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REPORT OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY

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1. DATE OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY
10 Sep 03

2. PLACE
GTMO, Cuba

[REDACTED] b(2)-5

4. REMARKS

Subject Interview of: (UNK) [REDACTED] - b(7)(C)-5

Date/Place: 10 Sep 03/GTMO, Cuba

Subject Interview of: [REDACTED] - b(7)(C)-5

Date/Place: 10 Sep 03/Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Interviews: SA [REDACTED] CITF - GTMO

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5, aka [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5, Internment Serial Number (ISN) [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5, was interviewed at Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on September 10 2003, by SA [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-1, United States Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC), DoD Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF). The interview was conducted in English. The purpose of the interview was to discuss Usama Bin Laden (UBL) and the Bayat taken by [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5

NOTE: The following interview is the second of three interviews of [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 by SA [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-1. The interviews were based on information previously given by [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 and were designed to be read in chronological order.

The interview was initiated with [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 familiarization with UBL prior to arriving in Afghanistan. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated that he knew of UBL and knew that the United States indicted him on Terrorism for the bombings of two Embassies in Kenya.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 didn't view UBL as an enemy of the UK, even though he agreed that the strongest ally of the US was the UK.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 related he knew UBL was involved in Terrorism; however, denied knowing anything about the terrorist group known as Al Qaida. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated it wasn't until after the 9/11 attacks that he associated Al Qaida with UBL.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 admitted he was at [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 when UBL visited on at least 10 occasions. On each visit UBL did some type of speech. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated he did not attend all the speeches due to the fact that he could not understand Arabic and that he could get some rest while UBL was speaking.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated around the third or fourth UBL visit his interpreter [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-3 (identified from previous interviews as [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5) informed him that the [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-3 was funded by and more specifically for UBL himself.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 then stated that the BAYAT to UBL was some where around his (UBL's) last visit(s).

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 then denied he ever admitted to taking a bayat with UBL and said he was forced to say he took the Bayat with UBL by interviews at Bagram Air Base, AF. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 then informed the interviewer that he was sexually harassed, and or raped, by a female interviewer. This interview technique is how the interviews got him to say he took the Bayat.

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Shortly thereafter, [redacted] retracted his statement and explained that he had made up the accusations in retaliation for what he had heard from a detainee while in isolation. [redacted] was in isolation after a small incident occurred in Camp Four (communal living). While in isolation the detainee told [redacted] that an interviewer (NFI) told him something to the effect of "Due to the long distance [redacted] had to travel, he obviously he went to meet UBL".

[redacted] was asked directly if he was sexually harassed in anyway while being detained? [redacted] responded no.

[redacted] stated he has not been mistreated while in US Custody.

[redacted] was then asked if he provided any other information, which was deceptive or not true. [redacted] responded yes, and explained that he gave a statement where he was forced by UBL himself to take the bayat.

[redacted] was then asked if he took the bayat with UBL voluntarily, in which [redacted] responded he did.

[redacted] did maintain that he didn't know the true meaning of the bayat and was put on the spot by his interpreter [redacted] offered the following explanation; He and [redacted] were going to listen to UBL when [redacted] informed [redacted] that UBL was expecting a bayat from everyone on that particular day. [redacted] inquired to what a bayat was, which [redacted] told him it was a "promise" to UBL. [redacted] claims that [redacted] did not explain it properly and only told him it was a promise. [redacted] stated he took this explanation to mean a promise to fight in the Jihad. After the conversation [redacted] was under the impression the [redacted] knew he was not interested in taking the bayat with UBL. [redacted] thought he was just going to talk to UBL and ask him a few question.

[redacted] stated he was sitting with approximately 50 people in front of a building with UBL just around the corner.

People were going in small groups to talk to UBL in groups of no more than four at a time. [redacted] went with [redacted] and only asked UBL why he was in Afghanistan. UBL responded by telling him it was the Land of the Jihad.

[redacted] then stated that [redacted] and UBL began speaking in Arabic. After a brief conversation [redacted] surprised [redacted] by turning to him and asking him if he was going to take the bayat or not. [redacted] stated he hesitated and described it as a funny moment. He was put on the spot and was scared due to the peer pressure and was afraid of being called a spy.

[redacted] stated he knew he shouldn't have taken the Bayat with UBL. In hindsight [redacted] stated it was because UBL is a terrorist. At the time he was upset because he did not go to Afghanistan to pledge himself to anyone or to have anyone control him.

The next topic of discussion with [redacted] was his role in guarding [redacted] [redacted] stated he guarded [redacted] approximately five times, two of which were walking patrols. [redacted] was scheduled for similar duties however he did not show up. [redacted] was equipped for each guard duty with an AK 47 and 30 rounds.

[redacted] stated he did guard [redacted] when UBL was present; however, claimed it was not an honor or a special privilege it just worked out that way. [redacted] admitted, for him, it wasn't a big deal when UBL showed up and most of the times he used the opportunity to get additional rest. [redacted] stated he didn't really care about the speeches because they were given in Arabic.

[redacted] stated he did not receive any additional training for the guard duty. He stated they did use a password while on patrol. [redacted] stated it was important to remember the password because the people running the camp

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told him that one could get into "trouble" if he forgot the password. [redacted] took this to mean that they (anyone on guard duty at [redacted]) were authorized to shoot anyone who did not know the password.

[redacted] stated they ([redacted] trainers) were scared of the Americans and he was told if you see any fire in the sky (ie..from a missile attack) he was to wake everyone up in the camp by firing off his weapon.

[redacted] stated he performed guard duty at least one time after taking the bayat with UBL.

[redacted] was then asked to describe his feelings concerning the United States.

[redacted] stated while at [redacted] he considered America as the enemy. He stated while in the UK he had a different ideology about the US. He thought of the US as a democratic country concerned with human rights. He stated growing up he always wanted to visit the US and possibly live there.

[redacted] stated the first real change in his ideology came while viewing anti-American videos at the Small Mudaffah, AF. [redacted] remembered viewing one video, which depicted the bombings in Iraq. [redacted] described this experience as his "eye-opener".

[redacted] stated he believed some of what UBL was preaching, however, didn't agree with everything especially blowing yourself up.

[redacted] was presented with the situation wherein he was guarding the camp ([redacted]) and was approached by American/ US coalition forces. [redacted] quickly pointed out that the Northern Alliance was not the same as the US. He continued by saying if he did see US Forces he would run. [redacted] admitted that he might fire back in self-defense, however, he would not initiate the firefight.

End of interview.

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