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SOURCES: AL QAEDA MAY HAVE MADE CONTACT IN U.S. RECENTLY

August 4, 2004 CNN reported: Intelligence found in Pakistan suggests that suspected al Qaeda operatives in that country contacted an individual or individuals in the United States in the past few months, according to two senior U.S. government sources.

The officials would not characterize the nature of the communication. But the sources said other information from Pakistan has prompted investigations in the United States to uncover whether there are any individuals or terrorist cells plotting an attack on U.S. soil.

In addition, two senior Pakistani intelligence sources told CNN that there is evidence at least six individuals in the United States were contacted by Muhammad Naeem Noor Khan, an alleged al Qaeda operative who was recently taken into custody in Pakistan. U.S. officials have not confirmed that information.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan told reporters Aboard Air Force One that two intelligence streams "came to light more fully" last Friday. The first dealt with Khan and the other dealt with an undisclosed threat. "I can't go further into it because it could compromise some ongoing operations at this point," McClellan said. He noted, "When you connect all these streams of intelligence, it paints an alarming picture."

Without mentioning Khan by name, McClellan said the suspected al Qaeda operative "had computer files with very detailed and specific information about some of al Qaeda's intentions." "This is an active al Qaeda operative who we know has ties to other al Qaeda operatives who are involved in plotting to carry out attacks against the American people," McClellan said.

It was Khan's arrest and documents in his possession that sparked this week's increased threat levels in Washington, New Jersey and New York, U.S. officials said. Khan is a computer expert suspected of helping Osama bin Laden communicate with his terror network, U.S. government sources said. Pakistani officials said the man's identity cannot be confirmed because he has used multiple aliases...≡

U.S. LAUNCHES MAJOR MISSION ALONG SYRIAN BORDER



August 5, 2004 The Middle East Newsline reported: The U.S. military, backed by Iraqi forces, has launched a major operation along the border with Syria.

U.S. officials said Operation Phantom Linebacker has comprised of thousands of U.S. and Iraqi soldiers as well as armored combat vehicles, unmanned air vehicles and helicopters in an effort to stem the flow of insurgents, funds and weapons from Syria into Iraq. The officials said the operation came in wake of a determination that the Sunni insurgency, including support for Abu Mussib Al Zarqawi, was coming mainly from Saddam Hussein loyalists who have fled to Syria.

Officials said the operation was the largest by the United States to stop weapons from Syria. Earlier missions involved mainly fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft in pursuit of Sunni insurgents along the more than 500 kilometer Iraqi-Syrian border. The operation began on Aug. 2 and also comprised a range of Iraqi security forces. They included the Iraqi Border Police and Iraqi

National Guard...≡

NORTH KOREAN MISSILES MAY HAVE U.S. IN RANGE

August 4, 2004 The International Herald Tribune reported: North Korea is deploying new land- and sea-based ballistic missiles that can carry nuclear warheads and may have sufficient range to hit the continental United States, according to the authoritative Jane's Defense Weekly.

The land-based model has an estimated range of 2,500 to 4,000 kilometers (1,550 to 2,500 miles), Jane's said, bringing into range all of East Asia, as well as Hawaii and U.S. military bases on the Pacific islands of Okinawa and Guam. The sea-launched model could be fired at least 2,500 kilometers from any point in the ocean, said the article, which was due to appear Wednesday.

Jane's said the two new systems appeared to be based on a decommissioned Soviet missile, the R-27, launched from a submarine. It said North Korea had acquired the ability during the 1990s from Russian missile specialists and by buying 12 former Soviet submarines that had been sold for scrap metal but retained key elements of their missile launch systems.

Jane's, which did not specify its sources, said the sea-based missile was potentially the more threatening of the two new weapons systems. "It would fundamentally alter the missile threat posed by the DPRK," the Democratic People's

Republic of Korea, "and could finally provide its leadership with something that it has long sought to obtain - the ability to directly threaten the continental U.S.," the weekly said.

.Apart from aiming at the United States, South Korea or Japan, cash-strapped North Korea might seek to sell the technology to countries that have bought its missiles in the past, with Iran a prime candidate, the article added...≡

EGYPT NEWSPAPER: HOLOCAUST A LIE

August 4, 2004 WorldNetDaily reported: A Egypt's leading newspaper has published a series of articles that deny the Holocaust, and claim Jews invented "lies of genocide" to extort the West and make possible the establishment of the Jewish state, prompting some Israeli lawmakers to express reservations about allowing Egypt to control security in Gaza after Sharon's withdrawal plan is implemented next year.

Dr. Rif'at Sayyed Ahmad, director of the Jaffa Research Center in Cairo and columnist for Al-Liwaa Al-Islami, Egypt's state-controlled newspaper, published a two-part article, 'The Lie About The Burning of the Jews,' which claims the Holocaust was a Jewish invention.

"The Zionist enterprise on the land of Palestine succeeded by means of lies and myths, from the myth of the 'Chosen People' and the 'Promised Land' to the lie about the burning of the Jews in the Nazi gas chambers during World War II," wrote Ahmad according to a translation by the Middle East Media Research Institute, or MEMRI.

"What interests us here is that this lie [about] the burning of the Jews in the Nazi crematoria has been disseminated throughout the world until our time in order to extort the West and make it easier for the Jews of Europe to hunt [sic] Palestine and establish a state on it, in disregard of the most basic principles of international law and the right of peoples to independent life without occupation. [This lie] was raised [also] so that [the Jews] would receive financial, technological, and economic aid from the West. ...

"This entire situation has turned the Holocaust B that is, Hitler's operation of burning the Jews in gas chambers B into a drawn sword at the necks of historians and serious researchers in the West, and even in the East. At the same time, [the Holocaust] became profitable goods for the Zionist entity...≡

HUMAN MAD COW MAY BE MORE WIDESPREAD

August 5 2004 The AP reported: ΑΛΟΝΔΟΝ – Scientists have found evidence suggesting that the human form of mad cow disease might be infecting a wider group of people than seen so far and that some may develop a milder form of the illness. Since variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease was first identified in 1996, little has been learned about it. Until now, the fatal brain-wasting disease was found only in people who have a certain genetic profile.

But research published this week in The Lancet medical journal reported the infection in a person with a more common genetic makeup and with no symptoms of the illness.

That means more people than previously believed could be incubating the disease, thought to come from eating processed beef products from cattle infected with mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy. It also raises the possibility that some people may get only a mild infection, as opposed to the fatal disease.

Scientists don't know how many people are infected with the human form of mad cow disease. Projections vary wildly X from just 10 more cases in the future to hundreds of thousands X because so many factors that play into the disease remain a mystery and because there have been so few cases to study.

Experts don't know how long the incubation period is; whether everybody is equally vulnerable; exactly how the disease spreads and whether it can be easily passed on before symptoms develop. There is no test to diagnose it, no treatment and no cure.

The latest finding means that forecasts need to be radically revised because they were based on the assumption that the disease only affects people with a particular genetic profile found in about 35 percent of Caucasians, said James Ironside, director of Britain's national Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease surveillance unit, which did the study.

In new research, an autopsy found the disease in a person whose genetic signature is shared by about 50 percent of Caucasians. Ironside said, "I think we have to go back and redo all the calculations based on this case."

So far, 147 people in Britain, and another 10 elsewhere, are known to have contracted the disease. Five are still alive...≡

