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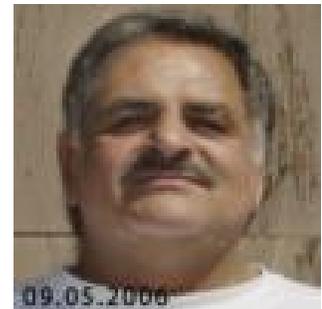
MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue, Miami, FL 33172

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN US9EG-000535DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Tariq Mahmud Ahmad
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Tariq Mahmud Ahmad al-Sawah, Abu Layth al-Masri, Abu Tariq al-Masri, Abu Hassan, Albany Taher, Tariq al-Bisnawi
- Place of Birth: Alexandria, Egypt (EG)
- Date of Birth: 2 November 1957
- Citizenship: Country Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BK)
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9EG-000535DP



2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is on a list of high-risk detainees from a health perspective but is in overall fair health. Detainee is closely watched for significant and chronic problems. He is morbidly obese with resultant elevated cholesterol, diabetes, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease and chronic low back pain with sciatica. Nutritionist and physical therapists are closely following to encourage weight loss and increased exercise. Neurologist has seen this patient with electromyogram, with results indicating some degree of spinal cord compression at the lumbar spine and recommends continuing physical therapy treatment.

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 CD on 16 November 2007.

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b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: *Although detainee was occasionally hostile to the guard force and staff earlier in his detention, he has been compliant over the last four years. He continues to be a highly prolific source and has provided invaluable intelligence regarding explosives, al-Qaida, affiliated entities and their activities. If released, detainee will possibly reestablish extremist associations, but is unlikely to do so as his cooperation with the US government may serve to identify detainee as a target for revenge by those associates.* Detainee is an admitted member of al-Qaida who developed specialized improvised explosive devises (IEDs) for use against US military forces and civilians. These IEDs included the limpet mine to sink US naval vessels and the prototype for the shoe-bomb used in a failed attack on a civilian transatlantic flight. Prior to detention, detainee admitted teaching explosives at the al-Qaida advanced training camp at Tarnak Farm, aka (Abu Ubaydah Camp), where Usama Bin Laden (UBL) personally praised detainee for his “good work.” Detainee is associated with numerous explosives experts including some who remain at large. Detainee also associated with the planners and perpetrators of international terrorist attacks and other senior al-Qaida members, and may have had advanced knowledge of the 11 September 2001 attacks. Detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces, and is a veteran extremist combatant. JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

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

- Updated detainee’s account of events
- Added reporting of detainee’s continuing cooperation to provide extensive, in depth intelligence regarding explosives
- Added report listing detainee’s name as a foreign fighter in Bosnia during the 1992-1995 Bosnia Jihad
- Updated detainee’s capture data
- Decreased detainee’s threat from **HIGH** to **MEDIUM** and subsequently recommended for TRO based on his exceptional cooperation with intelligence and law enforcement personnel

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.

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a. (S//NF) Prior History: Detainee claims dual citizenship. Detainee attended primary school in Alexandria, EG, from 1962 to 1968. Detainee became a member of the Muslim Brotherhood (MB), which he referred to as a Salafist sect, while attending secondary school in Alexandria where he graduated in 1975. From 1975 to 1981, he attended Alexandria University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. In 1981, detainee was arrested and imprisoned at the Tora Prison in Cairo, EG, due to his affiliation with the MB. The arrest came after the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. Between 1982 and 1984, following his release from prison, detainee earned a teaching certificate in Religious Studies from the al-Azhar Islamic Institute in Cairo and worked as a construction supervisor for the Tamir Arabic Company in Alexandria. From 1985 to 1986, he was privately employed as a textile merchant, and then worked as an accountant for al-Shirbati in Alexandria from 1986 to 1990. It was at this time that detainee moved to Athens, Greece, to work as a private contractor in construction.¹

