not received any response from him since that happened. I spoke to him once after I sent him the email, and he confirmed that he received the document and read it, and he even stated that the contents of the document corroborate exactly certain information that he has, and he seemed pretty hopeful that he would be able to use the information to help Sheik Rahman, but that was the last contact I had with him. During that last conversation I mentioned to him that I had some additional evidence I wanted to pass on to him (without telling him what it was), and he said he would call me back and he never did.

I suspect that he is not working in the best interests of Sheikh Rahman because once I indicated to him that I have this additional evidence in my possession that he should see, he simply avoided requesting it and never called me back (as I think once he realized it was all solid and the Sheik would certainly have some strong claims, he backed off immediately). The federal government already knows what I have, but they have been paralyzed by it for good reason, and for about 8 years they have been asserting national security interests to prevent the exposure of this situation. Clark appears to be complicit with trying to prevent Sheikh Rahman's transfer to Egypt (which is counter to his obligations as his attorney). I say this because he has not attempted to ask me to provide him with this evidence, even though he knows that it exists. Mr. Clark knows that if this evidence actually exists, and he comes into possession of it, then he will be forced to act on it as Sheikh Rahman's attorney, and there would be a strong possibility that exposure of this scandal could lead to the Sheik's transfer to Egypt where he would probably not be physically abused.

I am compiling a master document and a record of the evidence to be published online within the next few months. At the time I am ready to release it, I will be sure to send you a link to it so that you may view it as well. I am currently in contact with law enforcement authorities in America that are attempting to investigate the situation. It appears that for the first time in 8 years, I may have made a break in the case within the past two weeks. The cops have already asked me to return to America to help them with the investigations, but I told them that I will not return until I complete this document.

I will be in touch. Keep your fingers crossed.

In a message dated 8/6/2009 12:29:20 P.M. Greenwich Standard Time, wasi@ihrc.org writes:

Dear Alex

I e-mail you regarding your Incident Report, I have not heard anything from you since January. Can you please update me as to what is happening?

Regards

Mohammed

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[REDACTED]

From: Brown, Leslie (USANYS) <Leslie.Brown@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, June 20, 2010 12:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Out of Office AutoReply: USA v. MENDEZ et al

I am out of the office on maternity leave and will return in the spring. If you need assistance in my absence, please contact either David Raskin at (212) 637-2635, or Michael Farbiarz at (212) 637-1587.

[REDACTED]

From: Brown, Leslie (USANYS) <Leslie.Brown@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 7:14 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Out of Office AutoReply: unresolved homicides

I no longer work for the U.S. Attorney's Office and will not receive any email sent to this address.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2011 3:32 PM
To: info@moroccanconsulate.com; ny1@ic.fbi.gov
Subject: citizenship

I have renounced my Moroccan citizenship on two previous occasions, but for whatever the reason, the Moroccan government has refused to acknowledge this.

I am again sending notice to Mohamed Karmoune, who was a good friend of my father [REDACTED], that I am no longer able to retain the Moroccan citizenship due to the US government essentially forcing me into a situation where I have no choice but to chose between the two citizenships.

Although Morocco will always remain in my heart, I was born in New York, lived my entire life in America, and all I know is America.

Due to the 911 attacks, things have changed in America, and although this is not stated publically, the American government no longer accept American citizens that also hold an additional foreign citizenship (especially belonging to any nation in the middle east), as being genuine American citizens that are deserving of all the protections afforded all other American citizens.

I have been notified of this "unofficial" policy by a DHS/customs official at Kennedy airport upon my return to America from Morocco on January 27th, 2010, when I presented both my passports to him.

Due to the fact that it is impossible for me to be both an American and Moroccan at the same time in this current post-911 climate, I have had to make one of the most difficult decisions in my entire life in deciding that this is my only real solution to this dilemma.

My name is [REDACTED], son of Imam [REDACTED] from the State Street Mosque in Brooklyn New York. Prince Moulay Zine El Alaoui and Prince Moulay Omar El Alaoui (both of Marrakesh), British Consul in Marrakesh Mohamed Zkhiri, and General [REDACTED] have also offered support and encouragement regarding my imminent decision to renounce my Moroccan citizenship. They will all attest to the fact that they fully understand the reasons why this was my only option, and that they also support me in my decision, and each one of them, in different ways, have confirmed to me that this is my best decision moving forward, especially in light of the extreme pressure by the American government to "pick a side" on this issue.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. If you need me to return my official documents (passport, carte national, etc), then just notify me where to send them, or I will be destroying them shortly.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2011 8:19 AM
To: mohamed@zkhiri.com; moulayzine@menara.ma
Subject: imminent danger
Attachments: Binder1.pdf; 2008-2-1 letter to [REDACTED].pdf

Mr. Zkhiri,

When I travelled to Morocco in December of 2006, I went there with the intention to alert the Moroccan government regarding some very sensitive information that was critical for the King to have been made aware of.

In 2007, prior to my starting employment at the American School of Marrakesh, I sent an email to various Moroccan Embassies around the world, including the Embassy in Britain, requesting a meeting with Moroccan law enforcement so that I may transmit some critical information to the Moroccan government.

[REDACTED]

After I transmitted these emails to the various Moroccan Embassies in 2007, I was subsequently placed on surveillance in Morocco for a short period of time, yet never approached or questioned about the matter.

I again sent emails to both Moulay Zine and Driss Drissi in 2009 in an attempt to start a physical, face to face dialogue with the Moroccan government whereby I could begin to asses whether it was possible to disclose

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

You can very easily confirm from the American government that when I was sent to prison at Rochester Minnesota, I was joined by two of the most high profile inmates in American custody. One, you already know about (Sheikh Rahman). The other, is described in the passages of this book that I have attached to this email. Robert Venetucci, and the information he provided me with, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

So I attached some passages from a book. You must obtain this book and read it in its entirety so that you can understand the nature of the information I acquired, and why I tried so desperately to communicate this information to a so-called "Muslim" government before I had no choice left but to leave the kingdom and return to America, so that I can once again regroup and search out another "Muslim" government that is capable of receiving this information.

You can very easily confirm with the US government that I was locked up with both Venetucci and Rahman. At the moment, I only choose to disclose to you the information I received from Venetucci, because the information I received from Rahman is such that you people do not deserve it.

Arico made a huge mistake by implicating Sindona. This event set off a domino effect that ended up getting Sindona assassinated by the Vatican.

Arico only realized that he had made a mistake after implicating Sindona, but by that time the cat was out of the bag and it was impossible to put it back in. The Italians themselves were not aware of what the Vatican was doing. Many betrayals that ended up getting Sindona killed. The issue was whether Venetucci had acquired the information that Sindona was blackmailing the Vatican with. So they lured Venetucci to Italy, and essentially kept him under intense observation for 17 years to see whether he also knew the Vatican "secret." They did not want to simply murder Venetucci if he had not actually acquired the info. The problem was that the Vatican was then betrayed by [REDACTED], and they were tricked

into allowing Venetucci back to america on a treaty transfer, whereby he was sent to Rochester and had escaped the custody of the Vatican.

Now why did Venetucci trust me with this information? Because we shared a common mafia associate back in New York. You should also know that the "Henry Hill" described in the articles above, is the Henry Hill depicted in the movie "Goodfellas." What evolved next was phenomenal. There is only one thing I have not yet been able to determine. If Venetucci's knew the secret all along, or if he never knew it to begin with until it was given to him by [REDACTED] in an attempt to frame me with it. Regardless of whatever it turns out is the truth on this matter, the reason [REDACTED] fears me (if they were involved with venetucci), is because I acquired other knowledge that they did not want me to acquire. When the vatican realized that [REDACTED] was attempting to frame them, the Vatican then provided me with the information that venetucci did not give to me, in order that I could scare them into not attempting the frame up by uniting the entire middle east against them.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Attached is a letter from the attorney of a Moroccan jew named Max Abecassis. If you remember, i was flown to America to testify in a technology case in 2009. Max Abecassis is a so called "brilliant" jew that essentially holds the patents on nearly every DVD related technology. His patents earn him nearly 30 million dollars in licensing fees yearly. When I went to work for his company in Florida, there was a mathematical problem regarding "permutations of visual cuts in media" that he and all his top software developers were not able to solve and encapsulate into a software that could implement it. At the time I was working at this company, I was already deeply working out a solution the the P v NP problem as a result of the "minesweeper" article i read about it. When I discovered the solution to P v NP, i realized it was also the solution to many different mathematical problems at the same time. I utilized the principles of P v NP to develop a "permutation" algorithm that solved a critical problem within Abecassis's company. Max Abecassis himself will confirm that the problem i had solved for his company, would very easily save hundreds of man hours associated with hiring people to manually check the permutaions of video cuts. If you apply this methodology to the industry of "variable content video," whereby millions of media clips could be analysed much more efficiently by my tiny little software based algorithm, it would translate to saving millions upon millions of dollars in salary that would be paid to individuals to accomplish since it would take a person (using my software) just a few minutes to a half an hour to eliminate all "jump cuts" in a movie, as opposed to the four to five hours it would normally check to do it manually. If you are paying tens of thousands of workers 20 dollars an hour to perform this function, the value of the software I developed was in the millions. I didn't even need it because I already had the solution to P v NP, which automatically would make me a billionaire if I simply kept using it to solve other problems similar to what I did at that company.

If you people are not going to bring the King into the fold on this one, then I am only going to warn you one time. You MUST acnknowledge to me that the Moroccan government is accepting the renunciation of my so called "moroccan citizenship," as you people are insulting me by forcing me to be classified as a citizen of the "Kingdom of Lot" on planet earth. If you do not grant me my request, I can only guarantee you that the king will remain alive up until at least April 17, 2011. After that date, I can no longer guarantee his saftey and security, nor could I guarantee the safety and security

of any so called "muslim" leader in the middle east past that date. I can only guarantee safety and security up until that date, as the day of reckoning can come anytime after that (most likely before September 11th, 2011, but I cannot be sure about that one as well.)

The real conspiracy in Morocco, is to try and find out why, in so many instances when I begged and pleaded with an opportunity to talk to the real police regarding this situation, it was essentially ignored up until about a week after I had already left the kingdom, when the police finally came to question me. Clearly, I am not going to discuss these matters with the low level gendarmes in Marrakesh just because they were investigating me on that stupid school stuff. You people really fucked up so bad, I cant even begin to explain it.

Its like the poem by Robert Frost:

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I marked the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way
I doubted if I should ever come back.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

I choose to be poor in my physical being here on this earth for a reason, although in my mind, I am wealthier than the wealthiest of kings and nations that rule anywhere on this earth at the moment. Make sure that one of you acknowledge receiving this email, or I will begin my activities against the King of Morocco shortly...you can avoid this by having any Moroccan government official acknowledge to me that the Kingdom has accepted my resignation from "The Kingdom of Lot, incorporated"

POWER ON EARTH

Michele Sindona's
Explosive Story

NICK TOSCHES

POWER ON EARTH

"They have poisoned me!"

With those words on his lips, Michele Sindona died in March 1986, two days after sipping a cup of cyanide-laced coffee in his cell at the maximum-security prison in Voghera, Italy. One of the most mysterious and, for years, one of the most powerful figures in international high finance, Sindona had lived a life of glamour, intrigue, and wheeling and dealing on the grandest scale. In *Power on Earth*, Nick Tosches draws on hundreds of hours of interviews with Sindona – the only such interviews Sindona ever granted – to tell the story of the ambitious young lawyer from Sicily who lifted himself to the stature of a business giant, only to see his vast empire collapse amid charges of fraud and murder. Filled with revelations that are bound to spark new headlines in both America and Europe, *Power on Earth* provides startling new answers to a series of explosive questions, among them:

- Who murdered Roberto Calvi, the financier found hanging from Blackfriars Bridge, London, in June 1982? And what were the contents of Calvi's missing briefcase?
- How exactly does the Mafia launder its money? And why has no government ever been able to do anything about it?
- What illegal financial service did the Vatican routinely offer its favored sons?
- Who was the Svengali behind which recent pope's momentous church reforms?

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• What really happened when Sindona vanished in 1979 just before his New York trial on bank fraud charges?

A confidante of popes and politicians, Michele Sindona amassed a personal fortune estimated at half a *billion* dollars. He was also a central figure in some of the biggest financial manipulations of the last 25 years, including the billion-dollar collapse of the Franklin National Bank and the shocking money-laundering scandal that rocked the Vatican.

When he died, Sindona's enemies may have thought the inside story of these and other scandals would be buried along with him. If so, they were wrong. The fact is, for nearly two years before his death, Sindona had been meeting and corresponding with Nick Tosches, one of America's top journalists, recounting his side of a life that reads like riveting fiction but is indeed fact – an astonishing account of enormous wealth, power, and corruption.

"They are afraid that I could reveal some very delicate information that they don't want divulged," Sindona said a few days before his mysterious death. In *Power on Earth*, Nick Tosches shows just how well founded "their" fears were.

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Sharing the courtroom cage with Sindona this time was **Robert Venetucci**, a Long Island man whom Sindona had come to know after his fall. **Venetucci**, who had a previous conviction, on drug charges, was a few years younger than Sindona. Their relationship, **Venetucci** said, was limited to a loan to two small businesses, a real estate firm and Mini Mart Film on Staten Island. **Venetucci** had been extradited to Italy on charges of aggravated extortion: His voice had been identified on one of the taped telephone threats to Enrico Cuccia.

“After he was extradited,” **Venetucci**’s lawyer, Paul Goldberger, said, “we got hold of a voiceprint expert who was willing to testify for us. Then, all of a sudden, once **Venetucci** was over there, they slapped him with a murder rap, charging him with being the middleman between Sindona and **Arico**, the killer. To do this, the Italian authorities had to move for what’s called a waiver of the rule of speciality. This means that they needed permission from our government to try him on charges other than those he’d been extradited for. It was obvious that this had been their scheme all along. On September 1, 1985, I filed a complaint with the U.S. State Department, charging that the waiver was requested on the basis of preexisting plans. October came and went, November came and went, December came and went. Here it is February 1986, the trial is almost over, and the State Department still hasn’t gotten back to me.”

Venetucci, all the while, before and after the change of charges, remained silent. He sat in the cage, and he watched. Since he did not understand Italian very well, every once in a while he would ask Sindona what was going on.

In his attempt to establish Sindona’s guilt by association, Guido Viola summoned the Spatola brothers to testify. “I have nothing to say,” the younger one, Vincenzo, declared. “I know only my brother.” Rosario was not so taciturn that June day.

“I have served the state. I have won contracts for public works.” He glowered at the bearded communist prosecutor. “I came from nothing. I sweated seven shirts.”

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were a number of questions still pending, including the production of documents which, while not precisely called for by the Letters Rogatory, were within the substance of the request. It was also the custom of Judge Galati, after hearing discussion on the need for additional questions for clarification, to allow such questions to be put to the witness. Therefore, I anticipated being able to put further questions to Dr. Ambrosoli before the completion of the Rogatory to him and so advised by Mr. Sindona.

“The following morning, I was advised that Dr. Ambrosoli had been murdered on the night of July 11. Together with the other attorneys, I appeared before Judge Galati and agreed that the record of the testimony of Dr. Ambrosoli rendered on July 9, 10, and 11, pursuant to Letters Rogatory of the American Judicial Authority, were accurate. It was my opinion then as it is now that the inability of Dr. Ambrosoli to sign the record of his interrogation would have no effect on the question of the admissibility of that interrogation in the United States proceedings.

“The primary purpose of addressing Letters Rogatory to Dr. Ambrosoli was to secure access to the entire files of Banca Privata Italiana. It was anticipated that only with such access could the defense of Mr. Sindona be prepared properly in the United States proceedings. Only a portion of the BPI file was made available in connection with the Rogatory to Dr. Ambrosoli.”

William Joseph Arico, the man who shot Giorgio Ambrosoli, had met a man named **Henry Hill** in 1974, at the federal penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. **Arico**, then thirty-seven years old, was serving time for manslaughter and bank robbery. **Hill**, who was seven years younger than Arico, had been sent to Lewisburg for selling dope. The two men got along. **Arico** introduced **Hill** to another Lewisburg inmate, **Robert Venetucci**, a friend of his from Long Island who, like **Hill**, had been convicted on drug charges. In 1978, on the

outside, the three of them became neighbors on Long Island. Arico worked with Hill, delivering drugs and committing armed robberies in the New York area. Venetucci, after his release, was introduced to Sindona in a Manhattan office by an important Italian manufacturer of mopeds.

On December 8, 1979, five months after he killed Ambrosoli, Billy Arico robbed a jewelry store in Brooklyn, got caught, and was sent to the penitentiary on Riker's Island in New York. On May 22, 1980, Henry Hill, once again under federal indictment, decided to strike a bargain with the government and join the Witness Protection Program.

It was Henry Hill who told the government that Billy Arico had murdered Giorgio Ambrosoli. According to Hill's story, Arico had told him, in the autumn of 1978, that he needed some weapons. Hill later sold him five handguns and an Ingram M-11 submachine gun equipped with a silencer. Arico then told Hill—or so Hill claimed—that he had been hired to do a job for Michele Sindona, whom he had met through Robert Venetucci. The following summer, after the killing, Arico had visited Hill at his home in Rockville Centre, Long Island. "This is the guy I whacked out over there," he said, showing him an Italian clipping about the Ambrosoli murder.

It was Hill's testimony upon which the Italian authorities based their July 1981 indictment of Sindona. On June 28, 1980, five weeks after Henry Hill joined the Witness Protection Program, Billy Arico escaped from the Riker's Island penitentiary, swimming across the East River to Hunts Point in the Bronx. On June 16, 1982, he was arrested by the FBI at his stepson's home near Philadelphia. A month later, on July 16, he was interrogated at the Metropolitan Correctional Center by the FBI agent Michael Mott and the assistant U.S. attorney Charles Rose.

"The first thing we asked Arico was whether he killed Giorgio Ambrosoli," Charles Rose later recounted. "He asked his lawyer if it was all right to respond. The lawyer told him

to go ahead, and he said, 'Yes.' We then asked him if he had been following the orders of Michele Sindona. He looked to his lawyer again, and then he said, 'Yes.' ”

According to Rose, **Arico** stated that he had been introduced to Sindona by **Robert Venetucci** in the dining room of the Conca d'Oro Motel on Staten Island. **Robert Venetucci**, later questioned, said that, yes, he knew Arico and, yes, he had known Sindona, but he had never introduced them, and had known nothing about the murder of Giorgio Ambrosoli.

“So,” Costello was saying, “there they were on the third floor of the MCC: Carlo Bordoni, Luigi Ronsisvalle, and then **Henry Hill**. And the one thing we know for a fact is that Carlo Bordoni was Sindona's enemy.

“I have wondered, and I have not been able to understand, why **William Arico** would, for no apparent reason, admit to a murder to a fellow like **Henry Hill**, who has been described as a well-known liar who would say anything to get out of trouble. And I have wondered why Carlo Bordoni, who has so conveniently disappeared, has been the object of so little speculation in this case.”

Six months after **Arico** was questioned by Mott and Rose, Costello talked with Louis Freeman, the Federal Defenders Service Unit attorney who had been assigned by the court to represent Arico. In January 1985, Costello prepared an affidavit concerning that discussion and the events that followed:

“On February 10, 1983, I spoke to Mr. Freeman, who informed me that **William Arico** was not cooperating with the United States Attorney's Office; that **Arico** had not accused Michele Sindona of any complicity in the death of Giorgio Ambrosoli but that **Arico** had received pressure from the prosecutors to make accusations against Michele Sindona. Mr. Freeman told me that Mr. **Arico** was informed that unless he agreed to cooperate and to make accusations against Mr. Sindona, he would be extradited to Italy. Mr. Freeman told me

mortuary table”), Viola asked that Sindona be sentenced to prison for the rest of his days on earth.

Viola asked the same for **Robert Venetucci**, then he cast his wrath further in the name of the state. Rodolfo Guzzi, Sindona’s lawyer in Rome, should be sentenced to ten years; John Gambino, to nine. Eight each should be given to Rosario Spatola and Joseph Macaluso; seven to Rosario’s brother, Vincenzo; six to Joseph Miceli Crimi and Sindona’s son-in-law, Piersandro Magnoni. Sindona’s daughter should be given five, for she had stood by her father in his opprobrium. And there were more.

Meanwhile, the first snowfall of the season had blanketed Milan. In a letter dated December 12, two days after the prosecution’s summation, Sindona rendered a summation of his own. It was the last Latin lesson, his gloss on the words in the rock: “Big illusion.”

Christmas passed, and the winds of another year rode down through the Po valley. Sindona sat in his cell, awaiting the inevitable, final dooming: the end of the journey that had begun forty years ago, when he crossed the straits of Scylla and Charybdis, heading north, toward fortune. This was the north, this his fortune.

“Carlo Bordoni and his friends in that land of the free arranged the murder of Giorgio Ambrosoli. Today Bordoni, freed with the aid and approval of two governments, is off somewhere with the money that I am supposed to have stolen. Tommaso Buscetta, death’s merchant and a *picciotto* of the nameless few at the end of the world, was extradited under the same treaty as I. He has been made an American citizen and given a home and a lavish income at the taxpayers’ expense. All my accusers have been rewarded. Luigi Ronsisvalle, who has admitted to thirteen murders, has now been paroled and provided for. And here I am,” he smiled, “the Devil. Don’t ever believe, as I did, that there is no such thing as forbidden knowledge.”

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Via Regular Mail and E-mail

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Dear [Redacted]

I am legal counsel to Nissim Corp., CustomPlay LLC, and Mr. Max Abecassis.

It has come to my attention that you are offering to provide to third parties, and have admitted possessing, certain "software and other internal documents" that are the intellectual properties of CustomPlay. I am informed that you executed with CustomPlay on September 6, 2005, an "Employment, Confidential, Information, And Intellectual Property Assignment Agreement" (the "Employment Agreement"). Your possession of these intellectual properties is in violation of the Employment Agreement's Article 6 entitled "Returning CustomPlay Documents," and your offer to provide these intellectual properties to third parties is in direct violation of the Employment Agreement's Article 2 titled "Confidential Information, Section A CustomPlay Information."

You have also made allegation that Mr. Abecassis "stole a piece of software from me that I created in my home and on my own time that can help greatly with coding movies while maintaining good visual cuts." Under the Employment Agreement's Article 3 titled "Intellectual Properties, Section B Assignment Of Intellectual Properties," you have assigned to CustomPlay intellectual properties which you may have developed during your period of employment and during the year following your resignation that: "i) arise as a result of employment with CustomPlay; ii) arises from the use of software, methods, technologies, or intellectual properties of CustomPlay; iii) relate at the time of conception or reduction to practice to CustomPlay's intellectual properties ...; and/or v) results from any work performed by Employee for CustomPlay." The "piece of software" together with any versions which you may have written during the year following your resignation are the intellectual properties of CustomPlay.

Your continued possession of the "piece of software" and such similar other intellectual properties is in violation of the Employment Agreement's Article 6 and your offer to

Mr. [REDACTED]
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provide these intellectual properties to third parties is in violation of the Employment Agreement's Article 2.

You have also made false allegations relating to CustomPlay's activities in attempting to ensure compliance with its "Objectionable Content spec" by ClearPlay. These allegations are baseless as anyone with knowledge of the Settlement and License Agreement between Nissim, CustomPlay and ClearPlay would appreciate that Nissim's and CustomPlay's actions were entirely consistent with the terms and spirit of the agreement.

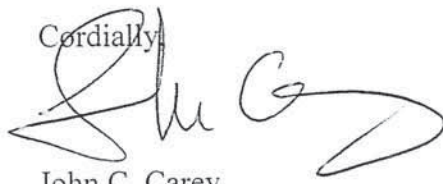
You have also made vicious, slanderous statements to third parties regarding Mr. Abecassis personally. As we are sure you know, these hateful statements are baseless and defamatory.

On behalf of my clients, I urge you to immediately seek legal counsel on these matters and that you provide such counsel, for safekeeping, all: i) "software and other internal documents"; ii) "piece of software" and related documents; iii) other documents relating to your employment at CustomPlay, including the employment agreement; and iv) all communications with third parties relating to Nissim, CustomPlay, and/or Mr. Abecassis. This information is likely to constitute important evidence in legal proceedings relating to your above actions.

Finally, please be assured that if you do not cease and desist from continuing the violations of your Employment Agreement and/or making defamatory allegations relating to my clients, my clients will instruct me to pursue all possible legal actions against you.

Please govern yourself accordingly.

Cordially

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Carey", written over the word "Cordially". The signature is stylized and cursive.

John C. Carey

cc: Mr. Max Abecassis

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Morocco attack video threat dates back to 2007: experts



French scientific investigators leave the morgue in Marrakesh on April 30. **A video attributed to Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb posted three days before a deadly bombing in Marrakesh is a fragment of one dating back to 2007, two French security experts said Sunday**

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A video attributed to Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb posted three days before a deadly bombing in Marrakesh is a fragment of one dating back to 2007, two French security experts said Sunday. Meanwhile Morocco's interior ministry said it had now identified all the victims of the bombing, which killed 16 people, 13 of them foreign nationals, and wounded another 21. **The video, which featured five young men, armed and dressed in desert fatigues, and included a threat to attack Morocco, is part of a longer Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) video, security consultant Anne Giudicelli told AFP.** "It's an extract of a long video from AQIM made in May 2007 and broadcast in summer 2007," said Giudicelli, a specialist in north Africa and the Middle East. Jean-Charles Brisard, another security specialist, confirmed that the video was not recent. "It comes from an AQIM video broadcast in June 2007 on a forum used by jihadist networks," he said. In a separate development Sunday, an eighth French victim of the attack was identified, a senior official in Morocco's interior ministry said. That

meant that all 16 victims of the attack have now been identified, the official added: eight French nationals; three Moroccans; and one each from Britain, Canada, the Netherlands, Portugal and Switzerland. Portugal on Sunday confirmed that "a young Portuguese citizen" had been one of the victims. Forensic investigators used fingerprints, DNA, dental records and relatives to identify the victims, the official said. Witnesses said the blast went off on the terrace of the Argana cafe, a popular tourist cafe in Djemaa el-Fna, Marrakesh's main square, wrecking the facade and the first floor. The attack also wounded 21 people, 11 of whom are still being treated in hospital: six French nationals, three Moroccans and two Dutch nationals. Reports of a video that appeared to claim responsibility and had been posted on Monday, three days before the attack, led to speculation that AQIM had been behind the attack. That theory was strengthened on Friday when Interior Minister Taeb Cherkaoui said that the bomber had used a remote-controlled device and components previously used in Al-Qaeda attacks. "The way in which this act was carried out reminds us of the style normally used by the Al-Qaeda organisation," he told reporters. One senior interior ministry official who asked not to be named said they were not considering the contents of the video in the course of their investigation. "This video dates before the attack, it's clear, but I cannot establish the exact date," the official added. Giudicelli said the posting of the extract from the video earlier this week was a classic propaganda move by AQIM, pointing out that unlike the original film, the extract contained no indication of when it had been made. "That's not by chance," she added. "There was the intention of taking an extract, probably to influence the investigation and try to validate the hypothesis that it was AQIM behind (the attack)," she said. The intention might have been to influence the move by King Mohammed VI towards greater openness. The king has recently announced major political changes, including greater judicial independence. In mid-April, he pardoned political prisoners, including Islamists. Brisard noted that another AQIM video containing a threat to attack Morocco had also been posted on the Internet on April 25 -- and it too was simply an extract from an old video, this one first broadcast in January last year. "It can't be a coincidence, for these videos have not surfaced for a long time and they are really extracts that have been edited," he said. "It's very out of the ordinary. The AQIM network is not in the habit of announcing its actions." His view was that the attack had been carried out by Islamic militants who, while they might have been trained by AQIM, had acted autonomously. May Day marches in the cities of Casablanca, Marrakesh and the capital Rabat were all marked by angry condemnation of Thursday's attack.

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Magharebia

By Imrane Binoual for Magharebia in Casablanca – 09/05/11

In the past few days, Marrakech has become the Mecca of anti-terrorism advocates, with throngs of people flowing in to voice their condemnation of bigotry. On Sunday, the city witnessed the biggest demonstration since the April 28th bombing. Several thousand protestors walked through the ochre city from Bab Doukkala to Djemaa El Fna square. Members of the pro-reform February 20th Movement were joined by representatives of civil society, political parties and trade unions. The slogans varied from denouncing terrorism to demanding political reforms. "The terrorist act targeted the entire Moroccan people without an exception, and we condemn it," said movement member Ghizlane Ben Omar, who came to Marrakech from Casablanca. "Nevertheless, we will hold to our request for change and we will insist more," she said. "The crime that we condemn will not stop us. This is our motto, and we made it obvious through our slogans during the demonstration." Abdessamad Fathi, a leading member of the Justice and Spirituality Association, shared the same sentiment. "Our country is moving toward change, and we hope that such dishonourable act will not affect the path that the country will take," he said. "This act aims, in a certain way, at casting shadow over the February 20 Movement and their demands." The demonstration that took place a day earlier on Djemaa El Fna square was limited to condemning terrorism and trying to bring some help to salesmen working on the square, who suffered from the attack. "The civil society and all residents of Marrakech were shocked at this bombing that targeted Argana Café," explained former city mayor **Omar Jazouli**. "Our city is a haven of peace, where all Jewish, Catholic and Muslim communities have co-existed. The city's economic resources are based on tourism. We didn't expect to see bombings happen here." "We are definitely mourning our victims," he added. "But we must think now of the economic actors working on the square such as refreshments salesmen, snake charmers, storytellers and merchants in general. Moroccans have the duty to compensate the absence of foreign tourists until they come back; this is the kind of solidarity that we expect from ourselves." Comparing the recent attack with the blast that hit Marrakech in 1994, Jazouli said that "the bombing of Argana is totally different". "At the time, all the tourists left the city the day after," he explained. "For instance, only a couple of tourists, staying at the Mamounia hotel, didn't leave the country. Currently, despite the bombing, tourist groups keep flowing. Nevertheless, several cancellations obviously occurred, although it is the high season." The February 20 Movement staged similar protests throughout the kingdom. In Casablanca, thousands of demonstrators marched through Derb Sultan, the oldest popular neighbourhood of the city. They held banners condemning terrorism next to signboards calling for change in the political system. "We will continue to protest until they accept our demands," said movement member Mohamed Belfoul.

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From: Valdez, James J <james.valdez@dhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 10:41 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: IMMIDENT TERRORIST THREAT

You're a fucking idiot. Email me again and I'll kill you.

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Osama had key role in 26/11, Abbottabad proof shows

By Pramit Pal Chaudhuri | Delhi | Hindustan Times | Apr 04, 2012 09:59 IST

Evidence points to Osama bin Laden having played a key role in the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai. All this was unearthed by US Special Forces last May when they killed him in his Abbottabad hideout. Pramit Pal Chaudhuri reports. Brotherhood of terror

Hard evidence that Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba chief Hafiz Saeed was communicating with Osama bin Laden through a courier led Washington to put a \$10-million (Rs 50-crore) bounty on Saeed's head. The evidence also points to the then al Qaeda chief, Bin Laden, having played a key role in the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai in 2008 that killed 166 people and injured more than 300. All this was unearthed by US Special Forces last May when they killed Bin Laden in his hideout in Abbottabad, Pakistan, and took back bagfuls of his documents and computer equipment. Bruce Riedel, Pakistan terrorism expert and former AfPak advisor to US President Barack Obama, told HT, "The documents and files found in Abbottabad showed a close connection between Bin Laden and Saeed, right up to May 2011." Home minister P Chidambaram welcomed the bounty and said it might make Islamabad take action against Saeed, the mastermind of the 26/11 attacks. He lashed out at Pakistan for refusing to take action against Saeed, calling the present 26/11 court case a "farce". He said, "We have consistently pressed for his arrest and interrogation. Pakistan was in denial mode and continues to be in denial mode."

BROTHERHOOD OF TERROR

Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was founded by Hafiz Saeed in 1990s and nurtured by ISI to fight Indian forces in Kashmir

Al-Qaeda, founded by Osama bin Laden in 1980s was behind 9/11. Osama killed in US raid in Pak in May 2011



- LINKS** Abbottabad documents reveal Saeed was in direct communication with Osama
- Qaeda used LeT training camps in Afghanistan before 9/11 attack
 - LeT suspected to have helped hide Qaeda fugitives in Pak
 - LeT inspired by Qaeda to join Afghanistan war


"We are not hiding in caves for bounties to be set on finding us... I believe either the US has very little knowledge and is basing its decisions on wrong information provided by India or they are just frustrated."

Hafiz Saeed, Lashkar-e-Taiba founder (to Al-Jazeera)

Slamming the US, Saeed told Al-Jazeera: “We are not hiding in caves for bounties to be set on finding us. I think the US is frustrated because we are taking out countrywide protests against the resumption of Nato supplies and drone strikes.” Pakistan’s interior minister Rehman Malik refused to comment, saying, “I have learnt from the media about the bounty. We have not received any official communication from the US or any other quarter.” Malik said he had requested the foreign ministry to verify the report. Riedel said the Abbottabad information also “suggested a much larger direct al-Qaeda role in the planning of the Mumbai attacks than many assumed.” **He said the US now has evidence that Bin Laden may have seen the reconnaissance reports of David Headley, Lashkar’s scout for the 26/11 attacks. Indian experts on Lashkar, pointing out the relationship between the terror outfit and al-Qaeda has been known for years, presumed that the US had additional motives when it suddenly announced the bounty under its Rewards for Justice programme on Monday.** RAW’s former deputy director Rana Banerjee said Saeed has been assuming a larger profile in Pakistan, preparing the ground for a political career. “The US is forcing him underground. It has silenced him for a while,” he said. Documentation on Lashkar’s ties with al-Qaeda would also explain the \$2-million bounty on Adbul Rahman Makki, Lashkar’s financial secretary. Makki, said Banerjee, is the only person Saeed trusts with funds and was the liaison for Lashkar’s global tie-ups. Lashkar has also attracted US anger, said analyst Wilson John, author of Caliphate’s Soldiers: The Lashkar-e-Tayebba’s Long War, by openly helping militants fighting US troops in Afghanistan. **“Members of the Haqqani network have trained at Lashkar camps,”** he said. And so have so-called “white jihadis” – Western-based recruits trained to carry out attacks on Western countries. Riedel said the bounty decisions are “a recognition that Lashkar-e-Taiba and Saeed are a real threat to both the US and India.” He expects Saeed to use the US announcement to increase his standing as “a symbol of his power in the global jihad”. But Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence will be unhappy as Saeed “is their man”. (With inputs from Islamabad, Delhi)

PORTRAIT OF A TEACHER AS A TERRORIST


The leader of Jama'at-ud-Da'wah, a cover organisation for the Lashkar-e-Taiba, Hafiz Saeed operates from Pakistan



Mock detentions

The Pakistan government has made a habit of placing Saeed under house arrest – then releasing him shortly after.

<p>December 21, 2001-March 31, 2002: Detained for his involvement in the December 13, 2001, attack on Lok Sabha.</p> <p>May 15, 2002: Placed under house arrest till October 31.</p> <p>August 9, 2006: Arrested for his involvement in the Mumbai train bombings on July 11,</p>	<p>2006. Placed under house arrest till August 28, 2006. Arrested on the same day, and released on October 17, 2006.</p> <p>December 11, 2008: Placed under house arrest till June 2009, after UN declares Jamaat-ud-Dawa an LeT front.</p>	<p>August 25, 2009: Interpol issues a red corner notice against him, in response to Indian requests for his extradition.</p> <p>September 2009: Placed under house arrest again.</p> <p>October 12, 2009: Lahore HC quashes all cases against Saeed and sets him free</p>
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■ A file photo of Hafiz Saeed after a Lahore court appearance.

Rise to notoriety

- Born on March 10, 1950, at Sargodha in Pakistan
- Appointed by General Zia-ul-Haq to the Council on Islamic Ideology
- Later served as an Islamic Studies teacher at the University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore
- Was sent for higher studies to Saudi Arabia in the early 1980s, where he supported the Mujahideen.
- Founded the Markaz Dawa-Wal-Irshad in 1987. Founded the Lashkar-e-Taiba with the help of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), with Jammu and Kashmir as its primary target.

