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A. CURRENT ADVISORIES / BULLETINS

1. Current FBI Terrorist Threat Advisories (TTAs) / Bulletins.
 - a. FBI TTA (Call for Continued Vigilance), 021203Z Jan 02.
 - b. FBI TTA (State & Municipal Web Sites Used to Obtain Information on Infrastructure Facilities), 161927Z Jan 02.
 - c. FBI TTA (Terrorist Threat Advisory Extension), 12 Mar 02.
 - d. FBI TTA (Possible Terrorism Targeting of US Financial System), 19 Apr 02
 - e. FBI Bulletin #9, 24 Apr 02 (For a complete copy see your local CID office).

2. **National Threat Warning System Advisory Update** - Possible Terrorism Targeting of US Financial System. This warning was transmitted to the District of Columbia and the states of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The FBI received information, which may or may not be reliable, that terrorists might be considering attacks against US financial institutions, particularly banks, located in the Northeast, as part of their campaign against the US. The FBI does not have information about a threat against any specific institution.

3. The DoD threat level for CONUS is **SIGNIFICANT**. The **SIGNIFICANT** threat level is defined as follows: An anti-US terrorist group is operationally active and uses large casualty-producing attacks. There is a substantial DoD presence, and the operational environment is neutral.

The Baseline Force Protection Condition as of 25 Apr 02 is:

CONUS	Bravo (MDW remains at Charlie)
EUCOM	Bravo
JFCOM	Alpha
PACOM	Alpha
SOUTHCOM	Bravo
CENTCOM	Charlie

4. Transnational terrorists have demonstrated the capability and intent to conduct attacks in the US and against US citizens, facilities and interests worldwide. The FBI possesses no specific information regarding any particular threat; however, the potential for additional attacks remains high in response to the continued US actions in Afghanistan. Law enforcement and security forces need to remain vigilant for the precursors of an attack.

5. The Council on Foreign Relations has launched an online encyclopedia of terrorism and the US response to the September 11 attacks to give the public an easy-to-read, authoritative primer on what the experts know and don't know. The site (www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2002/cfr/)

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includes a look at state sponsors of terrorism, terrorist groups, the proposed U.S. military tribunals and other aspects of terrorism (CNN).

6. The various CINC combatant and geographical commands, DoD agencies, some Major Army Commands (MACOMs) and the various DoD intelligence agencies produce classified threat advisories and assessments that are available on those elements' classified web sites. Law enforcement and security personnel are encouraged to review those sites for valuable intelligence.

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Homeland Security Advisory System	YELLOW - ELEVATED <u>AS OF 25 Apr 02</u>
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B. OVERALL TRENDS

1. There are no apparent overall terrorist related trends to report for this period. The theft of identity related items that might facilitate a terrorist intrusion onto an Army installation, facility, or activity remains a matter of concern. Identity related items include uniforms, official badges, military identification cards, government vehicle license plates, and DoD vehicle decals/stickers.

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C. TERRORISM / EXTREMISM ACTIVITIES

1. BOLO (BE ON THE LOOKOUT) ALERTS:

a. On 19 Apr 02, an NLETS message was broadcast by the Washington DC, Police Department concerning a serial rapist who may have committed numerous crimes to include rape, kidnapping, assault, and murder. The unknown suspect is a police enthusiast and poses as a police officer to lure victims into his car. Once inside the vehicle the victims are handcuffed driven to a secure location where they are held for hours or days. The suspect is a white male in his fifties, approximately six feet tall with a slim build and handicapped leg. The leg has been described as “withered” or scarred and the suspect sometimes uses a cane or crutches to walk (NLETS).

2. BADGES, IDENTIFICATION, UNIFORMS, DECALS, LICENSES & VEHICLE THEFTS:

a. The following identifications and DoD decals were reported stolen or missing during this reporting period:

