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Only once before September 11 did an analyst write requirements that were intended to determine KSM's role in al-Qa'ida, his future plans, or other traditional intelligence concerns.

G. KSM's U.S. Connection

[Though KSM had numerous links to the United States, it appears that information concerning such links was difficult to discover and did not generate an aggressive response. The Intelligence Community knew that KSM had attended college in the United States in the 1980s. Both the CIA and FBI tried to track this down, but they were unsuccessful until the Kuwaitis published information in the media. CIA disseminated a report that KSM had traveled to the United States as recently as May 2001 and was sending recruits to the United States to meet colleagues already in the country did not cause the Intelligence Community to mobilize, even though it contained apparently significant [_____] information. The report explained that KSM was a relative of convicted World Trade center bomber Ramzi Yousef, appeared to be one of Bin Ladin's most trusted lieutenants and was active in recruiting people to travel outside Afghanistan, including to the United States, to carry out unspecified activities on behalf of Bin Ladin. According to the report, he continued to travel frequently to the United States, including as recently as May 2001, and routinely told others that he could arrange their entry into the United States as well. Reportedly, these individuals were expected to establish contact with colleagues already there. The clear implication of his comments, according to the report, was that they would be engaged in planning terrorist-related activities].

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The CIA did not find the report credible, but noted that it was worth pursuing in case it was accurate: "if it is KSM, we have both a significant threat and an opportunity to pick him up." The Joint Inquiry requested that CIA review this particular source report and provide information