INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AND LANGUAGE TRANSLATION FOR INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TERRORIST INMATES (08-029)

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Correction: [Redacted]
1) **JAYYOU SI, Kifah, Reg. No. 39551-039 (THA CMU)**

On Friday, August 15, 2008, inmate Jayyoussi was the rotational Muslim prayer leader for Jumah prayer in THA CMU. The prayer was directly observed and monitored by correctional staff, and was also recorded by closed circuit surveillance. The majority of inmate Jayyoussi’s presentation was in English, however portions were in Arabic, including recited prayers and passages cited from the Quran.

Correctional staff described the presentation as a very motivating speech to his fellow Muslims. Staff also described inmate Jayyoussi as well spoken and a good leader. Inmate Jayyoussi’s comments were aimed at inciting and radicalizing the Muslim inmate population in THA CMU. Characteristics, behaviors and unacceptable activities which describe an individual involved in prison radicalization and recruitment were displayed by inmate Jayyoussi and included: a charismatic individual, who makes highly inflammatory commentaries which elicit violence, terrorism or intimidation, and speech that disrespects or condemns other religious, ethnic, racial, or regional groups.

Inmate Jayyoussi’s comments encouraged activities which would lead to a group demonstration and are detrimental to the security, good order, or discipline of the institution. Specifically, inmate Jayyoussi claimed the inmates were sent to CMU because they were Muslim, and not that they were criminals. Inmate Jayyoussi purported that the unit was created by something evil, and not even the staff understood or accepted the purpose of the unit. Inmate Jayyoussi directed the Muslim inmates to stand together in response to being sent to CMU, that Muslims should not compromise their faith by cooperating with the government and Muslims should martyr themselves to serve Allah and meet hardships in their lives. Claiming Muslim inmates in CMU are being tortured psychologically, inmate Jayyoussi further purported that criminal cases against Muslim inmates were fabricated, intended to destroy good U.S. citizens and to tear them away from their families.

Below are excerpted comments from inmate Jayyoussi’s presentation which were transcribed from the audio recording.

"It's like a place that fell from some hell, some evil created this place because it does not belong to anything that BOP has done in the past 300 year history. And you know what is happening here? We are being observed, you are being studied, you are being watched. Other prisons are being watched, but in this place each one of you have been brought whether your
case was started with a fabrication or the reason that brought you here was the fabricator. You were brought here because you are Muslim and we have our response to that; has to be to stand firm, stand strong, to stand steadfast. Yes, it is a hard place. Yes (Arabic word) but you have to remember and you are being tested and you are being tested by Allah and you have to remember you are here because you are Muslim. Not because you are a criminal.”

“Always remember don't have a prison mentality you are not here because you are a criminal, you are here because you are Muslim. (Arabic statements) ....the only reason they are upset because we are believers. We believe in Allah. Somebody who is raised with his parents, with his family, brothers and sisters, going to work and good citizens, all of a sudden is plucked out of his family and a huge case is fabricated and they turned a few good American citizens into a criminal.”

“Because remember, you are not the target, brother Smalls, brother al Salah (refers to inmate Yassin Aref), brother Mandhai, brother Alwan, you are not the target, I am not the target, it is not U.S. vs. Jayyousi, it is U.S. vs. Islam. You have to keep that in mind and the reason I say that is we need to never give up our faith. Never compromise our faith, and hey, if anyone of us compromise, you wouldn't be here right, right? Some people compromise and still they send them to prison anyway. But we have to remember to not to betray our faith.”

“If someone comes an offer to you, oh you will get out, but hey, we would like to, uh uh, recruit you or ask you to help us get more people into the CMU, entrap more Muslims, and get them in jail, tarnish the image of Islam in America.”

“We are not being tortured here except psychologically.”

“It is hard but it is the way which Allah created us (Arabic statement). You are, you are going to return to your Lord to meet him with your hard work and the hardships that you have faced and done in this life; this is why we martyr but (Arabic statement) we created the human in hardship why full of hardship from the minute you are born do you feel pain from the minute you are born you grow teeth.”

Inmate Jayyousi has been precluded from acting as the Muslim inmate rotational prayer leader. He was also issued an Incident Report for code 212, Engaging in a Group Demonstration, and is pending the outcome of the disciplinary process.