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NORTH AMERICAN ISLAMIC TRUST (NAIT)

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PREDICATION:

The North American Islamic Trust (NAIT) was organized by the leaders of the Muslim Students Association of the United States and Canada (MSA) in 1973 as the parent organization of various Muslim groups in the U.S. and Canada. The leadership of NAIT, MSA and other Muslim groups are inter-related, with many leaders and members of NAIT having been identified as supporters of the Islamic Revolution as advocated by the Government of Iran (GOI). Their support of JIHAD (a holy war) in the U.S. has been evidenced by the financial and organizational support provided through NAIT from Middle East countries to Muslims residing in the U.S. and Canada. The organizational support provided by NAIT includes planning, organizing and funding anti-U.S. and anti-Israel demonstrations, pro-PLO demonstrations and the distribution of political propaganda against U.S. policies in the Middle East and in support of the Islamic Revolution as advocated by the GOI. NAIT also supports the recruitment, training and funding of black Muslims in the U.S. who support the Islamic Revolution. This funding includes travel within the U.S. to attend demonstrations and training at various Muslim centers, including training and conferences sponsored by the Islamic Society of North America and Canada (ISNA) in Plainfield, Indiana. MSA-Persian Speaking Group (MSA-PSG), loans to groups and individuals and the purchase of real estate. NAIT also has been identified as providing funds for the travel of black Muslims to Iran. Monies spent by NAIT in the U.S. go to supporters of the Islamic Revolution and are provided to NAIT from various Middle Eastern countries to include Iran, Libya, Kuwait and Saudia Arabia black Muslims receiving financial support from NAIT have been identified as supporters of the Islamic Revolution who are seeking a separate black nation in the U.S. and have also indicated their support of terrorism in the U.S. to further the revolution.

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ORGANIZATION OF NAIT:

NAIT is the current organization directing many Muslim activities in the United States and Canada. The history of NAIT as noted above began in 1962 with the organization of the MSA. The initial organizers of MSA/NAIT were from Iran, Libya and other middle eastern Muslim countries who supported the "Al Jihad" meaning "to the holy war," which refers to the Islamic Revolution. Jihad is considered to be a religious war supported by Muslims throughout the world. Early members of the MSA have been identified as being active in an organization referred to as the "Muslim brotherhood" whose origins are anti-sematic and includes primarily Muslims from Arabic countries, regardless of their national origin who support the holy war against Israel.

[redacted] advised on June 23, 1971, that [redacted] also known as [redacted] MSA, Southern Illinois University (SIU), Box 883, Carbondale, Illinois, received a letter from [redacted] which indicated the MSA was producing a news letter for circulation among Muslims of North America. The total number alleged for distribution was 5,000 copies. [redacted] of the MSA in 1968 for the U.S. and Canada was listed as [redacted] P.O. Box 727, Station F, Toronto 5, Ontario, Canada, telephone number [redacted] b2 b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] was identified as being [redacted] of Arab Information Center in Dallas, Texas, and was the alleged [redacted] of the AL-FATAH ORGANIZATION in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and South America.

On September 20, 1972, [redacted] advised that [redacted] was a leading official of AL-FATAH in the U.S., who also was [redacted] of the League of Arab States and the Arab Information Center in Dallas, Texas. His responsibility was to disseminate political propaganda and the collection of funds for the LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES. [redacted] provided a copy of a letter dated January 26, 1971, to the Director "The Muslim Student's Association of the U.S. and Canada, 3702 West 11th Avenue, Gary, Indiana 46404. The letter was a protest directed to the Brittanica Home Library Service for a circular referring to an extinct civilization showing a picture of a mosque of AL-AQSA in Jerusalem.

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Some of the current leaders of the MSA were members of the "Muslim Brotherhood" in their respective home countries in the Middle East and Egypt prior to establishing a residence in the U.S. and their subsequent assimilation into the Muslim community in the U.S. was through ISNA, the MSA, Organization of Arab Students, MAYA and NAIT. These individuals have moved to leadership roles within NAIT and its related Muslim organizations which means they are in a position to direct the activities and support of Muslims in the U.S. for the Islamic Revolution.

