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Bombings in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam - An Update

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Overview of Today's Briefing

- Status of the Investigation
- Usama Bin Ladin as a Worldwide Threat
- Probable Reaction to a Strike Against Usama Bin Ladin at Khowst

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Nairobi and Dar es Salaam Bombings

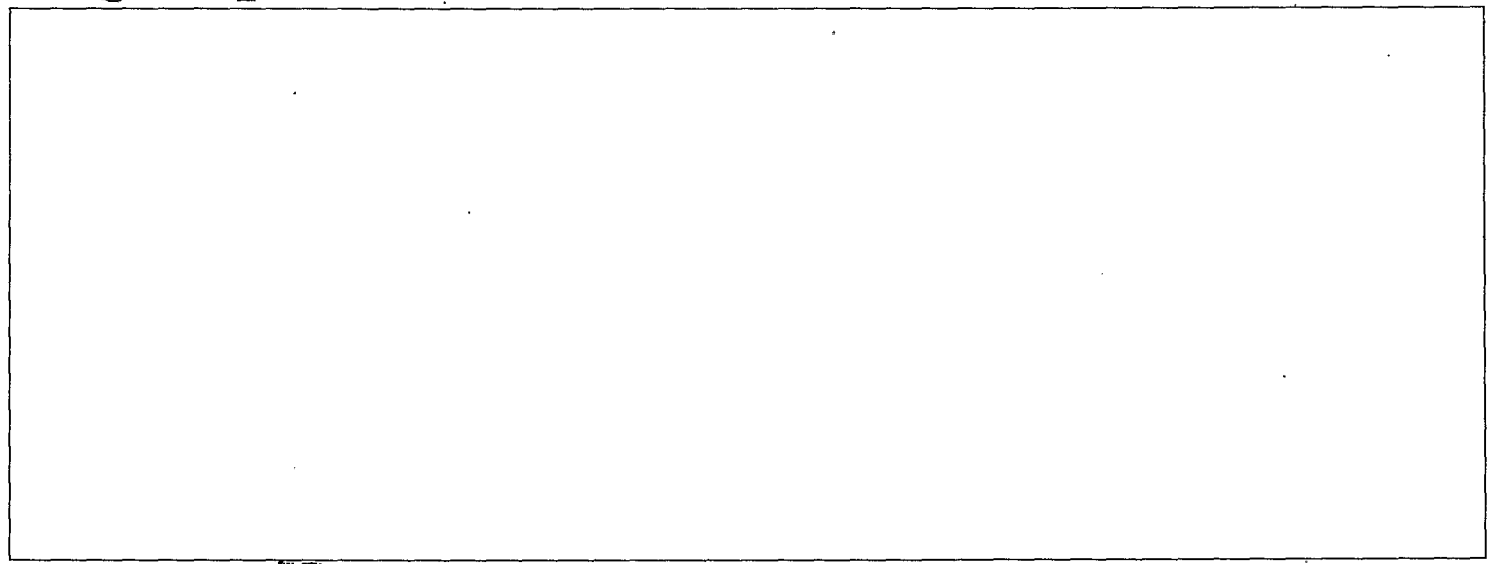
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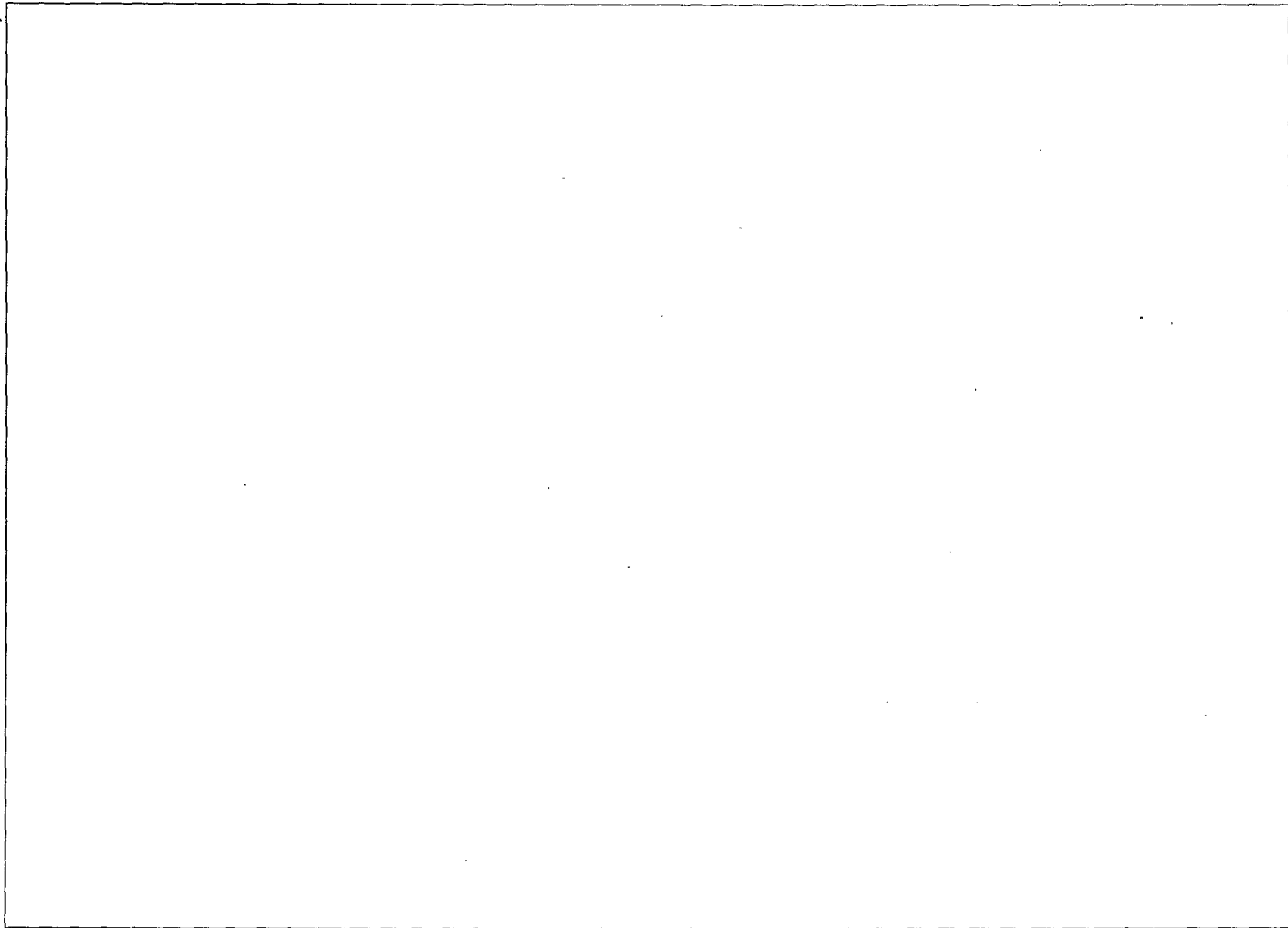
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Leads Point to Usama Bin Ladin and Associates

