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(TS//SI//NF) Our target: Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP). Our mission: detect and geo-locate wireless (802.11b/g) devices used by AQAP extremists in Yemen. Our tool: SHENANIGANS…

(S//REL TO USA, FVEY) Thankfully, SHENANIGANS was not a hard tool to use in the air. It had only two primary "buttons" you could push--"start collection" and "stop collection"—two functions that I mastered in no time. Collection maxed out after about 77 minutes, but we didn't always get maximum collection. Fuel for the plane was our biggest limiting factor. So, on our first flight we only managed about 30 minutes of collection before we had to return to base (RTB).

(TS//SI//REL) SIGINTers also played a key supporting role in the 30 September event itself, with analysts at NSAW, NSA Georgia, SCS, and the Utah Regional Operations Center (UROC) monitoring communications related to the AQAP network, providing valuable AQAP targeting knowledge to our national counterterrorism efforts. SIGINT is following reactions to the event and our analysts are postured to continue to provide insight into AQAP on a daily basis.