CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2002	EVENT
	[redacted] arrives in [redacted]
	[redacted] arrives in [redacted]
September [redacted]	[redacted] operational as interrogation/detention facility; receives first detainee. COBALT
September [redacted]	[redacted] receives eight detainees. [redacted] writes in cable, "[redacted] officers are present daily and have the maximum possible degree of control." COBALT
October [redacted]	Gul Rahman is apprehended in Pakistan.
	Psychologist (C) Bruce Jessen arrives in [redacted]
	Physician's Assistant [redacted] arrives in [redacted]
	(Approximate) [redacted] first goes to [redacted] COBALT
November [redacted]	Rahman is rendered to [redacted] COBALT
	[redacted] and Jessen interview Rahman.
November [redacted]	[redacted] and Jessen interview Rahman.
	(Approximate) Rahman given cold shower.
	Rahman is subjected to Hard Takedown.
November [redacted]	(Approximate) Rahman's pants removed.
COBALT	(Approximate) Counterterrorist Center supervisor visits [redacted] Rahman wearing only socks and diaper; supervisor has concern regarding hypothermia.
	[redacted] cable reports Rahman subjected to 48 hours of sleep deprivation, rough treatment, cold shower and other measures but remained noncompliant. [redacted] requests Headquarters consider planning for alternative interrogation measures.
November [redacted]	[redacted] cable reports Rahman is uncooperative

2002	EVENT	
November [redacted]	Rahman admits identity during interrogation with [redacted] Jessen, [redacted] Rahman will be reinterviewed on [redacted] November. Cable notes Rahman had been subjected to cold conditions and minimum food and sleep, and he was confused due to dehydration and fatigue.	
November [redacted]	Bureau of Prisons officers arrive [redacted] training program for [redacted] guards begins and runs until [redacted] November.	
	Psychologist (C) James Mitchell arrives [redacted]	
November [redacted]	[redacted] concurs with Headquarters proposal to send newly graduated interrogators to [redacted]	COBALT
	Headquarters requests psychological assessment and assessment on interrogation measures to render Rahman compliant.	
	Jessen conducts psychological captivity assessment on Rahman; Jessen's sixth session with Rahman.	
	(Approximate) [redacted] sees Rahman at [redacted] but does not examine him.	COBALT
	(Approximate) [redacted] guard commander reports that Rahman told the guards he would kill them or have them killed after his release.	
November [redacted]	Mitchell, Jessen, and [redacted] depart [redacted]	
November [redacted]	[redacted] cable recommends future use of continued environmental deprivations with interrogations 18 out of 24 hours daily.	
	Rahman given second cold shower.	
November [redacted] to November [redacted]	[redacted] PA provides follow-up care at [redacted] to certain detainees, but not Rahman.	COBALT
November [redacted]	(Approximate) Linguist [redacted] questions [redacted] about the temperature at which hypothermia occurs.	
	(Afternoon) [redacted] last sees Rahman alive, gives him sweatshirt.	

2002	EVENT
	2100 hrs - Rahman consumes last meal; hand restraints removed.
November [redacted]	[redacted] returns to [redacted]
	1500 hrs – Rahman provided food; throws food and bucket and threatens guards. 1530 hrs – Guard informs [redacted] of incident. [redacted] directs guards to replace Rahman's hand restraints.
	Late afternoon – [redacted] informs two officers at [redacted] COBALT about Rahman's conduct.
	2200 hrs – guard check – Rahman is alive.
	2300 hrs – guard check – Rahman is alive.
November [redacted]	0400 hrs – guard check – Rahman is alive.
	0800 hrs – guard check – Rahman is alive.
	1000 hrs – guard check – Rahman is dead.
	1200 hrs – Bureau of Prisons officers depart [redacted]
	[redacted] cable reports chronology of events connected with the death of Rahman.
November [redacted]	[redacted] cable describes [redacted] medical support to detainees in [redacted] custody. Reports all detainees have been cooperative with medical personnel except Rahman.
November [redacted]	DO Investigative Team arrives at [redacted]
November [redacted]	Pathologist conducts autopsy.

6 days after Mitchell and Jessen depart

~~TOP SECRET/~~ [redacted] ~~/NF~~

(~~TS/~~[redacted]~~/NF~~) Role of Mitchell, Jessen, and Associates in CTC/[redacted] RDG program

(TS/[redacted]/NF) Background: A/OGC requested background information on the role of Mitchell, Jessen, and Associates in the CTC/[redacted] RDG program, in anticipation of a briefing for Senator Levin on 20 June. CTC[redacted] RDG provides the following information for A/OGC's review.

(TS/[redacted]/NF) CTC[redacted] RDG determined the need to contract an outside source of professional expertise in the area of human exploitation, interrogation, and management of terrorist High Value Detainees (HVDs) in ways that facilitate intelligence collection. Trained and experienced pools of experts necessary to carry out the exploitation mission do not reside in CIA, nor is it considered part of CIA's core mission. Mitchell, Jessen, and Associates (MJA), established in March 2005 by Drs. James E. Mitchell and J. Bruce Jessen, was granted a sole source contract to support CTC's rendition, detention, and interrogation program.

(TS/[redacted]/NF) CTC[redacted] RDG has primarily relied since its inception on contract interrogators to provide the necessary skills in human influence and exploitation to elicit information from resistant HVD's. Ph.D psychologists, Drs. Mitchell and Jessen played a significant and formative role in the development of CTC's detention and interrogation program and continue to lead in the development of additional psychologically-based strategies to collect threat and actionable intelligence from HVDs in a manner that does not violate any federal law, the US Constitution, or any US treaty obligation. They have been instrumental in training and mentoring other CIA interrogators and debriefers, and many of the current successes in obtaining information from detainees who are actively trying to withhold or distort it, are due to the interrogations conducted by Drs. Mitchell and Jessen.

