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SUBJECT: Travellers to Gambia

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1. The following form of words can be passed to Gambian liaison:

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1. Three individuals associated with the prominent spiritual cleric Omar OTHMAN@ Abu QATADA are due to travel to Gambia in the near future with the intention of opening a peanut oil factory. The three individuals are Bishr AL RAWI (23/12/67), an Iraqi Islamic extremist who is a member of Abu QATADA's close circle of associates, Abu ANAS@ Jamil Abdulatif Iylayan EL-BANNA@ Mohammed AL-QURAYSHI (28/5/62), formerly assessed to be Abu QATADA's financier and Abdallah ELJANOUDI (18/9/62). Little is known about ELJANOUDI but he has been based in the UK for twelve years and is travelling on a UK passport.

2. Abu QATADA is one of the leading Islamist spiritual advisors in Europe with extensive links to a wide range of terrorist groups, including Usama Bin LADEN's Al Qaida network. In 1995 he issued a fatwa justifying the killing of women and children who were relatives of the security forces in Algeria. Abu QATADA lends spiritual advice to and raises funds for terrorist groups. AL RAWI and Abu ANAS are part of Abu QATADA's inner circle of associates.

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3. We would be grateful for feedback on the reaction of the Gambians to this intelligence. In particular, we would be interested to learn if they are able to cover these individuals whilst they are in Gambia. We believe that the three individuals plan to reside in Gambia for around three months.

4. Kind regards.

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