

SUBJECT: REDACTED INTELLIGENCE REPORT 019

DATE: SPRING 2007-EARLY 2008

SOURCE: DEBRIEFING OF [DETAINEE] UNDER COALITION FORCES CONTROL

UNCLASSIFIED (AS REDACTED)

Summary:

[Detainee] last traveled to Iran for approximately 28 days during Ramadan in 2007. (Comment: Ramadan took place from September 13th to October 13th in 2007.)

[Detainee] traveled to Iran with [REDACTED]. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] first traveled from Kut to Amarah and spent the night at a house belonging to [REDACTED]. [Detainee] has stayed at this house before but does not know [REDACTED] well. People normally stay at [REDACTED]'s house in Amarah prior to traveling to Iran for training. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] spent the night at [REDACTED]'s house along with 10 other individuals who arrived separately. [Detainee], [REDACTED] and the 10 other Iraqis traveled to Iran approximately three days after arriving in Amarah. The 12-man group traveled to the Shayikh Sa'ad area where an unidentified driver picked the 12-man group up and took them to a house in the desert. [Detainee] has the telephone number for the driver stored in [Detainee]'s phone but [Detainee] can not remember what it is stored as. From the house in the desert the 12-man group was taken at night to a mountainous area. The group walked across the desert, crossing the border and arriving in Iran.

The group got in two pickup trucks with Iranian drivers and traveled to an apartment in Kermanshah, IR where the 12-man group spent the night. The following morning the drivers took the 12-man group to an airport in Kermanshah where they took a flight to Tehran, IR. After arriving in Tehran the 12-man group were taken by an Iranian to an apartment in a normal civilian apartment building.

The 12-man group stayed in this one apartment for approximately three days until taking a bus to Meshhad to visit the Imam Riza shrine and a zoo. The 12-man group spent approximately five days in Mashhad before returning to Tehran. The 12-man group flew from Meshhad to Tehran. Once in Tehran the 12-man group was taken to the same apartment they had been in before traveling to Meshhad. The group spent one night in this apartment and was taken to another normal civilian apartment building in Tehran.

The group was split in to two groups of six and put in two different apartments. All instructional training was conducted in these two apartments in Tehran. No training on this trip had been conducted prior to arriving at these two apartments. IRGC trainers came to the apartment and gave instruction on sniper training. [Detainee] knows that the trainers were IRGC because the trainers mentioned it to [Detainee] several times. [Detainee] heard no mention of Lebanese Hizballah trainers on this trip. The two

groups were instructed on the use of the Dragunov sniper rifle and the use of an unidentified sniper rifle that uses a round significantly larger than the Dragunov. (**Comment:** The Dragunov sniper rifle uses a 7.62 x 54mm round.)

Training was conducted at a range located on the Sayid Shuhadah military base located on the outskirts of Tehran. [Detainee] does not know if Sayid Shuhadah is the official name of the military base. The first two trips to the Sayid Shuhadah base did not require the group to travel through any type of checkpoint. The third time the group traveled to the base they were stopped at a checkpoint manned by Iranian military guards wearing commando uniforms. The Iranian driver spoke to the guards and was allowed to pass. [Detainee] does not know if the guards were IRGC.

At the range the 12-man group used the Dragunov sniper rifle with a scope attached to it. The group was also instructed on the use of a pair of binoculars for use at night that displays images based on the amount of heat that the substance is giving off. These binoculars were referred to as thermals and displayed things in different hues of red and purple. When something was hot it looked black. The instructors showed the trainees how to identify a person while looking through the thermals. The instructors showed the trainees a blanket that someone can use when laying in a sniper position. When someone is under the blanket they are invisible to the thermal binoculars. The group also received training in the use of GPS devices. [Detainee] did not understand the GPS training because it was in English. (**Comment:** Deception Indicated.)

When the training was concluded the 12-man group returned in three separate groups. The first group consisted of four people from Diyala. The second group consisted of five people from Baghdad and one individual from Diyala named [REDACTED]. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] were the last of the trainees to return. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] flew from Tehran to Ahvaz, where they were taken to a marsh area. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] were taken in a boat by two Iraqis wearing Dishdashahs across a river to an unidentified area likely between Amarah and Basra. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] got in a truck with an unidentified Iraqi who was waiting for them.

On the way back to Amarah [Detainee] called [REDACTED] who is in charge of [Detainee]'s payroll. [REDACTED] was in Amarah and told [Detainee] that it was time to be paid so [Detainee] and [REDACTED] should come get their salaries. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] usually receive their salaries in Kut but picked it up in Amarah this one time due to convenience. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED] house to pick up their cell phones which they had left at [REDACTED]'s house prior to traveling to Iran. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] got a taxi at the parking garage in Amarah and returned to Kut.

[Detainee]'s second trip to Iran was a familiarization trip with a focus on training. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] traveled to and from Iran legally through the Shalamchah border crossing and trained in an apartment in Tehran, IR. [Detainee] received a brief overview of EFPs, plastic explosives, AK-47 assault rifles, RPGs, pistols and PKC machine guns. [Detainee]'s second trip lasted approximately 30 days.

[Detainee]'s first trip to Iran was [Detainee]'s initial trip to Iran for training. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] traveled to Iran legally through the Shalamchah border crossing. The training was conducted in the same apartment in Tehran that [Detainee] trained in on His second trip. [Detainee] was told that he would be trained multiple times on different subjects in order to be certified as a trainer. When [Detainee], [REDACTED] and the rest of the trainees arrived in Iran they were told what specialties each person would focus on. [REDACTED] was told that he would be a master trainer. [Detainee] was told that He would be in charge of guerrilla warfare tactics. [Detainee] wanted to be designated as someone in charge of information but once someone was assigned a specialty they were not allowed to switch. [Detainee]'s first trip lasted approximately 30 days.

[Detainee] works for an individual named [REDACTED] who lives in Kut [REDACTED] sent [Detainee] and [REDACTED] to Iran to become trainers. [REDACTED] group is called 'the stuff' and is responsible for training throughout all of Iraq. [REDACTED]'s group is not functional yet and does not currently train anyone. [REDACTED] reports to an individual in Baghdad named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also works with an Iraqi in Iran named [REDACTED], who [Detainee] interacted with on all three trips to Iran. [REDACTED] works with an unidentified [REDACTED] in Baghdad who is very fat.

[Detainee] does not think much of CF. [Detainee] wants to take the opportunity in detention to learn if what everyone else says about CF is true. [Detainee] does not trust CF and thinks that everyone in CF is liars but is willing to give CF a chance to prove themselves. Everyone in JAM tells everyone that CF will use people and throw them away in prison for the rest of their lives with no regard for a person's family.