[redacted]

~~TOP SECRET/~~ [redacted] ~~//NF~~

(~~TS/~~ [redacted] ~~/NF~~) CTC/ [redacted] therefore sought a sole source contract with MJA to provide the critical interrogation, and security exploitation skills necessary to perform this mission. To date, MJA provides 100 percent of the security exploitation personnel operating at CIA's Blacksites, and approximately 80 percent of CIA's interrogators [redacted] of the [redacted] current interrogators do not work for MJA). Most of the current security exploitation specialists now working for MJA on this contract are former [redacted] officers who had experience working CTC/RDG's program when [redacted] provided the security support. Finally, MJA is also contracted to provide security support to RDG rendition missions, which is separate from the exploitation security specialist role.

(~~TS/~~ [redacted] ~~/NF~~) Drawing on their complete understanding of this compartmented program, as well as their unique background, experiences, practices, and continued covert influence strategy research, MJA is also responsible for developing and providing, as directed by RDG, [redacted]

(~~TS/~~ [redacted] ~~/NF~~) MJA provides approximately [redacted] personnel in direct support of the RDG mission. This includes [redacted] interrogators, [redacted] security exploitation specialists, [redacted] training officers [redacted] operating out of RDG Hqs spaces, and [redacted] specialists (who work primarily for [redacted] vice RDG.) RDG currently employs [redacted] staff officers; 1 who serves as a Blacksite manager, and the rest in Hqs management, support, facilities, or desk officer positions. RDG also employs other, non-MJA contract assistance at both Hqs and Blacksites, which are limited to support and debriefer roles.

(~~TS/~~ [redacted] ~~/NF~~) MJA, on this contract, also provides interrogation resistance training at their Spokane facility to other [redacted] components such CTC [redacted]

(~~TS~~ [redacted] ~~NF~~) Bottomline: MJA is critical to the continued success of RDG's rendition, detention and interrogation program. MJA provides the vast majority of interrogators, provides all/all the security exploitation specialists responsible for handling detainees at Blacksites, in consultation with RDG develops and conducts the necessary training to ensure both interrogators and exploitation specialists are properly trained, and prepared to effectively operate in the field, and is responsible for continuing to research and develop new influence strategies as interrogation tools, to help obviate the need for physical pressures. They also play a significant role in providing resistance training to other [redacted] MJA is a cornerstone for the success of the RDG mission.

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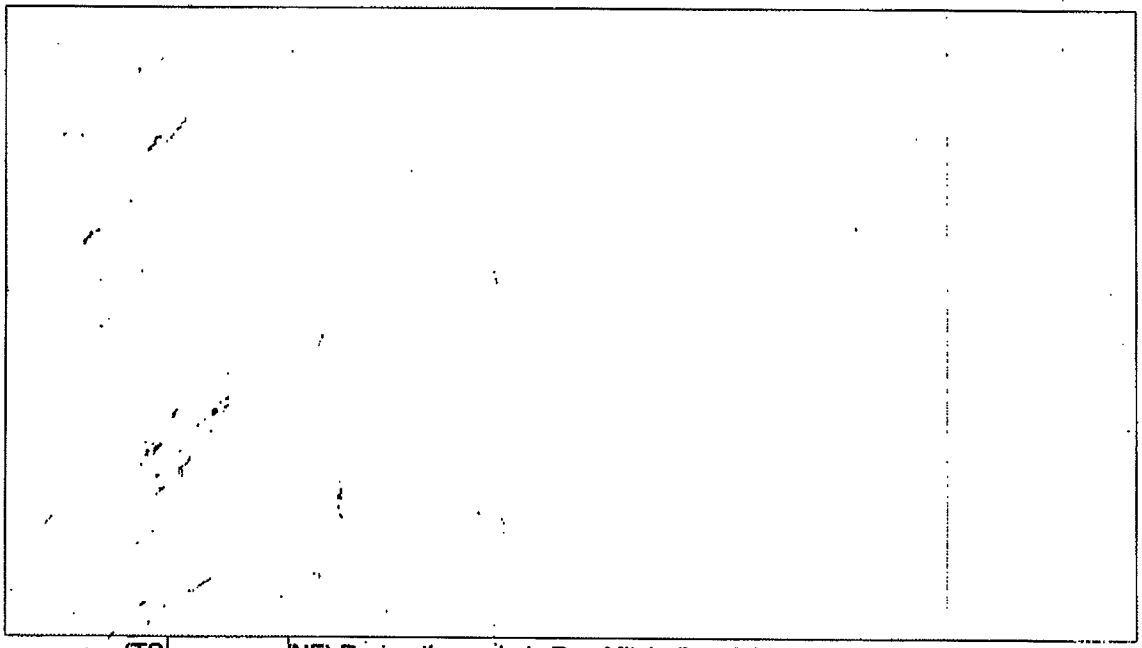
1. How much has the CIA paid Mitchell and Jessen since 2002?

(~~TS~~ [redacted] ~~NF~~) Dr. James Mitchell was paid a total of $1,459,601.43 as an independent contractor (IC) to the CIA from FY 2001 to FY 2005. This included services to the Directorate of Science and Technology and to the CTC Renditions, Detentions and Interrogations Program (RDI). Costs from FY 2001 through FY 2005 include payment for research and development as well as operational services.

(~~TS~~ [redacted] ~~NF~~) Dr. J. Bruce Jessen was paid a total of $1,204,550.42 as an IC to the CIA from FY 2002 to FY 2005. This included services to the Directorate of Science and Technology and to the CTC/RDI. Costs from FY 2002 thru FY 2005 include payment for research and development as well as operational services.

(~~TS~~ [redacted] ~~NF~~) During FY 2005, Drs. Mitchell and Jessen formed Mitchell, Jessen, and Associates (MJA) ending their role as independent contractors. In addition to continuing the provision of professional services by Drs. Mitchell and Jessen, MJA provided qualified interrogators, detainee security officers for CIA detention sites, and curriculum development and training services for the RDI program. MJA also provided training services for other CTC/SMD elements unrelated to the RDI program. From FY 2005 through 23 January 2009, MJA was paid a total of $71,968,923.90.