India wants Saeed for...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The attack on Parliament on December 13, 2001, which led to the death of 12 people, including a civilian. ■ The Mumbai train bombings on July 11, 2006, which killed 209 people and injured over 700. ■ The 26/11 serial attacks in Mumbai in 	<p>which 173 people were killed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Also, India is aware that Saeed is an important aspect of the terror network in Pakistan, which carries out attacks in India from time to time in connivance with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence.
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Outrage builds as Egypt presses for release of blind sheik behind '93 WTC attack

By [Perry Chiamonte](#) | Fox News Published July 3, 2012 | Last Update January 12, 2017



Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, who masterminded the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center, is in a North Carolina prison, but is revered as a hero in Egypt.

Egypt's new government is sparking growing outrage in the U.S. for its attempts to win the release of Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, the blind cleric behind the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. In Cairo, President-elect Mohamed Morsi proclaimed to hundreds of thousands of supporters in Tahir Square on Friday that he will gain the release of Rahman, who is in a federal prison in North Carolina after having been convicted of masterminding the bombing that killed six and unsuccessfully plotting to blow up other landmarks, including the United Nations. Although a U.S. official told FoxNews.com the sheik will never be freed, the fact that Egypt's newly-installed Muslim Brotherhood government is asking has top elected officials here seething. "It's disgusting for a head of government to state in his inaugural speech that a man who attempted to commit mass murder should be freed," Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., told

FoxNews.com. "The fact that he said this in his first speech says to me that this is from the heart, and the Muslim Brotherhood has been trying to convince us that they have changed. "We need to be more on guard than ever," King added. Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., weighed in, calling Morsi's speech "an insult." "President Morsi's offensive statements are an insult to the memories of the victims of the World Trade Center bombing. ... Rest assured, (Rahman) will stay right where he belongs – in jail for the rest of his life," Schumer said. Hani Hour Eldin -- a member of Egypt's parliament, as well as a member of the State Department-recognized terrorist organization Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya -- recently traveled to Washington to press the case for Rahman's release but apparently was rebuffed. When asked for comment on Cairo's push for Rahman's release, State Department officials referred FoxNews.com to a prior statement by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, in which she said Rahman guilty verdict and life sentence were "correct" and that the evidence was "clear and convincing." Talk of releasing Rahman is "a non-issue and it's not going to happen," said one U.S. official who asked not to be identified. But with the new government of Egypt making Rahman's freedom a priority, many are concerned about the nation's new leadership. "I was shocked over his call for the release," former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani told FoxNews.com. "This is a man who was going to virtually destroy New York City. I can't imagine we would even consider releasing him." "It seems as if (Morsi) wants to ingratiate himself with extremists. That's something to consider. I always think we are better off being cautious than trusting." Former Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew McCarthy, who led the prosecution against Rahman in 1995, said it isn't surprising that Morsi believes he has a chance. "Egypt is going to pitch this as a humanitarian gesture," McCarthy said. "We have an administration which just issued a visa to Hani Hour Eldin, and he is a part of the Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya. This is an organization we use to take very seriously. "So if you're President Morsi and you're are sitting back and seeing what's going on, what stops you from making an appeal? Morsi has pressure on him. This agenda has been there the whole time." Rahman was convicted along with nine others of seditious conspiracy. He is being held in the Butner Federal Correctional Facility in North Carolina. He was accused of being the leader of Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya, which was responsible for numerous violent acts including the 1997 massacre of over 60 people in Luxor, Egypt. Although the 1993 attack failed to seriously damage the World Trade Center, it left six dead and was a precursor for the 9/11 attacks eight years later.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

September 19, 2012

The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Attorney General Holder and Secretary Clinton,

We are concerned about recent reports that the Obama administration is considering the release of Omar Abdel-Rahman, better known as the “blind sheikh,” to the custody of Egypt for humanitarian and health reasons. If these reports are true, such considerations would be extremely disconcerting as release of this convicted terrorist should not happen for any reason.

The blind sheikh inspired the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center, ordered the 1997 massacre of Western tourists at Luxor, Egypt, and issued the Islamic religious ruling that Osama bin Laden relied upon to justify the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. He is serving a life sentence at a federal penitentiary, for seditious conspiracy to wage war upon the United States, based on his role in a 1993 plot to conduct assassinations and destroy bridges, tunnels and other landmarks in New York City. **The blind sheikh was the first person convicted under this statute since the Civil War.** Nonetheless, the newly-elected government in Egypt has indicated that his release is amongst its top foreign policy priorities.

While considerations regarding the blind sheikh’s release would be disturbing in any context, they are particularly alarming given recent events. The 11th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks was marked by the assassination of America’s ambassador to Libya and an attack on the U.S. Embassy in Egypt. The violence in Egypt has been attributed, in part, to that government’s demands for the blind sheikh’s release.

Succumbing to the demands of a country whose citizens threaten our embassy and the Americans serving in it would send a clear message that acts of violence will be responded to with appeasement rather than strength. The blind sheikh should remain in federal prison.

The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.
The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
September 19, 2012
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The release of Abdel-Rahman or any terrorist who plots to kill innocent Americans would be seen for what it is -- a sign of weakness and lack of resolve by the United States and its President.

We request a briefing this week by representatives from each of your Departments on the accuracy of recent reports and the status of any negotiations with Egypt. We look forward to your immediate response.

Sincerely,



LAMAR SMITH
Chairman
House Committee on the Judiciary



ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
Chairwoman
House Committee on Foreign Affairs



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House Permanent Select Committee
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House Appropriations State of Foreign
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cc: The Hon. Barack Obama
cc: The Hon. John A. Boehner
cc: The Hon. John Conyers, Jr.



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The Honorable Frank Wolf
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for your letter to Attorney General Holder and Secretary of State Clinton dated September 19, regarding false reports related to Omar Abdel Rahman. We are providing an identical response to the other Members who joined in your letter.

As you know, on October 1, 1995, following a nine-month trial, Omar Abdel Rahman was convicted by unanimous verdict in a United States court in the Southern District of New York of the crimes of seditious conspiracy to oppose the United States government through the commission of terrorist acts, including planning to blow up the World Trade Center, United Nations headquarters, and various bridges, tunnels and landmarks in and around New York City. He was also convicted of solicitation to commit crimes of violence; conspiracy to murder; and bombing conspiracy. On January 17, 1996, he was sentenced to spend the remainder of his life in prison. His conviction and sentence were affirmed on appeal.

There is no truth to the reports referenced in your letter. Omar Abdel Rahman will serve the rest of his life in prison. No consideration is being given to releasing him or transferring him to another country to complete his sentence.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us on any matter of concern.

Sincerely,

Judith C. Appelbaum
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U.S. Department of Justice

David S. Adams
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cc: The Honorable Chaka Fattah
Ranking Minority Member

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Subject: Re: IMMIDENT TERRORIST THREAT

So again, I went to the US embassy twice attempting to engage a debriefing regarding the imminent terrorist attack set to take place in March, and they refuse to talk to me about it. Although I have bought some time from Al-Qaeda by coming to Egypt concerning the March attack, and I have even prevented the attack that was also being planned for February, I have also determined that it is impossible to convince the US authorities or any suspect government to investigate the legitimate issues which are Al-qaeda's core motivation for attacking America, Israel and their zionist supporters, some of these issues I am a direct witness to including the abuse of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman in Rochestor Prison. The US government is not going to engage any investigation that will prove their complicity in provoking, supporting and ultimately committing acts of terrorism against America, the middle east and the rest of the world by invoking illegal wars against innocent countries in pursuit of the goals of a masonic, satanic conspiracy to enslave the middle east and the rest of the world.

What al-qaeda is essentially asking me to do is remain in Cairo until the end of March, but I also know that this would not enable any resolution of the matters as if the US government is refusing to debrief me (despite asking me to submit to an interview the day before I left to come here to Cairo), then I can also conclude it would be impossible to force this debriefing while in Cairo no matter how long I stay here. I have prevented the imminent attack that was set to take place in February (which I informed your government about through the illegal surveillance), but I have not recieved any assurances from the other factions of Al-qaeda that they will not attack in March as they previously warned me they will do. I also will not allow myself to be blackmailed by them concerning their issues anymore even if it means that deaths can occur, as if they refuse to continue to take their direction from me in terms of my orders to them not to attack, it is no longer my problem and the hardheaded idiots in the feds and al-qaeda will just have to butt heads until the end of time. What I don't want is to return to America and all of a sudden the US government wants to talk to me when they refused to do so in Cairo in the presence of witnesses that can prevent the illegal misconduct that they have engaged against me for over a decade. It makes no sense to engage any interview with the FBI or anyone in America if all they are going to do is deny speaking to me the minute they get information from me which they will seek to deny, just as it is also a certainty that they will refuse to act on my information anyway because they actually want terrorist attacks to happen. So I have made it emphatically clear to Al-qaeda that they should again give me as much time as i need to continue to break the unlawful conspiracy by the CIA, NSA and DOD (and top level FBI) concerning the deliberately obstruction of the terrorism investigation into the 911 attacks and subsequent events through my lawsuit which is proceeding at a snails pace, but I have not yet recieved a difinitive response concerning whether Al-qaeda will delay the attack they have planned for March and I will not follow their orders to remain in Cairo for the entire duration of March as some sort of 'goodwill' gesture on my part to prove to them that I am not a mossad spy. It is your CIA, NSA and DOD that attempted to make them believe that I am possibly a mossad spy, and I need not inconvenience myself by remaining in Cairo to prove to them that this is false if your government refuses to allow me the debriefing in Cairo so that I can very quickly dispense with this suspicion on their part.

So basically, if I cannot obtain a debriefing with US, British or French authorities before leaving Cairo at the end of February, I am withdrawing myself from involvement in attempting to broker a cease fire between al-Qaeda and Zionist Israel and their supporters, and I will simply let them go at each other as they please. Al-Qaeda and Israel were designed to cancel each other out on this planet, and who am I to intervene in this matter? I only sought to prevent the spillover from affecting innocent people, but this (and I will concede this now) was impossible. Although I failed in preventing the violent destruction of Israel and potential murder of every Jew and homosexual on this planet, I did not fail in my mission to please God. All God ever required of me was to try my best, and I am happy and pleased with my efforts and I believe I did the best job possible considering the circumstances and the fact that my own government is not interested in preventing terrorism, but rather in provoking it. What I did not anticipate going into this matter, is that all your governments are designed to fail, just as my attempts to save them were also designed to fail as a result. In any case, I merely wish to continue to inform you that your governments are breaking the laws, and to try and allow as many people as possible to be aware of this should additional preventable attacks continue to occur. I also feel sad for all the murder victims whose murder investigations are also being blocked by your governments simply because I happen to be the main witness. If I did not become witness to the unlawful acts of your government concerning terrorism, they likely would not have blocked these unrelated murder investigations for almost 20 years, some of which I informed you about in the Florida lawsuit (11-cv-23492-MGC Southern District Florida). It is not my fault that I could not overcome your governments illegal actions, but I also know that you can never deny justice to the victim of a murder even if your governments allow these murderers to escape justice in this world (so they can continue to kill more people) just to cover up their illegal Masonic terrorism conspiracies which they have engaged against the Middle East due to their fear of Islam. God is symbolic of perfect justice, and the mechanism he engages for this are not always visible and viewable by all. I can tell you that any individual unlawfully murdered by another, will never be denied justice in the final manifestation of our universe.

On Fri, Feb 15, 2013 at 5:11 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Below I am forwarding you a series of emails between myself and someone purporting to be an FBI agent. So I first approached the FBI regarding terrorism in the week following the Sept, 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks, and it has taken them approximately 13 years to respond (better late than never, right?). Problem is that they finally respond one day prior to my scheduled trip to Egypt, expecting me to drop everything and run to collect some Scooby Snacks at FBI headquarters in Miami. Unfortunately, my travel plans to Egypt were made prior to his contacting me the day before my trip, so I kindly informed this alleged FBI agent to instruct his associates to meet me in Cairo with the Egyptian authorities so that I may inform both governments the exact nature of the threat that you will be facing very soon. So I arrive in Cairo, and not one attempt by the FBI to talk to me. So I walk into US Embassy this morning to find out why SA Kennerson did not properly forward my request to talk to the appropriate American officials in Cairo, and they put me on the phone with "Mike" where I again requested to be debriefed about the imminent terrorist threat, and all that I was requesting was that "Mike" arrange for this debriefing to take place in the presence of an Egyptian government official because terrorism affects all countries in the Middle East much more than it affects America (because every time the CIA attacks America using Islamic proxies, it is the common folk in the Middle East that have no affiliation with terrorism that end up paying the price for it).

So "Mike" stated something to the effect that it is against protocol to allow me to be debriefed by US officials in Egypt with the Egyptians present, even though the matter specifically involves Egypt and even though this type of interview happens all the time. What are your officials scared of? What could I possibly tell US authorities with the Egyptians present that is causing them so much angst? The answer is simple. If you people really believed that the Pope resigned due to the ghost of Sindona's imminent resurrection, then you are certainly as stupid as your bi-sexual leader Obama. Men of God do not resign their positions because it is a lifetime appointment. You cannot turn God on and off like a light switch in your head. You will now have two popes, the one you see and the one you don't see. Ar-Rum can never be conquered by a bi-sexual president named Barack Obama. No man of the devil can harm a great power such as the Vatican, and the hubris of your president to think that he could force God to resign his post so that homopedes can erect the flag of Satan over the crumbling ruins of Vatican is nothing more than the psychotic musings of a satanic mad

man who lusts for his brother because he does not know how to please his wife. It is your satanic president that will resign very soon (and not a fake resignation, but a real one with real consequences for the American economy at the very least), and at that time you will see the power of the vatican and why it was placed on this earth to safeguard all of mankind. The vatican is 1 millionth the size of America, yet 1 trillion times more powerful. The audacity of homopedes and their supporters in government to think that a homopedede named Barak Obama can conquer ar-rum. I laugh at your arrogance as do all men of god on this earth.

Barak Obama, resign your position immediatly. It is not for you to make decisions for all Americans in an illegal manner. As we speak at this very moment, it is the US and Israel against the entire globe as per the design of a few racist homopedes that do not repress either Israel or America. Men of god do not kill the whole world just to make the followers of satan happy, as your president is trying to do. I know that the real Rabbi's in Israel do not support this type of behaviour by your homopedede president, but as with America, the Israeli government is catastrophically infiltrated by racist homopedes like Bibi, so I doubt there is anything they can do to also reverse the damage. I say this because I can very easily see that American government still cannot find a way to reverse the infiltration of their government by homopedes.

So anyway, I left my number with this so called "mike" and I await his response in Egypt, but I will tell you right now if he does not respond before I decide to leave Egypt and make plans to do so, then I will again defer the questioning until I can find the appropriate foreign government that will be willing to stand witness to my debriefing with US officials so as to ensure that the illegal actions taken by Barak Obama are properly documented, and his resignation is effectuated primarily to prevent them the ability to launch any more homopedede terrorist attacks, and also to try and save the American and Israeli economies from crumbling into nothingness if it can in any way be avoided.

On Wed, Feb 13, 2013 at 11:20 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Anyway I am not sure if you got my last email but as I said I am on route Cairo. I am checking my email on a stopover in France and I see you emailed me again. Have your guys meet me in Cairo with the Egyptians. I do not trust you people to do the right thing because you are biased against Muslims from the start, so perhaps the Egyptians can better guide you people on matters of Islam if you guys are having difficulty with the issues that are causing all these malfunctions.

We need to start to resolve this stuff immediately please, playtime is over. Thank you.

On Tue, Feb 12, 2013 at 4:32 PM, Kennerson, Ryan C. <Ryan.Kennerson@ic.fbi.gov> wrote:

Greetings again, this is Special Agent Kennerson of the Miami FBI/JTTF.

I would like to meet with you to discuss the recent letter you composed regarding terrorist activity.

Please let me know when you will be able to meet me at the FBI Miami Field Office.

Thanks,

SA Kennerson

On Tue, Feb 12, 2013 at 3:35 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Or also you could have your people meet me in Cairo when I arrive there with the Egyptians also present as I would like to talk to both of you prior to speaking to Sheikh Rahmans family.

On Tue, Feb 12, 2013 at 3:19 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Well I will be traveling tomorrow to Cairo at 5:50pm so I can see you when I get back in 1 month approximately April 4th or if you need to speak to me before my cell is [REDACTED] or else I can call or Skype you after I get to Cairo just let me know.

[REDACTED]

From: Kennerson, Ryan C. [mailto:Ryan.Kennerson@ic.fbi.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 11, 2013 2:37 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FBI Meeting

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SA Kennerson

Resignation of Pope Benedict XVI

The **resignation of Pope Benedict XVI** occurred on 28 February 2013 at 20:00 CET, after having been announced on the morning of **11 February 2013** directly by himself.^{[1][2][3]} Benedict XVI's decision to step down^[4] as leader of the Catholic Church made him the first pope to relinquish the office since Gregory XII in 1415^[5] (who did so in order to end the Western Schism), and the first to do so on his own initiative since Celestine V in 1294.^[6]

The move was unexpected,^[7] given that popes in the modern era have held the position from election until death.^[7] The Pope stated that the reason for his decision was his declining health due to old age.^[8] The conclave to select his successor began on 12 March 2013^[9] and elected Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, who took the name of Francis.



Pope Benedict XVI in 2007

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Benedict announced in February 2013 that, due to his advanced age, he would step down.^{[10][11]} At the age of 85 years and 318 days on the effective date of his retirement, he was the fourth-oldest person to hold the office of pope.

He announced his intention to resign in Latin at the Apostolic Palace in the Sala del Concistoro, at an early morning gathering on 11 February 2013, which was the World Day of the Sick, a Vatican holy day. The gathering was to announce the date of the canonisation of 800 Catholic martyrs,^[12] Antonio Primaldo and companions, as well as the Latin American nuns Laura Montoya Upegui and Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala.^{[13][14]} At the ceremony, known as the "Consistory for the canonization of the martyrs of Otranto", he told those present he had made "a decision of great importance for the life

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Italian Archbishop Suggests Pope Benedict XVI Resigned Under Obama ‘Pressure’

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An Italian archbishop close to Pope Benedict XVI has claimed that the Obama administration may have been complicit in the “tremendous pressures” that led the former pope to resign in 2013.

It is “no coincidence” that some Catholic groups “have asked President Trump to open a commission of inquiry to investigate whether the administration of Barack Obama exerted pressure on Benedict,” said Archbishop Luigi Negri in an [interview](#) Monday, citing [other revelations by Wikileaks regarding efforts by the Democratic Party to sway the direction of the Catholic Church in the United States](#). “It remains shrouded in mystery for now,” he said to news outlet Rimini 2.0, “but I am sure that those responsible will be found out.” The archbishop was making reference to a [letter](#) written by a group of American Catholics to President Trump last January requesting that the administration conduct [an investigation into a possible Soros-Obama-Clinton conspiracy behind the resignation of Pope Benedict](#). The letter stated specifically that “we have reason to believe that a Vatican ‘regime change’ was engineered by the Obama administration.” Approximately a year after an e-mail conversation released by Wikileaks, the authors contended, “we find that Pope Benedict XVI abdicated under highly unusual circumstances and was replaced by a pope whose apparent mission is to provide a spiritual component to the radical ideological agenda of the international left.” In startling [revelations](#) last October, Clinton campaign chief John Podesta was found to have created phony “Catholic” organizations in order to use Church leaders to push a liberal agenda in congress and to promote the agenda of the Democratic Party. In the midst of the hundreds of John Podesta’s emails released by Wikileaks, one contained a report by Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, a faux Catholic association founded by Podesta to provoke a revolution in the Catholic Church. The executive director of the organization, Christopher J. Hale, referred to the group’s “grueling preparation for Pope Francis’s apostolic trip to the US.” Along with efforts to infiltrate the Church hierarchy, the organization’s collusion with the Obama administration was also made apparent in Hale’s report. “I spoke to the White House yesterday and they assure us the media’s moniker calling us ‘God Squad’ isn’t just sweet nothings, but actually a fair assessment of the substantial difference we’re making in this conversation,” he wrote. Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput described a meeting with two members of the other “Catholic” organization that Podesta claims to have founded—Catholics United. In a published essay, the archbishop depicted a methodology eerily similar to that employed by Catholics in Alliance. Chaput said that the two men were “obvious flacks for the Obama campaign and the Democratic Party—creatures of a political machine, not men of the Church,” who showed remarkable “talents of servile partisan hustling.” In a separate statement, the head of the U.S. Bishops Conference, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, issued an indictment of the Clinton team, calling them out for interfering in the Church’s self-governance for “short-term political gain.” Kurtz suggested that Podesta’s actions in creating “Catholic” lobby groups for the Democratic Party constituted a breach of religious freedom, “one of the founding principles of our republic,” which ensures the right of faith communities to “preserve the integrity of their beliefs and proper self-governance.” In his interview Monday, Archbishop Negri said he has visited Pope Benedict “several times” since the pontiff’s resignation in 2013. Negri resigned last month as archbishop of Ferrara-Comacchio, a post assigned him by Pope Benedict, upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 75. [Archbishop Negri did not lay all the blame for Benedict’s resignation on the Obama administration, but said he was “certain that the truth will emerge one day showing grave liability both inside and outside the Vatican.”](#) In the interview, Negri was also critical of Pope Francis for failing to answer the *dubia*—or “questions”—made by four Cardinals regarding certain teachings in the Pope’s letter *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) that seem unclear to many in the Church. “*Amoris Laetitia* needs clarification, unfortunately, the current leader of the Church still remains silent,” he said. “I think that the Holy Father should respond, although he seems to have decided to the contrary.”

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An Irish saint's eerie prophecy that Pope Francis will be the last Pontiff

IrishCentral Staff | [@IrishCentral](#) | Aug 19, 2018

The prophecies of the Irish [Saint Malachy](#), the 12th-century bishop of Armagh, have thrilled and dismayed readers for centuries. **He has stated there would be only one more pope after Benedict, and during his reign comes the end of the world. So Francis could be the last.**

The prediction in full is: "In the final persecution of the Holy Roman Church there will reign Peter the Roman, who will feed his flock amid many tribulations, after which the seven-hilled city will be destroyed and the dreadful Judge will judge the people. The End."

The father of the [current pope](#) was Peter, or Pietro, and was from Italy even though the family moved to Argentina.

In 1139, then Archbishop Malachy went to Rome from Ireland to give an account of his affairs. While there he received a strange vision about the future that included the name of every pope, 112 in all from his time, who would rule until the end of time. We are now at the last prophecy.

Will Pope Francis be our final Pope?

His predictions are taken very seriously. As one report states: "In 1958, before the Conclave that would elect Pope John XXIII, Cardinal Spellman of New York hired a boat, filled it with sheep and sailed up and down the Tiber River, to show that he was "pastor et nator," the motto attributed to the [next Pope](#) in the prophecies."

As for the prophecy concerning the 111th pope, Pope Benedict, the prophecy says of him, "Gloria Olivae," which means "the glory of the Olive."

The Order of Saint Benedict is also known as the Olivetans, which many claims makes Malachy's prophecies correct. The next and final pope then should be "Peter Romanus."

St. Malachy gave an account of his visions to Pope Innocent II, but the document remained unknown in the Roman Archives until its discovery in 1590.

Many of the [prophecies](#) are spot on. For example, the one about Urban VIII is Liliun et Rosa (the lily and the rose). He was a native of Florence and on the arms of Florence figure a fleur-de-lis. Pope John Paul II is De labore Solis meaning "of the eclipse of the sun." Karol Wojtyla was born on May 18, 1920, during a solar eclipse.

Peregrinus apostolicus (pilgrim pope), which designates Pius VI, appears to be verified by his many journeys to new lands.

So will Pope Francis be the last pope? The Irish seer of the 12th century has said it will be so. Time will tell.

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To: 'lwschilling@earthlink.net'
Subject: SHEIKH RAHMAN

Mr. Clark,

This is [REDACTED] I have reached out to you previously concerning Shiekh Rahman in 2009 and I never received a response. Since that time I have been subjected to a slew of illegal activities by numerous government officials whereby I was deliberately prevented the ability to leave Morocco for almost a year until I could dispense with false terrorism allegations filed against me by the CIA/French Intelligence in Morocco. This matter is very serious as due to the events of this scandal, I was also forced to commit an assassination of a US/French Intelligence agent in Morocco (an individual named Joseph McPhillips). Furthermore, the situation between myself and the Federal Government has deteriorated to such a low point that we basically send each other death threats openly and without hesitation, even though it is illegal for Federal Officials to threaten me with harm, and vice versa.

I am forwarding you some recent emails I have sent to Committee on Homeland Security attempting to once again break the FBI obstruction of this case (they literally refuse to debrief me concerning the events that occurred with Sheikh Rahman and have miraculously obstructed this investigation since 1996. I penetrated the actual organization that committed the 911 attacks and I can prove this. This information can force the US government to release Sheikh Rahman because their misconduct is indicative of the possibility that Sheikh Rahman was subjected to the same type of operation they attempted with me, which was a 17 year long entrapment investigation whereby rogue federal officials were attempting to provoke me to give authorization for a massive terrorist attack, but I have refused and instead reached out to government officials and many people (yourself included) to attempt to resolve this matter without disclosing to the militants the truth that they are indeed being framed for terrorism. Although it is the truth, I am committing a crime by not informing Sheikh Rahman's family (and therefore, the militants) that they are being subjected to illegal frame up. When I returned to Egypt this last time this year, I could not even approach Abdullah Omar Rahman because if I had done so, he would have requested the update on my conversations with you (Sheikh Rahman's attorney) and I would not have been able to tell him anything except that I attempted to reach out to you on numerous occasions, and you are completely unresponsive despite the fact that I am the most critical witness to your clients situation since the matter first occurred. As you can see in the emails below I have also attached an audio clip of myself threatening to harm a Federal Prosecutor involved in the botched Daood Gilani investigation (as I had also met Daood Gilani directly). Furthermore, I need to make an appointment with you to meet you directly because I must transfer all the evidence I have acquired concerning this matter, and I must document it so that I can provide this documentation to Sheikh Rahman's family at the same time I provide them with copies of this evidence, which I have refrained to do so because it is a certainty that if I provide them this information directly, there will be a violent backlash which is why I have been trying to provide this information to you directly so that you can properly screen it and perform the exact actions necessary to try and resolve this matter in some way were the more damaging details concerning US misconduct are not released. I know for a fact that the militants in Egypt cannot alienate me in any way and will concede authority concerning their grievances to me if I can make progress with Sheikh Rahman's situation, and I know that the need to gloat by the militants can very easily be diffused by myself as long as I can maintain my control over them. This is a very serious matter because I also have information concerning imminent terrorism. Please contact me immediately following your review of these emails so we can make an appointment to meet and receive the entire database of evidence

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 11:28 AM
To: 'stanleycohenlaw@verizon.net'
Subject: RE: Terrorism Case

My name is [REDACTED] You don't know who I am because you never asked, and that is what I mean by the fact that you are not asking the right questions. During the entire conversation, you never once even asked me for my name, so obviously unless you are a psychic, you are not going to know who I am and we need attorneys, not psychics, to deal with these cases.

Thanks.

From: stanleycohenlaw@verizon.net [mailto:stanleycohenlaw@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 10:35 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Terrorism Case

Thanks for the email. As I said when we spoke I have no idea who you are. Under those circumstances I am not in a position to discuss anything of substance with regard to anything let alone my client. I wish you the best of luck. Stanley Cohen.

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, 22 Jul 2013 09:59:52 -0400
To: <stanleycohenlaw@verizon.net>
Subject: FW: Terrorism Case

Mr. Cohen,

Just a follow-up from our conversation on Saturday. To the best of my recollection, I approached you to offer you evidence concerning your client, and you declined to receive it because you stated that you did not think that it was of any use to your clients defense (although you did not ask to meet with me directly to review the evidence). You also stated that you did not believe me when I explained to you that Mr. Ramsey Clark was not acting properly as Sheikh Rahman's attorney, and you defended Mr. Clark by stating that you knew him for 30 years and he could not possibly behave in any such manner. For example:

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/07/19/ex-bin-laden-spokesman/2570383/>

According to this story, your client is stating that he was deliberately tortured while being transported on a plane and in US custody. Let's say, for example, a US government employee were to come forward claiming to have cell phone video of the torture from the plane. You, as Mr. Ghaith attorney, would certainly seek to acquire possession of such evidence, or if you became aware of its existence, you would seek to subpoena it. So I approached you because I had information concerning the individuals that pretty much forced Mr. Ghaith (whether he liked it or not) to release the very terrorism propaganda video's that are now being used to prosecute him, and you stated to me that this evidence is not relevant to your clients case. When I approached Mr. Clark regarding evidence concerning why Sheikh Rahman withdrew his support for a ceasefire in 1999 while incarcerated at Rochester, he refused to receive this evidence directly. You must understand that Sheikh Rahman was convinced to rescind his support for the ceasefire in Egypt because he was being beaten by prison officials in Rochester and he changed his mind solely due to the abuse. His reversal in opinions,

provoked by prison guards at Rochester, is what Lynne Stewart then sought to release and was subsequently charged for it, but if the guards at Rochester had not been beating Sheikh Rahman illegally he would never have changed his position on the ceasefire to begin with. Guards in a prison that had no right to attempt to influence world events using illegal methods. Lynne Stewart herself would not be in a jail right now if Sheikh Rahman had not been forced to change his opinion due to illegal abuse, so therefore there would have been no change in opinion for Stewart to report in violation of SAMS, and no case that would have been brought as a result.

Mr. Clark received knowledge of this evidence, but I assumed he would simply follow up with me but he didn't. I did not disclose to him I had an audio-recording of that same assault, made with an audio-tape recorder that I commandeered from the prison Chapel inventory which I was using to record Sheikh's sermons in the prison for release to the public. The funny thing is that I never needed to inform him that I also had personal recordings, because they do not depict the actual attack upon Sheikh Rahman by prison guards during the middle of the prayer (and you can clearly hear the prayer being stopped midstream although you cannot see why). Regardless, the BOP was video recording those same religious services with a VHS Video Recorder that was mounted in his cage, and there were also over 20 independent witnesses to the abuse and I can provide all their names, and they could be independently interviewed by Clark to confirm the abuse, and to confirm the tapes of the abuse exist, and to allow for subpoena of those tapes. Even Lynne Stewart herself could benefit from those tapes, because if it was deliberate abuse which caused Sheikh Rahman to change his mind regarding the ceasefire, and this abuse was the trigger in series of events that landed Lynne Stewart in jail and clearly it would have been relevant to her own defense because the reason she was arrested for violating the SAMS was because she was releasing information regarding his refusal to accept abuse in a prison (in addition to a conviction he still considers a frame-up). If Lynne Stewart had held a press conference to release information that Sheikh Rahman was still supportive of the ceasefire (regardless that she would be violating the SAMS by doing that as well), she would never have been arrested. So it was not her violation of SAMS that landed her in jail, but rather the content of her message which was deliberately manipulated behind the scenes by prison guards that were abusing Sheikh Rahman illegally in ways that they would be arrested for it should it have been properly investigated. Even when I report the abuse starting 1999, complete block by feds and refusal to investigate because any investigation would immediately uncover the video recordings and they would likely be released as a result, and this is why I constantly kept reporting this abuse on a yearly basis since 1999 in order to keep tolling the statute of limitations concerning this obvious and deliberate attempt to suppress a valid investigation.

For whatever the reason, Mr. Clark (after receiving knowledge that I was a witness in 2009, probably for the first time if Lynne Stewart did not tell him about my contact with her in 2004-2005), Clark then stated he would call me back and never did. Immediately upon contacting Mr. Clark in 2009, I was placed under restricted travel in Morocco based on some secret terrorism indictment that my attorney in Morocco was not even allowed to see the charging document, and this restriction lasted for almost a year (despite the fact I am US citizen and should not be prevented from return to US). Then when I contact Mr. Clark 4 years later (just about a week ago) to find out why he never acted on the information, his answer was that 'he does not recall' that I contacted him despite the fact that I have proof of my contact with him and that he received my information and stated he could call me back in 2009, and never did. If the guy is a genuine attorney, then he is just a dumb, stupid attorney that should not be defending high-profile clients such as Sheikh Rahman, because his ineffective assistance of counsel has already had lethal consequences and is threatening to provoke a massive world war because the Militants are already convinced there is a deliberate conspiracy involving US attorneys that are deliberately sabotaging the defense of various high-profile Islamic militants.

Additionally, when I brought these matters to your attention concerning Sheikh Rahman, and after I approached you at the behest of Sheikh Rahman family attempting to secure alternate representation for Sheikh Rahman, you declined to accept Sheikh Rahman's case despite being informed concerning the very clear ineffective assistance of counsel that this particular defendant (Sheikh Rahman, spiritual leader of the entire organization that was operating your client) is being subjected to. When I offered you Sheikh Rahman's case, you stated that you were too busy defending Mr. Ghaith to spend any time defending Mr. Rahman, and when I told you that Mr. Ghaith was a low-level participant in the Al-Qaeda conspiracy while Mr. Rahman (since the merger of the Gamaa and Al-Qaeda), has been accepted as the 'honorary' spiritual leader of Al-Qaeda, you scoffed at my comment and essentially told me that I have no idea what I am talking about, and that because you have '30 years' of experience with terrorism cases and have tried 'hundreds' of these cases,

that you have inside information disputing what I told you and that you are infinitely more knowledgeable concerning terrorism investigations than myself, even though Al-Qaeda itself considers me to be infinitely more informed than you are concerning these very same cases.

So that is my assessment of our conversation on Saturday. If I am incorrect about any of this, please state it, or else I will consider that you are not disputing anything I have stated in this email.

Thank you again for your time. As I said before, I am not looking to compete with attorneys regarding the proper strategy concerning terrorism investigations because obviously, as the world can see, you guys in New York are doing a phenomenal job in resolving this terrorism problem and it shows with every new terrorist attack and bombing that we see, even 12 years after 911 when this matter should have ended for all time on that date. Obviously, you guys are so smart that you were able to force resignation of Janet Napolitano and Lanny Breuer (and it was not me that did it by working the government behind the scenes), and clearly you guys are so brilliant and smart that obviously we will be seeing more resignations based upon the very fine work being done by all these attorneys in New York that have flocked to defending terrorists. Little ol' stupid me clearly must be delusional in thinking I have evidence that could spring your client from jail, and you are clearly so very smart that this poor guy will be free in two shakes of a lamb's tail because you are so super-smart and there is no one smarter than you concerning how to get your client out of jail. I have news for you. Your client is coming out of jail, despite you. That is a fact. I am sorry that dumb attorneys are the very reason why we are all sitting here stuck in a PR race between attorneys looking to boost business in their particular practice or to make it onto television, rather than to solve a very serious problem concerning very serious malfunctions in our government. The very reason why nothing ever gets done, anywhere, is because the industry of 'lawyering' has gotten out of control and the only correction for this is to better simplify the laws and to expand Pro Se law, because I can guarantee you your client would not be happy that you rejected my attempt to provide you information concerning his case, and this is only because lawyers in the terrorism industry have now become filters concerning exculpatory evidence that is relevant to their clients, and when they happen to receive any, they always (no matter how much they try to claim that they are persecuted by government), defer to the government to see whether such exculpatory evidence will be allowed to reach their clients. If you were not Mr. Ghaith attorney and I did not already know the people that hired you, I would have simply went to Mr. Ghaith with my evidence directly and he himself would have raised hell about it because it is the most critical evidence concerning his innocence that he could have ever acquired. It is always lucky for people like Mr. Ghaith that people like myself are willing to come forward with evidence despite being constantly threatened by US government (and subjected to numerous false cases, all of which I beat without any help from attorneys). But unfortunately all these individuals need to always retain a Muslim attorney because only a Muslim attorney could be knowledgeable about the Islamic religion enough to actually be effective at defending these types of clients, and only a Muslim attorney can receive evidence directly from Islamic intelligence agencies that they normally would not release to any attorney that is not Muslim (no matter how much they claim to be cheerleaders against Israel like yourself).

PS.