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee left Greece in early 1992 and traveled to Zagreb, Croatia, where he worked for the World Islamic Relief Organization, a non-governmental organization (NGO).² In 1993, detainee joined the 3rd Bosnian Army and fought in the Bosnian war for three years.³ While there, detainee gave himself the alias "Al-Layth", meaning "the Lion," because he was brave and never retreated. Detainee's subsequent activities in Bosnia from 1996 to 1999 are unclear. In June 1999, combatant commander Abu Maali, aka (Abd al-Qadr al-Mukhtari), employed detainee to work as an accountant for his company named al-Karama. Detainee was responsible for tracking food and supply credit extended to families in Bocina, BK.⁴ In October 2000, detainee departed Bosnia and traveled to Turkey, Iran, and eventually to Afghanistan (AF). At this point, Taliban authorities confiscated his passport and escorted him to the Ministry of the Interior, where he was held and interrogated for forty days regarding the nature of his visit to Afghanistan.⁵

¹ IIR 6 034 0218 05, 000535 KB 29-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: Ayman Zawahiri was also incarcerated in Cairo's Tora prison at this time. Although not identified as a National Intelligence Priority Framework (NIPF) Counterterrorism (CT) target, the Muslim Brotherhood is an extremist group and has been the subject of multiple HUMINT collection requirements.

² Analyst Note: The World Islamic Relief Organization is assessed to be the International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO) also known as Hay'at al-Igatha al-Islamiyya al-Alamiyah, an NIPF CT Priority 2 Terrorist Support Entity (TSE) defined as those which have demonstrated sustained and active financial support for terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests, or provide witting operational support to Priority 2 terrorist groups.

³ IIR 6 034 0218 05

⁴ >000535 MFR 17-FEB-2003, 000535 MFR 19-APR-2004

⁵ IIR 6 034 0218 05, 000535 302 23-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: Detainee provides conflicting reporting regarding his departure from Bosnia to Afghanistan. See 000535 SIR 06-JAN-2006(B).

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c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: After his release from Taliban custody, detainee traveled through various al-Qaida associated guesthouses before reaching the al-Faruq Training Camp where he received training in urban warfare, mountain tactics, and mortars. After the training was complete, detainee was sent to the front lines at Kabul, AF, to fight against the Northern Alliance forces. In May 2001, detainee returned to al-Faruq for an advanced course in IEDs taught by Abd al-Rahman al-Muhajir, aka (Tariq al-Tunisi), an al-Qaida explosives trainer.⁶ Detainee stated he (detainee) rented a house in Jalalabad in August where he remained until Jalalabad fell to anti-Taliban forces in November 2001.⁷

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) On 18 November 2001, detainee joined a group of Arab al-Qaida fighters, in an attempt to cross over into Pakistan (PK) through the Tora Bora region. However, detainee was injured on the back of his legs and hands by a cluster bomb. He then met an Afghan national Abdel Jafar, who was to take him to Jalalabad, AF, for medical attention. Instead, Jafar turned him over to the Northern Alliance, which held him for a month and a half in an unknown Kabul prison. Detainee was eventually transferred to US forces in December of 2001.⁸ Detainee's account indicates he attempted to seek medical assistance in Jalalabad when injured, however, Ayman Saeed Abdullah Batarfi, ISN US9YM-000627DP (YM-627), reported delivering bandages to the cave in which detainee was located where detainee was able to dress his own wounds.⁹ Additionally, detainee reported on the surrender negotiations between Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri, aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212), and the Afghanistan forces.¹⁰ These negotiations occurred approximately mid-December 2001, indicating detainee was present in Tora Bora during this period. Due to detainee's injuries, it is assessed he was unable to join the second, large group of al-Qaida affiliated fighters in their escape to Pakistan and was left to seek medical attention along with the first group of injured fighters who attempted to escape.¹¹

b. (S) Property Held:

- An Arabic book

⁶ IIR 6 034 0218 05, IIR 6 034 0306 06

⁷ 000535 302 23-MAY-02, Analyst Note: Detainee has provided conflicting timelines. For example, detainee also reported fighting on the front lines during the period he claimed to live in Jalalabad.

⁸ 000535 SIR 03-MAR-2005, 000535 302 23-MAY-2002, 000535 Intel Other 25 DEC 2001, 000535 KB 29-MAY-2002

⁹ >TSOR Response T-GTMO-0304-07(S) ISN 627

¹⁰ >IIR 6 034 0195 07, Analyst Note: Detainee identified LY-212 as Salah al-Libi in the report. LY-212 is believed to be in the custody of the Libyan External Security Office (ESO) in Libya.