(~~TS~~ [redacted] ~~NF~~) During the periods Drs. Mitchell and Jessen, and later MJA, were associated with the CTC/RDI program, the program provided intelligence to disrupt terrorist plots, remove terrorist leaders from the battlefield, and deny AQ a safe haven in which to plan and train. [redacted] CIA assesses that most, if not all, of the timely intelligence acquired from detainees in this program would not have been discovered or reported by any other means.

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~~(TS~~ [redacted] ~~/NF)~~ High Value Detainees (HVDs) in the RDI program also allowed us to confirm reporting from other clandestine sources, and helped connect fragmentary information, such as special intelligence, cyber collection, and media and computer exploitation. Over 90 percent of the disseminated reporting obtained from the RDI program was passed to foreign liaison service partners, assisting them in the prevention and disruption of plots and enabling the capture of other terrorists. Below are some of the key captures, disrupted plots, and intelligence gained from HVDs in the RDI program.

Key Captures:
- The unraveling of Jemah Islamiya (JI) and the network of AQ senior associate Hambali; **(Is this a capture?)**
- The arrest of Dhiren Barot (aka Issa al-Hindi) in the United Kingdom;
- Identifying the "other" shoe bomber – Sajid Badat;
- The arrest of Jose Padilla and Binyam Muhammed;
- The arrest of Iyman Faris.

Major Plots Disrupted:
- The West Coast Airliner Plot;
- Heathrow Airport Plot;
- The Karachi Plots;
- Plots in the Saudi Peninsula.

2. Is Mitchell, Jessen and Associates currently under contract?

~~(S//NF)~~ Yes, a decision has been made to exercise the final option year of the contract, beginning 2 March 2009, with a planned significant reduction in the requirements and cost.

3. If they are currently under contract how much will CIA pay for their contract for this fiscal year?

~~(S//NF)~~ The actual cost of the contract in FY 2009 is currently unknown. The scope and value of the contract are largely dependent on the decommissioning of the existing facilities, the plans for which are currently under review. We do expect a significant reduction in FY 2009 from previous years but the exact contract cost is as yet unknown.

~~TOP SECRET~~ [redacted] ~~NF~~

~~TOP SECRET//~~ [redacted] ~~NOFORN//MR~~

MJA
(Mitchell, Jessen & Associates)

CTC [redacted] has contracted with MJA, a company started by two PhD SERE psychologists James Mitchell and Bruce Jessen, to provide unique support and services to [redacted] CTC, and the Agency.

This effort has six broad objectives.

- The first objective is to ensure CTC and CIA senior management access to senior-level professionals with the prerequisite depth of psychological expertise and operational experience required to provide sound, actionable advice and recommendations on program development and operational efforts to obtain critical, time sensitive intelligence from high value sources who may be trying to distort or withhold information.

- The second objective is to provide the Sponsor with the depth of professional psychological expertise and operational experience required to provide operational consultation and support to the Sponsor's on-going operational efforts to extract actionable intelligence from sources that may be actively trying to withhold or distort information. One of MJA's first tasks is to recruit and train **CTC** [redacted] **RDG** [redacted]

[redacted]

- The third objective is to provide the Sponsor with the depth of professional expertise and operational experience required to:

[redacted]

(c) Provide consultation on the short and long-term management of detainees in ways that facilitate intelligence collection.

- The fourth objective is to provide the Sponsor with a cadre of operationally deployable personnel with critical skill sets who can augment or mentor (Sponsor) personnel in efforts to obtain intelligence from sources who may be attempting to distort or withhold such information. The cadre shall include operational psychologists and interrogators who can augment C.I.A. personnel.

~~TOP SECRET~~ [redacted] ~~NOFORN//MR~~

- The fifth objective is to place on contract a capability to provide interrogation, resistance to interrogation, and exploitation training to personnel identified by the Sponsor. The Contractor shall provide training personnel and secure facilities for training that can be used to provide training on topics and skills required to support on-going operational requirements.

[redacted]

Beginning in March 2002, Dr.s Mitchell and Jessen were instrumental in the development of the very successful CTC [redacted] RDG Detention and Interrogation Program. Because of their unique talents, experience, and expertise, [redacted] expanded their roles to support the activities in the other [redacted] Groups as well as the Center. In addition to their critical activities in RDG, Mitchell and Jessen (now MJA) are also involved in the following activities:

- Recruited [redacted] highly trained and experienced MJA contract interrogators to insure we have the required capability resident at each Blacksite. Furthermore, they have established an on-going meticulous and rigorous interrogation training and certification program with follow-up refresher courses.

[redacted]

- Provide high-level briefings to the 7th floor.

[redacted]

The requirements we have levied on MJA are purposely very broad and diverse. However, MJA has the background and networking required to recruit the unique talent and experience to meet our needs. The current MJA contract calls for a one year base with 4 options years.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM:
CHIEF, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE EVALUATION BRANCH
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SUBJECT: RAHMAN DEATH INVESTIGATION - INTERVIEW OF JOHN B. JESSEN

ON JANUARY 2003, I INTERVIEWED JOHN BRUCE JESSEN REGARDING THE DEATH OF GUL RAHMAN. JESSEN IS A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST EMPLOYED BY CIA AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. JESSEN WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE INTERROGATION OF GUL RAHMAN.

JESSEN HAS A PHD IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND SPENT 20 YEARS ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE US AIR FORCE. WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH USAF, JESSEN WORKED AS A PSYCHOLOGIST WITH THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY AGENCY. AFTER LEAVING ACTIVE DUTY WITH USAF, JESSEN WENT TO WORK DOD AS A CIVILIAN PSYCHOLOGIST. WHILE EMPLOYED BY DOD, HE SERVED AS THE SENIOR PSYCHOLOGIST FOR THE SURVIVAL, EVASION, RESISTANCE, AND ESCAPE (SERE) PROGRAM. ONE OF THE THINGS JESSEN WAS INVOLVED WITH IN THIS PROGRAM WAS THE INTERROGATION OF PRISONERS. DURING THIS PERIOD, JESSEN HAD CONTACT WITH CIA THROUGH DOD ON CAPTIVITY RELATED ISSUES. JESSEN STATED THAT HE WORKED FOR DOD FOR EIGHT YEARS. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED BY JOSE RODRIGUEZ, C/CTC AND ASKED TO COME TO WORK FOR CIA ON A SPECIAL PROJECT. JESSEN BEGAN WORK FOR CIA ON 20 JUL 2002.