[REDACTED] [.com/docs/007.pdf](#)

They called this one 'protecting information level 1' but apparently someone forgot to take that class when they hired so-called alleged terrorist (while under terrorism indictment in Morocco) to be IT technician for the British Embassy in Morocco. Not only did I acquire evidence from Islamic intelligence agencies concerning terrorism cases, I also acquired 'hacked' British/French/Moroccan government email databases and internal government documents, and what I have acquired on my own would make wikileaks look like tabloid journalism at best. I have dozens of gigabytes of databases of government communications concerning the attempts to frame me by multiple governments, in what was a massive effort to try and deter me from approaching people like you and Mr. Clark. For example, the British, after discovering that I obtained all their embassy communications/sat phone codes and every single top secret document that they would not like you to see, they threatened to arrest me. So what did I do? I travelled directly to Britain to dare them to arrest me and guess what? Even though they made a huge scene, shut down the airport terminal, army of police to receive me in Britain as special welcome for the King of America, they still refused to arrest me because contained in

these files of theirs which I commandeered, is proof of British involvement in the plot to frame me in Morocco. So they basically let me go because I am not easy to frame, not by any government, as Mrs. Napolitano could very easily tell you. I have much evidence from even US computer systems, because my particular field since childhood is IT. I was first approached by federal authorities at around 12 years of age after hacking some government computer of unknown origin, although never charged. The very reason why I get top secret information from Pakistani ISI and other foreign governments, is because I have already demonstrated to them my ability to acquire top-secret internal US documents (from my moles in federal government) concerning cases that they themselves have interest in. So please, if you like to try and say that you 'think' you have a better strategy for you client, that is fine but please you hurt yourself by mocking me because that type of lawyering will get you nowhere quick and it is really counterproductive to your clients defense. I am sorry, I have to express this to you because I truly feel that all you attorneys, from Stewart to Clark to yourself, are the very reason why things like 911 happened to begin with.

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Cryptomedia.com

(And for the record, the cryptomedia website, should you choose to review it, is deliberately coded to make it seem like some fiction blog and I was not just released from 'bellevue' as you suggested. Read between the lines perhaps it would make you a better lawyer. The evidence you don't see on that site, is what matters. The site is just a 'placeholder').

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Sent: Friday, July 19, 2013 9:07 PM
To: 'stanleycohenlaw@verizon.net'
Subject: RE: Terrorism Case

<http://www.justice.gov/dea/pubs/pressrel/pr102405.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tohir_Yo%E2%80%98ldosh

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wakil_Ahmed_Muttawakil

These are part of the network, most likely your client has heard/met them.

I read a little about you, seem to be doing this long time but I don't know why I never heard of you before. I will call you tomorrow afternoon let's say about one.

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From: stanleycohenlaw@verizon.net [<mailto:stanleycohenlaw@verizon.net>]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2013 8:42 PM
To: ██████████
Subject: Re: Terrorism Case

Please call me any time tomorrow during the day at 917 544 5471 or email me at stanleycohenlaw@verizon.net
look forward to chatting
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: ██████████
Date: Fri, 19 Jul 2013 20:19:12 -0400
To: <stanleycohenlaw@verizon.net>
Subject: Terrorism Case

Mr. Cohen,

I have information concerning the Al-Qaeda investigation that may be relevant to your defense of Mr. Ghaith. Is it ok if I can write/call you to discuss?



Muslim community groups respond to NYPD 'terrorism enterprise investigations'

Published : August 28, 2013

An AP report today revealed that the NYPD had designated mosques and Islamic organizations across New York City as terrorist organizations, seemingly in order to justify long-term surveillance without specific evidence of criminal wrongdoing. City Comptroller John Liu also announced that his department has already started auditing the NYPD's Domain Awareness System, which involves 3,000 surveillance cameras city wide. Community organizations including the Arab-American Association of New York, Desis Rising Up and Moving, and the Council on American and Islamic Relations asked Liu to expand his audit to the department intelligence division as a whole in light of the AP's findings.

Linda Sarsour, whose organization, the Arab-American Association of New York, was reportedly targeted by the NYPD, spoke angrily of the police department's efforts "to infiltrate [the Association's] board," particularly in light of the efforts she said her organization has made to work with Police Commissioner Ray Kelly. "As we were inviting Commissioner Kelly and his leadership into our mosques, into our institutions, he was coming through the back door," a furious Sarsour lamented.

The president of the Arab American Association of New York, Dr. Ahmad Jaber, said that the discoveries in the AP report made him feel "betrayed" after the work he and others have been doing to try to build a relationship between the NYPD and the Muslim community. Jaber used to be the president of the Dawood Mosque on State Street in Brooklyn, which Sarsour said is the oldest mosque in Brooklyn. The Dawood Mosque was also reportedly designated a terrorist organization and targeted in the NYPD's "terrorism enterprise investigations." The AP reported the NYPD has carried out at least a dozen such investigations since 9/11, many spanning several years, and none resulting in any criminal charges ever being brought against a mosque or organization. Kelly appointed Jaber to a position on the Muslim Advisory Council to the NYPD; today, he announced that he will resign. Jaber said that he had hoped the Police Advisory Council could be effective in mending the relationship between the NYPD and the Muslim community, but that this recent discovery "was the last straw." He urged the others on the council to tender their resignations as well. Jaber and others echoed Sarsour's call for a Department of Justice investigation.

Federal law enforcement sources reportedly told the AP that the NYPD's investigations were so invasive that the FBI, an agency within the Department of Justice, would not consider conducting anything like them. Early this year, the Department of Justice filed a statement of interest in the federal stop-and-frisk trial *Floyd v. City of New York*, in which the plaintiffs accused the NYPD of targeting people of color. Seizing upon the potential that the presiding judge might order independent oversight of the NYPD's stop-and-frisk practice, the DOJ requested the judge consider appointing a federal monitor. Department of Justice oversight over police departments has been carried out in several other cities around the country.

Lamis Deek, a board member at the Council for American-Islamic Relations in New York, angrily questioned the idea that the DOJ may not consider the surveillance of people based on their religion equally discriminatory and unconstitutional to targeting people based on their race. Speaking for her community, many members of which were lined up behind her, Sarsour said: "We are tired of the violation of the civil rights of Muslim New Yorkers." "I am a New Yorker. I am an American," Sarsour said. "I'm running a social service agency that is filling a gap that the government is not filling. I am serving an underserved community in New York City. I deserve to be able to do my job."

The NYPD did not respond to request for comment.

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Honorable Joan M. Azrack
United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
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Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: Raza et al v. City of New York et al, 13 Civ. 3448 (PKC)(JMA)

Dear Judge Azrack:

I am a Senior Counsel in the office of Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York and submit this letter on behalf of defendants in anticipation of the initial conference scheduled before Your Honor on September 12, 2013 in the above-referenced case.

Plaintiffs, consisting of three individuals and three organizations, allege that they have been surveilled by the New York City Police Department (“NYPD”) without a legitimate law enforcement purpose. Plaintiffs allege that the NYPD engaged in religious profiling in violation of their rights under the First Amendment (free exercise of religion and establishment clause) and Fourteenth Amendment (equal protection).¹ Plaintiffs further allege that since 2002 the NYPD has engaged in an unlawful policy and practice of religious profiling and surveillance of Muslim New Yorkers. Defendants filed their answer to the complaint on September 9, 2013.

The complaint names as defendants the City of New York and three individuals, all sued in their official capacity.² Plaintiffs’ complaint thus does not seek a judgment against the three individual defendants but rather a judgment against the City based on the alleged unlawful policy, *i.e.*, a *Monell* claim against the City of New York.

¹Plaintiffs also assert a related violation of the New York State Constitution right to free exercise of religion. Complaint ¶ 163.

²Suits against individuals in their official capacity are deemed suits against the City. *See Will v. Michigan Dep’t of State Police*, 491 U.S. 58, 71 (1989).

In order for plaintiffs to succeed on their *Monell* claim, plaintiffs must first show that an underlying constitutional violation occurred against them before reaching the question of whether or not the City of New York is liable. *See Askins v. Doe*, 2013 U.S. App. LEXIS 17644, *10-*11 (2d Cir. 2013) (“Unless a plaintiff shows that he has been the victim of a federal law tort committed by persons for whose conduct the municipality can be responsible, there is no basis for holding the municipality liable.”). Defendants respectfully submit that the most reasonable course to take in this case is to first conduct discovery as to which, if any, of these six plaintiffs has standing to sue and which, if any, has suffered a constitutional violation before embarking on the question of the NYPD’s general investigative policies and practices. The broader *Monell* issue will undoubtedly entail requests for far-reaching and widespread disclosure on unrelated and confidential counterterrorism and criminal investigations.

Unless discovery is bifurcated in this way, the discovery process will open up innumerable discovery disputes regarding the law enforcement privilege and waste judicial resources. *See, e.g., Dinler v. City of New York (In re City of New York)*, 607 F.3d 923, 944-945 (2d Cir. 2010) (where a discovery dispute resulted in the extraordinary relief of a writ of mandamus holding that the law enforcement privilege applied to certain intelligence documents as they contained information regarding law enforcement techniques and procedures, the identity of undercover officers, and the disclosure of these reports would undermine the safety of law enforcement personnel and the ability of a law enforcement agency to conduct investigations).

Bifurcating discovery to focus first on the individual alleged constitutional violations will also allow for a more efficient resolution of the merits of the case because, at the conclusion of that discovery, defendants intend to move for summary judgment. The summary judgment motion would be directed at both the merits of plaintiffs’ individual claimed constitutional violations as well as their legal standing to bring those claims.

We are confident that the undisputed facts, some of which are summarized below, will demonstrate that the NYPD’s actions as they affected plaintiffs were undertaken in furtherance of the legitimate government interest of investigating and deterring potential unlawful activity, not any kind of unlawful religious profiling. The information summarized below is public information or was obtained by the NYPD during the course of specific authorized investigations. It was not the result of any systemic surveillance or unpredicated monitoring. Nor did the NYPD target mosques wholesale for surveillance simply because the attendees were Muslim; rather, the NYPD followed leads suggesting that certain individuals in certain mosques may be engaging in criminal, and possibly terrorist, activity, and investigated those individuals where they happened to be, including, at times, in certain mosques.

We are prepared to provide the Court with additional information about plaintiffs in a sealed filing after the entry of a confidentiality order.

Regarding Plaintiff Masjid At Taqwa

The NYPD’s investigation of certain individuals associated with Plaintiff Masjid At Taqwa was based upon information about their lengthy history of suspected criminal activity, some of it terroristic in nature. This information includes but is not limited to: illegal weapons trafficking by members of the mosque’s security team and the mosque caretaker both within the

mosque and at the store adjacent; illegal weapons trafficking by certain attendees of the mosque; allegations that the mosque ran a “gun club”; and allegations that the assistant Imam had earmarked portions of over \$200,000 raised in the mosque to a number of US Government-designated terrorist organizations.

Certain individuals associated with Masjid At Taqwa have historical ties to terrorism. The mosque’s Imam, Siraj Wahhaj, was named by the US Attorney for the Southern District of New York as an unindicted co-conspirator in a plot to bomb a number of New York City landmarks in the mid-1990s (the “Landmarks Plot”). Omar Abdel Rahman, known as the “Blind Sheikh,” who is serving a life sentence in federal prison for his role in the Landmarks Plot, lectured at Masjid At Taqwa. Wahhaj testified as a character witness for Abdel Rahman during Abdel Rahman’s terrorism trial. Wahhaj also testified as a character witness for Clement Hampton El, a Masjid At Taqwa attendee who was convicted as one of the Blind Sheikh’s co-conspirators in the Landmarks Plot.

Members of the mosque’s security team have instructed individuals on how to disarm police officers and have led martial arts classes involving individuals convicted on terrorism charges. Since at least 2003, Masjid At Taqwa members have participated in and sponsored paintball exercises and survival training outside New York City, activities which have been carried out for training purposes by violent extremists in multiple terrorism cases in the United States and abroad—such as the “Virginia Jihad” case, the Fort Dix plot, the 7/7 attacks in London, and the UK fertilizer bomb plot (“Operation Awakening”). On one of these outings, the leader of Masjid At Taqwa’s security team instructed the members of his paintball team to “form up, jihad assassins” and called them his “jihad warriors”. Farooque Ahmed, who is currently incarcerated after pleading guilty to terrorism charges in connection with a plot to bomb the Washington, DC metro, promoted and participated in at least one of these trips.

Regarding Plaintiffs Masjid Al Ansar and Hamid Raza

The NYPD’s investigation of Abdel Hameed Shehadeh, who attempted to travel to Pakistan to join al-Qaeda or the Taliban in June of 2008, included Shehadeh’s activities at Plaintiff Masjid Al Ansar, at which Plaintiff Hamid Raza serves as Imam. Shehadeh, who was among the group of founders of Masjid Al Ansar, regularly attended the mosque, helped raise funds for the mosque, and was an administrator of its website. In 2013, he was convicted of making false statements to federal agents concerning his intent to travel to Pakistan to join al-Qaeda or the Taliban in order to wage jihad against US military forces.

In the course of its investigation of Shehadeh, the NYPD learned that other individuals under investigation by the NYPD played a role at Masjid Al Ansar. Plaintiff Mohammad Elshinawy, discussed in greater detail below, became a regular lecturer at Masjid Al Ansar and his lectures were popular with Shehadeh and other Masjid Al Ansar attendees, including Plaintiff Asad Dandia, also discussed below.

The NYPD had information that another regular lecturer at Masjid Al Ansar, Hesham Elashry, was close to both Shehadeh and Elshinawy and was an acolyte of Omar Abdel Rahman. Before Abdel Rahman’s arrest and conviction on terrorism charges, Elashry reportedly preached together with Abdel Rahman in New York City. Currently located in Egypt, Elashry has stated in

media interviews that if Abdel Rahman is not released from prison, America will be brought down and he has warned that there will be terrorism against America in response to the Egyptian military's actions against the Muslim Brotherhood, which he blames on the United States.

A number of individuals convicted on terrorism charges have attended lectures by leaders of Masjid Al Ansar. In addition to Shehadeh, Agron Hasbajrami pleaded guilty in April 2012 to providing material support to terrorism after seeking to travel to Pakistan to join a jihadist fighting group; in March 2011 Carlos Almonte and Mohammed Alessa pleaded guilty to conspiring to murder persons outside the United States in support of the al-Qaeda linked group al-Shabaab; Najibullah Zazi, Zarein Ahmedzay, and Adis Medunjanin, were convicted of multiple federal terrorism offenses in connection with providing material support to al-Qaeda and an al-Qaeda directed plot to conduct coordinated suicide attacks in the New York City subway system in 2009; and Wesam Elhanafi and Sabir Hasanoff pleaded guilty to providing material support to al-Qaeda in 2012.

Regarding Plaintiff Mohammad Elshinawy

The NYPD's investigation of Plaintiff Mohammad Elshinawy is based on information that he has made statements and conducted activities in support of violent jihad. In 2005, Elshinawy led a paintball trip with members of NYC-based Muslim Student Associations which he characterized as training for jihad. In 2006 an individual with direct access to Elshinawy described him as becoming radicalized, spending hours on Islamic websites downloading the most extreme parts of speeches by radical clerics. In 2008, Elshinawy helped organize a camping trip in New Jersey in which participants engaged in martial arts, physical training, and agility drills such as tying long ropes between trees in a webbed formation under which to crawl or between which to run, and forcing one another underwater in a swimming pool for extended periods of time. Campground staff voiced their concern to the NYPD about these activities, which they described as secretive and highly unusual. In his public lectures, including at Masjid At Taqwa, Elshinawy made statements encouraging attendees to follow in the footsteps of Muslims who died while participating in violent jihad against non-Muslims.

According to media reports, the Federal Bureau of Investigation also investigated Elshinawy for his possible role recruiting others to travel overseas to train or fight alongside extremist elements. Abdel Hameed Shehadeh, Agron Hasbajrami, Carlos Almonte, and Mohammed Alessa, all mentioned above, attended Elshinawy's lectures at Masjid Al Ansar and elsewhere.

Elshinawy's status as a suspected sanctioner of violent extremism is strengthened by his familial ties to terrorism. Elshinawy's father Ali Elshinawy was a close associate of Omar Abdel Rahman and a fellow member of Gamaa Islamiyya—a US Government-designated terrorist organization. Ali Elshinawy and Osama Elshinawy, an older brother of Mohammad Elshinawy, were both named by the US Attorney for the Southern District of New York as unindicted co-conspirators in the Landmarks Plot.

Regarding Plaintiffs Asad Dandia and Muslims Giving Back

The NYPD obtained information regarding statements Dandia made in support of violent jihad, as well as allegations that Dandia attempted to organize a trip to Pakistan in 2011 to train and fight alongside extremist elements there. Dandia, who is the Vice President of the charity Muslims Giving Back, repeatedly has expressed his appreciation and support for individuals associated with al-Qaeda—in particular the now-deceased former external operations commander of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, Anwar al-Awlaki—and he has advocated for violence against Shiite Muslims. Dandia's close associate Justin Kaliebe, with whom Dandia allegedly planned to travel to Pakistan in 2011, pleaded guilty in February 2013 to attempting to provide material support to terrorism in connection with plans to join al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula in Yemen. Before Elshinawy's travel to Egypt, Dandia regularly attended Mohammad Elshinawy's lectures.

Anticipated Dispositive Motion Practice

After the proposed bifurcated discovery, defendants intend to move for summary judgment to show plaintiffs have not suffered a constitutional violation. The material undisputed facts will demonstrate that the NYPD's investigation was to serve the government's legitimate interest in preventing unlawful conduct and not taken for any alleged discriminatory purpose. Plaintiffs' equal protection claim fails as a result. *See, e.g., Vill. of Arlington Heights v. Metro. Hous. Dev. Corp.*, 429 U.S. 252, 265 (1977) ("Proof of racially discriminatory intent or purpose is required to show a violation of the Equal Protection Clause"). Plaintiffs' free exercise of religion and establishment clause claims will similarly fail because investigations into possible unlawful conduct are neutral and generally applicable and plaintiffs' free exercise of religion has not been substantially burdened. *See, e.g., Employment Div., Dept. of Human Resources of Ore. v. Smith*, 494 U.S. 872, 876-888 (1990) (statute found to be neutral and generally applicable and did not substantially burden the plaintiffs' free exercise of religion); *Commack Self-Service Kosher Meats, Inc. v. Hooker*, 680 F.3d 194, 205-210 (2d Cir. 2012) (law labeling certain foods as kosher did not violate the establishment clause because it had a secular purpose, it did not advance or inhibit religion, and did not foster an excessive government entanglement with religion).

Defendants also expect to move for summary judgment on the basis of standing. Various plaintiffs have not suffered a cognizable injury, and many of the claimed injuries are self-induced. *See Fifth Ave. Peace Parade Comm v. Gray*, 480 F.2d 326, 15-20 (2d Cir. 1973) (where plaintiffs alleged that the FBI had surveilled them by compiling lists and taking photographs and disseminating information, the Second Circuit held that their apprehension of any future misuse of information was merely speculative, and "self-induced" as there was no showing of any misuse of information, or indeed that the surveillance had taken place).

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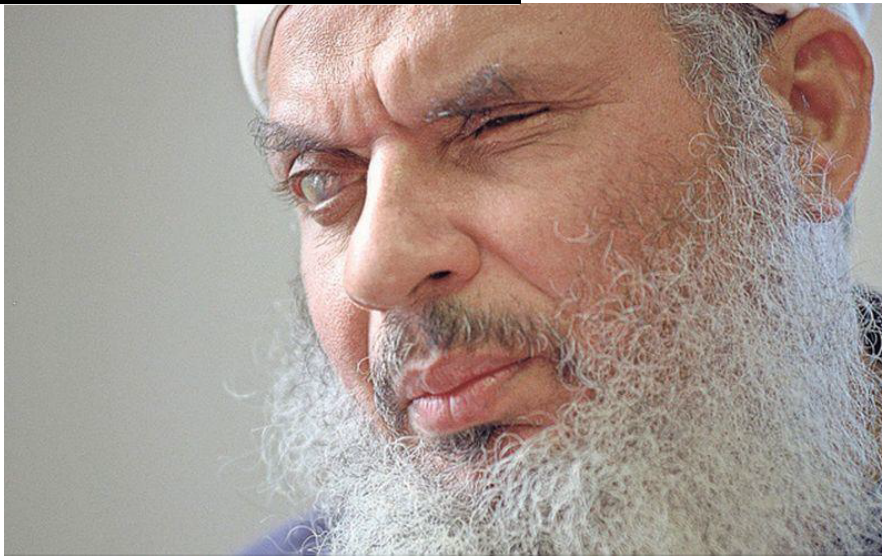
FBI had source with direct contact with Osama bin Laden in 1993: report

By [Stephen Rex Brown](#) | FEB 26, 2014



Newly discovered court documents reveal that a FBI agent in Los Angeles cultivated a source with direct contact with Osama bin Laden in 1993.

The FBI had cultivated a source with direct contact with Osama bin Laden as far back as 1993, contradicting the supposedly definitive version of events in the 9/11 Commission Report. The stunning revelation reported by [The Washington Times](#) cites court documents from 2010 tied to a discrimination lawsuit against the FBI's Los Angeles bureau by a disgruntled agent, [Bassem Youssef](#). Youssef argued in his suit that he'd been blocked from his job as a top counterterrorism officer "because he was mistaken for an Arab Muslim whose loyalties should be questioned after Sept. 11. In fact, Mr. Youssef was a highly decorated agent and a Coptic Christian," according to the newspaper. During the trial Youssef's superiors admitted on the stand that the agent had developed a source close to the blind Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, who masterminded the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. Youssef then got the source to meet personally with bin Laden.



The source was able to meet with bin Laden thanks to his connection with blind Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, who masterminded the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. (Watts, Susan)

"It was the only source I know in the bureau where we had a source right in Al Qaeda, directly involved," a former top official in the Los Angeles bureau Edward Curran testified, according to The Washington Times. The source was "very in tight, close" to the upper echelons of Al Qaeda, Curran added. The intelligence gleaned from the source in 1993 and 1994 led to the FBI successfully disrupting a plot against a Masonic lodge in Los Angeles and uncovering two active terror cells in California. The revelations bring into question the 9/11 Commission report, which describes bin Laden's activities during that time as "at best cloudy."



The revelation has sparked questions about how such key information about bin Laden was omitted from the 9/11 Commission Report.

Politicians interviewed by the Washington Times were baffled that the alternative history had just emerged. It wasn't clear if the information had been suppressed or was merely overlooked. "This is just one more of these examples that will go into the conspiracy theorists' notebooks, who say the authorities are not telling us everything," former Rep. Peter Hoekstra told The Washington Times. "That's bad for the intelligence community. It's bad for law enforcement and it's bad for government." Youssef remains with the bureau.

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How Beirut's Duroy Hotel was raided

Author Lina Fakhreddine | June 27, 2014

On Saturday, June 14, two Saudi nationals who came to [Beirut](#) via Istanbul entered with their luggage to Duroy Hotel in the Raouche neighborhood. The two spoke with the receptionist and asked to book a room for a whole week (a week later, they extended their stay for another week). The receptionist took a copy of their passports and required paperwork, and gave them the keys to Room 307. Ali bin Ibrahim bin Ali al-Thuwaini and Abdul Rahman bin Nasser bin Abdul Rahman al-Shunaifi took their bags and went to the room. Room 307 was not a regular room. It had a “strategic view.” It overlooks the intersection at the corner of the hotel. The room’s balcony overlooks all the surrounding places. It overlooks Australia Street to the right and left (that street leads to the Ramada Hotel to the left and Future TV to the right); and the room overlooks the road leading to Raouche; and the room’s window overlooks the headquarters of the Saudi Embassy and the uphill road leading to it. **Until now, no one knows the details of how Room 307 was booked. Did the receptionist give the terrorists that room as a coincidence? Or did they specifically ask for that room?**

'Please do not disturb'

Whatever the case, the Saudis entered the room on the first day and barely went in or out. Over two days, they kept the “Please Do Not Disturb” sign hanging on the door handle. This raised the ire of the cleaners who, after several days of knocking on the door of Room 307, thought that the guests forgot to remove the sign. After several tries, one of the two guests opened the door for the cleaning lady and said, “We don’t need to have the room cleaned. It is clean and the matter doesn’t concern us.” Then, the workers complained to the hotel manager that they suspected the Saudis were doing something wrong, especially since the two guests were relatively young. So management asked the cleaning lady to go in and inspect Room 307. (That’s about a week after Shunaifi and Thuwaini booked the room). The cleaning lady knocked on the door for more than two minutes without getting a response. So she told those inside that she must use the master key to enter the room and inspect it. She opened the door and found the Saudis asleep and the room in good condition.

Thuwaini goes to Napoleon Hotel

After that, the workers no longer paid special attention about the two weird guests in Room 307 on the third floor of Duroy. The two guests stayed in the room and rarely left it. Thuwaini (who later threw the explosive belt) was seen a few times having breakfast in the hotel’s restaurant. Shunaifi’s movements were fewer, or so thought the hotel workers. (He is currently detained with the General Directorate of General Security). A few days after he arrived at the hotel, Shunaifi went to the Hamra neighborhood, entered the Napoleon Hotel and asked to see a guest. But the receptionist told him there’s no guest with that name. Who was that guest? He is a French national, originally from Comoros, who was arrested in the Napoleon Hotel last Friday. Shunaifi was to give the Frenchman \$1,000 upon his arrival to Lebanon, but the Saudi’s handlers gave him the Frenchman’s “jihadist name” while the Frenchman booked the room under his real name. That prevented the two from meeting.

Monitoring, then a raid

Shunaifi returned to Duroy without anyone noticing his movements. The hotel workers almost thought that Room 307 was vacant. But then [General Security](#) contacted the hotel (about four days before the raid), told the hotel that the two were suspected of plotting terrorist attacks and requested information about the two men and the personal papers that they left at the hotel’s information desk, to make sure of their identities and whether their papers were forged. Then Duroy managers told [General Security] the details of how hotel workers were prevented from cleaning the room. The security forces asked the hotel to keep an eye open for the two Saudis and to constantly knock on their door or phone them and ask them if needed anything. The hotel workers did that for four days, but Shunaifi and Thuwaini didn’t answer the room’s phone, nor did they answer the door, and they didn’t leave the room. Hotel management thought that they had left the hotel. But General Security assured the hotel that the Saudis were still in the room and were under careful surveillance and monitoring. On the fourth day of coordination between the hotel and the security forces (that’s the 12th day since the Saudis checked into the Duroy) General Security determined zero hour [for the raid] after the terrorists received an order to implement a double suicide attack inside al-Saha restaurant on the airport road on the evening of June 27, when the restaurant would be holding an event. General Security “elite forces” scrambled to raid Duroy in coordination with hotel management. At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, General Security officers and elements arrived at the location and worked to block the streets leading to Raouche in an inconspicuous manner. On the way to the third floor, a hotel worker accompanied to Room 307 the “investigation force” (which is affiliated with General Security), whose elements wore civilian clothes. They knocked on

the door but no one answered. So the hotel worker gave the electronic key to a General Security officer, who knocked on the door again. One of the men inside the room said, "Who is it?" The employee said, "Management." The Saudi guest said, "Is there someone with you?" The employee responded, "Yes. Security ...". Before he could finish his sentence, Thuwaini threw the explosive belt toward the closed door, wounding the "investigation force" elements and the employee. Everyone rushed to the third floor, where a fire broke out. The "elite forces" intervened (they were behind the investigation elements) and arrested Shunaifi, who tried to flee by jumping off the balcony. The guests at the hotel's restaurant, where a birthday party was being held, panicked. The hotel guests quickly tried to leave after the blast. The "back-up forces," which were standing at the room's door, had suspicions about two individuals holding Sudanese nationality. One was wearing a hat and the second covered his face with a tissue to not inhale the smoke. The two Sudanese were taken for investigations and were released after they were shown to be hotel workers who were taking a break in Room 311, which was allocated to foreign workers who stay overnight at the hotel. The security forces were still surveying the scene of the crime, but General Security "elite forces" quickly returned to the hotel to inquire about Room 606 (on the sixth floor) after Shunaifi admitted that another member of the terrorist cell was staying in that room. After collecting the information, it was learned that the guests in Room 606 are three Syrians: a man, his wife and his young son (no older than three). They booked the room in the morning, on the day of the raid. General Security officers realized that the Saudi detainee was trying to mislead them and gain time and that there was no link between rooms 303 and 606. But they continued the investigations and surveys after they confirmed that there is a third suspect who holds Lebanese nationality, without knowing whether he was inside the hotel or even went there at all. So they asked the hotel staff to contact the Syrian guest staying in Room 606 to come to Duroy and take his luggage after an explosion happened at the hotel. The Syrian guest told the hotel workers that he'll be there in an hour, but he didn't come. The hotel called him again. He told them that he can't come to Raouche because his mother is sick and in critical condition, saying "my mother is more important than my things." Till then, nothing was known about this guest, while eyewitnesses in the vicinity of the hotel an hour after the explosion reported seeing a man, his wife and son, asking why there's a crowd and mentioning that they came to Lebanon on that day, left their belongings in Duroy, and left the room in the morning. After they learned what happened, the man and his wife decided to move away from the place, fearing for their child's safety.

Who is the wanted Lebanese national?

Mundhir Khaldoun al-Hassan; born 1990 in Bazbina, Akkar; his mother is from Aleppo. Yesterday [June 26], General Security circulated his picture based on an authorization from the court. The circular pointed out that Hassan "holds Swedish citizenship with the name Munther al-Hassan. He is suspected of providing explosive belts and explosives for the network whose room was raided in Duroy." The General Security statement said that the suspect is moving around in two cars, one is an old-model, beige Nissan and the second is a gray 2005 Mercedes. The two cars may be booby-trapped. Hassan is a long story. Most of his family members have arrest warrants against them. He has one brother who is detained on a train bombing case in a European country. He has two brothers held in [Roumieh prison](#), and two brothers who carried out a joint suicide operation against a Syrian site in the Krak des Chevaliers fortress. He has a brother who carried out a suicide attack in Miatain Street at the start of battles between the army and Fatah al-Islam elements. His nephew was arrested at Beirut airport having night vision goggles, but a northern sheikh put pressure to have him released. Hassan is also rumored to have put a picture of al-Saha restaurant on his Facebook page before the Raouche cell was arrested.

Two Yemenis are innocent, and bomb fuses in the hands of the security forces

Yesterday, the army raided the Dbayeh Palestinian refugee camp, searching for a black Jeep Cherokee, license plate 157699, and for a Syrian woman. Security sources told As-Safir, "No wanted person was arrested and no car bomb was found," stressing that "what we are doing in all areas is preventive action." In parallel with the Dbayeh operation, the Internal Security Forces raided the Ramada Raouche Hotel, where two Yemeni hotel guests were arrested. Security sources confirmed said, "The Yemenis were detained pending investigation. But till now, they have not been proven to be linked to terrorist groups," and they may be released in the coming hours. The same sources revealed that they had found in the hotel's garbage dump primitive fuses that can be used to prepare explosive belts. But their use hasn't been determined. The sources indicated that the fuses may have been thrown out after the arrest of the Raouche cell. In this context, Ramada's public relations manager Habib Saad said, "The raids happened without coordination with management," denying rumors that explosives, or anything of the sort, were found inside the hotel.

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Le Duroy Hotel

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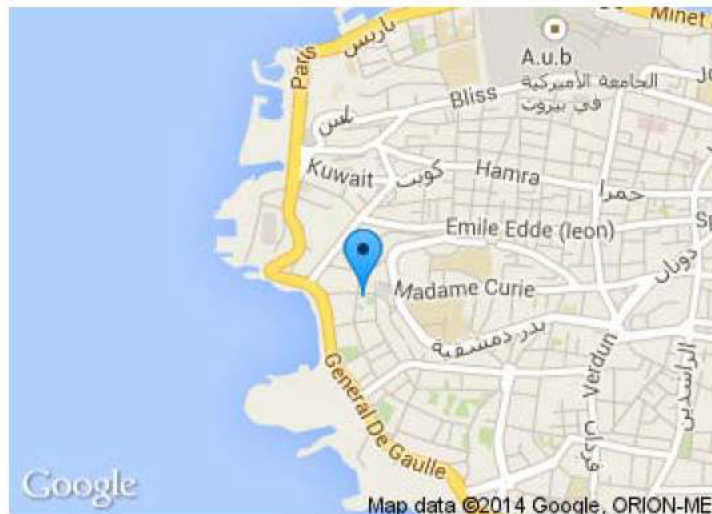
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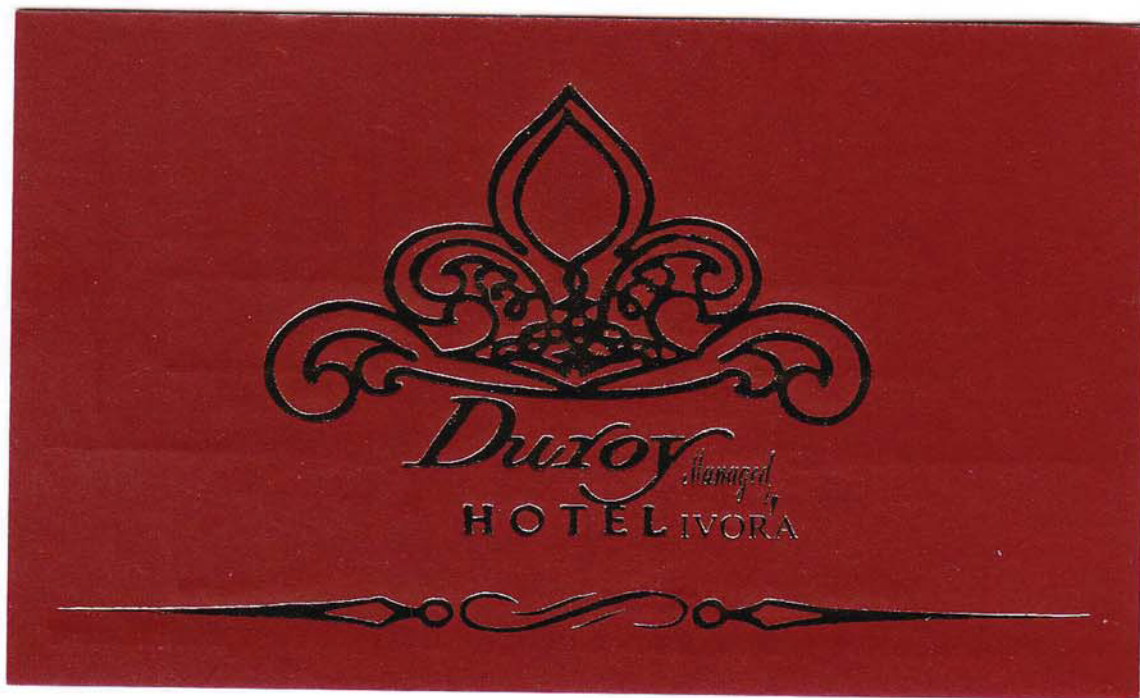
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The FBI and Pulse nightclub shooter Omar Mateen

By [Tammy Bruce](#) - - Wednesday, March 28, 2018



In this Nov. 30, 2016, file photo, artwork and signatures cover a fence around the Pulse nightclub, scene of a mass shooting, in Orlando, Fla. Jurors in the federal trial of Noor Salman, the Pulse nightclub gunman's widow, have gotten a look inside his Florida condo through crime scene photos taken as FBI agents searched the home. They also saw some of her husband Omar Mateen's web browsing history Tuesday, March 20, 2018, including beheading videos created by the Islamic State group Mateen had pledged allegiance to. Salman is accused of aiding and abetting her husband in the 2016 attack that left 49 people dead. (AP Photo/John Raoux)

ANALYSIS/OPINION:

How do you know something very much disturbs the left and their narrative? When it is big news, but if you relied on the Google news lineup, or The New York Times front page, you would have no idea it happened. Case in point: **The extraordinary revelation by prosecutors in the trial of the Pulse nightclub shooter's widow, Noor Salman, that the father of her now-dead terrorist husband was an FBI informant for 11 years.** Almost immediately after the terror attack that left 48 dead and 58 wounded, much like the Parkland shooting, Americans learned that every element of the system worked, except the **FBI**. **Omar Mateen's** mosque had contacted the **FBI** issuing concerns about him, and co-workers contacted law enforcement expressing alarm at his comments and behavior. **Mateen** was vocal about his support for terrorism, threatened co-workers with death and made sure everyone knew that his family had ties to terrorism. Yet, the **FBI** turned a blind eye, and never acted. We wondered, why would the **FBI** let this maniac go time and time again? On my radio program, this columnist mused that it appeared obvious that the **FBI** had other interest in this avowed supporter of terrorism. Was he being

set up by the bureau so we could arrest him? Was he an informant? Nothing else explained why the [FBI](#) would have chosen not to act against an obviously dangerous man. Reporting about a lawsuit brought by Pulse victims, the Orlando Sentinel noted in March 2017, “According to the suit, [Mateen](#) told a deputy sheriff that he would have the terror group al Qaeda kill the coworker’s family; bragged to a co-worker about being associated with the Boston Marathon bombers; told colleagues that he had family connections to terror group al Qaeda and that he hoped law enforcement would raid his home so he could martyr himself. The suit says [Mateen](#) also praised Nidal Hasan, the Army major who shot forty-five people at Fort Hood. ... [Mateen](#) was interviewed twice by the [FBI](#), but they released him both times.” Now the inexplicable begins to make sense. [FBI](#) Special Agent Juvenal Martin, [Seddique Mateen’s](#) [FBI](#) handler, was also assigned to investigate his charge’s son, [Omar Mateen](#), in the midst of the complaints that began to pour in about him. Why the [FBI](#) would assign someone with an obvious conflict of interest is stunning. Imagine, you are running an informant (on which issues we have not been told) and you have his son essentially confessing he’s a wannabe terrorist, the family is tied to terrorists and that he wants to kill people. What happens to your informant if this becomes an issue unto itself? Instead, as the Orlando Sentinel reported, “[FBI](#) Special Agent Juvenal Martin also testified that he considered developing [Omar Mateen](#) as an informant after closing an investigation into comments [Mateen](#) made at work in 2013 about belonging to terrorist organizations.” Well, that’ll solve your problem, won’t it? On the day of the massacre, the [FBI](#) admits during its investigation that they found wire transfer receipts to Afghanistan and Turkey in the home of [Seddique Mateen](#). In the lawsuit filed by victims, we also learned that [Omar Mateen](#) had searched for cheap tickets to Istanbul. According to The Hill, in their motion for a mistrial, [Ms. Salman’s](#) defense attorneys argue there are two reasons why the prosecution kept this information about their informant secret, “1) [Omar Mateen](#) and his father, rather than [Ms. Salman](#), conspired to support [the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria]; or 2) the [FBI’s](#) focus on [Ms. Salman](#) was based on its own motive to avoid responsibility for its failures with its own informant, [Seddique Mateen](#), as well as his son. ...” [Omar Mateen’s](#) co-workers at security firm G4S reported that he had made comments about being connected to al Qaeda, Hezbollah and the Muslim Brotherhood, yet Mr. Martin found that the younger [Mateen](#) had no ties to terrorism. It would, of course, be extremely inconvenient to find otherwise. G4S came under some scrutiny after the massacre. Two days after the attack, The Atlantic reported, “The company, which is the largest private security firm in the world, boasts over 600,000 employees, one of whom was [Omar Mateen](#), the man who murdered 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando on Sunday morning. [Mateen](#) had been an employee of the company for nearly nine years, serving most recently as an armed security guard at a gated retirement community in Port St. Lucie, Florida. In the aftermath of the attack, authorities are trying to ascertain how it’s possible that [Mateen](#) cleared four background checks, two with the company and two with the [FBI](#), without raising sufficient alarm.” Nick Short of Security Studies Group reminded us on Twitter that G4S also had/has lucrative contracts with the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice. The judge in the [Noor Salman](#) case rebuffed her defense motion for a mistrial due to the government withholding the information about their relationship with [Omar Mateen’s](#) father, but the American people deserve answers to more questions. A few might include: On what subject was [Seddique Mateen](#) an informant? Why was an informant’s handler assigned to investigate the son of that informant? Was [Omar Mateen](#) ever actually secured as an informant himself? This revelation, the Parkland debacle and the series of other shocking events wherein the [FBI](#) was aware of the eventual perpetrator yet did nothing, demands an investigation into the [FBI](#) as a whole. What has happened inside the [FBI](#) is frightening, and must be dealt with immediately and transparently.

