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TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT:

REPORT NUMBER (U): 1.4a

REPORT DATE (DOI) (U): 15 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-SEVENTH INTERROGATION OF N1228A
- DETAINEE PROVIDED DETAILED INFORMATION ON ABU SAJJAD AL-GHARAWI'S WEAPONS SMUGGLING OPERATIONS FROM IRAN TO IRAQ
- DETAINEE PROVIDED A LIST OF GROUPS RECEIVING FUNDS FROM IRAN'S QUDS FORCE
- DETAINEE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON MU'AYID AL-KHAZRAJI AND 'ALA KHAWAJA THAT MAY RESOLVE ALLEGED DECEPTION BY DETAINEE'S BROTHER LAYITH AL-KHAZ'ALI (N1229A)

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



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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: 15 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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ABU SAJJAD AL-GHARAWI'S CONTACTS WITH IRAN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF WEAPONS SMUGGLING, INCLUDE HAJJI YUSIF, BUT ALSO INCLUDE OTHER IRANIANS.

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1.4c ABU SAJJAD HAS DIRECT CONTACTS WITH IRANIANS BECAUSE HE IS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF IRAN. ALTHOUGH HE RETURNED TO IRAQ TEMPORARILY AFTER THE FALL OF SADDAM HUSSEIN'S REGIME, HE HAD ALREADY DEVELOPED GOOD RELATIONS WITH HAJJI YUSIF AND OTHER IRANIANS DURING HIS LONG RESIDENCE IN IRAN, AND HAS SINCE RETURNED TO IRAN FROM IRAQ. IRANIAN GOVERNMENT CONTACTS FOR THE SMUGGLING OF WEAPONS INCLUDE THE MINISTRY OF ITLA'AT (ITLA'AT), IRAN'S MAIN INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, WHICH ROUGHLY PARALLELS AMERICA'S CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY; AND THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS' QUDS BATTALION (QUDS FORCE). BOTH ENTITIES HAVE A ROLE IN WEAPONS SMUGGLING IN PARTICULAR, AND MORE GENERALLY IN IRANIAN INTERFERENCE IN IRAQ.

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1.4c DETAINEE DOES NOT KNOW ANY OF ABU SAJJAD'S CONTACTS WITH ITLA'AT. HIS QUDS FORCE CONTACTS INCLUDE HAJJI YUSIF; MUSAWI (PHONETIC; NFI), WHO IS AN ASSISTANT OF HAJJI YUSIF STATIONED IN TEHRAN, IR; AND HAKIMIAD (PHONETIC; NFI) AND MAHDAWI (PHONETIC; NFI), WHO ARE ASSISTANTS OF HAJJI YUSIF STATIONED IN AHWAZ, IR.

ABU SAJJAD WORKS FOR THE IRANIANS. MANY IRAQIS SIMILARLY SITUATED ABU SAJJAD, IN PERIL AND IN EXILE IN IRAN DURING THE TIME OF SADDAM HUSSEIN, WERE ON THE PAYROLL AND RECEIVED SALARIES FROM THE QUDS FORCE. UNTIL TODAY, A LARGE NUMBER OF THOSE PEOPLE, INCLUDING BADR CORP PERSONNEL, REMAIN ON THE PAYROLL OF THE QUDS FORCE. THE QUDS FORCE CONTINUES TO PAY THESE PEOPLE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH THEM AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE PERSONS' PLACEMENT AND ACCESS IN IRAN. THE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY FUNDED BY THE QUDS BATTALION INCLUDE: ABU MUSTAFA AL-SHAYBANI'S GROUP; THE IRAQI HEZBOLLAH PARTY BELONGING THE KARIM MAHUD; THE IRAQI HEZBOLLAH PARTY BELONGING TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR ISLAMIC REVOLUTION IN IRAQ (SCIRI)

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ABU SAJJAD AL-GHARAWI, WHO DOES NOT CONTROL A FULL-FLEDGED GROUP, BUT IS A PERSON OF SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE. THERE ARE OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE SALARIES OR OTHER PAYMENTS FROM THE QUDS FORCE.

