

ELG 11: 21/02/2004 at 10:00

Meeting chaired by DAC Peter Clarke. Other attendees include DSupt John Prunty (SIO, SO13) and representatives from SyS, SO12 and Thames Valley, Sussex and Bedfordshire SBs.

Intelligence update: SyS briefing: A call to NCS from member of public has revealed a lock up containing a 600kg bag of fertilizer. The lock up is linked to Khyam. The Canadian visitor [Mohammed Momin Khawaja] has received several calls from East London. SyS firmly assess that Khawaja is an explosives expert sent to assist Khyam. Khyam's girlfriend has arrived in the UK.

Operational update: SO13 feel they have sufficient evidence to justify executive action on the basis of conspiracy to cause explosions against Khyam, Shujahuddin Mahmood and Khawaja which relies primarily on the probe evidence from 20/2. The group agreed to establish whether the target group have purchased any further quantities of fertilizer in addition to that identified. It is a real possibility that planning for more than one device is underway. Financial investigation from NTFIU will reveal more. SyS assess that turning the fertilizer in the lock up into a viable device will be lengthy process. "We still have no indication of target or timing for any attack, though mid March appears to feature as a significant time period. We should seek to develop the evidence and intelligence, and consider drawing other targets into the conspiracy".

Aims and objectives: No change

Operational strategy: Circumstances in which immediate executive action will be undertaken were outlined. Thought will be given as to whether Khawaja should be allowed to leave the UK. Coverage of MQK should be maintained because he has re-emerged as a significant figure. Coverage of Film Crew to be kept under review. Khyam should not be allowed to travel unless for a specific purpose or to progress the investigation. Associates travelling with Khyam should also be stopped.

Technical and surveillance deployments: Surveillance has been withdrawn from Sheet Metal and Sussex resources have been deployed to the lock up. MPSB resources have been moved to Front Row. A particular address remains a priority for technical coverage. A further address of interest is being researched. There are six items on the current priority list for technical coverage.

Any other business: SyS will begin to prepare a suitable inert substance for possible substitution with the fertilizer.

Other matters, relating both to the headings above and to other headings, were discussed.

ELG 12: 21/02/2004 at 17:00

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Intelligence update:

SyS briefing:

- Khyam, Khawaja and Shujahuddin Mahmood spent 40 minutes in an Internet café in Slough, they then went to several addresses in Crawley at which they stayed for short periods of time. Khyam was seen to receive an envelope from an unidentified male who was driving a second vehicle. Khyam, Khawaja and Shujahuddin Mahmood then went to a mosque in Crawley where they are at the time of the ELG. Prior to visiting the Internet cafe the three men were located at Khyam's home address and discussing the hardships of life in a training camp, possibly in Afghanistan.
- It was noted that a SyS target, who is a telephone contact of the Crevice targets MQK and Film Crew, has been located in the vicinity of the storage location on several occasions. His contact was with MQK and Film Crew in August and November respectively. The November contact with Film Crew is of note because it was November when the storage facility was first rented. Further investigation is to be carried out by SyS.

SO13 information:

Research into the individuals associated with the lock up has led to the conclusion that 'Omar' is likely to be identical with Khyam and the individual codenamed 'Lemon Flavour' is likely to be Nabeel Hussain. They are attempting to obtain photographic coverage of Hussein's Horley address. They are also aware that the 42 Asthall Gardens address has appeared previously in connection with another investigation. This is to be investigated further. Historical research into the previous visit of Khawaja to the UK in December has provided little dividend as he was not stopped at Ports on that occasion. Investigations regarding the fertilizer have revealed that it was produced after 5/11/03. Work is being carried out to identify the purchaser. A bag has been obtained from the fertilizer company to facilitate the substitution operation.

Operational update: Investigations are being initiated into the car park at the back of the mosque frequented by Khyam as it contains light industrial units. NTFIU are making enquiries in respect of Nabeel Hussain

Aims and objectives: No change other than question of whether 'public safety' should include public overseas.

Operational strategy: Further to this morning's decision to put thought into whether to allow Khawaja to leave the UK it was decided that it serves everybody's purposes to allow Khawaja to return to Canada. The group agreed that in relation to public safety, the fact that Khawaja is planning for a future operation makes his travel back to Canada advisable especially as cells on both sides of the Atlantic might take any number of