Identification Type	Owner or #	Location	Reference
US Government License Plate	G6133268	Ft Huachuca, AZ	46R3, Ft Huachuca, 0130-02
DoD Decal	KBS797	Augusta, GA	CID, Ft Gordon, 0140-02
Military ID, Govt Travel Card & US Diplomatic Passport, Issued Apr 00, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	Nestor I. VALLEBRIGNONI MSG, 581-27-6418	Ft Lee, VA	46R19 CID, Ft Lee 0122-02
Military ID Card	CPT Karolyn M. WISEMAN 219-90-3607	Hohenfels, GE	46R18 CID, Hohenfels 0035-02
USAREUR Driver License	#V76134 CPT Karolyn M. WISEMAN 219-90-3607	Hohenfels, GE	46R18 CID, Hohenfels 0035-02

b. On 13 Apr 02, a US Navy member reported that the DOD decal (NFI) on his personally owned vehicle, parked at a parking garage in downtown Long Beach, CA, was tampered with. Upon returning to the car, it appeared that an attempt had been made to peel the decal off the windshield. The numbers along the side of the decal were tampered with, and the red enlisted Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI), CA access sticker was missing NFI (NCIS).

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c. On 11 Apr 02, Charleston, SC, police reported the theft of drivers' license equipment and supplies from the Rock Hill, SC, Department of Motor Vehicles. The theft occurred during the night of 25 Mar 02, and several pieces of equipment employed in the manufacturing of drivers' licenses and identification cards were taken. It is estimated that enough equipment was taken to produce 9,500 South Carolina drivers' licenses (NCIS).

d. On 08 Apr 02, the Naval Weapons Station Earle (NWS) Security Department, Colts Neck, NJ, reported seven missing DOD vehicle registration decals. During the course of a turn over, after the supply petty officer was relieved of his duties, seven DOD decals were unaccounted for. The decal control numbers were ACT8501 through ACT8507 (NCIS).

3. POTENTIAL SURVEILLANCES & INTRUSIONS:

a. On 24 Apr 02, a Security Escort Vehicle (SEV) reported that while a munitions truck they were escorting was being inspected by PA State Police on I-81 South, men with video cameras were video taping the inspection. The men were driving a Maroon 1996 Plymouth Voyager, NY license plate AYZ-4884, registered to Jiri BOK, Brooklyn, NY. The occupant was identified as Jindrich PRY, NY ID card #560264824. Both men claimed to be citizens of The Czech Republic, unemployed and traveling to a Bluegrass music festival at the Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, NC. The men stated that the video camera was new and they were unfamiliar with the operation, so they were testing it. The men produced tickets and parking pass for the festival, verifying their claim. Several musical instruments were in the cargo area of the van as well (CID, MTMC LNO).

b. On 17 Apr 02, a male, who appeared of middle eastern in descent, attempted to access the main gate of MCAS Iwakuni, JA. The male exited the back seat of a white, 4-door hatchback station wagon, partial license plate 6556, which was parked facing away from the gate. The individual passed through the outer gate and as he attempted to walk past the Auxiliary Security Force (ASF), the ASF sentry instructed him to cross to the other side of the street and provide his identification. The individual took something out of his pocket, waved it at the sentry and continued to walk. The sentry again gave the male the same instructions and again received the same response. At this point, the ASF sentry held out her hand and forcefully repeated the instructions. The individual stopped and when the sentry attempted to say something else, the individual ran back to the vehicle where the back door was open and he jumped in and the vehicle sped off. This case is being investigated (NCIS).

c. On 09 Apr 02, a civilian attempted to gain access to the Naval Submarine Base (NSB), Kings Bay, GA, using an armed forces identification card in the name of Lt. Col Michael C. REYNOLDS, USMC. A search of the vehicle he was a passenger in revealed numerous items including fraudulent IDs, receipts of lodging from several naval stations, and vehicle passes.

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When detained, he admitted to using the ID cards to gain access to military installations as well as using military facilities such as commissaries, exchanges and lodging quarters (NCIS).

d. On 04 Apr 02, a USN Chief reported that on several occasions during the past year he observed a male, who appeared middle eastern in descent, possibly conducting surveillance in the Eugene, OR, area. In mid-October of 2001, the Chief observed the individual surveilling the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Eugene, OR. About the middle of March, the Chief noticed a new car at the apartment complex but didn't think anything of it until 04 Apr02, when he noticed a male occupying the car who appeared identical to the man he had previously observed. The car was a dark brown or black Nissan Maxima 4-door with Virginia license plates that traced back to an individual living in Arlington, VA (NCIS).

e. On 02 Apr 02, members of the USS Gunston Hall reported a suspicious incident while in port at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. The forecastle watch aboard the USS Gunston observed two individuals in a white Ford Explorer apparently taking photos of the ship. The photographer was outside the vehicle and when ship personnel began to respond, the photographer ran to the vehicle and the vehicle exited the area. The license plate of the vehicle was not obtained (NCIS).

