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TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT:

REPORT NUMBER (U): 1.4a

REPORT DATE (DOI) (U): 10 APR 07

REPORTING UNIT (U): 1.4a

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

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SUMMARY (~~S//REL to USA and MCFI~~):

- THE THIRTY-SEVENTH INTERROGATION OF N1228A
- DETAINEE PROVIDED DETAILED INFORMATION ON ASAD AL-BASRI

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-KHAZ'ALI

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.

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



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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: 10 APR 07

DETAINEE NUMBER: N1228A

FATHER: HADI SA'ID AL-KHAZ'ALI

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:

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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

3. SUMMARY OF INTERROGATION / INTELLIGENCE GAINED (~~S//REL to USA and MCFI~~):

DETAINEE SAW ASAD AL-BASRI IN NAJAF APPROXIMATELY THREE TO FOUR MONTHS AGO. THEY WERE THERE FOR AN ANNUAL RELIGIOUS CELEBRATION. DETAINEE CANNOT RECALL WHICH CELEBRATION, BUT IF IT COMMEMORATED THE DEATH OF IMAM 'ALI THEN IT TOOK PLACE AT THE END OF RAMADAN – OTHERWISE IT TOOK PLACE THE FIRST DAY OF THE ISLAMIC MONTH RASUL. DURING THE VISIT, DETAINEE SAW ASAD AL-BASRI, BY CHANCE, IN THE VICINITY OF A HOLY SHRINE. THEY EXCHANGED

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GREETINGS, ASKED HOW THE OTHER WAS DOING, AND WISHED EACH OTHER A GOOD VISIT. DETAINEE DENIES DISCUSSING ANYTHING ELSE WITH ASAD AT THAT TIME.

DETAINEE OCCASIONALLY SPEAKS WITH ASAD AL-BASRI BY TELEPHONE. ASAD IS A "NEW" FRIEND OF DETAINEE, BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP, AND DID NOT DEVELOP A FRIENDSHIP. DETAINEE DID NOT KNOW ASAD AL-BASRI PRIOR TO THE FALL OF SADDAM HUSSEIN'S REGIME. UNLIKE DETAINEE, AKRAM AL-KA'BI IS CLOSE FRIENDS WITH ASAD.

ASAD AL-BASRI IS PERCEIVED AS AN INSURGENT LEADER BECAUSE, WHEN AMERICAN FORCES WERE FIGHTING THE SADRISTS IN NAJAF, ASAD MANAGED THE BASRAH OFFICE OF MARTYR SADR (OMS). ASAD WAS IN CHARGE OF THE DEFENSE OF THE BASRAH OMS, AND GAVE ORDERS TO JAYSH AL MAHDI (JAM) DURING THEIR CLASHES WITH THE BRITISH. ASAD'S REPUTATION AS A HERO CARRIED ON AFTER THAT CONFLICT. 1.4c

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1.4c ASAD IS MISTAKENLY PERCEIVED AS A MILITARY LEADER. ASAD DOES NOT DISCUSS MILITARY OPERATIONS WITH DETAINEE. INSTEAD, DETAINEE AND ASAD DISCUSS POLITICS AND RELIGION.

UNLIKE MANY AL-SADR FOLLOWERS, WHO BLAME IRAN FOR THE DEATH OF THE LATE MUHAMMAD AL-SADR, ASAD IS OPEN-MINDED WITH RESPECT TO IRAN. 1.4c

1.4c HE HAS LIKELY BEEN CONTACTED BY IRAN. 1.4c

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1.4c THE REASONS WHY IRAN WILL FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS ON ASAD ARE: THAT HE IS WELL RESPECTED IN BASRAH, HE HAS CONNECTIONS AND INFLUENCE THAT CAN AFFECT PEOPLE'S ACTIONS, HE WAS THE FORMER MANAGER OF THE BASRAH OMS, AND HE IS AN OLD STUDENT FROM THE NAJAF AL-HAWZA. 1.4c

1.4c IRAN IS MORE LIKELY TO USE A PERSON WITH INFLUENCE TO ADVANCE ITS ENDS, LIKE ASAD, THAN A POLITICIAN. IRAN FEELS THAT IT MUST PLAY A LARGE ROLE IN IRAQ.

IF ASAD AL-BASRI TRAVELS TO IRAN, HE LIKELY DOES SO TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. 1.4c

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1.4c ASAD WOULD SEEK THAT SUPPORT THROUGH ITLA'AT; THE BEST WAY TO ACCESS SUPPORT FROM THE IRANIANS. SINCE THE IRANIANS ARE IN BASRAH, AND ASAD WAS THE FORMER MANAGER OF THE BASRAH OMS, ASAD IS SUFFICIENTLY WELL CONNECTED TO CONTACT THE IRANIANS. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY HE COULD RECEIVE FROM THE

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IRANIANS DEPENDS ON THE NATURE OF HIS ACTIVITIES AND REQUESTS. ASAD COULD RECEIVE MONEY FOR SELECT SOCIAL PROBLEMS, SUCH AS SUPPORTING THE FAMILIES OF MARTYRS; POLITICAL CONNECTIONS, SUCH AS BACKING A CANDIDATE IN A RACE (NOT BRIBERY), AND FOR THE SUPPORT OF HIS SPECIAL GROUPS, IF HE HAS THEM. IF HE HAS SPECIAL GROUPS, HE WOULD NEED MONEY TO BUY WEAPONS, CARS AND OTHER VEHICLES, AND TO PAY OTHER EXPENSES. DETAINEE CLARIFIED THAT HIS COMMENTS ABOUT THE IRANIANS MONEY FOR POLITICAL CONNECTIONS WERE SPECULATIVE, AND DEPENDED ON SOMEONE, LIKE ASAD, SEEKING OFFICE.