The following list identifies NAIT leaders from public records since its incorporation in 1973:

(1) HISHAM ALTALIB, 3702 West 11th Avenue, Gary, Indiana 46404 (headquarters of the MSA of U.S. and Canada in 1973). ALTALIB was an incorporator for NAIT, date of birth [redacted] current address 1514 Farsta Court, Reston, Virginia 22090, previous address 6156 Greenfield Court, Lanham, Maryland, employment [redacted]

(2) MOHAMMED M. SHAMMA: 3572 Grandin Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226 (address in 1973 as an incorporator of NAIT).

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(3) AHMAD SAKR: 1205 Chetenham Drive, Apartment 2B, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137, address provided in 1973 when SAKR was an officer of NAIT and also on the Board of Directors.

(4) JAMAL AL-BARZINJI: Male, Date of Birth [redacted] Height 5' 10", weight 180 Pounds, hair black, eyes brown, [redacted] vehicle registered 1986 Subaru station wagon, Virginia License [redacted] current address 12710 Longleaf Lane, Herndon, Virginia 22070 (in 1973 and officer of NAIT address utilized Post Office Box 19832, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803. Prior address used is 1518 Park Grand Court, Reston, Virginia and also listed a prior residence, street unknown, in Atlanta, Georgia. (An officer in NAIT).

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PREDICATION:

The NORTH AMERICAN ISLAMIC TRUST (NAIT) is located in Indianapolis, Indiana, and has been identified as the parent organization of various Muslim groups and organizations in the United States and Canada. Investigation to date concerning NAIT, its leaders, members and its various subsidiary and sponsoring Muslim groups, has confirmed ties ~~between~~ NAIT and foreign Governments and organizations who support the Iranian/Islamic Revolution. The NAIT organization is funded and controlled by Muslims in the United States and Canada who are from various Middle East and Asian countries.

NAIT and its various sponsoring and subsidiary Muslim groups are part of an extensive and complex Muslim organization in the United States which supports the Iranian/Islamic Revolution and the spread of the Islamic Revolution throughout the world to countries with non-Islamic Governments.

NAIT is funded by contributions from foreign Governments and Muslim members from throughout the world. NAIT funds are utilized to purchase investment properties, real estate for use of various Muslim groups, as well as training and travel for selected Muslim leaders and members. NAIT and its various subsidiary and sponsoring Muslim organizations have access to

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[redacted] also advised that the leadership of the IIIT has close ties with [redacted] of the ISEC in Washington, D.C. [redacted] advised that in prior conversations with both [redacted] and the leadership of the IIIT that both indicated that they were to avoid any traceable ties between the Iranians and the NAIT/ISNA organization in the United States. [redacted] also advised that the IIIT as well as the current leaders of NAIT/ISNA have indicated they wanted no record of their ties to the Iranian Government or the MOSTAZAFAN FOUNDATION in New York. b2 b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] has advised that on several occasions [redacted] and the leaders of the IIIT have discussed their fears of loosing the not-for-profit status of their various Muslim organization because of the political activities of these groups. NAIT is one of their principle not-for-profit religious corporations and [redacted] has stated the leadership of NAIT and its various Muslim organizations are attempting to conceal their funding or support of Muslim political activities in the United States [redacted] has heard these leaders state any support or funding of political activities in the United States should not be traceable to NAIT/ISNA. b2 b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that one of the primary activities of the IIIT and SAAR FOUNDATION is to raise funds for support of the activities of their various Muslim organizations in the United States and Canada. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is currently [redacted] for the IIIT and SAAR FOUNDATION and has developed a close friendship and association with [redacted] a [redacted], who is funding many of the activities under the direction and control of the IIIT leadership. [redacted] has claimed in the past to [redacted] that he brings money into the United States from Saudi Arabia for the IIIT and SAAR FOUNDATION. [redacted] advised that funding of various Muslim organizations under the control of the IIIT is extremely complex and layered with the IIIT designating funds for Muslim organizations and their activities which comply with their directives and goals as set by leaders of the IKHWAN in the United States. b2 b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that the funds received and distributed by the IIIT go to various front groups and individuals who are a part of the IKHWAN organization in the United States. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that historically members of the MSA and subsequently NAIT, ISNA and the IIIT have been IKHWAN members

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from Egypt, various other Middle East countries and Pakistanis who are also members of the JAMAAT ISLAMI organization.

