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1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. REFTEL IS BEING REPEATED TO YOU.

3. FYI, OSAMA BIN LADEN'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, MUHAMMAD JAMAL
KHALIFAH, WAS ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA ON 12/16. REFTEL
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REFERS TO KHALIFA AS A "KNOWN FINANCIER OF TERRORIST
OPERATIONS" AND AN OFFICER OF AN ISLAMIC NGO IN THE
PHILIPPINES THAT IS A KNOWN HAMAS FRONT. HE IS UNDER
INDICTMENT IN JORDAN IN CONNECTION WITH A SERIES OF CINEMA
BOMBINGS EARLIER THIS YEAR. HE

[REDACTED] WAS
ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA BY THE INS FOR VIOLATING THE STATUS

[REDACTED] THE
USG IS SEEKING TO DEPORT KHALIFAH, POSSIBLY TO JORDAN. BUT
THIS ISSUE IS COMPLICATED AND REMAINS TO BE WORKED OUT.

4. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED BY POST, BUT DEPARTMENT THOUGHT

YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE ABOVE GIVEN KHALIFAH'S FAMILY
TIES TO BIN LADEN. REFTTEL INDICATED THAT HE WAS
"REPORTEDLY" BIN LADEN'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, BUT SUBSEQUENT
REPORTING HAS CONFIRMED THE RELATIONSHIP.

5. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CHRISTOPHER

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