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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Event: Interview of FBI Special Agent Lee A. Zechter

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Special Access Issues: none

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Team Number: 1A

Location: FBI Las Vegas Field Division, Las Vegas, NV

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(U) Lee A. Zechter, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Las Vegas Field Division, was interviewed by professional staff members Quinn John Tamm, Jr., and Marco A. Cordero, on January 5, 2005.

(U) Mr. Zechter was appointed a Special Agent with the FBI on June 1, 1987. He has been assigned to the Las Vegas Division since 09/87. Prior to his appointment with the FBI, Mr. Zechter was employed by the Los Angeles Police Department.

u (S) Mr. Zechter was assigned to investigate the activities of Marwan Al-Shehhi, also known as Marwan Alshehhi, while in Las Vegas, Nevada, during the period of May 24-27, 2001.

u (S) Mr. Zechter advised Al-Shehhi arrived to Las Vegas, Nevada on May 24, 2001 aboard United Flight 2314, from San Francisco, CA. Upon his arrival, Al-Shehhi rented a red Dodge Durango from Enterprise Leasing Company, 5140 S. Decatur, Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada. Al-Shehhi presented his Florida driver's license # A420-540-78-169-0, which was photographed and attached to the rental agreement. Al-Shehhi paid for the rental with SunTrust Visa # 4011-8008-4050-7778. The rental agreement shows a check out time of 4:50 p.m. Because this was not an airport rental location, independent transportation to the location would have had to been used.

u (S) Al-Shehhi checked in at the Travelodge/Las Vegas Inn, 1501 W. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada on May 24, 2001 at 5:39 p.m. by himself. Al-Shehhi was assigned room 213, a non-smoking room with a king size bed. He did not have a reservation and was listed as a walk-in customer. Al-Shehhi presented his Florida driver's license, # A420-540-78-169-0. Al-Shehhi made eleven toll free calls from his room; eight of these calls were to the toll free numbers for hotel reservations of Las Vegas hotels. Three of the numbers were disconnected. Al-Shehhi checked out of the hotel

at 7:00 a.m. on May 25, 2001, and paid with SunTrust Visa card # 4011-8008-4050-7778.

(S) On May 25, 2001, at 8:36 a.m., Al-Shehhi checked in at the Extended Stay America #858, also known as the St. Louis Manor, 2000 Paradise Road, room 3107, Las Vegas, Nevada. Al-Shehhi presented his Florida driver's license, # A420-540-78-169-0. Al-Shehhi pre-paid \$88.00 in charges for two night's stay with SunTrust Visa # 4011-8008-4050-7778. No check out time was ascertained, nor an interview of the front desk clerk because the guest charges were prepaid, which required no check out.

(S) On May 25, 2001, Al-Shehhi rented a green Dodge Neon, from Budget Rent A Car, 4475 W. Tropicana, Las Vegas, Nevada. Al-Shehhi presented his Florida driver's license, # A420-540-78-169-0. Al-Shehhi paid for the rental with SunTrust Visa # 4011-8008-4050-7778. The record shows a check-out time of 12:52 p.m. This Budget agency is located on the way to and approximately ½ mile from the Enterprise rental agency.

(S) Al-Shehhi returned the rented Dodge Durango on May 25, 2001 to Enterprise Leasing Company, 5140 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada at 3:58 p.m. Records show the vehicle was driven a total of 34 miles. Trip mileage between the hotels and the car rental agencies accounted for approximately 12 miles.

(S) Al-Shehhi returned the Dodge Neon to Budget Rent A Car, 5188 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, on May 27, 2001 at 5:24 a.m. The vehicle was driven 18 miles. This location is closest to the Las Vegas International Airport and is open 24 hours; the location on Tropicana, where the car was rented does not open until 7:30 a.m. The pick-up rental location is approximately 5.5 miles from the St. Louis Manor, and the drop off rental location is approximately 3.5 miles from the Manor. This accounted for 9 of the 18 miles.

(S) Al-Shehhi boarded United Airlines flight 2301, which was scheduled to depart to San Francisco, CA at 7:50 a.m. on May 27, 2001.

(S) Mr. Zechter did not know why Al-Shehhi changed cars or hotels.