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**TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT:**

**REPORT NUMBER (U):** 1.4a

**REPORT DATE (DOI) (U):** 23 MAR 07

**REPORTING UNIT (U):** 1.4a

**COUNTRY (U):** IRAQ (IZ), IRAN (IR)

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**SUMMARY (~~S//REL TO USA AND MCFI~~):**

- THE FOURTH INTERROGATION OF N1228A
- DETAINEE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON TRAVEL TO IRAN WITH MUQTADA AL-SADR
- DETAINEE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON MEETINGS IN IRAN WITH IRGC-QF PERSONNEL
- DETAINEE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON MONEY MOVEMENT BETWEEN IRAN AND MUQTADA AL-SADR'S OFFICE
- DETAINEE PROVIDED SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION SADR TREND "SPECIAL GROUPS"
- DETAINEE IDENTIFIED IRGC-QF OFFICER INVOLVED IN COMBAT OPERATIONS IN AL-NAJAF, IZ IN 2004

**TEXT (~~S//REL TO USA AND MCFI~~):**

**1. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA (~~S//REL TO USA AND MCFI~~):**

**GIVEN NAME:** QAYIS

**FATHER'S GIVEN NAME:** HADI

**GRANDFATHER'S GIVEN NAME:** SA'ID

**CLAN NAME:** NONE

**TRIBAL NAME:** AL-KHAZALI

**ALIAS:** NONE

**EYE COLOR:** BROWN

**HAIR COLOR:** BLACK

**HEIGHT:** 5 FEET EIGHT INCHES

**WEIGHT:** 160 LBS

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** IRREGULAR SHAPED PORTWINE BIRTHMARK, LEFT FRONT SHOULDER, ARMPIT AREA.

**ADDRESS:** AL-SALAH NEIGHBORHOOD, IN THE VICINITY OF AL-SALAH MOSQUE, KUFA, IRAQ.

**PHONE NUMBER:** NONE

**MOBILE NUMBER:** CLAIMS TO HAVE LOST HIS CELLULAR TELEPHONE SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO CAPTURE.



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**POB:** BAGHDAD, IZ  
**DOB:** 24 APRIL 1974  
**MARITAL STATUS:** DIVORCED  
**NATIONALITY:** IRAQI  
**RELIGION:** SHI'A/ISLAM  
**EDUCATION:** ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1995-PRESENT, THE SHI'A HAWZA RELIGIOUS TRAINING INSTITUTE IN AL-NAJAF, IZ.  
**LANGUAGES (PROFICIENCY):** ARABIC (NATIVE), ENGLISH (ABLE TO SPEAK HALTINGLY).  
**MOSQUE:** NONE  
**IMAM:** NONE  
**MILITARY EXPERIENCE:** PAID HIS WAY OUT OF THE IRAQI ARMY IN 1997 FOR 1.5 MILLION IRAQI DINAR.  
**SPECIAL SKILLS:** NONE  
**OCCUPATION:** POLITICIAN

**MEDICAL (U):** CLEARED FOR DETENTION / INTERROGATION / LAST CHECK UP: 23 MAR 07

**DETAINEE NUMBER:** N1228A

**FATHER:** HADI SA'ID AL-KHAZALI  
**MOTHER:** DNA  
**BROTHERS:** DNA  
**SISTERS:** DNA  
**WIFE:** DIVORCED  
**CHILDREN:** 1 BOY, AWAIS (6), 1 GIRL, MAIS (8). BOTH LIVE WITH THEIR MOTHER IN BAGHDAD, IZ.

**2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE:**

**CONOP:** 1.4a  
**DTG OF CAPTURE:** 20 MAR 0300C 2007  
**PLACE OF CAPTURE:** BASRAH, IZ.  
**APPREHENDING UNIT:** 1.4a  
**REASON FOR CAPTURE:** DETAINEE IS A SUSPECTED AIF GROUP LEADER, AND IS ASSOCIATED WITH WEAPONS SMUGGLING FROM IRAN, EJK ACTIVITY, AND INVOLVEMENT WITH THE ATTACK ON THE KARBALA PJCC.  
**CURRENT LOCATION:** 1.4a

**WEAPONS, DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT (~~S//REL TO USA AND MCFI~~):**

**INTERROGATOR:** 3.5c  
**LANGUAGE USED:** ARABIC  
**INTERPRETER (NATIVE DIALECT):** 3.5c

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**3. SUMMARY OF INTERROGATION / INTELLIGENCE GAINED (S//REL TO USA AND MCFI):**

.IN APPROXIMATELY JUNE 2003, DETAINEE ACCOMPANIED MUQTADA AL-SADR (MAS), MUSTAFA AL-YAQUBI, SHAYIKH AHMAD AL-SHEIBANI, AND ‘ABBAS AL-KUFI [REDACTED] 1.4c [REDACTED] 1.4c END COMMENT) ON A TRIP TO IRAN (IR). THE GROUP INITIALLY TRAVELED TO TEHRAN, IR, TO MEET WITH IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THIS WAS MAS’S FIRST TRIP TO IRAN IN AN “OFFICIAL” CAPACITY AS HEAD OF THE SADR TREND. THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT TREATED THE TRIP WITH A GREAT DEAL OF OFFICIAL “FANFARE” AND PRESS COVERAGE.

