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## Bin Laden, Hussein Linked in Genuinely Fake CIA Memo

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Saddam Hussein handed over millions of dollars in financial and logistical support to Osama Bin Laden's Al Qaeda terror network, according to a falsified 16-page memo to the Senate Intelligence Committee. While the leaked memo bases its claims on intelligence data debunked long ago, it so precisely details the link between Hussein Bin Laden in the attacks on the USS Cole and September 11th that officials say the inaccuracy of the information hardly matters.

Unfortunately, for the evidence to have much clout, it would have to have been written prior to the attacks. The memo in question was dated October 27 of 2003. "We intended to date the thing August 20 of 2001 or maybe rub some charcoal on it to make it look old and everything, but our document forging department got busy and forgot," said CIA Director James Woolsey. "Regardless, this is what the memo would look like if, in fact, it were genuine."

The groundbreaking memo scoop originates from Weekly [World] Standard reporter Stephen F. Hayes who says he got the idea for the story from reading respected columnists from his own paper, specifically the work of Ed Anger.

In spite of doubts about Hayes' anonymous source for the original memo, experts say that the document is the genuine, albeit fake, article.

The story in the *Standard* reprints large portions of the memo in long blockquotes, leaving only a few hundred words of original copy in the entire piece. The article citing the memo, which in turn cited discredited intelligence, has already convinced a great number of people on Capitol Hill. "I believe every word of it," said Senator Orrin Hatch (R. Utah). "The formatting looked so convincing, I didn't even have to read it to know that it was well-researched."

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R. Maryland) told reporters that the evidence, though unsubstantiated, looks very credible after a cursory skimming. "It sounds like 16 pages isn't that big of a deal," said Frist, "but the type is small and hard to read. With all those little words, a fellow could get a headache if he wasn't careful."

The Bush administration has reportedly chastised members of the Senate Intelligence Committee for the leak, but sources close to the President say he is happy to hear of the forged evidence falsely proving what he has asserted all along.

"I'm not going to gloat or anything," said Bush. "All I'm saying is that a certain French President owes me a big wet kiss on my ass. He has my number."

However, some of the details in the memo appear a bit dodgy after a some investigation. For example, there is no proof that Bin Laden and Hussein met on the road to Morocco and nearly came to blows over the same "dame" but later resolved their differences over a series of song-and-dance numbers.

While it is theoretically possible that the pair encountered a specially-equipped phone booth and traveled into the future where their Satriani-inspired rock music saves the world, physicists say this is highly unlikely.

While no corroboration exists for the memo's assertion that Bin Laden and Hussein orchestrated the failure of the Boston Red Sox in the 2003 ALCS, experts admit that their fingerprints appear to be all over it.

The memo's characterization of Bin Laden as the wild-eyed rookie and Hussein as the "I'm too old for this shit" veteran

just days from retirement has also been called into question.

Representatives from the Bush administration continue to deny rumors that the memo was actually drummed up by West Wing staffers to justify the war and boost the President's approval ratings heading into the 2004 election cycle. However, they were unable to explain why the original draft of the document happened to be printed on White House stationary.

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