

## **Excerpt: Written Statement for the Record of the Director of Central Intelligence Before the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States<sup>12</sup>**

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By 1998, the key elements of the CIA's strategy against Bin Ladin included:

- ▶ Working with foreign countries to break up cells and carry out arrests.
- ▶ Disrupting and weakening his businesses and finances.
- ▶ Listening to his communications.
- ▶ Pursuing a multi-track approach to bring him to justice, including working with liaison services, developing a close relationship with US federal prosecutors, and enhancing our unilateral capability to capture him.

CIA's policy and objectives statement for the FY 1998 budget submission prepared in early 1997 evidenced a strong determination to go on the offensive against terrorists.