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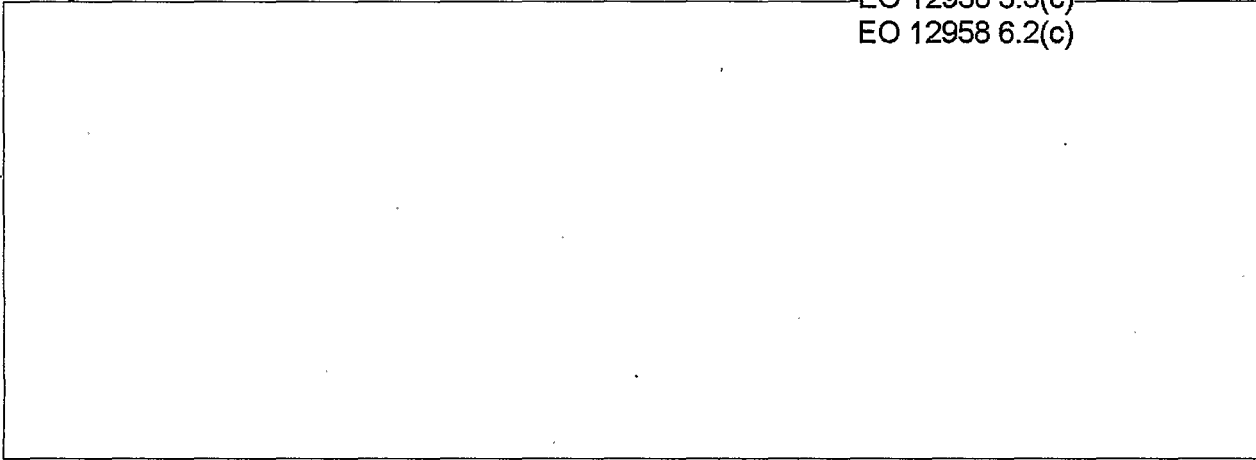
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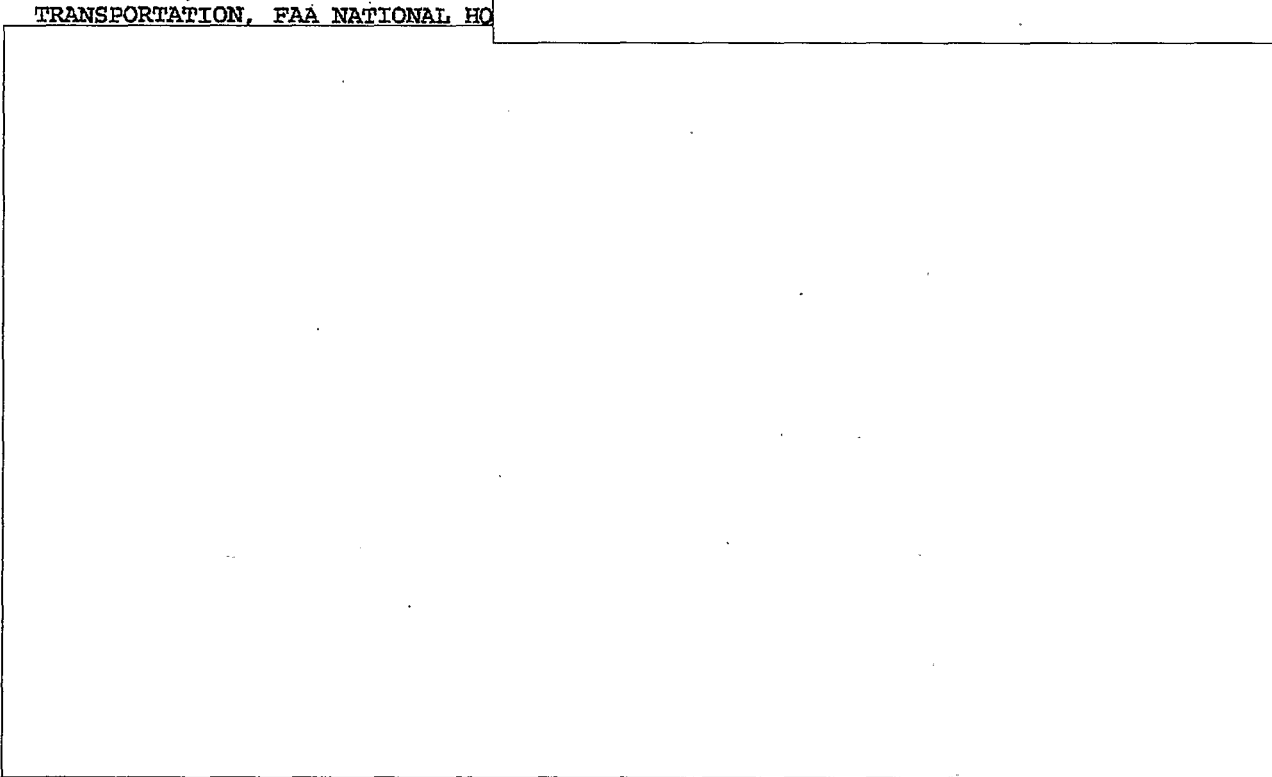
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SUBJ: TERRORISM: HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE ISLAMIC ARMY,
AND BIN LADIN'S MOVE FROM AFGHANISTAN TO SUDAN

