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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: US9SA-000179DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Abd al-Rahman 'Juwayidh al-Ju'ayd
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Abd al-Rahman Uwayidh Muhammad al-Juayd, Abdul Rahman Bin Uwayid Bin Muhammad, Qodamah al-Taifi, Ahmad Abdallah, Abu al-Zabeer
- Place of Birth: Taif, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 7 November 1980
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SA-000179DP



2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good health.

3. (S//NF) JTF-GTMO Assessment:

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF-GTMO previously assessed detainee as Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) with Transfer Language on 31 March 2006.

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b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida and Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) former 55th Arab Brigade.¹ Detainee answered a fatwa from a radical shaykh and traveled to Afghanistan (AF) for jihad. Detainee participated in hostilities in Kabul, AF and the Tora Bora Mountains of Afghanistan. Detainee resided in an al-Qaida-affiliated guesthouse and probably received training at an al-Qaid-affiliated training camp. 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 **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective.
- Of **MEDIUM** 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 ➤ next to the footnote.)

- (S//NF) Detainee's intelligence value was raised from **LOW** to **MEDIUM** for this assessment.

4. (S//NF) 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: From 2000 to 2001, detainee attended the College of Technology in Mecca, SA, studying computers, but did not complete the degree.² During detainee's second semester, he applied for employment with the Saudi electric company, which provided on the job training that would lead to a two-year degree.³

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee began to focus on religious issues (NFI) and answered a fatwa by Shaykh Abdullah Bin Jibreen to travel to Afghanistan and fight

¹ Analyst Note: UBL's former 55th Arab Brigade was known to be UBL's primary formation supporting Taliban military objectives. It was almost exclusively comprised of Arabs, many of whom had affiliations with other international terrorist groups. Al-Qaida leaders commanded the brigade, and UBL was thought to have participated closely in its command and control.

² 000179 KB 02-APR-2002, TD-314/00684-02, Analyst Note: Detainee studied physics, math, English grammar, and other basic subjects including an introductory Windows course. For more information see 000179 302 08-JUN-2002, 000179 302 05-APR-2002, 000179 SIR 09-AUG-2004, 000179 SIR 22-MAR-2002.

³ 000179 SIR 09-AUG-2004

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alongside the Taliban.⁴ Around July 2001, detainee traveled from Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan via Bahrain and Karachi, Pakistan (PK).⁵

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: From Karachi, detainee traveled to Quetta, PK and Kandahar, AF.⁶ Detainee then continued to Kabul. In approximately August 2001, detainee was assigned to the rear lines of the Northern front opposite the Northern Alliance (NA). Detainee remained in this position until the Taliban withdrew under heavy coalition bombardment on approximately 20 November 2001.⁷ At that time, detainee and a small group of Arabs departed Kabul and traveled to Tora Bora. Once in Tora Bora, detainee's group was placed under the command of Commander Ali Mahmud.⁸ Two weeks later, detainee and a group of ten Arabs headed for Pakistan.⁹

5. (S//NF) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) It is assessed detainee fled Afghanistan with a group of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters led by UBL-appointed military commander in Tora Bora, Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212). The group crossed the Afghanistan-Pakistan border in the Nangarhar, AF, region around 14 December 2001. The group felt safe in the hands of their Pakistani host who convinced them to surrender their weapons. The host then gathered the group in a mosque where Pakistani forces immediately arrested them. During the transit to prison, one of the prisoners attacked a guard leading to a struggle in which six Pakistani guards were killed and some of the prisoners escaped.¹⁰ Pakistani officials transferred detainee from Kohat, PK, to the Kandahar Detention Facility where detainee was placed in US custody on 31 December 2001.¹¹

b. (S) Property Held: None

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 17 January 2002

⁴ TD-314/00684-02, paragraph L, Analyst Note: Shaykh Jibreen is assessed to be Shaykh 'Abdullah bin 'Abd Al-Rahman Jibreen. Jibreen issued a fatwa encouraging individuals to travel to Afghanistan to assist the Taliban in its fight to protect Muslims in Afghanistan.

⁵ 000179 SIR 15-OCT-2002, TD-314/00684-02

⁶ 000179 MFR 22-MAR-2002, TD-314/00684-02

⁷ TD-314/00684-02, Analyst Note: Detainee's exact location is unclear as detainee indicated he was in Kabul, AF, but the Northern Alliance line was known to be in Taloqan and Khwaja Ghar prior to November 2001.

⁸ Analyst Note: Variants of Mahmud are Mahmoud and Mahmood. It was reported that Ali Mahmoud was killed in Tora Bora. See TD-314/17125-03 for more information.

⁹ TD-314/00684-02

¹⁰ IIR 7 739 3396 02, Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis

¹¹ TD-314/00845-02, GMP20020111000090, Analyst Note: Detainee's name is number 10 on list. This name is listed as Abd al-Rahman Bin-Uwayd Bin-Muhammad al-Ju'ayd aka (Qaddamah al-Ta'ifi).

