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

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO) for Guantanamo  
Detainee, ISN US9YM-000163DP (S)

### **JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

#### **1. (S/NF) Personal Information:**

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Khalid Abd Jal Jabbar Muhammad al-Qadasi
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Khalid Abd al-Jabbar Muhammad Uthman al-Qadasi, Khalad A Athman, Muhammad al-Tihami, Khalid al-Taizi
- Place of Birth: Taiz, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 1969
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000163DP



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

#### **3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:**

**a. (S) Recommendation:** JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Transfer out of DoD Control (TRO). JTF-GTMO previously recommended detainee for Transfer out of DoD Control (TRO) on 22 January 2007.

**b. (S/NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is a probable member of al-Qaida who participated in armed hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) Tora Bora Complex in Afghanistan (AF). Detainee is assessed to have received al-Qaida militant training and was captured with a large group of Taliban and al-Qaida fighters.

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Detainee was facilitated through the al-Qaida network and he used a known al-Qaida cover story. Detainee's name and alias were found on al-Qaida affiliated documents and he spent five to 12 months in Pakistan and Afghanistan where he stayed at al-Qaida and Taliban affiliated guesthouses. Detainee is possibly associated with an al-Qaida operative in Yemen. JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

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

c. (U) **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.)

- Revised detainee's capture information
- Added detainee's possible association with Abu Talha
- Attributed additional alias to detainee<sup>1</sup>

#### 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 1987.<sup>2</sup> After graduation, detainee served one year in the Yemeni army from 1988-1989.<sup>3</sup> Detainee worked as a laborer for many years after serving in the military and suffered from back pain as a result of this work.<sup>4</sup>

b. (S//NF) **Recruitment and Travel:** An individual in Hudaydah, YM known as Juhana gave detainee \$400 US, procured detainee's Pakistani visa, and gave detainee a one-year round trip "open" ticket from Yemen to Pakistan (PK) to seek medical treatment for joint pain. Detainee's June or July 2001 flight originated in Hudaydah, YM and continued to Sanaa, YM and then Karachi, PK.<sup>5</sup> Juhana arranged for a Saudi named Ali Mahmud to meet detainee at the airport in Karachi and take detainee to an orthopedic hospital in Pakistan

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<sup>1</sup> ➤TD-314/13174-03, Analyst Note: Khalid al-Taizi

<sup>2</sup> TD-314/29268-02

<sup>3</sup> 000163 KB 19-FEB-2002

<sup>4</sup> 000163 SIR 15-MAR-2002

<sup>5</sup> TD-314/00684-02, IIR 6 034 1445 04, TD-314/29268-02

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because of detainee's back pain.<sup>6</sup> Detainee and Ali Mahmud spent one night in an unidentified hotel before traveling to the Daftar Taliban Guesthouse in Quetta, PK.<sup>7</sup> Ali Mahmud convinced detainee to postpone medical treatment, and they went sightseeing in Afghanistan instead.<sup>8</sup> After one day in Quetta, detainee and Ali Mahmud continued on to an Arab guesthouse in Kandahar, AF.<sup>9</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** After a stay in Kandahar, detainee moved to an Arab guesthouse in Kabul, AF owned by Abu Hamza al-Ghamdi, aka (al-Dabous), and remained there for two and a half months.<sup>10</sup> Detainee denied ever hearing anything about jihad against the Northern Alliance or the US, or seeing anything associated to UBL while at the guesthouse.<sup>11</sup> Detainee stayed in Afghanistan for five months, spending time going back and forth between Arab guesthouses in Kabul and Jalalabad, AF. Detainee denied making any acquaintances during this time.<sup>12</sup> Detainee was at Abu Hamza al-Ghamdi's guesthouse in Kabul when the US and Coalition bombing began. Detainee fled to a house in Jalalabad and two months later, continued to a cave complex in the Tora Bora Mountains of Afghanistan. Detainee was housed in the cave with other ill and wounded individuals.<sup>13</sup> Detainee hid in trenches until he was able to escape into Pakistan.<sup>14</sup>

## 5. (U) Capture Information:

**a. (S//NF)** While traveling as part of a larger group fleeing Afghanistan, detainee claimed he walked along the Pakistani border and surrendered to Pakistani troops. Members of the group asked to be taken to their respective embassies.<sup>15</sup> However, the actual events of detainee's capture are assessed to be linked to the al-Qaida withdrawal from Tora Bora. 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 Afghani-Pakistani border in the Nangarhar region in mid-December 2001. Their Pakistani contact convinced them to surrender their weapons and gathered the group in a mosque where

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<sup>6</sup> 000163 SIR 28-JUL-2004, Analyst Note: A variant of Mahmud is Mahmoud.