[redacted] noted that the IKHWAN has various front organizations throughout the world and gave examples of these organizations the INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC FEDERATION OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (IIFSO) currently under [redacted] advised [redacted] has the primary duty in the United States of targeting Spanish speaking immigrants and minorities in the United States for recruitment and training in the islamic movement. [redacted] advised that [redacted] of the IIFSO is [redacted] who is a member of the JAMAAT ISLAMI (Pakistan IKHWAN). [redacted] advised the IKHWAN leaders and members throughout the world work together. [redacted] gave as an example [redacted] a Pakistani, currently residing in the United States. [redacted] is a member of the JAMAAT ISLAMI and works closely with NAIT/ISNA, MSA and the leadership of the IIIT and SAAR FOUNDATION. [redacted] advised that in the countries of Sudan and Jordan that the IKHWAN leaders are active and have ties to NAIT/ISNA as a result of their attending United States colleges and universities. When they return to their countries. They maintain their ties with NAIT and assist or support NAIT/ISNA activities.

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[redacted] provided the following list of NAIT/ISNA organizations and information concerning their responsibilities:

1. ISLAMIC TRAINING CENTER (ITC), co-located at ISNA headquarters in Plainfield, Indiana.

2. MSA whose current [redacted] who is on the payroll of the IIIT.

3. MYNA (a Muslim youth organization) funded by the IIIT who is also attempting to bring into the United States as a leader of this organization a JAMAAT ISLAMI Muslim by the name of [redacted] advised that [redacted] currently resides in Wales.

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4. MAYA, a Muslim organization completely dominated by IKHWAN members from Egypt, whose current [redacted] currently residing in Bloomington, Indiana, a member of the IKHWAN from Egypt currently on the payroll of the IIIT.

5. MISG, current [redacted] currently on the payroll of the IIIT.

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In addition to the above misleading information as certified by NAIT on their tax returns, NAIT also has certified and denied any attempt to influence national, state or local legislation or public opinion and further denied the spending of any money directly or indirectly in support of any political organization.

As reported above by [redacted] the IIIT, NAIT, ISNA and various other Muslim organizations under the direction and control of the IKHWAN in the United States has as its ultimate goal political control of all non-Islamic Governments in the world.

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On August 17, 1988, [redacted] provided the following three documents concerning the goals and political activities of NAIT/ISNA and its various subsidiary and sponsoring Muslim organizations in the United States and Canada:

1. "Political Activity of Muslims in America"
   (See Appendix E)

[redacted] advised this was an unpublished and ultimately an unapproved (censored) historical study of political activity of Muslims in America. [redacted] advised that it was prepared by an American Muslim and submitted to the leaders of the IIIT for eventual publication in an official ISNA publication. [redacted] advised that it was not approved for publication because it too clearly identifies political activities and goals of the IIIT.

2. "Guidelines for Medium-Range Planning
   Report of the Planning Committee
   Washington, D.C.
   December 22, 1986"
   (See Appendix F)

[redacted] advised that this document was prepared under the direction of JAMAL BARZINGI and was submitted to the ISNA executive counsel for their review, approval and implementation of long-range Muslim goals under the direction of ISNA in the United States and Canada. [redacted] advised that this document was for internal use only and was not made available to the public or ISNA membership. This document in Section 3.6.1. entitled, "Political Action" clearly states that ISNA has as a political goal to exert influence on political decision making and legislation in North America which is contrary to their certification in their not-for-profit tax returns as filed both with the State of Indiana and with IRS.

