

SUBJECT: REDACTED INTELLIGENCE REPORT 023

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SOURCE: DEBRIEFING OF [DETAINEE] UNDER COALITION FORCES CONTROL

UNCLASSIFIED (AS REDACTED)

Summary:

[Detainee] traveled to Amarah with [REDACTED] prior to [Detainee]'s second trip to Iran for paramilitary instructor training. [Detainee], [REDACTED] and 14 other trainers met at this house and discussed the training with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. This [REDACTED] is not the same individual as [REDACTED], who was also present and was maintaining the house that everyone was meeting at. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] separated the 16 individuals into groups of four based on their specialty. [Detainee] was put in the 'information' group because this is what [Detainee]'s specialty was initially supposed to be. [REDACTED], one of the individuals running the meeting has been previously trained as an Information specialist. [Detainee] does not know how many times [REDACTED] has been to Iran to receive training. [REDACTED] was part of a group that went through the trainer program prior to [Detainee]'s group. [Detainee] does not know how many people attended the training cycle with [REDACTED]. The group spent one night at the house in Amarah and returned home the following day after learning that the trip had been cancelled. Approximately 10 days after [Detainee] and [REDACTED] returned to Kut [REDACTED] told [Detainee] that it was time to travel again to Amarah to attend the training that had been cancelled. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] traveled to Amarah again and met the same group of 14 individuals at a house run by [REDACTED]. [Detainee] is not sure if this was the same house that the meeting took place at approximately 10 days earlier but knows that [REDACTED] was the caretaker of this house as well as the previous one. [Detainee] does not have [REDACTED] phone number in [Detainee]'s phone.

One of the individuals attending the first trip to Iran for training, whose name was [REDACTED], was in charge of the second trip

The first 7-10 days of training on the second trip was a repeat of the basic weapons training received on the first trip. A day was also taken to receive a class from an older IRGC trainer named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] taught the groups about discipline by making the groups hold a rifle for an hour at a time. [REDACTED] would hit the trainee if he did not hold the rifle properly. Following [REDACTED]'s class the group received a class from a Lebanese instructor named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] taught the group about how to teach, saying that a trainer must dress well, speak well, and know the subject he is attempting to teach. After the basic weapons refresher the group split up in to four groups of four people based on their specialties. One of the Lebanese instructors ran through everyone's evaluations and moved individuals to different groups based on what they were good at. [Detainee] was moved to tactics because [Detainee] is very athletic. The last 14 days of training was conducted in groups of four with each group spending the entire 14 days focusing on their specialty. [Detainee] received Tactics training from both Lebanese

Hizballah and IRGC trainers. The Engineer trainers were only taught by Lebanese Hizballah trainers.

During the second trip the group took one day to travel to the Massumah shrine. [Detainee] and seven other students were not allowed to go because they were speaking badly about some of the training and the instructors. [Detainee] and the seven other students did not feel that the instructors were being fair by not allowing the group to call their families every day. The individuals who stayed behind were [Detainee], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and second individual named [REDACTED]. At the end of the second trip the group traveled from Ahvaz to Mehran on a coach bus. The group all sat together and discussed the training. Most of the group members, including [Detainee] and [REDACTED] were upset at the instructors for restricting their phone calls during the trip. This issue aside, most individuals felt good about the training they had received but wished that the training had been more in depth. The individuals did not feel that it was necessarily worth going to the hassle of traveling all the way to Iran to receive this training but were not too upset because their trip was paid for. An older Lebanese individual named [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] was talking to the trainees telling them that the instructors training them were very qualified. [Detainee] and the rest of the group felt that the instructors on the first and second trips were qualified to train them and were very knowledgeable in their subjects.

The training received on the third trip was not as good as the training received on the first two trips. The IRGC instructors from the third trip sometimes gave out instructions to the sniper students that [Detainee] and [REDACTED] thought was inaccurate or incorrect.

[Detainee]'s third trip to Iran occurred during Ramadan. When it came time for the celebration of Eid the instructors took the group to the Imam Khomeini shrine. [Detainee] decided not to go because [Detainee] did not want to spend his Eid celebrating at the shrine of the Imam Khomeini. [Detainee] follows Sayid Muqtada al-Sadr because Sayid Muqtada has always helped the poor Shi'a like his father Sayid Muhammad. Sayid Muqtada does not put himself above the poor people and is a very simple man. When the group returned from the Imam Khomeini shrine they were visited by [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] asked why everyone did not go to the shrine. [Detainee] told [REDACTED] that [Detainee] alone did not want to go and no one else should be punished for this. [REDACTED] told [Detainee] that He should attend events with the rest of the class [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did not directly state anything about following religious guidance from Iran but [Detainee] got the impression that everyone in Iran was attempting to draw the trainees into following a different leader than Sayid Muqtada al-Sadr.