- All credible intelligence links bombings to prime suspects: Bin Ladin and the Egyptian groups al-Jihad and al-Gama'at al-Islamiyya





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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] says

Bin Ladin sponsored bombings

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reportedly planning to bomb embassies
in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam

- Man injured in Nairobi blast appears linked
to [REDACTED] Bin Ladin

Usama Bin Ladin

Worldwide Terrorist Threat

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Promoting Universal Jihad

- Goal of Worldwide Islamic government
- Strategy:
 - “Liberate” Saudi Arabia and Palestine
 - Fight against “dictators”
 - Promote unity among extremist groups
- Formed “International Front for Jihad Against the Jews and Crusaders”

Ties to Extremists and Presence Worldwide

- North and Sub-Saharan Africa
- Yemeni, Saudi, Omani
- Jordanian, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian
- Southeast Asia
- Mujahedin groups in Bosnia, Chechnya, Tajikistan, Kashmir, Kosovo
- North America and Europe

Bin Ladin: Links to Terrorism

- World Trade Center, Manila Air, OPM/SANG
- Attacks on US in Somalia and Yemen
- Assassination attempts [redacted]
[redacted]
- Less destructive attacks in [redacted]
[redacted]

Bin Ladin: Casts US as Enemy

- Bin Ladin blames United States for Muslim problems
- Declared war on the US in 1996
 - Decreed in February 1998 that Muslims kill Americans and their allies, including civilians
 - Promised results of this declaration “within weeks” in May 1998

Probable Reaction to Strike Against Usama Bin Ladin in Khowst

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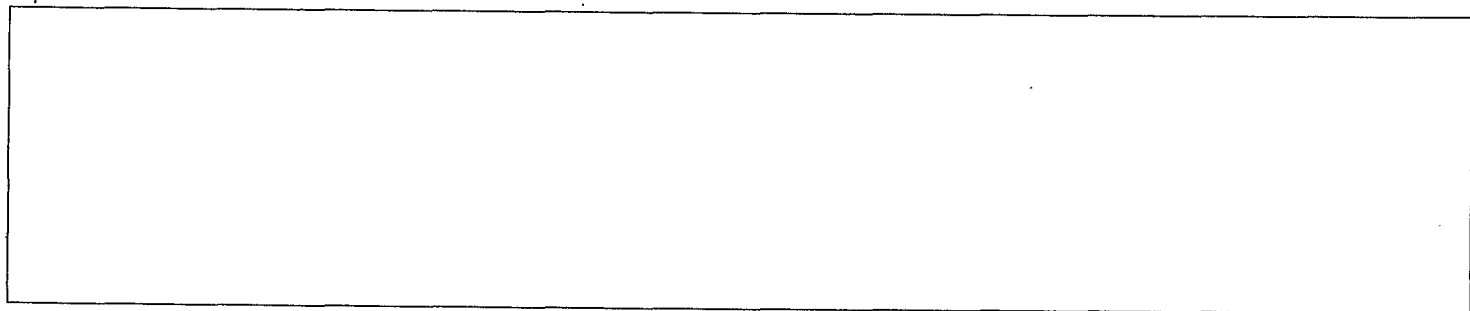
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Some Form of Retaliation Virtually Assured

- Retaliatory attack by supporters almost a certainty
- Anti-US violence in Pakistan likely
- Follow-on actions by Bin Ladin's organization still possible
- Exact response based on whether Bin Ladin, senior colleagues, leaders of other groups, and families are killed

Strike at Khowst May Affect Bin Ladin's Allies

- Broad range of nationalities train at the camps
- A number of Islamic extremists likely present at the sites



Factors Affecting the Timing and Targets for Retaliation

- Disruptive effect of Bin Ladin's death or capture in the operation
- Emergence of a strong replacement from among his followers
- Effectiveness of separate effort to neutralize his worldwide network

Post-Bin Ladin Splits Still Pose Dangers to the US

- Less likely, but Bin Ladin's organization could break into factions
- Lack of central authority could cause some factions to retaliate quickly
- US official presence and civilians at risk worldwide, but especially in Arabian Peninsula and Pakistan