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[REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)

Synopsis: [REDACTED] To report information garnered during a debriefing
(A), (G), (J-1) confidential human source (A), (G), (J-1) (CHS).

[REDACTED] (G)

Enclosure(s): [REDACTED] Photocopy of photographs of [REDACTED] (P)
[REDACTED] (P) KHALLAD BIN ATTASH, OMAR AL-BAYOUMI and ANWAR
AULAQI.

Details: [REDACTED] On [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) CHS was debriefed in [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)
[REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1), (S) and [REDACTED] (S)
[REDACTED] (S) and FBI New York JTTF TFO [REDACTED] (S)

[REDACTED] Los Angeles and the King Fahad Mosque

[REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)
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[REDACTED] (O-1)
[REDACTED] (O-1)

In response to their request, FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY was sent to be the head imam at the KFM (NFI). Although the request for an imam appears to have been channeled through the Saudi Arabian government, it is unclear at this point the exact succession of events.

[REDACTED] To facilitate AL-THUMAIRY's entry into the U.S., AL-THUMAIRY was designated an Islamic Affairs Attache in the Consulate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Los Angeles, California by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs Office at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Washington, D.C.

(O-1)

By the latter half of 1999, CHS advised that the KFM and its members had started to become more "radical." AL-THUMAIRY had brought in another imam, MOHAMMED AL-MUHANNA, who according to CHS was "extremely radical" in his religious views. Around this same time, i.e the end of 1999, the KFM received a phone call from an individual in Malaysia. According to

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the caller wanted to speak with AL-THUMAIRY. (O-1)
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(O-1) this phone call was regarding the imminent arrival of "two brothers...who needed their assistance." Those "two brothers" were, according to CHS, NAWAF AL-HAZMI and KHALID AL-MIHDHAR.

CHS advised that AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR were picked up from the airport by an individual that CHS called the (A),(G),(J-1). Although, according to CHS, this individual was (A),(G),(J-1) but merely an individual who, when tasked by AL-THUMAIRY, would often provide transportation or perform other small tasks for individuals visiting the KFM.

(O-1)
(P) NOTE: the photograph is of (P)
(P) and is attached hereto).

Prior to the arrival of AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR, AL-THUMAIRY provided (P) their flight information. (P) picked AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR up from the airport and brought them to the KFM, where they first met AL-THUMAIRY. (A),(G),(J-1)

(A),(G),(J-1)
(A),(G),(J-1) (O-1)
(O-1)
(A),(G),(J-1)

(A),(G),(J-1) During AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR's time in Los Angeles, (P) was asked by AL-THUMAIRY to provide assistance to them in whatever capacity they should need it.

According to CHS, members of the KFM would often

use the MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT and a nearby (to the KFM) STARBUCKS COFFEE as meeting places. (O-1)
(O-1) showing AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR the location of the MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT (see recent interview of (P) by FBI New York on (P) (F)

CHS did not have a clear understanding of AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR's progression from Los Angeles to San Diego nor the reasons behind such a move. (O-1)

CHS positively identified the individual in the second photo as someone who had been to Los Angeles and the KFM (NOTE: the photograph is of KHALLAD BIN ATTASH and is attached hereto). (O-1)

(O-1) CHS stated that this individual in the photograph had a "limp" or a "bad leg" (NOTE: BIN ATTASH has a prosthetic leg.)

San Diego

CHS positively identified the individual in the third photograph as AL-BAYOUMI (NOTE: the photograph is of OMAR AL-BAYOUMI and is attached hereto). CHS stated that AL-BAYOUMI was at the KFM every Friday for prayers, adding that AL-BAYOUMI and AL-THUMAIRY were acquaintances. CHS advised that AL-THUMAIRY asked AL-BAYOUMI to take care of AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR. AL-BAYOUMI was with AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR on multiple occasions while AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR were living in Los Angeles. (O-1)
(O-1) AL-BAYOUMI, AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR were together at the MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT and also at the nearby STARBUCKS COFFEE. (O-1)

CHS positively identified the individual in the fourth photograph as ANWAR AULAQI (NOTE: the photograph is of ANWAR AULAQI and is attached hereto). CHS advised that AL-THUMAIRY also asked AULAQI to assist AL-HAZMI and AL-MIHDHAR while they were in San Diego. (O-1)

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