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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue, Miami, FL 33172

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN US9YM-000170DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: <u>Sharaf Ahmad Muhammad</u> <u>Masud</u>
- Current/True Name and Aliases: <u>Sharaf Ahmad Muhammad</u> <u>Masud, Gharib</u>
- Place of Birth: <u>Sanaa, Yemen (YM)</u>
- Date of Birth: <u>1978</u>
- Citizenship: <u>Yemen</u>
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): <u>US9YM-000170DP</u>
- 2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in overall good health.
- 3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:

a. (S) **Recommendation:** JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF-GTMO previously assessed detainee for TRO on 14 February 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: If released without rehabilitation, close supervision, and means to successfully reintegrate into his society as a law abiding citizen, it is assessed detainee would seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities. Since transfer to JTF-GTMO, detainee has preached Islamic extremism expressing a willingness to return to the fight, and has lectured other detainees citing extremist poetry that refers to Usama Bin Laden (UBL). Detainee has been deceptive and continues to withhold information of intelligence value possibly indicating his continuing

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support for extremism. Additionally, detainee has verbally expressed his distain for America and President Bush, and has encouraged and led mass disturbances among the other detainees. Detainee is an Islamic extremist and an al-Qaida affiliated fighter who went to Afghanistan (AF) for militant training and to participate in extremist activities including combat. Prior to detention, detainee received specialized training in spying, codes, surveillance, and the use of electronic devices to construct explosives. Detainee fought against US/Coalition forces and was captured after fleeing UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex of Afghanistan with senior al-Qaida trainer Ali Muhammad Abd al-Aziz al-Fakhri aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212). Detainee's travels were facilitated through the al-Qaida network with senior al-Qaida facilitator Abdu Ali al-Hajj Sharqawi, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), providing direct assistance. JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

- A **HIGH** risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies
- A **HIGH** threat from a detention perspective
- Of **LOW** intelligence value

c. (S//NF) Summary of Changes: The following outlines changes to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation. (Changes in this assessment will be annotated by \geq next to the footnote.)

- Added report that detainee attended specialized training at the Hajji Habash Guesthouse
- Revised detainee's association and recruitment information
- Increased detainee's risk to **HIGH** based on his advanced training and continued support for extremism, and subsequently recommended CD

4. (U) Detainee's Account of Events:

The following section is based, unless otherwise indicated, on detainee's own account. These statements are included without consideration of veracity, accuracy, or reliability.

a. (S//NF) **Prior History:** Detainee graduated from high school in 1994.¹

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: After hearing about the political situation in Afghanistan, detainee decided to travel there for vacation, as well as to observe a "true" Muslim country operated by a "legitimate" Muslim government.² Detainee purchased a plane ticket from Sanaa to Karachi, Pakistan (PK) using his own money, and consulted with

¹ 000170 KB 10-JUN-2002

² 000170 MFR 10-APR-2002, IIR 2 340 0862 02

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Ali Ahmed Muhammad at the al-Mutawakil Mosque in Sanaa for assistance in traveling to Afghanistan.³ Ali Ahmed Muhammad informed detainee of an individual in Karachi named Riyadh⁴ who would assist detainee. Detainee left for Karachi in June 2001 with a Yemeni passport, 40,000 Yemeni riyals,⁵ \$400 US, clothing, and personal items. Riyadh met detainee at the airport in Karachi and took detainee to a hotel, where detainee remained for approximately five days. Riyadh purchased a plane ticket to Quetta, PK with detainee's own money. Following Riyadh's instructions, detainee traveled to Quetta and then on to Kandahar, AF.⁶

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee spent approximately two months at an Arab guesthouse in Kandahar.⁷ In September 2001, detainee decided to visit Kabul, AF, in order "to see what the city was like." After two weeks at an unidentified location in Kabul, detainee heard on the radio that the local Afghans were killing Arabs for being the cause of the US bombing campaign in Afghanistan. Detainee decided to flee to Jalalabad, AF, and stayed at the Mujama al-Arab guesthouse for approximately six weeks. In mid-December 2001, an Afghan guide led detainee and fifty other Arabs east toward the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. They reached a small village where they resided for approximately four days at a local mosque. Detainee discarded his suitcase, which contained his passport and money, while fleeing Jalalabad.⁸

