

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE TASK FORCE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY

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1. DATE OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY 19 May 04	2. PLACE Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	3. ACTIVITY NUMBER [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5	(1 of 2)
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4. REMARKS

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

Date/Place: 19 May 04/Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

On 19 May 04, ISN [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5, was interviewed at Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba by Special Agent [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5, Naval Criminal Investigative Service. The interview was conducted in Arabic as translated by Mr. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 Titan Corporation.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 related that if released, he would like to return to [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 Yemen, wherein he would attempt to find employment as a taxi driver. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 explained that he used to drive a taxi prior to being captured. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 said he hopes to one day own his own his taxi, but if that dream never comes to fruition, he would be content to purchase a truck and deliver fruit and vegetables to markets throughout his village.

When asked how he feels about Americans, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated he does not like Americans. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 explained that prior to his capture, he never held an opinion regarding Americans because he never knew any. However, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 further explained that upon originally being detained, he was very angry with the Americans and believed his treatment was abusive.

When asked to describe his abuse, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 dismissively said it was all in the past and refused to explain the manner in which he was abused. Nevertheless, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated that upon arriving in Cuba, his treatment has been much better, but it has not necessarily changed his opinion regarding Americans. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 attempted to clarify his remarks by stating he does not like the Americans, but he does not hate them either. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 commented however, that if what he has been told about Americans rebuilding Afghanistan were true, he might one day change his mind.

When questioned as to how he feels about Christians and Jews, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated he has been told they are infidels. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 explained however that despite someone being an infidel, Islam does not allow him to pass judgment. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 also stated Christians and Jews have their own religions and their own holy books, and consequently, who is he to question them.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated despite his personal ambiguity regarding Christians and Jews, he is not convinced they be allowed to reside in the Islamic holy cities. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 acknowledged there are Jews and Christians residing in Palestine; however, believes they should leave because the Christians and Jews kill Palestinian women and Children. Upon Reporting Agent stating his comment is very one sided, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 said he's only relating what he has heard from the news within his country.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated a Fatwa is term used to describe guidance received from religious leaders. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 said a Muslim must adhere to Fatwa because they represent the will of God. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 further related that not all Imams possess the authority to declare a fatwa, but if the Imam is genuinely educated regarding religious matters, the Fatwa is considered legitimate. It should be noted however that [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 said he does not know if Usama bin Laden possess' such authority.

When asked if he would support a Fatwa advocating attacks against the United States, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 originally stated the

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Fatwa would be levied upon the military, or men who possessed the ability to fight. [redacted] b7(C)-5 suggested he is nothing more than a simple man, and insisted he is not a fighter.

However, when Reporting Agent pointed out that [redacted] b7(C)-5 has admitted to receiving training regarding the use of weapons, [redacted] b7(C)-5 conceded that if the Fatwa came from a recognized, learned religious leader, he would be compelled to follow to the Fatwa.

[redacted] b7(C)-5 was able to recite the five Pillars of Islam without difficulty. When questioned as to why some Muslims b7(C)-5 consider Jihad a Pillar, [redacted] b7(C)-5 stated Jihad is a duty to defend one's country, not a Pillar of Islam. [redacted] b7(C)-5 further explained Jihad also represents one's personal struggle to keep his soul pure, and also to wage war against Satan.

[redacted] b7(C)-5 acknowledged some Islamic countries have alleged the United States government to be aligned with Satan, but insisted that despite him not liking Americans, he does not believe Americans are working for the Devil.

[redacted] b7(C)-5 lastly stated he never heard of Al Qaida prior to the attacks of September 11th, 2001. [redacted] b7(C)-5 said he first heard of Al Qaida on the radio shortly after the attacks, which he explained was during the confusion when people were attempting to find out who was responsible. Immediately prior to terminating the interview, [redacted] b7(C)-5 commented, that to this day, he still wonders why Al Qaida would want to attack the United States.

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