<sup>7</sup> TD-314/29268-02

<sup>8</sup> 000163 FM40 13-MAR-2004, 000163 SIR 15-MAR-2002

<sup>9</sup> TD-314/29268-02, See IIR 6 034 0968 03 for additional information on this guesthouse, assessed to be the al-Ansar Guesthouse.

<sup>10</sup> 000163 MFR 15-MAR-2002

<sup>11</sup> 000163 SIR 23-SEP-2004, 000163 FM40 13-MAR-2004

<sup>12</sup> IIR 6 034 1445 04, 000163 SIR 15-MAR-2002

<sup>13</sup> 000163 FM40 13-MAR-2004, Analyst Note: Detainee lost his passport in a taxi on his last trip to Jalalabad. See 000163 SIR 20-AUG-2004, 000163 SIR 15-MAR-2002

<sup>14</sup> TD-314/00684-02

<sup>15</sup> 000163 SIR 15-MAR-2002. See TD-314/14605-04

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Pakistani forces immediately arrested them.<sup>16</sup> Pakistani authorities transferred detainee from Kohat, PK, to US custody at the Kandahar Detention Facility on 30 December 2001.<sup>17</sup>

**b. (S) Property Held:**

- 4,000 Pakistani Rupees (PKR)<sup>18</sup>
- Miscellaneous Items: Koran, eyeglasses with a case, and a Tri-Circle brand padlock key

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 9 February 2002

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

- Recruitment techniques used by international terrorist groups
- Location of training camps, safe houses, and contact points

**6. (S/NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee staunchly maintains a standard cover story involving lengthy stays in guesthouses, losing his money and passport, and an injury that prevented detainee from engaging in combat. Although detainee's travel routes and guesthouse information is consistent with that obtained from other JTF-GTMO detainees, detainee's account of his activities while at the guesthouses is not credible and lacks extensive details while he has provided conflicting information on other details. An example of detainee's conflicting details includes his date of birth which he initially claimed was 1971 but we assess to be 1969.<sup>19</sup> Detainee has intentionally omitted information of his claimed activities in Afghanistan. Detainee's spontaneous decision to forgo medical treatment and take a benign tourist jaunt in a country racked by civil war is consistent with al-Qaida facilitation. Detainee remains uncooperative during interrogation sessions, demonstrating his continuing support for extremism and associates who may still be at large.

**7. (U) Detainee Threat:**

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

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<sup>16</sup> >TD-314/14605-04, Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis

<sup>17</sup> TD-314/00845-02, 000163 KB 19-FEB-2002

<sup>18</sup> Analyst Note: In 2002, 4,000 PKR is equivalent to approximately \$68.55 US.

<sup>19</sup> >000163 Dossier 05-Mar-2002, 000163 KB 19-Feb-2002

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**b. (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer for Continued Detention in Host Country:** Detainee is a probable member of al-Qaida who participated in armed hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Tora Bora and was captured with LY-212. Detainee used a known al-Qaida cover story and is assessed to have received militant training at an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan. Detainee's name and alias were found on al-Qaida affiliated documents and he spent five to 12 months in Pakistan and Afghanistan where he stayed at al-Qaida and Taliban affiliated guesthouses. Detainee is possibly associated with an al-Qaida operative in Yemen.

- (S//NF) Detainee is a probable member of al-Qaida. Detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Complex; he provided a known al-Qaida cover story; and is assessed to have received militant training.
  - (S//NF) Detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces.
    - (S//NF) Yasim Muhammad Basardah's, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), identified detainee as a Yemeni who fought in Tora Bora.<sup>20</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee was captured with LY-212 and a large group of al-Qaida fighters after fleeing hostilities in Tora Bora. Detainee is assessed to be one of two individuals identified as Khalid al-Taizi. These two individuals are included on a list of over 100 captured mujahideen found in a document on a hard drive associated to Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, aka (KSM), ISN US9KU-010024DP.<sup>21</sup>
      - ◆ (S//NF) Analyst Note: Detainee's name is Khalid and he is from Taiz, YM. Al-Taizi is an alias used by individuals from Taiz. Additionally, detainee was transferred from Pakistan the same day as other members of LY-212's group.<sup>22</sup> Detainee noted members of the group with which he was captured requested to be taken to their respective embassies. LY-212 reported he arranged a ceasefire in Tora Bora in order to ask the anti-Taliban forces to allow the fighters to go to their embassies.<sup>23</sup> Although the request was refused, LY-212 probably informed all fighters to make similar requests when they arrived in Pakistan.
  - (S//NF) Detainee provided a known al-Qaida cover story of seeking medical attention in Pakistan. It is assessed detainee's purpose for traveling to Afghanistan was to participate in training and jihad.
    - (S//NF) Detainee stated an associate instructed him to go to Pakistan to seek treatment for his painful joints. The associate obtained detainee's passport, Pakistani visa, and provided him with money for travel to Pakistan. Although

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<sup>20</sup> 000252 FM40 19-JUL-2004, 000252 SIR 02-JAN-2006

<sup>21</sup> ➤ TD-314/13174-03, See TD-314/14605-04 and Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis for additional information on this large group.

