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**TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT:**

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

**REPORT DATE (DOI) (U):** 13 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 FORTY-THIRD INTERROGATION OF N1228A
- DETAINEE ACCEPTED ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SPECIAL GROUPS' ACTIVITIES UNDER HIS RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP
- DETAINEE ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR WEAPONS RECEIVED FROM IRAN, PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT THE GROUP HE CREATED TO OVERSEE THE RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION OF WEAPONS, AND EXPLAINED HOW IT STILL VIEWS HIM AS THE RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY

**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



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**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: 13 APR 07

**DETAINEE NUMBER:** N1228A

**FATHER:** HADI SA'ID AL-KHAZ'ALI

**MOTHER:** WOULD NOT ANSWER (WNA)

**BROTHERS:** WNA

**SISTERS:** WNA

**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 ANTI-IRAQI FORCES (AIF) GROUP LEADER, AND IS ASSOCIATED WITH WEAPONS SMUGGLING FROM IRAN, EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLING (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~~):

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1.4c DETAINEE'S POSITION WITH THE SPECIAL GROUPS WAS SUPERIOR TO THAT OF THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP. DETAINEE WAS NOT A MILITARY LEADER. INSTEAD, HE MADE BINDING DECISIONS ACCORDING TO THE SHA'ARA ABOUT WHAT COULD AND COULD NOT BE DONE. 1.4c

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1.4c AS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MADE THESE DECISIONS, DETAINEE BORE THE MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY OF ANYONE IN THE SPECIAL GROUPS. 1.4c

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1.4c DETAINEE CONTRASTED HIMSELF WITH JALIL AL-NURI, A MILITARY COMMANDER WHO WILL NEVER BE PART OF THE SHA'ARA BECAUSE JALIL LACKS A RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND.

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1.4c DETAINEE REITERATED HIS ROLE WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING FROM IRAN THAT HE EXPRESSED IN PRIOR INTERROGATIONS. IN SHORT, FOR ONE TO ONE-AND-A-HALF YEARS, DETAINEE SERVED AS THE MEDIATOR BETWEEN MUQTADA AL-SADR (MAS) AND IRAN WITH REGARD TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. MONEY FROM IRAN NEVER WENT TO DETAINEE DIRECTLY. INSTEAD, MUQTADA AL-SADR WANTED COMPLETE CONTROL AND OVERSIGHT OVER ALL MONEY.

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DETAINEE ACCEPTED ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRAFFICKING OF WEAPONS FROM IRAN TO IRAQ. 1.4c WEAPONS ENTERING THE COUNTRY WAS SUBJECT TO MY APPROVAL." END

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WHEN DETAINEE WAS OFFICIALLY IN CHARGE OF THE SPECIAL GROUPS, HE CREATED A FIVE PERSON GROUP TO RECEIVE WEAPONS FROM IRAN AND

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DISTRIBUTE THEM TO SPECIAL GROUPS THROUGHOUT IRAQ (HEREINAFTER “WEAPONS GROUP”)

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1.4c TWO PEOPLE IN THE WEAPONS GROUP TAKE CARE OF RECEIVING WEAPONS IN IRAQ FROM IRAN. THE THREE OTHER PEOPLE IN THE WEAPONS GROUP TAKE THE MAJOR ROLE IN DISTRIBUTING WEAPONS THROUGHOUT IRAQ.

THE WEAPONS GROUP IS COMPRISED OF HIGHLY RELIGIOUS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE STEADFAST FAITH AND BELIEF IN THE CAUSE FOR WHICH WEAPONS ARE NEEDED IN EACH PROVINCE OF IRAQ. THE MEMBERS ARE NOT YOUNG. THEY HAVE EXTREMELY ROBUST RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONS.

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1.4c BECAUSE OF THEIR BACKGROUNDS, THE THREE PEOPLE WHO DISTRIBUTE THE WEAPONS WILL NEVER FOLLOW THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE THAT WAS APPOINTED TO REPLACE DETAINEE. 1.4c

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1.4c THE SAME IS TRUE FOR THE TWO PEOPLE WHO OVERSEE THE RECEIPT OF THE WEAPONS. ALL FIVE MEMBERS WERE HAND PICKED BY DETAINEE. EVEN AFTER DETAINEE’S REMOVAL FROM HIS POSITION AS HEAD OF THE SPECIAL GROUPS, THE FIVE STILL SEEK HIS RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE. 1.4c