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

- Encouragement given to youths of college age to travel to Afghanistan to provide humanitarian aid¹²

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee's reporting bears numerous inconsistencies. In initial interviews, detainee provided a plausible timeline of his activities; however, detainee reverted to a common cover story used by al-Qaida detainees stating he was in Afghanistan for humanitarian purposes. A significant amount of information is lacking in detainee's account including associates, facilitators, travel specifics, and probable training. Detainee has provided limited information regarding his activities on the front lines and at the al-Qaida held positions in Tora Bora.

7. (S//NF) 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 assessed to be a member of al-Qaida as well as UBL's former 55th Arab Brigade, who participated in hostilities against US and coalition forces in Afghanistan. Detainee traveled to Afghanistan to support jihad in answer to a fatwa issued by a well-known radical shaykh. Detainee resided in at least one and possibly more al-Qaida-associated guesthouses. Detainee has possible familial extremist associations.

- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a member of the 55th Arab Brigade and to have participated in hostilities in the Tora Bora Mountains of Afghanistan against US and coalition forces. Detainee fled Tora Bora with al-Qaida commander LY-212.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted to occupying a position on the rear lines in Kabul for three months.¹³ (Analyst Note: The lines were the battlefronts held by Taliban and al-Qaida forces opposing the NA and subsequent coalition forces following the start of US involvement in Afghanistan. Al-Qaida's support to the Taliban forces and control of Arab fighters was through UBL's battle formation known as the 55th Arab Brigade, of which detainee is assessed to be a member. Al-Qaida was not known to assign untrained fighters to the lines, which indicates detainee either received prior militant training or he spent extended time in Afghanistan.)

¹² 000179 KB 02-APR-2002, Analyst Note: Detainee's cover story was to travel to Afghanistan to provide humanitarian aid to the needy.

¹³ TD-314/00684-02

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- (S//NF) Detainee stated that on approximately 20 November 2001, during flight from heavy bombardment, detainee and a small group of Arabs traveled from Kabul to Tora Bora where they stayed for two weeks under the command of Ali Mahmud.¹⁴
 - (S//NF) Ali Mahmud was reportedly the commander of all al-Qaida fighters in Tora Bora until 19 November 2001, when UBL replaced Ali Mahmud with LY-212. Ali Mahmud was killed in an air strike on 2 December 2001.¹⁵
- (C) Detainee's name is recorded on a document listing eighty-four captured Taliban and al-Qaida fighters. Pakistani forces captured 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.¹⁶ (Analyst Note: This is assessed to be the group led out of Tora Bora by senior al-Qaida leader LY-212, who was captured with the group. While several senior al-Qaida members claim LY-212 was not a member of al-Qaida, LY-212 himself stated that UBL personally appointed him as the military commander of al-Qaida forces in Tora Bora.)
 - (S//NF) LY-212 reported that he designed an escape route for al-Qaida Arabs to flee Afghanistan to Pakistani tribal areas near Parachinar, PK. LY-212 stated that to assist with border crossings, he confirmed that Pakistanis manning the border were amenable to taking bribes to allow Arabs to cross. LY-212 further reported that he did not allow any Arabs to travel via this route carrying passport-type documentation, promising them he would send their documents later via couriers.¹⁷
 - ◆ (S//NF) Detainee claimed he left his passport at his friend Muhammad's residence in Kabul.¹⁸ (Analyst Note: It is assessed detainee fled without his passport under the orders of LY-212.)
 - ◆ (S//NF) Detainee claimed that there were several hundred fighters. Most of them dispersed and broke into small groups heading for the border of Pakistan. Detainee reported that he arrived at the border on or about 20 December with a group of ten Arabs.¹⁹
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted traveling to Afghanistan to participate in jihad after answering a fatwa issued by radical Shaykh Abdallah Bin Jibreen.²⁰ (Analyst Note: Shaykh 'Abdullah bin 'Abd al-Rahman Jibreen issued a fatwa encouraging individuals to travel to Afghanistan to assist the Taliban in its fight to protect Muslims in Afghanistan.)²¹

¹⁴ TD-314/00684-02

¹⁵ IIR 2 340 6244 02

¹⁶ IIR 7 739 3396 02, tenth name; IIR 7 739 3268 02, second name.

