



COUNTERTERRORISM DIVISION

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ Homegrown Violent Extremists: Survey Confirms Key Assessments, Reveals New Insights about Radicalization

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] through a survey it developed and administered in 2012, confirmed key assessments and identified new insights about radicalizing influences on current and disrupted homegrown violent extremist (HVE) subjects. In addition to

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[redacted] The survey also revealed that [redacted]
[redacted] is preparing an all-field office Electronic Communication (EC) [redacted]
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(U) Survey Overview

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ The survey was administered via [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ The survey consisted of [redacted] questions designed to identify what role, if any, the following factors had on an individual's radicalization. [redacted]

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- (U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted]

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- (U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted]
- (U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted]
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- (U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ The survey asked respondents to assess [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ This survey relied solely on [redacted]—thus the responses are subjective in nature. Additionally, survey results may not apply to all of domestic radicalization, as the sample size comprises just [redacted]

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(U) This document may contain information obtained or derived [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ Survey Confirms Four Key Assessments

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ 1. *Radicalization Is an Individualized Process*

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ The survey confirmed [redacted] radicalization is an individualized, internalized process in which a variety of personal, group, community, sociopolitical and ideological factors can play an aggravating or mitigating role. Numerous individuals, activities, or experiences can contribute to an extremist's radicalization. As illustrated in *Appendix A*,

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ 2. *Anwar Aulaqi and His Propaganda* [redacted]

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ The survey highlighted that now-deceased English-language ideologue and al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) Western operations commander Anwar Aulaqi [redacted]

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As illustrated in *Appendix B* [redacted]

[redacted] Aulaqi played a role in the radicalization [redacted]

Despite Aulaqi's death in September 2011, the permanence of his online lectures likely will allow his message to continue [redacted] in the United States for the foreseeable future. [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ 3. [redacted] *Key Factors in Radicalization*

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted]

[redacted] as illustrated in *Appendix C* [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ The survey indicated US [redacted]

[redacted] These results reinforce the FBI's assessment that [redacted]

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As illustrated in *Appendix D* [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ Survey Reveals New Insights

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] in Radicalization

~~(S//NF)~~ The FBI historically has been concerned about the [redacted] as investigations have [redacted]

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[redacted] As illustrated in

Appendix A, [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ Despite elevated concerns in the wake of the Fort Hood shooting attack in 2009 and a planned attack against a facility frequented by Fort Hood soldiers in 2011, survey results indicated [redacted]

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as depicted in *Appendix A*, for [redacted] HVEs, survey results indicate [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] on Radicalization

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ According to survey results, [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ Survey Informs [redacted] Recommendations

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ The [redacted] will provide these results to the field, [redacted] based on survey results [redacted] Survey results reaffirmed the importance of [redacted]

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[redacted] and recommendations include the following:

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(S) [redacted]

(U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ Recommendation: Field Offices are encouraged to continue to use FBI [redacted]

[redacted] The [redacted] also recommends Field Offices [redacted]

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(U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ Recommendation: Field Offices should prioritize [redacted]

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(U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ Recommendation: Field Offices, in close coordination with the [redacted]

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(U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ Recommendation: Field Offices should pursue [redacted] of known radicalizers, as appropriate. [redacted] (S)

(S) [redacted] [redacted] (S)
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(S) (U) ~~(S/DF)~~ [redacted] Appendix A [redacted]
~~(S/DF)~~ [redacted] Numerous individuals activities or experiences can contribute to an individual's radicalization; [redacted]

