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1. [REDACTED] five al-Qa'ida members arrived in [REDACTED] in March to target the US Embassy in [REDACTED] as the first of [REDACTED] attacks in different countries the group planned to carry out next month and in August. [REDACTED] operatives have left Afghanistan since April, several of them traveling [REDACTED] and at least three destined for Europe. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] Bin Ladin trained [REDACTED] operatives to infiltrate [REDACTED] conduct targeting studies, and begin operations against the US [REDACTED] Embassies [REDACTED] in the disruption last December of the Bin Ladin cell there. [REDACTED] the operatives have not yet infiltrated [REDACTED] and are, in any case, to lie dormant for a year.

--- [REDACTED] the cell probably knows its plans have been compromised and may switch targets. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] Bin Ladin's previous attempts to target US interests in [REDACTED] and Bin Ladin's extensive infrastructure in the region lend credibility to the threat. Bin Ladin, however, previously has shown a preference for softer targets, such as the tourist sites identified by the disrupted cell last December and more vulnerable embassies.

--- The recent relocation of [REDACTED] al-Qa'ida members, including senior personnel, within Afghanistan is consistent with activity [REDACTED] and may indicate impending attacks. [REDACTED] a number of [REDACTED] extremists recently moved their families back to Afghanistan.

--- In addition to the threat in [REDACTED] we are concerned that Bin Ladin may be planning attacks in other locations [REDACTED] such as Europe, the US, and [REDACTED]

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Israel. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that Bin Ladin had ordered him to conduct
operations in Europe. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of the discovery of a Bin Ladin cell in the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4. We are working closely with [REDACTED] to counter
this threat. [REDACTED]
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