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(14 October 2000) Bin Ladin: Terrorist Network Active Despite Disruptions

Usama Bin Ladin remains committed to striking US targets and is working to overcome disruptions of his network by the US and others in the past year. [REDACTED] he continues terrorist planning, but [REDACTED] cannot pinpoint targets or timing.

- Bin Ladin is capable of mounting multiple operations with no warning using his own al-Qa'ida personnel, allied Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ) members, and other surrogates worldwide.

(14 October 2000) Bin Ladin Facing New Obstacles

To strike now, Bin Ladin would have to overcome increased pressure from his Taliban hosts to forgo attacks and Pakistan's tightened border controls, which have resulted in the detention of some foreign Islamic extremists affiliated with him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bin Ladin has told a key operative that Taliban pressure recently forced him to postpone bombings [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] Bin Ladin fears there are plots against him, [REDACTED] and is more carefully monitoring his staff in Afghanistan.

(14 October 2000) Operational Planning Continues

[REDACTED] Bin Ladin has planned or considered attacks in several locations that would use surrogates to expand his reach and to maintain deniability. [REDACTED]

- The [REDACTED] organizations was not previously associated with Bin Ladin.

[REDACTED] was ordered to acquire explosives for an unspecified objective in Europe. [REDACTED] this summer detained members of a Bin Ladin surrogate group planning new attacks in [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] last June arrested an al-Qa'ida-trained Palestinian preparing attacks in Israel.

Aspects of these plots may remain viable, and several suspects are still being sought by various security organizations. [REDACTED]

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- An unnamed Bin Ladin operative [REDACTED] and who had received training in explosives in Afghanistan left Pakistan [REDACTED] to conduct unspecified activities, [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] a Bin Ladin lieutenant has ordered [REDACTED] Arabs to Europe to conduct terrorist operations against unknown targets. (17 August 2000) Recruits for Chechnya Swelling Bin Ladin's Ranks

Worldwide recruitment of fighters for the struggle in Chechnya has created a surplus of Islamic militants that Bin Ladin and other extremists are drawing on to promote terrorism abroad. Mujahidin supporters recruit young Muslims in the UK, Pakistan, Turkey, the Arabian Peninsula, and elsewhere for training at camps affiliated with Bin Ladin in Afghanistan, [REDACTED]

- Fueling the recruiting are Islamic extremist Internet sites that glorify the mujahidin in Chechnya, highlight Russian brutality, and stress that fighting in a jihad is every Muslim's religious duty.

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