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Title: [redacted] PENTTBOM
(A), (G), (J-1)

[redacted] MIHDAR MOHAMMAD AL-MIHDAR ZAID;
aka MOHDAR MOHAMED ABDULLAH;
(A), (G), (J-1)

[redacted] ANWAR AULAQI
(A), (G), (J-1)

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

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

Synopsis: [redacted] To report results of interview of [redacted] (P)
[redacted].

[redacted] (G)
[redacted]

Administrative: [redacted] Provides information fulfilling the following
(A), (G), (J-1)

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Details: [redacted] On 07/19/2007, writers and Buffalo (G) member SA (S)
(S) of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) met with (P)
(P) at his place of business (P)
(P) New York (P)

(P) stated that he does not go by any other names
including (P) (P) reported that he was born on (P-1) in
(P) (P) immigrated to (P) in 1991 from
(P) When questioned regarding the details of such immigration
(P) became visibly upset, stopped talking and began to cry. Writers
surmised that the experience of leaving (P) during 1991 would have

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been particularly traumatic, gave [REDACTED] (P) a moment to collect himself and moved on to other questions.

Family

[REDACTED] (P) stated that his father's name is [REDACTED] (P) and his mother's name is [REDACTED] (P). Both his father and mother are (P) citizens normally residing in [REDACTED] (P). However, currently, [REDACTED] (P) is living with his younger wife [REDACTED] (P) Last Name Unknown (LNU) in Jeddah, Saudia Arabia.

In total, [REDACTED] (P) stated that his father had [REDACTED] (P) wives and [REDACTED] (P) children. [REDACTED] (P) advised that he did not know the name of the other two wives and that, in addition, he felt uncomfortable providing such information as he did not feel it related to him. [REDACTED] (P) added that his mother and father had [REDACTED] (P) total children, including [REDACTED] (P).

There are [REDACTED] (P) sons in order from oldest to youngest: [REDACTED] (P), [REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P). Both [REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P) live near [REDACTED] (P) in [REDACTED] (P), while [REDACTED] (P) lives in [REDACTED] (P). There are [REDACTED] (P) daughter in order from oldest to youngest: [REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) indicated that all [REDACTED] (P) of his sisters are currently residing in [REDACTED] (P).

[REDACTED] (P) stated that he is ethnically Arab but his family and their ancestors had been living in [REDACTED] (P) for "maybe 500 years." [REDACTED] (P) added that his family was probable originally from [REDACTED] (P) as there are a number of [REDACTED] (P) who have the name [REDACTED] (P).

During the beginning of the interview, SA [REDACTED] (S) called a Department of Homeland Security [REDACTED] (P) Interpreter (INTERPRETER) and then passed the phone to [REDACTED] (P). In [REDACTED] (P), the INTERPRETER asked [REDACTED] (P) if he spoke [REDACTED] (P), if he was [REDACTED] (P) and where he was from originally. [REDACTED] (P) answered in [REDACTED] (P) stating that he did speak [REDACTED] (P) was [REDACTED] (P) and grew up in a small town in the south of [REDACTED] (P). The INTERPRETER stated to writers that from his limited interaction [REDACTED] (P) seemed to be [REDACTED] (P) and that his accent "sounded like someone from the south of [REDACTED] (P)."

[REDACTED] (P)

In 1994, [REDACTED] (P) began attending [REDACTED] (P) in [REDACTED] (P). In 1999, [REDACTED] (P) graduated from [REDACTED] (P) with a Bachelor of Science in [REDACTED] (P). Soon after graduating [REDACTED] (P) began interviewing for jobs. One interview was with [REDACTED] (P) located in San Diego. According to [REDACTED] (P) saw the job opening on monster.com and decided that San Diego was "a nice place" so went to San Diego to

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interview. [REDACTED] (P) was subsequently offered a job working on their website, [REDACTED] (P) and entered the U.S. on [REDACTED] (P) with an H1B visa. [REDACTED] (P) indicated that he got along well with the CEO of the company [REDACTED] (P) LNU, but has not had contact with him of late.

[REDACTED] (P) states that he never knew MOHDAR ABDULLAH while he or ABDULLAH was living in [REDACTED] (P), even though they were both living there at the same time. [REDACTED] (P) indicated that he only met ABDULLAH in San Diego.