<sup>22</sup> ➤ TD-314/00845-02, DAB Association of Names to 195 Detainees 29-Dec-2006

<sup>23</sup> TD-314/14605-04

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detainee had ample opportunity, he did not seek or receive medical treatment for this injury and instead opted to go “sightseeing” in Afghanistan.<sup>24</sup>

- (S//NF) Analyst Note: Senior al-Qaida facilitator Abu Zubaydah stated he provided forged documents to Arab fighters who traveled to Pakistan, certifying that these mujahideen were in Pakistan for medical treatment.<sup>25</sup> Senior al-Qaida facilitator Abu Bakr Muhammad Bulghiti, aka (Abu Yasir al-Jazaieri), said that mujahideen who traveled for a prolonged periods of time to Pakistan or Afghanistan needed a reason for their travel when returning to their home country. Therefore, it was common to obtain an authentic document showing medical treatment by bribing a doctor. Travel permission to Pakistan was sometimes easier to obtain if the traveler claimed to be entering a country for medical treatment.<sup>26</sup>

- (S//NF) Detainee identified a Pakistan-based Saudi facilitator named Ali Mahmud as the individual who met detainee in Karachi and with whom detainee traveled to Afghanistan.<sup>27</sup> Other detainees have identified a similar association with Ali Mahmud including:

- ◆ (S//NF) Al-Qaida financial manager Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi, ISN US9SA-010011DP, stated that he traveled to Afghanistan via Pakistan with the help of a facilitator named Ali Mahmud in 2000. Hawsawi further remarked that Mahmud was well known in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.<sup>28</sup>

- ◆ (S//NF) Ayman Muhammad Ahmad al-Shurfa, ISN US9SA-000331DP (SA-331), reported he stayed with Ali Mahmud in Karachi where Ali instructed him to buy clothing more suitable for militant training. SA-331 then traveled with Mahmud to the al-Nibras Guesthouse in Kandahar.<sup>29</sup>

- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have received al-Qaida militant training at probably al-Faruq Training Camp.

- (S//NF) Analyst Note: Inclusion of detainee’s name and alias on trust account lists addressed below supports the assessment that detainee is a member of al-Qaida and received training due to guesthouse links to the al-Qaida training camps. Other indicators include his presence in Tora Bora as a fighter, his willing withholding of intelligence information, his facilitation by Ali Mahmud, and his medical cover story.

- (S//NF) Detainee’s name and alias were found on al-Qaida affiliated documents. Detainee stayed at al-Qaida and Taliban facilities.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>24</sup> 000163 FM40 13-Mar-2004, 000163 SIR 28-JUL-2004

<sup>25</sup> >TD-314/48843-05

<sup>26</sup> >TD-314/44280-02, TD-314/54543-05

<sup>27</sup> 000163 SIR 28-JUL-2004, TD-314/29268-02, 000163 FM40 13-MAR-2004

<sup>28</sup> >TD-314/54791-05

<sup>29</sup> >IIR 6 034 0544 02; 000331 302 5-Sep-2002; 000331 FM40 18-Jun-2003; TD-314/41672-02, number 5

<sup>30</sup> IIR 2 340 6543 02

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- (S//NF) Detainee is included on documents listing the names and aliases of suspected al-Qaida members and the contents of their trust accounts. One such list was recovered during September 2002 raids on a suspected al-Qaida safe house in Karachi. Detainee is noted on a second document titled “al-Jawazat.doc,” meaning “passports,” found on a floppy disk recovered during an 11 September 2002 raid on a suspected al-Qaida safe house in Karachi.<sup>31</sup>
  - (S//NF) Analyst Note: Such lists are indicative of an individual’s residence within al-Qaida, Taliban, and other Islamic extremist guesthouses, often for the purpose of training or coordination prior to travel to the front lines or abroad. Trust accounts were simply 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.)
  - (S//NF) Detainee claimed he traveled to Afghanistan in June or July 2001, but probably traveled in late 2000.<sup>32</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee’s trust account number was 151. Riyadh Atiq Abdu al-Haj al-Radai, ISN US9YM-000256DP (YM-256), trust account number was 152, indicating YM-256 traveled to Afghanistan approximately the same time as detainee. YM-256 admitted traveling to Afghanistan in late 2000,<sup>33</sup> and detainee therefore probably traveled to Afghanistan in late 2000 as well.)
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted staying at the Daftar Taliban Guesthouse in Quetta, a known transit point for al-Qaida recruits.<sup>34</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted he spent approximately two and a half months in the Azzam Guesthouse in Kabul operated by Abu Hamza al-Ghamdi. Abu Hamza al-Ghamdi was a senior al-Qaida operative and one of UBL’s most trusted aides.<sup>35</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have stayed at the al-Qaida Hajji Habash Guesthouse in Kandahar.<sup>36</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee probably stayed at this guesthouse before and after his assessed militant training at the al-Faruq Training Camp. Hajji Habash is aka (al-Nibras) and aka (al-Ansar).)
- (S//NF) Detainee stated he spent approximately one and a half months in Ali Mahmud’s Arab guesthouse in Jalalabad.<sup>37</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee’s was probably in Jalalabad with retreating al-Qaida and other extremist fighters.)