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Thousands mourn 'blind sheikh' convicted in 1993 World Trade Center bombing

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Sheikh Hafez Salama, leader of Popular Resistance and known "Sheikh Mujahidien" leads relatives, students and friends of Omar Abdel-Rahman, the Muslim cleric known as "The Blind Sheikh" who was convicted of conspiracy in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing in New York, in front of his body during his funeral at the Grand Mosque at El Gamalia village in Mansoura city north of in Cairo, Egypt February 22, 2017. REUTERS/Amr Abdallah Dalsh

Al-GAMALIYA, Egypt (Reuters) - Thousands of mourners gathered in a small Egyptian town on Wednesday for the funeral of the Muslim cleric known as "the blind sheikh" who was convicted of conspiracy in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing in New York. Omar Abdel-Rahman, who was also convicted of planning a broader "war of urban terrorism" in the United States, **died on Saturday in a North Carolina prison aged 78**. Movements across the Islamist spectrum from the Muslim Brotherhood to al Qaeda issued statements mourning him, and several leaders from Egypt's Islamic Group, **which views the sheikh as a spiritual leader and renounced violence in 1997**, attended. Carrying signs that read "we will meet in heaven" and chanting "we will defend you with blood and soul, Islam," hundreds of mourners gathered at Al-Gamaliya, his hometown in Egypt's Nile Delta province of Dakahlia, to wait for Abdel-Rahman's body as it made its way back from the U.S. via Cairo. The Egyptian-born Abdel-Rahman, who lost his eyesight due to childhood diabetes and grew up studying a Braille version of the Koran, remained a spiritual leader for radical Muslims even after more than 20 years in prison. As an adult he became associated with the fundamentalist Islamic Group and was imprisoned and accused of issuing a fatwa leading to the 1981 assassination of Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat, against whom he had railed for years.

Abdel-Rahman was still an important figure in radical Islam even after years in prison. A year before his al Qaeda followers pulled off the most destructive assault on U.S. soil, the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Osama bin Laden had pledged a jihad to free Abdel-Rahman from prison. When Mohammed Mursi, a leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, began his short-lived presidency of Egypt in 2012, he said winning the sheikh's freedom would be a priority. The jihadists who attacked an Algerian oilfield and took hostages in 2013 also demanded his release. Yet supporters paint him as a revered scholar who faced injustice and torture at the hands of the Egyptian and U.S. governments for sticking by his principles. Mourners chanted "God is great" and cheered as his body, draped in a brown blanket inside a wooden coffin, was brought out to be washed at his brother's house before the burial. "If he were a bad man, people from all over the country wouldn't have come to attend his funeral," said Mostafa al-Wakeel, a 40-year-old lawyer who traveled around 175 kilometers (110 miles) from Cairo. The sheikh said he was hung upside-down from the ceiling, beaten with sticks and given electric shocks while held in Egypt but he was eventually acquitted and went into self-imposed exile in 1990. He managed to get to New York after the U.S. embassy in Sudan granted him a tourist visa in 1990.

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Even in exile, he remained a force in the Middle East, where followers listened to cassette tapes and radio broadcasts of his sermons decrying the Egyptian government and Israel. "We grew up learning his books and tapes. He was among the first people who openly spoke against a tyrant," said Wakeel. Abdel-Rahman was arrested and went on trial with several followers in 1995, accused of plotting assassinations and synchronized bombings of the U.N. headquarters, a major federal government facility in Manhattan and tunnels and a bridge linking New York City and New Jersey. They were also accused of plotting to kill Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak during his U.S. visit in 1993. He and nine followers were found guilty in October 1995 on 48 of 50 charges. Al Qaeda issued a statement after his death, referring to Abdel-Rahman's instructions to seek vengeance from those who killed him, referring to the U.S. authorities whom he accused of neglect and abuse during his incarceration. "This is the instruction of the sheikh in your hands, work hard to fulfill it and don't let the Americans enjoy safety and security. Kill them, keep a watch on them and plant the fear in their hearts. Seek vengeance for your sheikh."

(This story corrects reference to mourning in paragraph 3 to clarify that al Qaeda figures did not attend funeral.)
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Dear Mr. Swift,

I am contacting you regarding your client Noor Salman. I have a lot of information about the attack that is not public and which the FBI is obviously hiding from you and your client. The date selected for the Pulse attack was not a coincidence, and it appears that Omar Mateen also took steps to cover up the identity/affiliation of his handler who apparently recruited him in 2012 during his trip to Saudi. I will compile this information for you but it will take me some time. Please do not let your client plead guilty prior to informing me because I would like you to have this information before any plea or trial. I am sorry I cannot send it to you immediately because it will take some time for me to compile it as there is a substantial background to this matter going back almost 2 decades and you would need to have all the information and evidence in order to understand how (and why) the attack occurred. I also have proof that the FBI was warned about the attack (including the specific date) prior to when it occurred, and that they actually took steps to ensure that the attack occurred. Please confirm you received this email. Thank you.

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Mr. Swift,

I was just watching a news show and they indicate that you will be going to trial in the Noor Salman case approximately March. I just learned last week that the feds are seeking to place me in jail (perhaps as early as this coming Friday) and so I don't know if I will have another opportunity to contact you prior to when you go to trial so I am thereby writing you this email to provide you some preliminary information concerning the Omar Siddiqui attack (which the FBI is lying about to the public, among other things).

We spoke directly approximately 2013 concerning my attempts to hire you to defend Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, yet you never responded to my follow-up emails agreeing to your fee. My full name is [REDACTED] I believe that the attack committed by Omar Siddiqui was orchestrated by a terrorist organization that I call the "Hashem" organization, which is an organization that is run by some mysterious, shadowy, mercurial figure nicknamed "Hashem." The Hashem organization is described by the FBI using a different name, as the FBI calls it the "Al-Qaeda" organization based upon what I discovered to be a false claim alleging that the leader of this organization starting from the 1990 to 2011 was Osama Bin Laden, and that the leader of this organization after the death of Osama Bin Laden is Ayman Al Zawahiri. Based upon what I witnessed directly starting since approximately 1991, the leader of the so-called "Al-Qaeda" organization is an individual named "Hashem" who is apparently a high-level official in the Pakistani government. Over the years, I have been able to determine that this person uses numerous different aliases, and that he is apparently of mixed Pakistani/Jordanian heritage (thereby explaining the reason why one of his nicknames is "Hashem," which appears to be a play on the term "Hashemite"). I also have discovered indications that this individual is under the control of the Shiite religious authorities of Iran, and that he is apparently a Shiite himself (even though he claims to be a Sunni in order to attract Sunni members into his exclusively Sunni "Al-Qaeda" organization). I met this individual nicknamed Hashem at a time when I was deeply involved in the heroin trade in the 1990s, as he was the architect of a heroin distribution network that was being used to fund the militant organizations (to include the Afghani Taliban and the "Al-Qaeda" organization, both of whom he appears to have controlled from his base in Pakistan). I also believe that Hashem is a high-level informant of the United States government who is also a high-ranking member of either the Pakistani military, or the Pakistani ISI. The reason I say this is because I met Hashem one time during the early 1990s after he travelled to America to oversee the transfer of a large heroin shipment, whereby he was apparently a guest of the United States government as he travelled to America to meet with someone in Washington DC. During that trip is when he made a side-trip to New York to meet with a friend of mine named Farooq Ahmed to facilitate the transfer of

approximately 12 kilograms of pure heroin (worth over a million dollars wholesale at that time). During my substantial investigation of his organization, I have also discovered that one of the main distributors in his network is a guy named Baz Mohammad (BOP Register Number 53287-054), who was arrested in Afghanistan in 2005 and extradited to America under the drug kingpin statutes, and then apparently assassinated in prison on 11/12/2011 due to the fact that he apparently cooperated against Hashem to get a lighter sentence in his heroin case. I also discovered that Hashem appears to also be a very close associate of both Pervez Musharraf, Mullah Omar and also another person named Gulbadyn Hekmatyar. And finally, I have also linked this Hashem to another person whose case you were also involved in, which is Daoud Gilani aka David Headley case (where you defended Rana). It appears that David Headley also knew of the existence of Hashem and that he may have also attempted to inform upon him, and that Hashem was using a different nickname with regards to his dealings with Daoud Gilani. This comprises all my research regarding this individual named Hashem. It appears that the US government is protecting Hashem from exposure, arrest and prosecution for leading the "Al-Qaeda" organization and orchestrating the 911 attacks because there is some form of blackmail being engaged between the US Federal Authorities and his organization whereby Hashem is successfully blackmailing the US authorities to keep his identity (and existence) a secret from the public.

Nevertheless, this is how Hashem came to recruit Omar Siddiqui for the attack he committed in Orlando:

In the early 1990s I met numerous Pakistani nationals during my involvement with the heroin trade, to include Daoud Gilani, Ikram Haq (a close associate of Daoud Gilani) and numerous other New York based distributor of Hashem's heroin. During that time I also had occasion to witness numerous homicides linked to these networks, to include the murder of a Pakistani National named Mohammed Syed on January 28th, 1994 in the Bronx (on 164th street and Stebbins ave) which I was able to later (in 2009) directly link to the drug network specifically run by Daoud Gilani (a protégé of Hashem). In 1996 I was then arrested by the DEA in a heroin sting operation whereby they charged me with attempting to distribute 2.2 kilograms of Hashem's heroin which they intercepted at Kennedy Airport after being imported into this country by an individual named Mohammed Idrissi-Siddiqui. Upon my arrest by the DEA, I attempted to cooperate against Hashem's network, and the DEA blocked me from cooperating by refusing to engage proffer interviews with me concerning the numerous serious crimes I witnessed (to include the murders). At first I did not understand why the DEA was blocking me from cooperating, but I would discover the reason after the 911 attacks when I was able to confirm that the DEA did not want me to finger Hashem because he was one of their informants (just like Daoud Gilani was also one of their informants before he flipped on the DEA and went back to working with Hashem on the plot to attack Mumbai, which I could have also prevented by confirming to the DEA that Daoud Gilani was also part of the Hashem network and thus could not be trusted as an informant).

I fought the heroin case in 1996 and was acquitted of the main charges of conspiring to distribute the 2 kilograms, but convicted of conspiring to distribute 100 grams. I was sentenced to 37 months in prison, at which point the DEA then teamed up with Hashem to attempt to entrap me into a terrorism case by sending me to FMC Rochester to be locked up directly with Sheikh Rahman (despite the fact that my father was friends with Sheikh Rahman and thus I should have technically been banned from being placed into direct contact with him in the prison). They placed me into contact with Sheikh Rahman as part of a sting operation to try and entrap me into a terrorism case by allowing me to witness the abuse of Sheikh Rahman at the prison (which was also witnessed by numerous persons and also video-recorded by the prison staff, which is why I approached you in 2013 attempting to hire you to take over Sheikh Rahman's defense in order to use the threat of litigation concerning this abuse scandal in order to try and obtain the transfer of Shiekh back to Egypt).

So after I was released from prison in 1998 I was again placed into contact with Hashem's people, and when they learned I was locked up with Sheikh Rahman at FMC Rochester, they immediately attempted to recruit me to participate in a prison break of the Shiekh by asking me to provide them information concerning the layout of the prison (and where Sheikh Rahman was located inside the prison), in order to attempt a prison break. I was even offered a \$150,000 down payment to merely provide a map of the prison, which I refused to do. I instead advised against his plot and instructed them not to do anything like that, and I did this at a time when I had absolutely no idea that it was all part of a sting operation engaged by both Hashem and his federal handlers, attempting to get me arrested. If I had taken the money

for doing nothing more than merely drawn them a map of the prison, I would be sitting in a supermax right now as we speak.

This is just some of the scandal that occurred during the time when I was in direct communication with Hashem prior to the 911 attacks. After the 911 attacks he went dark on me and started communicating with me through proxies after he discovered that I tried to turn him in to the FBI in America. When I again approached the FBI after the 911 attacks attempting to turn him in (and also his various operatives including Daoud Gilania and also the persons who approached me with the prison-break plot), the FBI again blocked me and refused to interview me so that I could identify him, and I would later confirm that the reason why the FBI protected him from arrest was because he was the person who actually gave the order for the 911 attacks to proceed while at the same time he was also one of the main informants for the US government concerning the militant organizations (that he was setting up to take the fall for his crimes). So during the time period when I was meeting all these people linked to the militants back in the 1990s, I witnessed their existence as part of the various entrapment plots orchestrated against me by Hashem, where he was basically attempting to entrap me into a terrorism case to use me (and others) as a scapegoats who would take the fall for his 911 operation (especially if it did not work out to his liking). I had no idea that these events were all part of a sting operation at that time, so when the 911 attacks occurred and I turned around and attempted to turn Hashem in to the FBI, but I was still not aware that Hashem had himself been attempting to entrap me into a terrorism case prior to the 911 attacks until the FBI blocked me from cooperating against him. So when the FBI blocked me from attempting to cooperate against Hashem following the 911 attacks, only at that time did I begin to realize that the reason they blocked the investigation is because it would have exposed the fact that they were running a sting operation against me with Hashem as its leader, and that Hashem eventually betrayed them and ordered the 911 attacks despite being an informant for either the FBI, the CIA or the DEA (still not sure, but definitely at least one of them, if not all three of them, perhaps using different identities).

After the 911 attacks, what happened next is that I was placed into a type of hostage situation between both the FBI and the Hashem organization. Both of them realized that I witnessed the sting operations they were running against me leading up to the 911 attacks whereby Hashem was attempting to hijack my story about the abuse I witnessed being engaged against Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman in the FMC prison, in order to use it as an ideological backdrop in support of the massive terrorist attack he was plotting behind my back (which ultimately turned out to be the 911 attacks). Then after 911 attacks happened and I tried to turn Hashem in to the FBI and it was blocked, at that time I began to discover that the US government was protecting Hashem from arrest, apparently because it was too provocative to inform the public about the fact that the person who ordered the 911 attacks was also an alleged "friend" of the United States. This is really no different from when Israel attacked the USS Liberty, as these are typically the types of friends that the United States has (i.e. the type of people that befriend us and then attack us, whereby the government keeps it all secret due to various blackmails being exchanged between the so-called "friends"). So what happened next is that Hashem apparently felt bad about the fact that I discovered that he was trying to frame me for involvement with the 911 attacks, especially since he was not successful and I didn't fall for the bait, and he must also have been remorseful about the fact that the 911 attacks resulted in more harm to Muslims than good (which was a substantial miscalculation on the part of Hashem because I think he believed the attacks would somehow eventually result in appropriate attention being given to the Palestinian issue, which it did not and all that resulted is systematic destruction of the entire middle east). So what happened after the calamity of the 911 attacks is that I was able to continue my communications with Hashem through various proxies, whereby I then convinced Hashem to accept a cease-fire agreement I was proposing which was premised upon a promise that I made (in error) that I would be able to use non-violent means (by working the government system here in America) to eventually convince the US government to end these illegal entrapment activities against Muslims and to return Sheikh Rahman back to Egypt to finish his sentence. Hashem responded to my request by accepting the ceasefire proposal, but only with regards to terrorism attacks within the territorial boundaries of the United States (as he refused to cease engaging his jihad elsewhere, to include India as demonstrated by the 2008 attack that he also orchestrated). So what happened next is that for years following 911, on a yearly basis I would spend substantial time reaching out to lawyers, government officials etc trying to get an investigation of these FBI "sting operations" (or rather, entrapment plots attempting to frame the entire Islamic religion) to occur, and trying to get an investigation of the abuse of sheikh Rahman. During that time, Hashem kept his word to me and refrained from ordering any terrorist attacks within the United States, but on a yearly basis he demanded to be given a progress report of my activities which I provided him in order to keep the ceasefire going. Then starting in 2012, Hashem began to get

restless and he started demanding that I return to the Middle East or else he would engage an attack directly within the United States, and so I returned to the Middle East several times between 2012 and 2013 as part of my attempts to convince Hashem to continue to adhere to the ceasefire agreement. As long as Sheikh Rahman remained alive in the United States, I would remain relevant to this matter and so Hashem really had no choice but to honor my requests or else I would walk away from my advocacy of the Sheikh (which both of us believed to represent the best chance for him to be returned to Egypt).

So despite Hashem's agreement to the ceasefire, starting in 2013 he was making declarations that he was thinking of abandoning the ceasefire because I was not making any progress on getting the Sheikh repatriated back to Egypt. He declared that he already had operatives within the United States ready to attack upon his orders, and he demanded that I keep up periodic appearances in the Middle East in order for him to continue to adhere to the ceasefire. At the same time this was happening, I was contacting every single Senator, Congressman, FBI office, etc attempting to be debriefed about this hostage situation I was placed in whereby I was being threatened with a terrorist attack by Hashem unless I exposed the abuse of the Sheikh in the prison. Since the abuse was out in the open and there were at least 20 independent witnesses who could corroborate my claims (for which I have pictures, names and contact information for some of them), it seems obvious enough that any legitimate attorney would respond to such information by investigating these claims, contacting the witnesses and serving subpoenas to obtain copies of the video recordings made by the prison of the abuse, except for the fact that I would eventually learn that Ramsey Clark (Sheikh Rahman's attorney), was actually a sleeper agent placed in charge of his defense for the specific purpose of obstructing any investigation into these matters (which is why I reached out to you to try and have you take over his defense, but then you failed to respond to me after I agreed to your fee). I could not inform Hashem of this fact that I was failing to accomplish my promise to get the abuse of the Sheikh properly investigated, as all that would have occurred is that he would abandon the ceasefire and follow through on his threatened attack. Nevertheless, in September of 2013 I was illegally arrested in New York during a trip to meet with Ramsey Clark, and at that time I began to realize that I would never be able to overcome the corruption I was witnessing. Nevertheless, still I kept fighting the New York case and signaling to Hashem that I was still supporting the ceasefire.

This is where things get interesting. During my last trip to the Middle East in 2013, Hashem instructed me to give him 6 dates out of the year which would serve as deadlines for me to continue to signal my support for the ceasefire through direct travel to the Middle East or other forms of communication that we used with each other. He demanded that I provide him with these six dates because he believed that I would either be illegally arrested or killed if I continued to try and expose this scandal (especially after he successfully predicted the collapse of the Morsi regime in Egypt), and so it was determined that if I missed three deadlines in a row to signal my continued support for the ceasefire or otherwise be present in the Middle East at various locations, that his would indicate to Hashem that either I have been illegally arrested or killed, in which case Hashem would consider that I failed in my promise to get the Sheikh returned back to Egypt thereby relieving him of his obligation to adhere to my ceasefire requests. The six dates I gave him were Feb 14, March 14, May 12, June 11, September 11, December 21. So by 2013 I was already on borrowed time because I originally informed Hashem after the 9/11 attacks that it should not take me longer than a few years to convince the US government to return the Sheikh back to Egypt. I also made it clear to Hashem that if anyone attempted to expose it in the media, that the US government would likely then refuse to transfer him back (as I believed that the only card I held in this matter is to agree to help keep the abuse from being exposed publically if the US government agreed to return Sheikh back to Egypt). This is the very reason why I refused to conduct a press conference in Egypt in 2009 and again in 2013 when I met with Sheikh Rahman's attorney Muntasser El Zayat, and Sheikh's family. I believed that once the abuse was made public, the US would go into defense mode and respond to that publicity by refusing to return Sheikh back to Egypt. In retrospect, I was proven wrong starting in 2016 which is when I realized that I should have conducted the press conference, even if releasing the truth thereby resulted in violence (which I was hoping to avoid). So what happened from 2013 to 2016 is that I thereby placed countdown timers on my public website at Cryptomedia.com, counting down to these six specific dates requested by Hashem (every year), while I kept contacting the feds to let them know that I was being threatened with a terrorist attack if I did not accomplish the task of obtaining an investigation (whether in secret or in public) into the abuse of Sheikh Rahman. At the same time, I was under a deadline to return to the Middle East no later than March of 2016 if I was not able to obtain the transfer of Sheikh Rahman, as the only way I could avoid Hashem abandoning the ceasefire and ordering a terrorist attack was to return to the Middle East and conduct the press

conference that Sheikh's family and Muntasser El-Zayat were demanding. So starting in January of 2016 I began to make plans to return to the Middle East after realizing that I had failed in my attempts to use the US government system to correct their corruption. The US government didn't want me to do the press conference, so they instead entrapped me into a falsified federal case by sending me death threats all throughout 2015 to 2016 attempting to incite my response (as they did in the case they filed against me in New York from 2013-2015 where they falsely accused me of threatening one of Hillary Clinton's friends before he ran away from the trial and dismissed the case because they knew I was going to slaughter them at the trial). So approximately February of 2016 I responded to the death threats with a counter threat issued to the Hillary Clinton people who were running this grand conspiracy against Islam (since Bill Clinton conceived this plot back in the early 1990's by imprisoning the Sheikh to begin with), and the FBI then used this response as a premise to file a false criminal complaint against me accusing me of threatening a judge that was protecting the Hillary Clinton crew I was in dispute with. The day of my arrest on March 7th, 2016, I went to the Saudi Embassy in Washington DC to inform them of this issue prior to my return to the Middle East, and before I could talk to the Saudi Government and inform them of what was happening with this Hashem guy who was apparently also an agent of Iran, the feds intercepted me at the Embassy and arrested me before I could speak with the Saudis. I was literally just days away from leaving back to the Middle East in order to try and keep the ceasefire initiative alive by engaging the press conference to disclose the abuse of the Sheikh (that everyone, including Hashem and Sheikh's family and attorney in Egypt, were demanding of me).

So now I am arrested in DC on March 7th, 2016 when I have a deadline to return to the Middle East no later than March 21st, 2016 (and where I was supposed to confirm my travel plans to Hashem no later than March 14th, 2016), and the feds then do something that is unprecedented by holding me without bail on charges where the guideline range was not more than 18-24 months and whereby I was not a flight risk or danger to the community, and whereby they were also fully aware that by doing this they were making the decision to forcibly collapse my ceasefire agreement by causing me to lose contact with Hashem for three deadlines in a row (which they were informed by both myself and Hashem, would result in a terrorist attack). The FBI also then ran to illegally seize my computer without a warrant in order to delete my archive of the illegal death threats they were sending me, and they did this to also prevent me from being able to show this evidence to a jury and to also secure pretrial release. So now I am in a situation whereby the FBI was knowingly attempting to collapse my ceasefire by illegally holding me in a detention setting without bail, which they knew would also result in my becoming physically unable to continue to signal my support for the ceasefire. I then missed the 3/14 deadline, the 5/12 deadline and the 6/11 deadline and so when I failed to signal my continued support for the ceasefire (specifically because I was being detained and physically prevented from doing so), at that point Hashem then ordered his threatened terrorist attack to occur specifically on the date which represented the third deadline in a row that I would miss due to my detention, whereby he then activated Omar Siddiqui (who he apparently recruited approximately 2012 from what I can discern thus far) to go commit the massacre at the Pulse nightclub specifically on that date so that the FBI was informed that Hashem was placing his "signature" on the attack by claiming responsibility for it (in secret, according to the terms of this ceasefire that only the FBI was aware of at that time). The date of this attack was also posted on my public website at cryptomedia.com since my last visit to the Middle East in 2013 (for two years straight). THOUSANDS of people visited my website and directly witnessed my countdown timers, and were asking me what they were for. The FBI was fully aware that I was informing them that if my ceasefire was illegally collapsed by them, that the date of any responsive terrorist attack from Hashem would correspond to one of the 6 dates he asked me to select as my deadlines to continue to signal my support for the ceasefire. I even have my Google Analytics account reports confirming that I received visits to my website from numerous government agencies, to include "The Executive Office of the President of the United States." So someone in President Obama's office also visited my website and witnessed my "doomsday" timers directly, but still the FBI refused to debrief me directly in order to allow me to mediate this dispute they are having with their own informant who is also blackmailing them as well (with the threat of continued terrorist attacks).

Additionally, the specific selection of a gay nightclub by Omar Siddiqui is actually very symbolic to the secret dispute that has been going on behind the scenes for years. When I was in Middle East in 2013, I specifically informed Hashem that the persons who are engaging this conspiracy against me are all part of a LGBT group known as the American School of Tangier ("AST"), whose Board of Directors is comprised of the upper-level hierarchy of the democratic party, to include Ambassador Edward M. Gabriel, Ambassador Frank G. Wisner (the same guy who approved Sheikh Rahman's visa to

migrate to the United States back in the early 1990s). These persons are also the same individuals who signed the letter sent directly to the King of Morocco in 2009 attempting to get me locked up on false terrorism allegations (which I submitted in the civil litigation, I can provide you a copy). This group of US government officials are best friends with Bill and Hillary Clinton, and they are the same people who targeted Sheikh Rahman, my father and me, as part of their quest to find scapegoats to flesh out their fictitious story alleging that the entire Islamic religion is conspiring against American. Ambassador Gabriel, the signatory to the settlement agreement I signed with the AST organization in 2012, is a direct friend of Hillary Clinton that was also selected by her as one of her top advisors in her 2016 presidential campaign. <http://www.arabamerica.com/clinton-campaign-appoints-ambassador-edward-gabriel-advisor-arab-american-outreach-efforts/> At the time of my arrest in Washington DC on March 7th, 2016 (literally just hours before I was arrested), I had went to the senate buildings in DC and met with several staff of numerous senators where I provided them my contact information and informed them that I had information about a scandal involving Hillary Clinton and some of her direct friends and associates. Then within just two hours of my contacting the senators and immediately before I could meet with the Saudi officials, I was intercepted by the feds outside the Saudi Embassy and arrested and held without bail for almost two years (resulting in collapse of my ceasefire and execution of the Pulse attack by Hashem's recruit). The threats that were being exchanged between myself and the government officials that are part of the AST organization (which is a key player in this conspiracy), had been going on for years since 2009 without any arrests from the feds (and whereby the only attempt to illegally prosecute me for my responses to their threats occurred in a State prosecution in New York when they arrested me after I made a trip to New York to meet with Ramsey Clark, and whereby they ran away from the trial in that case and dismissed the charges the minute I declared ready to proceed to trial). Thus the timing of my arrest by the feds in 2016 on a speech case alleging "threats" was nonsensical and engaged for no other reason than to specifically protect the presidential bid of Hillary Clinton from exposure to the scandal I witnessed (because it is much more serious that the phone email scandals they keep blabbing about on TV). So James Comey and the Hillary Crew basically decided that it was somehow prudent to take a chance and "call my bluff" about the terrorist attack that Hashem was threatening, because it was more important to make sure that Hillary Clinton got elected rather than to save innocent lives from the consequences of an illegal dispute being waged between the FBI and the Hashem organization (whereby BOTH parties are in the wrong). So when the FBI arrested me specifically for the purpose of locking me up to make sure I am not able to derail Hillary Clinton's presidential bid, they also decided that they would also attempt to disprove that a retaliatory terrorist attack was sure to be ordered by Hashem if I failed to continue to convince him to adhere to my ceasefire requests, and the consequence of this was that Hashem then ordered his sleeper agent, Omar Siddiqui, to go ahead with the attack on the exact date that I selected as part of the deadlines requested by Hashem for me to continue signaling my support for the ceasefire (which I was not able to do from a detention setting).

So after they kept me in jail without bail starting since March 7th, 2016, they then also refused to grant me a speedy trial which I was supposed to get in 70 days because they feared that I could be acquitted and released prior to the 2016 election (which would then utterly destroy any chance of Hillary getting elected). So they basically started blocking me from defending myself by making false accusations of "incompetency" to block me from getting a trial before the election (just like they did in a prior Florida case in 2006 where I was acquitted by a jury after defending myself Pro Se before I fled to Morocco to try and escape their continued entrapment plots). So with regards to the most recent entrapment case filed against me in 2016 to collapse my ceasefire, I was eventually allowed to defend myself from the detention setting and I filed a flurry of motions attempting obtain pretrial release pursuant to 18 usc 3142 (bail reform act), and the Court denied me release based upon a claim that I am so dangerous that I will likely assassinate witnesses and incite terrorism the moment I am released, yet the terrorism attack that I was warning about was already committed by Omar Siddiqui on 6/11, two months prior to when the Court made a final decision to deny me bail simply because I was claiming that a terrorist attack was imminent. The Court also failed to acknowledge that it was me and my ceasefire requests that were preventing the attack that they themselves provoked as part of a failed effort to protect Hillary Clinton's presidential bid. They knew full well that by proceeding in the manner that they did, that they would absolutely collapse the ceasefire that I was providing to the united states by merely asking Hashem not to attack (which he honored for 15 years since 911 because I hold tremendous credibility with the militants due to my character, which they witnessed directly on many occasions when I was one of the leaders of the main Pakistani street gang back in New York, and also because of the fact that my father was also a respected Imam that also knew Sheikh Rahman).

At my detention hearing, the FBI agent additionally lied under oath by claiming that they were never involved in the illegal criminal prosecution they helped file against me in 2005 with state authorities in Florida (where I defended myself at trial and was acquitted of all charges concerning a falsified State prosecution charging me with allegedly attacking a federal informant). The FBI agent instead testified that there is no record contained in my FBI file about that event in 2005 where I was accused of attacking one of their informants, yet I have police reports from the Sunrise police department specifically documenting their interaction with the FBI in that matter and how the FBI directed them to illegally hospitalize me (prior to arresting me) because I was "hallucinating" about having been locked up with Sheikh Rahman (when I have numerous witnesses and evidence to confirm the FBI was lying about everything they told the sunrise police department, which they documented in their report). The cases that were being filed against me for years (to punish me for trying to expose the abuse scandal involving Sheikh Rahman) involves so much corruption that it would take me another few pages to describe it, which is not necessary. I only mention these facts to affirm that I was subjected to yet another falsified prosecution specifically for the purpose of imposing unlawful imprisonment upon me so that I was not able to travel to the middle east to engage the press conference being demanded by Hashem. The result is that in order for me to finally be released from the hostage situation imposed upon me by both the FBI and Hashem after being physically prevented by the FBI from adhering to the protocols of the ceasefire, 50 gay people in Florida had to pay the price for crimes being committed against the public by another government gay organization in Delaware called AST, which became willing to sacrifice the lives of their own gay community just to try and force the election of Hillary Clinton (which by the grace of god, they were not successful in the end so all those people died for no reason). Furthermore, I am sad that I could not ultimately prevent Hashem from ordering that terrorist attack, but the fact is that Hashem was threatening me with a much bigger terrorist attack and apparently he must have felt some compassion for my struggle by making it much smaller than I originally feared, and he also specifically restricted the attack to only targeting the gays (rather than random persons in some mall or other location) because it is in fact the gays that specifically sabotaged all my efforts to win the repatriation of Shiekh Rahman back to Egypt. From what I know about Hashem, he likes to engage his jihad activity in a way that he believes has some symbolism, and so his decision to ultimately target the gays is a direct result of the fact that my personal investigation proves that they are indeed key players (perhaps even the direct orchestrators and originators) of this illegal conspiracy against the Muslims, especially after I witnessed how much power the AST organization actually exerts upon the federal government.

