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SUBJECT: Bin Ladin's Prospects for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Attacks
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1. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that Bin Ladin is interested in publicity and would not involve himself in [REDACTED]. One of the [REDACTED] indicated Bin Ladin is seeking a "Hiroshima."

--- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Bin Ladin or companies associated with him have tried to buy highly enriched uranium; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

2. Bin Ladin has expressed an interest in conducting attacks with chemical and biological agents and has sought some dual-use materials and expertise, [REDACTED]. A recent Italian press report alleged Bin Ladin and his associates are preparing chemical warfare agents, toxins to poison water supplies, and fungi to destroy crops.

--- Before 1995, Bin Ladin and his followers were trying to develop cyanide gas bombs allegedly to target US military installations in Saudi Arabia, [REDACTED]
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