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1. DATE OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY 26 Jul 03	2. PLACE GTMO, Cuba	3. ACTIVITY NUMBER [REDACTED] b(2)5
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4. REMARKS

Subject Interview of: (UNK) [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5; 70TH DIVISION (TALIBAN MILITARY)

Date/Place: 26 Jul 03/GTMO, Cuba

On 26 Jul 03, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 Internment Serial Number (ISN) [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 and SA [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5, Naval Criminal Investigative Service at Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The interview was conducted in Farsi and translated by [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 provided the following information:

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 expressed is satisfaction with the food and living conditions. However, [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 described a rash that has been persistent for 11 months. Detainee facility medical personnel had prescribed medication, but the condition still exists. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 described the doctors as "nice and knowledgeable" and that the rash may be due to stress and worry over his captivity. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated that he was innocent and should not be detained. Further, he was not an enemy of the US and believes that US technology would reveal what he has done and not done.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 admitted knowing [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 and [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 (phonetic), and confirmed that these two individuals were Taliban. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 implied that he knew of these individuals due to a complex situation that had arisen from his suit to marry his Uzbek wife, who is also his cousin.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 also admitted knowing [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 stated that he needed protection and sought the help of [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5. According to [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5, the Taliban had killed 4000 people. Consequently, approximately 120 Uzbek and Tajiks from Shabalan (phonetic) and Babuali (phonetic) were also seeking protection. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 offered to help train and organize these people. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 was caught up in this organization and was dispatched by [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 and 20 other people to Babuali.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 alleged that [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 attacked some Pashtuns in retaliation for a Pashtun attack against the local people. The Pashtuns then counterattacked the Uzbeks and drove the Uzbeks into the mountains. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 and his unit were captured in this engagement and he was subsequently questioned by the Taliban.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 admitted to being in the Taliban forces, but insisted that he had held no rank. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 responsibilities were to coordinate issues for his tribe. For example, he stated that he would identify sick members and arrange for them to be replaced with healthy personnel. According to [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5, he didn't really work for the Taliban, but acted as a representative for his tribal members and worked for his tribal elders who assigned him this responsibility. This was required due to the Taliban practice of forced recruitment of personnel into their units.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 had approximately 40 Uzbeks in his unit and worked with another unit of 40 Tajiks under the responsibility of [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5, implying that both these elements were members of [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 tribal group.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 claimed that the US was aware of the animosity between the Uzbeks and Taliban.

[REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 took his orders from [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5. Any problems that [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 may have encountered were handled by [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 did not know the source of any finances, but suggested that they may have come from [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5. [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 also suggested that [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 was a subordinate of [REDACTED] b(7)(C)-5 in the Baghlan Province.

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██████████ admitted his affiliation with ██████████. According to ██████████, he met ██████████ for the first time during the Haj to Mecca in 1997. ██████████ was escorting his mother on the Haj. ██████████ provided his aircraft to fly approximately 120 hajjis from Mazar-e-Sharif to Peshawar and later to Islamabad, Pakistan, but the hajjis drove to Mazar-e-Sharif. ██████████ allegedly did this to save the Uzbek hajjis who would have been killed by Lebaneez (phonetic) along the way. ██████████ also provided travel documentation. The hajjis were accompanied by two ██████████ representatives, ██████████ and ██████████ or ██████████ (phonetic). ██████████ spent approximately 10-15 days in Pakistan, but never resided in Pakistan. ██████████ claimed that ██████████ provided three helicopters for his supporters travel. ██████████ opined that ██████████ wanted to show off his supporters. This was the first time that ██████████ met ██████████ but they did not actually converse at this contact.

██████████ admitted to surrendering to ██████████ for some undisclosed slight or offense. Initially ██████████ stated that he was alone when he surrendered, but quickly amended this story by saying he was actually with tribal elders. Further, at this encounter, ██████████ admitted to the elders that he knew ██████████. US forces took ██████████ from this "prison" where he was incarcerated, but insisted that he was not "turned over" by ██████████. There were over 40 prisoners in this facility, but they were not there for political reasons, only for minor civil offenses, such as fighting. ██████████ was originally told that the US would only talk to him. However, when the US forces arrived they took ██████████ and two other Afghans into custody. ██████████ did not see who the other prisoners were, or where they were taken. ██████████ has not seen them since the US took control of them. He knows they were Afghan, because he heard them talking.

