

SUBJECT: REDACTED INTERROGATION REPORT 025

DATE: SPRING 2007-EARLY 2008

SOURCE: DEBRIEFING OF [DETAINEE] UNDER COALITION FORCES CONTROL

UNCLASSIFIED (AS REDACTED)

Summary:

Upon arriving in Tehran, Iran for paramilitary training, [Detainee] and his training group stayed in an unidentified apartment for four days in order to wait for a vacancy to open up for [Detainee]'s group at the training base. [Detainee]'s group had no permission to leave the first apartment and did not leave the apartment for the entire four days. The second apartment in Tehran was used for training and instruction. The first floor of the second apartment was partially below ground level. Therefore, upon entering the stairwell, one set of spiral stairs descended to a small living quarters. The small living quarters housed an Iranian physical training instructor and the Egyptian interpreter. If facing the front of the training apartment building, the aforementioned stairwell is on the left side of the building and an entrance to the Iranian family's living quarters is on the right side of the building. The entrance to the family's living quarters on the right side of the building possibly opened to a set of descending stairs to separate living quarters for the family. [Detainee] did not see inside of the family's living quarters.

For days when they visited the weapons range, [Detainee]'s group traveled on foot, one at a time, with a considerable distance between each individual for reasons of operational security. Each individual traveled approximately 50 meters south on the sidewalk and passed two wide streets on [Detainee]'s left side. Upon traveling 50 meters, [Detainee] encountered an overpass on his right side. The overpass was a walkway over the highway, which ran parallel to the sidewalk in front of [Detainee]'s training apartment. [Detainee]'s group used the overpass to walk over the highway and encountered a Mercedes passenger van waiting for the group on the side of the highway under the overpass.

Approximately 15 individuals were in the passenger van including the driver. The van consisted of 12 trainees, the Iranian physical training instructor, and the Egyptian interpreter. The van traveled south on the main highway for approximately five minutes at a rate of approximately 50 miles per hour. The van crossed an electric rail car track and took an immediate right on a paved road. The van traveled in and out of avenues in a zigzag pattern, but continued in a westerly direction. The van passed three military bases on [Detainee]'s right side throughout the travel west. The van traveled approximately one and a half hours until [Detainee]'s group reached the city limit, characterized by agricultural areas. After another one and a half hours of driving, the van entered the highway connecting to the Imam Riza Shrine in Mashhad, Iran. The van traveled west, which is the opposite direction of the Imam Riza Shrine.

The van containing [Detainee]'s group, the Iranian physical training instructor, and the Egyptian interpreter, traveled west for approximately five minutes through an agricultural area until [Detainee]'s group took a left and began to travel east, in the opposite direction, for approximately 30 minutes. [Detainee] observed mountains on his right side. The van also passed six to seven abandoned military bases with radar towers on the left side. After thirty minutes of travel, the van took a right on to a bumpy road and waited there for approximately five minutes while the Iranian physical fitness instructor made a phone call. At this point, mountains surrounded the van. Five minutes following the phone call, a white Iranian police land cruiser appeared in order to escort the van to the weapons range. The Iranian police land cruiser had a green horizontal line along the side of it with an unidentified badge on the door.

The van needed an escort because [Detainee]'s group was in a currently active Iranian military training area. The weapons range appeared after five minutes of bumpy driving. The weapons range is possibly an active weapons range for the military because [Detainee] could hear jet planes flying overhead.

[Detainee]'s group traveled the exact same route to return to the training apartment from the weapons range. [Detainee]'s group did not deviate from the aforementioned route throughout his time in Tehran.

While on the bus with several other unidentified Iranian civilians en route to the Imam Riza Shrine in Mashhad, an unidentified member of [Detainee]'s group convinced the bus driver to insert a JAM propaganda video in the bus DVD player. The civilian bus patrons looked confused because the video was in Arabic, and when several clips of IED's blowing up CF military vehicles appeared on the screens, the civilian passengers started to inquire if the vehicles were American. An argument ensued between members of [Detainee]'s group and some civilian passengers about the appropriateness of showing the video. After roughly five minutes of viewing, the bus driver shut the video off.