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### **Synopsis**

The author discusses Aideed's ascendancy in Somali, attacks against the US and UN, and the situation among the brothers in other regions in the Horn of Africa.

### **Key Themes**

The author writes to Abu Abdalla, Abu Obaida, and unnamed others, and gives a situation report for operations in the Horn of Africa, particularly Somalia.

Aideed has large amounts of support in the region. The Ali Mahdi coalition is thinking of allying with him, while the main opposition coalition is fracturing. The UN, for its part, has moved out of Mogadishu in order to support anti-Aideed factions via money and humanitarian aid. Even so, Aideed has become a hero to those looking for an effective leader, and he can overcome opposition in Mogadishu and Kemayo. As for Islamic Unity, they are apparently requesting people in Jeddo, and continue training in Mogadishu.

After a missing page, the document picks up with a list of attacks in Somalia. American and UN forces have suffered a number of casualties due to attacks. The Americans are afraid, and asked Aideed's forces to investigate, but Aideed denies any wrongdoing. Aideed's group called Sheikh Abdulla Sahal, threatened his followers, and began looking for the brothers in order to stop the attacks. There will be a discussion about security even though there are only five brothers, led by Abu Ahamd Al Masri.

As for Dubli, Saif is trying to get there to assess the situation. The brothers tried only one failed RPG attack against a UN helicopter. In Ojadeen, the brothers have arrived safely. Sheikh Abdulla Omar asked for engineers, but none are available right now. There is nothing new to report in Jeddo.