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POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF MUSLIMS IN AMERICA

Islam has become an American religion. Recent estimates of the number of Muslims in America range from two million to eight million, with the most reliable estimate being approximately 4.7 million ~~as of 1986.~~[1] The first major wave of Muslims from the Middle East began immigrating to the U.S. between 1875 and the First World War. This was followed by second and third waves of immigration between the 1920's and World War II, and 1947 and the mid-1960's, respectively.[2] In a recent study it was reported, "relative to the total number of all immigrants entering the U.S., the number of Muslim immigrants has nearly doubled over the last two decades..."[3] However, despite the growing number of Muslim immigrants attaining U.S. citizenship and the fact that nearly 30% of all U.S. Muslims are indigenous American citizens, as a group, Muslims remain essentially a political nonentity.

This study is an initial investigation, albeit sketchy, into the political activity of Muslims in America. It describes two independent spheres of political activity; viz., the political activity between Muslim groups in America and the current political activity of Muslims vis-a-vis the larger non-Muslim American society.

On December 6, 1986 the Planning Committee of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) held a public hearing in Plainfield, IN in an attempt to identify what a broad cross section of Muslims in America viewed as strategic priorities for Muslims in the next

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of the Saudi Ikhwan, was transferred from California to the Saudi Embassy in part as a result of his ability to be trusted within the California American Muslim community. Khalil supposedly helped the Embassy which sponsored an intensive summer Arabic program primarily for the Afro-American Muslims. The participants were given free room, board, and a scholarship of at least $500.00. ISNA, who also conducted an intensive Arabic program at the same time, lost students who withdrew to join the Saudi program, despite the fact that Afro-American Muslim, Ihsan Bagby was the prime mover behind the ISNA program, ~~and he~~ Bagby had the program designed ~~it~~ specifically with American Muslims in mind.

It is still too early to determine whether the Ikhwan controlled organizations will be able to overcome their negative image among American Muslims ~~and also~~ (or) whether the Salafis' initial positive achievements can be maintained. Past Saudi efforts among American Muslims have frequently failed as American Muslims developed the feeling that they were trying to be "bought off". Also American students studying in Saudi Arabia have not been particularly successful in adapting to the environment. The students have become disillusioned and the Saudi universities in turn have become somewhat cautious about accepting American students.

The Ikhwan can be credited with forming several of the Islamic organizations in America. MSA, formed in 1963, has often been a collaborative effort of Ikhwan members from Egypt, Iraq, Syria, and the Sudan. However, a number of Jamaat Islami MSA members became discontented with what they believed was a lack of movement orientation within ISNA, ~~and~~ thus during one of the ISNA conventions

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those members decided to form the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA). ICNA is still primarily an Indo-Pakistani member organization, but there has been discussion recently within the organization to include more indigenous leadership and to enter the political arena. In Chicago, ICNA has surpassed ISNA in grass roots mobilization of Muslims on the issues of Palestine, Afghanistan, and in responding to the "misrepresentation" of Islam in the media, despite the fact that the ISNA president resides in Chicago.

Splits among Ikhwan factions constituting ISNA became apparent during the 1986 ISNA elections. It is alleged by some ISNA members that the nomination process was postponed several times until IIIT was able to rally enough support to ensure Ahmad Zaki's (supposedly a member of the Egyptian Ikhwan) election. Evidently, some of the old guards in the more "orthodox" Ikhwan supported Shawki Zahran over Ahmad Zaki. The Sudanese, Tunisian, and more liberal factions of the Ikhwan supported past-ISNA president, Qutbi Mehdi. The Malaysian students were split with the Ikhwan-modelled Malaysian Islamic Study Group (MISG) naturally supporting their champion, Ahmad Zaki. The members of the Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia (ABIM), still bitter about what they took to be Ahmad Zaki's involvement in splitting the Malaysian students in America, supported Qutbi Mehdi. The Sudanese attempted to rally several groups, including the American Muslims, behind Mehdi, but they had waited too long and the other factions of the Ikhwan had already launched a telephone and letter campaign to inform fellow Muslim Brotherhood members how to vote.

Upon Zaki's election as ISNA president, some obvious changes in representation within the ISNA committee structure and in the

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