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SENIOR EXECUTIVE INTELLIGENCE BRIEF
23 May 2001
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Terrorism: Terrorist Groups Said Cooperating on US Hostage Plot [redacted]

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or civilian: [redacted]

plan to kidnap US diplomats

-- The conspirators, who want to force the release of "blind sheik" 'Umar 'Abd al-Rahman and other US-held prisoners, may opt to hijack an aircraft or storm a US Embassy

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[redacted] have considered taking
hostages--possibly including hijackings--to force concessions, and al-Qa'ida is reported
to have trained personnel in kidnapping techniques

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