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Detainee fled Afghanistan with a group of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters led by LY-212, UBL's military commander in the Tora Bora Mountain Complex. The group crossed the Afghanistan-Pakistan border in the Nangarhar, AF region in mid-December 2001 and arrived at a Pakistani village where their local contact convinced them to surrender their weapons. The contact then gathered the group in a mosque where Pakistani forces arrested them.⁹ Pakistani officials transferred detainee from Kohat, PK, to the Kandahar Detention Facility where detainee was placed in US custody on 30 December 2001.¹⁰

³ IIR 2 340 6866 02, IIR 2 340 6680 02

⁴ Analyst Note: Riyadh is assessed to be YM-1457

⁵ Analyst Note: Approximately \$150 US.

⁶ IIR 2 340 6866 02, IIR 2 340 6680 02

⁷ IIR 2 340 6680 02, Analyst Note: It is possible detainee transited through the al-Qaida affiliated al-Ansar guesthouse and went on to receive eight weeks of training at the al-Qaida-sponsored al-Faruq Training Camp. ⁸ IIR 2 340 6866 02, 000170 KB 10-JUN-2002, TD-314/00684-02, 000170 MFR 22-JUL-2002

⁹ TD-314/00684-02, IIR 7 739 3396 02, Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis, Analyst Note: Reporting identifies vehicles transporting the prisoners as both buses and trucks. A riot on one of the busses ensured leading to the deaths of some guards and prisoners. See TD-314-00952-02, TD-314-00296-02, TD-314-00684-02, and FBIS GMP20020111000090 12-JAN-2002 for more information about the riot. LY-212 is probably in Libyan External Security Organization control in Libya.

¹⁰ IIR 2 340 6866 02, TD-314/00845-02, paragraph number C.5

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b. (S) Property Held:

• Casio digital watch¹¹

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 8 June 2002

d. (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF-GTMO: To provide information on the following:

- Recruiter/facilitator in Sanaa named Ali Ahmed Muhammad
- Methods and locations of recruiting, mosque affiliations, and contacts provided by Muhammad
- Mujama al-Arab (Arab Gathering Place) Guesthouse in Jalalabad

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee's account is not credible and is typical of the cover stories used by individuals who went to Afghanistan to participate in extremist activities. During the period of July through August 2001, detainee possibly attended the al-Qaida-sponsored al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee was possibly involved in illicit activities during the period of 1995 through 2001, a portion of his life for which he has provided no information on his whereabouts or actions. Detainee was identified as having received specialized training on spying, codes and surveillance. Detainee further exhibits various counter-interrogation techniques throughout his detention, including deception, non-cooperation, and total non-responsiveness.

7. (U) Detainee Threat:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be a **HIGH** risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies.

b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention: Detainee is an Islamic extremist and an al-Qaida affiliated fighter who went to Afghanistan (AF) for militant training and to participate in extremist activities including combat. *If released without rehabilitation, close supervision, and means to successfully reintegrate into his society as a law abiding citizen, it is assessed detainee would seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities. Since transfer to JTF-GTMO, detainee has preached Islamic extremism expressing a willingness to return to the fight, and has lectured other detainees citing*

¹¹ Analyst Note: While no items are associated with detainee in the master pocket litter list, records indicate he was transferred to JTF-GTMO with a digital Casio watch. See 000170 WATCH 01-JAN-2000, 000170 DA4137 08-JUN-2002(a) and 000170 DA4137 08-JUN-2002(b).

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extremist poetry that refers to Usama Bin Laden (UBL). Detainee has been deceptive and continues to withhold information of intelligence value possibly indicating his continuing support for extremism. Additionally, detainee has verbally expressed his distain for America and President Bush, and has encouraged and led mass disturbances among the other detainees. Prior to detention, detainee received specialized training at an al-Qaida affiliated guesthouse in spying, codes, surveillance, and the use of electronic devices to construct explosives after probably attending basic militant training. Detainee's travels were facilitated through the al-Qaida network. Detainee fought against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex.