1.4c DETAINEE MEETS WITH THE WEAPONS GROUP MEMBERS FROM TIME TO TIME, AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS. DETAINEE DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEET WITH ALL OF THEM TOGETHER. SOMETIME THERE ARE ONLY THREE, AND AT OTHER TIMES THEY MAY BRING FRIENDS. AT MEETINGS THEY DO NOT DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF WEAPONS TRAFFIC. THEIR DISCUSSIONS FOCUS ON THE MORAL ASPECTS OF THEIR ACTION, THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THEIR COMMITMENT, AND THE CAUSE THEY ARE WORKING ON – THAT THEY HAVE BEEN INVADDED BY A COUNTRY THEY NEED TO RESIST UNTIL THEY ACHIEVE VICTORY OR SOME OTHER SOLUTION. 1.4c

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1.4c THE WEAPONS GROUP MEMBERS EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT DETAINEE CONTINUE TO TALK TO THEM.

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ALTHOUGH ITS MEMBERS REQUEST DETAINEE’S GUIDANCE, THE WEAPONS GROUP IS ABLE TO OPERATE WITHOUT DETAINEE’S GUIDANCE. 1.4c

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WHEN DETAINEE CREATED THE GROUP, HE PERSONALLY GAVE ITS MEMBERS THE AUTHORITY AND PRIVILEGES TO DISTRIBUTE WEAPONS AS THEY SAW FIT, TO THE COMMANDERS OF THE SPECIAL GROUPS IN EVERY PROVINCE OF IRAQ.

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WEAPONS GROUP COORDINATED WEAPONS DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS OF EVERY PROVINCE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE NEEDS OF ALL THE PROVINCES AS COMPARED TO EACH OTHER. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS, SUCH AS WHERE THE CONFLICT IS MOST INTENSE, ARE FACTORS THE GROUPS LOOK TO.

DETAINEE DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT THE SPECIFIC QUANTITIES OF WEAPONS BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTRY. DETAINEE TRUSTED THE GROUP THAT HE HAD ESTABLISHED. THEY DO NOT QUARREL AMONGST THEMSELVES ABOUT THE JOB THEY ARE DOING, AND DETAINEE DOES NOT NEED TO INTERFERE.

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ALTHOUGH DETAINEE DOES NOT ADDRESS THE SPECIFICS OF RECEIVING SHIPMENTS OR DISTRIBUTING THEM, HE IS THE ULTIMATE RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY FOR THE GROUP.

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THOUGH DETAINEE WAS REMOVED AS THE OFFICIAL HEAD OF THE SPECIAL GROUPS ONE YEAR AGO, THE WEAPONS GROUP MEMBERS CONTINUE TO CONFER WITH HIM ABOUT THE SHA'ARA.

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ON THE IRANIAN SIDE, HAJJI YUSIF WAS THE PRIMARY CONTACT FOR WEAPONS TRAFFIC, PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AHWAZ AND ELAM (PHONETIC) AREAS. DETAINEE WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR HAJJI YUSIF OR ANY OTHER IRANIAN WHO WORKS FOR HIM. HAJJI YUSIF OR ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES MAKES DIRECT CONTACT WITH ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS ON THE IRAQI SIDE OF THE BORDER AND THEY AGREE ON A CERTAIN DAY ON WHICH SOME QUANTITY OF WEAPONS WILL BE BROUGHT INTO IRAQ. THE WEAPONS ARE ALWAYS MOVED BY WEAPONS SMUGGLERS – NOT DIRECTLY FROM IRAN. IRAN ALWAYS USES WEAPONS SMUGGLERS SO THAT IRAN CANNOT BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. ONCE THE WEAPONS ARRIVE, THE MEMBERS OF THE WEAPONS GROUP ESTABLISHED BY DETAINEE WILL MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE LEADERS OF THE SPECIAL GROUPS IN EVERY PROVINCE IN IRAQ. THEY WILL DISCUSS THE AMOUNT OF WEAPONS AVAILABLE AND THE TIMING AND MOVEMENT OF THOSE WEAPONS TO THE SPECIAL GROUPS. DETAINEE KNEW GENERALLY THAT WEAPONS WERE COMING ACROSS THE BORDER AND THAT WEAPONS WERE DISTRIBUTED

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ACCORDING TO OPERATIONAL NEEDS, BUT NEVER INVOLVED HIMSELF IN THE SPECIFICS. DESPITE DETAINEE'S DEPARTURE FROM HIS OFFICIAL POSITION AT THE HEAD OF THE SPECIAL GROUPS, WEAPONS ARE STILL RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED IN THE SAME WAY.

