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TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT:

REPORT NUMBER (U): 1.4a
REPORT DATE (DOI) (U): 18 APR 07
REPORTING UNIT (U): 1.4a
COUNTRY (U): IRAQ (IZ), IRAN (IR)

SOURCE PARAGRAPH (~~S//REL to USA and MCFI~~): 1.4c

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

- THE FIFTY-THIRD INTERROGATION OF N1228A
- DETAINEE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON HIS PLAN TO ELIMINATE MUQTADA AL-SADR FROM THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SADR TREND

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.



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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: 18 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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MUQTADA AL-SADR (MAS) USES POWER LIKE A DICTATOR IN ORDER TO CONTROL JAM AND THE SADR TREND. IF JAM LEADERS AND MEMBERS HAVE DEFIED ONE OF THOSE ORDERS, IT MAY HAVE A LONG TERM IMPACT ON MAS BY DEMONSTRATING THAT JAM IS NOT UNDER MAS'S CONTROL AND IS WILLING TO WORK AGAINST HIM.

IF AL-HAWZA STUDENTS OPPOSE MAS'S DECISION AND START MOVING AGAINST HIM, IT MAY START A MOVEMENT AGAINST MAS. AT PRESENT, HOWEVER, THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE SADR TREND HAS CONFIDENCE IN MAS. IF ANYONE OPPOSED HIM, MAS WOULD ELIMINATE THEM FROM ANY POSITION IN THE SADR TREND. MAS HAS NO RIGHT TO DISMISS SOMEONE FROM THE NAJAF AL-HAWZA, BUT HE CAN HURT THEIR REPUTATION. MAS WILL NOT HAVE TO ASSASSINATE, KILL, OR KIDNAP SOMEONE WHO OPPOSES HIM. INSTEAD MAS WILL THREATEN OR UNDO THEIR REPUTATION.

AL-HAWZA STUDENTS CANNOT ATTACK MAS PUBLICLY, SUCH AS BY ANNOUNCING CRITICISM AT A FRIDAY PRAYER. SAYID MUHAMMAD TABTABAN'I (PHONETICALLY, "TABATABAI") CRITICIZED MAS INDIRECTLY WHILE LEADING A FRIDAY PRAYER AND HE WAS PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM LEADING FRIDAY PRAYERS THERE. AL-HAWZA STUDENTS DO HAVE THE POWER TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE WHO SURROUND THEM AND FIND OTHER PEOPLE WHO SHARE THEIR IDEAS. THEY ALSO CAN USE THEIR RELATIONS WITH PROMINENT PEOPLE TO SPREAD THEIR OPINIONS, AND RUMORS.

DETAINEE IS THE BEST HOPE TO ELIMINATE MUQTADA AL-SADR AS THE LEADER OF THE SADR TREND.

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DETAINEE HOPES TO ELIMINATE MAS FROM HIS POSITION. 1.4c

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DETAINEE MAY NOT NEED ANY SUPPORT TO DO THIS, BUT THE SUPPORT OF THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT WOULD HELP DETAINEE. THE FIRST THING DETAINEE WILL DO IS TO RESUME HIS EFFORTS TO GATHER AND UNIFY THOSE WHO OPPOSED MAS'S IDEAS. MOST OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE MAS ARE CLOSE TO DETAINEE AND SHARE HIS PRINCIPLES. ONE OF THE MAIN STRATEGIES DETAINEE WILL PURSUE IS TO ELIMINATE MAS SOCIALLY. DETAINEE WILL START SPREADING THE WORD THAT MAS SHOULD NOT BE IN HIS PRESENT POSITION. ONE PERSON AGAINST MAS WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT IF DETAINEE GATHERS A GROUP OF SUPPORTERS IT WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS MAS'S REMOVAL.

DETAINEE PLANS TO HAVE AL-HAWZA STUDENTS RENT HOUSES IN DIFFERENT PROVINCES OF IRAQ, UNDER THE GUISE OF PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS TO THE PEOPLE. 1.4c

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THE AL-HAWZA STUDENTS WILL START THEIR INSTRUCTION FOR LISTENERS SLOWLY, BUT WILL CONTINUALLY EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, SO THAT IN THE LONG RUN, THEY WILL SHOW HOW MAS SHOULD NOT LEAD THE SADR TREND.

POLITICALLY, DETAINEE HAS BEEN MAKING WIDESPREAD CONTACTS. BY USING POLITICIANS WHO ARE NOT RELIGIOUSLY INVOLVED IN AL-HAWZA, HE SUGGESTS FORMING A POLITICAL PARTY OF HIS OWN THAT WILL WORK AGAINST MAS. 1.4c

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ALTHOUGH THE NEW PARTY WILL NOT OPENLY WORK AGAINST MAS, IT WILL BE INDEPENDENT FROM MAS, BUT STILL REPRESENT THE FOLLOWERS OF THE LATE MUHAMMAD AL-SADR. BEFORE HIS CAPTURE, DETAINEE HAD BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF CREATING AN OFFICE FOR AYATOLLAH HA'IRI, WHICH HIS ANOTHER ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD HELP IN ELIMINATING MAS FROM HIS POSITION.

AS LONG AS MAS IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY, HIS INFLUENCE WILL WEAKEN. FOR EXAMPLE, AYATOLLAH HA'IRI LACKED INFLUENCE BECAUSE HE WAS NOT IN IRAQ. IF MAS IS IN IRAN, AND DETAINEE IS IN IRAQ, IT WOULD BE EASY FOR DETAINEE TO BUILD HIS INFLUENCE, BECAUSE HE WILL LIVE AMONG AND TALK TO THE IRAQI PUBLIC. DETAINEE IS ALREADY KNOWN AS "MISTER IRAQ" WITHIN THE SADR TREND DUE TO HIS GOOD DEEDS FOR THE PEOPLE. DETAINEE WILL LIVE THE SAME WAY THAT THE IRAQI PEOPLE DO AND WILL SUFFER WITH THEM, AS OPPOSED TO BEING ISOLATED FROM THEM LIKE MAS, WHO HAS DISAPPEARED FROM IRAQ, AND EVEN LIVES IN IRAQ IN ISOLATION. MAS STILL HAS POWER AND INFLUENCE, BUT IT IS NOT AS GREAT AS IF HE WERE PERSONALLY PRESENT. HOWEVER, IF MAS IS ABLE TO BLAME HIS ABSENCE FROM IRAQ ON THE AMERICANS, THAT WILL PROVIDE HIM WITH

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SOME CREDIBILITY EVEN THOUGH HE IS OUTSIDE OF IRAQ. THUS, THE AMERICANS SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THEY ARE UNCONCERNED WHERE MAS IS. SLOWLY BUT GRADUALLY MAS WILL LOSE POWER IN THE SADR TREND.

NONE OF MAS'S AIDES CAN STAND AGAINST THE DETAINEE. 1.4c

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1.4c THEIR ONLY POWER IS FROM WORKING WITH MAS. THEY HAVE NO INFLUENCE IN THE SADR TREND WITHOUT HIM. FURTHERMORE, NONE OF MAS'S ASSISTANTS HAVE THE RELIGIOUS CREDENTIALS NEEDED TO LEAD THE SADR TREND.

~~INTERROGATION APPROACH / TECHNIQUES (S//REL to USA and MCFI):~~

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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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AQC (U): BAGHDAD, IRAQ (2007/04/18)

ENCL (U): NONE

DISSEM (U): FIELD – NONE

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