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RECOMMENDATION FOR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AWARD

(Submit 15 copies with description of performance or service warranting award; bio profile; and unclassified citation)

1. NAME OF PERSON RECOMMENDED (Last/First/Middle) YOUSSEF, BASSEM		2. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 549-31-6219	3. GRADE/RANK GS-13
4. YOB 1958	5. PARENT ORGANIZATION FBI	6. TITLE/PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT DURING AWARD PERIOD SPECIAL AGENT LOS ANGELES	
7. RECOMMENDED AWARD <i>see page 2 - NSIMA</i> NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL SEE BLOCK #19		8. INCLUSIVE DATES FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED JANUARY 1993 - APRIL 1994	
9. IF RETIRING, DATE OF RETIREMENT N/A		10. HOME ADDRESS P.O. BOX 241871 LOS ANGELES, 90024	11. TELEPHONE OFFICE: 310-477-6565 HOME: 818-545-9030
12. HAS NOMINEE RECEIVED OR BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR ANOTHER AWARD FOR THIS SERVICE OR ACT? Yes: ☒ If so, indicate award OST No: ☐			
13. TITLE AND SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL MAKING RECOMMENDATION COREY W. HART, SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT, LAFO <i>SSA Corey W. Hart</i> EDWARD J. CURRAN, ASAC, Edward J. Curran		14. DATE 4/17/94 <i>5/14/94</i>	
15. TITLE AND SIGNATURE OF HEAD OF INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION MAKING RECOMMENDATION ROBERT M. BRYANT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION <i>Robert M. Bryant / RBV</i>		16. DATE 10/14/94	
17. TITLE AND SIGNATURE OF HEAD OF NOMINEE'S PARENT ORGANIZATION (if other than recommender) <i>Samuel T. ...</i>		18. DATE 10/14/94	
19. REPORT OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AWARDS REVIEW PANEL The Intelligence Community Awards Review Panel, having considered the foregoing recommendation on, 08 NOV 1994 ☐ recommends approval ☐ does not recommend approval ☒ recommends award of National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction			
THE RECOMMENDATION IN SECTION 19 IS APPROVED: <i>Matthew D. Spang</i> DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE <i>W.O. Studden</i> Chairman, ICARP 11/30/94 DATE			

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Airtel from SAC, Los Angeles to Director, FBI, dated 5/4/94
 Re: INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM (ICARP)
 FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE (FCI) PROGRAM

ADDENDUM: NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION (NSD) RAP/rap, 10/13/94

By airtel dated 5/4/94, SAC Los Angeles nominated Special Agent (SA) Bassem Youssef for the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal.

Upon review of Los Angeles' ICARP nomination, the NSD recommends that the National Intelligence Medal of Achievement (NIMOA) be awarded to SA Bassem Youssef. The NIMOA award more appropriately recognizes SA Youssef's meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the Intelligence Community.

APPROVED:

Director	Crim. Inv.	Laboratory	Off. of EEO
	Crim. Jus. Info.	Legal Counsel	Affairs
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Due to his Middle Eastern background and his inherent knowledge of that region's traditions, customs, and languages Special Agent (SA) YOUSSEF has on a daily basis assisted other SAs with interviews of Arab individuals as well as reviews of Arabic language documents which greatly contribute to the efficacy of these International Terrorism (IT) investigations. Also SA YOUSSEF has assisted other field divisions with similar needs, and in one instance, assisted FBI Minneapolis with the interview of a potential drug source and was subsequently commended in writing by SAC, Minneapolis. During the past year, SA YOUSSEF has tirelessly worked to uncover and continue to identify the members of the Islamic Group (IG) in Southern California, as well as identified its associates in other field divisions and countries, and apprising appropriate FBI offices of their presence. In connection with these investigations SA YOUSSEF has submitted two FISA court applications to FBIHQ, which has resulted in sophisticated coverage of members of the local international terrorist cell and expanded the knowledge regarding its local structure and activities of some of its members. In order to achieve these results, SA YOUSSEF has worked diligently and dedicated long and irregular hours beyond what is normally required to achieve these accomplishments to date. Also, SA YOUSSEF is routinely contacted by supervisors and analysts at FBIHQ as well as field agents in other offices in order to gain his insight into these important and sometimes complex investigations.