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THERE WAS NO NEGOTIATION WITH THE IRANIANS ABOUT WHAT WEAPONS THE SPECIAL GROUPS WOULD ACCEPT. IRAN TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT RESISTANCE GROUPS AGAINST THE AMERICANS. THE SCALE OF THAT SUPPORT DEPENDS ON THE IRANIANS.

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DETAINEE SPECIALIZES IN A FEW IMPORTANT VERSES OF THE QURAN. ONE OF THESE HE HAS SPOKEN ABOUT, IN PARTS OF APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES EACH, TO WEAPONS GROUP MEMBERS IN A SERIES OF OCCASIONS. IT WOULD TAKE MORE THAN A WEEK TO EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF THIS VERSE, WHICH IS THE STORY OF THE CAVE. IT IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY AMONG BROTHERS AND THEIR FAITH IN GOD, EVEN IN THE FACE OF NEAR CERTAIN RISK TO THEIR LIVES.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ACCOUNT FOLLOWS. IN A VERY ANCIENT TIME, AFTER JESUS CHRIST HAD REVEALED HIMSELF, A GROUP OF CHRISTIAN YOUTHS CAME BEFORE A ROMAN EMPEROR WHO WANTED TO IMPOSE HIMSELF OVER THE PEOPLE AS A GOD. THE YOUTHS REJECTED THIS IDEA, SO THE EMPEROR IMPRISONED THEM. THE YOUTHS ESCAPED THE PRISON, AND FLED TO A CAVE WITH THE EMPEROR'S SOLDIERS IN PURSUIT. IN THE CAVE, THEY PRAYED AND ASKED THE LORD FOR PROTECTION AND FORGIVENESS. GOD APPEARED AND PUT THEM IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH. WHEN THE EMPEROR'S SOLDIERS ENTERED THE CAVE AND BEHELD THE YOUTHS IN THAT INCREDIBLE STATE, THEY FLED IN FEAR AND INSANITY. THE YOUTHS REMAINED IN THAT STATE FOR 309 YEARS. BY THE TIME THEY AWOKE ALL THE PEOPLE HAD CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY. THE YOUTHS, THINKING THAT THEY HAD ONLY SLEPT FOR HALF A DAY, MADE CONTACT WITH THE NEAREST VILLAGE. WHEN THEY LEARNED THAT THEY WERE SURROUNDED BY CHRISTIANS, THEY WERE COMFORTED, BUT DID NOT WISH TO LIVE IN THE NEW ERA, WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST. THEY PRAYED THAT GOD TO RETURN THEM TO THE STATE THEY WERE IN, AND NOT TO AWAKE THEM UNTIL JESUS CHRIST RETURNS. GOD ANSWERED THEIR PRAYER.

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THIS VERSE IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT SHOWS HOW A FEW YOUTHS UNITED TO OPPOSE THE POWER THAT SOUGHT TO IMPOSE ITSELF AS A GOD. DETAINEE PREACHED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WEAPONS GROUP ABOUT THIS BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO HAVE SUCH FAITH TO CARRY ON THEIR CAUSE AND TO SHARE SUCH A LONG TERM BELIEF IN THE LORD. THE WEAPONS GROUP MEMBERS UNDERSTAND THIS VERSE AS IF THEY ARE THE YOUTHS IN THE STORY. THE STORY IS AN EXAMPLE OF GOOD DEEDS AND STRONG FAITH IN GOD. THIS VERSE IS EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE THE YOUTHS ACTED TOGETHER, WITHOUT ANY DIFFERENCES, AS ONE GROUP, AND WITHOUT ANY CONFLICTS BASED ON SOMEONE'S PERSONAL BENEFIT. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STORY BECAUSE IT HIGHLIGHTS THE ACTION OF A GROUP, AS OPPOSED TO AN INDIVIDUAL, WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF MANY MORE VERSES OF THE QURAN.

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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.**

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**PREP (U):**

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**AQC (U):** BAGHDAD, IRAQ (2007/04/13)

**ENCL (U):** NONE

**DISSEM (U):** FIELD – NONE

**WARNING (U):** REPORT CLASSIFIED ~~SECRET // REL to USA and MCFI~~

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