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2. SUMMARY: ON [ ] NOVEMBER, [ ] AGGRESSIVE PHASE INTERROGATIONS OF SENIOR AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVE 'ABD AL-RAHIM AL-((NASHIRI)), AKA MULLAH ((BILAL)) (SUBJECT) SPOKE MORE READILY THAN IN PREVIOUS SESSIONS ABOUT HIS ASSOCIATES, AND PROVIDED ACTIONABLE LEAD INFORMATION AS DESCRIBED BELOW. THROUGHOUT THE SESSION, HVT INTERROGATORS [ ] REEMPHASIZED A THEME WITH SUBJECT - THAT SUBJECT'S EVERY STATEMENT WAS BEING CHECKED AGAINST OTHER INFORMATION FROM HIS CAPTURED COMRADES AND FROM OTHER SOURCES, AND THAT SUBJECT'S CLAIMS OF IGNORANCE ABOUT ONGOING AL-QA'IDA PLANNING WERE NOT BELIEVED IN "WASHINGTON." FOR THIS REASON, HVTI'S STRESSED THAT SUBJECT'S ONLY HOPE OF AVOIDING A STEADY WORSENING OF HIS SITUATION WAS FOR HIM TO "CONTINUE" PROVIDING ACTIONABLE INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP THE USG DISRUPT AL-QA'IDA PLOTS AND LOCATE AL-QA'IDA MEMBERS. IF SUBJECT'S INFORMATION PROVED FALSE, OR HIS COOPERATION FEIGNED, HVTI'S WERE READY, WILLING, AND WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO INCREASE THEIR PRESSURES IN WAYS THAT WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNPLEASANT FOR SUBJECT.

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4. SECURITY/INTERROGATION TEAM ENTERED SUBJECT'S CELL AT 1013 LOCAL. AFTER SUBJECT WAS REMOVED FROM THE LARGE BOX, BACKED AGAINST THE WALLING PANEL, AND GIVEN A DRINK OF WATER, [ ] LEANED FORWARD AND TOLD SUBJECT QUIETLY AND INTENSELY THAT HE AND INTERROGATORS WERE "GOING TO GO BACK TO (ISSUES DISCUSSED) YESTERDAY," BUT THAT INTERROGATORS FIRST HAD SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. SUBJECT LISTENED MUTELY WHILE [ ] TOLD HIM THAT BEFORE ANSWERING, SUBJECT SHOULD CONSIDER THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO BE UNDER [ ] CONTROL IF ANOTHER OPERATION AGAINST AMERICANS TOOK PLACE. SUBJECT WAS TOLD TO ANSWER QUESTIONS COMPLETELY, QUICKLY, AND TRUTHFULLY, AND WHEN ASKED "WILL YOU DO THIS?" SUBJECT NODDED.

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SUBJECT WAS PROVIDED A WATER BOTTLE, HOODED, AND  
RETURNED TO HIS LARGE BOX AT 1109 HRS LOCAL.

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15. FOLLOWING LUNCH AND SEVERAL STRATEGY MEETINGS BETWEEN BASE PERSONNEL, INTERROGATORS RE-ENTERED SUBJECT'S CELL AT 1555 LOCAL AND BACKED HIM AGAINST THE WALLING WALL, WHERE HE SLOUCHED AND STARED AT HIS FEET. [REDACTED] SNAPPED HIS FINGERS IN SUBJECT'S FACE AND SUBJECT STRAIGHTENED UP AND MADE EYE CONTACT. [REDACTED] INTONED THAT WHAT INTERROGATORS HAD PREDICTED WAS TRUE - THAT "WASHINGTON" HAD NOT BELIEVED SUBJECT'S DENIALS AND HAD TOLD INTERROGATORS THEY NEEDED TO INCREASE THEIR PRESSURE. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT HE  
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