¹¹ >Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis, IIR 6 034 1332 03

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c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 6 May 2002

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

- Explosives curriculum, training methods, individuals trained, senior instructors, and locations of training camps
- Al-Qaida associates and mission in Afghanistan 2001
- The Bosnian 3rd Army members, leadership, disposition, and association with extremist groups

6. (S/NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: While detainee remains a very proliferate source, his account is only partially truthful. Detainee provided information regarding his extremist activities in Bosnia and Afghanistan. However, detainee's account lacks details of his militant training and activities prior to his arrival in Afghanistan, and he has provided several conflicting accounts of his activities. Detainee has extensive knowledge on Islamic militant reasoning, training and operations. Detainee acknowledged he was a member of al-Qaida and also stated he was not a member. He interacted with high-level Islamic extremists throughout Europe and the Middle East, Afghanistan and Pakistan over a fifteen year period. Although detainee provided detailed information on these relationships, he is careful to discuss the al-Qaida members instead of himself.¹²

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.

b. (S/NF) Reasons for Transfer out of DoD Control: *Although detainee was occasionally hostile to the guard force and staff earlier in his detention, he has been compliant over the last four years. He continues to be a highly prolific source and has provided invaluable intelligence regarding explosives, al-Qaida, affiliated entities and their activities. If released, detainee will possibly reestablish extremist associations, but is unlikely to do so as his cooperation with the US government may serve to identify detainee as a target for revenge by those associates.* Detainee is an admitted member of al-Qaida. Detainee has extensive explosives experience and admitted developing specialized IEDs for use against US military forces and civilians. Prior to detention, detainee admitted teaching explosives at al-Qaida's Tarnak Farm (aka Abu Ubaydah) Training Camp, where UBL personally praised detainee for his "good work." Detainee is associated with numerous explosives experts including some who remain at large. Detainee also associated with the

¹² >See 000190 MFR 7-Nov-2008 for additional details on detainee's withholding of information.

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planners and perpetrators of international terrorist attacks and other senior al-Qaida members. Detainee has provided valuable and extensive amounts of information which has been instrumental in understanding the ideologies and methods used by terrorist groups. Detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces and is a veteran of extremist activities.

- (S//NF) Detainee is an admitted member of al-Qaida who developed specialized IEDs intended for use against US forces and commercial airliners.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted being an al-Qaida member for approximately two years while serving as an advanced explosives trainer in Afghanistan.¹³
 - (S//NF) Detainee joined al-Qaida approximately October 2000. In Bosnia, detainee accepted the sponsorship of known al-Qaida associate Abu Maali and traveled to Afghanistan with the express intent of supporting UBL.¹⁴ (Analyst Note: Algerian national Abu Maali was the *emir* (commander) of the Muslim fighters in Bosnia. Detainee probably served under Maali when he fought in the Bosnian War, and reported he worked for Maali following the war.)¹⁵
 - (S//NF) In 2004, detainee was overheard instructing all the detainees in his detention block to deny any dealings with al-Qaida during their upcoming CSRTs. He added denying affiliation with al-Qaida would serve to change the detainees' status to prisoners of war.¹⁶ (Analyst Note: It is assessed detainee's statements on the block were passed throughout the entire detainee population at JTF-GTMO, and many detainees are known to have falsely denied their affiliations with al-Qaida. Such denials are attempts to prevent associating the detainee with al-Qaida and secure the detainee's early release from DoD custody.)
 - (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida military operations commander Salah al-Din Abd al-Halim Zaydan, aka (Sayf al-Adil), tasked detainee to develop several IEDs, including a shoe-bomb design similar to the one convicted terrorist Richard Reid used in a failed attempt to bring down a commercial transatlantic airliner in flight.¹⁷
 - (S//NF) After 11 September 2001, Sayf al-Adil instructed detainee to construct mines to be used against US ships he assumed were heading to harbors in Pakistan. Detainee designed and built four magnetic limpet mines that could be attached to the underside of a metal-hulled ship and detonated, thereby sinking the ship.¹⁸