f. On 01 Apr and 28 Mar 02, USMC Base Quantico, VA, reported two separate suspicious incidents that occurred at the security gate. On 28 Mar 02, a vehicle carrying two males, who appeared middle eastern in descent, approached the gate stating that they had made a wrong turn and meant to go to Fuller Heights Road. On 01 Apr 02, the gate sentries at Gate One reported another vehicle with two different males, who appeared middle eastern, approached the gate and related the same story. The individuals acted nervous but nothing was found during subsequent searches (NCIS).

g. On 26 Mar 02, a civilian consultant working at a computer school in Everett, WA, reported that an apparent Arab male recently visited the school and inquired about enrolling there. The consultant gave the individual a tour of the facility and during the tour, the man stated that he was born in Iraq and wanted to learn about the computers inside airplanes, cars and helicopters. At one point during the tour, the consultant and the individual were in the elevator together with another student from Iraq. The individual immediately pulled his baseball cap very low on his face in an attempt to cover his features and decided he had to immediately leave the premises. The consultant later called the male to see if he was interested in enrolling but the male stated that his brother was going to teach him about computers and that he did not need a training certificate (NCIS).

h. On 14 Mar 02, a fish farm on Bainbridge Island, WA, reported a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot, which is located across the channel from the fleet industrial supply center Manchester fuel depot. Four Arab-looking males were inside a red Ford Festiva with a circular

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logo or graphic on the rear fender. The males appeared to be conversing and pointing in the direction of the supply center. No license plate was obtained. (NFI) (NCIS).

i. During the week of 11 Mar 02, an unidentified male, who appeared middle eastern in descent, entered two gun shops in Spokane, WA and inquired about the purchase of aluminum powder and potassium chloride or chlorate, which are common materials for making explosives. When the gun shop offered to order the items, he declined and left. One employee attempted to obtain the license plate of the vehicle the man was driving but was unable to because the man backed down the driveway. The vehicle was described as a newer dark colored Chevy pickup, extended cab with no front license plate (NCIS).

j. On 09 Mar 2002, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek Police, Norfolk, VA reported that two males, who appeared middle eastern in descent, attempted to enter Gate Four. They were driving a rental car with VA license plate number YGX-7981. The individuals were denied access to the gate and their names were recorded from their Kuwaiti passports. The names were recorded as ALHOULAS ADDULMOHSEN and MOHAMMAD AINY ALLAHOU. A check of the rental car agency revealed the car was rented under ADULHOHSEN ALLAHOU, a combination of both names recorded from the passports. The vehicle was rented from 6-10 March and was paid for in cash (NCIS).

k. At 1800, 23 Apr 02, an unknown individual was observed photographing the bus stop on the west side of the Pentagon with a video camera. The individual also went out of his way to observe State Route 110 and then departed the area. The individual is described as having a trimmed white beard and wearing a tan trench coat, tan beret or cap, and dark glasses (46S14, AFOSI).

4. ARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND SENSITIVE ITEMS

a. Between 01 Jan 02 and 18 Apr 02, person(s) unknown stole an M-9 Beretta 9mm pistol, SN 1163223A, property of HHD, BSB, Camp Butmir, Sarajevo. The weapon was discovered missing during a change of command and has not been located (CID, Bosnia 0040-02).

b. Between 14 and 17 Apr 02, person(s) unknown stole an M-9 Beretta 9mm pistol, SN 1245168, magazine, and an M-12 Holster from the New Jersey Army National Guard Command Post, Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Lacy Township, NJ. The items had been stored in an unlocked safe of 1/114th Inf command post (CID, Ft Monmouth 0062-02).

c. On 17 Apr 02, a Night Vision Device (AN/PVS-7B), SN unknown, was reported missing during a training exercise in the JRTC and Ft Polk, LA, training area. The victim unit was identified as B Co, 172d SB, Ft Wainwright, AK (SIR, Ft Polk 0009-02).

