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Synopsis

Abu Hafs submits a report on the al-Qaeda operations in Somalia, Ogaden, Kenya, and Djibouti, and lists budget needs. Luuq camp has a great location, but is short on many supplies. The situation in the Ogaden, currently under the purview of Saif al-Islam, is going well, but needs money. The Kenya office is has a central logistical and administrative function, but suffers from security problems. Finally, the Djibouti office needs a married operative who will not be corrupted.

Key Themes

Abu Hafs rejects doing Brother Anass's courses in the areas he visited for security, and suggests Khartoum instead. He then gives code words the recipients of the report should use for Sudan and Somalia, and the times and days that certain frequencies can be used to contact him via wireless communications.

The next section is a detailed description of Luuq Camp. The camp's location is good for using as a springboard for guerrilla warfare, since the mountainous terrain makes it hard for outside forces to penetrate, especially during the rainy season, when the camouflage is thicker. Marehan tribes (the tribe of Seyad Barre) live in the area, but the actual area around the camp is sparsely populated, and many of the people are supporters of the Islamic Union. Abu Hafs rates the security situation as good, and military supplies are mostly good, with the exception of clothing, shoes, canteens, RPGs, ammunition for artillery, and vehicles (two cars are needed, if possible). As for the training, it is going well, especially given the horrible condition many of the recruits were in at the beginning. Trainers are needed.

Abu Hafs met with Professor Mahmood, and it became clear to him that the coalition in Luuq lacks decision-making ability, and defers to the central authority, which is non-confrontational in incidents with the Americans and Kenya. Abu Hafs senses this may be a problem in the future.

Regarding communications, Abu Hafs triumphantly notes that Saif in Ogaden, and Omar in Laascaanood (of the "Sudanese Agricultural Equipment Division") were contacted using a "faraway-communications wireless system." It will be cheaper than phones, but requires codes. The group still needs devices with repeaters, and several high frequency devices, although it is unclear how they will transport the devices to the needy areas.

The goal of the brothers in Luuq is two-fold: to form a guerrilla force, and to discover and collect information on the enemy for use in the future.

Abu Hafs then goes on to describe the situation in the Ogaden. He notes that he was able to make contact with Saif. Saif is doing well, prior reports that the Ogaden camp was surrounded are untrue, and he is desperate need of money. Abu Hafs wants to go to Ogaden, probably via the Luuq route, and met with Sheikh Saley and Sheikh Abdellah Omar, where he encouraged them with the group's logo: "Make me achieve my earnings under the shadow of my arrow."

Abu Hafs continues with a discussion of the Kenya office. The purpose of the Nairobi office (which is in a rented house) is to receive, prepare, equip, and supply brothers going to the camps in Luuq or Ogaden. The actual cost of transporting people from Nairobi to Luuq is high. The security situation is poor – crime is high, and the political situation is unstable, possibly even explosive. Furthermore, Arabs in particular are subject to extreme surveillance.

Djibouti has an al-Qaeda operative in the form of Brother Khaled, but he must be removed immediately because he is susceptible to Djibouti's corruption as a single male, and replaced with Abu Ahmed Al-Radji, who is married.

Abu Hafs then lists the fixed budget for the Kenya/Luuq operations, and mentions that Brother Khaled is \$4000 in debt. The trainers would also like good salaries as they would like to get married, and low salaries would apparently present obstacles to doing that.

Finally, Abu Hafs met with Abu Khadija al-Zahri, and confirmed that the evacuation of Laasqoray was not about a lack of food after all.