

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE TASK FORCE (CITF)
REPORT OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY

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1. DATE OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY 24 Sep 04	2. PLACE Camp Five, GTMO, Cuba	3. ACTIVITY NUMBER b(2)-5
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4. REMARKS

Subject interview of: (UNK) [redacted] AIRBASE: PRINCE SULTAN

Date/Place: 24 Sep 04/Camp Five, GTMO, Cuba

On 24 Sep 04, [redacted] ISN [redacted] was interview at Camp Five, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF) Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. [redacted] provided the Arabic/English translation of the interview. The interview was conducted in order to verify details about [redacted]'s case file.

[redacted] said he went to Afghanistan (AF) to fight Jihad because he wanted to follow in his brother's footsteps. Additionally, [redacted] said several sheiks and scholars were advocating Jihad in Afghanistan. [redacted] said Jihad felt like the right thing to do at the time. [redacted] said he could not remember the names of all the scholars that were preaching about Jihad but the ones he could remember were [redacted] and [redacted].

[redacted] said he originally lied about why he went to AF, because American Soldiers were torturing prisoners that claimed to be Taliban or Al-Queda. [redacted] said everyone was tortured, but the prisoners who admitted to being Taliban or Al-Queda were abused even more. [redacted] said he did not tell anyone he went to AF for Jihad because they would automatically assume he was Taliban or Al-Queda. [redacted] insisted he is not affiliated with any Muslim groups and his decision to go to AF was his own. [redacted] stated he financed his own trip to AF.

[redacted] said his brother, [redacted], died while fighting in Chechnya. And while attending his funeral, a man named [redacted] (NFI) convinced him to go to Afghanistan as opposed to Chechnya. [redacted] claimed to be a friend of his brother, [redacted], and he informed [redacted] that Chechnya was too dangerous for him. [redacted] described how the fighting in Chechnya was not a traditional war, and someone like him [redacted] could easily loose his life. [redacted] said the fighting in AF is more of a traditional war and therefore would be a better choice for [redacted]. [redacted] said his brother's funeral was the only time he'd ever seen or spoken with [redacted]. Also while at the funeral, [redacted] said [redacted] described how to get to AF.

[redacted] said he always had money because he used to receive a stipend from the Saudi Government. [redacted] said his stipend was 390 Saudi Riyals a month and he had been receiving the stipend since the sixth grade. Additionally, [redacted] said he was selling honey outside the mosques after prayer time ended. And other times, [redacted] said he would sell honey at the market place. [redacted] said he had already quit school, so he had a flexible schedule as to when he wanted to work. During this time, [redacted] said he was earning between 200 and 500 Saudi Riyals a day. [redacted] said he spent a lot of money for gifts and to pay off miscellaneous debts before leaving Saudi Arabia. [redacted] said he managed to saved approximately 5,000 Saudi Riyals before leaving Saudi Arabia.

[redacted] said he left Saudi Arabia during Ramadan. He first flew to United Arab Emirates (UAE), where he stayed at a small hotel that faced the Hyatt Regency. [redacted] said he did not meet/travel with anyone while in UAE. [redacted] said he stayed in UAE for one day before flying to Karachi, Pakistan. Once in Karachi, [redacted] said he called the Gulf Hotel, and a Pakistani man came and picked him up. [redacted] said he stayed

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at the Gulf Hotel for two or three days before leaving for AF. [redacted] b7(C)-3 b7(C)-5 said he knew to call the Gulf Hotel, because [redacted] b7(C)-1 had advised him to do so during the funeral. [redacted] b7(C)-5 said he could not remember the Pakistani man's name or any distinctive features about him.

SA [redacted] b7(C)-1 informed [redacted] b7(C)-5 that he would return at a later date to continue discussing his activities in AF. The interview was terminated.

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