ASAD AL-BASRI IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE RELIGIOUS INDOCTRINATION TRAINING TO ALL JAM MEMBERS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MANY STUDENTS OF THE NAJAF AL-HAWZA, INCLUDING ASAD, BELIEVE THAT THE MAIN PROBLEM OF AL-SADR FOLLOWERS GENERALLY, AND JAM IN PARTICULAR, IS THE LACK OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND RELIGIOUS AWARENESS. HOWEVER, LITTLE ATTENTION IS PAID TO THIS ISSUE. ASAD IS PREPARING A BOOK TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM. ASAD HAS A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OMS CULTURAL INSTITUTE, LOCATED IN NAJAF. 'ABD-AL- RAZZAQ AL-NADDAWI, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE, HAS TWO PEOPLE WORKING WITH HIM (NFI), AND ONE PERSON, 'ALI AL-KHARSAN, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TEACHING CULTURE TO JAM. ASAD HAS A MEETING IN NAJAF WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS ABOUT THIS PROJECT. ASAD IS INTENT ON COMPLETING AND DISSEMINATING IT EVEN WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF OMS.

IN THE EFFORT TO EDUCATE ALL OF JAM, ASAD IS INTERESTED IN TEACHING THREE SUBJECTS. THE FIRST SUBJECT IS A SIMPLIFIED VERSION OF SHARIA, BECAUSE THE VERSION TAUGHT AT AL-HAWZA IS LONG AND REQUIRES AN EDUCATED PERSON TO UNDERSTAND IT. THE SECOND SUBJECT IS MANNERS, INCLUDING LEARNING TO HELP OTHERS AND ACCEPTING THE PROHIBITION ON LYING. LYING IS PERMITTED IF REQUIRED TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A RESPECTED PERSON. DETAINEE LIED JUSTIFIABLY ABOUT HIS IDENTITY FOLLOWING HIS ARREST, BECAUSE HE ASSUMED THAT HIS CAPTORS WANTED TO HARM HIM. LYING IS PERMISSIBLE TO PREVENT GETTING HURT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE THIRD SUBJECT ASAD WANTS TAUGHT IS THE ELEMENTS OF ISLAM, INCLUDING BELIEF IN ONE GOD, SUBMISSION TO GOD, ACCEPTANCE THAT GOD IS ALWAYS FAIR, LEARNING WHAT PROPHETS FOLLOWED MUHAMMAD, AND UNDERSTANDING THE SECOND LIFE FOLLOWING THE END OF THE WORLD. ASAD'S PLAN IS TO HAVE THESE LESSONS PRINTED IN SMALL BOOKS AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL JAM MEMBERS.

MOST OF THE NAJAF AL-HAWZA STUDENTS FROM BASRAH ARE FRIENDS OF ASAD AL-BASRI, IF NOT ALL OF THEM. DETAINEE DECLINED TO PROVIDE

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THEIR NAMES. ASAD'S YOUNGER BROTHER, AHMAD, IS A STUDENT AT THE NAJAF AL-HAWZA. AHMAD DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE OMS OR JAM.

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IF DETAINEE WAS ASKED WHETHER TO INTENSIFY OPERATIONS IN BASRAH HE WOULD HAVE APPROVED MORE ATTACKS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BUT HE WAS NEVER ASKED TO APPROVE THIS FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, THE SITUATION DID NOT NEED CLARIFYING, AS THE INSURGENTS (DETAINEE REFERS TO THEM AS "THE RESISTANCE") INCREASED ATTACKS AND OPERATIONS UNTIL ALL WEAPONS WERE EXHAUSTED IN AN EFFORT TO FORCE THE BRITISH TO LEAVE. SECOND, ADDITIONAL WEAPONS AND FINANCIAL HELP WERE AVAILABLE IN BASRAH BECAUSE OF THE IRANIANS, WHO ARE CLEVER AND INTENT ON MAKING SURE THAT THERE ARE MORE WEAPONS IN BASRAH. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE IRANIANS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS ARE PRESENT IN BASRAH, AND THAT THEY ARE STRONGER THERE THAN IN ANYWHERE ELSE IN IRAQ.

DETAINEE HAS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH MUSTAFA AL-YAQBUBI, MUHAMMAD TABTABAN'I, SHEIKH 'ABD-AL-ZAHRA AL-SUWAYDI, AND SHEIKH AHMAD AL-MUTAYIRI, BECAUSE THEY ARE FROM SADR CITY AND WORKED AT THE OMS TOGETHER. DETAINEE HAD A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH AKRAM AL-KA'BI AND SHEIKH 'ABD-AL-HADI AL-DARRAJI AT THE OMS.

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4. 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 (2007/04/10)

ENCL (U): NONE

DISSEM (U): FIELD – NONE

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