



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO  
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA  
APO AE 09360**

JTF GTMO-CG

10 April 2004

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Retain under DoD Control (DoD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9LY-000727DP (S)

**1. (FOUO) Personal Information:**

- First, Middle, Last Names: Omar A Deghays
- Aliases: Omar Amer Deghayes, Zeeshan Ahmed, Abu Sulaiman, Al Shamakh, Jan Gul, Abu Jandal, Azar, Abu Bakr, Abu Hafs, and Aban Khul
- Place of Birth: Tripoli, Libya (LY)
- Date of Birth: 28 November 1969
- Citizenship: Libya (LY)

**2. (FOUO) Health:** He is in good health.

**3. (S) Detainee Summary:**

a. (S) Background and Capture Data:

- Prior to traveling to Afghanistan (AF) in mid-1999, the detainee claimed he lived with his family in Brighton, United Kingdom (UK), as Libyan exiles, having moved there in 1986.
- While in the United Kingdom, between the years 1993 and 1999, the detainee claimed he attended Holton College, Huddersfield University, and Hampton University from which he obtained a law degree. The detainee prayed at the Regents Park Mosque in London, UK, where he met Azzam, a Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) member who eventually paid for detainee's travels to Afghanistan.
- Detainee claimed to have also participated in Jihad in Bosnia in 1993 and traveled to Madrid, Spain (SP), twice where he and traveling companion Abd Al Aziz Benyaich aka Gerald Frost visited with Abd Al Aziz's brother, Salahaddin Benyaich aka Abu Mughen aka David Charles Burgess (currently detained in Spain). Abu Mughen and Abd Al Aziz met with

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suspected Al-Qaida Spanish cell leader Imad Eddin Barakat Yarkas associate, Abu Darra. It is likely the detainee met Abu Darra and Barakat Yarkas during this trip as well; although, it has not been confirmed. Like the detainee, Abu Mughen and Abu Darra are Bosnian Jihad veterans.

- The detainee claimed he decided to travel to Afghanistan in 1999, ostensibly to help the less fortunate. Azzam arranged for the detainee's travel and provided him with contact information for a man named Ahmed in Islamabad, Pakistan (PK).

- According to the detainee, after three days in Karachi, PK, and Islamabad, PK, Ahmed took the detainee via Peshawar, PK, and Jalalabad, AF, to Kabul, AF, where he joined an LIFG associated NGO, Sanabil Charitable Committee (Sanabil), in the Wazir Akbar Khan area. This area is a known Al-Qaida and Taliban stronghold. Sanabil is run by confirmed members of Al-Qaida. Both groups used these fronts for recruiting and financing their recruiting efforts. Both these groups were in Afghanistan before and after the war, supplying money and fighters.

- The detainee claimed he worked for Sanabil without pay and then just quit, as he was wealthy enough to support himself.

- The detainee claimed that he fled Kabul, AF, when the city was in jeopardy of falling into Northern Alliance hands in late 2001. He fled to Jalalabad, AF, with a man named Abu Malik who arranged for him to be smuggled into Pakistan.

- The detainee claimed he fled to Lahore, PK, where he was eventually arrested a couple months later at a safehouse along with detainees US9LY-000708DP, US9LY-000709DP, and US9EG-000716DP on 30 May 2002. LY-708 and LY-709 are both reported members of the LIFG.

b. (S) Transfer to JTF GTMO: Detainee was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, on 05 AUGUST 2002.

c. (S) Reasons for Transfer to JTF GTMO: To provide general-to-specific information on:

- Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) personalities and activities within United Kingdom.

- Possible Jihad recruiter named Azzam at Regents Mosque in London, UK.
- His knowledge of procedures and personnel involved in false travel documents, including passports, within the United Kingdom.
- His knowledge of Sanabil NGO personalities and activities including finances.
- Locations and persons associated with Arab safehouses in Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- Ingress and egress routes for Arabs in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

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d. (S) Reasons for Continued Detention at JTF GTMO:

- Detainee has been on a Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) hold for an extended period and, as such, has not been actively engaged by DOD teams to clear intelligence requirements and gaps.

- Abu Zubaidah has stated that Al Shummakh (variant of detainee's alias) came from the United Kingdom in 1998 on a falsified passport, staying at one of Abu Zubaidah's guesthouses before moving on to other locations within Pakistan. He notes that the detainee was a member of Al-Qaida and then joined the LIFG.

- The detainee visited Abd Al-Aziz's brother in Spain, Abu Mughen, a reported Spanish Al-Qaida cell member with connections to Abu Darra and cell leader Imad Eddin Barakat Yarkas.

- The detainee was arrested in Spain in November 2001 for extremist activities and links to an Al-Qaida cell based in Spain, and accused of supporting the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks. The detainee was listed as a known associate of Imad Eddin Barakat Yarkas aka Abu Dahdad, and Anwar Adnan Mohamed Salah aka Cheij Salah (former leader of the network which recruited fighters in Spain), and was accused of being an active guerrilla leader of the mujahideen movement and, along with Abu Mughen, a member of the Military Council of the Islamist Guerrillas in Chechnya.

- The detainee was likely recruited for Jihad by the United Kingdom based-Libyan Islamic Fighting Group member, Azzam.

- The detainee worked, worked with pay, for the LIFG associated Sanabil charity organization in Kabul, AF, as a financial manager, a position associated with high-ranking LIFG member, Saif Al-Libi.

- The detainee has failed to adequately detail his timeline and associates within Afghanistan and Pakistan.

- The detainee remains uncooperative and deceitful during interrogations.

e. (S) Intelligence Value: JTF GTMO has assessed that this detainee is of high intelligence value due to his associations and knowledge of:

- Spain-based Al-Qaida Yarkas cell personnel (including Abu Darra, Abu Mughen, and cell leader Imad Eddin Barakat Yarkas), and activities (to include criminal funding ventures, recruitment within Spain, support to foreign operations in Bosnia and Afghanistan).

- United Kingdom-based Libyan Islamic Fighting Group personnel and activities to include recruitment and Bosnian veteran jihadist support infrastructure within the United Kingdom and Spain.

- Libyan Islamic Fighting Group personnel, activities, and funding resources and financial distribution within Afghanistan.

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- Sanabil NGO personnel including Saif Al-Libi, activities, and associations as well as its support to the LIFG and Al-Qaida within Afghanistan and its associations with tiered NGO's including Al Wafa.

**4. (S) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee's overall behavior has been generally non-compliant and aggressive. ISN 727 has numerous failures to comply and several aggressive acts noted to include assault.


**5. (S) EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 24 February 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

**6. (S) JTF GTMO Assessment:**

a. (S) Summary: It is assessed that this detainee is a member of Al-Qaida and its global terrorist network. Detainee has demonstrated a commitment to jihad. Detainee has personal links to key operatives and facilitators in both the European Al-Qaida network and the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group. He likely has participated in terrorist training and possibly funded their operations through personal resources or NGO affiliation. In addition, he has provided active support of noted terrorist organizations and probably participated in foreign fighting. Detainee maintains the capability to continue his active participation in terrorist activities. The detainee has admitted to an association with the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group, which maintained training camps and guesthouses within Afghanistan and its sponsored NGO, Sanabil, based in Kabul, AF. It has been determined that the detainee poses a high risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

b. b.(S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends this detainee be retained under DoD control.

**7. (S) Coordination:** JTF GTMO notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF) of this recommendation on 6 April 2004. CITF has not evaluated.

  
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