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SUBJECT: Threat Environment Heightened Against US Interests Worldwide
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1. We have documented nearly 300 threats worldwide since the East Africa bombings on 7 August. Threats peaked one week after the US strikes and now are approaching prestrike levels. Official US diplomatic facilities and personnel were the targets in [REDACTED] cases, and [REDACTED] threats were aimed at US commercial, tourist, cultural, and nongovernment entities.

--- US interests in Africa have received [REDACTED] threats--the most of any region--including threatened bomb attacks against US Embassies.

--- Facilities and personnel in Western Europe received the second-highest number of threats, with the Middle East and Southeast Asia close behind. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] but many of those threats did not identify specific targets.

--- Other types of threats since 20 August include warnings of hijacking, kidnapping, rocket and chemical attacks, and assassination.

-- [REDACTED]

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3. In addition to Bin Ladin, the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, and the Egyptian al-Gama'at al-Islamiyya, groups posing [REDACTED] threats include People Against Gangsterism and Drugs--implicated in the 25 August Cape Town bombing--and Qibla. Both are [REDACTED] Islamic groups that have called for retaliatory attacks against the US.

--- [REDACTED] early this month warned our Embassy that [REDACTED] are planning to attack US citizens in [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

--- [REDACTED]

--- US facilities worldwide are taking heightened security precautions [REDACTED]

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