So while I am sad that I was ultimately unable to successfully mediate the dispute between the FBI and the Hashem organization and save the lives of these people who were killed in Orlando (regardless if they are suffering from a psychological disorder called homosexuality, which can be cured in some people who are not vehemently atheistic in their core), I still consider my long-term struggle a success because I managed to prevent a much more substantial terrorist attack targeting the general public from occurring for nearly 15 years since the 911 attacks. The problem is that the FBI does not want to prevent terrorism, they are actually out there actively seeking to provoke it and so in reality, the actual threat is that the government in America is corrupt to the core and confirmed to be directly conspiring against the entirety of the Islamic religion. Even when I met with Sheikh Rahman's son and he was telling me all these stories about the corruption that was engaged against his father on his case, I was very skeptical that such corruption was possible. But I have to admit, after witnessing what the feds (including the Courts) did to me on this last case to include illegal destruction of exculpatory evidence, lying under oath at hearings, destruction of the audio recordings of these hearings by the Court to prevent me from challenging the transcripts (which contain substantial omissions regarding the testimony concerning the terrorism scandal which I tried my best to document in the Courts even before the attack occurred), and other substantial misconduct, I can honestly say that I was wrong in advising the militants that corruption in the US government is isolated to specific pockets of individuals and not to the entire system. In reality, I have now discovered and confirmed that the corruption has metastasized to the entire system as the overarching goal of the US federal government (above serving and protecting its citizens), is self-preservation. I don't believe that responding with violence to all these crimes being committed by the federal government will thereby protect the public from this illegal aggression (or otherwise deter it). The militants (including Hashem) believe that violence is the only solution to deter this aggression, but as we can see from the outcome of the 911 attacks and all the military conflagrations in the Middle East, and how the public (including the victims of the Pulse massacre) continue to be affected by it, it is also clear to me that the homosexual terrorism sect that is targeting the public also seems to have access to secret military-type technology far more advanced than what the public is aware exists. They could wipe every human off the face of this earth if they really wanted to do that, and so for that reason I do not believe that counter-violence is a viable option to

deter this illegal aggression. Clearly, if the goal is to deter this aggression then there must be at least some chance of success when searching for a solution to this problem, and I believe there is no way to use violence to deter this type of illegal aggression.

Hashem's attack against the gays was merely his attempt to try and use my situation as a means by which to inject a symbolism into his jihad against America, but once again he did not accomplish the goal of his attack (which is to obtain the release of Sheikh Rahman back to Egypt). Instead, all he did is get Sheikh Rahman killed. I say that Sheikh Rahman was killed because after Hashem ordered the attack against the gays, they eventually realized that the attack was ordered in response to the collapse of my ceasefire because of my incarceration after Hashem placed his signature on the attack, and so while I was in the prison the feds threatened me that they too would respond to Hashem with their own attack against the Muslims on the "anniversary." I was scared to death about this threat because I deemed it credible (especially if Hillary Clinton was elected), and as part of the hostage dispute the feds were always threatening me that if Hashem attacked, they would engage a retaliation against innocent people in the Middle East, and that is why I was desperate to do anything to convince Hashem to cease his doomed jihad because I knew that nothing good could ever come of it. At first I thought that this "anniversary" retaliation being threatened by the feds would occur on 6/11/2017 (the anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub attack), but what actually happened is that I woke up one day in February to learn that Sheikh Rahman had "died" at FMC Butner on February 18th, 2017. The email I sent which the FBI used as a premise to charge me and detain me, was sent by me on February 18th, 2016, and so it appears that the feds killed Sheikh Rahman on the anniversary of the email they used to charge me and unlawfully imprison me (which caused my ceasefire to collapse), in order to engage a type of symbolic retaliation against Hashem for his following through on his threat to withdraw from my ceasefire by ordering Omar Siddiqui to attack. Interestingly, when I was finally sentenced to the 23 months, I was then transported by the BOP via bus from FDC Philadelphia to FCI Miami where I passed through FMC Butner (where Sheikh Rahman was killed), and where I also passed by the Pulse Nightclub (when the bus went to Orlando to pick up other prisoners), and so I was able to visit the location where the attack was actually conceived (i.e. the prison holding Sheikh Rahman, where he was killed), and the also location where the pulse nightclub attack occurred (all while still in federal custody which eventually cause the attack and subsequent murder of Sheikh Rahman). And so that is the extraordinary and unprecedented truth behind who, what, when where, why and how the Pulse nightclub was targeted for a terrorist attack. It is quite possible that not even Omar Siddiqui knew who he was working for or who recruited him, but there is only a .0001 percent possibility that this attack was just some massive coincidence and that Omar Siddiqui just happened to randomly attack the pulse nightclub on the same exact date that Hashem was himself threatening to attack, and that he would chose the same target (i.e. the gays) that was most likely to be the subject of the attack.

Another interesting aspect concerning selection of the gays as a target for what was Hashem's first attack in the United States since the 911 attacks is as follows: Over the course of the approximately 26 years that I have had contacts with this Hashem character, we have also had the opportunity to engage a dialogue concerning our personal ideological opinions regarding the Islamic religion, and what I discovered during the discourse is that Hashem is very pro-Shiite and pro-Iranian (which is why I suspect he is a direct agent of Iran). The topic of homosexuality came up during our ideological deliberations, and Hashem apparently takes the Iranian viewpoint in this matter, which is very interesting. For example, not many people know this, but when it comes to sex-change operations, Iran is second (in the entire world) only to Thailand in the number of sex-change operations they perform. This is because the Iranian position on homosexuality is that they personally belief that it is possible for a gender to be "trapped in the wrong body," and so anytime someone comes out as "gay" in Iran, they are thereby forced to undergo a sex-change operation (which is nothing more than a genital mutilation) in order to make their "physical body" match up with their gender. The Shiite Imams have even released fatwas authorizing this "treatment" as the appropriate way to deal with homosexuality when really it is nothing more than a fatwa authorizing people to mutilate their body if they are not happy with it.

The reality is that Sunni Islam confirms that it is impossible for a gender to be "trapped in the wrong body" and that no one should ever take steps to mutilate their body for any reason because the body is sacred. So what Bin Laden and numerous people did not know (at the time when they came under the protection and control of Hashem), is that the person who was actually protecting all of them to engage jihad and orchestrating everything from the top, was really secretly a Shiite who was simply recruiting and using Sunni's in his jihad in order to sacrifice them in support of

attempting to eventually promote his Shiite ideologies, to include interpretation of homosexuality in the manner prescribed by the Shiite Imams (which runs completely counter to the Sunni ideology which does not endorse any such belief that humans have a right to mutilate their body if they are not happy with what they were given at birth). So what we have here, is an Al-Qaeda organization being run by a "self-loathing" pro-gay individual named Hashem, who is recruiting Sunni jihadists to do his bidding. This is likely also one of the reasons why the US government is also protecting Hashem from exposure and arrest despite the fact that he periodically attacks America, as the Hillary/Obama crew still secretly believe that Hashem (and the Iranian Shiites that he represents), are actually the best chance that they have to try and forcibly alter the Islamic religion in order to have it endorse at least one very central tenet of the homosexual religion (which could then open the door to endorsement of all forms of sexual deviance), which is the claim that it is somehow "religiously possible" for a man to be "born in the body of a woman" or for a woman to be "born in the body of a man." In reality, the pro-gays (which include the Iranian Shiite regime) are all united against the Sunni Muslims because they know with 100% certainty that if the Sunni's maintain control of interpretation of the Islamic religion, it will be impossible to alter the Islamic religion in order to create exceptions that allow endorsement of the tenets of the homosexual religion by claiming that Islam permits belief in ideologies that claim that genders can be born into the "wrong bodies" (like the Shiite religious authorities are claiming). So it is thereby clear to me that the homosexuals believe that if the Shiites can eventually gain control of interpretation of the Islamic religion, that this represents the best chance they have to eventually be able to alter the interpretation of the Islamic religion to eventually convince all Muslims to adopt universal acceptance of this sexual theory that genders can be born into the wrong bodies. This is why you had the Obama/Hillary crew (including the AST people) doing their best to prop up the Shiite Iran while also systematically collapsing the Sunni countries. That is also why you have the very pro-gay federal government protecting Hashem from arrest despite the fact that he is attacking everyone, to include gays and non-gays. There is a huge ideological war going on behind the scenes that no one has any idea is occurring, and in actuality the goal of this religious battle includes an attempt by the homosexual (i.e. atheistic) religions to try and convince the public that the homosexual religious tenets are valid and can thereby be successfully incorporated into all three of the Abrahamic religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam (when in reality they are not because they run completely contrary to the tenets of all three Abrahamic religions). The gays have already successfully injected their tenets into the mainstream Judaism and Christianity, and the only hold out is the Sunni Muslims as the Shiite Muslims have already expressed their willingness to follow suit (perhaps in exchange for partnerships with the homosexuals that will provide them access to advanced technologies which would normally be banned under the Sunni Islamic tenets, to include cloning-based and genetic-based technologies that can currently increase the average human life-span to between 100-200 years). In reality, the homosexuals want to live forever and they are willing to start harvesting human embryos for body parts in order to extend their own lives, and they are upset that sunni Islam stands as an obstacle to their attempts to obtain global support for their demonic religious beliefs. Even the abortion dispute has much to do with this, as gays support abortion because in reality they want the ability to engage human cloning and harvesting of organs and bodies to thereby increase lifespan, and so their ideological position is to promote beliefs that a human embryo is only alive after "birth," especially since they have developed technologies to grow a human inside artificial wombs that can allow for gestation periods far exceeding the traditional period of 9 months before they are "birthed" into "consciousness." In reality, Sunni Islam teaches and confirms that an organisms direct consciousness of life occurs at the moment the very first brain cell is created, and even before that there exists a super-consciousness that occurs at conception, and which has roots in the unobservable dimensions (thereby proving that life actually starts at conception, and thus genetic engineering, and cloning for the purpose of ultimately harvesting organs, is apparently against the tenets of the Islamic and Abrahamic religions).

So in reality, Hashem actually believes that homosexuality is valid (at least in some regards), yet then he turns around and orders the murder of 50 homosexuals in Florida. What has actually happened is that the real ideological dispute occurring between the FBI and the Hashem organization is really nothing more than a dispute between two pro-gay terrorist groups, and this dispute between them is resulting in the murder of numerous innocent civilians who have no idea that this is actually the reason the people are flying planes into buildings and ordering mass murders. In reality, it is homosexual (i.e. atheism) terrorism that is the danger to mankind, and the homosexuals are the ones who are attacking each other and causing collateral damage to the public in the process. What is sad is that Hashem was able to recruit heterosexual militants like Omar Siddiqui (and others) to do his bidding, and I am sure that if Omar knew who recruited him for the attack, that he would never supported any such homosexual jihad. I have no doubt that Omar Siddiqui may

have been somewhat confused about who actually recruited him, but that is irrelevant to the fact that he was being instructed and directed from abroad based upon the fact that Hashem placed his signature on the attack (which is a fact that the FBI is desperate to cover up).

Furthermore, I would just like to comment on something the FBI has attempted to use against me for years to try and discredit me. Often times, when I view evil of this magnitude being committed by some of the most revered and worshiped people on this earth (to include people like Bill and Hillary Clinton and her crew), it is hard for me to interpret the evil actions they are committing outside of the religious lens. Often times, when I cannot explain the reasons why people are doing evil things, I fall back on the Quran and religious interpretations to try and explain it because I refuse to believe that people are "born evil." I personally believe that all people are born without sin because humans are naturally born subservient to god, but that it is the devil that influences them and causes them to rebel against god and become evil. The problem is that you cannot see the devil, and there are many beings and forces that are unseen by us in this dimension yet still they exist and interact with us and are proven capable of influencing our decisions. So every time I blame these factual crimes and events that I witnessed on influence from the devil or other beings that we cannot actually observe, or when I try to interpret this extraordinary conspiracy in terms of the Islamic religion and what it teaches and prophesizes, the FBI runs to call me crazy and schizophrenic and delusional as part of their attempts to discredit me and continue to cover up their very serious crimes. Yet at the same time, when man runs around telling everyone that he is a woman trapped in a man's body, and this same man goes and chops of his genitals and gets boob implants to try and look like a woman, these same FBI and pro-gay run around praising them and supporting them as being more sane than everyone else who is too stupid to realize that they are also 'gay.' This is why homosexuals always attack people who are against homosexuality by calling them "closet-homosexuals" or "self-loathing" gays, because in reality they believe that everyone is ultimately religiously destined to become gay, but that most people are just "too stupid" to realize it. The thing about the FBI is that when I try to blame evil on things that I cannot see, all they do is try to exploit that to make claims that I am "delusional" because they clearly wish to cover up the crimes that they committed (which are factual and not born of delusion).

When Christians pray to Jesus even though they cannot see him or when they declare a belief in angels or demons or spirits or the holy ghost or anything else they cannot physically see, these same Christians are not forcibly dragged to a hospital or illegally arrested and accused of schizophrenia or delusion. Yet if I attempt to claim that the evil I have witnessed is ultimately being orchestrated by demons or other beings that I cannot see, I am accused of being "delusional" or "schizophrenic." The reality is that there are two threads running when I attempt to interpret these things. The first thread includes a description of the things that I physically see and witness with my own eyes, whereby I have never hallucinated anything in my entire life. I have never physically seen something with my own eyes that did not exist. All these things I witnessed with my own eyes, from the murders to the terrorism-related stuff, to the abuse of Shiekh Rahman, to the sting operations where people were trying to entrap me, and all the evil acts committed by the feds as part of their attempts to cover it all up, all these things are factual things that I witnessed directly. Now the second thread is my interpretation of who (and what forces) are behind orchestration of these events. When I make claims that I believe these things are being orchestrated by the devil, or evil demonic beings, or other forces that I cannot see, or if I attempt to interpret them in relation to Islamic ideology and philosophy (or advanced technologies which appear to be a substantial motive behind why this dispute is occurring), and when I try to find any explanation that can serve to explain why these phenomena are occurring, these are merely my opinions and they may or may not be true, but I am not delusional or schizophrenic for having these opinions because there is no one out there providing me an alternative explanation for why people are doing the things that I am witnessing them doing. I am merely a Muslim who is trying to interpret these things in accordance with his Islamic religious beliefs. So this is what it is. The Islamic (and Abrahamic) religion predicts that when humanity comes close to the end of its time here on this earth, that there will be an epic struggle between the forces of the devil and the antichrist, and the forces of good and evil, etc, and my personal opinion is that the extraordinary, unprecedented and illegal conspiracy I witnessed directly seems to fit the descriptions provided to me by the Quran and the hadiths as being a sign of the end times. This is just my opinion. I could be wrong and maybe mankind has thousands of years left on this earth, or maybe I am right and we are coming close to the end as predicted by all the prophecies that I believe are coming true. My opinion doesn't matter in the end. The only thing that matters is ending criminal activity so that human life can be preserved. It is also no longer credible for the feds to run around accusing everyone who believes in a conspiracy theory, of being crazy. Last time I

checked, the federal government charges more people under the conspiracy law than any other law that they have in their arsenal, and so it appears that the federal government is really the ultimate conspiracy theorist, as everywhere they turn they see people conspiring against them. So merely believing in conspiracy theories regarding religious things, or advanced technologies, or anything else, is not something that should end up labeling someone as being delusional, especially when it is the federal government that appears to be the king of all delusions.

So I really feel bad that many people were informed about this hostage issue that I was struggling to solve for so many years, but for whatever the reason Allah did not want the victims of the Pulse nightclub massacre to be saved. The only good thing that came out of the collapse of my ceasefire and the last struggle I was forced to endure (where I was illegally placed in jail for almost two years for no other reason than the fact that the gays were desperately trying to force the election of Hillary Clinton), is that I was finally relieved of my hostage situation that was being imposed upon me by this rogue US government informant named Hashem that was essentially threatening to attack America again if I did not accomplish something that was eventually proven impossible to accomplish, which is to convince the US government to abandon their illegal conspiracy against the Islamic religion and return Sheikh Rahman back to Egypt. This hostage that was forced upon me starting on 9/11/2001 and ending on 6/11/2016, thereby created a substantial burden upon me for 16 years since the 911 attack, but what I found really interesting about this struggle is that I approached so many people for help yet everyone ignored me, and finally the attack was committed yet it was an attack that was completely preventable from the start. At any time, people could have stepped in to sound the alarms, but everyone was too scared.

Anyway, I don't have contact information for the Siddiqui family or the family of Omar Siddiqui's wife. I would like for you to reach out to them to let them know what actually happened. I am also willing to forward you all the evidence I accumulated documenting this extraordinary and unprecedented scandal, and if it is true that you are coming up on a trial date in March of this year, I would suggest that you immediately delay the trial in order to start submitting discovery requests to the FBI for them to give you their information regarding this investigation that they are covering up, because they cannot be accusing Noor Salman of having prior knowledge of the attack and failing to report it, while at the same time they had prior knowledge of the attack and actually acted to illegally provoke it. The FBI has no credibility with regards to any terrorism investigation whatsoever. The emperor has no cloths on this one, for sure.

At this juncture, it is really up to the public to directly investigate the terrorism phenomena if they seek to find out who is really behind it, and why. I think that long before violence could ever be the solution to this problem, education is much more likely to present a solution to this problem. People cannot solve a problem unless they know what it is, and so the public must conduct their own investigation of this problem completely independent of the United States government (which only exists to lead them in the wrong directions). This is obviously the first step to a successful resolution of the problem which could very likely be accomplished in a non-violent manner. Unfortunately, Hashem represents the interests of Iran, so even though he has the capability to immediately expose this scandal, unfortunately he is locked into a situation where he will only expose it in a manner that vindicates (rather than implicates) Iran, and so unfortunately he boxed himself into a situation where he has no way to successfully expose this scandal himself because Iran could never be vindicated, as the position they took in this matter was always against Islam from the very moment that their sect was created. So in that regards, Hashem is himself unable to go public on his own, as he would need the general public to conduct its own investigation in order to ultimately convince him that he is NOT the prophesized "Mahdi," (as documented in the Islamic religion) so that perhaps he can abandon this pipe-dream of a jihad that he has become obsessed with and thereby release the Sunni Islamic world from the effects of this hostage situation he imposed upon us without justification. I believe that if the public took charge of this investigation, that they can eventually also convince Iran to cease and desist in their attempts to engage this jihad against the entire world, and that this can also be done on a non-violent manner. If the public demands to remain oblivious to this serious problem affecting the proper operation of our government, then unfortunately all I see is further struggles for everyone.

PS

I was released on 11/6/2017 and subsequently assigned a lesbian probation officer who promptly filed a petition to revoke my supervision on 12/6/2016 (one month later) because they are now seeking to return me back to prison to try and prevent me from continuing to work on my appeal and also prepare the evidentiary packet I am preparing to release

containing the evidence corroborating as much of this scandal as I am able to corroborate (as I am not going to be able to obtain a notarized letter from Hashem admitting to the existence of this scandal, for obvious reasons). The revocation petition states that this lesbo is now seeking to revoke my supervision because I failed to get a job within 30 days of my release from prison, which is clearly unprecedented as that is not a valid reason to return someone back to prison within 30 days of release. It is clear to me they are desperate to prevent me from preparing a proper appeal and engaging other activities (including these communications with you and others) as I have now learned that it is impossible to fight a case from a prison setting, and that does not even include situations where the government actively destroys evidence and commits other sabotage as part of their desperation to "prevail" in covering up their crimes. So just be aware that if you attempt to reach out to me and I don't respond, it is likely because they threw me back in prison to thereby continue to attempt to control this scandal from being exposed.

Also, one last tidbit that no one knows about (not even Hashem). The reason I selected 6/11 as one of the six dates I provided to Hashem, is because my favorite movie is Goodfellas. If you ever saw that movie, then you will remember what happened on 6/11/1970. So my selection of the 6/11 date was merely my tribute to the movie Goodfellas and to my good friend, Robert Venetucci, who has a significant role in protecting me over the years before he passed away on September 26th, 2014. He is also the person who placed me into contact with the Vatican and also friends of Antonin Scalia, whom I called upon shortly before Scalia died in 2016 (which is yet another suspicious death linked to this extremely bizarre scandal). This email is the first time I disclose this fact publically. Hashem has no idea why I selected 5/12, 6/11 and 12/21, but he does know why I selected 2/14, 3/14 and 9/11 (as he was able to figure those out being the smart little cookie that he is).

Hopefully you can delay the trial and try and get more information about this. If you need evidence to help support any discovery applications, please let me know. I can also appear as a witness if necessary as there is no reason why Noor Salman should go to jail for having prior knowledge about anything when the FBI themselves had prior knowledge that this attack was guaranteed to occur if they committed certain illegal actions against me, and they still committed those crimes to thereby deliberately trigger the attack because they were more concerned with covering up a Hillary Clinton scandal to ensure she was elected for the specific purpose of helping them to continue to cover up this scandal.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2017 9:05 AM
To: 'cswift@clcma.org'
Subject: Noor Salman

Dear Mr. Swift,

I am contacting you regarding your client Noor Salman. I have a lot of information about the attack that is not public and which the FBI is obviously hiding from you and your client. The date selected for the Pulse attack was not a coincidence, and it appears that Omar Mateen also took steps to cover up the identity/affiliation of his handler who apparently recruited him in 2012 during his trip to Saudi. I will compile this information for you but it will take me some time. Please do not let your client plead guilty prior to informing me because I would like you to have this information before any plea or trial. I am sorry I cannot send it to you immediately because it will take some time for me to compile it as there is a substantial background to this matter going back almost 2 decades and you would need to have all the information and evidence in order to understand how (and why) the attack occurred. I also have proof that the FBI was warned about the attack (including the specific date) prior to when it occurred, and that they actually took steps to ensure that the attack occurred. Please confirm you received this email. Thank you.

Y

[REDACTED]

From: msr1440@tutanota.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2018 10:31 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: RE: al-masra

Alsalmu alikom wa rahmtullah wa barktoh

Akhi, what is your evidence that you were assigned the task investigating the matter of our Sheikh Omar Abdelrahman (rahmtullah aliah) by Sheikh Usama Bin Laden (rahmtullah aliah)? How you were contacted by Sheikh Bin Laden? Who was you point of contact? When and where? Also do you know Sheikh Omar? Did you ever met him?

We have to track things happened 18 years ago according to this story, so we need details.

Abu Omar
Student of Sheikh Omar Abdelrahman

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Dec 3, 2018, 11:57 AM by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

هذه الصحيفة تندوي على آيات وأحداث يجب الاهتمام بها وعدم رميها

تنبية: كل ما يصدر في الصحيفة من مقالات تعبر عن وجهة نظر كاتبها ولا تعبر عن رأي الصحيفة.



اطفال اليمن تموت جوعاً وفروعون السعودية يرسل امواله الى حاملة الصليب امريكا

صورة وتعليق

وبقيت كلمة

الأسر للعادة والتقاليد



الشيخ حسام عبد الرؤوف - حفظه الله

لقد كان السبب في عناد الأمم السابقة واستمرارهم على الكفر وعدم الاستجابة لدعوة الأنبياء صلوات الله عليهم لهم بالإيمان بالله وحده، كان السبب هو تمسكهم بسيرة الآباء الفارين كما حكى لنا سبحانه وتعالى قولهم: «إِنَّا وَجَدْنَا آبَاءَنَا عَلَىٰ أُمَّةٍ وَإِنَّا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِم مُّهُتَدُونَ»، وقولهم: «مَا سَمِعْنَا بِهَذَا فِي آلِهَةِ الْأَخْرَةِ إِنِ هَذَا إِلَّا خُلُقًا».

وهذا إن كان مأثوفاً ومعتاداً في زمن الجاهلية الأولى فإنه غير مقبول ولا معقول في القرن الحادي والعشرين، فالأفكار والتقاليد التي تنال في النقل والعقل يجب أن تنتهي من حياتنا، وأكثر المصائب تأتي من تأثير تلك الأفكار والمعتقدات في علاقاتنا الأسرية والعائلية، وفي العلاقة مع الجيران، والمجتمع ككل، وما تسببه من شحن للقلوب بحب الدولة من دون الأمة، والقبيلة من دون الدولة، وترسخ معاني العصبية الجاهلية سواء ضد المسلمين من غير الحي أو العائلة أو القبيلة، وتؤدي لحدوث كثير من الأزمات الاجتماعية التي نعيشها بسبب التقاليد سواء في موضوعات مثل الزواج -على وجه الخصوص-، ونظام الأسرة، وطريقة تربية الأبناء إلخ، وفي هذا يقول أحمد شوقي رحمه الله:

لا يمنعكمو برُّ الأبوة أن

يكون صنعكمو غير الذي صنعوا يقول الشهيد سيد قطب رحمه الله: «هذه العادات والتقاليد التي تكلف الناس العنت الشديد في حياتهم، ثم لا يجدون لأنفسهم منها مفعلاً.. هذه الأزياء والمراسم التي تفرس نفسها على الناس فرساً، وتكلفهم أحياناً ما لا يطيقون من النفقة، وتآكل حياتهم واهتماماتهم، ثم تسد أخلاقهم وحياتهم. ومع ذلك لا يملكون إلا الخضوع لها.. أزياء الصباح، وأزياء بعد الظهر، وأزياء المساء.. الأزياء القصيرة، والأزياء الضيقة، والأزياء المضحكة وأنواع الزينة والتجميل والتصنيف ... إلى آخر هذا الاسترقاق المذل.. من التي يصنعها ومن الذي يقف وراءها»

تقف وراء بيوت الأزياء. وتقف وراء شركات الإنتاج؛ ويقف وراء المرابون في بيوت المال والبنوك من الذين يعطون أموالهم للصناعات ليأخذوا هم حصيلة كدها. ويقف وراء اليهود الذين يعملون لتدمير البشرية كلها ليحجموها! .. ولكنهم لا يقضون بالسلاح الظاهر والجنود المكشوف، إنما يقضون بالتصورات والقيم التي ينشئونها، ويؤصلونها بنظريات وثقافات ويملقونها تضغط على الناس في صورة (عرف اجتماعي)» اهـ.

مصير إدلب!

أبو أنس المحمصي - إدلب



رفعوا شعارات الوصاية التركية والمنطقة الآمنة وحماية المدنيين، وإذا النتيجة... درع الفرات و غصن الزيتون وهي مناطق خاضعة للتفاهات الدولية التي تقر بحق السيادة السورية للنظام المجرم عليها، نموذج الجيش الوطني تحت الوصاية التركية استولى على سوقه في ريف حلب الشمالي درع الفرات وغصن الزيتون، وما رأينا منهم نحن جبهة النصرة إلا وأد الجهاد وانتشار الفساد. ومن هنا نقول ليس لنا في إدلب إلا الجهاد وفضح أصحاب هذا المشروع الاستسلامي.

فوصيكم ايها المجاهدين بحفظ الثواب فلن يرضى عنا الكفار حتى تكفروا كما كفروا قال تعالى: «وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَبِيعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ» ولن يتوقفوا عن قتالنا حتى نرثد عن ديننا، كما قال تعالى: «وَلَا يَزَالُونَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ حَتَّىٰ يَكُونُوا بِكُمْ عَنْ دِينِكُمْ إِنِ اسْتَبَأْتُمُوهُ» والتنازل عن شيء من ثوابنا أعلى ما يتناهى الكفار، قال تعالى: «وَدُوًّا لَّوْ تَدْعُهُنَّ فَيُهَنَّوْنَهُ».

ولا يحترم النظام الدولي إلا الأقوياء ولن تسترد الحقوق إلا بقوة السلاح، قال تعالى: «قَاتِلُوهُمْ يُعَذِّبُهُمُ اللَّهُ بِأَيْدِيكُمْ وَيُغْلِبُهُمْ وَيُنَزِّلُهُمُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَيَنْشِفُ صُدُورَهُمْ قَوْمٌ مُّؤْمِنِينَ».

نشارككم يا أهلنا في إدلب ونقول لكم نحن جبهة النصرة، أصبح لدينا في الشمال السوري

قوة رادعة لكل من تحدته نفسه بالهجوم على هذه الأرض الطيبة.

فإن قصف الطيران الحربي أرضنا، فلتنتظر محميم وجورين وغيرها من تكات ومطارات ما يشف الله به صدور قوم مؤمنين. وإن غامرت أرتالهم واجتاحت المحرر، فليجهزوا آلاف الأكتاف لظلتهم ولتستبشر حلب وحماة وسلمى وجيلة الفتح المبين وإعلام كلمة رب العالمين.

وأغبراً وليس أغبراً، نوصي ونشد على أيدي خطباء المنابر ونقول لهم: «أنتم فرسان المنابر والمتر قلب شجاع، ولسان فصيح، المنبر مادة جيدة وحجة دامغة، المنبر تسكت له النفوس وتشرب إليه الرؤوس، فيشجع الجبان ويجهاد القاعد، فإذا لم تحطُبْ وخلت مصيبة، قام الخطباء الضعفاء على المنابر ليلقوا عصي الحجة وسحر البيان وسط الحشود والجموع فإذا هي تنتصر على الباطل».

إعلان

تعلن صحيفة المسرى عن فتح باب استقبال المقالات لنشرها في الأعداد القادمة للصحيفة، يرجى إرسال مشاركاتكم إلى البريد الإلكتروني الرسمي للصحيفة أو عبر حساب التواصل على التليغرام.

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على قوائم الإرهاب

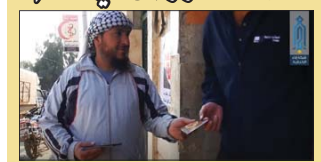


عبد المنعم أبو الفتوح رئيساً لمصر 2012

قضت محكمة النقض، أعلى هيئة قضائية لنظر الطعون في مصر، بتأييد إدراج عبد المنعم أبو الفتوح المرشح الرئاسي السابق ونجله وأخيه على قوائم الإرهاب، ورفض الطعن المقدم منهم.

حملة «إنه الله» للحد من ظاهرة

سب الله عز وجل في الشام



مجموعة من المجاهدين بسوريا يطلقون حملة «إنه الله» للحد من ظاهرة سب الله عز وجل والتي تنتشر في بلاد الشام عامة. في الصورة أحد الأخوة الشرعيين يوزع منشور على أهالي بلدة ترمانيين غرب حلب. (المصدر: شبكة آباء الإخبارية).

أمين سر «مؤمنون بلا حدود»

يدعي الختان انه وتعليقه



#كاذبون.. بلا حدود هاشتاغ انتشر بعد أن كشفت السلطات الأردنية عن كذب وادعاء الأمين العام المؤسسة «مؤمنون بلا حدود» الأردني يونس قنديل، الذي ادعى وفريق قصة خلفه وتعيذه على يد حركة إسلامية.

سيول تكثف قضاء «الشرقاط» في العراق



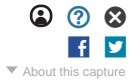
أكسحت السيول قضاء «الشرقاط» في محافظة صلاح الدين في العراق، وأدت السيول إلى الأذى عن وفاة 10 أشخاص. يذكر أن القضاء المنسكى كان تحت سيطرة تنظيم «داعش» وكان جدار فاصل بين محافظتي صلاح الدين وبنوي التي تقع فيها مدينة الموصل.



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I need to send u some recordinga
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Do not publish 1:37 PM ✓✓

Please ask Al Qaeda DO NOT ATTACK,
I'm still fighting the FBI here as they
refuse to let me leave america

1:38 PM ✓✓

Please confirm you received it

1:39 PM ✓✓

March 14

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 12:00 PM
To: 'bergenpeter@aol.com'
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: this is my direct email. Peter Bergen

Hello Mr. Bergen,

I was under threat by the so-called "Knight's Templar" organization (and other organizations linked to this dispute) not to leak the recording I sent you below. I believe they responded to my leak of that recording by ordering their attack on 3/14. I posted their "threat date" on my website prior to the attack, which was archived on January 20th, 2019 here:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20190120080038/https://theinvestigation.org/>

That is the second (back to back) terrorism attack linked directly to the conspiracy I witnessed, which I have predicted on my website. The last attack I predicted on my website was the 6/11/2016 attack. The FBI refuses to question me as to why I am specifically choosing to publish these dates on my public website as the dates with the highest probability of terrorist attacks linked to the three main trans-national organizations I witnessed directly as being involved in this "terrorism game" which has been ongoing for quite some time.

The NZ shooter claims his attack was approved by this so-called "Knight's Templar" organization, and when he was brought into the court he also flashed a hand signal that was used by these people to threaten me in the past. I have removed the link below. If you did not download it please contact me directly at [REDACTED].

Y

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 2:18 PM
To: 'bergenpeter@aol.com' <bergenpeter@aol.com>
Subject: RE: this is my direct email. Peter Bergen

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/\[REDACTED\]](https://drive.google.com/file/d/[REDACTED])

Recording with Sheikh Rahman's Attorney. Please confirm receipt.

I would like to talk to you about the 911 attacks and how (and why) they happened. You are the only journalist that understands the relevance of Sheikh Rahman to the 911 attacks. No one else seems to get it, and the official story put out by the government is a lie.

[REDACTED]

From: bergenpeter@aol.com [<mailto:bergenpeter@aol.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 02, 2019 7:52 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: this is my direct email. Peter Bergen

<https://nypost.com/2019/03/15/suspected-new-zealand-shooter-appears-in-court/>

NEW YORK POST

New Zealand ‘shooter’ flashes ‘white power’ symbol in court

By [Ben Feuerherd](#) | March 15, 2019 | 6:48pm | [Updated](#)



The [suspected white supremacist](#) who allegedly [slaughtered 49 people in mass shootings](#) at two separate mosques in New Zealand appeared in court in the city of Christchurch and was charged with murder Saturday morning local time, authorities said. Brenton Tarrant, 28, was hit with just one murder charge, New Zealand Police said, but more charges were expected. Tarrant, who was handcuffed and clad in a white prison jumpsuit, made an “OK” hand gesture during his appearance — a symbol used by white nationalists and racist internet trolls, [according to a photo published by the New Zealand Herald](#). He was remanded without bail and is expected back in court April 5. He killed 41 people at the Al Noor Mosque in the center of the city, then slaughtered seven more at the Linwood Mosque about 3 miles away, authorities said. Another victim died at a nearby hospital. Tarrant livestreamed his attack on Facebook and left behind a manifesto, in which he rambled about white supremacy and racism.



Report: David Headley Cooperating in Chicago Terror Probe

By [Jeralyn](#), Section [Terror Trials](#) | Posted on Tue Nov 24, 2009 at 08:09:00 AM EST

The Chicago Tribune reports that terror suspect David Headley, aka Daood Gilani, [is cooperating with authorities](#) and providing information about the Mumbai terror attacks of November, 2008.

David Coleman Headley, who has been cooperating with authorities, is being investigated as a scout for the Mumbai attack, which targeted multiple sites, including two hotels, a train station, a cafe and a Jewish community center. A source familiar with the probe said Headley's co-defendant in the newspaper case, Tahawwur Hussain Rana, is suspected to have paid for Headley's India missions.

As I [wrote here](#), it wouldn't be the first time Headley has cooperated. Under his original name, Daood Gilani, he worked his way out of a 1997 heroin case by providing information to the DEA. He ended up with a 15 month sentence (his co-defendant James Lewis got 100 months.) After Headley/Gilani was released from prison, and while he was on supervised release, the court granted him permission to travel to Pakistan. The Government then joined his request to terminate his supervised release three years early. [More...]

07/20/1999 ORDER as to Daood Saleem Gilani, endorsed on letter dated 7/14/99 from Howard Leader to Judge Amon, **requesting permission to travel to Pakistan from 8.10.99 through 9.15.99. Application granted.** (Signed by Judge Carol B. Amon , on 7/16/99) (Jean (Entered: 07/20/1999))

11/16/2001 CALENDAR ENTRY as to Daood Saleem Gilani; Case called before Judge Carol B. Amon on 11/16/01 for Status Conf. ESR: Loan Hong. AUSA: Michael Beys; Howard Leader, Esq. for the Deft. **Joint application** for termination of Supervised Release granted. (Permaul, Jenny) (Entered: 11/20/2001) (my emphasis)

12/27/2001 ORDER as to Daood Saleem Gilani. It is ordered that the releasee be discharged from supervised release and that the proceedings in the case be terminated. Signed by Judge Carol B. Amon, on 12/18/01. (Entered: 12/27/2001)

Further review of court records from the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York reveal that in addition to his own case involving importation of heroin from Pakistan, Gilani/Headley was the Government's "star witness" against a defendant in a similar case, [U.S. v. Ikram Haq](#). (Headley/Gilani was busted in February, 1997. By March, he was cooperating. In July, [Haq](#) and a co-defendant, [Maroof Ahmed](#) were arrested and charged.) Headley/Gilani must not have been too credible because [Ikram Haq](#), the only one who went to trial, was acquitted. Before [Haq's](#) trial, the AUSA trying the case, [Eric Tirschwell](#) (now a defense attorney, who interestingly represents both [Bernie Kerik](#) and one of the [Guantanamo detainees released to Palau](#)) moved the court to provide [Haq's](#) defense counsel with two paragraphs of Gilani's probation report under "Giglio" (meaning it contained impeachment evidence that the Government is required to turn over.) From the docket:

07/28/1998 LETTER dated 7/28/98 from AUSA Eric A. Tirschwell to Sam A. Schmidt, Esq. that I am attaching two excerpts from Mr. Gilani's presentence report which Judge Amon today authorized to be released pursuant to Giglio v. United States. (Entered: 07/29/1998)

As to why Maroof pleaded guilty before trial: He was between a rock and a hard place as in April, 1999, he was also charged, along with his brother Shahzad, in a heroin case in the Southern District of New York. Shahzad went to trial (Gilani/Headley does not appear to have been a witness in that case) and got 262 months.