██████████ insisted that he was in prison due to a debt owed by his younger brother, ██████████. ██████████ has two brothers, one younger and one older. The younger brother entered into a business deal within ██████████, a merchant. ██████████ was not affiliated with any politics or government. ██████████ gave ██████████ money for a business venture, from which both parties would share in the profits. However, the business was unprofitable due to a drop in the price of petrol and a drought that adversely affected crops. When ██████████ demanded his money, ██████████'s brother could not pay. President KARZAI was in power at this time. ██████████ wrote to ██████████ and his father explaining the situation. ██████████ and his father went to Mazar-e-Sharif to settle the debt, and to get some undisclosed "heart medicine." Once at Mazar-e-Sharif, the parties employed a mediator to settle the affair, who determined that ██████████ brother had to pay back the investment received from ██████████. ██████████ brother owed 14,000 lakh (100,000 Afghani = one lakh). At the time 200 liters of petrol cost 75-80 lakh. It was usually sold in 20 gallon containers for 14-15 lakh.

██████████ father asked for more time to gather the money to pay the debt, but ██████████ was adamant that the money must be paid. Rather than see his father go to jail to repay the debt, ██████████ went in his stead. ██████████ brother could not go to prison because he was needed to run the family business. ██████████ family had 15 days to gather the money, but after 20 days could not find the amount required. ██████████ claimed that he had been informed via letter that the debt had now been paid.

██████████ stated that he was at home circa February 2002. ██████████ based this on the fact that he had been at Camp Delta for 14 months, had spent 5-6 months in Khandahar, and had been at home for three months prior to his US capture. According to ██████████, this placed him at home during February 2002.

██████████ also acknowledged having heard of ██████████ and stated that ██████████ was in charge or was the "commander" of ██████████, a big village. ██████████ also admitted to having heard of ██████████ and ██████████ was a "big man" (leader) in the Taliban and is believed to have killed "many" Shia Uzbeks and ██████████ people before the fall of Mazar-e-Sharif. ██████████ claims that he heard this information on a BBC broadcast. ██████████ did not acknowledge knowing ██████████ or ██████████. ██████████ claimed not to know anyone named ██████████.

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(a tribal leader), [redacted] or [redacted] did not know the governor of Mazar-e-Sharif, but admitted that he may have heard of [redacted] on the Mazar-e-Sharif radio broadcast.

[redacted] admitted to having heard of [redacted] referred to as [redacted] by some people. However, [redacted] did not know if [redacted] or [redacted] had ever met. [redacted] - b(7)(c)-5

doesn't think they had met because [redacted] is "too junior" to meet [redacted]. [redacted] knows nothing of [redacted] but suggested that [redacted] is in Mazar-e-Sharif.

[redacted] claimed to not have seen anyone other than Afghans, and specifically mentioned not seeing any Saudis. Everyone under [redacted] command or control in the Taliban was from his tribe. This included four or five Uzbeks from Uzbekistan. [redacted] admitted that electricity came from Turkmenistan, but no people. He later amended this statement by adding that some Turkmen were in Afghanistan, but this was because of the electricity that was provided. The Turkmen were recognizable by their lack of beards. When they were first observed, everyone asked why the Taliban let them walk around without beards, to which the Taliban replied that they were Turkmen who were only there to provide electricity.

[redacted] admitted that he had heard of the East Turkmenistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), either in detention in Cuba and earlier in Khandahar. He also knew the members of this group were Uighurs and that they "prayed for the destruction of China." However, [redacted] did not know if the Uighurs had fought on the side of the Taliban.

[redacted] said that he wasn't familiar with the ETIM, but that he had met approximately ten detainees in "Kilo Block" who spoke of the ETIM. Some of these detainees admitted that they had gone to Afghanistan, but they did say why. Later [redacted] said that these detainees were overheard saying they hoped the US would help them against the Chinese and that they wanted to get training to fight the Chinese. China apparently treated these people "very bad." When the Uighur detainees became upset and didn't understand why they had been detained, [redacted] tried to calm them down.

[redacted] admitted that he was also known as [redacted]. His friends called him this because of his success as a wrestling champion; [redacted] means [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he was also known as [redacted].

[redacted] opined that he might have made mistakes in the information provided during previous interrogations, but that he was and remains innocent of any offense against the US. [redacted] claimed he had a fever (possibly a headache), but would continue to answer questions. [redacted] thanked the interrogators, but continued his claims of innocence. Additionally, [redacted] asked for compensation upon release to make up for lost wages during his period of incarceration. Further, [redacted] asked for permission to sunbath to clear up his skin rash and asked if a doctor could arrange this permission. Interrogators explained that these issues were outside of their responsibility and the interrogation was terminated.

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