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ONE OF IRAN'S GOALS IS TO PROVIDE AS MANY WEAPONS AS POSSIBLE TO REACH THE HANDS OF SHI'A MUSLIMS IN IRAQ. IRAN HAS TWO ADVANTAGES TO SUPPORT THIS GOAL: FIRST, IRAN MANUFACTURES THEIR OWN WEAPONS IN LARGE QUANTITIES; AND SECOND, IRAN IS SITUATED ACROSS A BORDER WITH IRAQ THAT IS RELATIVELY OPEN. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH ITS GOAL, IRAN USES MORE THAN ONE MEANS OF SMUGGLING. ONE METHOD RELIES UPON ABU SAJJAD'S SERVICES AND INFLUENCE IN IRAQ. THERE ARE A FEW OTHER INDIVIDUALS (NFI) LIKE ABU SAJJAD WHO PROVIDE SIMILAR SERVICES. THE IRANIANS ALSO SELL WEAPONS TO SMUGGLERS WHO DISTRIBUTE THEM TO WHOEVER THEY WANT IN IRAQ. IN ADDITION TO PEOPLE LIKE ABU SAJJAD, THE IRANIANS HAVE INDEPENDENT MEANS OF MOVING WEAPONS INTO IRAQ.

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ABU SAJJAD CONTACTS HAJJI YUSIF BEFORE ANY WEAPONS SHIPMENT, BECAUSE EVERYTHING HAS TO BE PLANNED IN ADVANCE BEFORE SMUGGLING IN THE WEAPONS. THE PROCEDURE FOR CONTACTING HAJJI YUSIF FOLLOWS. ABU SAJJAD CONTACTS HAJJI YUSIF BY TELEPHONE.

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ABU SAJJAD LETS HAJJI

YUSIF KNOWS WHAT WEAPONS HE IS IN NEED OF. HAJJI YUSIF WILL LET ABU SAJJAD KNOW OF THE NUMBERS OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, MORTARS AND ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADES AVAILABLE. ABU SAJJAD WILL ASK ABOUT HOW HE CAN OBTAIN THE WEAPONS, WHERE, AND WHO THE POINT OF CONTACT IS. HAJJI YUSIF WILL LET ABU SAJJAD KNOW THAT HE CAN OBTAIN THE WEAPONS THROUGH ONE OF HIS AGENTS IN THE CITY OF AHWAZ, IR. DETAINEE KNOWS OF THE TWO OF THESE AGENTS LISTED ABOVE. ABU SAJJAD WILL CONTACT THE AGENT IN AHWAZ, IR, AND SERVE AS THE LIAISON BETWEEN HAJJI YUSIF'S AGENT AND THE INDIVIDUAL ON THE IRAQI SIDE WHO WILL RECEIVE THE WEAPONS. HAJJI YUSIF'S ASSISTANTS DO NOT COMMUNICATE WITH THE PROSPECTIVE IRAQI RECIPIENTS DIRECTLY BECAUSE THE ASSISTANTS DO NOT SPEAK ARABIC. WITH ABU SAJJAD ACTING AS THE LIAISON, THE PARTIES WILL AGREE ON A TIME, PLACE, AND BORDER CROSSING POINT TO USE.

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ABU SAJJAD HAS APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO FIVE OF HIS OWN ASSISTANTS. DETAINEE HAS HEARD OF ONE ABU SAJJAD'S ASSISTANTS – SAYID ABU SADIQ – WHO DOES NOT HAVE RELIGIOUS TRAINING, BUT USES THE TITLE SAYID AS A TRIBAL TRADITIONAL FOR SOMEONE WHO IS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE PROPHETS.

WEAPONS PROVIDED THROUGH ABU SAJJAD ARE FREE TO THE IRAQI RECIPIENTS, AND A VARIETY OF WEAPONS ARE AVAILABLE, INCLUDING AK-47'S, PKC'S, MORTARS, RPG'S, EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, AND KATUSHA ROCKETS. DETAINEE DOUBTS THAT ABU SAJJAD'S ROUTINE OPERATION PROVIDES MISSILES OF ANY KIND, BUT IF SUCH AN ITEM WAS REQUIRED, ABU SAJJAD WOULD BE ABLE TO CONVEY THAT REQUEST TO HAJJI YUSIF, WHO WOULD THEN ADDRESS IT TO A HIGHER AUTHORITY.

THERE SHOULD BE A WAREHOUSE OR OTHER SUITABLE HIDING PLACES IN AHWAZ WERE WEAPONS CAN BE STORED PRIOR TO THEIR TRANSPORT TO IRAQ, BUT DETAINEE HAS NOT VISITED ANY OF THESE PLACES. DETAINEE HAS VISITED AHWAZ SEVERAL TIMES, WHERE MEETINGS WITH HAJJI YUSIF AND HIS STAFF TAKE PLACE IN A RESTING HOUSE. DETAINEE USED THE HOUSE TO WAIT UNTIL IT WAS TIME TO DEPART FOR A FLIGHT.

