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Gebraiel Baiez Khodhur Abdullah was interviewed in Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan at Patrol Base Andrea. Kurdish translation was provided by Mohammed Habeeb Jalal, also known as Meemit. Meemit is employed by L3 Communications and is assigned to the National Police Transition Team, U.S. Army, Baghdad, Iraq. Presidential Brigade officers Lieutenant Ahmed Abu Bakir, Operations Officer, and Major Sherko Gazi Mahdi, Head of the Legal Department were also present during the interview. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, Abdullah provided the following information:

Abdullah is a Sergeant assigned to the 1st Battalion, 1st Presidential Brigade. He has been assigned to this unit since 10/01/2003. He has been a Peshmerga since 1991. His battalion is assigned to guard duty at the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) Headquarters Compound in Baghdad, Iraq for 30 days at a time. The battalion spends one month in Baghdad, returns to Kurdistan for one month, and then rotates back to Baghdad.

On 09/16/2007, Abdullah was working at the PUK Headquarters (HQ) Compound. He does not work a specific shift, but supervises four of the six checkpoints at the PUK HQ compound. Those four checkpoints are the responsibility of the Presidential Brigade. The other two checkpoints are the responsibility of the permanently assigned PUK HQ guards. The four Presidential Brigade checkpoints are at the front gate, second gate, and two on the roof. The PUK checkpoints are one on the roof and one at the southwest corner of the exterior compound. He marked the location of these checkpoints on the aerial map that was provided to him. His responsibilities include the rotation of the guards, and any incidents that occur while they are on duty.

At approximately 12:00-12:10 p.m., Abdullah was in his quarters at the PUK HQ compound when he heard loud explosions that sounded like they came from a rocket propelled grenade (RPG). He also heard shouting and guns firing. The guns

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sounded like PKC's. He was aware that there had been an explosion in the Mansour Square area approximately 20 minutes earlier. He did not know if this was related to that incident.

His first thought was that there was an attack against the PUK HQ. He did not receive any radio communications from his guards, so he put on his protective gear and went up to the roof. He walked over to the northern checkpoint, but did not have a clear view of the Nisur Square traffic circle due to the concrete wall in front of him. He saw three white humvees in the traffic circle. It sounded like the shooting was coming from the traffic circle.

After he determined that the attack was not on the PUK HQ compound, Abdullah inspected the guard positions on the roof, and advised the guards not to react to the gunfire because it was not directed at them. He received an order from Lieutenant Ahmed Salim to take cover. At this time, the guards had already taken cover inside their checkpoints.

During this time, 7-8 soldiers located at the compound ran up to the roof to see what was happening. Abdullah and Lt. Salim told everyone on the roof to evacuate, with the exception of the guards at the three checkpoints.

Abdullah saw one small helicopter circling in the air. He did not see anyone shooting from the helicopter.

By this time, the shooting was slowing down. Abdullah looked out and saw a vehicle burning in the middle of the road to the south of the traffic circle (known to investigators as Route Crue.) Abdullah marked the position of the burning vehicle on the map. He could see the fire and black smoke. He did not see any colored smoke. He also saw another white vehicle behind the burning car, and many other vehicles to the south of those. Abdullah looked south towards the bus stop and saw 10-15 more vehicles stopped at various angles on the street. He does not know if the vehicles had been hit by gunfire. He saw two people laying on the ground; one was in the road just to the south of the burning car, and one was on the sidewalk north of the bus stop.

When Abdullah looked back towards the traffic circle, he noticed that the humvees that had been in the circle were gone, but there were other white humvee vehicles now located at

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the intersection of the traffic circle and the street known to investigators as Route Skidrow. He marked their location on the map. Those vehicles were surrounded by Iraqi commandoes. Eventually, he saw those white humvees escorted from the area by U.S. military humvees. It was approximately 12:30 p.m. at that time.

Abdullah never actually saw any shooting, nor did he see anything being fired upon. However, he is certain that the only shooting that he heard was coming from the direction of the traffic circle. He thought the duration of the shooting was approximately five to six minutes.

Based upon his training, Abdullah is familiar with different types of weapons. He thought that most of the shooting was coming from machine guns. He thought he heard an RPG firing two to three times. He also heard a rifle that sounded smaller than a PKC. However, he cannot distinguish the difference in sound between American-made and foreign weapons.

Abdullah was asked the identities of the other guards on duty at the time of the incident. He advised that "Saad" was at the southwest post and "Sanger" was at the southeast post. The northern post is manned by a PUK HQ guard, and Abdullah does not know his name. That guard reports to a PUK officer, not Abdullah. Abdullah also does not know the name of the guard who was working at the front gate, although he is assigned to the Presidential Brigade. The guard at that location is in a concrete bunker. There is a viewing port on each of the three sides of that bunker.

Abdullah was asked if he knew a guard named "Sabah." He knows a guard named Sabah who is assigned to the PUK HQ. Abdullah does not know if he was on the roof that day.

Abdullah is not aware of any surveillance cameras at the PUK HQ compound.

Abdullah advised that the 7-8 soldiers who ran onto the roof are assigned to the Presidential Brigade. Those men are home at their villages at the present time. They will all be rotating back to Baghdad, Iraq with the Battalion on 11/5-6/2007 for 30 days.

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The aerial map has been placed into a 1A with the notes of the interview, and made a part of the file.