

SUBJECT: REDACTED INTELLIGENCE REPORT 021

DATE: SPRING 2007-EARLY 2008

SOURCE: DEBRIEFING OF [DETAINEE] UNDER COALITION FORCES CONTROL

UNCLASSIFIED (AS REDACTED)

Summary:

[Detainee] joined JAM two months after the Second Battle, which was approximately two years prior to [Detainee]'s day of capture. The First Battle was in an-Najaf, between JAM and CF, two and one half years prior to [Detainee]'s day of capture. The Second Battle was six months after the First Battle, and was in al-Kut, between JAM and ING.

[Detainee] joined JAM because [Detainee] is from a big family and the family needed money. Through the committees of JAM, [Detainee] obtained temporary work distributing gas.

[Detainee] became SG approximately one year prior to [Detainee]'s day of capture. One day, [REDACTED] came to [Detainee] and told [Detainee] that [REDACTED] would give [Detainee] a good job with SG and a good salary, and [REDACTED] would also get jobs for other people in [Detainee]'s family. [Detainee] hesitantly accepted the offer. [Detainee] joined SG for the money.

[Detainee] has only been to Iran one time in his life. [Detainee] traveled to Iran in May of 2007 to attend training.

[REDACTED] came to [Detainee] and told [Detainee] that SG would give [Detainee] money to train. [REDACTED] told [Detainee] that [Detainee] would have to fight CF. [Detainee] has never fought against CF; [Detainee] does not even know how to shoot a weapon.

Approximately four or five months after joining SG and one month prior to traveling to Iran for training [REDACTED] told [Detainee] that [Detainee] would attend training in Iran, and the training would consist of the following:

Kalashnikov
PKC
Launcher
Sniper
Physical fitness

[REDACTED] said the training would be one month long, and then [Detainee] would return home.

[REDACTED] gave [Detainee] money with which to obtain a legal passport. [Detainee] went to the passport agency office in al-Kut, filled out paperwork, and got the passport in one

day. [REDACTED] also gave [Detainee] money with which to obtain a visa for Iran. [Detainee] went to the Iranian Embassy in Karbala where he obtained the visa that same day.

On the day [Detainee] departed al-Kut for training in Iran, from al-Kut Garage, [Detainee] and six other men, also going to training, took a GMC car to Amarah. The following men were in the GMC with [Detainee]:

[REDACTED], aka [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], aka [REDACTED], aka [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], aka [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], aka [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], aka [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], aka [REDACTED]

[Detainee] knew [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] prior to the training. [Detainee] recognized Zayn Abu Jihad as being from [Detainee]'s area, but did not know [REDACTED] prior to the training. [Detainee] did not know the other trainees prior to the training.

Each man in the GMC paid 10,000 IZD for the trip from al-Kut to Amarah. [REDACTED] had given each man 100 USD prior to departing on the trip. [REDACTED] had given [REDACTED] the money approximately two days prior to departing on the trip, and [REDACTED] in turn gave the money to the other six men.

When the GMC arrived at the Amarah garage, [REDACTED] called a man at a phone number which [REDACTED] received prior to departing on the trip. An unidentified Iraqi man came to the Amarah garage and took the men to a house. [Detainee] has no knowledge of the location of this house. The unidentified Iraqi man told the group that they would be departing the following day for training in Iran.

When [Detainee] and the other six men arrived at the house there were six or seven other men at the house who were also going to Iran for training. The house was a family house, and there was a family present, but [Detainee] and the others stayed in a living room away from the family. Another unidentified man brought [Detainee] and the others food.

[Detainee] and his group of six, with the other six or seven men from the house in Amarah and 14 other men from Amarah departed the following day for Iran. There were 28 men traveling together for the training.

Someone brought many cars to the house in Amarah, and all of the cars together drove with the 28 men to Mehran.

At Mehran, [Detainee] and the other 27 men departed Iraq with their passports, went through customs, and entered Iran. This occurred without issue.

On the Iran side of the border, [Detainee] and the others waited for approximately an hour or two, and a small car arrived with two or three unidentified men in it. The unidentified men rented cars for the group of 28 men, and told the cars where to go. The cars drove the 28 men to a hotel in Tehran. The drive was through the night, from evening through morning. They arrived in Tehran at dawn. The men spent two days at the hotel in Tehran.

[Detainee] has no knowledge of the name of the hotel in Tehran where the group stayed, or in which neighborhood in Tehran the hotel was located. There was nothing distinctive about the area where the hotel was located; there were no significant landmarks or structures.

The afternoon that [Detainee] and the others arrived in Tehran, ██████ the coordinator for the training in Iran, came to the hotel with an unidentified Iranian interpreter, and talked to the men who had arrived for training.

██████ probably lives in Iran, because he came to the hotel to meet with the men and also visited the training camp twice during the training. [Detainee] saw ██████ on the day the group arrived in Tehran, when the group left for training, and then again at the mid point of the training. ██████ may have also gone to the training camp at the end of the training.

[Detainee] and the other 27 men stayed in the hotel in a large room with two smaller rooms attached.

██████ told the men that they would be going to the training camp. ██████ took photos of all of the men and had them complete a form with personal identifying information.

When ██████ came to the hotel, ██████ spoke mostly with ██████, one of the men from Amarah.

██████ told the men that they were not allowed to leave the hotel and that if they needed anything; any food, any drink, or cigarettes, they could ask the hotel and it would be provided.

Two days after arriving at the hotel, [Detainee] and the others departed the hotel in two Coaster 18 passenger buses. ██████ was at the hotel and directed [Detainee] and the others to get onto the buses, and told them that the drivers knew where to go. The buses departed the hotel at approximately 1000 hours and arrived at the training camp at approximately 1400 or 1500 hours. The bus trip was four or five hours.

The buses may have stopped enroute to the training camp for lunch at a restaurant. During the trip to the training camp, [Detainee] felt like they were going up into the mountains. They passed fields with crops enroute to the camp.

The camp has buildings and rooms and a shooting range a little distance away from the camp.

When they arrived at the camp, the group of 28 men stayed for two days without doing any training. They played football and ate. Three Iranian men [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and an Iranian interpreter brought food for the trainees. No one talked to the trainees during this two day period.

[REDACTED], [REDACTED] wore camouflaged uniforms, but they were not uniform, they were not the same color. There were a total of 12 men working at the training camp.

On the first day of training, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and the Iranian interpreter provided the men with uniforms. The training day commenced with physical fitness training, gymnastics and exercises.