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1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.

2. SUMMARY: ON [] NOVEMBER, DAY SEVEN OF BASE AGGRESSIVE PHASE INTERROGATIONS OF SENIOR AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVE 'ABD AL-RAHIM AL-((NASHIRI)), AKA MULLAH ((BILAL)) (SUBJECT), SUBJECT PROVIDED AN ACCOUNT []

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4. AT [REDACTED] THE INTERROGATION TEAM ENTERED SUBJECT'S CELL, PROVIDED HIM A TOWEL TO WEAR, AND PLACED HIM IN A CHAIR.

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[REDACTED] REMINDED SUBJECT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED TRAVELING FROM [REDACTED] AND TOLD SUBJECT THAT

INTERROGATORS WANTED SUBJECT TO RELATE ALL THE DETAILS OF THAT TRIP, AND ALL DETAILS OF HIS STAY IN [REDACTED] SUBJECT WAS REMINDED THAT HIS ANSWERS WOULD NEED TO BE COMPLETE, AND ACCURATE. SUBJECT NODDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD AND BEGAN TO SPEAK (BASE COMMENT: FOR MUCH OF THE FIRST HOUR, MOST OF SUBJECT'S RESPONSES CAME PIECEMEAL, AND IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTIONS. SUBJECT APPEARED CONFUSED AT TIMES, AND

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[REDACTED] LATER OBSERVED THAT MANY OF SUBJECT'S ARABIC SENTENCES HAD BEEN DISJOINTED AND MAY HAVE REFLECTED SUBJECT'S MISUNDERSTANDING OF QUESTIONS. AFTER A SUBSEQUENT MID-INTERROGATION MEETING IDENTIFIED THIS PROBLEM, SUBJECT'S RESPONSES APPEARED MORE COHERENT.) .

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16. AT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] RE-ENTERED SUBJECT'S CELL ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED] SUBJECT WAS UN-HOODED AND RETURNED TO HIS CHAIR. [REDACTED] TOLD SUBJECT IN AN INCREASINGLY LOUD VOICE THAT SUBJECT HAD NOT BEEN WORKING VERY HARD, AND WAS PRETENDING TO BE SLEEPY. [REDACTED] SAID SUBJECT HAD HAD PLENTY OF SLEEP, AND THAT HE HAD BETTER PAY ATTENTION BECAUSE HIS ANSWERS HAD BEEN COMPLETELY INADEQUATE, INCOMPLETE, AND THAT INTERROGATORS WERE BECOMING ANGRY AFTER HAVING TO ASK TEN QUESTIONS TO GET ONE ANSWER. IF SUBJECT WAS SMART, HE WAS TOLD, HE HAD BETTER PROVIDE FULL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND THINK ABOUT WHAT HE WAS BEING ASKED AND WHAT HE WAS SAYING, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE NO PROBLEM FOR INTERROGATORS TO GET HIS FULL ATTENTION THE HARD WAY. [REDACTED]

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24. SUBJECT WAS TOLD HE HAD BEGUN TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IN A USEFUL WAY, AND THAT HE SHOULD CONTINUE IN THIS MANNER AND THINGS WOULD NOT GET WORSE. [Redacted] TOLD SUBJECT HE WOULD RECEIVE A "SHAVE AND A HAIRCUT," WOULD RECEIVE A PAIR OF PANTS, AND THAT THE CHAIN CONNECTING HIS LEG SHACKLES TO HIS HANDCUFFS WOULD BE REMOVED.

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[Redacted] EXPLAINED THAT "IF YOU TRY ANYTHING AGGRESSIVE BECAUSE WE HAVE TAKEN AWAY THIS CHAIN THOSE MEN (POINTING TO THE SECURITY TEAM) WILL KILL YOU." SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT WHEN HE NEXT SAW INTERROGATORS, THEY WOULD HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT TOP LEADERS, AND MORE [Redacted] TO EXPLAIN - AND THAT HIS EXPLANATIONS WOULD HAVE TO MAKE SENSE.

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SUBJECT NODDED, APPEARING TO RELAX - AND THEN AS INTERROGATORS WERE BEGINNING TO LEAVE THE CELL ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE HIS NAILS CLEANED, OR DO IT HIMSELF BECAUSE THEY WERE DIRTY (WHICH THEY ARE). [Redacted]

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ASKED SUBJECT TO REPEAT HIS STATEMENT TO MAKE SURE HE HAD BEEN UNDERSTOOD, AND THEN SQUATTED DOWN AT EYE LEVEL WITH SUBJECT, WHO REMAINED SEATED. "LISTEN TO ME," [Redacted] SAID. "THIS IS NOT - NOT - A HOTEL. WE ARE NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF KISSING YOUR ASS, WE ARE NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF GROOMING YOU." [Redacted] DEPARTED, AND SECURITY TEAM SURROUNDED SUBJECT AND FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES WITH AN ELECTRIC RAZOR SHAVED THE SUBJECT'S HEAD AND BEARD, WHILE SUBJECT CRIED AND GRIMACED THEATRICALY. SUBJECT WAS LED BACK INTO HIS LARGE BOX AT [Redacted]

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