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TERRORIST ORGANIZATION MEMBER ORDERED REMOVED FROM THE UNITED STATES

SEATTLE – A Seattle area computer security specialist who used his cyber skills to engage in terrorist activity was ordered removed back to his native country of Saudi Arabia.

Based on evidence presented over past year by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) counsel, U.S. Immigration Judge Victoria Young ruled Majid Al-Massari, 35, an out-of status Saudi national and convicted drug felon, ineligible from any relief from removal.

Presenting extensive evidence including police and conviction records, information and documents found on Al-Massari's computer, and testimony, ICE proved that he purposely used his computer and communications skills to advance the terrorist goals of the Committee for Defense of Legitimate Rights (CDLR) and incite hatred against other groups of people. Al-Massari moderated an Internet chatroom for CDLR members and posted Al Qaeda's weekly magazine at his site. Court documents reference remarks he made celebrating American deaths in the war on terrorism, and indicating that if he were in Iraq, he would be a willing suicide bomber.

"Aliens living in the United States as guests will not use this country as a base to espouse hate and terrorism – whether it is based on religion, politics, freedom fighting, or anything else," said Bill Odencrantz, Director, ICE Field Legal Operations. "At the President's direction, ICE will use every enforcement tool and legal authority at our disposal to protect national security."

Al Massari was employed as a computer network specialist at University of Washington School of Nursing when he was arrested by ICE agents in July 2004 and placed in removal proceedings. He was charged with failing to comply with the conditions of his student visa and living in the United States without a valid visa or documents. He was held without bond, based on his connections to the CDLR, an organization closely associated with Al Qaeda, and founded and led by his father, Muhammad Al Massari, a Saudi dissident exiled in Britain

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