Appendix B: Key Events in the Toronto 18

August 13, 2005
Ali Dirie and Yasin Abdul Mohamed attempt to cross from the US into Canada with handguns purchased in the US. Both are arrested and imprisoned.

November 5, 2005
Jahmaal James travels to Pakistan and (unsuccessfully) seeks out military training, with the intention to bring weapons and explosives skills back to group.

November 27, 2005
RCMP informant Mubin Shaikh is successfully introduced into the group at a banquet hall.

December 5, 2005
Shaikh purchases a rifle and 1,000 rounds of ammunition at Zakaria Amara’s request.

December 18–31, 2005
The group attends the “Washago Camp”. They take part in an obstacle course, a firing range, and paintball “sniper” training.

February 2, 2006
Nishanthan Yogakrishnan is arrested with another youth for shoplifting camping supplies, such as utensils, an LED clip light, an axe, and an 18-inch machete.

February 3–5, 2006
Ahmad, Chand, Shaikh, and Durrani visit a property near Kapuskasing, Ontario to scout it as a potential safe house for the group.

February 5, 2006
Zakaria Amara tells Fahim Ahmad that he has successfully built a remote detonator with a range of 30 feet.

March 2006
Zakaria Amara orders three “Mobile GSM” phone kits from a company in Texas. These allow him to build a detonator that works at effectively unlimited range.

March 3–5, 2006
Steven Chand introduces Fahim Ahmad to his friend Talib, a financial fraudster who advises Ahmad about possible bank fraud schemes that the group might use to raise money.

March 24, 2006
The group splits over tension between Fahim Ahmad and Zakaria Amara. Amara focuses on bomb attacks, while Ahmad plans to attack Parliament.

March 25, 2006
Shareef Abdelhaleem introduces Zakaria Amara to Shaker Elshehemy, a police informant posing as a chemical supplier. Amara orders 1 tonne (later 3 tonnes) of ammonium fertiliser.

April 7, 2006
Zakaria Amara discloses to a police agent that he plans to bomb the Toronto Stock Exchange building, the CSIS building, and a military base in November of 2006.

May 3, 2006
Police execute a warrant to secretly search Amara’s home. They find a 135-page manual for making explosives, along with lists of chemicals and suppliers.

May 20–22, 2006
Fahim Ahmad leads another camp near Rockwood, Ontario. Participants march in military fatigues and Ahmad creates a video of the group in the style of resistance groups.

May 31, 2006
Saad Khalid, acting on Amara’s orders, rents a storage unit to house ammonium nitrate and assemble bombs.

June 2, 2006
15 members of the group are arrested. Ali Dirie and Yasin Abdul Mohamed were already in prison for their attempt at smuggling guns into Canada.

August 3, 2006
Ibrahim Abood is arrested. He was the only member of the group arrested outside of the original arrests.