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## Talking Points: CIA Operations Against Usama Bin Laden

Purpose: To inform Congressman Hastert about CIA's operations against Usama Bin Laden (UBL).

Background: The Agency's overall objectives regarding Bin Laden are to capture him and render him to justice; to support US military options targeting Bin Laden; to dismantle Bin Laden's international infrastructure; and to run to ground threat reporting.

- We have established [ ] assets [ ] in Afghanistan and have authorized them to try to capture Bin Laden when the opportunity presents itself. We have arranged [ ] to try Bin Laden if we can capture and deliver him.

[ ] the 20 August 1998 US missile strikes on Khowst [ ]. We currently are collecting information the military needs for possible further missile strikes [ ].

[ ] the return of two senior Bin Laden lieutenants to the United States to face trial.

- We spend an enormous amount of time and manpower running UBL-related threats to ground.

[ ] we have prevented the bombing of our Embassy in Tirana and probably those [ ] by running threats to ground.

[ ] Some points you may wish to make in your presentation:

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[redacted] The Agency's current slate of operations against Usama Bin Laden (UBL) can be divided into the following categories:

A. [redacted] Seeking Bin Laden's Location

[redacted] track UBL's movements.

[redacted] Bin Laden is in Shaykh Ali's camp in the desert south of Qandahar. Our assets remain prepared to mount a capture operation

[redacted] Collection

[redacted] The Intelligence Community is devoting all applicable resources to collecting against Bin Laden:

- Appropriate Agency and foreign intelligence assets are engaged and focused on pinpointing UBL's location and preempting future attacks.

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[Redacted] data are being used to assist in  
the formulation of contingency plans for US military activity against Bin  
Ladin.

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**Disruption Operations**

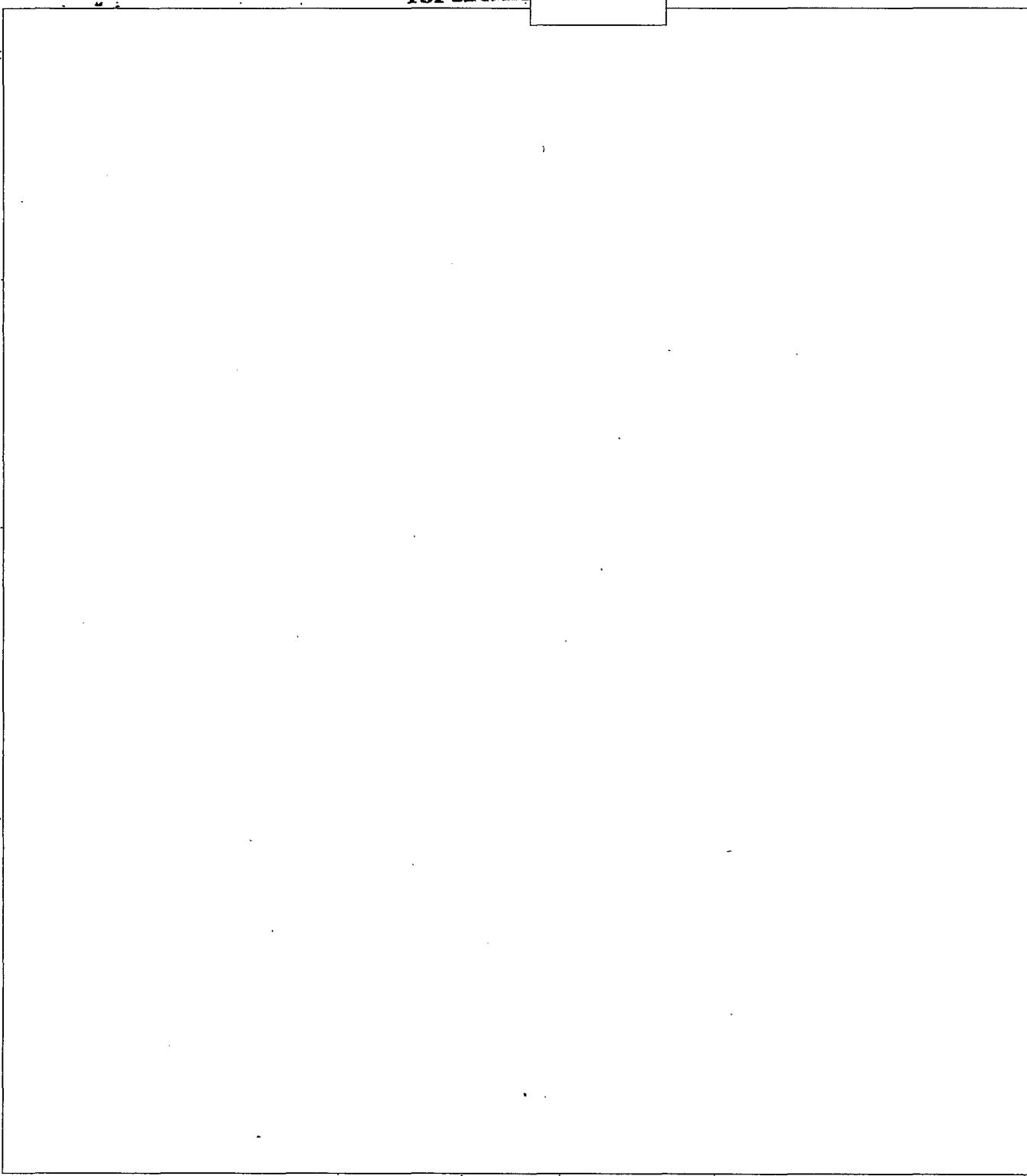
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Our disruption operations now are aimed at capturing Bin Laden,  
dismantling his international infrastructure, and gathering additional actionable  
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