PDB Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Bin Ladin Attempts to Enhance Explosives

1. [redacted] Usama Bin Ladin supporters at two camps in Afghanistan are experimenting with enhancing explosives by adding radioactive material. [redacted] a substance—possibly of uranium—added to an explosive and [redacted] the subsequent explosion seemed larger than normal. [redacted] the group believed the addition of uranium would increase the power of explosives by a factor of 50. [redacted]

2. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] the effort is consistent with our assessment of Bin Ladin's pursuit of unconventional weapons. [redacted]

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