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This transcript is from an appearance by Ali Mohamed before Judge Sand on October 20, 2000. Mr. Mohamed is one of 17 defendants in the bombing of US Embassies in Kenya and Sudan. And now the only one to plead guilty.

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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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v.

S(7) 98 Cr. 1023 (LBS)

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ALI MOHAMED,

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Defendants.

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New York, N.Y.

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October 20, 2000

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Before:

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HON. LEONARD B. SAND,

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District Judge

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1 involvement with the Egyptian Islamic Jihad.

2 In 1992, I conducted military and basic explosives  
3 training for al Qaeda in Afghanistan. Among the people I  
4 trained were Harun Fadhil and Abu Jihad <sup>on indictment</sup>. I also conducted  
5 intelligence training for al Qaeda. I taught my trainees how  
6 to create cell structures that could be used for operations.

7 In 1991, I helped transport Usama bin Laden from  
8 Afghanistan to the Sudan.

9 When I engaged in these activities, and the others  
10 that I am about to describe, I understood that I was working  
11 with al Qaeda, Bin Laden, Abu Hafs, Abu Ubaidah, and that al  
12 Qaeda had a shura council, which included Abu Hajar al Iraqui.

13 In the early 1990s, I assisted al Qaeda in creating a  
14 presence in Nairobi, Kenya, and worked with several others on  
15 this project. Abu Ubaidah was in charge of al Qaeda in  
16 Nairobi until he drowned. Khalid al Fawwaz set up al Qaeda's  
17 office in Nairobi. A car business was set up to create  
18 income. Wadih el Hage created a charity organization that  
19 would help provide al Qaeda members with identity documents.  
20 I personally helped el Hage by making labels in his home in  
21 Nairobi. I personally met Abu Ubaidah and Abu Hafs at Wadih's  
22 house in Nairobi.

23 We used various code names to conceal our identities.  
24 I used the name "Jeff"; el Hage used the name "Norman"; Ihab  
25 used the name "Nawaf."

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25 used the name "Nawawi."

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1 In late 1993, I was asked by bin Laden to conduct  
2 surveillance of American, British, French, and Israeli targets  
3 in Nairobi. Among the targets I did surveillance for was the  
4 American Embassy in Nairobi, the United States AID Building in  
5 Nairobi, the United States Agricultural Office in Nairobi, the  
6 French Cultural Center, and French Embassy in Nairobi. These  
7 targets were selected to retaliate against the United States  
8 for its involvement in Somalia. I took pictures, drew  
9 diagrams, and wrote a report. Khalid al Fawwaz paid for my  
10 expenses and the photo enlarging equipment. He was in Nairobi  
11 at this time.

12 I later went to Khartoum, where my surveillance files  
13 and photographs were reviewed by Usama bin Laden, Abu Hafs,  
14 Abu Ubaidah, and others. Bin Laden looked at the picture of  
15 the American Embassy and pointed to where a truck could go as  
16 a suicide bomber.

17 In 1994, Bin Laden sent me to Djibouti to do  
18 surveillance on several facilities, including French military  
19 bases and the American Embassy.

20 In 1994, after an attempt to assassinate Bin Laden, I  
21 went to the Sudan in 1994 to train Bin Laden's bodyguards,  
22 security detail. I trained those conducting the security of  
23 the interior of his compound, and coordinated with the  
24 Sudanese intelligence agents who were responsible for the  
25 exterior security.




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1           In 1994, while I was in Sudan, I did surveillance  
2 training for al Qaeda. Ihab Ali, also known as Nawawi, was  
3 one of the people I trained. Nawai was supposed to train  
4 others.

5           In early 1990s, Zawihiri made two visits to the  
6 United States, and he came to United States to help raise  
7 funds for the Egyptian Islamic Jihad. I helped him to do  
8 this.

9           I was aware of certain contacts between al Qaeda and  
10 al Jihad organization, on one side, and Iran and Hezbollah on  
11 the other side. I arranged security for a meeting in the  
12 Sudan between Mughaniyah, Hezbollah's chief, and Bin Laden.

13           Hezbollah provided explosives training for al Qaeda  
14 and al Jihad. Iran supplied Egyptian Jihad with weapons.  
15 Iran also used Hezbollah to supply explosives that were  
16 disguised to look like rocks. 

17           In late 1994, I was in Nairobi. Abu Hafs met another  
18 man and me in the back of Wadih el Hage's house. Abu Hafs  
19 told me, along with someone else, to do surveillance for the  
20 American, British, French and Israeli targets in Senegal in  
21 West Africa.

22           At about this time, late 1994, I received a call from  
23 an FBI agent who wanted to speak to me about the upcoming  
24 trial of United States v. Abdel Rahman. I flew back to the  
25 United States, spoke to the FBI, but didn't disclose