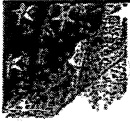


## Captured Terrorist Details Hostage Plot



[REDACTED]  
alleged plot with Usama Bin Ladin and the Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ)  
to kidnap Americans, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] *claims*  
*planning is under way for three separate operations in [REDACTED]*  
*[REDACTED] to take US diplomats or civilians hostage.*

- The conspirators, who want to force the release of "blind sheik"  
'Umar 'Abd al-Rahman and other US-held prisoners, may hijack  
an aircraft or storm a US Embassy.

*Several factors suggest a joint terrorist operation is possible.*

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] may have won over Bin Ladin  
as an ally for some type of terrorist operation.

- Bin Ladin's al-Qa'ida organization and the two Egyptian groups  
previously have considered taking hostages—possibly including  
hijackings—to force concessions, and al-Qa'ida has trained  
personnel in kidnapping techniques, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The timing of the alleged operation [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the casing and selection of targets  
reportedly had not occurred [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]