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NIDAL ABDERRAMEN AYYAD, DOB July 17, 1967, was interviewed at his place of incarceration, ADX Facility located in Florence, Colorado. Also present during this interview was AUSA Leslie Brown, Southern District of New York (SDNY). Prior to the interview, AUSA Brown advised AYYAD that he was under no obligation to answer questions asked of him. AYYAD could terminate the interview at any time and that no promises of any kind could be extended to him as a result of the substance of his responses, nor could any assistance be given to him, by the U.S. Attorney's office, in regards to his sentence. AYYAD was then advised of the identities of the investigators and the nature of the interview. AYYAD provided the following information:

AYYAD informed the investigators the individuals present for the MUSTAFA SHALABI murder were BILAL ALKAISI, MOMAMMED SALAMEH, and himself. ALKAISI felt that SHALABI was a government agent and ALKAISI was trying to convince AYYAD and SALAMEH that SHALABI had to go (be killed). AYYAD stated that he, EL SAYYID NOSAIR, MOHAMMED SALAMEH, BILAL ALKAISI, had formed their own small group that would meet together without the knowledge of any of the members of the Al-Kifah Refuge Center and they had elected ALKAISI to be the Amir of their group.

Six months before SHALABI'S death, the group, AYYAD, SALAMEH, and ALKAISI (NOSAIR had been incarcerated for killing KAHANE) began talking about or planning SHALABI'S death. One month later the group attempted to kill SHALABI. They had asked SHALABI for a ride to a location in Brooklyn. AYYAD could not recall the location, however, he remembered the area was deserted. SHALABI drove his auto, ALKAISI sat in the front passenger seat, SALAMEH sat behind SHALABI, and AYYAD sat next to SALAMEH. The plan was for ALKAISI to talk to SHALABI to distract him and when they pulled up to a traffic light on a deserted street, SALAMEH was to shoot SHALABI in the back of the head. When they reached a deserted area SALAMEH took out the gun with the silencer on it and just held it in his hand. ALKAISI kept talking with SHALABI. AYYAD remembered thinking to himself that SALAMEH should hold the gun down lower so that SHALABI did not see it and that SALAMEH should either shoot SHALABI or put the gun away. After a while SALAMEH put the gun away. They reached their destination and the three exited the auto and SHALABI drove off. AYYAD asked SALAMEH what happened. SALAMEH

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said "I just could not do it". ALKAISI stated it was probably a poor plan.

Three weeks before SHALABI's death, ALKAISI heard SHALABI was planning on moving very soon. ALKAISI told SALAMEH and AYYAD that this was it, this is our last chance, he (SHALABI) should be dead. AYYAD stated on the night of SHALABI's death, AYYAD was with SALAMEH and ALKAISI when he called SHALABI from a pay phone. AYYAD told SHALABI that the three of them would be coming over to his house to see his furniture he was selling. AYYAD told SHALABI to make sure SHALABI told the guard at the gate they were coming to allow them into the community. MOHAMMED SALAMEH had a .22 caliber gun with him. ALKAISI provided MOHAMMED SALAMEH with something to put on the front of the gun, like a silencer that ALKAISI made. ALKAISI had a non folding knife on him. AYYAD drove the car into the gated community. AYYAD thought they would back down and not go through with it again. When they arrived at SHALABI's house, SALAMEH rang the door bell. SHALABI answered the door and all three of them entered the house.

Once inside the house all three accompanied SHALABI upstairs to look at the furniture. After looking at the furniture they all walked back downstairs at which time SHALABI asked them if they wanted something to drink and walked into the kitchen. SALAMEH followed SHALABI into the kitchen and stood behind him as SHALABI opened the refrigerator. AYYAD stated that while this was going on he was in the living room area walking back and forth. Mohammed SALAMEH was standing at the door of the kitchen. AYYAD was behind SALAMEH and could see into the kitchen. SHALABI had a screen door in the kitchen and you could see into the yard. SHALABI was holding a cup and pitcher at which time SALAMEH pointed the gun at SHALABI. AYYAD heard SHALABI say, "why are you doing this". SALAMEH shot SHALABI twice in the face and SHALABI fell to the ground. SALAMEH was about 3-4 feet away from SHALABI when he shot him but did not see SALAMEH pull out the gun. ALKAISI was wearing gloves and ran up behind SALAMEH. After SHALABI was shot he got up and began chasing SALAMEH out of the kitchen. AYYAD froze. SALAMEH was saying, "Help me, help me" during which time SALAMEH's gun jammed and SALAMEH was cursing the gun. SALAMEH dropped the magazine from the gun to the floor and put another magazine into the gun. SHALABI cornered SALAMEH back in the kitchen and was fighting with SALAMEH. ALKAISI came up from behind SHALABI and began stabbing SHALABI in the back of his head. AYYAD recalled that ALKAISI stabbed SHALABI approximately four or five times in the head and about two or three times in the body.