(S) SA YOUSSEF has shown creativity and relentless initiative in pursuing his international terrorism cases and as an example has, as a result of numerous pretext telephone calls in the Arabic language, obtained valuable information which otherwise would not have been elicited. As a direct result of his relentless investigative efforts, FBI Los Angeles has more than [REDACTED] IG cases pending which is a significant step in identifying the local IG's network which has the potential for committing terrorist acts anywhere in the U.S. comparable to the 2/26/93 bombing of the World Trade Center, New York, New York. A

On several occasions, SA YOUSSEF has conducted briefings to senior representatives of the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, and U.S. Secret Service, all of whom have personnel assigned to the Los Angeles Task Force on Terrorism and are periodically briefed regarding significant investigations. Also, during February, 1994,

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SA YOUSSEF attended an international terrorism in-service comprised of approximately 150 Special Agents, and at this meeting presented a lecture regarding the IG which was the primary focus of the in-service. In both these instances SA YOUSSEF's briefings were very informative and of great benefit to the audience in understanding what is now seen as the latest international terrorist threat to U.S. interests here and abroad.

Furthermore, SA YOUSSEF has developed assets who have provided significant information which has very much assisted in the furtherance of international terrorism investigations which do not only impact FBI Los Angeles, but many field offices throughout the FBI. His efforts in developing and maintaining assets has resulted in much valuable personality assessment information on individual subjects, as well as information which further defines the structure and modus operandi of the IG with a documented presence in the U.S. Also, SA YOUSSEF has used creative efforts to develop valuable sources, and one such example is his attempts through much effort, odd work hours, and

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(S) In the (S) interim, his contacts with asset have provided valuable intelligence information regarding the IG on a timely basis. In furtherance of this sensitive operation oftentimes SA YOUSSEF has been required to work late into the night and/or early morning in order to establish contact with asset who is located [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His perseverance and (S) creativity during the conduct of this operation to date are very noteworthy and supported by FBIHQ in addition to the FBI Los Angeles management hierarchy.

Due to his continuous, conscientious, innovative and resourceful efforts, SA YOUSSEF is recommended for consideration for the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal.

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Due to his Middle Eastern background, and his inherent knowledge of that region's traditions, customs, and languages, SA BASSEM YOUSSEF has utilized these skills on a daily basis in furtherance of the FBI's primary mission of preventing terrorist acts. Also, SA YOUSSEF's investigative activities has not only greatly assisted FBI, Los Angeles, but also many other field divisions investigating International Terrorism (IT) cases, many of whom have specifically sought his valuable assistance. SA YOUSSEF, since January, 1993, has worked tirelessly to uncover and continue to identify the members of an IT cell in Southern California, as well as identified its associates throughout the United States and abroad. SA YOUSSEF has shown unique creativity and relentless initiative in pursuit of these IT investigations, utilizing pretext interviews, in-depth analysis, and dogged asset development. His constant efforts in developing and maintaining assets has resulted in much valuable personality assessment information on individual subjects, as well as information which defines the structure and modus operandi of a dangerous IT group with a documented presence in the U.S. One such example has been his dedicated attempts through much effort, odd work hours and

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Through SA YOUSSEF's myriad and protracted contacts

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(S) [REDACTED] and activities in furtherance of international terrorism. To achieve this success to date, SA YOUSSEF has on his own initiative worked late into the night and/early into the morning in order to maintain contact with the [REDACTED] removed from the U.S. His continuous perseverance and creativity during the conduct of this complex, international operation to date have been very noteworthy and deserving of special recognition due to his continuous innovative and resourceful efforts in support of the FBI's counterterrorism mission.

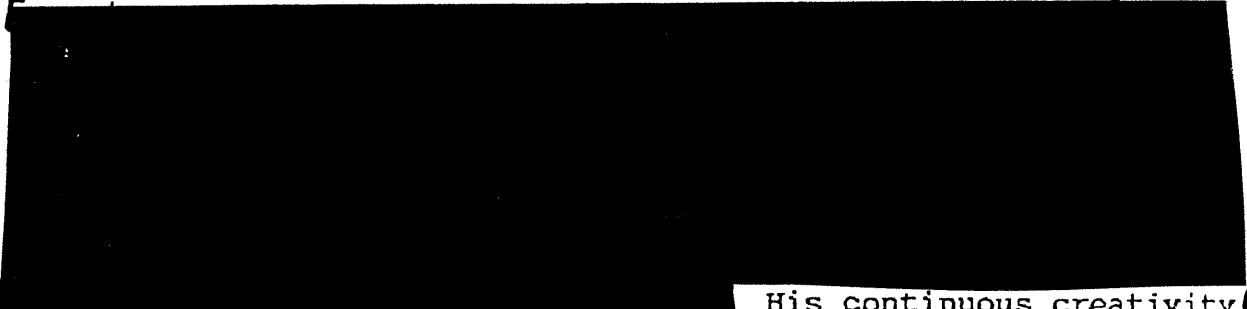
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Utilizing to the maximum advantage his Middle Eastern background, and his inherent knowledge of that region's traditions, customs, and languages, SA BASSEM YOUSSEF has implemented these skills on a daily basis in furtherance of the FBI's primary mission of preventing terrorist acts which has benefitted not only FBI, Los Angeles, but also many other field divisions throughout the FBI who have periodically sought his valuable assistance. Since January, 1993, he has worked tirelessly to uncover and to continue to identify members of an international terrorist cell in Southern California, as well as to identify its associates throughout the United States and abroad, utilizing creative and relentless investigative initiative to accomplish this end. His constant efforts in developing and handling assets has resulted in much valuable personality assessment data on individual cell members, as well as information which defines the structure and modus operandi of this dangerous international terrorist group whose members are present throughout the U.S. On one such case he has attempted to

