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On 08JAN03, [redacted] was interviewed at Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) and SA [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] the interview was conducted in the English language. After being advised of the nature of the interview [redacted] provided the following information:

At the start of the interview, [redacted] was asked how he was doing. He responded that things were not going well, and that he perceived current US actions as a holy war between Christians and Muslims, propagated by President George Bush's hatred of Muslims and his thirst for killing and blood. When asked if he sees himself as a soldier in the holy war [redacted] responded that he only sees himself as being here (Cuba). [redacted] went on to say that the United States will see many September 11s if we continue to treat innocent people as we do (referring to the people detained at Camp Delta). He also said that the demise of the US is imminent.

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The discussion then turned to the events of September 11, 2001. [redacted] was asked if the 19 hijackers were right in what they did. He responded that "when people get hurt, they need to do something back". [redacted] belief that the violent actions of Islamic militants are justified by America's hostile and unfair actions and policies toward the Muslim world was a constant theme throughout the interview. [redacted] also stated that the US wanted to rule the world, and that other governments, such as the Australians, would do whatever the US government wanted them to do.

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[redacted] was shown pictures of several individuals: [redacted]

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[redacted] recognized only [redacted] and then only from seeing him at Camp Delta, which refutes earlier reporting in which [redacted] reported seeing [redacted] before he was captured. [redacted] had also previously reported seeing [redacted] before his capture, but this time denied having ever seen him before. When confronted with these inconsistencies in his stories, [redacted] claimed that he was not in his right mind before and must have been mistaken in identifying the men previously.

[redacted] comments often centered on the unfairness of the US kidnaping so many innocent Muslims and keeping them locked up in Cuba without any proof of wrong-doing. [redacted] further claimed that if given his day in court, he would be set free.

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The treatment of prisoners at Camp Delta was also a topic of discussion. [redacted] claimed that detainees were often put in freezing cold isolation cells with no blankets for days at a time. He also stated that they (the detainees) are only given the equivalent of 12 hours of exercise per year. [redacted] also said that the guards often beat the detainees when they search their cells (he

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[redacted] unnecessarily. [redacted]

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[redacted] admitted that he had knowledge of the September 11, 2001 attacks on New York and Washington before they occurred. He said that many people in [redacted] knew about the attacks prior to them actually taking place, and that it was practically common knowledge among the people of the mosque (no mention was made of which mosque he was referring to, nor would he say from whom he first heard that the attacks were to take place). He also said that he called [redacted] what happened in New York and Washington, mistakenly thinking that the attacks had already occurred. [redacted] had heard nothing in regard to such news. This was because the attacks did not occur for another couple of hours (approximately) after this call was made. When asked why he did not call anyone to warn of the attacks so they could be prevented, [redacted] stated "that is your job", and that since the government was listening in to his phone conversations, they should have known.

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[redacted] theory on why he ended up in Cuba is that [redacted] government thought that he was such a threat to them that they had the American government kidnap him and turn him over to [redacted] for torture.

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[redacted] thought that the rumors of a mass suicide in the camp are true, and that the US could prevent it if we treated the detainees better. He also said that it was not right to use the Koran as reward/punishment; doing so is disrespectful of the Koran.

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When asked if some of the people in Camp Delta deserved to be here, [redacted] stated that he thought so. [redacted] finally said that he was not an enemy of the US, and that he needs to learn more about Islam before he goes somewhere and fights.

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[redacted] was asked what he would do when he is released from Cuba, and he said that he would [redacted] far from people where he could live with his family.

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The interview was concluded.