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Title: HESHAM MOHAMED ABU-ZUBAIDAH, aka
IT - UBL/AL QAEDA/PAKISTAN

Synopsis: To provide results of interview of Rosalee Abu-Zubaidah, Hesham's wife.

Details: On 08/22/2001, Rosalee Abu-Zubaidah was interviewed by SAs Christine E. Olson and Timothy Alan Lamb at her apartment. Rosalee was very cooperative and showed no hesitation in answering any questions. Rosalee provided the following information:

Per Hesham, his brother Hani Mohamed Abu-Zubaidah is a bomb terrorist. Hani has no contact with his family and his family has no way to contact him unless he wants to talk to them. Rosalee has never seen Hani. At the beginning of April 2000, Hani called Fast Trip (a gas station) wanting to talk to Hesham who was not at work at that time. Bashar (Jaber) gave Hani the telephone number of the apartment they (Hesham, Rosalee, and Bashar) were living in at the time - [REDACTED] Hani then called Hesham at this number and spoke for about half an hour. The conversation was all in Arabic so Rosalee does not know what they discussed. Hesham was very happy to hear from Hani, especially since Hani was sending \$3,000 to help them out financially. Hesham spent \$2,000 of the money on his Mustang automobile. To Rosalee's knowledge, Hesham only spoke to Hani that one time. Hesham does not know how Hani got the telephone number to Fast Trip. *True*

Hesham said he and Hani were the black sheep of the family. Hani was going to college in Syria or Jordan when the war happened. Rosalee could not specify any further which war. Hani called his father asking him to send several hundred thousand dollars and that was the last the family heard from him. For this reason, the

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father wants nothing more to do with Hani.

Hesham said he left Saudi Arabia because he wanted to build a new life here in the United States (U.S.). Hesham would not give more details but three months ago told her he left because he had committed a crime in Saudi Arabia. Hesham said he had gone to jail six (6) times in Saudi Arabia for promiscuous behavior with young girls and for hitting someone. In Saudi Arabia if one is caught in an automobile with a woman other than his wife or relative, that person is jailed. Hesham was whipped once in Saudi Arabia but there are no scars on his back because of the good ointment put on his back afterward. As a result of a car accident, Hesham had to have major surgery. At first it was feared that he was going to lose his left leg. He does have a large scar on his left calf as a result of the accident. Rosalee noted that this good scar-healing ointment must not have been used on his leg.

Hesham broke his father's nose when he was 16 years old because his father had told him he was not going to leave home. Hesham said he is Palestinian but was born in Saudi Arabia. At times Hesham emphasizes his Saudi Arabian ancestry and likes to flaunt it. His father is from Israel and his mother from Jordan. Hesham's father owns a lot of businesses, like little markets, in Saudi Arabia. The family lives in Riyadh in a house the size of a hospital with a gate around it.

Hesham has four (4) brothers and five (5) sisters. Maher is the eldest (37 - 38 years old), Hani is the second eldest (35 - 36 years old), and Sultan is the youngest brother and is a doctor. Three other children are also doctors. The eldest sister is Wafat (phonetic - probably Wafa)(28 years of age). Wafa is a psychologist. Another sister is named Nasreen. Hesham is the sixth child. All the children are close in age.

Hesham has one cousin in Michigan, the son of his maternal aunt. He has another cousin in Dallas.

Hesham and Rosalee have been married for thirteen (13) months. Hesham goes out a lot but does not say where he is going. Hesham said he would not take her to Saudi Arabia because his father would not like her. Whenever she has spoken to his parents on the telephone, they have been nice to her. The parents will not come to the U.S. Hesham's father wants him to come home because he does not like America and so he will not send Hesham money in the normal course of events. In response to Hesham's arrest and his being in trouble, his father sent him a lot of money, perhaps \$10,000. Hesham's father had sent him money when Hesham got in trouble in Chicago; Hesham would never tell Rosalee what had happened.

Hesham entered the U.S. with the stated intention of going to college in Florida. He entered the U.S. on 07/15/1998 at New York and spent one week there before going on to Chicago. He went to school for one semester and began working as a waiter with an Arabian man. While in Chicago, Hesham went clubbing and met some Italian mafiosi in the clubs. Hesham said he was asked by the mafiosi to kill someone, which he did, and then they asked him to do something he did not want to do. Rosalee

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was a little unclear on this point and said Hesham did not give any real details. This was the reason Hesham left Chicago and came to Portland.