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d. On 18 Apr 02, the Wisconsin State Police turned in an M-16A1, SN 486-855 and sixty rounds of 5.56 ammunition to the Ft McCoy Military Police. The weapon had been found on the west bound shoulder of I-39, near Westfield, WI. The weapon was later discovered to be the property of the Marquette County Sheriff's Office, Montello, WI (Ft McCoy SIR 0201).

e. On 11 Apr 02, a suspected IED was found under the front passenger seat of a vehicle which had been obtained from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO), Ft Lewis, WA. An employee of Oregon State University Agriculture Research Center (OSU-ARC) purchased the 1992 Plymouth Acclaim from the DRMO. After obtaining the vehicle, the employee transported the vehicle back to the OSU-ARC and found the device under the front passenger seat while cleaning it. The device was described as three cylindrical objects, about 2 inches wide and 12 inches long, which were wrapped and taped together with green in color duct tape. The device also had wires protruding from cylinders that were connected to four small batteries. The Oregon State Police bomb squad, responded to the scene, removed the device from the vehicle, and destroyed it with explosives. Investigation revealed that prior to being turned into DRMO, the vehicle was used for a training aid in urban warfare training. During some of the training exercises, simulated IED's were placed in the vehicles for training purposes. The vehicle was last used for training in Dec 01 or Jan 02 and was turned into DRMO on 13 Mar 02. Investigation determined that at no time during the turn-in and disposal process, was the vehicle thoroughly inspected by any DOD agency prior to being released (46S5, CID, Ft Lewis, WA 0392-02).

f. On 23 Apr 02, on Training Area #58, Ft Lewis, WA, while US Marine Corps personnel were conducting training, they discovered 33 quarter-pound blocks of TNT (Lot #IOP82C020-003) and two M-68 ignitors (Lot #SGR867F011-004). EOD responded and destroyed the munitions (CID, Ft Lewis, WA 0388-02).

g. **UPDATE:** A Global Positioning System (GPS), SN 341191, reported lost by B Btry, 1/30th FA, during training at Ft Sill, OK between 2 and 5 Apr 02, has been recovered. The item was found in a bag that had not been initially searched or inventoried by the unit (CID, Ft Sill, OK 0150-02).

h. **UPDATE:** Previously reported in Crimintsum 016-02, between 29 Jan 02 – 15 Apr 02, person(s) unknown stole an M-16A2 rifle, SN 1805748, which was being transported on Delta Airlines from Atlanta, GA, to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. On 22 Apr 02, the M-16A2 rifle was located with the US Marine Corps in Bahrain (CID, Ft Benning 0219-02).

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D. CHEMICAL – BIOLOGICAL THREAT

1. MILITARY CONTAMINATION THREATS: There were no new anthrax related incidents reported to CID during this reporting period. As of this summary, the CID had processed 341 incidents of suspected contamination threats.

E. BOMB THREATS

There were no new bomb threat incidents reported to CID during this reporting period.

F. LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

1. DNA tests have established that a US Air Force airman is the so-called "Center City Rapist." Senior Airman Troy GRAVES, arrested this week in a string of Colorado sexual assaults, reportedly raped five Philadelphia women and murdered a sixth in the late 1990s and was being held on \$1 million bail. The sexual assault cases occurred from May to Aug 01 in Fort Collins, CO., near the Colorado State University campus. In Sep 01, police announced that further DNA tests had concluded that the same person was also responsible for several unsolved attacks in Fort Collins, CO. In both cities, the intruder entered apartments through unlocked doors or windows in the early morning, blindfolded his victims and forced them to perform sexual acts (Numerous Open Sources).



2. New Website Seeks Information on Terrorists: The US State Department recently created www.rewardsforjustice.net, a website which pays rewards for information that leads to the arrest of terrorists or the stopping of a terrorist attack. The site also provides useful information for persons by professional category on what to look for to prevent terrorist attacks, "Learn what to look for by selecting the category that describes you," (ex. frequent traveler, inn keeper, etc). The site is in English, Spanish, French and Arabic (www.rewardsforjustice.net).

3. Airport Workers Charged In Sweep: More than 140 employees at the Washington area's three major airports have been indicted on charges of lying about their identities or criminal

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pasts on applications to work near airplanes, runways and cargo, federal officials announced yesterday. US Attorney General John D. ASHCROFT said the charges demonstrated that the nation's system of airport worker background checks needs tightening. He said the reviews -- done piecemeal by airlines, contractors, airports and private security companies -- too often let illegal immigrants, felons and others slip through.