JESSEN STATED THAT HIS DUTIES AT CIA HAVE INVOLVED THE INTERROGATION

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OF HIGH AND MEDIUM VALUE TERRORIST TARGETS (HVT, MVT). JESSEN STATED THAT HE HAS INTERROGATED PRISONERS AT [redacted] AND [redacted] JESSEN IS INVOLVED IN THE USE OF ENHANCED INTERROGATION METHODS. JESSEN STATED THAT FOR THE MOST PART THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE PRISONER WHO HAS BEEN RECEIVING ENHANCED INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES; HOWEVER, RECENTLY ONE MORE PRISONER BEGAN RECEIVING THIS TREATMENT.

JESSEN STATED THAT HIS FIRST TRIP [redacted] WAS IN NOVEMBER 2002.
COBALT JESSEN STATED THAT HE WAS AT [redacted] UNTIL HE RECEIVED A MESSAGE ASKING HIM TO PROCEED TO [redacted] TO LOOK AT A FEW PRISONERS. GUL RAHMAN WAS NOT ONE OF THESE PRISONERS. [redacted] JESSEN STATED THAT HE WAS ASKED TO LOOK AT THE PRISONERS TO DETERMINE IF THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR ENHANCED INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES. JESSEN STATED THAT [redacted] TURNED OUT BE BE PRETTY COOPERATIVE.

JESSEN STATED THAT HE DEPARTED [redacted] ON [redacted] OCTOBER 2002 AND WENT THROUGH [redacted] CIRCA [redacted] NOV 2002. JESSEN COULD NOT RECALL IF RAHMAN WAS THERE WHEN HE INITIALLY ARRIVED, BUT HE THINKS HE RAHMAN ARRIVED SHORTLY THEREAFTER. JESSEN RECALLED THAT HE WAS GETTING ORIENTED TO [redacted] WHEN RAHMAN ARRIVED. JESSEN STATED THAT HE WAS NOT PART OF RAHMAN'S RENDITION. HE STAYED [redacted] APPROXIMATELY 2 1/2 WEEKS.

JESSEN COULD NOT RECALL THE DATE HE FIRST HAD CONTACT WITH RAHMAN, BUT HE DID REMEMBER THAT PEOPLE IN THE STATION WERE VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT THEY HAD SOMEONE WHO WAS GOING TO HAVE SOME GOOD INFORMATION. [redacted] [redacted] SPOKE TO JESSEN ABOUT RAHMAN AT SOME POINT. [redacted] JESSEN STATED THAT [redacted] ASKED HIM ABOUT INTERROGATING THE GUY. UPON REFLECTION, JESSEN STATED THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN THERE FOR RAHMAN'S FIRST INTERROGATION, BUT THAT [redacted] ACTUALLY DID THE INTERROGATION. [redacted] AND JESSEN CONSULTED ABOUT THE INTERROGATION BEFOREHAND. JESSEN STATED THAT THEY COLLABORATED ON SOME OF THE APPROACHES HE MIGHT WANT TO-TAKE WITH RAHMAN. JESSEN STATED THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN THERE FROM THE START OF RAHMAN'S INTERROGATIONS, BUT HE DIDN'T BEGIN INTERROGATING UNTIL LATER BECAUSE HE WAS WORKING WITH THE OTHER PRISONERS. JESSEN STATED THAT HE LISTENED IN ON ONE OF THE EARLY INTERROGATIONS CONDUCTED BY [redacted] AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT, HE STATED THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN THE FIRST INTERROGATION. JESSEN STATED THAT HE SAT BEHIND [redacted] DURING THE FIRST INTERROGATION WHILE [redacted] CONDUCTED IT.

WHEN DESCRIBING RAHMAN'S PHYSICAL APPEARANCE DURING THE FIRST INTERROGATION, JESSEN INITIALLY STATED THAT HE WAS WEARING PAJAMAS OR SWEATPANTS. AFTER SOME REFLECTION HE STATED, "HE MAY HAVE JUST HAD A DIAPER ON." JESSEN STATED THAT RAHMAN HAD CLOTHES ON AND OFF AS PART OF WHAT THEY WERE DOING TO HIM. JESSEN STATED THAT HE COULD NOT REMEMBER SPECIFICALLY WHAT HE WAS WEARING. SOMETIMES HE WOULD HAVE A BLANKET. IN TERMS OF HIS PHYSICAL APPEARANCE, HE DID LOOK ROBUST. HE DID LOOK TIRED, BUT HIS POSTURE WAS PRETTY GOOD, PRETTY COMPOSED.

JESSEN REVIEWED THE CABLE RECOUNTING THE FIRST TWO INTERROGATIONS. JESSEN STATED THAT THE CABLE IS PRETTY MUCH WHAT HE RECALLS. JESSEN SAID HE GAVE [redacted] MANY OF THE BULLETS THAT WERE USED IN THE CABLE. JESSEN STATED THAT [redacted] WAS A CAPABLE GUY, BUT HE REALLY HADN'T DONE THIS KIND [redacted] OF THING BEFORE. JESSEN STATED THAT HE PROVIDED [redacted] WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF WHAT [redacted] WAS ALREADY NOTICING.