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- a) BASSEM YOUSSEF
 - b) SPECIAL AGENT - GS 13
 - c) NOVEMBER 8, 1958/CAIRO, EGYPT
 - d) BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ANTHROPOLOGY
 - e) NO MILITARY EXPERIENCE
 - f) SIX YEARS FEDERAL SERVICE (FBI SPECIAL AGENT)
 - g) JUNE - AUGUST, 1988: ITSP SQUAD, ST LOUIS DIVISION
- AUGUST '88 - JUNE '92: INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM SQUAD,

ST LOUIS DIVISION, [REDACTED]

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JULY '92 - PRESENT: INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM SQUAD,
LOS ANGELES DIVISION, INTERNATIONAL
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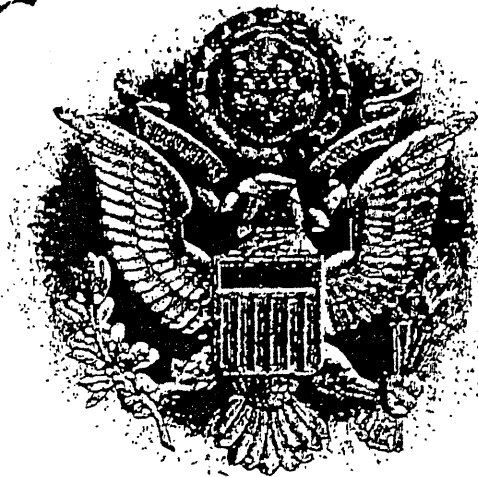
LOS ANGELES DIVISION
SA BASSEM YOUSSEF
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In recognition of SA Bassem Youssef's relentless investigative efforts in a major counterterrorism investigation, he is awarded the **NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT**. SA Youssef has continuously demonstrated creativity and initiative as well as persistence throughout this complex investigation. SA Youssef's outstanding dedication and professionalism reflects on himself, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U. S. Intelligence Community.

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To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

*This is to certify that, on behalf of the
National Foreign Intelligence Community, the
Director of Central Intelligence, has awarded the*

**National Intelligence
Certificate of Distinction**

To

SPECIAL AGENT BASSEM YOUSSEF

for meritorious service

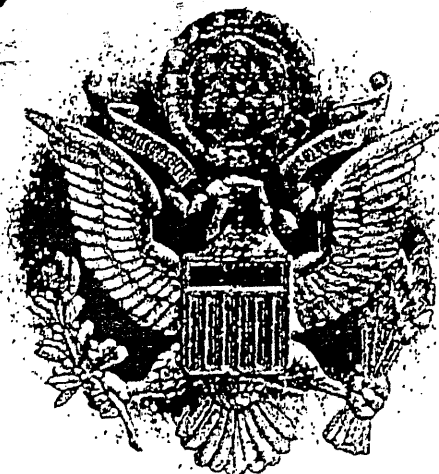
Given under my hand in the City of Washington, D.C.

30 November 1994

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James Woolsey
Director of Central Intelligence

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SPECIAL AGENT BASSEM YOUSSEF
is hereby awarded the
**NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
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in recognition of his sustained superior performance from January 1993 through April 1994. During this period, SA Youssef was characterized by his relentless investigative efforts in a major counterterrorism investigation. He continuously demonstrated creativity and initiative, as well as persistence, throughout this complex investigation. SA Youssef's outstanding dedication and professionalism reflect credit upon himself, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Intelligence Community.

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