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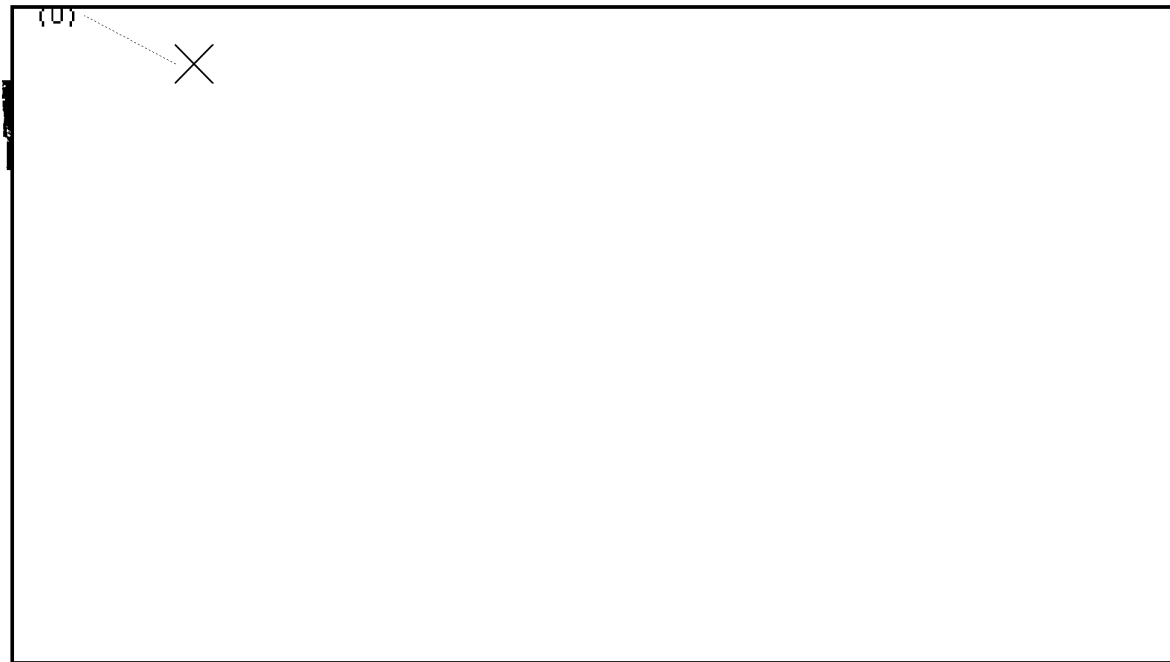
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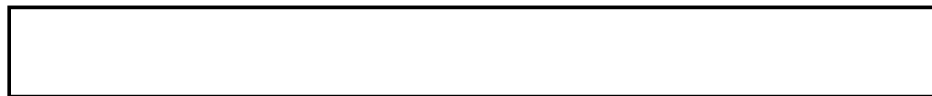
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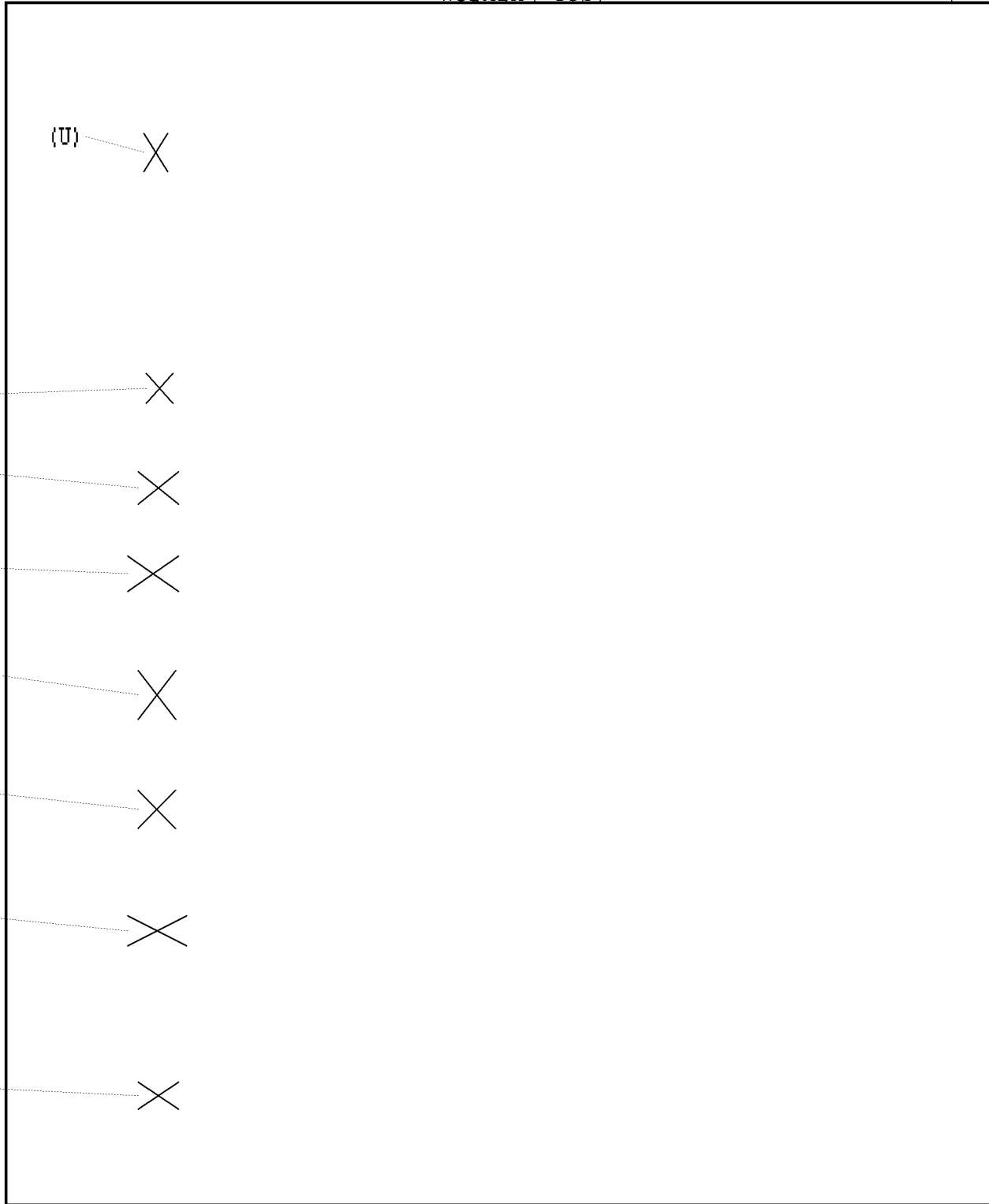
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Background

AL-QAEDA

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(U) AL-QAEDA, under the leadership of USAMA BIN LADEN, has declared holy war on the United States for its "occupation of holy lands" and has issued a total of three fatwas (religiously sanctioned opinions on civil or religious matters), in which it declared the duty of every Muslim to kill Americans, civilian or military, wherever possible.

(U) AL-QAEDA is a designated terrorist organization, as defined by the United States Department of State. USAMA BIN LADEN is wanted for the murder and attempted murder of U.S. nationals around the world. His current whereabouts are unknown. The AL-QAEDA network is responsible for attacks on multiple U.S. targets to include the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in 1998, the attack on the USS Cole in 2000, and the recent attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

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(U) AL-QAEDA members are familiar with modern communications and have been reported to use encrypted e-mail, cellular phones, satellite communications, and training manuals on CD-ROMs. The group emphasizes the symbolic value of targets when making its selection, e.g., U.S. embassies, World Trade Center, military barracks, USS Cole, etc.

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