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1. [REDACTED] Bin Ladin moves among various locations in eastern Afghanistan--including Khowst, Jalalabad, Kabul, and Khandahar-- [REDACTED] he also has gone to Herat in western Afghanistan. [REDACTED]

2. Intelligence provides no conclusive information on Bin Ladin's intentions for future attacks. Based on his past actions, he and his allies may focus on places they have surveilled in the past, where their operatives can work relatively freely, and where security at US facilities is less stringent.

--- He had networks in [REDACTED] and neither was generally perceived as a high threat area. Suspects in those bombings say Bin Ladin also was planning attacks in Uganda, Egypt, Yemen, and Lebanon.

--- [REDACTED] he is considering attacks in Bangladesh, [REDACTED] Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan. [REDACTED]

3. We suspect several recent walk-ins to our Embassies [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --may be part of an effort by Bin Ladin to case US facilities.

--- [REDACTED] the Kashmiri militant group Harakat ul-Mujahedin (HUM) is coordinating with Bin Ladin to attack US, British, and French interests in [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] Bin Ladin late last month said his

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preferred option is to strike the US on its own soil in Washington. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the same group responsible for the bombings in Africa
may fly an explosive-packed airplane into a US city.

--- The HUM publicly claims the US used chemical weapons in
attacking Khowst and vows to give a "matching reply." [REDACTED]
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