JESSEN STATED THAT HE HAD GENERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH [redacted] OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. JESSEN STATED THAT RAHMAN WAS OBVIOUSLY A VERY TOUGH CHARACTER. IT APPEARED TO US THAT HE WAS SMARTER THAN HE WAS LETTING ON. THE INTERPRETOR SAID HIS LANGUAGE WAS GOOD SUGGESTING A LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION THAT WAS A LITTLE HIGHER THAN HE WAS PORTRAYING. JESSEN STATED THAT RAHMAN COULD HAVE BEEN SIMPLY AN INNATELY BRIGHT PERSON. UNFORTUNATELY, THE INTERROGATION WAS GOING NOWHERE. RAHMAN WAS NOT EVEN ADMITTING TO HIS NAME DESPITE A PREPONDERANCE OF INFORMATION. JESSEN NEVER SAW [redacted] USE AGGRESSIVE OR HOSTILE INTERROGATION ON HIM. IT WAS ALL BUSINESSLIKE, BUT IT DIDN'T GO ANYWHERE. JESSEN STATED THAT ONE TIME HE INTERROGATED RAHMAN BY HIMSELF AND SLAPPED HIM. JESSEN DESCRIBED IT AS AN INSULT SLAP. JESSEN STATED THAT HE FELT HE LOST MORE GROUND THAN HE GAINED. JESSEN COMMENTED THAT SOME PEOPLE CAN BE INTIMIDATED, BUT WITH OTHERS IT SIMPLY BOLSTERS THEIR RESISTANCE. JESSEN AND [redacted] MADE THE DECISION AT THAT TIME NOT TO USE THAT TYPE OF TECHNIQUE WITH RAHMAN. JESSEN AND [redacted] TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT RAHMAN WOULD NEED PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DEPRIVATION TO WEAR HIM DOWN SO HE WOULD HOPEFULLY BE MORE COOPERATIVE. JESSEN MADE SOME SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO [redacted] NOT AFTER THE FIRST INTERROGATION, AND PUT A RECOMMENDED PLAN IN A CABLE. JESSEN RECALLED STATING SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT OF, "IT WASN'T GOING TO HAPPEN FAST, HE IS PHYSICALLY STRONG, HITTING HIM ISN'T GOING TO DO ANY GOOD. YOU HAVE TO WEAR HIM DOWN PHYSICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY. HAMMER HIM CONSISTENTLY WITH THE FACTS. IT WOULD TAKE ONE TO SEVERAL MONTHS TO GET HIM TO A LEVEL OF COOPERATION."

JESSEN STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE SLEEP DEPRIVATION STARTED RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING.

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JESSEN STATED THAT [redacted] DID A GREAT JOB SETTING UP [redacted] [redacted] DID NOT HAVE A VETTED PROTOCAL LIKE [redacted] JESSEN SPOKE ABOUT THAT WITH [redacted] AND A FEW PEOPLE IN HIS "FOOD CHAIN." JESSEN SPOKE ABOUT ESTABLISHING PROTOCOLS TO PROTECT [redacted] THE PRISONERS, AND ENSURE THAT THINGS WENT ACCORDING TO HOYLE. [redacted] JESSEN USED THE EXAMPLE OF HARD TAKEDOWNS THAT THEY USE TO SCARE A GUY. JESSEN STATED THAT IT WAS A GOOD TECHNIQUE, BUT THESE KINDS OF THINGS NEED TO BE WRITTEN DOWN AND CODIFIED WITH A STAMP OF APPROVAL OR YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIABLE. ALSO, IF YOU DON'T HAVE PARAMETERS OF WHAT YOU CAN AND CANNOT DO, YOU WILL TEND TO DRIFT. JESSEN ALSO STATED THAT WE HAVE [redacted] GUARDS WHO ARE.DOING A GOOD JOB [redacted]

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JESSEN STATED THAT HAD A GOOD COURSE OF ACTION, BUT NOT IN TERMS OF WRITTEN GUIDELINES. JESSEN STATED THAT HE HAD PLANNED TO DO THAT FOR BUT GOT PULLED OUT BEFORE HE COULD BEGIN. JESSEN STATED THAT WAS GOING TO PRODUCE SOME WRITTEN PROTOCOLS. JESSEN STATED THAT HE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THOSE OFFICERS WHO WERE IN TRAINING AT HEADQUARTERS IN INTERROGATION, SHOULD GO TO FOR OJT. COBALT

WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE TIMING OF RAHMAN'S LOSS OF CLOTHING, JESSEN STATED THAT RAHMAN HAD CLOTHING AND DIDN'T HAVE CLOTHING PERPETUALLY WHILE HE WAS THERE. RAHMAN HAD HIS CLOTHING WHEN HE ARRIVED, BUT IT WAS LONG THEREAFTER THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE THEM. HE WENT BACK AND FORTH. USED HIS CLOTHING A FEW TIMES TO TRY TO MANIPULATE AND MOTIVATE RAHMAN. JESSEN STATED THAT HE JUST COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFICALLY WHEN HE DID OR DID NOT HAVE HIS CLOTHING. JESSEN RECALLED THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE CLOTHING MORE THAN HE DID HAVE CLOTHING. USUALLY WHEN HE DIDN'T HAVE CLOTHING, HE HAD A BLANKET. JESSEN STATED THAT ONCE THE GUARDS HAD GIVEN RAHMAN A COLD SHOWER AS A DEPRIVATION TECHNIQUE. JESSEN ADDED THAT "IT WAS PRETTY DARN COLD THERE." RAHMAN WAS SHAKING A SHOWING THE EARLY STAGES OF HYPOTHERMIA. JESSEN ORDERED THE GUARDS TO GIVE HIM A BLANKET. JESSEN BELIEVES THAT RAHMAN MAY HAVE BEEN NUDE WHEN HE CAME FROM RENDITION WHICH IS NOT THAT UNCOMMON. JESSEN RECALLS THAT RAHMAN WAS WITHOUT CLOTHES VERY EARLY ON IN HIS INCARCERATION.

JESSEN STATED THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF FOCUS ON THIS GUY. HE BECAME THEIR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.

JESSEN STATED THAT THE GUARDS WERE VERY FIRM AND DIRECT WITH ALL PRISONERS. RAHMAN ONCE THREATENED TO KILL THE GUARDS. THE GUARDS LAUGHED AT HIS THREATS WHEN JESSEN ASKED THEM TO PUT A BLANKET ON HIM AFTER HIS COLD SHOWER, THEY DID.

