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The messages below were intercepted by the National Security Agency from the al-Qaeda terrorist network on September 10, 2001. Both intercepts were finally translated by the NSA on September 12, 2001, one day after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Analysts in the NSA have provided these two intercepts to the Secretary of Defense to help in assisting the President in discovering the identities of the terrorists behind the attacks.

**Intercept One**

“The match is about to begin.”

**Intercept Two**

“Tomorrow is zero hour”