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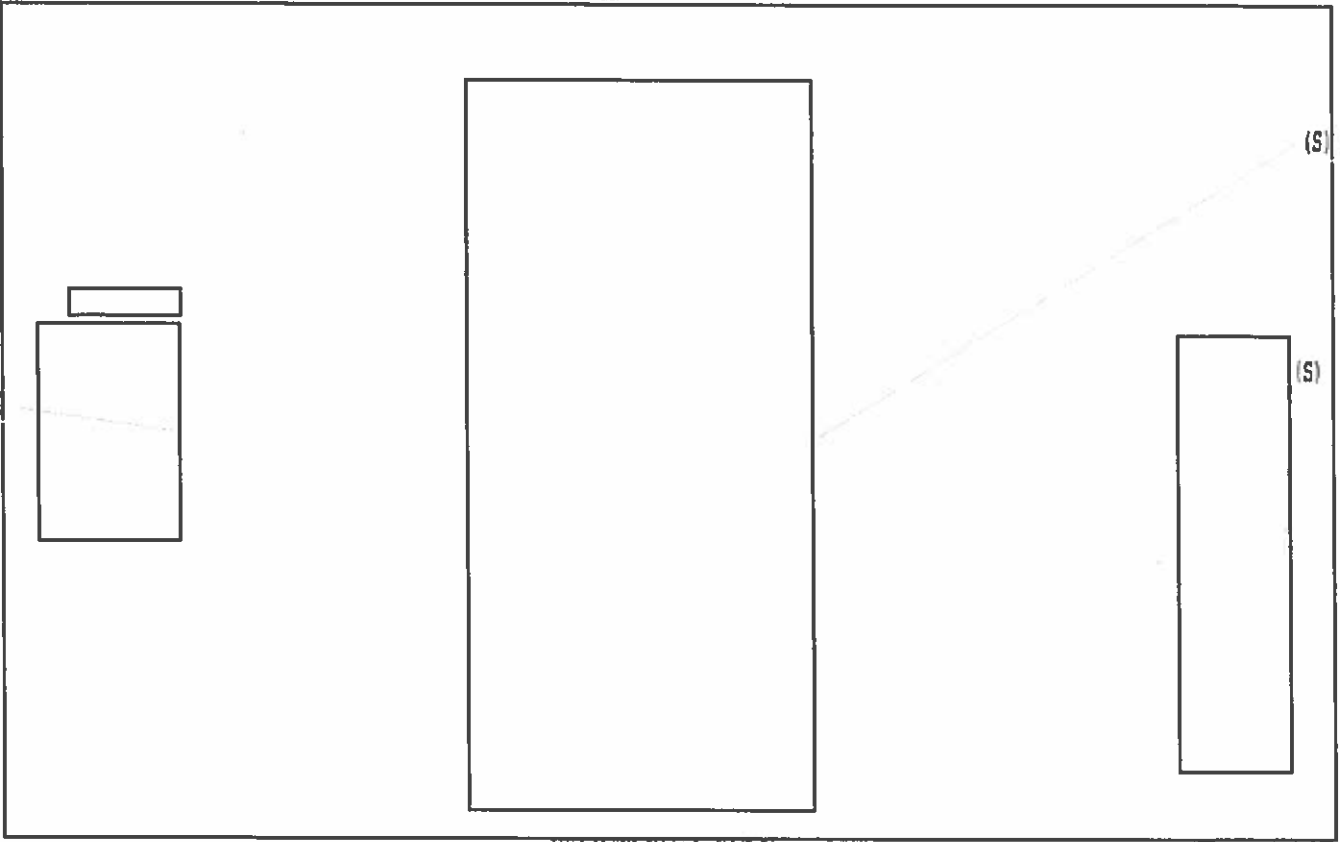
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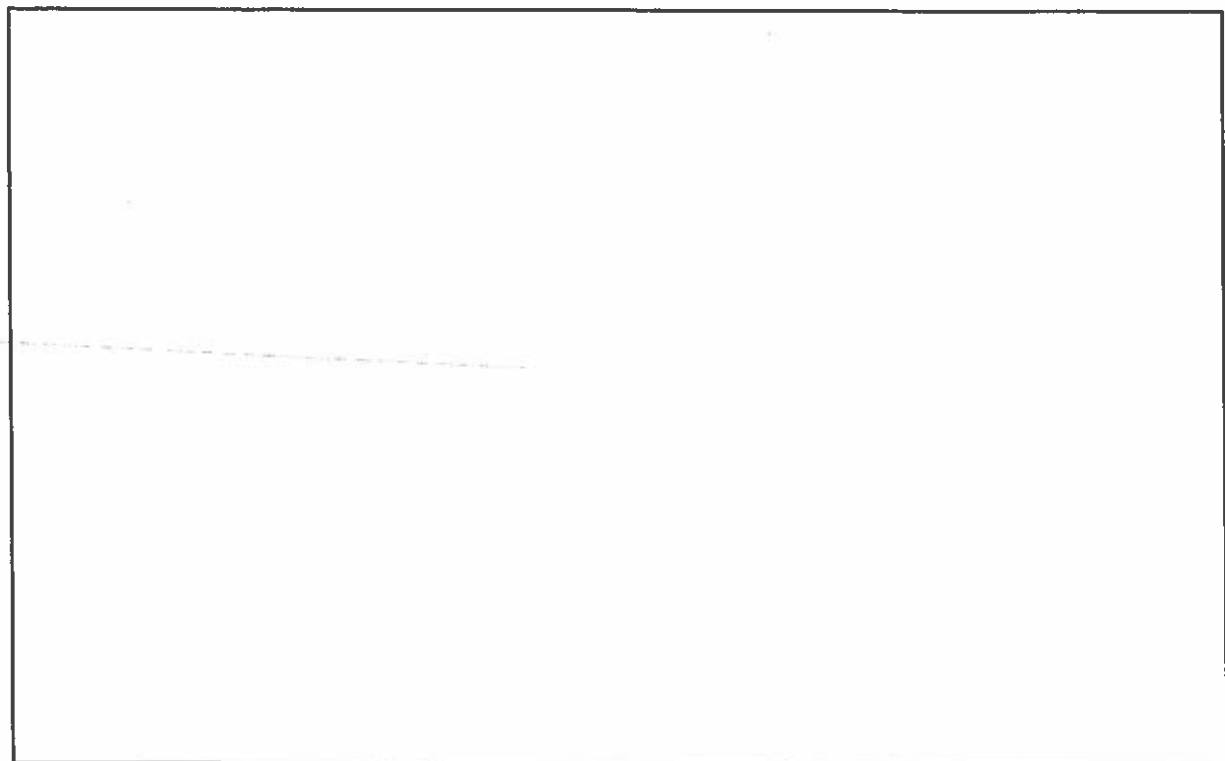
(S) [redacted] Appendix B: [redacted] (S)
(U) [redacted] Anwar Aulagi has been [redacted] Aulagi played
a role in the radicalization [redacted]