Federal officials arrested a total of 95 employees who worked at Reagan National and Dulles International airports. They include food service workers, baggage screeners and custodians. Forty-three other National and Dulles employees were under indictment but were still being sought. Officials also said ten workers at Baltimore-Washington International Airport were indicted on similar charges. No one was charged in connection with a terrorist act. Most were accused of lying on applications to work in high-security areas. Authorities said the misstatements included supplying false Social Security numbers and failing to disclose felony convictions or pending state charges. If convicted, they could face two to ten years in prison.

Led by the U.S. attorney's office in the Eastern District of Virginia, 11 state and federal agencies researched the employment histories and backgrounds of 20,000 people who have access to secure areas at Northern Virginia's two airports, U.S. Attorney Paul J. MCNULTY said. The U.S. attorney's office in Baltimore said its investigation examined 15,000 security badge applications. The investigation has not turned up anyone with ties to terrorist groups or the 11 Sep 01, hijackings, MCNULTY said. Many were illegal immigrants with falsified Social Security numbers, but a substantial number were U.S. citizens, he said (Open sources)

4. On 22 Apr 02, terrorist suspect Zaccarias MOUSSAOUI told a federal judge that he wanted to represent himself because he didn't trust the three non-Muslim lawyers appointed by the court to handle his case. During a 55 minute speech, MOUSSAOUI expressed hatred of the US and Israel and belittled his attorneys as "civil servants" in a process aimed at ensuring his execution. Additionally he said he "prays for the destruction of the United States of America." He quoted the Koran and recited Islamic prayers in Arabic. MOUSSAOUI indicated that he plans to take advantage of his rights under the US law. According to the head of the University of Michigan's Law School's public service program, MOUSSAOUI seems to want his trial to become "a circus" because it might be his last chance at martyrdom (46S17, ACIC/USA Today).

ACIC Comment: In Lesson 18 of the Al-Qaida Training Manual entitled "Prison and Detection Centers", the tactics MOUSSAOUI is beginning to use are listed. Opportunities to publicize their cause and "impress upon the people and their family the need to support Islam" has already taken place in MOUSSAOUI's 55-minute statement. The following are additional points contained in the manual that MOUSSAOUI could use later in the trial:

- Insisting that torture was inflicted on him, naming the "security officers" by name. (Note: John Walker Lind has made these allegations through his attorney during his trial.)
- During the trial, the court has to be notified of any mistreatment in the prison.

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- Make arrangements for his defense. (Note: MOUSSAOUI is pursuing this tactic already)
- A hunger strike can be resorted to, though the manual warns it may not be effective. (Note: detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba detention center have already used this tactic).
- "Take advantage of visits to communicate with brothers outside prison. The importance of mastering the art of hiding messages is self evident here " (Note: The Sheik Omar RAHMAN's lawyer and interpreter were recently indicted for unlawful communication with other suspected terrorist).

It should be expected that MOUSSAOUI will use such tactics and attempt to bring as much attention to himself as possible, his version of Islam, the Palestinian situation, and his contention that the US has no intention of providing him a fair trial. This is likely designed to encourage other terrorist to continue their struggle against the US.

G. CONUS THREAT INFORMATION

1. ARMY OF GOD: Several domestic anti-abortion activists with criminal records have been known to possess a manual titled "When Life Hurts We Can Help...The Army of God." The document, also referred to as the Army of God (AOG) Manual, provides specific instructions regarding methods to disrupt or damage abortion facilities. At least three editions of the guide are known to exist, the latest of which appears to have been compiled in the 1990s. The manual discusses a number of tactics for possible use by anti-abortion extremists. These tactics include "freezing" clinic door locks with SuperGlue, clamping bicycle locks around clinic door handles, drilling holes in clinic roofs to allow rain water to leak in; and placing garden hoses through mail slots to flood clinic facilities. The manual also discusses conducting "butyric acid attacks." When introduced into a building, butyric acid, which emits a very strong odor, could render the facility unusable for a considerable period of time. Butyric acid is also an irritant to the eyes, skin, and respiratory system.