According to [this article](#), the charges involved \$1 million of heroin imported from Pakistan. Just last month, the Second Circuit [rejected Shazhad's habeas petition](#). Maroof is serving 78 months at the federal prison camp in Schuylkill, PA and [posting internet requests for pen pals](#).

So Headley began cooperating with the DEA in 1997, was not a convincing witness for the DEA in 1998, but the Government didn't object to him going to Pakistan in 1999 after he got released from prison at Ft. Dix, and still sought his early termination from supervised release at the end of 2001.

Given that history, it's not surprising Headley is going to cooperate and implicate others in his new terror case. The lawyer for Tahawwur Hussain Rana, Headley's current codefendant in the Chicago case, says [Headley may have duped his client](#).

And now, the probe is expanding to determine whether Headley was involved in the Mumbai attacks. India newspapers today report that Harakat-ul-Jihad-Islami (HuJI) commander Ilyas Kashmiri, has been [arrested in Pakistan at the request of the F.B.I.](#)

Besides Headley and Rana, Kashmiri is among the five players listed by FBI in its affidavits against the terror duo in a Chicago court. Former commander in the Afghan jihad, Kashmiri was first arrested in October 2005 on charges of attacks against then Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf in 2003. He was, however, released and has since been coordinating with LeT members for their terror operations through well-trained and educated jihadis.

As to Individual A and B, [unnamed in the Chicago Complaint](#), [this news article takes a stab](#) at identifying them. So, if the F.B.I. ordered Kashmiri's arrest, or is planning on going after Individual A, is it planning on bringing either one to the U.S. to face charges in Chicago -- using Headley again as their star witness? That might be good news for the other defendants.

I hope the DEA and Department of Justice at some point explain their embrace of Headley/Gilani -- especially after his testimony failed to result in the conviction of the charged defendant. [Maybe Maroof, who is looking for a pen pal, has some information to share. Or maybe the feds can offer Shahzad and Maroof some time off their drug sentences if they have information on Headley or his associates in Pakistan.](#)

[If Headley got involved with terrorists -- and keep in mind the charges are not evidence, just allegations -- it either happened after he stopped working for the DEA \(a date we don't know, but appears to be 2002 or later\) or it happened before they took him on as an informant and cooperater, or while he was working for them, in which case, they aren't going to look too smart for missing it.](#)



How Did David Headley Outwit the DEA?

By [Jeralyn](#), Section [Terror Trials](#) | Posted on Mon May 16, 2011 at 08:44:00 AM EST

When the Chicago terror case against Daood Gilani, aka David Coleman Headley and Tawawwur Hussein Rana first came to light, the most striking fact was that [Headley had two prior heroin convictions and bargained his way out of heavy time](#) for both by cooperating for the DEA. After 13 years of on and off again cooperation, he wasn't a newbie at the cooperation game, and he was well known to his handlers. Yet the DEA dropped the ball on Headley big time. And no heads have rolled. In 1988 Gilani/Headley was busted at the airport in Frankfurt, Germany, when a customs officer asked to check his belongings. Finding 2 kilos of heroin inside, he called for a D.E.A. agent stationed nearby and who arrived at the scene? Derek Maltz. Maltz, who has since been promoted to head of DEA Special Operations, is 48 now. (He still crows after every big bust, but he's been focused more on Mexico and South America lately, it seems. [Here's a You Tube video](#) of him a few months ago, pleased as punch with his new perps. Or read [this description](#) of one of his many talks. He's been with the agency 25 years (his father also spent his career in drug enforcement). He would have been 25 when he was stationed in Frakfurt and made Headley's bust. Within two days (probably on the flight home) Headley agreed to cooperate. Two days later, he was back home at his apartment in Philly, all wired up for his first snare. The two unwitting dupes he snared that day were [Richard Roundtree and Darryl "Tarik" Scoggins](#). Headley got a 4 year sentence, and when he came out in 1992, it wasn't for long. He had a heroin addiction (probably picked up years earlier) was sent for treatment in 1994, and then back to jail for 6 months in 1995. In 1997, he got caught again with kilos of heroin, and got an even sweeter deal. (The court docket is [here](#).) Although detained without bond since February, 1997 when he was arrested, by May, 1997, he had agreed to cooperate, and the Government agreed to release him on bail pending sentencing in September -- so he'd be free to make new cases for the DEA. **This time he worked for the DEA in New York, where he set up Ikram Haq and Maroof Ahmed (details [here](#).) Before trial, Maroof picked up a case in the Southern District. so he wasn't tried with Ikram. Gilani/Headley was the star witness against Haq at trial. It was a he said/he said case. The jury believed Haq and acquitted him. Not a good thing for an informant's resume.** He also set up a guy named Zaheer Barbar, who had flown off to Pakistan to bring back 1 kilo. Barbar pleaded guilty. By September, 1998, he had done enough busts to earn, according to the DEA and prosecutor, a sentence reduction from 10 years down to 15 months. The agents told the judge that in addition to the busts, Gilani/Headley had helped translate hours of tape-recorded telephone intercepts, and coached drug agency investigators on how to question Pakistani suspects. He shuttled off to Fort Dix to serve his time in Dec. 1998. With credit for time he served in pretrial detention, he had about 7 months to serve. He was out by July, 1999, and placed on 5 years supervised release. **As soon as he got out of Fort Dix, his lawyers asked for permission for him to go to Pakistan for five weeks in August. The Government didn't object and the Court granted the request. He returned, and two years into his supervised release, in November, 2001, two months after 9/11, Gilani/Headley and the Government make a joint application to terminate his supervised release three years early. The DEA told the judge they considered him "reliable and forthcoming" and they wanted him to go to Pakistan to develop intelligence on Pakistani drug traffickers. According to the probation officer, it was a rushed affair. He had to apologize for not being in court attire, and the prosecutors apologized for not having enough time to put the motion in writing. The Court granted it. One thing that was clear from the hearing, was the DEA had more than drug cases in mind for Headley. Headley left for Pakistan in December, 2001. So he had a working agreement with the DEA in 2001 when he went off to Pakistan.**

Coincidentally (or not) this was the same month the Government designated LeT a terror organization. By February, 2002, Gilani/Headley was enrolled in his first LeT training program. When Headley was debriefed by the Indian Authorities in Chicago, [he told them](#),

It was in 2001 that I decided to join the LeT and fight for the cause of jihad. Since my video business was not doing well, I rented it out and moved to Pakistan where my thoughts on jihad and Salafi Islam got strength.

So he knew before he left for Pakistan he was going to join LeT. The clueless DEA had no idea, they signed him up as an informant thinking he was working just for them. Plenty of egg to go around all the faces of the DEA who were involved with this genius move. In Feb. 2002, he undertook Daura-e-Sufa training of three weeks in Muridke. In August, 2002, he attended LeT's Daura-e-Aam training in Muzaffarabad. In April 2003, he attended the three-month long Daura-e-Khas at Muzaffarabad. In September, 2003, he took unarmed close quarter combat training with the LeT. It was at the September training that he met LeT commander-in-chief Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi. Where was the DEA? Still clueless, apparently. They were probably feeding him information and money which he fed right back to LeT. The DEA has given conflicting answers on when he stopped working for them, but there are many news reports that a copy of his cooperation agreement is expected to be introduced at Rana's trial. The DEA and FBI have joint terrorism/drug task forces, so he was probably working for both. Was he still working for them in 2006 when he decided to change his name to David Headley? The main question is why did the DEA sign up a heroin addict with two strikes to work for them in Pakistan? Why didn't they send a handler with him? Why didn't they keep tabs on him? How did they not realize he had switched sides or was playing both sides? They didn't have a clue [until the British told them](#). More egg, please. If the DEA hadn't agreed to terminate his supervised release in 2001, Gilani/Headley would have been stuck here until 2003. He wouldn't have had the benefit of a DEA cover to allow him to travel around the world joining terror groups. So who is responsible for creating David Headley the terrorist? In my view, it's the D.E.A. And what happened to the young DEA Agent Derek Maltz? Despite the fiasco of Gilani/Headley, he got promoted, to where he's now in charge of DEA Special Operations Division in Virginia, and in the news every week touting the agency's latest and greatest huge international bust and the importance of information sharing among law enforcement. Headley's got a lot of explaining to do on cross-examination. I think Rana's team will be up to the task. I hope the judge doesn't cut them off at the knees, kow-towing to the prosecution's stated intention of keeping the Pakistani government and ISI in particular, out of the trial. As to what exactly Rana is alleged to have done, it's very simple. Headley changed his name and used Rana's immigration business as a cover and to get new documents so he could go scouting in India. Headley told him he was doing missions for the ISI. Rana, a former Pakistani Army doctor, thought by helping Headley, he was helping the ISI. The Judge won't allow that at trial either, but he can say he was duped by Headley. Rana faces up to life in prison if convicted. And while he's the one on trial this week, make no mistake: All eyes will be on the Government's star witness, Daood Gilani, aka David Headley. All of our coverage on the case is available [here](#).

TalkLeft the politics of crime



Who Has David Headley Duped the Most?

By [Jeralyn](#), Section [Terror Trials](#) | Posted on Tue May 31, 2011 at 09:15:22 PM EST

Did the Government participate in David Headley's lie to the court about his past mental health issues when he pleaded guilty? A bevy on news articles on the Tahawwur Rana terror trial in Chicago today say Headley lied to the Government and the Judge about his past mental health troubles. But did the Government really not know about them? The Wall St. Journal [recaps Headley's cross-examination today](#) by Tahawwur Rana's attorney:

When Mr. Headley told the court earlier that he had never been treated for a mental disorder, he failed to disclose that in 1992 he was diagnosed with a multiple-personality disorder and that he underwent 18 months of psychological treatment around 1997. Confronted with his medical record, Mr. Headley said softly, "I don't recall it." When Mr. Blegen asked him if he would like to see the paperwork, he said, "I will accept it."

The only time Headley could have spoken to the Judge directly about his mental issues would be during his change of plea hearing, which [occurred in March, 2010](#). At every federal change of plea hearing, the Judge asks the defendant some version of a question about whether he's ever been treated for mental illness or undergone psychiatric treatment. This is to ensure that a plea is knowing, voluntary and intelligently made. (And in my view, to reduce the chances a defendant will later try to withdraw his plea saying he had some mental issue that precluded him from knowingly and intelligently entering his plea.) From the news articles on Headley's testimony today, it appears Headley answered "No" when asked that question by the Judge. And the Government didn't contradict him. How could the Government not have known about his mental health issues when he pleaded guilty? I've [noted repeatedly](#) since 2009 that when Headley was a cooperating witness in 1998 against a defendant named Ikram Haq in a federal heroin trial in the Brooklyn, the prosecutor in that case filed a motion in Headley's own 1997 pending heroin case to release a portion of Headley's presentence report to Haq's lawyers because it could be considered Giglio (impeaching material.) The Judge granted the motion, Headley testified against Haq and the jury didn't believe him. Haq was acquitted. From [the docket](#):

ORDER, granting the government's request for permission to turn over to Mr. Haq's counsel the substance of 2 paragraphs from defendant Gilani's presentence report. (Signed by Judge Amon, dated 7/20/98). C/M by Chambers. See letter dated 7/17/98 from AUSA Eric Tirschwell to Judge Amon. (Reddy, Lisa) Modified on 10/14/1998 (Entered:7/29/1998)

And from Ikram Haq's docket:

07/28/1998 51 LETTER dated 7/28/98 from AUSA Eric A. Tirschwell to Sam A. Schmidt, Esq. that I am attaching two excerpts from Mr. Gilani's presentence report which Judge Amon today authorized to be released pursuant to Giglio v. United States. (Guzzi, Roseann) (Entered: 07/29/1998.)

Haq's trial began on 7/29/98. Headley testified that day, was cross-examined the next day, and the Government rested. The defense presented four witnesses, including Haq. Haq claimed entrapment and asked to present expert testimony on his own mental defect that made him more suggestible to enticements, but the Court refused. It still took the jury less than one day to find him not guilty. Would prosecutors in the Mumbai case really not have checked out the Haq case before making a deal with Headley? That strains credulity. They aren't that sloppy. In Tahawwur Rana's case, on Nov. 22, 2010, Rana's attorneys filed a motion (docket no. 148) for the Judge to review Headley's presentence report in his heroin case, saying:

4. Based on information obtained via interviews with potential witnesses, media reports regarding David Headley, and court records, counsel suspect that Headley's prior presentence investigation reports contain, at a minimum, impeachment material. For instance, in *United States v. Haq*, a case from the Eastern District of New York in which Headley was previously a witness, excerpts from one of Headley's presentence reports were tendered to the defense pursuant to Giglio. (*United States v. Haq*, EDNY, 97 CR 762, Docket No. 51)

When it is suspected that a witness' presentence investigation report may contain impeachment material, the proper procedure is to request that the trial court examine the report in camera. *United States v. Anderson*, 724 F.2d 596, 598 (7th Cir. 1984). If the report does contain impeachment material, the judge should reveal the relevant portions to the defense.

On December 13, 2010, the Court granted the motion. In a minute order (Docket No.158), the judge wrote:

The Court has conducted an in camera review of the Presentence Investigation Report from co-defendant David Headley's federal case *United States v. Gilani*, 97-CR-214-1 (E.D.N.Y. July 22, 1997) [148]. The Court orders that the Government disclose the "Mental and Emotional Health" section of this report to Defendant.

...The Court finds that the Government has an obligation pursuant to Brady to disclose the "Mental and Emotional Health" section of Headley's July 22, 1997, presentence report. Presentence Investigation Report at 9, *Gilani*, 97-CR-214-1 (E.D.N.Y. July 22, 1997). This section shall be disclosed in its entirety."

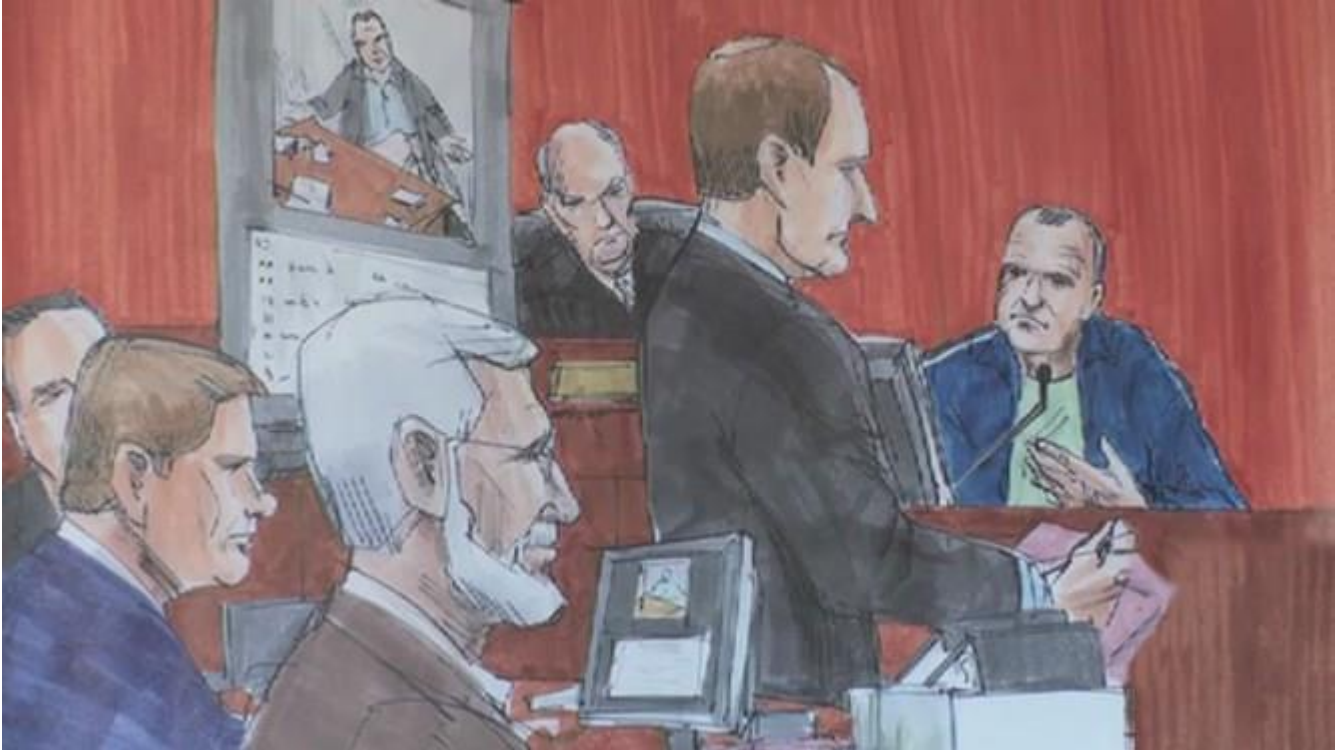
The Court also ordered the Government to track down for in camera review the presentence report in Headley's first heroin case, *United States v. Gilani*, 88-CR-286 (E.D. Pa.). "The Government has indicated it will tender this if and when it locates it." Headley had already pleaded guilty to the Mumbai attacks by the time Rana raised the issue. So the Court probably didn't know about these issues at the time Headley pleaded guilty. Meaning Headley did lie to the Judge when he pleaded guilty. But I don't buy that he lied to the Government. Surely it reviewed his prior court records before extending its plea offer in the Mumbai case. Did the Government have an obligation to inform the Court at Headley's change of plea hearing in the Mumbai case that Headley was not being truthful when he answered "No" to the question "Have you ever been treated for mental health issues (or received psychiatric treatment)?" or however the Court phrased it? And once the Court found out months later from its review of the 1997 presentence report, should it have conducted a hearing to ensure Headley no longer suffered from mental health issues and his plea was valid? The jury may not understand the importance of Headley's lies to his wife or the intricacies of Headley's playing double agent, but I think it will understand that Headley lied about his medical records and is mentally unstable. That alone could cause the jury to believe Headley is not a credible witness. Headley is the linchpin of the Government's case against Rana. This jury may decide, as did Haq's jury in 1998, that Headley is not credible, resulting in Rana's acquittal. I think the Government should have brought this out on its direct examination of Headley. They knew Rana's lawyers had the information and would use it. Now it looks like Headley was hiding something. They could have brought it up and had him explain it, lessening its impact. Question: Did the Government just torpedo its own case? If Headley provides the only evidence against Rana, I'd say the answer is "yes." But the Government put him on first for a reason, and has several more witnesses to go. If their remaining witnesses are strong, and have evidence against Rana independent of Headley's testimony, perhaps not. The Government knows Headley's weaknesses as a witness. If they thought he was strong enough to bring the case home for them on his own, I think they would have called him last. By calling him first, if their other witnesses match his testimony in important areas, they are probably hoping the jury won't dwell on his peccadilloes like lying about his past mental health treatment or lying to his ex-wife, or double-crossing the DEA. And the final question: What was the DEA thinking when it sent Headley, an informant with two heroin convictions and mental health issues, whose testimony a jury had rejected as non-credible, [to Pakistan in December, 2001](#)? Who was the agent in charge of watching him? Was it Derek Maltz, [who used him as an informant following his 1988 heroin bust](#)? Or a successor? Whoever it was sure dropped the ball. The DEA failed to realize Headley had switched sides and was playing them when he went to an LeT training camp in Feb. 2002...and again and again as Headley attended terror training camp after terror training camp. [Headley told Indian authorities](#) after his arrest he decided to join LeT in 2001. And after all that double-crossing, the Government gives him yet another break, sparing him from the death penalty and extradition to India. For what? To get a conviction on Tahawwur Rana, whose involvement, if any, consisted of letting Headley use his immigration business as a cover?

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[A Perfect Terrorist](#)

Did the U.S. Know More Than It Let On About Mumbai Attacks Suspect?

November 22, 2011 | by [Sebastian Rotella](#)



U.S. Officials say David Coleman Headley slipped through the cracks, but ex-wives and Indian authorities say the government had detailed information about the ex-informant's activities before the 2008 siege that killed 166 people, including six U.S. citizens. ProPublica reporter and FRONTLINE correspondent Sebastian Rotella uncovers new details about Headley's past that underscore suspicions — especially in India — that the U.S. knows more than it has disclosed. This story was co-published with [ProPublica](#).

Prologue: Justice Denied

During a meeting overseas last summer, a senior U.S. official and Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, the chief of Pakistan's armed forces, discussed a threat that has strained the troubled U.S.-Pakistani relationship since the 2008 Mumbai attacks: the Lashkar-i-Taiba militant group. The senior U.S. official expressed concern that Zakiur-Rehman Lakhvi, a terrorist chief arrested for the brutal attacks in India, was still directing Lashkar operations while in custody, according to a U.S. government memo viewed by ProPublica. Gen. Kayani responded that Pakistan's spy agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISI), had told prison authorities to better control Lakhvi's access to the outside world, the memo says. But Kayani rejected a U.S. request that authorities take away the cell phone Lakhvi was using in jail, according to the memo to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the National Security Council. The meeting was emblematic of the lack of progress three years after Lashkar and the ISI allegedly teamed up to kill 166 people in Mumbai, the most sophisticated and spectacular terror strike since the September 11 attacks. The U.S. government filed unprecedented charges against an ISI officer in the deaths of six Americans. Yet, Pakistani authorities have not arrested him or other accused masterminds. The failure to crack down on the jailed Lakhvi, whose trial has stalled, raises fears of new attacks on India and the West, counterterror officials say. "Lakhvi is still the military chief of Lashkar," a U.S. counterterror official said in an interview. "He is in custody but has not been replaced. And he still has access and ability to be the military chief. Don't assume a Western view of what custody is." In the United States, stubborn questions persist about the case's star witness, David Coleman Headley, a confessed Lashkar operative and ISI spy. The Pakistani-

American's testimony [at a trial in Chicago this year](#) revealed the ISI's role in the Mumbai attacks and a plot against Denmark. It was the strongest public evidence to date of ISI complicity in terrorism. But the trial shed little light on Headley's past as a [U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration](#) informant and the failure of U.S. agencies to pursue repeated warnings over seven years that could have stopped his lethal odyssey sooner — and perhaps prevented the Mumbai attack. U.S. officials say Headley simply slipped through the cracks. If that is true, his story is a trail of bureaucratic dysfunction. But if his ties to the U.S. government were more extensive than disclosed — as widely believed in India — an operative may have gone rogue with tragic results. Both scenarios reveal the kind of breakdowns that the government has spent billions to correct since the Sept. 11 attacks. The Obama administration has not discussed results of an internal review of the case conducted last year, or disclosed whether any officials have been held accountable. During an interview in Delhi, former Indian Home Secretary G.K. Pillai asserted that U.S. authorities know more about Headley than they have publicly stated. Several senior Indian security officials said they believe that U.S. warnings provided to India before the Mumbai attacks came partly from knowledge of Headley's activities. They believe he remained a U.S. operative. "David Coleman Headley, in my opinion, was a double agent," said Pillai, who served in the top security post until this past summer. "He was working for both the U.S. and for Lashkar and the ISI." The CIA, FBI and DEA deny such allegations. An investigation by ProPublica and FRONTLINE during the past year did not find proof that Headley was working as a U.S. agent at the time of the attacks. But it did reveal new contradictions between the official version of events, Headley's sworn testimony and detailed accounts of officials and others involved in the case. The reporting also turned up previously undisclosed opportunities for U.S. agencies to identify Headley as a terrorist threat, and new details about already-reported warnings. U.S. and foreign officials say his role as an informant or ex-informant helped him elude detection as he was training in Pakistani terror camps and traveling back and forth to Mumbai to scout targets. And three counterterror sources say U.S. agencies learned enough about him to glean fragments of intelligence that contributed to the warnings to India about a developing plot against Mumbai. In contrast, some U.S. officials say spotting a threat is harder than it seems. Glimmers of advance knowledge are part of the landscape of terrorism. In cases such as the Sept. 11 attacks and the 2004 Madrid train bombings, security forces had detected some of the suspects but not their plots. "I just have to dispel some of these notions," said Philip Mudd, a former top national security official at the FBI. "We look at a grain of sand and say ... 'why couldn't you put together the whole conspiracy when you saw that grain of sand?' Well, you got to reverse it. Every day coming into a threat brief, you're not looking at a grain of sand and building a beach. You're looking at a beach and trying to find a grain of sand." New information about the case comes partly from the DEA. After months of silence, DEA officials recently granted an interview with a ProPublica reporter and went over a timeline based on records about their former informant. The DEA officials said Headley's relationship with the anti-drug agency was more limited than has been widely described. The DEA officially deactivated Headley as a confidential source on March 27, 2002, according to a senior DEA official. That was weeks after he began training in Lashkar terror camps in Pakistan and six years before the Mumbai attacks. The senior official denied assertions that Headley had worked for the DEA in Pakistan while he trained with Lashkar in 2002 and beyond. "The DEA did not send David Coleman Headley to Pakistan for the purpose of collecting post-9/11 information on terrorism or drugs," the senior DEA official said. The denial adds another version to a murky story. Officials at other U.S. agencies say Headley remained a DEA operative in some capacity until as late as 2005. Headley has testified that he did not stop working for the DEA until September 2002, when he had done two stints in the Lashkar camps. Some U.S. officials and others involved say the government ended Headley's probation for a drug conviction three years early in November 2001 to shift him from anti-drug work to gathering intelligence in Pakistan. They say the DEA discussed him with other agencies as a potential asset because of his links to Pakistan — including a supposed high-ranking relative in the ISI. A senior European counterterror official who has investigated Headley in recent years thinks the American became an intelligence operative focused on terrorism. "I don't feel we got the whole story about Headley as an informant from the Americans," the official said. "I think he was a drug informant and also some other kind of an informant." The transition from registered law enforcement source to secret counterterrorism operative would help explain the contradictory versions. But

the duration and nature of intelligence work by Headley, if it was done, remain unknown. Federal prosecutors and investigators declined to be interviewed on the record for this story. Pakistani officials, who also refused to be interviewed, have said they have cracked down on Lashkar and have denied that the ISI was involved in the Mumbai attacks. Nonetheless, ProPublica and FRONTLINE talked to U.S. and foreign counterterrorism officials and other well-informed sources while reporting in the United States, India, Pakistan and Europe. A number of those officials and sources requested anonymity for their security or because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the sensitive case. Headley was a wildly elusive figure who juggled allegiances with militant groups and security agencies, manipulating and betraying wives, friends and allies. He played a crucial role in an attack that had resounding international repercussions. And his unprecedented confessions opened a door into the secret world of terrorism and counterterrorism in South Asia — and closer to home.

“The Prince”

David Coleman Headley is not his original name. The 51-year-old was born Daood Gilani in Washington, D.C. His father, Syed Saleem Gilani, was a renowned Pakistani broadcaster. His mother, Serrill Headley, was a free spirit from a wealthy Philadelphia family. They moved to Pakistan when he was a baby, but the parents divorced and Serrill returned alone. Headley grew up in an environment of Pakistani nationalism and Islamic conservatism. During a war with India in 1971, a stray bomb hit his elementary school in Karachi, killing two people. The incident stoked his hatred of India, according to his later accounts. Headley attended the Hasan Abdal Cadet College, where he met his friend Tahawwur Rana. During testimony at Rana’s trial this year in Chicago, Headley said he was proud of studying at the elite military school, though he did not graduate. He described Rana as a “very good” student and himself as “very bad.” Rana’s wife recalled an anecdote about Headley’s approach to morning prayers. “Dave, he knocks on all the doors of students and he says, ‘Get up, get up, it’s time for prayer,’” Samraz Rana said in an interview. “And then when everybody gets up, he went to his room and went to sleep, you know. So he was laughing, he was like that.” Headley clashed with his Pakistani stepmother. At 17, he returned Philadelphia to live with his mother. She owned the Khyber Pass, a trendy club that featured tarot readings and jazz and folk music. Her son helped manage the bar. He was tall and smooth and had a striking characteristic: One eye was brown, the other blue. Employees nicknamed him “The Prince.” “I think he was in culture shock,” said Djuna Wojton, a friend of his mother. “He spoke like with almost a British accent. And he was very well-mannered and very proper and polite.” Headley enrolled at Valley Forge Military Academy & College but did not last long there. He studied at a community college and slid into heroin addiction. His first encounter with the law happened during a visit to Pakistan when he was 24. He used his friend Rana, then a Pakistani army medical student, as an unwitting shield. The two drove to the tribal areas, where Headley bought half a kilogram of heroin and smuggled it back to Lahore, according to the DEA and Headley’s testimony. He thought Rana’s military ID card would prevent a police search if they were stopped, according to his testimony. Days later, police in Lahore arrested Headley for drug possession, according to his testimony and U.S. officials. He somehow beat the charges. In 1988, police caught him at the Frankfurt, Germany, airport en route to Philadelphia with two kilos of heroin hidden in a suitcase. The DEA took over, and he made a deal on the spot. His partners in Philadelphia got eight and 10 years in prison. He got four years. It would become a pattern, said former CIA officer Marc Sageman, a respected terrorism expert who was a consultant for Rana’s defense. “He just turns around immediately and betrays everybody when it’s convenient for him,” said Sageman. Struggling with addiction, Headley spent six months in prison for a probation violation in 1995. He moved to New York, where he bought and operated video stores. Despite his criminal record, he managed to avoid prosecution a year later when police on Long Island arrested him for allegedly assaulting and threatening the former boyfriend of his new Canadian girlfriend, according to Nassau County authorities.

Informant and Militant

Headley overcame his addiction but not his taste for drug money. In early 1997, the DEA arrested him in a sting at a Manhattan hotel. He signed up as a confidential DEA informant and was out on bail by August. In January

1998, the DEA sent Headley to Pakistan to dispel suspicions among traffickers about his absence. He used his wealthy father's house in Lahore to meet with suppliers, and gathered useful intelligence during his first and only DEA-funded mission in Pakistan, the senior DEA official said. "This was the only trip at the DEA's behest," the senior official said. During his first 16 months as an informant, Headley infiltrated Pakistani heroin trafficking networks, generating five arrests and the seizure of 2½ kilos of heroin, the DEA says. There were warning signs, however. He broke the rules by trying to set up dealers with jailhouse phone calls that were not monitored by agents, according to court records. He angled for leverage with his handlers, according to a close associate from that period. "The DEA agents liked him," the associate said. "He would brag about it. He was manipulating them. He said he had them in his pocket." One defendant was acquitted on grounds of entrapment, a rare finding in a drug case. Ikram Haq was a mentally impaired Pakistani immigrant. His lawyer, Sam Schmidt, convinced the jury that Headley conned his client into a heroin deal. "My impression of him was a person who was in many ways a sociopath," Schmidt said, "that he would be able to say anything that he thought would work to his benefit." Headley served another eight months in prison. He became a more devout Muslim behind bars, according to his associate. Soon after his release in 1999, probation officials permitted him to travel to Pakistan for a few weeks for an arranged marriage. His new wife remained in his family hometown of Lahore. Headley returned to New York and resumed work for the DEA in early 2000. That April, he went undercover in an operation against Pakistani traffickers that resulted in the seizure of a kilo of heroin, according to the senior DEA official. At the same time, Headley immersed himself in the ideology of Lashkar-i-Taiba. He took trips to Pakistan without permission of the U.S. authorities. And in the winter of 2000, he met Hafiz Saeed, the spiritual leader of Lashkar. Saeed had built his group into a proxy army of the Pakistani security forces, which cultivated militant groups in the struggle against India. Lashkar was an ally of Al Qaeda, but it was not illegal in Pakistan or the United States at the time. Saeed made a statement that was Headley's epiphany: "One second spent in jihad is superior to 100 years of worship and prayer." In New York, Headley recruited for Lashkar, prayed intensely and studied Arabic, according to his associate and other sources. Headley talked about getting ready for jihad overseas. He prepared to sell his stores, underwent laser eye surgery and took horseback riding lessons, which he said would be useful for mountain training camps. "He was living on the Upper West Side," the associate said, "sleeping on the floor, eating rice and beans, acting really weird. He started collecting money for Lashkar, saying how great it was." Headley later testified that he told his DEA handler about his views about the disputed territory of Kashmir, Lashkar's main battleground. But the senior DEA official insisted that agents did not know about his travel to Pakistan or notice his radicalization. On Sept. 6, 2001, Headley signed up to work another year as a DEA informant, according to the senior DEA official.

Mission in Pakistan

On Sept. 12, Headley's DEA handler called him. Agents were canvassing sources for information on the Al Qaeda attacks of the day before. Headley angrily said he was an American and would have told the agent if he knew anything, according to the senior DEA official. Headley began collecting counterterror intelligence, according to his testimony and the senior DEA official. He worked sources in Pakistan by phone, getting numbers for drug traffickers and Islamic extremists, according to his testimony and U.S. officials. He visited a mosque in Queens at the direction of the DEA, according to his testimony and officials. But there was a dark side. A former girlfriend of Headley's told a bartender named Terry O'Donnell that he wanted to go to Pakistan to fight alongside Islamic militants, according to law enforcement officials. She said he had praised the Sept. 11 attacks, recalled O'Donnell, now a New York firefighter. "And then she went on and said he was happy to see it happen," O'Donnell said in interview. "And he got off on watching the news over and over again." O'Donnell contacted an FBI-led task force that was investigating 9/11 — and an avalanche of tips. Residents of the traumatized city were reporting everything from people who spoke Arabic to neighbors who put out the garbage at odd hours. Investigators interviewed Headley's mother and the girlfriend, who described his ideological support for militants in Kashmir, according to officials. It would be the only warning about Headley that resulted in an interrogation. On Oct. 4, two Defense Department agents working for the task force questioned him in front of his DEA handlers at the

drug agency's office, according to the senior DEA official. Headley denied the accusations and cited his counterterrorism work, according to U.S. officials. He told the agents he had a distant Pakistani relative who was an Army general and the deputy director of the ISI, that nation's powerful intelligence service, according to U.S. and Indian officials. Today, U.S. intelligence believes the relative may have been Gen. Faiz Gilani, the ISI's deputy director at the time, according to a U.S. counterterrorism official. The suspected family connection has not been confirmed, the counterterrorism official said. But it was a portentous detail. The investigators cleared Headley. Although their informant had been interviewed by the FBI task force, the DEA handlers did not write a report, the senior DEA official said. In addition, he said the DEA has no record that agents looked into Headley's claim about the ISI relative to determine whether it had intelligence value or, conversely, might show he was a liar. Six weeks later, another unusual thing happened. A federal judge ended Headley's probation three years early so he could travel to Pakistan. A transcript and accounts of participants show the hearing was rushed. Headley's lawyer told the judge he had "just been handed all sorts of material." A supervisory probation officer, Luis Caso, apologized because he had not had time to dress appropriately for court. "Having a probation terminated early is rarely done. It's usually reserved for someone who's very ill," Caso said in an interview. "It was a last-minute thing." The government was in a hurry, said Caso, who is now retired. "From what I remember, it's basically he was a very good cooperator at that time, working with the DEA, and he was going to do more of the same but overseas in Pakistan," he said. "It was shortly after 9/11 occurred, and at that time, all the federal law enforcement agencies were doing their very best to investigate the terrorist activity, and whoever they had under their control for information purposes they had utilized to the maximum." Headley's lawyer has a similar recollection. Howard Leader said prosecutors called him a few days earlier to tell him the hearing would take place. "The fact that this was coming from the government, that was, frankly, highly unusual," Leader said. "It's the only occasion I can recall it ever happening." Leader said he believed the DEA had made the request and that Headley would continue working for the agency in Pakistan. "My recollection is, basically, it's a twofold mission," Leader said. "There would be drug-related work specifically. But also, in light of the then-very-recent events on September the 11th, I think that he was going to go back to Pakistan with a view towards meeting with or gathering whatever information he could that might be useful to the U.S. government regarding certain extremist elements there." An excited Headley told friends and family that he was leaving on a mission. He explained that "the FBI and DEA had joined forces" and he would work for them in Pakistan, according to his close associate. The DEA gives a far different account. The senior DEA official said Headley told his handlers he wanted to return to Pakistan for family reasons. The senior official said the DEA agreed to support ending his probation because of his past cooperation. The DEA provided a letter to the judge describing his work on drugs and counterterrorism, according to U.S. officials and others familiar with the case. The DEA then deactivated him as a law enforcement informant, a process that became official on March 27 of the next year, according to the senior DEA official. Headley was paid a total of \$3,925 while an informant, the senior official said. DEA agents did not work with him again after the hearing, the senior official said. The transcript of the Nov. 16, 2001, hearing does not resolve the disputed versions. The prosecutor apparently did not know about Headley's extremism, unauthorized travel or the task force interview weeks before; he called him an "outstanding supervisee" with "no problems." The judge said probation was being ended "for the purposes of him returning" to Pakistan, and mentioned Headley's "continuing cooperation." In the frenzied aftermath of Sept. 11, U.S. intelligence agencies were scrambling to recruit spies. With his language skills, Pakistani connections and undercover talents, Headley had potential. A U.S. law enforcement official familiar with the case said he doubts the government ended the probation early just to reward Headley, and even let him leave the country, because he suddenly decided to stop being an informant. "It's preposterous," the official said. "It defies any sort of logic at all. U.S. attorneys are not in the business of granting presents for people. In the post-9/11 environment, there was a big push for intelligence assets." A number of DEA informants moved to counterterrorism work during that period. Some were passed to the FBI or CIA, and a few were run jointly by the DEA with other agencies, according to former U.S. law enforcement and intelligence officials. In fact, a counterterrorism source said the DEA had discussions with the FBI and other agencies in late 2001 about which agency could best use Headley. The discussions cited his allusion to a relative in the ISI as a potential

benefit, the counterterror source said. During his testimony this year, Headley said nothing about deciding to end his service as an informant before going to Pakistan. Asked when he stopped working for the DEA, he testified: “The following year, in September. ... It was the time that I had signed up for.” The world of informants is hazy, according to law enforcement veterans. Agents at the DEA, FBI and other agencies sometimes use unofficial “hip-pocket” sources, the veteran officials said. Ex-informants sometimes surface and provide intelligence. Or they try to use past relationships with the government to justify their behavior when they get in trouble. Officials at other agencies say Headley remained a DEA operative in some capacity as late as 2005. The senior DEA official denied that, citing the agency’s detailed records on informants. He said he had no information on whether Headley shifted to intelligence work for another agency but would not rule out that possibility. The CIA and FBI deny that Headley worked for them. Today, nobody wants any part of him.

