

5. *Hassan Ghul Provides Substantial Information—Including Information on a Key UBL Facilitator—Prior to the CIA's Use of Enhanced Interrogation Techniques*

(TS//~~NOFORN~~) foreign authorities captured Hassan Ghul in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region on January [REDACTED], 2004.⁷⁶³ After his identity was confirmed on January [REDACTED], 2004,⁷⁶⁴ Ghul was rendered from U.S. military custody to CIA custody at DETENTION SITE COBALT on January [REDACTED], 2004.⁷⁶⁵ The detention site interrogators, who, according to CIA records, did not use the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques on Ghul, sent at least 21 intelligence reports to CIA Headquarters based on their debriefings of Hassan Ghul from the two days he spent at the facility.⁷⁶⁶

(TS//~~NOFORN~~) As detailed in this summary, and in greater detail in Volume II, CIA records indicate that the most accurate CIA detainee reporting on the facilitator who led to Usama bin Laden (UBL) was acquired from Hassan Ghul—prior to the use of the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques.⁷⁶⁷ Ghul speculated that “UBL was likely living in [the]

training arising out of the al-Masri rendition, but states that, “[n]onetheless, we concede that it is difficult in hindsight to understand how the Agency could make such a mistake, take too long to correct it, determine that a flawed legal interpretation contributed, and in the end only hold accountable three CTC attorneys, two of whom received only an oral admonition.”

⁷⁶³ [REDACTED] 21753 [REDACTED]; HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED] JAN 04)

⁷⁶⁴ HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED] JAN 04). The CIA confirmed that the individual detained matched the biographical data on Hassan Ghul. Khalid Shaykh Muhammad and Khallad bin Attash confirmed that a photo provided was of Ghul. See [REDACTED] 1260 [REDACTED] JAN 04).

⁷⁶⁵ [REDACTED] 1642 [REDACTED] JAN 04); DIRECTOR [REDACTED] JAN 04)

⁷⁶⁶ [REDACTED] 54194 [REDACTED] JAN 04); [REDACTED] 1644 [REDACTED] JAN 04), later released as HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED] JAN 04); [REDACTED] 1645 [REDACTED] JAN 04), later released as HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED] JAN 04); [REDACTED] 1646 [REDACTED] JAN 04), later released as HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED] JAN 04); [REDACTED] 1647 [REDACTED] JAN 04), later released as HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED] JAN 04); [REDACTED] 1647 [REDACTED] CIA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FEB 04); [REDACTED] 1650 [REDACTED] JAN 04); [REDACTED] 1651

[REDACTED] JAN 04); [REDACTED] 1652 [REDACTED] JAN 04), later released as [REDACTED]

DIRECTOR [REDACTED] JAN 04); [REDACTED] 1654 [REDACTED] JAN 04);

[REDACTED] 1655 [REDACTED] JAN 04), later released as [REDACTED] CIA [REDACTED] FEB 04);

[REDACTED] 1657 [REDACTED] JAN 04); [REDACTED] 1677 [REDACTED] JAN 04);

[REDACTED] 1679 [REDACTED] JAN 04); [REDACTED] 1680 [REDACTED] JAN 04);

[REDACTED] 1681 [REDACTED] JAN 04), later released as [REDACTED] CIA [REDACTED]

FEB 04); [REDACTED] 1685 [REDACTED] JAN 04), later released as [REDACTED] CIA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 1687 [REDACTED] JAN 04), later released as [REDACTED]

CIA [REDACTED] FEB 04); [REDACTED] 1688 [REDACTED] JAN 04), later released as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CIA [REDACTED] FEB 04); [REDACTED] 1690 [REDACTED] JAN 04);

[REDACTED] 1656 [REDACTED] JAN 04); [REDACTED] 1678 [REDACTED] JAN 04)

⁷⁶⁷ As the dissemination of 21 intelligence reports suggests, information in CIA records indicates Hassan Ghul was cooperative prior to being subjected to the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques. In an interview with the CIA Office of Inspector General, a CIA officer familiar with Ghul's initial interrogations stated, “He sang like a tweetie bird. He opened up right away and was cooperative from the outset.” (See December 2, 2004, interview with [REDACTED], Chief, DO, CTC UBL Department, [REDACTED].) CIA records reveal that Ghul's information on Abu Ahmad al-Kuwaiti was disseminated while Ghul was at DETENTION SITE COBALT, prior to the initiation of the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques. On April 16, 2013, the Council on Foreign Relations hosted a forum in relation to the screening of the film, “Manhunt.” The forum included former CIA officer Nada Bakos, who states in the film that Hassan Ghul provided the critical information on Abu Ahmad al-Kuwaiti to Kurdish officials prior to entering CIA custody. When asked about the interrogation techniques used by the Kurds,