• (S//NF) Detainee is an Islamic extremist who received specialized training at an al-Qaida affiliated guesthouse after probably attending basic training at an al-Qaida camp.

• (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeeb Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252 (YM-252) reported detainee attended classes given at the Hajji Habash Guesthouse. These classes included spying, codes, surveillance, and the use of electronic devices to construct explosives.¹²

• (S) The Hajji Habash Guesthouse was reportedly owned by UBL and operated by Abu Zubayr al-Haili, a high-level al-Qaida operative, among others.¹³ (Analyst Note: The Hajji Habash Guesthouse served as an administrative in-processing facility for new recruits en route to the al-Faruq Training Camp. The recruits surrendered their passports and valuables to the guesthouse administrator for safe keeping. The guesthouse also served as a waypoint for extremists traveling to and from Pakistan, or Afghanistan. It was located across the street from the Islamic Institute operated by UBL's religious advisor Mahfouz Ould al-Walid, aka (Abu Hafs al-Mauritani).¹⁴

• (S//NF) Detainee stated he traveled to Kandahar and stayed in an Arab guesthouse for sixty days prior to going to Kabul in September 2001.¹⁵ (Analyst Note: It is highly probable detainee attended the al-Faruq Training Camp during this period. All other Islamic militant training camps were closed at that point in time, and basic training was a prerequisite for advanced training.)

• (S//NF) Detainee admitted using the alias Gharib.¹⁶ A variant of detainee's name and alias, Hasan Masud aka (al-Gharib al-Sanani), was listed on an al-Qaida document noting the contents of his trust account to include a passport.¹⁷

 $^{^{12}}$ >000252 SIR 29-MAY-2008, Analyst Note: The Hajji Habash Guesthouse was also known as the al-Ansar Guesthouse and the al-Zubayr Guesthouse.

¹³ >000252 FM40 09-NOV-2004, IIR 6 034 0459 02

¹⁴ TD-314/14620-03, 000252 FM40 09-NOV-2004, IIR 6 034 0459 02, DAB Guesthouse Administration 14-Apr-2008

¹⁵ TD-314/00684-02

¹⁶ TD-314/00684-02

¹⁷ ➤ TD-314-47683-03, TD-314-42895-02, TD-314/40693-02, TD-314/13174-03 (spelled as Ihsan vice Hassan in this report).

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> • (S//NF) Analyst Note: It is a common practice for the fighters to assume an alias when entering Afghanistan for training and combat. Such lists are indicative of an individual's residence within al-Oaida, Taliban, and other extremist guesthouses, often for the purpose of training or coordination prior to travel to the front lines or abroad. Trust accounts, also referred to as safety boxes or safety deposit boxes, were simple storage compartments such as envelopes or folders that guesthouse administrators used to secure the individual's personal valuables, such as passports and plane tickets. These items were entrusted to the guesthouse until completion of training or other activity.¹⁸

• (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida lieutenant Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu Zubavdah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016) stated, "upon arrival at a guesthouse, a 'brother' [an al-Qaida or extremist member or mujahid] left his passport, important papers, wallet, and other miscellaneous items with an official of the guesthouse who would note the individual's name, nickname, and the articles he deposited."¹⁹ (Analyst Note: This is probably the true disposition of detainee's passport and supports his possible attendance at an al-Qaida affiliated training camp despite detainee's claim that he had abandoned his suitcase and passport during his exodus from Jalalabad)²⁰

(S//NF) Detainee's travels were facilitated through the al-Qaida network. • (S//NF) In 1999, YM-1457 began sending Yemeni recruits to Afghanistan.²¹ 0 Detainee stated YM-1457 personally met him at the airport in Karachi, provided detainee with living arrangements, and facilitated detainee's travel to Afghanistan.²² (Analyst Note: Detainee's facilitation may indicate his membership in al-Qaida.)