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<sup>31</sup> TD-314/42895-02, paragraph 60; TD-314/40693-02, paragraph 75; TD-314/47683-03, paragraph 60

<sup>32</sup> TD-314/00684-02, IIR 6 034 1445 04, TD-314/29268-02

<sup>33</sup> >000256 302 22-JUN-2002, 000256 KB 17-JUN-2002, IIR 6 034 1539 03, Analyst Note: YM-256’s full trust account number is 152-48. Detainee’s trust account number lacked the common second number.

<sup>34</sup> TD-314/29268-02, See IIR 6 034 0778 04, IIR 6 034 1550 03, and TD-314/52613-02 for additional information on Daftar Taliban.

<sup>35</sup> 000252 SIR 30-AUG-2004, IIR 6 034 0837 02, IIR 6 034 0066 06, 000163 MFR 15-MAR-2002

<sup>36</sup> See IIR 6 034 0968 03 for additional information on the Ansar Guesthouse

<sup>37</sup> 000163 SIR 15-MAR-2002

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- (S//NF) Detainee is possibly associated to an al-Qaida operative in Yemen.
  - (S//NF) Abd al-Razzaq Abdallah Ibrahim al-Sharikh, ISN US9SA-000067DP (SA-067), reported detainee lived in Yemen and Saudi Arabia. SA-067 heard that detainee has two wives, one in Saudi Arabia and the other in Yemen. SA-067 stated detainee could be part of the Abu Talha group.<sup>38</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee has not acknowledged living in Saudi Arabia or even having a wife. Detainee has not written or received any letters probably to protect his identity and that of his family. SA-067 described an Abu Talha al-Madani, possibly the Abu Talha associated with detainee, as a Saudi al-Qaida cell leader who moved to Yemen possibly to complete preparations for an attack.<sup>39</sup>)

**c. (U//FOUO) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been mostly compliant but semi-hostile to the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 17 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 22 November 2007, when he threw a salt package towards a guard. Detainee has 4 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 30 January 2006, when he threw water on another detainee. Other incidents for which detainee has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, threatening guards, provoking words and gestures, and assault. In 2006, detainee had a total of six Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and two in 2007.

**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 18 July 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee spent over two months at an al-Qaida guesthouse belonging to senior al-Qaida member and trusted UBL aide Abu Hamza al-Ghamdi. Detainee reportedly fought alongside the Taliban at Tora Bora. Detainee probably attended basic al-Qaida militant training, possibly at al-Faruq Training Camp. There is no information to indicate detainee had direct access to either Taliban or al-Qaida leadership.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee has provided limited information of significance and he is commonly deceptive or evasive during questioning. While detainee provided general descriptions of the guesthouses and safe houses in which he resided, he has

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<sup>38</sup> >000067 SIR 31-MAR-2007

<sup>39</sup> >000067 SIR 03-Dec-2006, Analyst Note: In the 31 March interrogation, SA-067 also mentioned another Abu Talha indicating he was not the associate of detainee. The other Abu Talha is believed to be Abu Talha al-Masri, an al-Qaida leader in Iraq.



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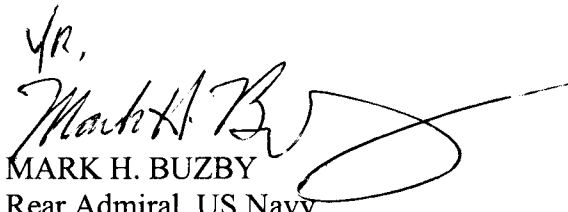
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repeatedly denied or omitted any association with jihadist activities. Detainee's age does raise suspicions about his past activities, especially since he offered only a vague description of his work history after 1989. Detainee's intelligence value likely resides in detainee's knowledge of extremist recruitment and facilitation of Yemenis into Afghanistan.

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

- Al-Qaida guesthouse and safe house locations, operations, and personnel
- Extremist recruitment and facilitation in Yemen
- Detainee's role or position within al-Qaida and his true activity while in Afghanistan
- Terrorist biological, psychological information, movement, logistics and recruitment
- Terrorist Operations in CENTCOM AOR

**9. (S) EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 13 November 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

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Commanding

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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*.