From: 
To: 
Subject: Re: Aulaqi email matter

The attached EC describes a recent telephone conversation I had with Aulaqi...based on my sending him an e-mail asking him to call me. He seemed to be agreeable to meeting me in the UK in March, 2004...I've not yet discussed the options/feasibility for doing this with my WFO chain of command or HQ SSA.

If I get the FBI's approval to meet Aulaqi in the UK, I'll be communicating with him by e-mail...he didn't give me his telephone number (he said he was calling me from a phone booth).

11/28 11:37 AM

The Aulaqi email issue popped up again, and I've been tasked to report to the 9/11 Commission how we handled this. Can you please provide me with a complete update on the email issue? I've attached several earlier emails addressing this matter in the event they may assist your recollection of events.

Thanks for your help.

CC: 

SECRET
To: CounterTerrorism  
From: Washington Field  

Precidence: ROUTINE  
Date: 11/25/2003

To: CounterTerrorism  
Attn: SSA  

From: Washington Field  
Contact: SA  

Approved By:  
Drafted By:  

Title: ANWAR AULAQUI; IT - AL QAEDA

Synopsis: To report telephonic contact between SA and Anwar Aulaqi.

Details: On 11/24/2003 Anwar Aulaqi left two messages on SSA WFO/office voice mail, one at 8:16am (32 seconds) and the other at 10:59am (17 seconds).

In the first message Aulaqi identified himself and stated he would call again, that SA could send an e-mail advising of a good time to call back, or that he (Aulaqi) could be reached via e-mail.

In the second call Aulaqi identifies himself and states he will call later in the evening or on 11/25/2003.

On the morning of 11/25/2003, SA sent an e-mail from FBI cellular telephone number.

On 11/25/2003, at approximately 12:42pm, a person called SA cellular telephone and identified himself as Anwar Aulaqi (the caller ID on

AWLAKI-4472
To: CounterTerrorism From: Washington Field

Re: (8) 199N-WF-222852, 11/25/2003

SA cellular telephone noted a telephone number of SA advised Anwar Aulaqi that a personal meeting was being sought. Aulaqi indicated he would be willing to meet but did not want to return to the United States. Aulaqi suggested a meeting in Yemen or in the UK.

(8) Aulaqi asked if his attorney could be present during the meeting, Aulaqi indicated he had an attorney in the UK but did not offer the attorney's name. SA advised Aulaqi that it would be his (Aulaqi's) choice if he wanted to bring an attorney to any future meeting he might have with the FBI. SA old Aulaqi that the meeting might involve a discussion on some issues of a personal nature.

(8) Aulaqi will be in the UK in December, 2003 but his schedule is very busy and he will not be able to meet then. Aulaqi may be able to travel to the UK in January or February, 2004 for a few days. Aulaqi will also be in the UK in March, 2004 and this is likely to be the best time for him to meet with the FBI.

(8) Aulaqi was advised that a meeting in the UK may be a workable option, contingent upon gaining approval from the FBI and the UK.
Anwar,

I need to start making plans for a trip to England in March, 2004. Can you give me some idea of when you will be in the UK, where you will be staying (city and hotel), and when you will be available to meet.

I still need to get approval for overseas travel from my headquarters & our liaison in the UK...in this regard I need to be able to specify a time frame and location in my travel request.

Feel free to call me if you so desire, I'll be in town all next week.

Washington, DC

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From: 
To: 
Date: Mon, Dec 15, 2003 11:58 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: aulaqi.wpd

Our response will be as we discussed last week on the phone. Unfortunately the case agent is tied up on trial prep for a major case on the squad and has not been able to type the EC we discussed. If you need to respond this afternoon here is WFO's position.

There is no indication he plans to return to the U.S.

SM has had a conversation with Aulaqi and has tentatively set up an interview for mid March in London. With the Va. jihad trial scheduled for early Feb. this will be the earliest SM can meet Aulaqi.

With that said, we would not want to do the interview with the 9/11 commission.

If the 9/11 commission needs to meet with Aulaqi, we will provide the contact information so they can set up their own interview.

>>> 12/15 11:12 AM >>>

Commission executive director via his staff, have been making daily inquiries regarding the Aulaqi questions presented in the EC to WFO...it was also a topic at the 2 day penttbom conference last week. Wish I could tell you why aulaqi is such a big deal, but with the Commission, the sky is the limit. In any event, have you guys been able to specifically address the questions?? I've been asked to respond sometime this afternoon.

Thanks,

CC:
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE
Date: 12/15/2003

To: Director's Office
Attn: 9/11 Commission Task Force
Counterterrorism
Attn: SSA

From: Washington Field
Contact: SA

Approved By: b6
Drafted By: b7C

Case ID #: (S) 199N-WF-222852 (Pending) b7E
Title: [S] NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TERRORISM 9/11 TASK FORCE

Synopsis: [S] Information provided on Anwar Aulaqi.

(U) Derived From: G-3
Declasify On: X1

Details: [S] By EC dated 12/09/2003, the 9/11 Commission Task Force requested WFO to respond to four issues that are of interest to the National Commission on Terrorism (9/11 Commission). Following are WFO's responses to those issues:

1. What are the plans of the WFO case agents on pursuing the interview of Aulaqi? The former case agent on the Anwar Aulaqi [redacted] is in communication with Aulaqi via telephone and e-mail in an attempt to arrange an interview with Aulaqi. On 11/25/2003 SA[redacted] spoke telephonically with Anwar Aulaqi. In this conversation, Aulaqi expressed a willingness to meet with SA[redacted] in England in March, 2004. On 12/15/2003, SA[redacted] sent an e-mail to Aulaqi asking for a specific time and location he would be
To: Director's Office  From: Washington Field
Re: 12/15/2003

available to meet in England; Aulaqi has not yet responded to this e-mail.