¹⁷ TD-314/48260-01

¹⁸ 000179 302 08-JUN-2002, 000179 302 05-APR-2002

¹⁹ TD-314/00684-02

²⁰ TD-314/00684-02

²¹ IIR 6 034 0071 02

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- (S//NF) Detainee stayed in Abu Hamza's Guesthouse in Kabul and probably other al-Qaida-affiliated guesthouses.
 - (S//NF) Mamdouh Ahmed Habib, ISN US9EG-000661DP (EG-661, transferred), identified detainee as one of the individuals he saw at the Abu Hamza guesthouse in Kabul. EG-661 resided in the guesthouse in 2001.²² (Analyst Note: This is assessed to be the Abu Hamza al-Qa'iti Guesthouse, a known al-Qaida guesthouse.²³ Detainee also stated he stayed at Afghan national Muhammad Rahim's residence in Kabul.²⁴ Muhammad Rahim was possibly the same Muhammad Rahim who was an Afghan al-Qaida leader and logistics officer for UBL.)²⁵
 - (S//NF) Detainee is identified on documents listing the names and aliases of suspected al-Qaida members and the contents of their trust accounts. One such document was recovered during September 2002 raids on a suspected al-Qaida safe house in Karachi. Detainee is also noted on a second document titled "al-Jawzat.doc," meaning "passports," recovered from a floppy disk located during an 11 September 2002 raid on a suspected al-Qaida residence in Karachi. (Analyst Note: Such documents are indicative of an individual's affiliation with and membership in al-Qaida, Taliban, and other extremist guesthouses, often for the purpose of training or coordinating travel to the front lines or abroad.)²⁶
- (S//NF) Detainee is possibly related to Dayf Allah al-Juayd, whom Saudi officials arrested (NFI). Dayf Allah was associated with a document forger named Ahmed Abu al-Hasana and is probably associated with terrorist support activities in Yemen, Saudi Arabia, and Indonesia.²⁷
 - (S//NF) Detainee reported that he has a brother named Dayf Allah al-Juaid, who is 26 years of age.²⁸ Detainee also stated that his uncle is named Dayf Allah Wasal Allah al-Juaid.²⁹
- (S//NF) In July 2002, a delegation from Saudi Arabia visited JTF-GTMO and interviewed detainee. Detainee was identified as being of low intelligence and law enforcement value to the US, and unlikely to pose a terrorist threat to the US or its interests. Furthermore, the Saudi delegation indicated that the Government of Saudi

²² 000661 KB 11-MAR-2003, IIR 4 201 0851 05, paragraph 40

²³ IIR 2 340 6462 02, IIR 2 340 6152 02, Analyst Note: Variants of al-Qa'iti are al-Kyate, al-Kuaiti, al-Gayedi, al-Qu'aidi, al-Qoaiti, al-Giati, and al-Gayedi.

²⁴ 000179 302 05-APR-2002

²⁵ TD-314/14153-02

²⁶ TD-314/48336-03, TD-314/40693-02, Analyst Note: Detainee's name and alias were also listed on a document recovered from a hard drive belonging to Muhammad Asad al-Kandari, a member of the Kuwaiti al-Qaida cell that attacked a US Marine patrol on the Faylaka Island, Kuwait on 8 October 2002. See TD-314/43361-02 for more information.

²⁷ IIR 6 034 0625 04, 000179 302 05-APR-2002

²⁸ 000179 302 05-APR-2002, paragraph 4, Analyst Note: A variant of al-Juaid is al-Juayd.

²⁹ IIR 6 034 0625 04

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Arabia would be willing to take custody of detainee for possible prosecution as soon as the US determined it no longer wanted to hold him.³⁰

c. (U//FOUO) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been compliant and rarely hostile toward the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has eight Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS, with the most recent occurring on 15 June 2006, when he failed to follow camp rules by attempting to pass underwear through the mesh to another detainee. Other incidents for which detainee has been disciplined include assault, failure to follow instructions, failure to follow camp rules, and inciting and participating in mass disturbances. Detainee has a total of one Report of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 7 April 2006, when detainee spat on guards. In 2006, detainee had three Reports of Disciplinary Infraction.

8. (S//NF) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **MEDIUM** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 1 March 2007.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee was in Afghanistan from at least July 2001 through his December 2001 capture. During this time, detainee fought alongside Taliban and al-Qaida forces. Detainee was under the command of Ali Mahmud in the Tora Bora Mountains. Few detainees have reported on Ali Mahmud. Detainee then served under al-Qaida commander LY-212 with whom detainee was captured. Detainee may have familial links to terrorist support activities in Yemen, Saudi Arabia, and Indonesia.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: It is assessed detainee has been substantially exploited; however, there is information detainee could potentially provide. Detainee's activities and associates within Afghanistan are largely unknown and require additional exploitation. Detainee needs to be further questioned on Dayf Allah's activities in Saudi Arabia.

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

- Al-Qaida personalities, recruitment techniques, logistics, and operations in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia
- Taliban operations on the Kabul front lines
- Other extremist personalities detainee came into contact with in Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Afghanistan to include fellow fighters who are now at JTF-GTMO

³⁰ TD-314/30789-02

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 18 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.



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