JESSEN STATED THAT AFTER HE LEARNED THAT RAHMAN HAD THREATENED THE GUARDS, HE DID PAY ATTENTION TO HOW THEY TREATED HIM,

JESSEN STATED THAT WHEN THE GUARDS GOT THE BOP TRAINING, THEY SEEMED PRETTY SWITCHED ON. WHEN GAVE THEM INSTRUCTIONS THEY ALWAYS CARRIED THEM OUT.

UPON QUERY, JESSEN DESCRIBED A "HARD TAKEDOWN." JESSEN STATED THAT IF A DETAINEE IS STRONG AND RESILIENT, YOU HAVE TO ESTABLISH CONTROL IN

SOMEWAY OR YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANYWHERE. IF BOUND BY THE GENEVA CONVENTION, THIS PERSON WOULD NOT BREAK. YOU HAVE TO TRY DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES TO GET HIM TO OPEN UP. ONE OF THE TECHNIQUES IS ROUGH, THREATENING TREATMENT. TREATMENT SHOULD NEVER BE TO THE POINT THAT YOU HURT SOMEONE PHYSICALLY WHERE YOU INTERFERE WITH YOUR ABILITY TO GET INFORMATION, BUT YOU WANT TO INSTILL FEAR AND DESPAIR.

JESSEN STATED THAT SOMEONE LIKE RAHMAN IS JUST "TOO DAMN TOUGH." IF YOU WANT TO SEE IF ITS GOING TO WORK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO USE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT CONTROLLED THREAT, THE INDUCEMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL THREAT, NOT JUST PHYSICAL PAIN. THIS IS DONE BY SCREAMING AND YELLING, MAKING THREATS, SLAPPING, WALLING, AND HARD TAKEDOWNS.

JESSEN STATED THAT HE WATCHED A HARD TAKEDOWN ON GUL RAHMAN. IT WAS FORCEFUL, BUT THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING. IT WAS DONE BY CIA'S RENDITIONS TEAM. HE WAS IN HIS CELL, HE WAS INITIALLY CHAINED OVERHEAD FOR SEVERAL DAYS. AS AN ASIDE, JESSEN STATED THAT HE WAS A VERY TOUGH GUY. JESSEN STATED THAT HE WENT IN TO SEE HIM AFTER A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME AND HE HAD NOT HAD MUCH TO DRINK. WHEN ASKED IF HE WAS OKAY HE REPLIED, "FINE." WHEN RAHMAN WAS ASKED IF HE NEEDED ANYTHING, HE SAID, "NO, I'M FINE." THE RENDITIONS TEAM REHEASED THERE ROLES BEFORE CONDUCTING THE TAKEDOWN. THE ALL HAD A ROLE AND KNEW WHAT THEY WRERE GOING TO DO. JESSEN STATED THAT HE WAS WATCHING. [redacted] HAD ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS. JESSEN STATED THAT HE DOESN'T USE THIS AT ANY OF HIS FACILITIES. JESSEN STATED THAT THEY ENTERED RAHMAN'S CELL SCREAMING AND YELLING FOR HIM TO "GET DOWN." THEY DRAGGED HIM OUTSIDE AND CUT HIS CLOTHES OFF OF HIM. THEY SECURED HIM WITH MYLAR TAPE AND PUT A HOOD OVER HIS HEAD. THEY RAN HIM UP AND DOWN THE LONG CORRIDOR ADJACENT TO HIS CELL. THEY SLAPPED HIM AND PUNCHED HIM SEVERAL TIMES. ALTHOUGH IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THEY WERE NOT TRYING TO HIM HIM AS HARD AS THEY COULD, IT WAS SOMETIMES PRETTY FORCEFUL. A COUPLE OF TIMES A HE STUMBLED AND WAS DRAGGED ALONG THE GROUND. HE HAD ABRASIONS ON HIS HEAD AND LEG. HE LOOKED LIKE HE HAD RECEIVED A "HARD TAKEDOWN' WHEN IT WAS OVER. HE HAD CRUSTY CONTUSIONS ON HIS FACE, LEG, AND HANDS. NOTHING THAT REQUIRED TREATMENT. HE WAS PLACED BACK IN HIS CELL. [redacted] MAY HAVE SAID SOMETHING TO HIM. [redacted] THIS HAPPENED EARLY, AFTER ONLY 2-3 INTERROGATIONS.

[redacted] JESSEN STATED THAT THE USE OF SLEEP DEPRIVATION WITH RAHMAN STARTED VERY EARLY. THE SLEEP DEPRIVATION WAS CONSISTENT FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS. HE WAS CHAINED TO THE OVERHEAD BAR IN HIS CELL. HE WAS WITHOUT HIS CLOTHS MORE THAN HE WAS WITH THEM. WE GAVE HIM SOME CLOTHS AFTER HE ADMITTED HE WAS RAHMAN. PEOPLE CAN GO HUNDREDS OF HOURS WITH SLEEP DEPRIVATION AND NOT HAVE ILL EFFECTS. IT WEAKENS YOUR ABILITY TO RESIST AND MUSTER THAT ENERGY TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST WHAT IS GOING ON. IT'S A GREAT TECHNIQUE TO USE AND DOESN'T HURT ANYONE. FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN, SLEEP DEPRIVATION, WITH A FRIENDLY APPROACH MIXED IN ARE THE BEST TECHNIQUES. YOU CAN USE THIS ALMOST INDEFINITELY AND NOT HURT ANYONE. STANDING WITH

YOUR HANDS CUFFED OVER A BAR, YOU CAN'T DO THAT FOREVER. THEY DIDN'T LEAVE RAHMAN CHAINED TO THE OVERHEAD BAR TOO LONG, THEY WOULD LET HIM DOWN. SOME DAYS [redacted] INTERROGATED RAHMAN TWICE A DAY, SOME DAYS ONCE, AND SOME DAYS NOT AT ALL. [redacted] HAD A LOT OR WORK ON HIS PLATE. HE WAS RUNNING [redacted] HE WAS COMPLETELY SNOWED UNDER WITH WORK. [redacted] WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD. THAT'S WHY WE RECOMMENDED THAT [redacted] COBALT [redacted] SO WE COULD HAVE MULTIPLE PEOPLE WORK ON SOME OF THE PRISONERS ALL THE TIME.