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1.4c HAJJI YUSIF'S ASSISTANTS PROVIDED DETAINEE WITH HIS FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS THERE. THE HOUSE IS TWO STORIES TALL, AND LIGHT GRAY IN COLOR. IT IS ARRANGED MUCH LIKE A TYPICAL HOUSE, WITH A LOBBY, DINING ROOM, AND KITCHEN. THERE WERE NOT MANY VISITORS AT THE HOUSE, AND THERE ARE NO PROMINENT LANDMARKS NEARBY. IT IS IN A DEVELOPMENT THAT CONTAINS A NUMBER OF OTHER HOUSES. FACING STRAIGHT OUT FROM THE FRONT DOOR OF THE REST HOUSE, ONE CAN SEE A MAIN STREET, FOLLOWED BY GARDENS AND EMPTY LOTS, FOLLOWED BY A 15 METER WIDE RIVER, WITH GARDENS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER, FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF HOUSES.

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1.4c FACING TO THE RIGHT OF THE FRONT DOOR, THERE IS A STREET RUNNING BY THE SIDE OF THE HOUSE, FROM THE MAIN STREET TOWARDS THE BACK OF THE HOUSE.

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SHAYIKH MU'AYID AL-KHAZRAJI WAS DETAINED A VERY LONG TIME AGO. DETAINEE DOES NOT KNOW THE REASON FOR MU'AYID'S DETENTION. DETAINEE DOES NOT KNOW THE DATE THAT MU'AYID WAS RELEASED.

SHAYIKH MU'AYID HAD A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH MUHAMMAD AL-YACUBI (ALSO "YAQUBI"), BUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP SOURED RECENTLY AND MU'AYID NO LONGER SUPPORTS HIM DIRECTLY.

DETAINEE LAST MET WITH MU'AYID AT THE HOUSE OF SHAYIKH KAZIM (PHONETICALLY, "KATHIM") AL-'ABADI, WHO IS AN OLD STUDENT OF THE NAJAF AL-HAWZA, AND ONE OF AYATOLLAH HA'IRI'S REPRESENTATIVES IN IRAQ. THIS WAS A FRIENDLY, SOCIAL VISIT BY DETAINEE – NOT A BUSINESS MEETING. SHAYIKH MU'AYID RECENTLY JOINED SHAYIKH KAZIM AS ONE OF AYATOLLAH HA'IRI'S REPRESENTATIVES IN NAJAF. MU'AYID RECENTLY PULLED OUT OF MUHAMMAD AL YAQUBI'S GROUP. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY DISTANCED HIMSELF FROM MUQTADA AL-SADR (MAS) AND WAS CLOSER TO HA'IRI. HA'IRI SELECTED MU'AYID TO REPRESENT HIM BECAUSE MU'AYID WAS WELL KNOWN AS AN OLD STUDENT OF AL-HAWZA.

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DETAINEE NEVER MET 'ALA KHAWAJA. 'ALA IS RELATED TO MUSTAFA AL-BAHADLI. 'ALA KHAWAJA IS FROM THE AL-BAHADLI TRIBE. THE NAME "KHAWAJA" IS SIMPLY A SURNAME THAT DENOTES A RESPECTABLE PERSON.

'ALA KHAWAJA SERVED AS A COMMANDER OF A JAYSH AL-MAHDI (JAM) BATTALION IN SADR CITY FOR TWO MONTHS OR MORE. DURING THAT TIME HE BECAME VERY WELL KNOWN IN SADR CITY. HE KEPT VERY CLOSE TIES WITH MUSTAFA AL-BAHADLI. IT IS COMMON FOR JAM BATTALION COMMANDERS TO REMAIN IN THEIR POSITIONS FOR ONLY THREE TO FOUR MONTHS.

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'ALA KHAWAJA LOST HIS POSITION DUE TO NEGLIGENCE BY ONE OF THE REGULAR MEMBERS OF JAM UNDER HIS CONTROL IN RELATION TO THE

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DEATH OF ABU ADNAN'S NEPHEW. DETAINEE DOES NOT KNOW WHO TOOK OVER THAT BATTALION FROM 'ALA KHAWAJA.

DETAINEE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT 'ALA KHAWAJA DID AFTER HIS DEMOTION. DETAINEE DOES NOT KNOW 'ALA KHAWAJA'S CURRENT LOCATION. HE MIGHT BE IN IRAN.

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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 (2007/04/15)

ENCL (U): NONE

DISSEM (U): FIELD – NONE

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