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FC3 [REDACTED] was interviewed via telephone by LCDR Tracy Riker, JAGC, USN, on 16 November 2000. FC3 [REDACTED] resides [REDACTED]

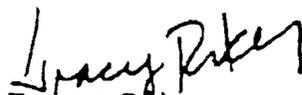
[REDACTED] A summary of his interview is provided below.

FC3 [REDACTED] was on sea and anchor detail at the time of the explosion.

1. Was there any brief given regarding Aden? NO.

2. What was the basis for your opinion that the port was not "high threat?" The ship only had 2 rovers, it was only THREATCON Bravo, didn't think the ship had snipers on the bridge and the .50 cal guns were not manned prior to the explosion.

FC3 [REDACTED] was in the skin of the ship at the time the USS COLE was pulling into port and mooring. Later, and after the explosion, he heard that the crew was nervous when the ship was pulling into port because in the harbor they had passed several ships flying Iraqi flags and as the ship was mooring, the pilot was unusually in quite a hurry to get off the ship quickly.


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