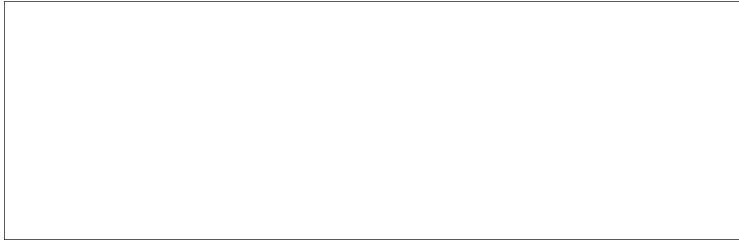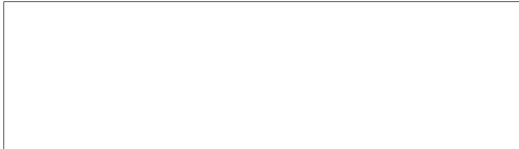SECRET
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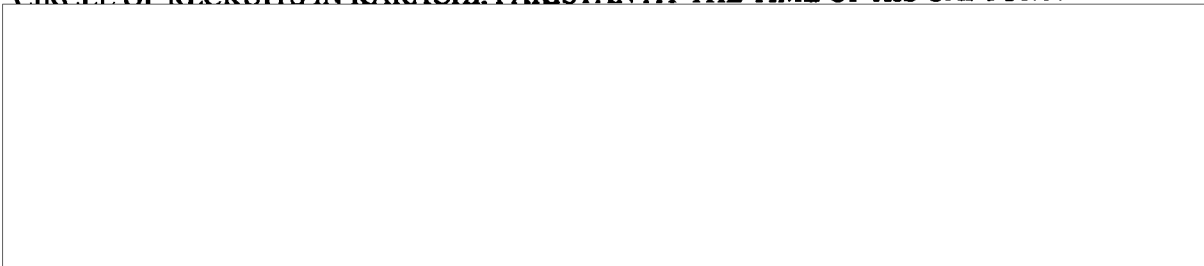**BODY**
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SUBJ: CT: COMMENTS BY SENIOR AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVE **AMMAR AL-BALUCHI**
        ON RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND ASSESSMENT OF OPERATIVES

DOI: 2002 - APRIL 2003
SOURCE: A DETAINEE. (A DETAINEE)
SUMMARY: DURING CUSTODIAL INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED IN JUNE 2003, **AMMAR
AL-BALUCHI** COMMENTED ON HIS EFFORTS TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN AL-QA'IDA
OPERATIVES. **AMMAR** CLAIMED THAT HE WAS STILL ATTEMPTING TO BUILD A
CIRCLE OF RECRUITS IN KARACHI, PAKISTAN AT THE TIME OF HIS CAPTURE.

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TEXT: 1. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS FROM
SENIOR AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVE ((**AMMAR AL-BALUCHI**)), AKA ALI (('ABD

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AL-AZIZ ALI)), MAY HAVE BEEN MEANT TO INFLUENCE AS WELL AS INFORM.
BALUCHI MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN INTENTIONALLY WITHHOLDING INFORMATION AND
EMPLOYING COUNTER-INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES.)

    2. DURING A SERIES OF CUSTODIAL INTERVIEWS IN JUNE 2003,
AMMAR DISCUSSED THE QUALITIES HE SOUGHT IN OPERATIVES AND THE WAYS IN
WHICH HE ASSESSED THE POTENTIAL OF THOSE HE TRAINED.

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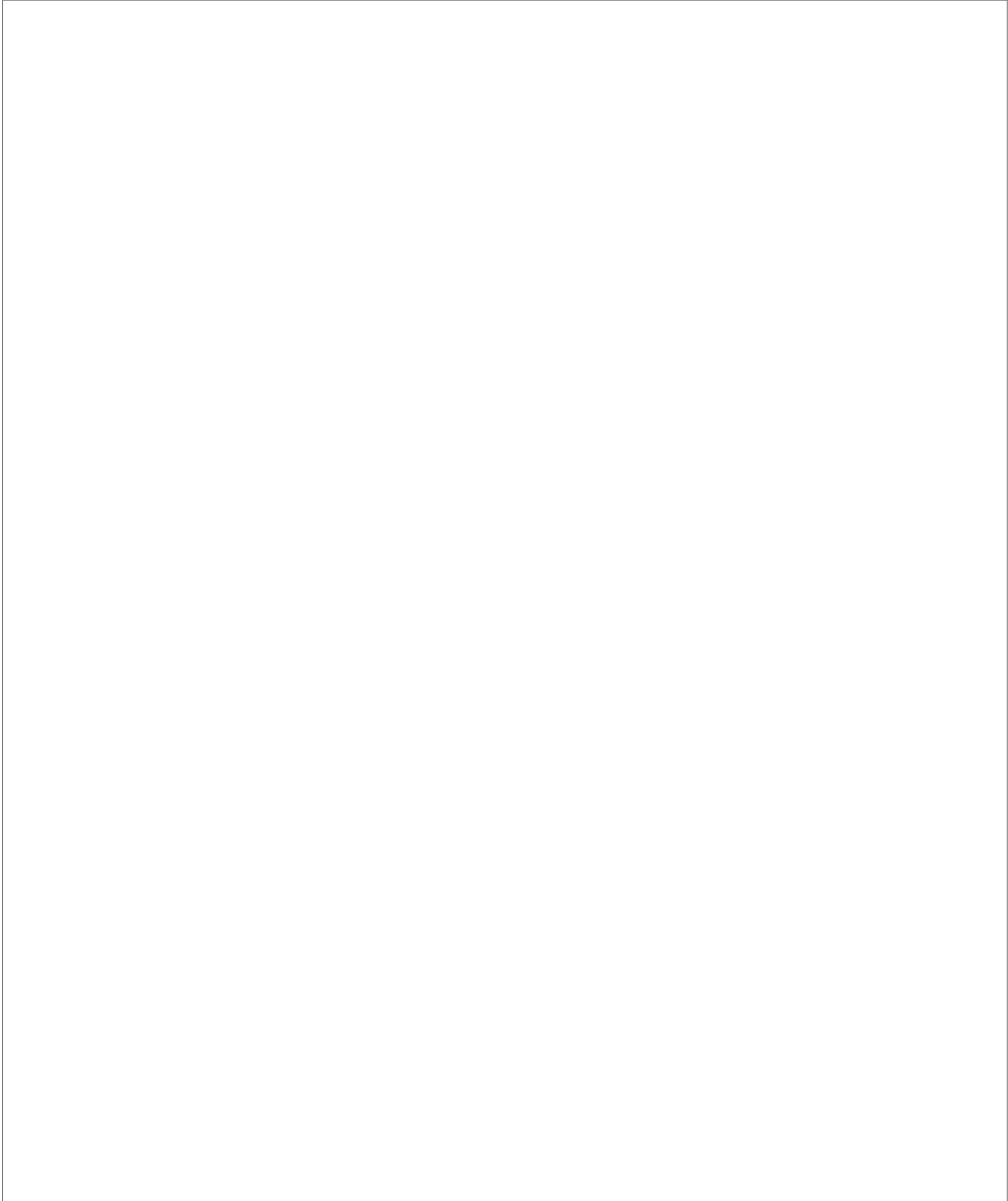**NOFORN;**

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