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Gravely Ill, Public Enemy Number One Stayed at the American Hospital in the Emirates in Early Summer

July 2001: Bin Laden met with CIA in Dubai

Suffering from kidney disease, Osama bin Laden stayed from the 4th to the 14th of last July in the American hospital in Dubai, where he met a CIA official, according to one witness; a professional partner of the administrative management of the hospital .

Having departed from the airport in Quetta, Pakistan, the man who has become public enemy number one since the Sept. 11 attacks, was transferred immediately upon arrival at Dubai airport. He was accompanied by his personal physician and faithful lieutenant, the Egyptian Ayman al-Zawahari, four bodyguards, and an Algerian nurse.

In March 2000, the weekly publication Asia Week, from Hong Kong, contained a report concerning the health of bin Laden, citing a serious physical problem. It stated that his life was in danger because of a "kidney infection which had spread to the liver, and requires specialized care." According to authorized sources, during the first half of 2000, bin Laden had taken delivery of mobile dialysis equipment at his hideout in Kandahar Afghanistan.

Health was not the primary reason for being in Dubai, according to our sources. Between 1996 and 1998, Osama bin Laden had been there several times on business. During his hospitalization in July, he received a visit from the local representative of the CIA. He returned to Washington on July 15, following the departure of Ben Laden to Quetta.

Fifteen days later, UAE customs detained the Franco-Algerian Islamist activist Djamel Beghal, at the Dubai airport. The French and American authorities were then alerted. Interrogated in Abu Dhabi, Beghal says he was summoned to Afghanistan in late 2000 by Abu Zoubeida an official military organization of bin Laden's Al Qaeda. Beghal's mission: to blow up the U.S. embassy in Paris.

According to Arab diplomatic sources and French intelligence, very specific information has been sent to the CIA concerning terrorist attacks on U.S. interests worldwide. A report of 7 September CSD contains data indicating that the order to act must come from Afghanistan.

In August, at the United States Embassy in Paris, an emergency meeting was convened with the DGSE and the highest officials of the U.S.. Extremely worried, they presented to their French counterparts very specific inquiries about Algerian activists, but did not explain the general direction of their approach. When asked "what are you afraid of in the days ahead?" The Americans displayed a silence which can hardly be understood.

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*One of the last images of Osama bin Laden, from October 7 on Al Jazeera television.
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