SAYID GHASEM AL-SOLEIMANI [REDACTED] 1.4c [REDACTED] 1.4c [REDACTED] 1.4c [REDACTED] 1.4c ACTED AS THE OFFICIAL “HOST” FOR MAS’S ENTOURAGE. HAJJI YASIR ACTED AS THE “CHIEF OF PROTOCOL” FOR THIS VISIT, AND SUBSEQUENT VISITS FROM SADR TREND OR JAYSH AL-MAHDI (JAM) VISITORS

[REDACTED] 1.4c

ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS WITH IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WAS SAYID NUR AL-ADIN ISHKORI (NFI). DURING MEETINGS TO DISCUSS RELIGIOUS ISSUES WHILE IN TEHRAN, AYATOLLAH ‘ALI KHAMEINI, THE SUPREME LEADER OF THE IRANIAN ISLAMIC REVOLUTION AND STAFF, AS WELL AS CLERICAL LEADERS FROM [REDACTED] 1.4d

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[REDACTED] 1.4c ALSO PRESENT WERE SHAYIKH MAHMUD AL-HASHIMI (NFI) AND SHAYIKH ‘ALI AKHBAR HASHIMI RAFSANJANI (NFI).

DURING THESE MEETINGS IN TEHRAN, AGREEMENTS WERE MADE BETWEEN IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MAS TO PROVIDE MONETARY SUPPORT TO THE SADR TREND IN IRAQ. A SYSTEM OF SENDING CASH THROUGH MONEY CHANGING OFFICES [REDACTED] 1.4c

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[REDACTED] 1.4c WAS ARRANGED AT THAT TIME [REDACTED] 1.4c

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MAS WAS VERY SELF CONSCIOUS ABOUT THE MONETARY SUPPORT COMING FROM TEHRAN. HE WANTED TO BE THE CENTRAL POINT FOR ALL CONTACT WITH THE IRANIAN INFLUENCE, AND CONTROL ALL FUNDING RECEIVED FROM IRANIAN SOURCES. DETAINEE WAS TASKED TO RETURN TO TEHRAN 3-4 MONTHS AFTER THE INITIAL VISIT IN JUNE OF 2003 TO MEET AGAIN WITH HAJJI YUSIF. DETAINEE AT THAT TIME WAS ONE OF THE CLOSEST ASSOCIATES OF MAS, AND EXTREMELY WELL TRUSTED. MAS WANTED THE DETAINEE TO BE THE CONDUIT FOR A CONNECTION WITH THE IRANIAN INFLUENCE SO HE COULD APPEAR TO BE ALOOF FROM THE INFLUENCE OF TEHRAN IN THE SADR TREND, AND IRAQ IN GENERAL. DETAINEE WAS APPROACHED BY HAJJI YUSIF DURING THIS VISIT TO ACT AS A SAFETY VALVE FOR THE IRANIANS, AS THEY WERE UNCOMFORTABLE OF PUTTING ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT, AND MONEY BEHIND JUST MAS, AND THE SADR TREND

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DETAINEE, MAS, AND MUSTAFA AL-YAQUBI TRAVELED TO THE CITY OF QOM, IR, AFTER LEAVING TEHRAN, AND HAD A PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH GRAND AYATOLLAH KADHEM AL-HA'ERI, THE IRAQI BORN HEAD OF THE HAWZA INSTITUTE IN QOM, IR. DISCUSSIONS ON BOTH CLERICAL AND POLITICAL ISSUES WERE HAD WITH AL-HA'ERI

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AFTER THE SECOND BATTLE OF AL-NAJAF, IN APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 2004 TO SEPTEMBER 2004 A LARGE MEETING OF SADR TREND ASSOCIATED "SPECIAL GROUPS" LEADERS MET WITH MAS IN AN-NAJAF

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WAS DECIDED DURING THE MEETING BY THE INDIVIDUAL LEADERS OF THE GROUPS AND MAS, THAT THE SPECIAL GROUPS WERE NEEDED. HOWEVER, THEY LACKED COHESION AND DIRECTION, AND THERE WAS A NEED TO FORM THEM INTO A LOOSE ORGANIZATION SIMILAR TO THE "ARMY". AT THAT TIME

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THERE WERE NO REAL NAMES FOR THE GROUPS, AND THEY WERE KNOWN PRIMARILY BY THE NAME OF THE GROUP LEADERS. A PLAN WAS PUT INTO EFFECT TO ORGANIZE THE GROUPS AND THERE EFFORTS, AND TO HAVE A DEGREE OF SEPARATION FROM THEM FOR MAS.

DETAINEE VERIFIED THAT DURING THE SECOND BATTLE OF AN-NAJAF FROM APPROXIMATELY JULY 2004 TO SEPTEMBER 2004, AN IRANIAN MALE, SHAYIKH ANSARI

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WAS OPERATING IN AN-NAJAF IN SUPPORT OF JAM AGAINST COALITION FORCES (CF), AND WAS TAKING PART IN COMBAT OPERATIONS WITH JAM.

**INTERROGATION APPROACH / TECHNIQUES (~~S//REL TO USA AND MCFI~~):**

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**4. COMMENTS (~~S//REL TO USA AND MCFI~~):**

**INTERROGATOR COMMENTS (~~S//REL TO USA AND MCFI~~):**

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SENIOR INTERROGATOR COMMENTS: NONE

5. POINTS OF CONTACT (U):

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**NOTE: ALL ARABIC SPELLINGS ARE IAW DI POLICY NO. 033, "SPELLING NAMES OF FOREIGN PERSONS IN DI PRODUCTS," DATED 02 DEC 03 AND DDCICM DIRECTIVE, "INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STANDARD FOR THE TRANSLITERATION OF ARABIC NAMES IN FINAL WRITTEN REPORTS AND PRODUCTS," DATED 04 JUN 03, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 352 OF THE INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2003.**

PREP (U): 3.5c

AQC (U): BAGHDAD, IRAQ (2007/03/23)

ENCL (U): NONE

DISSEM (U): FIELD – NONE

WARNING (U): REPORT CLASSIFIED ~~SECRET // REL TO USA AND MCFI~~

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