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THE "HARD LINE" APPROACH WAS
DISCUSSED DURING THE 8 JULY HQS MEETING, IS DETAILED IN A
FORTHCOMING CABLE AND HAS BEEN APPROVED AT THE MOST SENIOR LEVELS
OF (b)(1) AND THE USG.

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A. DECISION AUTHORITY: ORDINARILY, HQS WILL BE THE DECISION-MAKER WITH REGARD TO INTERRUPTING OR STOPPING THE ONGOING INTERROGATION OF ABU ZUBAYDA. IN SOME CASES, THERE MAY BE INSUFFICIENT TIME TO SOLICIT AND ACQUIRE A DECISION FROM HQS. IN THOSE CASES, ALL SIGNIFICANT MEMBERS OF THE INTERROGATION TEAM MUST BE ADEQUATELY CONSULTED AND SUCH A DECISION MUST BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED. REQUESTS TO STOP OR INTERRUPT THE INTERROGATION PROCESS, INCLUDING THOSE BY MEDICAL AND SECURITY PERSONNEL, MUST BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER. WE REALIZE THAT A SITUATION MAY ARISE WHERE SUCH CONSULTATION WITH HQS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE, BUT WE ANTICIPATE THIS WILL BE IN ONLY THE MOST EXTREME CASES.

B. MEDICAL TREATMENT: THE INTERROGATION TEAM IS CORRECT IN ITS REF B UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INTERROGATION PROCESS TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER PREVENTATIVE MEDICAL PROCEDURES. ADDITIONALLY, OMS/ [] CONCUR WITH THE INTERROGATIONS BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THIS OPERATION. THE ONLY CONCERN REMAINS THE UNLIKELY POSSIBILITY THAT AZ DEVELOPS AN ACUTE MEDICAL PROBLEM RESULTING FROM A LACK OF PREVENTATIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IF SUCH A PROBLEM WERE TO REQUIRE IMMEDIATE CARE, SUCH COULD INTERRUPT OR DERAIL THE PROGRESS OF THE INTERROGATIONS.

-- ALTHOUGH CONCERNED OVER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONDITION WHICH COULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE INTERROGATION PROCESS, OMS/ [] (b)(3) CIAAct WAS AMENABLE TO DEFERRING WOUND DRESSING FOR 72 HOURS AS THE NEXT PHASE OF THE INTERROGATIONS LAUNCHES.

-- OMS/ [] DID NOT AGREE WITH PROVIDING PROPHYLACTIC TREATMENT TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF AZ DEVELOPING AN INFECTION DURING THE 72 HOUR DELAY. THEY FELT THE PROPHYLACTIC WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL AFFECT AND ACTUALLY INCREASE THE DIFFICULTY OF TREATING INFECTION SHOULD IT OCCUR.

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E. OPERATIONAL SECURITY AND COMMUNICATION CONSIDERATIONS:

-- PER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SEVENTH FLOOR, THE DDO DOES NOT FEEL IT NECESSARY TO FURTHER RESTRICT CABLE TRAFFIC. HE INDICATED THAT SINCE FORMAL CHANNEL LEGAL APPROVALS WOULD EXIST, THERE IS NO NEED TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ADDITIONAL TO "EYES ONLY." REQUEST

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THE FOLLOWING OUS'S ON CABLE TRAFFIC: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHEN THE CABLE CONTENT HAS SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL INFORMATION, PLEASE INCLUDE OMS/[REDACTED] WHEN IT HAS SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS, PLEASE INCLUDE OTS/OAD.

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[REDACTED] THERE IS A FAIRLY UNANIMOUS SENTIMENT WITHIN HQS THAT AZ WILL NEVER BE PLACED IN A SITUATION WHERE HE HAS ANY SIGNIFICANT CONTACT WITH OTHERS AND/OR HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE RELEASED. WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS AT THIS POINT, ALL MAJOR PLAYERS ARE IN CONCURRENCE THAT AZ SHOULD REMAIN INCOMMUNICADO FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS LIFE. THIS MAY PRECLUDE AZ FROM BEING TURNED OVER TO ANOTHER COUNTRY, BUT A FINAL DECISION REGARDING HIS FUTURE INCARCERATION CONDITION HAS YET TO BE MADE. [REDACTED]

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