• (S//NF) Detainee was a member of senior al-Qaida commander LY-212's group of al-Qaida fighters who fled UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex after the commencement of US and Coalition forces bombing campaign.²³ (Analyst Note: LY-212 was a senior al-Qaida trainer and former manager of the Khaldan training camp.²⁴)

• (S//NF) Detainee admitted being part of a three vehicle convoy of prisoners transported from where they surrendered to the prison in Kohat.²⁵

¹⁸ ≻DAB Guesthouse Administration 14-Apr-2008

¹⁹ TD-314/14620-03

²⁰ TD-314/00684-02

²¹ >IIR 6 034 0211 07, Analyst Note: YM-1457 is a senior al-Qaida facilitator who swore *bayat* (oath of allegiance) to UBL and personally recruited bodyguards for UBL.

 ²² IIR 2 340 6866 02, IIR 2 340 6680 02
²³ IIR 2 340 6866 02, TD-314/00845-02, paragraph number C.5

²⁴ TD-314/52609-05

²⁵ TD-314/00684-02

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• (S//NF) Detainee's probable alias, Gharib al-Sanaani,²⁶ was noted on a list of eighty-four captured Taliban and al-Qaida fighters.²⁷ (Analyst Note: Pakistani forces captured the fighters, who had crossed the border in the Nangarhar Province, on 14 December 2001 after they had gathered in a mosque and surrendered their weapons to their Pakistani host. This is assessed to be the group led out of UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex by senior al-Qaida commander LY-212, who was also captured with the group.)

• (S//NF) When shown a picture of detainee, senior al-Qaida operative, GZ-10016, remarked on how the individual's face looked familiar. GZ-10016 commented detainee may be a Tunisian with connections to Italy.²⁸ (Analyst note: There is little known concerning detainee's whereabouts or activities between 1995 and 2001. It is possible detainee spent time in Tunisia or Italy during that timeframe. However, no other reporting corroborates this possibility. Detainee is consistently identified as Yemeni in al-Qaida documents and does not exhibit a Tunisian accent).

c. (S//NF) **Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed to be a **HIGH** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been mostly compliant and sometimes hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 55 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 19 May 2008, when he was found in possession of dangerous contraband. He has two Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 19 December 2003, when he threw water on the guard force. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, inappropriate use of bodily fluids, unauthorized communications, damage to government property, attempted assaults, assaults, provoking words and gestures, and possession of a 3 inch stick. In 2007, he had a total of 11 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and eight so far in 2008.

8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of LOW intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 7 May 2007.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee was recruited in Sanaa. Detainee was assisted in traveling through Karachi to Afghanistan by YM-1457. Detainee spent time in

²⁶ Analyst Note: Extremists often use the name of their home village or town to identify their origin to others. Since detainee originates from Sanaa, it is probable that detainee used al-Gharib al-Sanaani as his alias.

²⁷ IIR 7 739 3396 02

²⁸ TD-314/24346-02

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guesthouses in Kandahar, Kabul, and Jalalabad. Detainee probably trained at the al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee admittedly stayed at al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses and possibly received specialized training in spying, codes, surveillance, and the use of electronic devices to construct explosives. Detainee probably fought on the Kabul front lines and in the UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex. Detainee probably knows names and physical descriptions of al-Faruq trainers, as well as individuals and commanders on the Kabul front lines.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee has knowledge of extremist activities and recruiting in Sanaa. Detainee's brief affiliation and association with al-Qaida, as well as his facilitation by YM-1457, would have afforded him first hand but limited access to intelligence regarding personalities, guesthouses, recruitment, and tactical operations of the al-Qaida military units fighting in Afghanistan.

d. (S//NF) Areas of Potential Exploitation:

- Al-Qaida recruitment and facilitation
- Guesthouses and safe houses in Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Islamic extremist personalities, to include JTF-GTMO detainees, who were at UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex and on the three-bus convoy to Kohat

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 23 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

D. M. THOMAS, JR Rear Admiral, US Navy Commanding

^{*} Definitions for intelligence terms used in the assessment can be found in the Joint Military Intelligence College October 2001 guide *Intelligence Warning Terminology*.