In addition, the manual recommends a number of possible practices to avoid detection and arrest. For example, the document suggests that extremists wrap waffle-pattern duct tape on gun handles and triggers to eliminate fingerprints; that an accomplice monitor a police scanner to alert perpetrators, via two-way radio, of law enforcement detection; and that they disguise themselves as panhandlers to conduct surveillance of targeted clinics. Extremists are advised that they should "never talk" if subjected to police interrogations. The manual also encourages activists to create situations to disrupt the activities of abortion providers. For example, a section titled "Police as Allies," suggests that activists drive in front of an "abortionist's" car and stop quickly to intentionally cause a traffic accident. The manual notes that responding police officers may issue a citation to the abortionist for following too closely. The citation "... would

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cost (the abortion provider) time and money, he may be late to work, and make him liable to a lawsuit."

Possession of this manual may indicate possible consideration of criminal-related activities and a possible affiliation with others who support or engage in criminal activities to end abortion. Much of the material in the printed manual is also available on an Army of God Web site (<http://www.armyofgod.com>.) Printed versions of the manual include a section on making explosives that is not included in the on-line version (FBI Intelligence Bulletin 9).

(CID Comment: Indiscriminate violence in public places poses a collateral threat to US Army members who may be visiting or using the area.)

2. FLORIDA: The US Embassy in Paris received an anonymous letter stating several people in the US were given verbal orders to conduct attacks in Miami and Orlando, FL. The letter, postmarked 15 Apr 02 and written in French, stated there were two brothers with the family name of AISSI in the Florida area. The letter states that both of the AISSI's are doctors (NFI) and their sister who is visiting from Algeria gave the attack orders. The sister's name is Kheira AISSI. According to the letter, one of the AISSI brothers is married to an alleged terrorist, (First name Boutarfa) who is a chemist and is providing assistance for the attacks. After the attacks in Miami, another AISSI brother will conduct an attack in Constantine, Algeria. The letter states the third AISSI brother works for the telephone/post office in Constatine.

(ACIC Comment: Open-sourced checks identified a number AISSI's in the US, some of whom are located in the Fort Pierce and Orlando, FL, area. Usually, anonymous letters boasting far-fetched claims are unreliable. The specificity of the information in this letter may be indicative of an agenda by the author, other than the desire to warn the US of attacks (45Q28, ACIC))

3. VIRGINIA: The World Church of the Creator has instructed people visiting its Internet Web page to stay at either the Holiday Inn Express or the Mulberry Inn located outside Ft Eustis, VA. The Illinois-based group gained national recognition in 1999, when a former member killed a Black man and an Asian man in Indiana and Illinois before killing himself. A local member has said the group doesn't condone violence. The Web page also encourages members to visit several area attractions and makes racist remarks when describing the places. The group's leader is scheduled to speak 4 May 02, at the Tabb Library.

H. INTERNATIONAL THREAT INFORMATION

1. GERMANY: On 23 Apr 02, German police arrested eleven members of a Palestinian organization suspected of plotting attacks in the country. The suspects were detained in raids on nineteen different locations, including houses in Berlin, Munich, Essen, and Duesseldorf. They are all suspected members of a German cell of the Sunni Palestinian 'al-Tawhid'

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movement, a fundamentalist group supporting Islamic "jihad", or "holy war." This German cell was primarily involved with supplying fake identity documents and gathering donations, but had initially helped to provide logistical aid for fighters campaigning against Western forces in Afghanistan (Numerous open sources).

2. NEPAL: Nepal came to a halt yesterday (23 April 02) after Maoist rebels ordered a five-day general strike, the latest stage in a campaign to overthrow the monarchy. At least nine people were killed across the country. The streets of Kathmandu were almost deserted and schools and businesses closed as people stayed indoors to avoid reprisals by the increasingly brutal insurgents. More than 3,000 people have been killed since the Maoists began their armed struggle in 1996. Two policemen died when their vehicle was ambushed by rebels on a main road outside the capital, according to Devendra Raj Kandel, Minister of State for Home Affairs. Later, the Defence Ministry said that seven rebels were shot dead by security forces in the western district of Salyan. Rebels also tried to destroy a communications tower in the district of Gorkha, but were repelled after a fierce gun battle, police said. There were no reports of violence in the capital, home to 1.3 million people. Armed troops patrolled the streets and checked the few pedestrians who dared to venture out. They had promised to shoot anyone seen enforcing the strike. Only a few small grocery shops and some government offices were open. The strike, ordered by the outlawed Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), which is fighting for a one-party communist state, comes after a gradual build-up of violence since a state of emergency was declared last November (London Times, 24 Apr 02).

