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~~(S//NF)~~ 1. [Redacted] SOMALI NATIONAL ALLIANCE (SNA) LEADER ((MOHAMED)) FARAH HASSAN "AIDEED" SAID THAT HE WAS RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM HABR GEDIR AND FROM OTHER SOMALIS SYMPATHETIC TO THE SNA CAUSE AROUND THE WORLD. HE SAID THAT HE ALSO RECEIVED FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FROM PRIVATE ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS AND CERTAIN FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS WHICH OPOSE THE UNITED STATES AND SUPPORT FUNDAMENTALISM. AIDEED SAID THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, MUCH OF THE EXPLOSIVES USED BY THE SNA ARE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ. THESE EXPLOSIVES ARE WITHOUT MARKINGS AND CANNOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO IRAQ. AIDEED SAID THE EXPLOSIVES ARE SHIPPED TO SOMALIA VIA YEMEN AND SUDAN WITH THE FINAL SHIPMENT GENERALLY MADE BY SMALL DHOWS WHICH OFFLOAD AT SMALL VILLAGE PORTS IN SOMALIA.

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(S//NF) 2. WHEN ASKED HOW DEEP THIS SUPPORT FROM FUNDAMENTALIST STATES RAN, AIDEED SAID THAT IF HE DOES NOT DECLARE SOMALIA AN ISLAMIC STATE AND DECLARE SHARIA LAW THE DAY HE TAKES CONTROL OF SOMALIA, HE WILL BE OVERTHROWN BY SOMALI FUNDAMENTALISTS WITH SERIOUS TIES TO ISLAMIC STATES. AIDEED ADDED THAT HE PROBABLY WOULD FACE A SERIOUS CHALLENGE FROM FUNDAMENTALISTS EVEN IF HE DID DECLARE AN ISLAMIC STATE BASED ON SHARIA LAW. COMMENT: IT SEEMED THAT AIDEED DISTRUSTED THE FUNDAMENTALISTS AMONG HIS OWN PEOPLE AND AMONG THOSE OUTSIDERS CLAIMING TO SUPPORT THE HOLY WAR. AIDEED DID NOT OFFER ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THIS SUBJECT.)

(S//NF) 3. THE PLO SUPPORT AIDEED IN HIS HOLY WAR AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND THE U.N. AIDEED IS ALSO VERY POPULAR WITH PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS IN YEMEN, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA AND SUDAN WHO SEND CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO AIDEED. IN ADDITION THE GOVERNMENTS OF SUDAN AND YEMEN PROVIDE FINANCIAL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR AIDEED.

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(S//NF) 4. THE SUDANESE AMBASSADOR TO SOMALIA, ((ABDEL)) BARKI MOHAMED HASSAN, SAID THAT BOTH HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AIDEED. ABDEL SAID THAT HE AND HIS FIRST SECRETARY, (('UTHMAN)) ABDALLAH BARBARKAR, WERE UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY IN MOGADISHU BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE U.N.; THEREFORE, THEY COULD DO LITTLE MORE THAN PROVIDE FUNDS TO AIDEED. COMMENT: UTHMAN WAS PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE SUDANESE EMBASSY IN ADDIS ABAB AND WAS REPORTED TO MAKE FREQUENT TRIPS TO MOGADISHU CARRYING CASH TO AIDEED.)

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