2. Does WFO have any plans on reopening the Aulaqi case? At this point, WFO Anwar Aulaqi, there is no indication he plans to return to the United States.

3. If there is no plan to reopen the case or any other pending issues with Aulaqi, will WFO pass the information on to the 09/11 Commission so the 9/11 Commission may attempt to locate Aulaqi? The 09/11 Commission was previously provided with Anwar Aulaqi's e-mail address, alaulaqi@yahoo.com, however WFO is unaware if the 9/11 Commission attempted to contact Aulaqi using this e-mail account or the results of such attempted contact. In as much as WFO has succeeded in establishing contact with Aulaqi, he has expressed a willingness to submit to an FBI interview.

4. If the 9/11 Commission is able to set up an interview with Aulaqi, does WFO want to be included? No, Aulaqi is expected to make himself available for an FBI interview in March, 2004. If the 9/11 Commission seeks to pursue an interview of Anwar Aulaqi earlier than March, 2004 they should proceed independently.
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AWLAKI-4478
To: al_aulaqi@yahoo.com

CC: 

Bcc: 

Subject: March, 2004

12/29/2003 1:10pm

Anwar,

I sent you two messages about a week ago, if you didn't receive them I was asking about your travel plans to the UK in March, 2004. Can you let me know what your tentative plans are...I need to start making arrangements for myself.

Thanks.

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Sent: Monday, December 29, 2003 1:12 PM
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  al_aulagi@yahoo.com

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From: al_aulagi@yahoo.com
To: al_aulagi@yahoo.com
Subject: March, 2004
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2003 1:11 PM

12/29/2003 1:10pm

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Thanks.

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To: al_aulaqi@yahoo.com

Subject: Contact

12/05/2003 7:18am

Anwar,

I can't seem to reach you by e-mail, if you get this message please respond. If you prefer you can reach me at my office telephone number:

Anwar Aulaqi
From: <postmaster@mail.hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 5, 2004 7:20 AM
To: b6 b7C
Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

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al_ualaqi@yahoo.com

From: b6 b7C
To: al_ualaqi@yahoo.com
Subject: Contact
Sent: Monday, January 5, 2004 7:20 AM

12/05/2003 7:19 am

Anwar,

I can't seem to reach you by e-mail, if you get this message please respond. If you prefer you can reach me at my office telephone number

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From: 
To: Aulaqi update
Subject: Aulaqi update

FYI, I did not get a response from Aulaqi on an e-mail I sent him on 12/14/2003 (asking for details of his anticipated trip to the UK in March, 2004).

I sent him a follow up e-mail on 12/29/2003. I received a delivery failure notification on this e-mail. I'll try another e-mail today.
From:  
To:  
Date: Sun, Dec 21, 2003 1:32 PM  
Subject: Aulaqi Issues

In ref to our tel call last week, please have establish e-mail contact with Aulaqi as soon as possible (from KY or otherwise) to present the following two options:

1. Aulaqi meeting with the commission staffers for an interview in UK or Yemen ASAP.
2. One of our Legats interviewing Aulaqi in place of ASAP.

In addition, I would like copies of all e-mail contacts between and Aulaqi as soon as possible. They have requested copies of these e-mails. I will discuss the content with commission staff and determine what there course of action will be. This is a hot topic for them and they have been relentless in their desire to interview Aulaqi. They are we must do everything possible to make this happen. Thanks for the help, please advise me Monday on the status.

9/11 Commission Task Force

CC: 9/11 TF Supervisors,
From: 
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2003 10:51 AM
To: alaulqi@yahoo.com
Subject: your contact with

My name is__________ I work with__________ in D.C. After talking with__________ about your recent contact with her, I wanted to let you know that I am the person in our office most familiar with your situation. It's my belief that we could both benefit from having a private conversation with each other. This conversation should be in person, between me and you. Please consider this and let me know how you feel about the idea. We can discuss further where to meet, when to meet, etc. If you don't want to travel back to the D.C. area we can meet somewhere else.

Perhaps we can talk on the telephone to work out the details of a meeting. My number in DC is__________ this is my direct line and I have secure voice mail if you need to leave a message.

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To: al_aulaq@yahoo.com

Subject: Contact

01/12/2004 5:57am

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al_alaqi@yahoo.com

From:

To: al_alaqi@yahoo.com

Subject: Contact

Sent: Monday, January 12, 2004 5:56 AM

01/12/2004 5:57am

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Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: 199N-WF-222852 (Closed)

Title: ANWAR AULAQUI;

IT - UBL

Synopsis: Information turned over to Chief, 09/11 Commission Task Force.

Derived From: G-3

Deglassify On: X1

Enclosure(s):

1. e-mail from et.al., dated 10/02/2003.

2. e-mail exchange between and Anwar Aulaqi, in October, 2003.

3. e-mail from to Anwar Aulaqi, dated 11/11/2003.

4. e-mail from Anwar Aulaqi to dated 11/15/2003.

5. e-mail from to Anwar Aulaqi, dated 12/14/2003.
To: Washington Field
From: Washington Field

Re: 199N-WF-222852, 01/12/2004


7. e-mail from [redacted] to Anwar Aulaqi, dated 01/05/2004, including failed delivery notification, dated 01/05/2004.

8. e-mail from [redacted] to Anwar Aulaqi, dated 01/12/2004, including failed delivery notification, dated 01/12/2004.

Details: On 01/12/2004, [redacted] hand delivered the enclosed documents to [redacted], Unit Chief, 9/11 Commission Task Force, telephone [redacted]