(CID Comment: On 12 Apr 02, the Department of State issued a warning message to US citizens in Nepal about the threat of increased Maoist violence. That warning message followed a bombing attack on a Coca-Cola plant in Nepal.)

3. IRAQ: Shaykh Dr. Abd-Al-Ghafur Muhammad Taha Al-Qaysi read a ruling on Baghdad Television on 16 Apr 02, supporting suicide-bombing operations by Palestinians against Israel. The ruling said "Men of Religion" in Iraq affirm that the "Martyrdom Operations" by the sons of our Palestinian people against the odious Zionist occupation are the highest form of jihad from a religious point of view. The ruling further stated that the difference between martyrdom and suicide is that suicide is killing out of fear and martyrdom is done to uphold God's word.

President Saddam Hussein controls the media and many religious institutions and authorities within Iraq. No ruling would be broadcast without his approval, which means the broadcast reflects his pro-Palestinian views. Qaysi is a frequently cited Islamic "puppet" religious authority used by Saddam's regime. Qaysi's sermons from various Baghdad mosques are frequently the source of Friday prayers, which are broadcast on Iraqi media. Almost all of these sermons contain overtly political and propaganda themes that are consistent with the regime's views. Qaysi was also used in a recent high profile broadcast to portray Saddam and his sons as pious Muslims (45Q25, USCENTCOM).

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I. OFFICER SAFETY

1. Recent intelligence indicates that standard Al-Qaeda security protocols call for operatives to have access to hand grenades for use should security forces attempt to raid their facility. In the event of a raid, Al-Qaeda operatives are instructed to explode the hand grenades, killing themselves and some of the security personnel attempting to affect the arrest (FBI Intelligence Bulletin 9).

J. URBAN LEGENDS / HOAXES / SCAMS

There were no new hoaxes reported to CID during this reporting period.

K. SIGNIFICANT DATES AND EVENTS

It is noted that groups/individuals associated with Usama bin Laden do not appear to pattern their attacks to any significant dates.

27 Apr 02	ANSWER has applied for a permit to demonstrate in Washington, DC
28 April 02	Saddam HUSSEIN'S Birthday.
28 April 02	Afghan Independence Day
29 April 02	Anniversary of the 1995 assassination of a New Zealand businessman by Islamic extremists.
30 April 02	Anniversary of the 1995 announcement by President Clinton that halted all US trade and investment with Iran.
2 May 02	Anniversary of the 2000 extradition of two Egyptians from the UK to the US to face charges in the 1998 bombings of US embassies in Africa.
3 May 02	The transformation of the British led Arab legion into the Jordan Arab army in 1956.
8 - 10 May 02	United Nations General Assembly in New York City.
14 May	Beginning of first Arab – Israeli War.

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15 May Palestine Day (end of UN mandate); the 15 May Organization founded in 1979 by remnant of Special Operations Group of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), takes it name from this event.

31 May 02 – 30 Jun 02 World Cup Soccer Tournament in Seoul, South Korea.

L. THE WAY AHEAD (FUTURE FOCUS)

1. It is noted that there have been seemingly long periods of time between terrorist attacks in the past. The al-Qaeda group has been known to take extended periods of time to plan and execute an attack. The lack of any apparent timely follow-up to the September 11th attacks should not be taken as a sign that no further attacks will occur. Long term planning before an event has characterized several of the recent attacks, to include the September 11th attack.

2. With the continuation of military action in Afghanistan by the US and its allies, the build up of US ground forces in Afghanistan, and the continual removal of detainees outside the country, the threat of additional terrorist attacks against US interests worldwide continues. Terrorist have kidnapped and seized hostages in the past in order to bargain for the release of their fellow terrorists being held as prisoners by governments. Law enforcement and security personnel should be alert for possible precursors of kidnapping attempts, such as surveillance.

3. Law enforcement and security personnel at installations and facilities that are primary force projection platforms, or that play a major role in the support of force projection operations, should be especially vigilant and attentive to any anomalies that might be terrorist pre-attack indicators. This is especially so for any Army installations who have identified forces in the conflict area.

4. All suspicious activity and intelligence should be promptly reported for formal evaluation without regard to the number of overall reports previously submitted. Even a seemingly unimportant incident might be of significance when combined with other reports.

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