The Path to Holy War

By February 2002, Headley was training in Lashkar’s mountain camps. He did a three-week introductory course on ideology and jihad. The U.S. and Pakistan had outlawed Lashkar. But the ISI continued to fund, train and direct the group, which refrained from attacking Pakistan. The group’s global networks and storefront offices in Pakistan made it easier to join than Al Qaeda. Lashkar camps churned out thousands of militants, some of whom went on to lead Al Qaeda plots in the West. That summer, Headley returned to New York and proposed to his Canadian-born girlfriend with a diamond ring in Central Park. Photos show he had bulked up and grown a long beard. His sharp profile and receding, slicked-back hair gave him a hawk-like look. In June, Headley visited his mother in Oxford, Pa., a small town about 50 miles from Philadelphia where she then ran a day-care center. She had become stout, favored colorful dresses and wore her hair short and dyed blonde. She was a regular customer at the Morning Glories café and spent many afternoons talking to co-owner Phyllis Keith. One day, Headley’s mother said she was concerned because he was training in militant camps in Pakistan. She told Keith he was increasingly fanatical and had described meeting teen-age trainees who had later died, according to U.S. officials. “It was kind of like mother to mother: ‘I’m really worried about my son,’” Keith recalled. Keith had seen Headley once at the café. On a catering visit to his mother’s home, she noticed his car parked behind the house as if he were hiding it. Keith called the FBI in Philadelphia and told them about the mother’s account of Headley’s involvement with militants in Pakistan. The conversation lasted about five minutes, she said. Headley later told an associate that an FBI agent had gone to his mother’s house and asked about him. But the FBI says there was no such visit. An agent in Philadelphia did basic record checks and closed the case, a law enforcement official said. The official did not know whether the agent was aware of the interview of Headley in New York the year before. Headley’s links to the DEA probably caused the FBI to see him as less of a threat, officials say. Headley did his second Lashkar training stint in August. When he was not at the camps, he lived with his Pakistani wife in Lahore. By then, two of their four children had been born. On Dec. 11, 2002, Headley returned to New York to marry his fiancée there. At the airport, border inspectors sent him to the secondary inspection area for questioning. It was not the first time. After his heroin smuggling arrest in 1988, border agencies placed him on a “drug lookout” list and stopped him at airports in 1993, 1996 and 2001 for questioning and luggage searches, according to U.S. officials. This time, however, inspectors were on alert for potentially suspicious travel patterns to Pakistan and other hubs of terrorism. They found nothing amiss. Headley was not on a watch list, and the inspectors did not know about the allegations by O’Donnell and Keith, according to U.S. officials. Days later, Headley married the Canadian woman at a resort in Jamaica. He did advanced Lashkar training in Pakistan in April, August and December. He wanted to fight in Kashmir, but the bosses had other ideas. Headley was cultivated by Sajid Mir, a chief in charge of foreign recruits. Mir was about 30, a rising star. He was waging global jihad at a time when many Western authorities mistakenly saw Lashkar as a threat limited to India. “My impression was that he was an authority and a power in his own right,” said Charles Wardle, a former Lashkar operative from New Zealand. “He could pretty much do whatever he wanted.” Wardle, now 28, is one of Mir’s few known recruits who is not dead or in prison. He was an angry drifter who arrived at Lashkar headquarters in the heady days of the fall of 2001. He hung out with American, French and British trainees whom Mir later

deployed to procure equipment and scout targets in the United States and to carry out a bomb plot in Australia that was foiled in 2003. The recruits included a Korean-American and a French-Caribbean convert: Mir was looking for operatives with unlikely profiles suited to espionage-style work. Mir didn't let Wardle take paramilitary training because he had just converted to Islam. But Mir gave him travel cash and kept in touch as Wardle traveled to Saudi Arabia, where Lashkar militants helped him make his way to Iraq in time for the outbreak of the war. Wardle narrowly survived combat alongside militants in the north. In the summer of 2003, Mir sent Wardle from Pakistan to Dubai, a hub of Lashkar activity, for training in the use of explosives and espionage techniques. Mir visited him in Dubai. Mir gave "the impression ... that I would be returning to my country," Wardle said. "I can only guess, but explosives training, I guess he would have had a target in mind." Before training could begin, however, Dubai police arrested and deported Wardle in a round-up of Islamic extremists. Mir was also detained in Dubai at some point but used Lashkar connections to get out of it, according to investigative documents. Mir did not seem fazed by the incident or, in 2007, by his conviction in absentia in France on terror charges. Pakistan did nothing in response to the verdict or an Interpol warrant from Judge Jean-Louis Bruguière, who led the French investigation. Bruguière is convinced that Mir was in the military or ISI. "When you send an Interpol warrant and a country ignores it, it tends to confirm my theory that he was extremely powerful, that he was protected at high levels," Bruguière said in an interview. "And the fact that no one has done anything about him, even today, confirms it once again." Other investigators believe Mir was close to the security forces but not an officer. "There are a lot of questions about Sajid Mir," Sageman said. "Is he really an ISI person who is within Lashkar-i-Taiba? Or is he a Lashkar-i-Taiba person who was trained by the military in the background? It doesn't matter because, in a sense, Lashkar-i-Taiba was a proxy of the Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate."

Narrow Escapes

Mir told Headley he wanted to use him for missions in India. The American suggested he could perfect his cover by changing his name to hide his Pakistani ancestry and using a Chicago immigration consulting firm owned by Rana, his boyhood friend. Mir loved both ideas. In the summer of 2005, Headley saw his Canadian wife in New York. He had applied for a green card for her, even though his marriage to his Pakistani wife was known to U.S. immigration, officials say. The Canadian was furious. He had gone for months without communicating with her from Pakistan. She had called Headley's father in Lahore, and he told her about the Pakistani wife and children, according to Headley's associate and U.S. officials. The father said Headley claimed to be working for the U.S. government but was spending time in the Lashkar camps, the associate said. On Aug. 25, Headley and his wife argued at his video store, and he allegedly hit her. Police arrested him on charges of assault. The wife also called a terror tip line. Headley had told her a lot over the years, even calling and emailing from the training camps. She knew more about Lashkar, a relatively obscure group, than most Westerners, officials say. Agents from the FBI-led Joint Terrorism Task Force interviewed her three times. She told them about his extremist activities, overseas training and acquisition of equipment for the terror group. She said he had told her periodically that he was working as a U.S. informant in Pakistan, according to officials and the close associate. An FBI agent called Headley's former DEA handler, according to the senior DEA official. The FBI agent said the wife had claimed, curiously enough, that the drug agent had obtained night-vision goggles for Headley, according to the senior DEA official. The DEA agent denied that assertion, the senior official said. The drug agent said Headley was no longer his informant and that the agent had not known Headley to threaten the United States, according to the senior official. The FBI agent said he felt the wife "had an ax to grind" because of the other wife in Pakistan, the senior DEA official said. The FBI knew about the previous allegations in New York and Philadelphia, according to U.S. law enforcement officials. Yet, the agents did not question Headley as a suspect or even as a potential source of intelligence, officials say. "Why close a case when you have a guy going to Pakistan to train?" said a U.S. law enforcement official who believes Headley was still an informant. "He could have been training with Al Qaeda, too. We keep cases open for years on people." A senior law enforcement official said Headley's past with the drug agency influenced the FBI's decision that he was not a threat. The report went into the FBI's Guardian Lead

system, which was created to improve the tracking of leads in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. Headley soon found out about his wife's tip, but it didn't affect his activities, officials say. He went to Philadelphia and initiated the legal name change from Daood Gilani to David Coleman Headley, adopting his mother's family name. Pennsylvania officials did a required check for a criminal record but apparently did not find his two federal drug convictions, according to state documents and officials. As for his wife's assault charges, there were several hearings before the prosecution was dropped, officials say. In January 2006, Headley took another big step: He was recruited by an ISI officer named Major Iqbal. U.S. counterterrorism officials believe Iqbal was in Directorate S, the wing of the spy agency that works with militant groups. Headley and Iqbal met at a safe house with a colonel who was Iqbal's commanding officer. It has not been revealed whether Headley mentioned his relative in the ISI. "I told him that I was being sent to India and that I had applied for a name change and would be getting that in the near future," Headley testified. "I was planning to leave for the United States at that time. So he told me to leave and call him after I returned." On Feb. 7, Headley had a familiar experience at JFK International. Border inspectors sent him to the secondary inspection area for questioning because his travel had caught their attention. He told them he had been visiting family and described himself as an owner of a video store, officials say. The ex-convict had a lot to hide: The three FBI inquiries. His upcoming mission. His recruitment by the ISI. The pending name change. But the inspectors, once again, didn't have access to databases where leads were stored, officials say. Nor was his name on a watch list. Headley eluded detection again. At about this time, Headley called his former DEA handler for a brief social conversation, according to the senior DEA official. The official said this was the DEA's only documented contact with Headley between November 2001 and his arrest in 2009. Armed with his new name, Headley became a Pakistani spy. Noncommissioned officers trained him in espionage techniques during dozens of sessions at a safe house and on the streets of Lahore. Now he had two handlers: Mir and Major Iqbal. They ran him in tandem but always met with him separately to maintain deniability. U.S. investigators have corroborated Headley's contacts with Mir, Major Iqbal and other ISI officers through emails, phone intercepts, witness accounts and other evidence. "I'm trying to think of another case where we saw somebody who was an international jihadist direct against foreign targets that would involve the killing of Americans and who was also so deeply involved ... with [a] foreign security service," said Mudd, the former FBI official. "I can't remember another case like that." In June 2006, another warning made its way into the government. Headley's estranged Canadian wife filed a petition for permanent residency with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services under a law for abused spouses, according to U.S. officials. In addition to accusing him of abuse, the petition recounted Headley's radicalization, travel and militant training, his hatred for Jews and Hindus and his praise for suicide bombers. It mentioned his claims of working for the U.S. government and the 2005 FBI inquiry, according to officials and the close associate. The green card was granted. The petition "raised concerns" at the immigration service, a U.S. official said. But privacy laws governing immigration issues are even stricter for cases of abused spouses, the official said. As a result, the immigration service did not advise law enforcement about the disturbing portrait of a potential terrorist, the U.S. official said.

Target Mumbai

Headley spent most of the next two years in Mumbai developing a blueprint for terror. Funded by \$25,000 from Major Iqbal, he opened an office of Rana's firm as a front. Like many Pakistanis, Headley had a conflicted relationship with India, according to an Indian counterterrorism official familiar with his questioning by Indian investigators in Chicago last year. "He told us: 'I like everything about India,'" the official said. "I like the food, the people. But I don't like India.'" Headley had fun in the city he was planning to devastate. He joined an upscale gym, befriending a Bollywood actor who introduced him to the elite party scene. He hung out in the Colaba area of south Mumbai, where he tried to romance a 25-year-old who owned a café, according to Indian investigators. He stayed at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, the prime target designated by his handlers. It was a landmark on the waterfront by the Gateway to India monument. He charmed employees, praising the opulent architecture, going on in-house tours and shooting hours of video. In 2007, things got more complicated on the domestic front. Headley met a young Moroccan in Lahore and soon married her. Faiza Outalha was a medical student and Western

in outlook, but Headley had her dress in traditional Muslim style. This created a problem when she insisted on accompanying him to Mumbai, because he was posing as a non-Muslim American. A stay at the Taj ended in a tearful spat, and he sent her back to Lahore. Mir and Major Iqbal later scolded Headley about endangering his cover, according to investigators. Headley soon broke up with Outalha. In December 2007, she got into an altercation outside Headley's house with his servant. She filed assault charges against Headley, who spent eight days in jail in Lahore. Major Iqbal intervened to free him, according to an Indian investigative report. Outalha did something more drastic. She reported him to the U.S. embassy in Islamabad. During interviews in December, January and April, she met with agents of the State Department's security bureau and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Outalha described his involvement with Lashkar and visits to India, saying he was on a secret mission. She told them she had stayed at the Taj hotel with him. She called him a drug dealer, terrorist and spy, according to officials. In a later account to an investigator, Outalha admitted that she had mixed the truth with false and emotional accusations. But she said the agents had an inch-thick file about Headley on the table when she talked to them. When she mentioned his training at Lashkar camps, the Americans told her they already knew about that, according to her account. As with past tips, U.S. officials say her warnings were not specific enough and that angry spouses often make bogus allegations. But officials have not clarified a key point: whether the embassy officials learned about the previous FBI inquiries, which would have reinforced her credibility. The prior cases, combined with her allegations, could have led investigators directly to Headley's reconnaissance work. The State Department security agent communicated the wife's warning in an information package to the CIA, FBI and DEA, according to U.S. officials. It's not clear whether anyone did anything further. The DEA senior official says he has not seen any record that his agency was informed. Headley learned about Outalha's tip to the embassy, but it did not have much of an impact on him, according to testimony and U.S. officials. In the 10 months before the attacks in November 2008, the FBI and CIA issued half a dozen increasingly urgent and specific warnings to Indian counterparts, according to Indian and U.S. officials. The U.S. agencies warned that Lashkar was plotting to attack Mumbai, that Westerners and foreigners would be targeted and that the Taj hotel was a target. As a result, the Taj beefed up its security defenses in September. U.S. officials have not disclosed the sources of the warnings. Indian security chiefs are convinced the information came partly from Headley. They think he was still a U.S. informant. "You would call him a double agent," said former Home Secretary Pillai. "If they went deep into the records, I think they would find there was enough evidence to show that he was involved in some planning or an attack in India. And I think at some level in the United States, some agencies decided that can be kept under wraps because he's doing something for [them]." A senior Indian counterterrorism official admitted that Indian agencies must share the blame because they failed to respond effectively to the U.S. warnings. He and other Indian security officials praised U.S. cooperation on aspects of the case. But he said he is suspicious. "I think he was a U.S. agent," the official said. "Maybe this information came from him. Maybe he was telling them part of what he knew but not all of it. ... It's good to develop informants like that and infiltrate organizations. That is what intelligence agencies are supposed to do. But they could have taken us into confidence and told us about him." In response, U.S. counterterrorism officials insist that Headley was not a double agent and that they did not have prior knowledge of his involvement in the plot. "I know where those warnings came from," a U.S. official said, "and they didn't come from Headley." On the other hand, three counterterrorism sources described a different scenario to ProPublica. The sources said they do not think Headley was a double agent at the time of the attacks. But they said U.S. officials learned enough about his activities to become concerned, monitor him intermittently and pick up fragments of intelligence that contributed to the warnings to India. Investigators did not realize he was a central figure in the plot until later, the sources said. If that scenario is true, it remains a tightly guarded secret. Headley, meanwhile, wrapped up his mission. The targets were chosen by Major Iqbal, an officer in a military that has received billions of dollars from the United States. Iqbal wanted to ensure that Americans and Jews would die. Responding to dissent in Lashkar and defections to Al Qaeda and other groups, the ISI and Lashkar designed the attack to fortify the group's global image, according to Headley and other sources. There are also suspicions that hard-line ISI officers and militants wanted to torpedo attempts at rapprochement between India and Pakistan. The dimensions and duration of the plot, which could have caused a

war, make it hard to believe high-ranking ISI officials were not aware of it, U.S. counterterror experts say. “The way the ISI is structured and the way things function in that part of the world, this is not a couple of guys,” said Charles Faddis, a former CIA counterterror chief who worked in South Asia. “This is not a couple of junior or mid-level individuals who have the capacity to put together this level of an operation and escape detection. That’s just not credible. So whether that translates to a decision by ISI formally as an institution from the top down or not, I can’t say. . . . But it’s going to have to be sanctioned at a pretty senior level.” The final targets were the Taj hotel, the Leopold Café, the Chabad House Jewish community center, the CST train station and the Oberoi-Trident Hotel. The Oberoi had not been on Headley’s reconnaissance list, but he scouted it anyway. “I was in the area, and I was going to watch a movie in a nearby theater, and I had about an hour left,” he testified. “So I went there, and I just made the video.” Thirty-three people died at the Oberoi because of his whim. They included Naomi Scherr, a 13-year-old from Virginia who was shot in the head as she ate dinner with her father, who also died.

“Congrats on Your Graduation”

On the night of Nov. 26, 2008, Headley was at home in Lahore when Mir sent him a text message. It said: “Turn on your television.” The siege of Mumbai lasted three excruciating days. The 10-man attack team arrived by sea, landing at a fishermen’s slum chosen by Headley for its strategic location. The young gunmen had never been to India. They were guided by Headley’s videos and written reports, his provision of GPS coordinates and his work with a Pakistani Navy frogman on the maritime approach. Mir and other Lashkar [bosses directed the slaughter by phone](#) from a command post in Karachi. Their calls were intercepted by Indian intelligence and have been subsequently broadcast in international television reports. Headley watched the coverage with his Moroccan wife; they had reconciled weeks earlier. He got a celebratory email from his Pakistani wife, whom he had moved with their children to Chicago in September. The wife knew about his reconnaissance and praised him in an email using coded language, according to court testimony. “Congrats on your graduation,” the wife wrote on Nov. 28, according to court documents. “Graduation ceremony is really great. Watched the movie the whole day.” Headley was already thinking about his next mission. In October, Major Iqbal and Mir had visited him at home, the first time he had seen his ISI and Lashkar handlers together, according to Headley’s testimony. They wanted to take their holy war to Europe. They assigned him to scout the Jyllands-Posten newspaper of Denmark, a terrorist target because it had published cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad. Headley visited his family in Chicago over the Christmas holiday. He learned that yet another tipster had gone to the FBI, according to his testimony. It was a female friend of his mother, who had died earlier in the year. Apparently motivated by news of the Mumbai attacks, the woman contacted the Wilmington, Del., FBI office, which passed the lead to the Philadelphia field office. Interviewed on Dec. 1, the tipster said Headley’s mother had told her years earlier that her son was fighting alongside militants in Pakistan. The tipster said she believed he was still involved in militant activity. FBI agents reviewed records and found “most or all” of the warnings dating back to 2001, according to a senior U.S. law enforcement official. On Dec. 21, agents interviewed Farid Gilani, Headley’s cousin in Philadelphia. He deceived them by saying Headley was in Pakistan, according to testimony. The cousin called Headley in Chicago to alert him, according to testimony. In an email to a militant in Pakistan, Headley speculated that the FBI’s interest was related to the allegations months earlier at the U.S. embassy by his Moroccan wife, whom he called “M2.” “So I think that it is OK, just routine, because of what M2 said before,” Headley wrote on Dec. 24. Lashkar had just pulled off a terror spectacular, killing six Americans. Headley was an American. Half a dozen leads over seven years painted a picture connecting him to Lashkar and the Taj hotel. Yet, the FBI did not go find him in Chicago. Agents put the inquiry on hold because they thought he was out of the country, officials say. “It is surprising that after Mumbai the FBI didn’t pick up on him,” a senior U.S. counterterror official said. “You would have thought they would have scrubbed records for anyone in the U.S. with Lashkar connections and tried to work him as a source or investigative lead.” Headley went to Copenhagen, Denmark, in mid-January of 2009. There was no high life this time. He stayed at the Hotel Nebo, a discreet establishment behind the central train station on a strip frequented by prostitutes and drug addicts. But his approach was the same. He did video surveillance, assessed

target areas and took notes. He looked into renting an apartment as a safe house for an attack team. Using Rana's firm as a cover again, he talked to a young Danish woman about a possible job as a secretary, according to European counter-terror officials and interviews in Denmark. On Jan. 20, [he went to the newspaper offices](#) in historic King's Square. "I looked up, and a gentleman, a businessman, walked through the door," recalled Gitte Johansen, who was the receptionist in the street-level lobby. "He looked as if he was, you know, he had a certain goal ... as if he had a meeting, for instance. So I let him through the second door. ... He was tall, light-tanned, business suit and tie, very friendly and very serious but in a friendly way, explaining to me that he was in Denmark because of his business. He had moved from U.S. to Denmark, and he wanted to buy space in our newspaper for advertisement." Headley met with an advertising representative in the lobby for about 15 minutes. He drove to the city of Aarhus, cased the newspaper building there and met with another advertising representative, according to investigators and newspaper employees. Headley returned to Pakistan and met with his handlers. In March, they decided to put the plot on hold. Responding to foreign pressure, Pakistani authorities had arrested Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi — Lashkar's military leader — and a few other suspects. Headley had grown disenchanted with Lashkar. He shifted to Al Qaeda with the help of a friend named Abderrehman Syed, a former Army major who had left Lashkar. "He said they were conducting the ISI's jihad and we should conduct God's jihad," Headley testified. Despite his declarations, Syed retained contact with an ISI colonel who had been his handler, according to investigative documents. Syed, in turn, became Headley's latest handler. He introduced him to Ilyas Kashmiri, a notorious Pakistani terror chief, who took over sponsorship of the Denmark plot, according to Headley's testimony and other evidence. Kashmiri was enthusiastic. He gave Headley the names of militants in Britain and Sweden who could help with funds and weapons and possibly take part in an attack. Kashmiri said the gunmen should storm the newspaper, Mumbai-style, then put on a media spectacle. He wanted them to behead hostages and throw the heads out of windows into King's Square.

The Downfall

Back in Chicago that summer, Headley prepared for his second reconnaissance trip to Denmark. He communicated with two Al Qaeda operatives in Britain referred to him by Kashmiri. Once again, Headley strayed into a law enforcement net. This time, though, he didn't slip out. In July, British intelligence learned about his impending visit and notified the FBI. On July 23, the FBI passed a lead to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for assistance: A man named David, possibly an American, a suspected associate of Lashkar and Al Qaeda, would soon fly to Manchester via Chicago and Frankfurt, according to U.S. officials. Border agency analysts began sifting through hundreds of possible candidates on passenger lists. The next day, another detail surfaced: The suspect would fly Lufthansa. An analyst quickly zeroed in and identified Headley because of his past travel and stops at secondary inspection. The FBI's Chicago field office took charge of the investigation and coordinated with European counterparts. Headley's meeting in the English town of Derby on July 26 did not go well. The militants, known as Simon and Bash, didn't want to participate in the attack and couldn't supply weapons. They gave him about \$15,000 to finance the plot, according to his testimony and other evidence. Headley continued to Stockholm to see a veteran militant named Farid. The reception was worse. An agitated Farid told Headley to leave him alone because Swedish police had him under tight surveillance, according to European counterterror officials. The officials say Farid declared: "Sorry, brother, I can't help you." A discouraged Headley took a train to Copenhagen on July 31. Danish intelligence was waiting for him. Danish agents shadowed his every step. They monitored his calls and his visits to seedy neighborhoods to talk to drug dealers about acquiring guns. When he rented a bicycle, they followed on bikes, according to a senior European counterterror official. "He rode up and down the street past an army barracks, filming with a video camera," the European official said. "That raised eyebrows." Headley returned via Atlanta on Aug. 5. He was on a watch list now. Airport inspectors questioned him, then let him go so the FBI could continue surveillance. Investigators soon came to suspect he had been involved in the Mumbai attacks. They dug into his past, debriefing his former DEA handler and reviewing records of prior inquiries, officials say. The two-month surveillance operation drew high-level interest, according to Mudd, the former top FBI national security official. "I remember hearing about the case and it immediately boiling

up to the top of our morning threat briefings,” Mudd said. “We sat down every morning with the director of the FBI and with the attorney general to talk about what’s happening in the United States. . . . And all of a sudden you have . . . an [Al Qaeda-] affiliated organization, Lashkar-i-Taiba, that had a presence in the heartland of the United States and not only a presence but a man who’d been involved in a murder of 160-something people.” On Oct. 9, the FBI arrested Headley at Chicago’s O’Hare Airport. He was bound for Pakistan with his Denmark videos in his luggage. He had planned to meet with his terror bosses and return to Denmark. He had been talking about an attack he could do himself, perhaps assassinating an editor, according to officials and testimony. Headley’s former DEA handler came to Chicago for the arrest. The drug agent’s presence sent an unspoken message: time to cooperate. FBI agents read Headley his rights, and he started talking. He kept talking for 15 days. [His interrogation](#) and later trial testimony provided unprecedented evidence on Lashkar, the ISI, Al Qaeda, plots, targets, leaders, methods. Supervised by agents, he communicated with people overseas in attempts to lure Mir out of Pakistan and set a trap for a militant in Germany, according to testimony. None of it worked. So Headley turned on Rana, his old friend. He revealed that Rana had helped him use his immigration firm as cover during the Mumbai and Denmark plots. He testified against Rana at the Chicago trial, which ended with a conviction on two of three counts of material support of terrorism. Headley agreed to a plea bargain that spared him from the death penalty and extradition to India, Denmark or Pakistan. He now faces a maximum sentence of life in prison. According to investigators, he has steadfastly protected one person: his Pakistani wife, Shazia. “His condition when he spoke to us was that he accepted no questions about Shazia,” said the Indian counterterror official familiar with the Indian interrogation of Headley. “He said: ‘She is the only one who has given me four children. Despite my philandering, she has been faithful. She has been loyal to me. She is a devoted Muslim. I admire her.’”

Epilogue: Questions And Contradictions

The epilogue has been like the prologue: a trail of impunity and mystery. In addition to Major Iqbal, Mir and two other accused Lashkar masterminds were indicted this year by U.S. federal prosecutors. Despite abundant evidence, Pakistan has not arrested or charged them — or half a dozen other top suspects, officials say. The targeting of the West in Mumbai and Denmark has raised fears that Lashkar could become a more formidable threat than a diminished Al Qaeda. “Now we wonder if they think about the political ramifications of an attack on the U.S. or the West,” a U.S. counterterror official said. “The presumption has been that they did, or that ISI did and controlled their targeting with this mindset. Is it really a constraint now? Do they really worry about a crackdown if they do another attack on the West? What would be going too far for them?” Pakistan’s Federal Investigative Agency, the equivalent of the FBI, is in charge of the investigation. But in reality, no one in Pakistan is trying to arrest Major Iqbal, Sajid Mir or the others, U.S. and Indian officials say. Pakistani officials deny that Major Iqbal was an ISI officer. That only makes it harder to understand why he has not been arrested. It raises questions about the potential knowledge and involvement of ISI chiefs. The director of the ISI during the period in which the Mumbai plot developed, Gen. Nadeem Taj, stepped down two months before the 2008 attacks as the result of pressure from foreign governments concerned that he was soft on militants, according to Western officials. Taj previously was the top military officer in the garrison city of Abbottabad during the period that Osama bin Laden established himself in hiding there, officials say. “We, as a government, want to say that the Pakistanis are in our corner,” said Faddis, the former CIA counterterror chief. “Obviously, it’s way more complicated than that. And there are a whole bunch of folks in Pakistan and in the ISI who are not at all on the same sheet of music with us here. So even when they have cooperated with us over the years, it is often basically because they’ve been forced to. . . . Then we have a number of individuals within ISI who are very sympathetic to the folks that we are targeting.” The official U.S. version of the case presents contradictions as well. In response to ProPublica stories last year detailing the 2005 tip about Headley, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence [led a multiagency review of Headley’s contacts](#) with the U.S. government. But the DNI has declined to discuss the findings or any consequences. During the review process, agencies pointed fingers at each other, according to knowledgeable officials. Although the litany of warnings about Headley paints a grim picture, officials at the FBI and other agencies assert that the allegations lacked specificity. They say Lashkar was not

seen as a major threat before Mumbai. They cite the sheer volume of terror-related leads, especially after the Sept. 11 attacks. And they say some problems in tracking threats revealed by the case have been corrected as systems have improved. But the questions linger. And the man at the center of the labyrinth is fittingly contradictory and enigmatic. Headley slid among personas and cultures with ease, not completely at home in any of them. He spouted hateful anti-Semitic and anti-Indian rhetoric but loved the films of the Coen brothers and Bollywood. He veered from caring and generous to cold and treacherous. He washed out of military schools and clashed with authority figures, yet saw himself as a warrior and hoped his son would become a special forces commando. Investigators and experts suggest a variety of motivations driving him: ideology, money, women, glory and, above all, an appetite for adrenalin. “The pattern is risk-taking,” said Sageman. “He wants to live for the moment. He is not above taking crazy risks. ... He just likes the adventure. He loves the game.”

Contributing: Sabrina Shankman and David Montero



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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION
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Dear Post 9910 Explorer:

Our next meeting will be held on November 10, 1993 at 4:30 PM. Be On Time.

If you have not yet paid your \$7.00 dues, please bring them.

The following people still need to pay:

- Juan
- Steve
- Richa
- Julio
- Joel
- Jose
- Armag
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- David
- Alex
- Fred
- Edwar
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If you can not attend this very important meeting, call me at (212) 337-1260.

Sincerely,

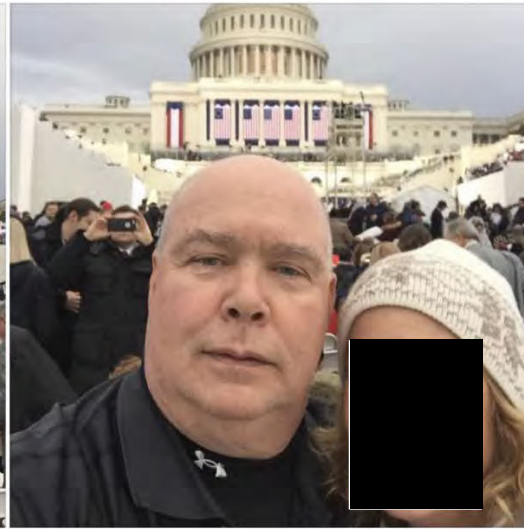
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Below is a picture of “Olay,” the individual that recruited ██████ into the DEA’s “Post 9910” Explorer program. Both Olay and ██████ were friends of the leadership of the DEA Field Office in New York (to include SAC Carlo Boccia, ASAC Ken McCreary, Head Recruiter Agent Bob Busky, and Agents John Hannah, Debbie Gibson, Jim Mokwa and others. Olay and ██████ were participants of the Explorer program for years. Olay was also actively involved in the mafia conspiracy that ██████ had infiltrated (as they infiltrated the organizations together and at the same time). During the time period from at least 1991 until 1997, Olay was actively involved in shootings, drug distribution, murder conspiracy and other crimes, yet the DEA still recruited him as an informant starting approximately 1992 (despite the fact he was under age) and then protected him from arrest while instead engaging an illegal conspiracy to arrest ██████ in 1996 while refusing to allow ██████ to cooperate (because they were attempting to frame ██████ into a terrorism prosecution which never materialized because ██████ refused to become involved with terrorism). Until today, Olay is still in contact with the former leadership of the DEA, and they are still providing him with letters of recommendation (while at the same time they are trying to orchestrate the murder of ██████ to silence him as a witness against them).



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Wishing you every Happiness
this Holiday Season and
throughout the Coming Year.

Sincerely,
Debbie

Jim

Robert

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Exploring with the Drug B

By Robert Peterson
 Photographs by Tom Sobolik

A MAJOR THRILL for many law enforcement Explorers is the chance to ride along with police officers on patrol. But that's an experience the members of **Post 9910** in New York City will never have.

The post, chartered to the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) New York City office, is the first in the nation's top drug-fighting agency. "Our Explorers are never going to go along on a drug raid or on a ride-along with DEA agents," emphasized their Advisor, Ken McCreary. "It's just too dangerous, plus there are security concerns."

The post's 32 members, many of whom live in drug-infested neighborhoods, are not complaining. They've

enjoyed a busy schedule since the post fully activated in September, 1992.

A highlight was a meeting with the nation's top cop, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, when she visited New York in May of 1993. Post President Herman Valentin presented Reno with a DEA cap and shirt, and she invited the Explorers to visit her at the Justice Department in Washington. (The DEA is an agency of the Justice Department.)

A month after meeting Reno, 19 post members left the mean streets of New York for a couple of days in the country. Well, not the country exactly—it was Camp Smith, New York State's military reservation 50 miles north of the Big Apple. They bunked in National Guard barracks, gob-



(Top) On an upstate visit, far from the mean streets of their New York neighborhoods, Explorers Herman Valentin and Armagan Bayramoglu (in chair) learn first aid from two members of the Peekskill volunteer ambulance crew. (Above) West Point's cemetery offers a unique look at military history. (Left) Steve Maharaj examines weapons display at the West Point Museum.

bled down National Guard food ("We're eating like kings!" exclaimed Explorer Juan Tavarez), played basketball and softball, and swam.

They met some physical challenges, too—calisthenics before breakfast, rappelling a 40-foot wall, and hiking over a 2,000-foot mountain looming above the Hudson River.

"I loved the trip," said Explorer Raymond Batista. "It's a good experience with nature."

Post Vice-President Chris Strack had another angle on the trip. "It gets you away from the city and shows you that there's another life out here," he said, "because it's calmer and there's no violence."

Raymond Batista agreed: "You can enjoy yourself out here. In New York, there're gunshots everywhere and dealers on the corner."

One of the trip's highlights was a tour of the West Point Museum at the U.S. Military Academy, across the Hudson from Camp Smith. Though the Explorers heard no gunshots there, they saw plenty of guns and other weapons, as well as uniforms and other artifacts of war in the museum. That evening, back at Camp Smith, the Explorers learned some basic first aid and inspect-

usters

Not everyone in this DEA post is aiming for a career in law enforcement, but its activities are sure to improve each member's understanding of America's drug crisis.

ed the new ambulance of the Peekskill, N.Y., Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

At their home base in New York, the Post 9910 members have seen and listened to presentations by FBI agents and U.S. Customs Service personnel. They spent more than a month learning the role of photography in drug investigations. Using 35mm cameras from the DEA, they took photos in their neighborhoods and developed and printed the results in the agency lab.

