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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: (U) Meeting with [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] On 16 July 2003, I met with [REDACTED] in Office of Inspector General spaces. The meeting was conducted as part of a review of Agency practices regarding the custody and interrogation of individuals for counterterrorism purposes. Specifically, the meeting was designed to gain information on the impact of CTC's involvement in detention and interrogation.

2. [REDACTED] Asked how we judge the success of the detention and interrogation program, [REDACTED] stated that the value of the program is taking the terrorists off the streets, and success is judged by the quality of the information they provide. If they get unique, valuable information from the detainees, then they have done their job. In [REDACTED] view, using the quality of the intelligence as the yardstick, the program has been an absolute success. She stated further that there was no other way CTC could have gotten the information they have obtained from the detainees.

[REDACTED] Abu Zubaydah provided information about the modus operandi of Al-Qa'ida, [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] stated that detainees have provided information that led to the arrest of other terrorists. Zubaydah provided information that led to a raid that netted Ramzi Bin al-Shibh [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] Because of his position as chief of Al-Qa'ida operations outside of Afghanistan, Khalid Shaykh Muhammed (KSM) personally recruited, trained, or otherwise had direct knowledge of many terrorist operatives. KSM provided information that helped lead to the arrest of: Iyman Faris, the Ohio truck driver; Uzair Paracha, a smuggler; Saleh Almari, a sleeper operative in New York; Majid Khan, an operative who could get into the U.S. easily; and Amar al Baluchi, KSM's nephew. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who Zubaydah identified as one of the most likely operatives to travel to the U.S. to carry out operations. [REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED] According to [REDACTED] information from detainees has also provided a wealth of information about Al-Qa'ida plots. These include the following:

[REDACTED]

- A plot against the U.S. Consulate in Karachi, Pakistan.
- The Heathrow/Canary Wharf plot, which involved hijacking aircraft to fly into and destroy both locations.
- The train track plot where the operative would loosen the spikes in an attempt to derail a train.

[REDACTED]

- The gas station plot where several gas stations were to be blown up to create panic and havoc.
- The Library Tower plot where the tallest building in California was to be attacked similar to the World Trade Center.
- The suspension bridge plot where the lines of the bridge were to be cut, thus making it collapse.

[REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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9. [REDACTED] On the question of whether actual plots had been thwarted, [REDACTED] opined that since the operatives involved in many of the above plots had been arrested, they have, in effect, thwarted the operation. The following captured terrorists were associated with plots:

- Majid Khan, whose father owned a gas station, was associated with the gas station plot, as well as the poison operation.

- Iyman Faris was tasked to work on the suspension bridge plot. [REDACTED]

- Khalad bin Attash [REDACTED] involved in the Heathrow plot. [REDACTED]

Tower operation. [REDACTED]

the California Library [REDACTED]

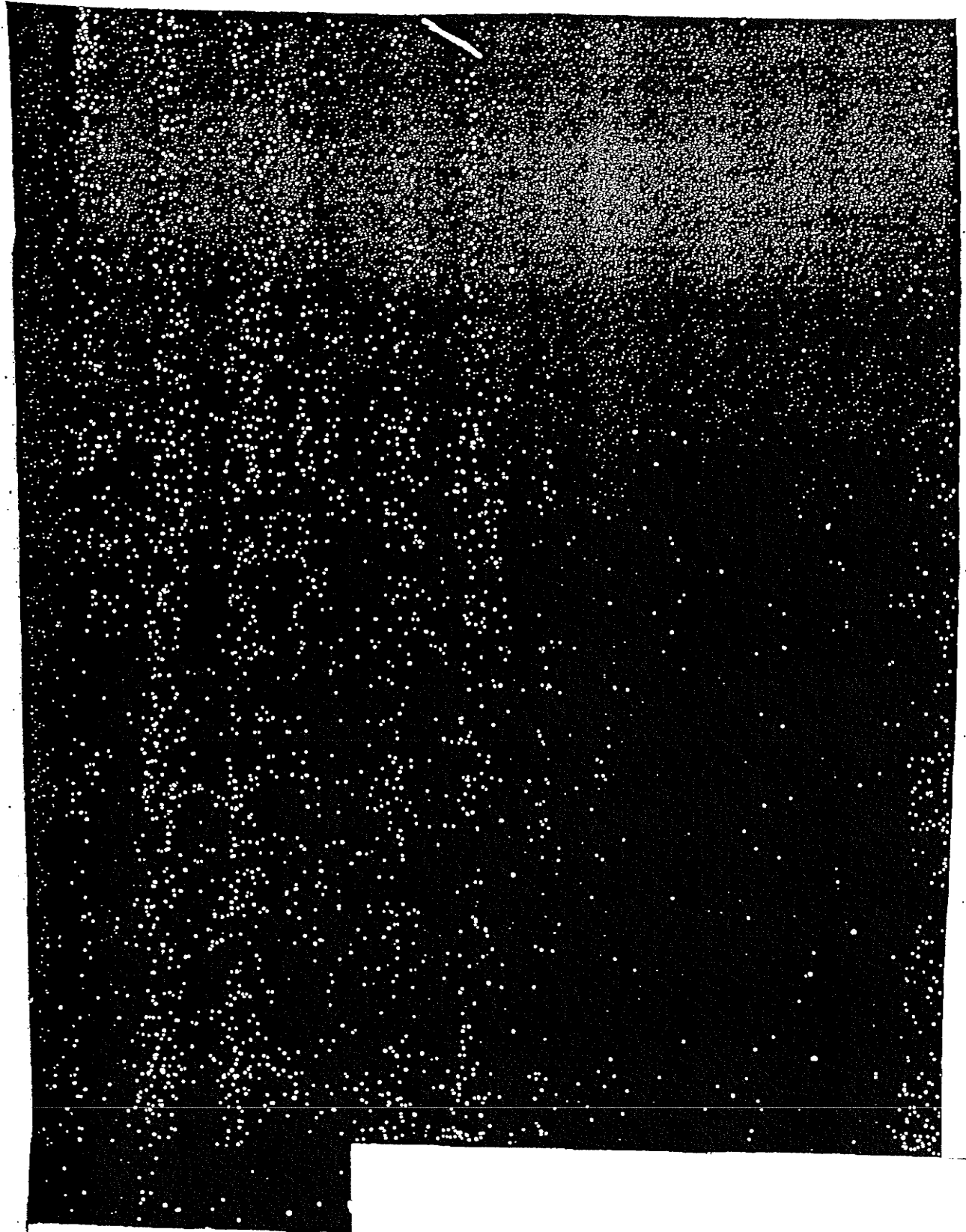
California. [REDACTED] to blow up the tallest building in [REDACTED]

Zubair was also involved in the Library Tower plot. [REDACTED]

- Amar al Baluchi had the U.S. Consulate in Karachi as his target. [REDACTED]

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