¹³ IIR 6 034 0092 03, IIR 6 034 0544 03, 000535 SIR 02-MAR-2007

¹⁴ 000535 MFR 15-JUL-2003, IIR 6 034 0092 03

¹⁵ IIR 6 034 0218 05

¹⁶ >JDG INTREP dated 12-Jul-2004

¹⁷ IIR 6 034 0544 03, IIR 6 034 0632 03

¹⁸ 000535 MFR 15-MAR-2003, IIR 6 034 0219 05, 000535 MFR 30-APR-2004, 000535 MFR 20-JAN-2004, 000535 MFR 22-JUL-2003, 000535 MFR 11-JUN-2003

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- (S//NF) Detainee stated the limpet mine could be attached to the hull of a ship with a magnet delivered by swimmers or scuba divers or could be floated near the surface of the water and detonated with the remote.¹⁹
- (S//NF) Detainee reported in the summer of 2001 the director of Tarnak Farm, Abu Muhammad al-Masri, instructed detainee to design a new way to use explosives. Detainee developed a shoe-bomb prototype that could be used to bring down a commercial airliner in flight.²⁰
 - (S//NF) Detainee was instructed to teach construction of the shoe-bomb to others. Detainee's design for the shoe-bomb technically matches the design of the shoe-bomb used by failed suicide operative Richard Reid.²¹
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated he left his explosive device design notes, including those for the shoe bomb, at the Tarnak Farm Camp.²² Detainee has provided detailed information on chemical explosives, conventional and non-conventional weapons.²³
- (S//NF) Detainee's name was found on an undated computer diskette containing a list of al-Qaida members. The diskette was recovered from the home of deceased al-Qaida chief military commander, Muhammad Atif, aka (Abu Hafs al-Masri), in Afghanistan in December of 2001.²⁴
- (S//NF) Detainee's personal identification documents, including his Bosnian passport, were found during September 2002 raid on a Karachi, PK al-Qaida guesthouse. Suspected 11 September 2001 attack coordinator Ramzi bin al-Shibh, ISN US9YM-010013DP (YM-10013), was captured during the raid.²⁵
- (S//NF) Detainee was one of the primary explosives trainers at Tarnak Farm.
 - (S//NF) After completing the al-Qaida explosives course, detainee went to see al-Qaida commander Muhammad Atif and volunteered to be an instructor at the explosives course. Atif offered detainee an explosives instructor position at Tarnak Farm, where he taught at least two courses, instructing a total of 80 students between July and August 2001.²⁶
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted teaching explosives at Tarnak Farm. Detainee explained he received his explosives training from Abd al-Rahman al-Muhajir. Detainee stated his primary training included TNT, bomb-making and rocket-

¹⁹ 000535 SIR 19-JAN-2004

²⁰ IIR 6 034 0632 03

²¹ IIR 6 034 0632 03

²² 000535 MFR 15-MAR-2003

²³ IIR 6 034 0284 04, IIR 6 034 0213 03, IIR 6 034 0543 03, IIR 6 034 1181 03, IIR 6 034 1323 03, IIR 6 034 1435 03, IIR 6 034 1174 04, IIR 6 034 0639 04, IIR 6 034 0745 04, IIR 6 034 1372 04, IIR 6 034 0632 03, IIR 6 034 1412 04

²⁴ IIR 7 739 3294 02, an alias, Abu Tariq al-Masri, of detainee was listed in this document.

²⁵ CITE-3650-01678-275-0044

²⁶ 000535 MFR 13-FEB-2003

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propelled grenades (RPGs).²⁷ (Analyst Note: Al-Muhajir was a member of al-Qaida and a specialized explosives trainer at Tarnak Farm.)