SUMMARY: DURING THE AFGHAN WAR, USAMA BIN LADIN CREATED THE ISLAMIC EXTREMIST ORGANIZATION AL-QAIDA FROM AMONG LOYAL MUJAHEDIN IN AFGHANISTAN. IN 1989, BIN LADIN MOVED AL-QAIDA TO SUDAN, AT THE BEHEST OF THE NATIONAL ISLAMIC FRONT, AND CHANGED THE NAME TO THE ISLAMIC ARMY. OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, BIN LADIN'S ISLAMIC ARMY PRESENCE, AS WELL AS HIS PERSONAL BUSINESSES, CONTINUED TO GROW IN SUDAN. THE NIF AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN PROVIDED A RECEPTIVE ENVIRONMENT AND PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT OF ISLAMIC ARMY ACTIVITIES. IN RETURN, BIN LADIN PROVIDED INFRASTRUCTURE

WITHIN THIS COOPERATIVE SETTING, BIN LADIN FURTHER DEFINED THE KORANIC BASIS FOR THE ISLAMIC ARMY AND ITS INTENT TO USE VIOLENCE AS A MEANS TO ACHIEVE ISLAMIC GOALS.

2. WHEN ISLAMIC EXTREMIST FINANCIER USAMA ((BIN LADIN)) ESTABLISHED AL-QAIDA DURING THE AFGHAN WAR (EARLY 1980'S), HE SOUGHT TO FORM AN ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD LAST BEYOND THE WAR'S CONCLUSION.

AL-QAIDA INITIALLY WAS ESTABLISHED BY BIN LADIN TO FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS INTO AND OUT OF AFGHANISTAN DURING THE AFGHAN WAR.)

3. IN 1989, AFTER THE NATIONAL ISLAMIC FRONT (NIF) CAME TO POWER IN SUDAN, BIN LADIN AGREED TO ESTABLISH HIS AL-QAIDA/ISLAMIC ARMY IN SUDAN, AT THE BEHEST OF THE NIF. AFTER BIN LADIN MOVED TO SUDAN AND SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH A WORLD-WIDE ISLAMIC EXTREMIST NETWORK, THE TERM AL-QAIDA NO LONGER MADE SENSE, SO THE NETWORK WAS RENAMED THE ISLAMIC ARMY.)

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[REDACTED] IN 1991. BIN LADIN ARRIVED IN SUDAN [REDACTED]

THE NIF INDICATED THAT ITS MOST IMMEDIATE CONCERN WAS THE CIVIL WAR IN THE SOUTH. BIN LADIN AGREED TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SUDANESE CIVIL DEFENSE AND TO BUILD THE "CHALLENGE ROAD" FROM KHARTOUM TO PORT SUDAN IN EXCHANGE FOR LAND ON WHICH TO ESTABLISH A CAMP.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BIN LADIN CREATED A COMMITTEE DESIGNED TO ESTABLISH THE ISLAMIC ARMY.

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[REDACTED] BIN LADIN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAD ALREADY BEGUN DISCUSSING VIOLENCE AS A MEANS TO ACHIEVE ISLAMIC GOALS BY THIS STAGE.

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