Rosalee met Hesham while they both were working at an Arco AM/PM at 242nd and Stark in Portland. The owner, Ali Last Name Unknown (LNU), paid employees under the table. The Arco AM/PM station was closed down for remodeling so Hesham started working at Fast Trip gas station and mini-mart in December 1999. He worked there until April or June, 2000. The owner of Fast Trip on NE MLK Blvd. is Maher Al-Khatib. Maher pays his employees under the table and Rosalee threatened to turn Maher in for this so Hesham quit working there. Hesham did not work the summer of 2000 but began working at Fast Trip again in October 2000, when he could work there legally. Hesham quit working at Fast Trip again in May 2001. He then began working at Precision Castparts as a sandblaster on 06/11/2001. Rosalee had begun working the swing shift at Precision Castparts on 06/04/2001. When Rosalee and Hesham had a fight, she was not sure if Hesham was going to drive her home and so told her plight to a co-worker, Trevor LNU. When Hesham found out that the co-worker had offered to drop Rosalee off at her place, if she would pay for the gas since it was in a direction opposite to his place, he confronted Trevor in the parking lot and threatened to "kick his ass." Hesham was fired for this the first week in July and spent the whole month of July out of work. Hesham spent the time watching Nautica, their daughter, and driving around with his friends. On 08/04/2001, Hesham began working at the Franz Bakery at NE 12th Avenue, near Sandy Blvd., with Rosalee's father, Paul Andrews. Paul is a supervisor there and got Hesham a job starting at \$11.75 an hour. Franz Bakery is pleased with Hesham's work but he says the job is boring.

Maher Al-Khatib's employees are under the table workers who use other people's Social Security Numbers (SSNs). Hesham has a fake SSN card which was made for him by an American man for \$80. Hesham was working at Fast Trip at the time he obtained the card. Rosalee told Hesham he could not use the fake SSN card and has had it in her possession since February 2000. Rosalee provided the fake SSN card to SAs Olson and Lamb.

Rosalee is more frightened of Maher Al-Khatib than of anyone else. Her parents are also afraid of him. He has a lot of money and has a house in Jordan. Maher left his American wife, Angela, about 30 years of age, with his family in Jordan so she could be molded into a proper wife; for example, she leaves the room when the men talk. Rosalee was once in Maher's office at Fast Trip and saw three or four pistols there. Hesham has told her that you "do not mess" with Maher's brother. Maher told her that her daughter would be taken away from her if she got Hesham in trouble and that she would regret it if she called the police on Hesham.

Hesham is slim but he is toned and strong. There is weight lifting equipment in the apartment and he works out on it. Hesham has said that he wants a lot of guns when he gets a house.

Hesham took part in the Palestinian protest in downtown Portland some months ago.

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Hesham brought home marijuana in December 1999. Rosalee was upset about this and he has not done it lately. He brought home crack cocaine in a napkin in January 2000. He was working at Fast Trip at the time. Rosalee described Fast Trip as one of the biggest drug dealing places. Hesham had been talking with Bashar about selling hashish and then in June 2001 when Rosalee was going through his pants pockets looking for the car keys, she found a block of something wrapped in plastic which she took to be hashish. She put it back in his pants pocket and then confronted him later about having drugs in a house with a baby. Hesham then hid it in the glove compartment of his car and later, when she protested that, on his person.

Hesham and Rosalee have gotten in fights before and he has slapped her before but the beating on 08/12/2001 was the worst. He punched her in addition to slapping her. If he were mad enough, he would show up at the apartment even if she had a restraining order against him.

Bashar Jaber was Hesham and Rosalee's roommate at the former apartment on SE Alder Street. Bashar ran up a telephone bill of \$636 in long-distance charges and they had to move out of the apartment on 04/22/2000 because they did not have money for the rent. Hesham and Rosalee had to move in with her parents; Bashar went to stay at Asem (phonetic) LNU's house. Asem is very tall and "massively big." He is getting married to a Syrian girl. Hesham met Maher Al-Khatib through Bashar. Bashar has been working under the table for Maher since he arrived in Portland. He also came on a student visa but went to school for only two semesters. He is now out of status. Bashar works the early shift so he leaves work at 3:00 PM. Bashar has fake insurance and when he was in a car accident two weeks before the date of the interview, he went to the hospital under a fake name. Hesham has fake insurance papers from Cascade National Insurance. He has changed numbers on the forms.

Rosalee's, Christina Hodge, was looking after Nautica while Rosalee was at work on the swing shift at Precision Castparts. Hesham was not working at the time. Christina said Hesham tried to rape her several times but did not press charges because she was afraid Rosalee would be upset. Rosalee told Christina that she would not be upset and to go ahead and press charges. Rosalee confronted Hesham about this matter, he got very upset and began to yell, and they had a fight. Rosalee noted that Hesham loves to yell.

Hesham said that if he were deported to Saudi Arabia, he would go to another country since he does not want to live in Saudi Arabia. Last December Hesham threatened her saying that one day she would wake up and he would not be here.

When Ahmed Ressam came into the U.S., Bashar and Hesham's friend Nadal LNU got into trouble for getting into FBI files on the computer. The FBI came to Nadal's apartment and searched it.

Rosalee has never heard Hesham mention anyone who knows Usama