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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 12/07/2006

To: Counterterrorism

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San Diego

[REDACTED] (G)

From: Los Angeles

[REDACTED] (G)
Contact: [REDACTED] (S)

Approved By: [REDACTED] (S)

Drafted By: [REDACTED] (S)

Case ID # [REDACTED] (F)

Title: [REDACTED] PENTTBOM

Synopsis: [REDACTED] To provide FBIHQ questions to be passed to the [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED] regarding MOHDAR ABDULLAH and the 06/10/2000 Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) video.

[REDACTED] (G)

Reference: [REDACTED] (O-1)

Details: [REDACTED] In early 2004, FBI Los Angeles began reviewing PENTTBOM leads and related investigations. The purpose of the investigation was to identify 9/11 hijacker's Khaled Al-Mihdar (AL-MIHDHAR) and Nawaf Al-Hazmi's (AL-HAZMI) (American Airlines #77 that crashed into the Pentagon) whereabouts in Los Angeles

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for a two week period between 01/15/2000 and 02/04/2000, and to identify individuals in Los Angeles who assisted them.

██████████ During the investigation, FBI-LA identified video surveillance footage from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) security cameras for 06/10/2000. Depicted on the video surveillance footage are AL-HAZMI, AL-MIHDHAR and San Diego Subject and 9/11 Material Witness MOHDAR ABDULLAH

██████████ (F) ██████████ Also on the video are two other individuals who appear in the security line before AL-HAZMI, AL-MIHDHAR, ABDULLAH and an individual possibly identified as Yemeni National, HANI SAEED ██████████ (F) ██████████. The two other individuals appear in line approximately one and half minutes before the group of four. One of the two individuals has been possibly identified as Yemeni National RAMEZ NOAMAN ██████████ (F) ██████████ while the other individual remains unidentified. Footage of the video depicts the individual who is possibly identified as SAEED exiting the security line wearing a blue Los Angeles Dodgers Baseball Hat, holding what may be a camera and possibly conducting reconnaissance of the security checkpoint.

██████████ At the present time, it is unsubstantiated that SAEED and NOAMAN are indeed the individuals depicted in the LAX security video.

██████████ In order to identify the UNSUBS in the 06/10/2000 LAX Video and determine if the hijackers had a support network in Los Angeles, Los Angeles is reviewing San Diego payphone connections to Los Angeles; Los Angeles connections to Malaysian and Thailand payphones that Al-Qaeda operatives used in 2000; and reviewing LAX parking records for every single car that passed through LAX on 01/15/2000 (the day the hijackers arrived) and 06/10/2000 (the day Khaled AL-Mihdhar departed LAX).

██████████ To date, Los Angeles investigation has not determined the true identities of the UNSUBS in the 06/10/2000 LAX Video.

██████████ On 11/01/2006, San Diego advised that San Diego Union Tribune Reporter, ██████████ (P) ██████████, had been in contact with San Diego ██████████ (S) ██████████ twice (09/29/2006 and 10/03/2006) about her email contact with ABDULLAH. ██████████ (P) ██████████ told ██████████ (S) ██████████ that ABDULLAH informed her the LAX video corroborates what Abdullah previously told the FBI. Also, ABDULLAH stated that the other individual in the video was either a friend of al Hazmi or al Mihdhar; and, was residing in Los Angeles at that time (06/10/2000). ABDULLAH advised that he was introduced to this individual on a previous occasion when this individual traveled to San Diego to visit. This individual

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was residing in Los Angeles and the two hijackers knew him prior to his visit to San Diego.

[REDACTED] Los Angeles initiated [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) to identify the UNSUBS in the LAX video; and, to identify individuals in Los Angeles who may have assisted the hijackers while they were in Los Angeles from 01/15/2000 to 02/04/2000. The information provided by ABDULLAH to [REDACTED] (P) supports the theory that Abdullah met at least one individual in Los Angeles who knew the hijackers. ABDULLAH's comments to [REDACTED] (P) are significant. An interview of ABDULLAH could provide substantial leads and intelligence for the captioned investigations. Also, an interview may help identify individuals who assisted the hijackers. Those individuals may still be in Los Angeles.

[REDACTED] An interview of Abdullah will do no harm. He is aware of the fact the FBI is interested in him; and, the existence of the LAX video is public.

[REDACTED] (O-1) (O-1)

[REDACTED] It is respectfully requested FBIHQ give consideration to having a FBI-Los Angeles representative on location during the next [REDACTED] (G) interview with ABDULLAH. **In cannot be overstated that an interview with ABDULLAH may be the only way to determine who the UNSUBS are. These individuals are most probably Al-Qaeda operatives and may still be in the United States.**

[REDACTED] Los Angeles submits the following questions to be passed to [REDACTED] (G) for ABDULLAH regarding the connections that he and the hijackers had to Los Angeles; the circumstances and identities of the UNSUBS in the 06/10/2000 LAX Video:

1. What month did you take Khaled the first time to LAX to change his ticket?
2. Who accompanied you on this trip?
3. Who drove to the airport?
4. Whose car did you take?
5. Where did you park? (In a structure or street/meter parking)
6. Where else did you go in Los Angeles? Who did you meet with?

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7. During the time you accompanied Khaled to Los Angeles and LAX before he left the United States to visit his family in June of 2000 a) approximately what time did you leave San Diego and b) what time did you arrive in Culver City? c) Did you make any stops along the way? d) Did you visit anyone along the way?

8. Whose car did you drive from San Diego to Los Angeles?

9. Who else knew that you were accompanying Nawaf and Khaled to Los Angeles?

10. Upon your arrival in Culver City, did you go to King Fahad Mosque (KFM)? Who did you meet there? Who did Khaled and Nawaf know there? Who did Khaled and Nawaf call when they got to Culver City? Where did you eat dinner? Where else did you visit in Culver City? Who came to see you, Nawaf and Khaled in your motel room? Did they stay the night with you?

11. Account for your day, from the time you woke up to your arrival at LAX when you dropped Khaled off for his trip.

12. Whose car were you in when you went to the airport with Khaled and Nawaf? Who else was with you?

13. Where was the car parked? (Inside a parking structure or on the street/meter parking?)

14. Did anyone meet you at the airport?

15. Did you walk Khaled to the gate for his trip? How long did you stay inside the terminal?

16. Did you see Khaled board the airplane?

17. How long did you stay in the terminal after Khaled boarded the plane?

18. When did you leave the airport? (Was it before or after Khaled's plane left the gate?)

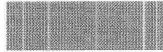
19. Where did you go after leaving LAX? Did you go to KFM?

20. If ABDULLAH identifies the individuals in the 06/10/2000 Video, who else knew this person/people?

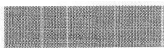
21. Who was your contact in Los Angeles for obtaining false identification? Who did you know in Buena Park?

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LEAD (s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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██████████ At ██████████ (G) ██████████ : Coordinate with ██████████ (G) and
██████████ (O-1) ██████████

Set Lead 2: (Action)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

██████████ At ██████████ (G) ██████████ : Review and pass captioned questions to ██████████ (G) .
Request giving consideration to allowing FBI-Los Angeles on location
in coordination with ██████████ (G) to a future interview with Mohdar Abdullah.

Set Lead 3: (Info)

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

██████████ At ██████████ (G) ██████████ : Provided for your information, read and
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Set Lead 4: (Info)

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AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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Set Lead 5: (Info)

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Set Lead 6: (Info)

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