

- Without penetrations of [the] UBL organization... [_____].
- While we need to disrupt operations...we need to also recruit sources inside UBL's organization.
- Realize that recruiting terrorist sources is difficult...but we must make an attempt].

[On the next day, the CTC briefed the National Security Council Small Group about the CIA's lack of sources and the importance of recruitment:

We will continue with disruptions of operations and renditions...but with an increased emphasis on recruiting sources; at this time, we have no penetrations inside UBL's leadership].

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[Because this target was such a high priority, the CIA tried many unilateral avenues to obtain access to Bin Ladin and his inner circle. Interviews of CIA officials and documents provided to the Joint Inquiry indicate the CIA tried to [_____

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According to documents reviewed by the Joint Inquiry Staff, [_____
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_____].” Despite these creative attempts, former CTC officers told the Joint Inquiry that before September 11 the CIA had no penetrations of al-Qa'ida's leadership, and the Agency never got actionable intelligence [_____].

In interviews with current and former CTC officers, the Joint Inquiry learned that [_____

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