JESSEN STATED THAT RAHMAN WOULD HAVE LOST HIS CLOTHES AND DIAPER AT OUR DIRECTION. THE GUARDS WERE NOT DOING THINGS ON THEIR OWN. THEY WERE VERY ATTENTIVE TO WHAT [redacted] TOLD THEM TO DO. [redacted]

JESSEN DESCRIBED [redacted] AS VERY BRIGHT AND MOTIVATED. HE HAS GOOD INTUITION AND HIS INTERROGATION SKILLS ARE GETTING BETTER. HE SET UP [redacted] COBALT IN A GOOD WAY. HE WAS DOING A GOOD JOB WITH THE GUARD FORCE AND WAS VERY LEVEL HEADED. HE DID NOT DO THINGS IN A REACTIVE WAY-HE IS VERY MEASURED. JESSEN SAID HE WAS THE GUY WITH ALL THE TRICKS BUT HE COULD TELL THAT [redacted] WAS RUNNING ALL OF HIS SUGGESTIONS THROUGH HIS "BULLSHIT FILTER." FOR AN MVT FACILITY, THE ATMOSPHERE WAS VERY GOOD. NASTY, BUT SAFE. FOR SOMEONE WHO HAD NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE, JESSEN SAID HE DID NOT SEE ANY HICCUPS IN SECURITY OR PRISONER SAFETY. JESSEN QUIPPED THAT THEY CHECKED PEOPLE MORE THOROUGHLY AT THE PRISON THAN THEY DID TO GET ON THE STATION COMPOUND. [redacted] THE GUARD COMMANDER, SEEMED TO BE AN INTELLIGENT AND MOTIVATED PERSON. HE SEEMED TO WORK WELL WITH [redacted] JESSEN SAYS HE TOLD [redacted] THAT HE DID A GOOD JOB PUTTING THINGS TOGETHER.

[redacted] JESSEN SAID THERE WERE SOME WEAKNESSES AT THE FACILITY. JESSEN BELIEVED THAT YOU NEEDED SOME DISINTERESTED PARTY IN THERE WHOSE JOB IT WAS TO WATCH THE PEOPLE DOING THEIR WORK. YOU NEED TO ESTABLISH OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR EVERYTHING. YOU HAVE TO DEVELOP WRITTEN PROCEDURES FOR HOW OFTEN THEY GET WATER, THE TEMPERATURE OF THE FACILITY, HOW LOUD THE NOISE WILL BE. THE GUARD FORCE HAS TO HAVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES ON HOW TO HANDLE AND MOVE PEOPLE. YOU GOT TO HAVE CAMERAS TO MONITOR PEOPLE (YOU CAN MONITOR PEOPLE IN THE DARK.) YOU HAVE TO HAVE VIDEO COVERAGE IN THE INTERROGATION ROOMS. YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN EVERY PHYSICAL PRESSURE YOU USE IN GENERAL TERMS, AND WHEN IT CAN BE USED, YOU HAVE TO TRAIN PEOPLE TO USE THEM, THEN HAVE OVERSIGHT OVER THE PEOPLE WHO USE THEM. YOU HAVE TO DO ANNUAL STATUS CHECKS OF THE PRACTICES TO ENSURE THEY ARE IN LINE WITH THE WRITTEN PROCEDURES AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NOD RIFT. THERE HAS TO BE A MEDICAL PERSON ON STAFF AND ON CALL. HE SHOULD MAKE ROUTINE VISITS TO THE PRISON. YOU NEED TO PROTECT YOUR PEOPLE AND HAVE ADEQUATE STAFFING. [redacted]

RAHMAN ADMISSION OF HIS IDENTITY WAS A COMPROMISE. HE KNEW HE WAS IN TROUBLE OVER HIS IDENTITY. JESSEN BELIEVED THAT RAHMAN DECIDED THAT SINCE WE HAD OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE THAT HE COULD ADMIT HIS IDENTITY, IMPROVE HIS CONDITIONS, BUT STILL KEEP THE THINGS THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO HIM A SECRET. IT WAS AN INTERROGATION BREAKTHROUGH, BUT RAHMAN HAD NOT BROKEN DOWN. JESSEN BELIEVES THAT WITHOUT THE PRESSURES THAT HAD BEEN EXERTED ON HIM, HE WOULD NOT HAVE MADE THE ADMISSION.

JESSEN STATED THAT HE INTERROGATED RAHMAN TWICE BY HIMSELF AND TWO OR THREE OTHER TIMES WITH [redacted] JIM MITCHELL, ANOTHER IC PSYCHOLOGIST ALSO INTERROGATED HIM ONCE.

RAHMAN APPEARED TO BE HEALTHY, FATIGUED, COLD, AND HE KNEW HOW TO USE PHYSICAL PROBLEMS OR DURESS AS A RESISTANCE TOOL. JESSEN STATED THAT THEY ONCE TRIED A PRAGMATIC APPROACH WITH RAHMAN BUT IT DIDN'T WORK. HE WAS STILL RESISTING WITH GREAT ENERGY.

JESSEN STATED THAT THERE WERE HEATERS PRESENT IN THE HOUSING AREA WHEN HE WAS WORKING ON RAHMAN. WHEN JESSEN FIRST ARRIVED [redacted] WAS IN THE 60'S DURING THE DAY, BUT WOULD DROP INTO THE 40'S AT NIGHT. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE IT FROZE AT NIGHT A COUPLE OF TIMES. THE PRISON WAS ALWAYS A LITTLE COOL BECAUSE IT WAS DARK. WHEN YOU ARE NOT MOVING IT IS WORSE.

[redacted] IN CLOSING, JESSEN STATED THAT HE WOULD WORK WITH [redacted] ANYTIME, ANYDAY. [redacted] SHOULD BE MADE PART OF THE LEAD HVT ELEMENT.

DATE: [redacted] NOV 02

CITE [redacted] 30211

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - GUL RAHMAN: CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - GUL RAHMAN: CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NOTE FOLLOWING CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS.