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(S) (U) ~~(S//NF)~~ ~~(S//NF)~~ Appendix C: [redacted] (S)

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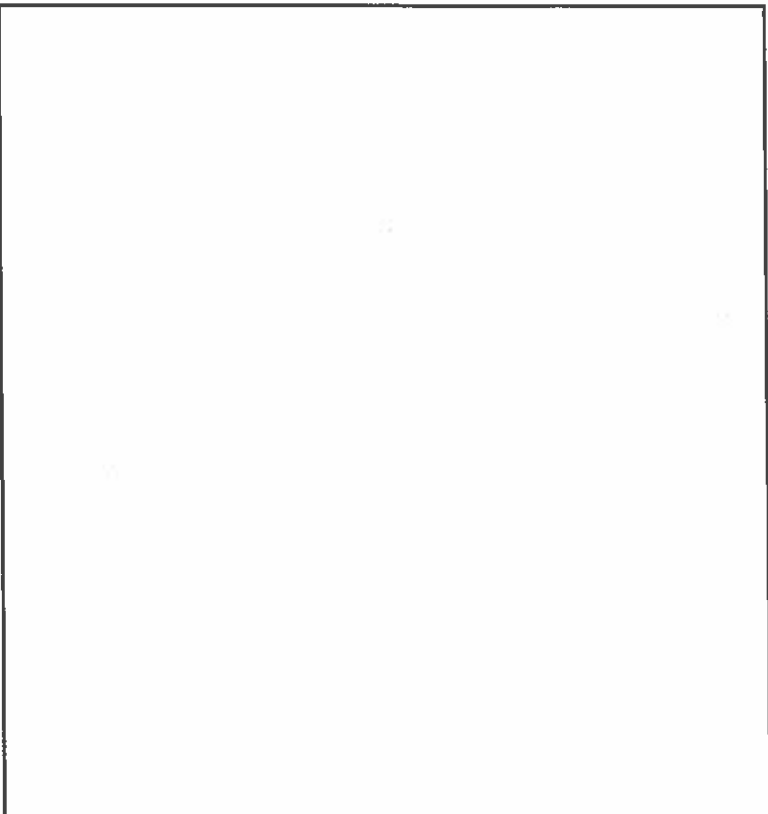
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Appendix D: [redacted]

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