San Diego

[REDACTED] (P) stated that he lived at [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) San Diego, CA 92117 when he first arrived in southern California. [REDACTED] (P) described the apartment as a "small one-bedroom." When questioned regarding whether he had a roommate or if anyone had stayed with him while he was living at the above address, [REDACTED] (P) responded "no, except for my wife later on." However, upon further prompting [REDACTED] (P) seemed to recall that from approximately January 2000 until April or May 2000 he had a roommate. [REDACTED] (P) was unsure what his roommate's name was, but believed it to be [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) was a Saudi Arabian national who was attending an ESL program at UCSD. [REDACTED] (P) was unable at such time to provide any additional information regarding [REDACTED] (P) except to say that he attended the ISLAMIC CENTER OF SAN DIEGO (ICSD) with [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) agreed to try to find out [REDACTED] (P) whereabouts and let writers know.

[REDACTED] (P) was then asked about the following individuals and provided information thereto:

[REDACTED] **ANWAR AULAQI** - [REDACTED] (P) was familiar with the name and perhaps the individual but did not know him well. [REDACTED] (P) stated that AULAQI was political and that he [REDACTED] (P) was not particularly interested in such things.

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (G) - [REDACTED] (P) advised that he met [REDACTED] (P) in Mecca, Saudi Arabia when they were both making the Umrah. [REDACTED] (P) along with three other individuals, [REDACTED] (P), [REDACTED] (P) and [REDACTED] (P), had won a scholarship given out by an [REDACTED] (P), NFI, in San Diego. [REDACTED] (P) stated that other than in this context he did not know or interact with these individuals.

[REDACTED] **MOHDAR ABDULLAH** - [REDACTED] (P) stated that he knew ABDULLAH casually from the ICSD. [REDACTED] (P) stated that no one introduced them but that they simply met one time after prayers at the mosque. When asked, [REDACTED] (P) stated that ABDULLAH had emailed him once since ABDULLAH returned to Yemen in May 2004, about getting his college

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transcripts. (P) indicated that he did not respond to this email and has not heard from ABDULLAH since. (P) could not explain how ABDULLAH would still have his email address after spending three years in prison, except to say that it was an easy email address to remember. (P) offered that ABDULLAH would probably respond if (P) wrote an email to him, adding that he had heard ABDULLAH was "reaching out" to a lot of people in the San Diego community.

(P) also could not explain why ABDULLAH would have had his phone number when ABDULLAH was arrested in 2001, only adding that they knew each other so it would be natural for him to have it.

According to (P), ABDULLAH was always with a group of people and was a very gregarious individual.

OMAR AL BAYOUMI (G) - (P) met AL BAYOUMI at the ICSD after one of the prayers sessions, but did not know him well. AL BAYOUMI, according to (P), did try and talk with (P) often but this was almost always in reference to AL BAYOUMI trying to sell him his "business model." (P) could not recall what exactly was his "business model." (P) stated that AL BAYOUMI was "kinda different" but could not elaborate. Everyone, according to (P), noticed this differentness.

When questioned about AL BAYOUMI's relationship to KHALID AL MIHDHAR and NAWAF AL HAZMI, (P) stated that AL BAYOUMI acted as if he was "responsible for them" and was always very "interested in their affairs." (P) added that this was probable because AL BAYOUMI had "brought them" to San Diego (referring to AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR). (P) was not able to be more specific as to how AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR had been brought to San Diego from Los Angeles.

(P) recalled one occasion when AL BAYOUMI invited him to come over to AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR's apartment. (P) believed that this would have been in February or March of 2000. In addition to the four of them there were some additional individuals from the ICSD. (P) believed that this gathering was a way to introduce AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR to the local community.

At first, (P) stated that AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR never visited his apartment, however, after some prompting he stated that, in fact, they came over somewhat regularly to visit with his roommate (P). (P) added that there were often "a lot of guys" from the ICSD over at his apartment with AL HAZMI, AL MIHDHAR and AL BAYOUMI. Despite such regular visits (P) states that he did not know AL HAZMI and AL MIHDHAR well or speak with them often. (P)

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described this group of males as very similar in situation, i.e. they were all around the same age, all students, and all attended the ICSD. (P) advised that he was unable to recall anyone else's name as he broke contact with them in the summer of 2000 after he got married. (P) stated that he changed apartments, stopped socializing with the group and thereafter lost contact with everyone. (P) added that he does remember that ABDULLAH was a part of the group and came over with them as well.

[REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P)
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[REDACTED] Writers subsequently questioned [REDACTED] (P) about calls that had been made from telephone number [REDACTED] (P-1) subscribed to [REDACTED] (P) during his time living in San Diego. In particular, [REDACTED] (P) was asked about seven calls between himself and AL BAYOUMI in the first three months of 2000 and an additional five calls in June of 2000. [REDACTED] (P), in the opinion of writers, became noticeably angered and stated that there were "no calls" with AL BAYOUMI. Upon the insistence of writers that such calls existed, [REDACTED] (P) remembered two additional individuals that stayed with him in his one-bedroom apartment on [REDACTED] (P) From the middle of December 1999 until the middle of January 2000, IMAM [REDACTED] (P) and IMAM [REDACTED] (P) NFI, both from Saudi Arabia, were visiting the ICSD. AL BAYOUMI asked if they could stay with [REDACTED] (P) for the month and [REDACTED] (P) agreed. According to [REDACTED] (P), the IMAMS must have made those calls to AL BAYOUMI or AL BAYOUMI must have been calling the IMAMS. [REDACTED] (P) added that it was also possible he spoke with AL BAYOUMI on the phone regarding a blanket that AL BAYOUMI had loaned to the IMAMS for their stay in San Diego. [REDACTED] (P) stated that the IMAMS had lost the blanket which was

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"special to AL BAYOUMI," and therefore AL BAYOUMI was upset and calling [REDACTED] (P) about it.

[REDACTED] (P) was also asked about two calls received from and one call made to telephone number [REDACTED] (P-1) on 03/02/2000. [REDACTED] (P) responded that he does not know anyone in Yemen and would not have made those calls. Again, after repeated insistence from writers that such calls took place, [REDACTED] (P) stated that it must have been his roommate [REDACTED] (P). [REDACTED] (P) could not explain why a Saudi national would receive calls from or make a call to this Yemeni telephone number. [REDACTED] (P) also then began to recall an argument he had with [REDACTED] (P) regarding a call to Yemen that cost "something like fifty bucks." [REDACTED] (P) could not provide any more information as to these phone calls.

Finally, [REDACTED] (P) was questioned regarding any phone calls made to Dallas, Texas. [REDACTED] (P) responded that he had never called Dallas, but had been looking at getting a job there. NOTE: See [REDACTED] (S) write-up on [REDACTED] (A),(G),(J-1)

Recent Situation

[REDACTED] (P) left San Diego on [REDACTED] (P) driving with his family to [REDACTED] (P). He drove because he wanted to take his family on a cross-country trip. [REDACTED] (P) stated that he decided to leave San Diego because he wanted to open up his own business in a location where there would be less competition and his visa was expiring at the end of the year. Soon after arriving in [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) started a company [REDACTED] (P) that specializes in home [REDACTED] (P) products.

In [REDACTED] (P), after leaving San Diego, [REDACTED] (P) officially graduated from [REDACTED] (P) with a Master of Science in Computer Science. [REDACTED] (P) had, however, finished classes earlier in the summer, adding that he had not been in San Diego since he left in [REDACTED] (P).

In [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) learned that he had won a U.S. "green card" through the lottery system. [REDACTED] (P) stated that he had originally applied for one while still living in San Diego in October or November of [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] (P) is currently planning on moving back to the U.S. before the end of October to ensure he keeps his green card.

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Number: 1
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ITU: [REDACTED] (G)

Claimed By:
SSN: [REDACTED] (P-1),(S)
Name: [REDACTED] (S)
Squad: [REDACTED] (G)

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Name: [REDACTED] (S)
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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

BUFFALO

[REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] [Conduct logical investigation of [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED]].

Set Lead 3: (Info)

SAN DIEGO

[REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 4: (Info)

CINCINNATI

[REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 5: (Info)

LOS ANGELES

[REDACTED] (G)

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 6: (Discretionary)

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[REDACTED] Consider the information contained herein for possible IIR dissemination, coordinate with [REDACTED] (G)

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