COBALT

2. THE FOLLOWING CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS RELATING TO THE DEATH OF ENEMY COMBATANT GUL RAHMAN AT [redacted] FACILITY WAS ASSEMBLED BY STATION OFFICERS FROM THE ACCOUNTS OF [redacted] PERSONNEL AND [redacted] GUARDS WHO HAD KNOWLEDGE RELEVANT TO THIS EVENT.

3. BACKGROUND: GUL RAHMAN WAS BROUGHT TO THE FACILITY ON [redacted] NOVEMBER. HE WAS GIVEN A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND ALL HIS PERSONAL CLOTHES AND EFFECTS REMOVED. HE WAS DRESSED IN STANDARD PRISON GARB AND PLACED IN A SINGLE CELL. RAHMAN HAD BEEN CONSISTENTLY UNCOOPERATIVE SINCE ARRIVAL AND DISPLAYED EVIDENCE OF A HIGH LEVEL OF RESISTANCE TRAINING. HIS DEMEANOR IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS [redacted] INTERROGATORS WAS EXTREMELY CALM AND CONTROLLED. HOWEVER, RAHMAN'S

ATTITUDE TOWARDS HIS [ ] GUARDS WAS REPORTEDLY VERY DIFFERENT. THE SENIOR [ ] OFFICER PRESENT AT [ ] NOTIFIED STATION ABOUT ONE WEEK AGO THAT RAHMAN HAD DIRECTLY THREATENED HIS GUARDS. [ ] OFFICERS NEVER WITNESSED THIS BEHAVIOR FIRSTHAND). SPECIFICALLY, RAHMAN REPORTEDLY TOLD THEM THAT HE KNEW THEIR FACES AND THAT HE WOULD KILL OR HAVE THEM ALL KILLED AFTER HIS RELEASE. AS A RESULT OF THE PHYSICAL THREAT HE POSED TO HIS GUARDS, HE WAS KEPT CONSISTENTLY RESTRAINED WITH HAND AND ANKLE RESTRAINTS IN THE CELL HE OCCUPIED BY HIMSELF. COBALT

4. CHRONOLOGY:

A. THE LAST TIME RAHMAN WAS SEEN BY [ ] OFFICER PRIOR TO HIS DEATH WAS [ ] NOV 2002. AT THAT TIME RAHMAN WAS ASSESSED TO BE IN GOOD OVERALL HEALTH. STATION NOTED THAT RAHMAN HAD SMALL ABRASIONS ON HIS WRISTS AND ANKLES AS A RESULT OF THE RESTRAINTS. HIS ANKLE RESTRAINTS WERE LOOSENED AND HIS HAND RESTRAINTS WERE REMOVED WHEN RAHMAN WAS RETURNED TO HIS CELL.

B. AT [ ] ON [ ] NOV 2002, THE [ ] COMMANDER TOLD STATION THAT WHEN RAHMAN HAD BEEN GIVEN FOOD AT 1500 LOCAL, HE HAD THROWN IT, HIS PLATE, HIS WATER BOTTLE AND DEFECATION BUCKET AT THE GUARDS WHO HAD DELIVERED THE FOOD. STATION REQUESTED THAT THE [ ] COMMANDER TO REPLACE RAHMAN'S HAND RESTRAINTS TO PREVENT THIS FROM REOCCURRING, OR PREVENT HIM FROM UNDERTAKING ANY OTHER VIOLENT ACTION.

C. INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY ON [ ] NOV, EACH OF THE [ ] GUARDS REPORTED THAT DURING NORMAL CELL CHECKS AT 2200, 2300, 0400, AND 0800 HOURS ON [ ] NOV, GUL RAHMAN WAS ALIVE IN HIS CELL. RAHMAN WAS VISUALLY INSPECTED THROUGH THE DOOR CELL SLOT BUT NO GUARD ENTERED HIS CELL. [ ] GUARDS ON THE 0800 CELL CHECK SAID INDEPENDENTLY THAT RAHMAN WAS DEFINITELY ALIVE, WITH HIS EYES OPEN, SEATED IN HIS CELL AT 0800 ON [ ] NOV.

D. SHORTLY AFTER 1000 HOURS ON [ ] NOV 2002, STATION PERSONNEL THEN PRESENT AT THE FACILITY TO CONDUCT AN INTERROGATION OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WERE NOTIFIED BY [ ] GUARDS THAT GUL RAHMAN WAS SLEEPING IN HIS CELL BUT THERE WAS SOME PROBLEM. STATION OFFICERS WERE ESCORTED TO THE CELL BY THE GUARDS. THESE OFFICERS REALIZED RAHMAN WAS DECEASED AND THEY SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED [ ] [ ] THAT STATION MEDIC VISIT THE FACILITY. OFFICERS REPORTED THAT A SMALL AMOUNT (PALM-SIZED POOL) OF DRIED BLOOD WAS PRESENT IN AND AROUND THE MOUTH AND NOSE OF SUBJECT. RAHMAN WAS OBSERVED STILL SHACKLED, AND SLUMPED OVER IN THE SEATED POSITION.

E. AT APPROXIMATELY 1030 HOURS, STATION MEDIC ARRIVED AT THE LOCATION. THE STATION MEDIC INSPECTED THE BODY AND NOTICED NO OBVIOUS CONTUSIONS, ABRASIONS, MARKS, SWELLING, OR OTHER INDICATIONS OF SPECIFIC CAUSE OF DEATH. HE NOTED THAT THE BLOOD IN EVIDENCE WAS DARK, NOT IN KEEPING WITH A WOUND TO THE NOSE OR MOUTH AREA. THE MEDIC'S NOTES ON RAHMAN'S CONDITION ARE FILED AT STATION. HIS

ESTIMATION WAS THAT RAHMAN HAD BEEN DEAD LESS THAN A FEW HOURS.

5. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT: WITHOUT AN AUTOPSY IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF RAHMAN. [redacted] PLANS ARE TO PLACE THE BODY IN IMPROVISED COLD STORAGE PENDING DECISION ON DISPOSITION.

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END OF MESSAGE ~~SECRET~~