- (S//NF) Detainee noted he received two months training at the al-Faruq Training Camp before moving to Tarnak Farm to train others on explosives. Detainee trained students to use explosive devices to attack US forces and civilian targets. UBL's chain of command determined who attended detainee's training and which topics detainee would teach. Detainee stated UBL praised him personally for the "good work" he was doing training these students.²⁸
- (S//NF) Detainee reported the students graduating from the explosives course were assigned missions by UBL based on their willingness to become martyrs.²⁹
- (S//NF) Detainee conferred with explosives expert Abu Khabab al-Masri, aka (Midhat Mursi al-Sayyid Umar), monthly and the two reviewed students for consideration for al-Masri's advanced explosives and poisons training.³⁰
- (S) Other detainees have corroborated detainee's statement. David Hicks, ISN US9AS-000002DP (AS-002, transferred), identified detainee as the head instructor at the Tarnak Farm camp and as being "exceptionally knowledgeable at fabricating and teaching explosives."³¹
- (S//NF) In May 2001, detainee attended the advanced IED course taught by Al-Muhajir at the al-Faruq Training Camp. Al-Muhajir gave detainee a CD-ROM disc containing information on chemical weapons, and taught detainee methods to destroy suspension bridges. Detainee also received training on the manufacture of improvised timing devices including the use of Casio watches.³²
 - (U//FOUO) Detainee, an admitted senior al-Qaida explosives trainer and expert, confirmed he received training in the use of Casio watches as explosives timers.³³ Detainee stated the Casio was often used as a timer.³⁴ The possession of a Casio F-91W model watch (or the silver-color version of this model, the A159W), is an indicator of al-Qaida training in the manufacture of IEDs. A separate JTF-GTMO detainee identified the Casio watch as "the sign of al-Qaida, [which] uses the watch to make bombs." The Casio was known to be given to the students at al-Qaida bomb-making training courses in Afghanistan, at which the

²⁷ IIR 6 034 0092 03, IIR 6 034 0218 05

²⁸ IIR 6 034 0092 03

²⁹ IIR 6 034 0635 03

³⁰ 000535 MFR 28-MAY-2003, See TD-314/21262-03, IIR 6 034 0423 05 and TD-314/64067-04 for additional information about Abu Khabab.

³¹ IIR 6 034 0383 03, IIR 6 034 0385 03

³² 000535 MFR 13-FEB-2003, IIR 6 034 1058 04

³³ 000535 MFR 13-FEB-2003, IIR 6 034 1058 04

³⁴ 000535 FM40 24-OCT-2003

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- students received instruction in the preparation of timing devices using the watch.³⁵
- (S//NF) Detainee continues to provide extensive, in depth intelligence regarding explosives to include the formulation of incendiary solutions, the construction of IEDs with common household products, how to build field expedient fuses and detonators, “spider relays” and electrical firing circuits for detonating IEDs.³⁶
- (S//NF) Detainee has acknowledged associating with the perpetrators and planners of terrorist attacks, and other al-Qaida explosives experts in Afghanistan.
 - (S//NF) Analyst Note: Detainee has reported on several attacks or attempted attacks in addition to those already mentioned. His knowledge indicates he may have served a more active role than he has disclosed.
 - (S//NF) Detainee’s explosives instructor, Al-Muhajir, was an Egyptian instructor at Tarnak Farm. Al-Muhajir was a member of al-Qaida and was a special elite explosives trainer who was responsible for the USS COLE bombing and the US Embassy bombing in Nairobi, Kenya. Al-Muhajir was also involved in the Ahmad Shah Masud assassination and the attacks against US Forces in Somalia.³⁷
 - (S//NF) Detainee reported Sayf al-Adil tasked al-Muhajir to train Masud’s assassins. Masud, the leader of the Northern Alliance, was assassinated on 9 September 2001 by two North African Arabs posing as French newsmen. The camera they used to “film” Masud also contained hidden explosives. They detonated the camera, killing themselves and Masud. One of the assassins was an Algerian by the name of Omar; the other was a Tunisian by the name of Suhail.³⁸
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated he saw Sayf al-Adil talking to Omar and Suhail at a guesthouse in Kandahar, where Sayf al-Adil instructed them in the use of a video camera IED. Several months later, detainee heard Masud was killed by a video camera IED, and he assumed it was Omar and Suhail who conducted the attack.³⁹ (Analyst Note: Detainee noted al-Muhajir had an explosives laboratory at this guesthouse.⁴⁰ Detainee also noted al-Muhajir had an explosives laboratory at Tarnak Farm.⁴¹)
 - (S//NF) Detainee may have had prior knowledge of the 11 September 2001 attacks against the US.
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, aka (KSM), aka (Mukhtar), ISN US9KU-010024DP (KU-10024), supplied money and arms to

³⁵ For additional details see 000174 SIR 29-Dec-2006, 000002 MFR 24-APR-2002, Casio Watch Electronic Analysis Report 19-Aug-2004, Casio Watches and Relationship to Detainees 20-Apr-2006

³⁶ > IIR 6 034 0353 08, IIR 6 034 0351 08, IIR 6 034 0340 08

³⁷ 000535 SIR 24-MAY-2006, 000535 SIR 19-JAN-2004, TD-314/03014-07.

