

SUBJECT: REDACTED INTELLIGENCE REPORT 014

DATE: SPRING 2007-EARLY 2008

SOURCE: DEBRIEFING OF [DETAINEE] UNDER COALITION FORCES CONTROL

UNCLASSIFIED (AS REDACTED)

Summary:

[Detainee] traveled to Iran for the second paramilitary training course some time in June 2007. [Detainee] was informed by [Detainee] would be going to Iran for very important and very useful Special Forces training. [REDACTED] told [Detainee] that this training would be much better than the first training course [Detainee] attended. [REDACTED] did not elaborate on the Special Forces training at that time. [REDACTED] gave [Detainee] a Kia bus, which [Detainee] took to Kut to pick up approximately 15 other trainees. [Detainee] drove the individuals to the Baghdad Garage in Amarah. [Detainee] [REDACTED], who came and met everyone at the garage. This individual is the same driver that picked [Detainee] up at the Baghdad Garage in Amarah prior to [Detainee]'s first trip.

[Detainee] followed the driver to a different house in Amarah and parked the bus on the street next to the house. The 16 individuals went in the house, which was being taken care of by the same individual who took care of the house [Detainee] was at prior to [Detainee]'s first trip. Approximately fifteen minutes after arriving at the house [REDACTED] arrived and spoke to the group [REDACTED] told the group that they were going to Iran for training, but would not be going for another 10 to 15 days. [REDACTED] told the group that the training would be very difficult, but is much better than training that has been given to SG members previously. [REDACTED] told the group that the training will teach them a lot of valuable things, and that they would train on pretty much every weapon available. [REDACTED] told the group good luck, and told them that they are doing good things for Iraq and SG. [Detainee] drove the group to Kut and dropped off the individuals from Kut. [Detainee] then returned to Suwayrah.

Approximately 10 to 15 days later [Detainee] received a phone call from [REDACTED], who told [Detainee] to go to Kut again and meet everyone, then go to Amarah because it was time to attend the training. [Detainee] took a taxi to Kut and met the other trainees at the main garage in Kut. The group then took a taxi-bus to the Baghdad Garage in Amarah. [Detainee] called the driver who came picked the group up. The driver took the group to the same house they were at approximately 15 days prior. Shortly after arriving [REDACTED] showed up and told the group some rules about how to act in Iran. [REDACTED] told the group to treat the Iranian instructors with respect and not get in to arguments with them. If the Iranian instructors try to make trouble then they should forget about it and tell [REDACTED] about it then next time they see him. [REDACTED] was with three other Iraqis. One of the individuals, [REDACTED] told the group that he was in charge of SG in all of Amarah. The second individual, [REDACTED] told the group that he was from Amarah and would be in charge of a special group under the unidentified Amarah SG leader.

[Detainee] does not know who the third individual was. [REDACTED] from Amarah was very young and attended the training with [Detainee]. [REDACTED] was not present at the house this time. [REDACTED] put [Detainee] in charge of the group because [Detainee] was oldest and had been to Iran once before. Everyone was forced to leave their cell phones at the house in Amarah except [Detainee]. The group spent the night at the house in Amarah and went to the Iranian border the following morning. Once the group crossed the border they met 15 or 16 other Iraqi trainees. All together the group now consisted of 31 or 32 Iraqis.

At one point on both trips [Detainee]'s group was visited by an unidentified Iranian who appeared very important. The Iranian was completely missing two or three fingers from one of his hands. One of the instructors told the group that this happened in the Iran/Iraq war when the individual was fighting in the north. This individual came to visit the class because there was an argument between the trainees and the instructors. The individual told the group that they needed to treat the instructors with respect and if they do so then there will be no problems. The individual had an interpreter as this individual did not speak Arabic. This individual arrived alone. The individual was pleasant while speaking to the group, and the instructors appeared to treat him as a superior. The individual was wearing a suit without a tie.

On [Detainee]'s second trip the group was visited by [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] did not say anything and just stood in the back watching as Sayid Muhammad talked to the group. [REDACTED] spoke for approximately a half hour to the group and delivered a very pleasant speech about religion. [REDACTED] told the group that Iraq will be thankful for what they are doing. One of the group members asked if Sayid Muqtada al-Sadr knew the group was training in Iran. Sayid Muhammad told the group that Sayid Muqtada has approved this training and is behind the group 100 percent. Sayid Muhammad told the trainees that the Iranians are their Shi'a brothers in the fight to get the American occupiers out of Iraq. Sayid Muqtada did not say anything to insinuate that the group should fully embrace Iran or that the group should follow Ayatallah Khomeini instead of Sayid Muhammad al-Sadr. Sayid Muhammad did not say anything that would give the group the impression that Sayid Muhammad wanted the group to lean more towards Iranian religious beliefs.