They have also practiced searching vehicles for evidence of drugs. "Afterwards, we told them what they missed—but we can



only tell them so much," Ken McCreary admitted. "We can't give away all the secrets of the trade."

Post 9910's members live all across the city; some travel 45 minutes by subway to get to the meetings at DEA headquarters at 99 10th Ave. in downtown Manhattan. (The address tells

A 40-foot rappelling tower is one of the physical challenges Explorers enjoyed during their sojourn at Camp Smith.

you where the post got its number.)

Every other week the post meets under the guidance of Ken McCreary and the associate Advisors who

aren't off on a drug raid or surveillance. Like Advisor McCreary, associate Advisors John Hannan, Bob Buskay, Debbie Foreman, and Jim Mokwa are DEA special agents.

One of the post's Advisors, Jim Mokwa, says he came into law enforcement through Exploring. In the early 1970s he was a member of a post chartered to the Festus, Mo., police department.

"They had a ride-along program and I think that was what hooked me," Mokwa said. "We couldn't respond to calls, but we could see what their daily routine was. It helped me to settle in my career path."

After high school, Mokwa served as an Air Force military policeman for eight years and earned his college degree while in the service. Mokwa joined the DEA four years ago. "It's a good career," he said.

They might not take the route Mokwa followed, but most members of Post 9910 have their sights set on law enforcement careers, possibly as DEA agents.

The first to start in the field is likely to be Post President Herman Valentin. He had passed the written and physical exams of the New York City Police Department before joining the post in September, 1992. His next step was passing his final exam—a psychological test—in July, and entering the police academy early in 1994.

Valentin, now 20 years old, is looking forward to being a street cop. However, he "would really like to be a DEA agent," he admitted. And not for the reasons one might suspect: "I think it's more dangerous than being a city police officer," he explained.

That attitude, shared by many of the post's young members, helps make Post 9910 a law enforcement recruiter's dream. ■



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Law Enforcement Exploring Program Names Devrin Perdue Explorer of the Year

MAR 11 -- (Manhattan, NY) - On February 20, 2008 Devrin Perdue, son of ASAC Secretary Felicia Robertson was honored as Explorer of the Year. The Law Enforcement Exploring program is a community service, career-oriented program designed to educate young men and women ages 14-20 about Law Enforcement. The New York Field Division embraced this program and opened its doors to young men and women in the New York community.



Special Agent in Charge Gilbride, Devrin Perdue and Felicia Robertson

Every other week New York Explorers Troop 99 10 meets at the New York Field Division to learn valuable insights on career developments as well as character building. Employees of the NYFD dedicate their time and efforts into working with the Explorers and making an impact in their lives. It is the NYFD's belief to educate Troop 99-10 in various skills that surround law enforcement and career minded Explorers.

At this year's Explorer of the Year Awards many of the DEA Explorers were able to dine with hundreds of other Explorers from New York City and share their experiences and insights on the Explorer program. Devrin Perdue said that he had a great time at the event and was much honored to have received the Explorer of the Year Award. This July the New York Explorers Troop 99 10 will participate in the 2008 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference in Ft. Collins, Colorado. This national competition consists of various team competitions, individual events and several law enforcement based seminars.

Special Agent in Charge John P. Gilbride commended Devrin on his participation in the Explorer Program and stated, "The Exploring Program is very important to DEA. Being part of the New York Community, the DEA not only enforces drug laws, we focus our resources on educating our youth on the dangers of drugs by opening our doors to teens in order to help them choose the right decisions in life."

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The Boston Globe

DEA official back in Big Apple

By Judy Rakowsky | Sep 11, 1994 | Start Page: 34 Section: METRO/REGION

As regional boss of the Drug Enforcement Administration in Boston, Carlo Boccia drew on his experiences as a youth in the Bronx in targeting the urban drug trade. He committed resources early on in an effort to crack the so-called "code of silence" that shielded a murderous band of drug dealers in Charlestown. Lately, Boccia has been wending his way through childhood haunts again as head of the DEA's largest and busiest office in New York City, a post he assumed this summer.

Stuck in traffic in the South Bronx recently, Boccia said from his car phone that his reintroduction to the Big Apple has been smoothed by his former Hub colleague, New York City Police Commissioner William Bratton, who has hosted receptions for Boccia and the local law enforcement community. With 300 New York police officers assigned to DEA task forces, Boccia and Bratton have regular business and social engagements, he said. Boccia still plans to retire in Boston and said he misses the close-knit law enforcement community here.

The family feeling of that community was obvious last month, as widespread enthusiasm greeted news that Boccia's top assistant in Boston, George Festa, had been promoted to Boccia's old job as special agent in charge of the Boston region. Boccia applauded the move, particularly in light of Festa's experience with the multi-agency effort that characterized the Charlestown investigation, a case that Boccia says also serves as a model for addressing neighborhood drug problems in New York. Boccia compared the cooperative effort against crime in Boston with surgery on a cancerous tumor. Over time, as in the Charlestown case, Assistant US Attorneys Paul V. Kelly and Frank A. Libby Jr. produced revised indictments, hitting the alleged leaders of the organization with more serious charges, such as operating a continuing criminal enterprise. Ultimately, he said, defendants were charged with violent crimes that supported racketeering charges.

Leaders of the Charlestown After Murder Program, which was started by family members of murder victims, gave Boccia a poignant sendoff that he said was the most satisfying in a career that has spanned the globe. "I can really see the fruits of our labor," he said. "Taking all the nitwits off the streets of Bogota wouldn't bring the same satisfaction."

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IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of: THIRTY-SEVEN (37) MONTHS.

X The Court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

THE COURT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS INCARCERATION AT FMC ROCHESTER FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INTENSIVE DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM; THEN TO THE "BOOT CAMP" PROGRAM.

_____ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

_____ The defendant shall surrender to the U.S. Marshal for this district.

_____ at _____ on _____
_____ as notified by the U.S. Marshal.

X The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

X by 2/3/97
_____ as notified by the U.S. Marshal.
_____ as notified by the Probation Office.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows: _____

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____ with a certified copy of
this judgment.

United States Marshal

By _____ Deputy Marshal

ROGER BENNET ADLER, P.C.
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

225 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

(212) 406-0181

January 27, 1997

Designation Section
Bureau of Prisons
Customs House
2nd & Chestnut Sts.
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Re: United States v. [REDACTED]
Reg. # [REDACTED]

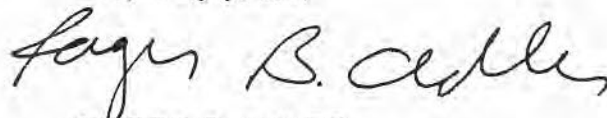
Dear Sir/Madam:

Please treat this as a followup to my January 7th, 1997 letter seeking to have my client, 21-year old [REDACTED] designated to F.C.I. at Rochester, Minnesota, as per the recommendation of the sentencing judge, Edward R. Korman.

I have not received a response to my earlier letter, and so enclose a copy of the excerpt of the sentencing minutes of January 3rd, reflecting the Sentencing Court's recommendation and permission to self-surrender on February 3rd at a designated facility.

I thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in designating my client to an age and facility appropriate Bureau facility.

Very truly yours,



ROGER B. ADLER
Attorney for Defendant

RBA:mm

cc: Mr. Younnes Kabbaj
[REDACTED]
Bayside, New York 11360

ROGER BENNET ADLER, P.C.
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225 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

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May 22, 1997

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
PMB 4000
Rochester, MN 55903-4000

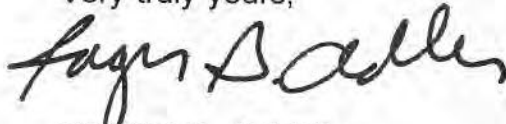
Dear [REDACTED]:

This is to acknowledge my receipt this date of your undated letter postmarked in Rochester on May 19th. I am pleased that now exposed to both individuals and accounts of cases processed and sentences imposed in Federal Courts you recognize the extraordinary good fortune which you had to have your case assigned to Judge Korman (and me as your attorney!). Your pro-active participation in your own defense cannot be in fairness, overstated.

I believe that you have the capacity to move from this unfortunate occurrence to make a positive contribution with a greater sense of emotional maturity than had you continued on the reckless and dangerous path which you were following.

I hope that time is passing quickly and that you will be able to continue your education on the inside so that your receipt of a bachelors degree can be achieved.

Very truly yours,



ROGER B. ADLER

RBA:mm

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Prisons

Federal Medical Center

P.O. Box 4600

Rochester, MN 55903-4600

July 7, 1998

[REDACTED]
Correctional Services Corp
988 Myrtle Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11206

Dear [REDACTED]

According to our records, your commissary account at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota, has a balance of \$2.64. If you wish for these funds to be forwarded to you, please send to me, in writing, an accurate mailing address. You may use the postage paid envelope provided.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jodi Melton
Accounting Technician

JLM

Enclosure

ACCOUNT STATEMENT

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Rochester, MN 55903-4600

DATE 07/07/98
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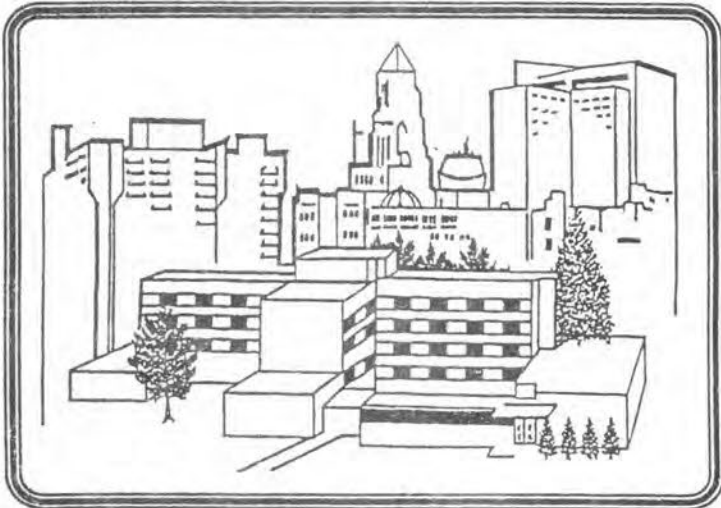
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FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTER ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA



ADMISSION & ORIENTATION HANDBOOK

UPDATED: SEPTEMBER 1996

Inmate Name _____

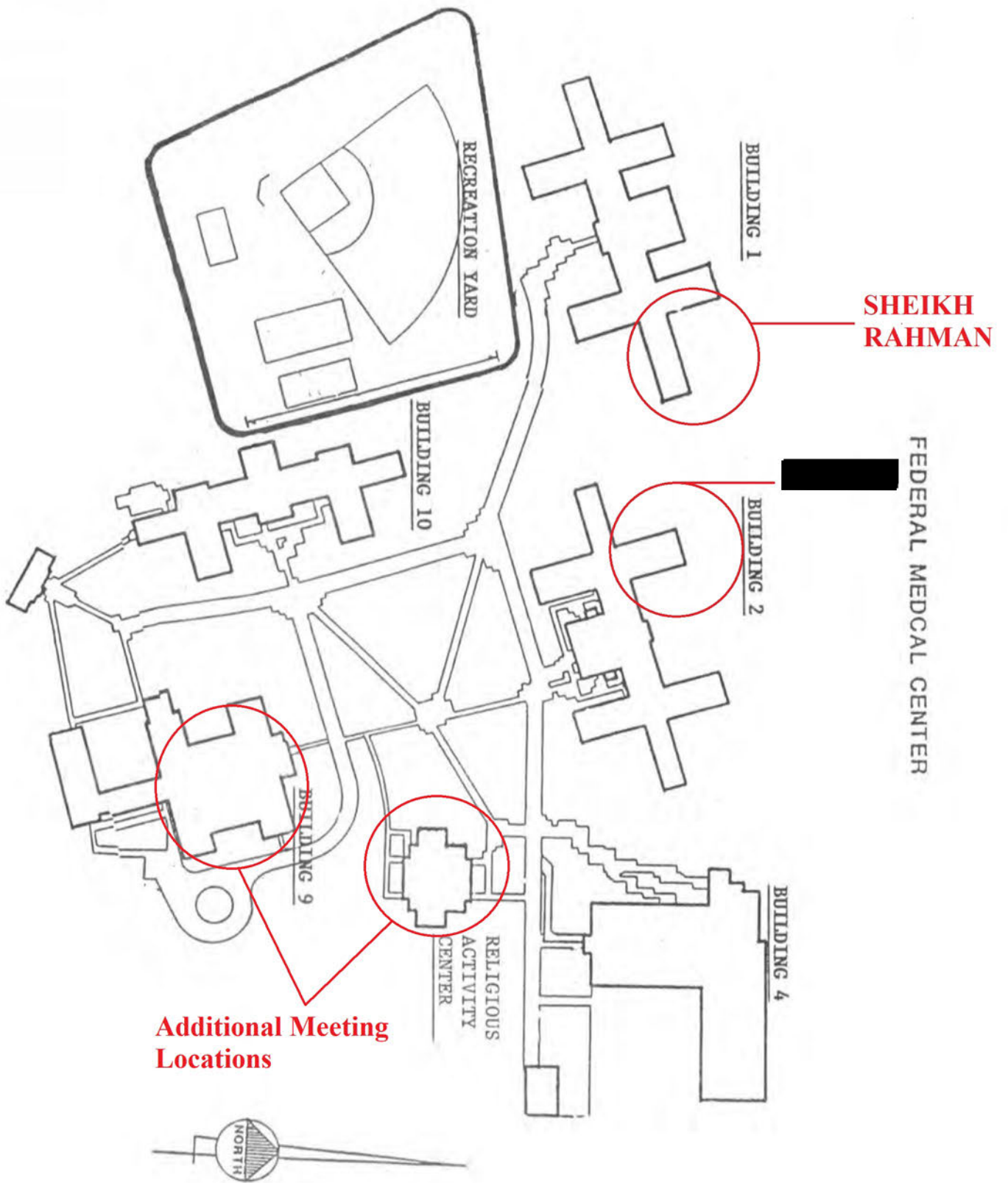
Inmate Number _____

INTRODUCTION

You have been placed in the custody of the Attorney General, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons has designated you to this facility. Our goal is to maintain a safe and clean environment for both staff and inmates. To accomplish this objective it will require the cooperation of everyone. Therefore, we have prepared this Admission and Orientation Booklet to provide you with information concerning services and programs offered by this institution, and the policies and procedures that govern its operation.

This booklet is designed to give you a brief overview of this institution and the services available to you. It will inform you of your rights, and in turn, of what is expected of you during your incarceration at FMC Rochester.

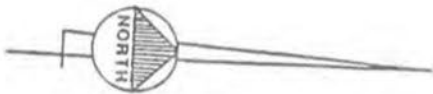
ATTACHMENT A



SHEIKH RAHMAN

FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTER

Additional Meeting Locations



The Honorable Maged Refaat Aboulmagd, Consul General of Egypt in Chicago

From: Maged Aboulmagd [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2013 12:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Terrorist Attack in Algeria

Regards
Yes I have received your email.
Maged

Sent from my iPad

On 20 Jan 2013, at 10:56, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Mr. Maged,

I forgot to mention, can you please reply and confirm to me that you received my email with the names of the additional witnesses pictured in the photo? I want to ensure that your government has this information so that I need no resend it.

Thank you very much.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2013 3:48 AM
To: 'Maged Aboulmagd'
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Terrorist Attack in Algeria

[REDACTED]

I am resending you a previous picture I sent you from the prison where I was locked up with Sheikh Rahman. I took the liberty to place a number on several people in the picture, and I am giving you their contact information that I collected from them at the prison. These are the last known contact information for these people, and I have not spoken to them since the day I left the prison. At least you will have the identities of these people if anything should happen to me and you can follow up with them to confirm the abuse of Sheikh Rahman. I was planning a trip to Egypt last December to meet with Abdullah Omar (Sheikh Rahman's son) and I even bought the plane ticket and was making my preparations for the travel, but just days before I was set to travel a person I had been suing for 3 years because he attempted to frame me for terrorism in Morocco, suddenly showed up to court on December 7th and because of that I had to delay the trip to because I had to respond to his legal briefs in Court. This new case is ongoing in Delaware Federal Court, case no 12-1322-MPT-RGA if you wish to verify what I am telling you. I even noticed the court in the Florida case regarding Sheikh Rahman, case no 11-23492-MGC, with a copy of my ticket and you can download all the court documents from the US court website www.pacer.gov (anyone can register an account, and they charge 10 cents per page to access the documents).

The number on the attached picture corresponds to the following numbered contact information:

1 - Abul Khayer

[REDACTED]
Lincoln, MA 01733

2 – Andre McClinton and 3 – Xavier McClinton (brothers)

Mother – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Madison, WI 53713

[REDACTED] (work number for their mother)

4- Odell Kelly

Mother – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL 60643

5 – Ishellers Gamal Turner

[REDACTED]
Detroit, MI 48214

[REDACTED] (mothers number).

Again, forgive me if any of this contact information is no longer good as I obtained this information from them in 1998 and it has been 15 years so the numbers may have changed by now, and possibly the addresses too, but at least you have names and something to work with if you need to find them. There is one last person who was also present on the jummah prayer when Sheikh Rahman was assaulted, but he is not in that picture, his name is Otis Harris and his last known contact info is:

Otis Harris aka Abu Ameer

Daughter – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
New Orleans, LA 70114

[REDACTED]
Sons – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Most of the rest of the people in the picture also witness the assault of Sheikh Rahman during the jummah prayer, but I did not get their contact information.

The event of the assault of Sheikh Rahman during the jummah prayer occurred as follows: Sheikh Rahman was brought to the chapel facility to participate in the jumah prayers, and when he started praying, for some unknown reason the guard started telling him to stop praying while the entire congregation was in the middle of the prayer. When Sheikh Rahman refused to stop praying, they pulled the curtain around him and I could very clearly hear a struggle, and handcuffs being applied to him before he was dragged out of the room. We were all in the middle of our congregational prayer and we had to actually stop the prayer right in the middle and start all over again because the assault of him took place right in the middle of the prayer. The good thing is that although they deliberately placed a retractable curtain around the cage they built specifically for him at the chapel, on the other side of that curtain was a video camera where even if they pulled the curtain to hide him, the camera is still recording everything. You can see me on all the video tapes as well.

Additionally, it is clear that they built the cage with a curtain specifically to hide any abuse they intended to subject him too, as since he is blind the curtain could not function to obstruct his vision out of the cage, so it could only have been built to obstruct the inmates view of the inside of his cage. This specific design can only be explained as a way to prevent people from directly witnessing his abuse, and to have designed his cage in this manner clearly indicates that they were already aware that previous abuse had occurred, and were also aware the continued abuse was likely to occur so they merely wanted to ensure they could prevent others from seeing it as much as was possible. So these stupid idiot racists in that prison brought Sheikh Rahman to jummah prayer to participate in the services, and then they beat him up for doing nothing more than refusing to stop praying when they order him (while the entire congregation was in the middle of a congregational prayer) to stop praying. This is their version of 'tolerance' of muslims, these racist games that they play at the prison so that the guards can go back to their building and laugh and joke around with each other about it, and compete with each other to see who has the best ideas when coming up with new ways to harm and degrade this man. These guards also assaulted Sheikh Rahman on two other occasions, and this was also witnessed by myself and others, and this also included an event when they grabbed him by the throat and threw him off his wheelchair to the ground and started yelling and screaming at him for no apparent reason. Additionally, I have other witnessed that will verify the guards at that prison were very racist and also used to beat the Black and Spanish people illegally, not just Sheikh Rahman. One time a bunch of guards at that prison attacked my friend, another inmate, without any provocation whatsoever.

The sad reality is that Sheikh Rahman is too much of a high profile prisoner to keep the guards from doing things to him no matter what prison they send him to. Even if they place him on monitoring to try and keep the guards from assaulting him, they will simply just spit or urinate in his food before they give it to him, as they do this often with people they do not like, and because the guards are generally low-level uneducated idiots at most of these prisons, there is really no way to stop this because at the same time they are idiots, many of them are racists and my experience with racism is that these people feel compelled to harm sheikh Rahman and this type of obsession will not go away as long as they hate muslims simply for being muslim. The only safe thing to prevent this type of behavior is that Sheikh Rahman must be kept in Islamic custody as at least that way, there will be no racism to deal with and no illegal attacks against him. The other thing is that I tried to report the abuse of Sheikh Rahman every single year since 1999 (so if they start lying to you claiming they had no idea, I have proof). They refuse to investigate the abuse because it can very easily be proven, and then they also started attempting to destroy me, frame me for terrorism, threaten me and my family's lives on numerous occasions, they kidnapped me in Florida for two weeks and refused to let me contact my family, and they injured my face to the point the right side of my face is paralyzed. Then when I fled to Morocco to try and escape them they followed me over there and attempted to frame me for terrorism and other things in Morocco. Since I came back to America to deal with them after they followed me to Morocco, they started threatening me, attacking me and everything else after I filed my lawsuits against them.

Anyway, the scandal with Bin Laden is 10 times bigger than the scandal with the Sheikh. I would also eventually like the opportunity to place the Egyptian government in contact with a witness from Pakistan who can corroborate other matters, if he is not also dead already. The Pakistani ISI killed another of my witnesses in Pakistan in 2010, but I still have hope that the other witness has not been discovered by them yet.

Good luck to President Morsi on his visit to America this March. I am planning to try and visit Egypt in March as well to brief Sheikh Rahman's son on more information that is relevant to his father. Please make sure that Morsi receives this information prior to his trip to America, and please ask him not to take no for an answer, especially if the Egyptian government does not speak to me directly prior to his trip as I have not yet received any requests from you guys although I emailed you in July of last year. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

From: Maged Aboulmagd [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 12:36 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Regarding Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman

Dear [REDACTED]

I acknowledge to have received your email ..and will sure inform Cairo with its content.

All the best.

Maged Refaat

Sent from my iPad

On 25 Jul 2012, at 10:44, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Consul General,

My name is [REDACTED]. I have some information and evidence I would like to share with the Egyptian government and President Morsi. I took a trip to Egypt in April of 2009 where I met with Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman's son (Abdullah Omar), and with Egyptian Attorney Montasir El-Zayat, among others. As a result of the events that occurred following my trip to Egypt, I was eventually forced to file a lawsuit in Federal Court (Southern District of Florida), regarding some egregious conduct undertaken by a small, select group of US government officials that are breaking the laws of America in order to deliberately provoke conflicts in the Middle East. The case number is 11-23492-MGC ([REDACTED] and Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman listed as the original Plaintiffs, but because of a deviance from the agreement I reached with others while in Egypt, I have decided to drop Sheikh Rahman from the lawsuit pending a clarification of our terms). In the time after I went to Egypt, I had maintained an official line of communication with Sheikh Rahman's son and Montassir El-Zayat through the use of an English speaking intermediary (who is also a journalist) by the name of Mandy Fahmi. Sometime last year, all communications from Mandy Fahmi have ceased, and I am concerned for her wellbeing, as well as for the fact that I have been rendered extremely limited in my ability to communicate with others in an attempt to prevent saboteurs that have infiltrated the American government from causing any more harm, as they are only using this surveillance against me at this time in an effort to conceal their misconduct. This enhanced surveillance was apparently implemented against me starting March 8th, 2011 after I attempted to inform upon the imminent terrorist threat affecting Morocco. A complete description of the situation is provided in the case documents for the above referenced case, so you should log onto www.pacer.gov and download all pleadings filed in that case for transmission to Mr. Morsi in Egypt. It is imperative that Mr. Morsi be made aware of the situation (and no attempt by those in the Egyptian government that are against his presidency should be made to prevent this information from reaching him, because it will reach him no matter how much sabotage is attempted). Mr. Morsi should immediately also contact Mr. Zayat and Sheikh's son, as well as Ms Fahmi, in order to corroborate the reason why I went to Egypt to begin with. Please respond to this email to confirm your receipt of it, and please ensure that you download all the pleadings from the above-captioned case and have them translated so as to be made available to Mr. Morsi and his government. Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

[REDACTED]
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- 1. Abul [redacted] # [redacted] -038
- 2. Andre [redacted] # [redacted] -090
- 3. Xavier [redacted] # [redacted] -090
- 4. Odell [redacted] # [redacted] -041
- 5. Ishellers [redacted] # [redacted] -097

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 Question
 & Answer

General Supervisor:
 Shaykh Muhammad Saalih al-Munajjid

> Principles of Fiqh > Jurisprudence and Islamic Rulings > Punishment and Judicial Sentences
> Adultery/fornication and Homosexuality

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THE PUNISHMENT FOR HOMOSEXUALITY

QUESTION: What is the punishment for homosexuality? Is there any differentiation between the one who does it and the one to whom it is done?

ANSWER: Praise be to Allaah. Firstly:

The crime of homosexuality is one of the greatest of crimes, the worst of sins and the most abhorrent of deeds, and Allaah punished those who did it in a way that He did not punish other nations. It is indicative of violation of the fitrah, total misguidance, weak intellect and lack of religious commitment, and it is a sign of doom and deprivation of the mercy of Allaah. We ask Allaah to keep us safe and sound.

Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“And (remember) Loot (Lot), when he said to his people: ‘Do you commit the worst sin such as none preceding you has committed in the ‘Aalameen (mankind and jinn)?

81. ‘Verily, you practise your lusts on men instead of women. Nay, but you are a people transgressing beyond bounds (by committing great sins).’

82. And the answer of his people was only that they said: ‘Drive them out of your town, these are indeed men who want to be pure (from sins)!’

83. Then We saved him and his family, except his wife; she was of those who remained behind (in the torment).

84. And We rained down on them a rain (of stones). Then see what was the end of the Mujrimoon (criminals, polytheists and sinners)”

[al-A’raaf 7:80-84]

“Verily, by your life (O Muhammad), in their wild intoxication, they were wandering blindly.

73. So As-Saihah (torment — awful cry) overtook them at the time of sunrise.

74. And We turned (the towns of Sodom in Palestine) upside down and rained down on them stones of baked clay.

75. Surely, in this are signs for those who see (or understand or learn the lessons from the Signs of Allaah).

76. And verily, they (the cities) were right on the highroad (from Makkah to Syria, i.e. the place where the Dead Sea is now)”

[al-Hijr 15:72-76]

al-Tirmidhi (1456), Abu Dawood (4462) and Ibn Maajah (2561) narrated that Ibn ‘Abbaas (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever you find doing the action of the people of Loot, execute the one who does it and the one to whom it is done.”. Classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh al-Tirmidhi.

Ahmad (2915) narrated from Ibn ‘Abbaas (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the Prophet of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “May Allaah curse the one who does the action of the people of Loot, may Allaah curse the one who does the action of the people of Loot,” three times. This was classed as hasan by Shu’ayb al-Arna’oot in Tahqeeq al-Musnad.

The Sahaabah were unanimously agreed on the execution of homosexuals, but they differed as to how they were to be executed. Some of them were of the view that they should be burned with fire, which was the view of ‘Ali (may Allaah be pleased with him) and also of Abu Bakr (may Allaah be pleased with him), as we shall see below. And some of them thought that they should be **thrown down from a high place** then have stones thrown at them. This was the view of Ibn ‘Abbaas (may Allaah be pleased with him). Some of them thought that they should be stoned to death, which was narrated from both ‘Ali and Ibn ‘Abbaas (may Allaah be pleased with them). After the Sahaabah, the fuqaha’ differed concerning the matter. Some of them said that the homosexual should be executed no matter what his situation, whether he is married or not. Some of them said that he should be punished in the same way as an adulterer, so he should be stoned if he is married and flogged if he is not married. Some of them said that a severe punishment should be carried out on him, as the judge sees fit.

Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allaah be pleased with him) discussed this issue at length, and he mentioned the evidence and arguments of the fuqaha’, but he supported the first view. This is explained in his book al-Jawaab al-Kaafi’ li man sa’ala ‘an al-Dawa’ al-Shaafi, which he wrote to deal with this immoral action. We will quote some of what he said: “Because the evil consequences of homosexuality are among the worst of evil consequences, so its punishment is one of the most severe of punishments in this world and in the Hereafter.”

The scholars differed as to whether it is to be punished more severely than zina, or whether the punishment for zina should be more severe, or whether the punishments should be the same. There are three points of view:

Abu Bakr al-Siddeeq, ‘Ali ibn Abi Taalib, Khaalid ibn al-Waleed, ‘Abd-Allaah ibn al-Zubayr, ‘Abd-Allaah ibn ‘Abbaas, Maalik, Ishaq ibn Raahawayh, Imam Ahmad according to the more sound of the two reports from him and al-Shaafa’i according to one of his opinions, were of the view that the punishment for homosexuality should be more severe than the punishment for zina, and the punishment is execution in all cases, whether the person is married or not.

Al-Shaafa’i, according to the well-known view of his madhhab, and Imam Ahmad according to the other report narrated from him, were of the view that the punishment for the homosexual should be the same as the punishment for the adulterer.

Imam Abu Haneefah was of the view that the punishment for the homosexual should be less severe than the punishment for the adulterer, and it is a punishment to be determined by the judge (ta’zeer).

Those who favoured the first view, who are the majority of the ummah – and more than one scholar narrated that there was consensus among the Sahaabah on this point – said that there is no sin that brings worse consequences than homosexuality, and they are second only to the evil consequences of kufr, and they may be worse than the consequences of murder, as we shall see below in sha Allaah.

They said: Allaah did not test anyone with this major sin before the people of Loot, and He punished them with a punishment that He did not send upon any other nation; He combined all kinds of punishment for them, such as destruction, turning their houses upside down, causing them to be swallowed up by the earth, sending stones down upon them from the sky, taking away their sight, punishing them and making their punishment ongoing, and wreaking vengeance upon them such as was not wrought upon any other nation. That was because of the greatness of the evil consequences of this crime which the earth can hardly bear if it is committed upon it, and the angels flee to the farthest reaches of heaven and earth if they witness it, lest the punishment be sent upon those who do it and they be stricken along with them. The earth cries out to its Lord, may He be blessed and exalted, and the mountains almost shift from their places.

Killing the one to whom it is done is better for him than committing this act with him, because if a man commits sodomy with another man, in effect he kills him in such a way that there is no hope of life after that, unlike murder where the victim is wronged and is a martyr. They said: the evidence for that (i.e., that the evil consequences of homosexuality are worse than those of murder) is the fact that in the case of murder, Allaah gives the next of kin the choice: if he wishes he may have him executed and if he wishes he may let him off, but He enjoined executing the homosexual as a hadd punishment, as the companions of the Messenger of Allaah were unanimously agreed, and as is clearly indicated by the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) and there is no evidence to the contrary; rather this is what his companions and the Rightly-Guided Caliphs (may Allaah be pleased with them all) did.

It is narrated from Khaalid ibn al-Waleed that he found a man among one of the Arab tribes with whom men would have intercourse as with a woman. He wrote to Abu Bakr al-Siddeeq (may Allaah be pleased with him) and Abu Bakr al-Siddeeq consulted the Sahaabah (may Allaah be pleased with them). ‘Ali ibn Abi Taalib had the strongest opinion of all of them, and he said: “No one did that but one of the nations, and you know what Allaah did to them. I think that he should be burned with fire.” So Abu Bakr wrote to Khaalid and he had him burned.

‘Abd-Allaah ibn ‘Abbaas said: **The highest point in the town should be found and the homosexual should be thrown head first from it,** then stones should be thrown at him.

Ibn ‘Abbaas derived this hadd punishment from the punishment that Allaah sent upon the homosexuals of the people of Loot.

Ibn ‘Abbaas is the one who narrated from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) the words: “Whoever you find doing the action of the people of Loot, execute the one who does it and the one to whom it is done.” This was narrated by the authors of al-Sunan and was classed as saheeh by Ibn Hibbaan and others. Imam Ahmad quoted this hadeeth as evidence, and its isnaad meets the conditions of al-Bukhaari.

They said: and it is narrated that he said: “May Allaah curse the one who does the action of the people of Loot, may Allaah curse the one who does the action of the people of Loot, may Allaah curse the one who does the action of the people of Loot,” and it is not narrated that he cursed the adulterer three times in one hadeeth. He cursed those who do a variety of major sins, but he did not curse any of them more than once, but he repeated the curse for the homosexual three times. The companions of the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) agreed unanimously that the homosexual is to be executed, and none of them differed concerning that. Rather they differed as to the method of execution. Some people thought that this difference means that they disagreed about executing him, so they narrated it as a matter concerning which the Sahaabah differed, but it is a matter concerning which there was consensus among them, not a matter of difference.

And they said: Whoever ponders the words of Allaah (interpretation of the meaning):

“And come not near to unlawful sex. Verily, it is a Faahishah (i.e. anything that transgresses its limits: a great sin), and an evil way (that leads one to hell unless Allaah Forgives him)”

[al-Isra’ 17:32]

and what He says about homosexuality (interpretation of the meaning):

“And (remember) Loot (Lot), when he said to his people: Do you commit the worst sin such as none preceding you has committed in the ‘Aalameen (mankind and jinn)?”

[al-A'raaf 7:80]

will see the difference between them. When Allaah mentioned zina, He described it as a “great sin” (faahishah – indefinite) among other great sins, but when He mentioned homosexuality, He called it “the worst sin” (al-faahishah – definite). This suggests that it contains all the essence of evil and sin.

End quote from al-Jawaab al-Kaafi (p. 260-263).

Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah (may Allaah have mercy on him) said: With regard to homosexuality, some of the scholars said that the hadd punishment for it is the same as the hadd punishment for zina, and it was said that it is less than that. But the correct view on which the Sahaabah were unanimously agreed is that both are to be killed, the active and the passive partners, whether they are married or not. The authors of al-Sunan narrated from Ibn ‘Abbaas (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever you find doing the action of the people of Loot, execute the one who does it and the one to whom it is done.” And Abu Dawood narrated from Ibn ‘Abbaas concerning the unmarried person who commits a homosexual act that he said: He is to be stoned. And something similar was narrated from ‘Ali ibn Abi Taalib (may Allaah be pleased with him). The Sahaabah did not differ concerning the ruling that the homosexual is to be executed, but they differed concerning the methods. It was narrated from Abu Bakr al-Siddeeq (may Allaah be pleased with him) that he is to be burned, and from others that he is to be executed. It was narrated from some of them that a wall is to be knocked down on top of him until he dies beneath it. And it is said that both should be detained in the foulest of places until they die. It was narrated from some of them that **he should be taken up to the highest place in the town and thrown down from it**, to be followed with stones, as Allaah did to the people of Loot. This was narrated from Ibn ‘Abbaas. According to the other report, he is to be stoned. This was the view of the majority of the salaf. They said: because Allaah stoned the people of Loot, and stoning is prescribed for the zaani by analogy with the stoning of the homosexual. Both are to be stoned, whether they are free or slaves, or one of them is the slave of the other, if they have reached the age of puberty. If one of them has not reached the age of puberty, he is to be punished but not stoned, and none is to be stoned except one who has reached puberty. End quote from al-Siyaasah al-Shar’iyyah, p. 138.

Secondly:

The one to whom it is done is like the one who does it, because they both took part in the sin. So both are to be punished by execution, as it says in the hadeeth. But two exceptions may be made to that:

1 – One who is forced into sodomy by means of beating, death threats and the like. He is not subject to any hadd punishment.

It says in Sharh Muntaha al-Iraadaat (3/348): There is no hadd punishment if the one who has been sodomized is forced into it, such as if the one who did it overpowered him or threatened him with death or beating and the like. End quote.

2 – If the one to whom it was done is a minor and has not reached the age of puberty. There is no hadd punishment in this case, but he should be disciplined and punished in a way that will deter him from committing this crime, as stated above in the quotation from Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah.

Ibn Qudaamah (may Allaah have mercy on him) narrated in al-Mughni (9/62) that there is no difference of opinion among the scholars concerning the fact that the hadd punishment should not be carried out on one who is insane or a boy who has not yet reached the age of puberty.

And Allaah knows best.