³⁸ 000535 MFR 29-JUL-2003, IIR 6 034 0192 02

³⁹ 000535 SIR 19-NOV-2004

⁴⁰ 000535 SIR 24-MAY-2006

⁴¹ 000535 SIR 19-JAN-2004

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detainee's fighting unit in Bosnia. Detainee also noted he saw KU-10024 on several occasions between 1995 and 1999 when KU-10024 came to Bosnia to recruit fighters to train and help train other fighters in Afghanistan.⁴² Detainee also stated KU-10024 was a close associate of Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), but did not know if KU-10024 ever traveled to Afghanistan.⁴³

- (S//NF) Analyst Note: It is unlikely that detainee would be unaware of KU-10024's extensive presence in Afghanistan and specifically in Kandahar, especially considering detainee reported he had a photograph of Khalifa Heshmat which detainee stated was recovered from one of KU-10024's safe houses.⁴⁴
- (S//NF) Detainee claimed he wanted to leave Afghanistan and return to Bosnia before the 11 September 2001 attacks because he heard that UBL was planning an attack against the US.⁴⁵ (Analyst Note: Detainee's statement indicates he had prior knowledge of the 11 September 2001 attacks against the US. Detainee's reported limited knowledge of KU-10024 in Afghanistan is a possible indication that KU-10024 informed detainee of the attacks, and detainee is now attempting to disassociate himself from KU-10024 following KU-10024's transfer to JTF-GTMO.)
- (S//NF) Detainee heard Yemenis conducted the USS COLE attack. He also heard the Yemenis had a problem with the landlord of the house from which they operated prior to the attack. The Yemenis tied up the landlord and beat him. The Yemenis told detainee about three tons of explosives which were used in the attack and also informed him of a failed attempt in which the delivery boat was too heavy and sank. Detainee refused to disclose the names of the Yemenis who informed him about the USS COLE attack.⁴⁶ Detainee later reported he believed Abd al-Rahim Hussayn Muhammad al-Nashiri, ISN US9SA-010015DP (SA-10015), planned the USS COLE attack.⁴⁷ (Analyst Note: Detainee's refusal to provide the names of the Yemenis, his awareness of the quantity of explosives and the incident with the landlord indicate the information may have come directly from a member of the cell that perpetrated the attack. The failed attempt describes the attack against the USS THE SULLIVANS.)
- (S//NF) Detainee stated he met Abd al-Aziz al-Masri at Tarnak Farm and believed he was involved with nuclear or radiological activity in Afghanistan.

⁴² 000535 MFR 21-MAY-2003

⁴³ 000535 SIR 04-NOV-2006, 000535 SIR 01-OCT-2004, Analyst Note: Although detainee has denied knowing KU-10024, stating there is no such person when asked how many times he met KU-10024, in 000535 MFR 28-MAY-2003 detainee gave a physical description of him and reported on their association in Bosnia.

⁴⁴ 000535 SIR 18-FEB-2005

⁴⁵ IIR 6 034 0179 03

⁴⁶ 000535 MFR 28-JAN-2004

⁴⁷ 000535 SIR 25-JAN-2007

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Detainee stated Aziz most likely had several labs throughout Kandahar, because he only visited the laboratory at Tarnak Farm about once or twice a month to supervise the work being carried out there by the Syrians experimenting with chemical reactions. Detainee stated he had been in the lab at Tarnak Farm twice and was shown around by the Syrians.⁴⁸

