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On 6/15/03, AHMED OMAR ABU ALI was interviewed by the Saudi Mabahith in a Saudi prison facility utilizing a list of questions, in part, submitted by the FBI. The interview was observed by SA Glenn Posto, WFO-TDY, SA F M Donner, PX-TDY, and LS Elias Machalanyi, NK-TDY. It should be noted that the aforementioned personnel observed the interview through a two-way mirror, while LS Machalanyi listened to and translated the interview via cell phone intercom hook-up. The interviewee was not aware that the above individuals could observe or overhear the interview. Additionally, observers had no input during the interview.

The following questions were addressed:

- 1) Were you tasked to assassinate the President of the United States?

No. I was not tasked by anyone to assassinate the President of the United States. I came up with the idea on my own, but it did not get beyond the idea stage. I wanted to be the brain, the planner, just like MOHAMMAD ATTA and KHALID SHEIKH MOHAMMAD. My idea was, 1) I would walk on the street as the President walked by, and I would get close enough to shoot him, or 2) I would use a car bomb.

I was determined to kill the President, and I believe I could have succeeded, because look at what they did on September 11th, flying planes into buildings. I wanted to kill senators, congressmen and American soldiers. I had a dream that I was shooting American soldiers, and I wanted to make that happen. I spoke to Sheikh NASSER, aka ALI AL-KHUDAIR, about it, and he gave his blessing

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for the assassination of the President of the United States, but it was not a fatwa.

2) When did you last arrive in Saudi Arabia?

I arrived in September 2002, but the first time I came was two years ago to study in Medinah. This is when I met MONEITH AL-QAHTANI, my roommate, and we became best friends. We kept in touch after I returned to the U.S. MONEITH knew that I wanted to be part of an Al-Qaeda-type group. Upon my return in September 2002, MONEITH introduced me to SULTAN JEBRAN AL-QAHTANI in Medinah. I only knew SULTAN by his first name, but learned his full name from the papers, as with everyone else I met.

I talked to SULTAN about my idea of killing the President of the United States and American soldiers and to carry out an operation. SULTAN took an interest in me and became my friend. He introduced me to ADIL [ALI ABD AL-RAHMAN AL-FUQASI AL-GHAMDI, aka AL-AZDI] while we sat in a car. We would drive and talk, and the plan was where he dropped me off he would pick me up at a time of his choosing. We did this on six (6) occasions. ADIL and SULTAN gave me training in weapons, explosives and hand grenades, although I never fired a weapon, set off explosives or threw a grenade. I was also trained in false documents by MAJID [MOHAMMAD SALEM AL-GHAMDI].

We communicated via e-mail and phone.

I wanted to be in Al-Qaeda so bad, that I decided to go to Afghanistan for jihad. I applied for visa to travel to Iran, but I was denied, because I am an American.

This is the time I moved in with the group, which included "ABDULLAH" [TALIB ABD AL-KARIM], "SALEH" [MOHAMMAD ABD AL-FATAH KARAAM], "WAIL" [ABD AL-WAHAB AL-GHARNI], "SALEH" [KHALID ABD AL-MONEM AL-GHAMDI], and brothers HISHAM and OMAR [HISHAM MUBARAK AL-HAKAMI and OMAR MUBARAK AL-HAKAMI]. ADIL gave me 5000SR for a laptop computer, 1000SR for a cell phone and 750SR for books. Eventually, I was given a choice, 1) to conduct an operation, or 2) to return to the U.S. and start a cell. 3) Do you know of any terrorist attacks being planned against American/Saudi/Western interests?

No, I don't know of any planned attacks, but if we got any opportunity to shoot American soldiers, it's good. Even if you kill two of them, it would be good. Usually operations take planning, and you take your time. If it takes up to two years, it's OK, as long as it's a successful mission.



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4) Were you recruited by any terrorist organization?

I knew the individuals identified above were Al-Qaeda members, and I always wanted to be with the group. When I moved in with them, I knew I was being accepted by them. I knew they were using me, but I was using them also, as a means to fulfill my intentions.

5) Have you used false passports?

No. I did receive training to do that, but I did not do it. I have two passports in my name, one American and one Jordanian. I did not renounce my American citizenship to get my Jordanian passport. The Americans do not know I have two passports.

I have only traveled to the U.S., Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

6) What is your father's position at the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Washington, D.C.?

My father has worked in the Computer Department for over twenty (20) years."

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