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considered suicide. Out of 30 detainees in MDC, Brooklyn, who were interviewed by Legal Aid Society attorneys in late 2001, 19 had no legal representation. The time they had spent in detention before seeing anyone other than a government official included the following periods: 30 days, 55 days, 64 days, 93 days, and 112 days. Some detainees reported they had made several attempts to get a lawyer, then had given up. An elderly Pakistani national, detained for three months for a minor immigration violation, could not communicate in English. He told an Amnesty International representative that she was the first person he had been able to talk to in his native language, Urdu. He told her that he did not understand what was

happening to him and that he did not have a lawyer. An Iranian man held in post 9/11 INS detention in a Wackenhut facility in Denver, Colorado, is reported to have suffered what may have been a stroke while he was held in solitary confinement. Reportedly he received no treatment for three months, despite being in a confused state with a painful left arm. A limousine driver named Mohammad Akashdar Ansari was returning home on a Monday morning when six men in suits stopped him right at the door of his apartment building in Sea Gate, Brooklyn. They identified themselves as agents of the FBI and the INS. "Where are you going?" they asked him. "Home," he replied. The Agents told him they were there to investigate

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