- (S//NF) Detainee stated most of the instructors in Afghanistan were predominately from Arab countries. Detainee identified the explosive trainers as Sayf al-Adil (tactics and explosives expert), Al-Muhajir (explosives expert), Abu Khabab al-Masri (chemical explosives expert), Abdul Aziz al-Masri (chemical explosives expert), Abu Layth al-Suri (tactics and explosives expert), Abu al-Faruq al-Shami (explosives expert), Abu Salem (tactics and explosives expert), and Tariq al-Tunisi (electronics and timers expert)⁴⁹
- (S//NF) Detainee is associated with senior al-Qaida members including UBL.
 - (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged meeting UBL on several occasions.⁵⁰
 - (S//NF) Detainee reported he met al-Qaida second in command Ayman al-Zawahiri at a guesthouse in Kabul after arriving in Afghanistan. Detainee met privately with al-Zawahiri who thanked him for joining al-Qaida in Afghanistan.⁵¹
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted he was associated with UBL's religious advisor Mahfouz Ould el-Walid, aka (Abu Hafis al-Mauritani). The last time detainee saw al-Mauritani was at Tarnak Farm approximately one month before 11 September 2001.⁵²
 - (S) Detainee identified Fuad Mahmud Hasan al-Rabia, ISN US9KU-000551DP (KU-551), as a major al-Qaida financier. Detainee attended a meeting at which KU-551 delivered \$1 million US to UBL.⁵³
 - (S//NF) Detainee identified a picture of Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, ISN US9TZ-010012DP (TZ-10012), as Abdullah al-Kini. Detainee knew TZ-10012 was from Kenya and had participated in attacks on the US Embassy in Somalia (SO). Detainee also stated TZ-10012 conducted attacks against US forces in Mogadishu, SO. Detainee saw TZ-10012 for the first time at the Tarnak Farm Training Camp in September 2001.⁵⁴
- (S//NF) Detainee participated in hostilities on the front lines of Afghanistan and in Tora Bora against US and Coalition forces, and is a veteran extremist.

⁴⁸ 000535 SIR 16-NOV-2004, See TD-314/55340-05, TD-314/25629-06, TD-314/16851-06 and TD-314/07947-04 for additional information on Abd al-Aziz.

⁴⁹ 000535 MFR 06-JUL-2004

⁵⁰ IIR 6 034 0092 03, See 000535 MFR 29-JUL-2003, 000535 MFR 20-JUN-2003 for other details on UBL provided by detainee.

⁵¹ 000535 MFR 14-MAY-2002

⁵² 000535 MFR 16-SEP-2003

⁵³ 000535 MFR 22-JUL-2003

⁵⁴ IIR 6 034 0192 07

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- (S//NF) In May 2001, detainee went to the front lines near Kabul to fight against the Northern Alliance. Detainee stated just before Ramadan (November) 2001, he went the front lines in Bagram. He stayed at an old airfield and then fled to the Tora Bora Mountains where he received injuries from the US bombing campaign.
- (S//NF) Other detainees have also identified detainee from Tora Bora.⁵⁵
- (S//NF) Detainee claimed he had an extensive knowledge of explosives which he gained while fighting in the Bosnian War.⁵⁶
- (S//NF) Detainee's name is listed in a report containing the names of foreign Muslim fighters in Bosnia during the 1992-1995 Bosnian War.⁵⁷
- (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), reported detainee fought against the Russians in Afghanistan, Chechnya, and Bosnia. YM-252 stated detainee was a fighter who knew a lot about explosives and heavy weapons.⁵⁸
- (S//NF) Detainee's brother, Jamal Mahmoud al-Sawah, resides in Jersey City, New Jersey. Detainee has been questioned regarding a possible connection between Jamal and Omar Abd al-Rahman, aka (the Blind Shaykh). Detainee received a money transfer of approximately \$2,000 US in Sarajevo, BK from Jamal.⁵⁹

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a **LOW** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been compliant and non-hostile to the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 43 reports of disciplinary infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 17 October 2004, when he removed the shower rod in his cell. He has 17 reports of disciplinary infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 23 July 2004, when he threw a cup of juice on the guard force. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include failure to follow guard instructions and camp rules, unauthorized communications, damage to government property, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. On 1 September 2003, detainee dropped a broken razor from his pocket during search. In 2007, detainee had no reports of disciplinary infraction and none so far in 2008.

