**Intelligence Report**

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Intelligence reports are designed at various levels of command encompassing tactical operations. They are then disseminated quickly to ensure the information’s timeliness is maintained. This report will discuss the different intelligence sources, facts and provide an assessment.

**Sources**

Information sought for this project will allow for the implementation of a well-developed strategy to combat the possible terrorist activity. The integration of data from different intelligence sources is important to avoid coming up with erroneous conclusions susceptible to deception. The intelligence sources used to acquire information regarding the case and related to the report include signals intelligence (SIGINT), human intelligence (HUMINT), and open-source intelligence (OSINT). SIGINT effectively collected intel through intercepting signals transmitted over cable, airwaves, and fiber optics. HUMINT was used to derive intel from human sources through overt collectors like military attaches and diplomats. Lastly, OSINT was used to collect intelligence from open source materials made public to intelligence agencies (Lowenthal & Clark, 2015).

**Presentation of Facts**

Intelligence agencies conduct investigations to collect information that would be useful in preventing future occurrences of threat. An agency doing follow-up would want to identify the individuals or groups that pose the most threat to the nation. They would also study patterns to understand when and where most unwanted activities occur frequently. The agency would then determine why the individuals or groups engage in such activities and what means they use to undertake their deeds.

**Analyst Assessment**

**Key Assumptions**

The collected data revealed there is an imminent threat to the U.S. by the al-Qaeda terrorist group. Terror crime is prevalent with the group recruiting more members daily. This asserts the study's assumptions regarding the state of terror by the group within the nation.

**Terrorist Group**

Al-Qaeda is motivated by a sense of the destruction of public security by targeting buildings of political or economic symbolism. The group seeks to replace the corrupt and heretical governments. Besides, al-Qaeda has centralized decision-making and decentralized execution with top leaders who define its ideology and guide its strategy (Bomfim, 2021). The group is also organized into various committees. Al-Qaeda is an international terrorist group with multinational members, thus showing multiple affiliates.

**Nature of threat**

Al-Qaeda accurately plans its attacks through an operational planning cycle with well-defined steps for planning and execution. The group targets buildings that have important economic and political symbolism (Bomfim, 2021). They execute the attacks through suicide and martyrdom bombs.

**Prediction**

If no sufficient action is taken to mitigate the threat, the terrorist group could recruit more members making it stronger to initiate attacks on the U.S. The attackers could conduct more bomb scares and bombings.

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