8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **HIGH** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 22 September 2008.

⁵⁵ 000627 SIR 01-AUG-2007, 000252 FM40 26-SEP-2006

⁵⁶ 000535 MFR 11-OCT-2002

⁵⁷ >IIR 7 738 0029 06

⁵⁸ 000252 FM40 15-MAR-2005

⁵⁹ IIR 6 034 0562 03, 000535 MFR 4-APR-2003, 000535 SIR 04-MAY-2005, IIR 6 034 0556 03

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b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee's extremist activities in Chechnya, Bosnia and Afghanistan, along with his employment as an al-Qaida explosives trainer at Tarnak Farm has put detainee in a position to be in direct proximity to al-Qaida leadership, training facilities and regimens.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: The detainee is an admitted al-Qaida member and possesses extensive knowledge in the production and implementation of explosive devices, poisons, and toxins. His ingenious concealment methods, as well as his innate ability to create and mask the movements of explosives, undoubtedly make detainee a valuable asset to all extremist organizations. Detainee speaks several languages and is an intelligent, experienced, seasoned veteran of the terrorist world, who is aware of the philosophies and motives that drive extremist groups. He has actively pursued the path of extremism and takes great pride in his bomb making achievements, such as the shoe bomb and limpet mine. He has an extensive terrorist history and personally interacted with numerous high-level al-Qaida leaders and operatives.

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

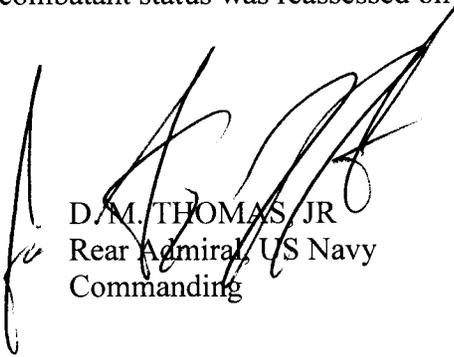
- Past, present, and future al-Qaida operations and activities
 - Tactics, explosives and special operations training, and individuals at the Tarnak Farm and al-Faruq terrorist camps
 - Limpet mine attacks worldwide
 - Shoe bomb uses other than against aircraft (chemical)
 - Other terrorist camps worldwide
 - Employment and target selection process
 - Future operations
 - Associations with Khabab al-Masri and knowledge of extremist chemical and biological weapons, as well as their research and development by al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations worldwide
 - VX gas operations and capabilities
 - Suppliers of chemical and biological agents
 - Locations of other terrorist training camps worldwide
 - Capabilities and possibilities
 - Target selection
- Detainee's knowledge and associations with numerous high-level Al-Qaida operatives and leaders
 - The planning and coordination of the 11 September 2001 attacks
 - The movement of personnel and equipment
 - Leadership including UBL, al-Zawahiri, and KU-10024
 - Knowledge of terrorist operations and cells in Greece

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- Knowledge of and involvement with numerous NGOs and terrorist organizations
 - Al-Qaida
 - Muslim Brotherhood
 - World Islamic Relief (IGASA)
 - Kuwaiti Joint Relief Committee
 - Islamic Relief International
 - Al-Qatariya
 - Saudi High Commission
 - Jamaat Islamiya (JI)
 - Jamaat Tablighi (JT)
- Locations of guesthouses throughout the region, as well as recruitment, insertion tactics, and escape and evasion tactics used by the Taliban and al-Qaida
- Detainee's brother, Jamal Mahmoud al-Sawah, suspicious activities in the US
 - Possible ongoing terrorist operations in the US
 - Locations of terrorist cells in the US and abroad
 - Connection with Omar Abd al-Rahman (the Blind Sheikh)
 - Financial capabilities and connections
- JI activities in the US
- Terrorists and foreign fighters movement, logistics, government support, and transportation
- Radical Islamic clerics in Saudi Arabia and Qatar
- Terrorist biographical and psychological information
- Radicalization factors of terrorism
- Terrorist operations in the CENTCOM AOR
- Terrorists and extremists means of communications in Bosnia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar

9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 4 September 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.



D.M. THOMAS, JR
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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*.