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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 US9MR-000757DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Akhmed Aziz
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Ahmed Ould Abd al-Aziz, Ahmad Aziz, Abu Jafar al-Mauritani, Abu Muhammad, Abu Ubaydah al-Husni al-Shinqiti, Muhammad Amin, Muhammad Lemine Ould Bouchama, Nejib, Muhammad Mahmoud
- Place of Birth: Atar, Mauritania (MR)
- Date of Birth: 24 February 1970
- Citizenship: Mauritania
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9MR-000757DP



2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in 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 recommended detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) on 24 August 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is an al-Qaida member who swore *bayat* (oath of loyalty) to Usama Bin Laden (UBL) in 1999. He was a close associate of UBL religious advisor Mahfouz Ould al-Walid, aka (Abu Hafs al-Mauritani), at the Islamic Institute in Kandahar, Afghanistan (AF), and a member of al-Qaida's Religious Committee who had

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frequent direct access to several senior al-Qaida leaders and operatives.¹ Detainee fought on the front lines in Afghanistan against the Northern Alliance and possibly participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces. Detainee received basic and advanced militant training in tactics, explosives, and leadership in Afghanistan. Detainee was a member of a Mauritanian al-Qaida cell who fled to Afghanistan in early 1999 after Mauritanian authorities dismantled the cell. He has been affiliated with the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) since 1992.² Detainee has threatened US personnel and made statements indicating his hatred of Americans and his intention to retaliate against the Pakistani government for their cooperation with the US in capturing him. Detainee had access to information of significant intelligence value, but has been uncooperative with interrogators and remains largely unexploited. 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 **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.)

- Added a corroborating report that detainee was a member of al-Qaida who received advanced training
- Included a report stating detainee was the nephew of senior al-Qaida religious advisor Abu Hafs al-Mauritani
- Included reports identifying detainee serving on the frontlines under the command of senior al-Qaida commander Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026)
- Added an additional report indicating detainee fought on the frontlines with Abdul Zahir, ISN US9AF-000753DP (AF-753)
- Added an additional report identifying detainee's senior position at the Islamic Institute of Kandahar

¹ Analyst Note: The Islamic Institute was known by numerous other names including the Arabic Institute, al-Mahad and the Abu Hafs Institute. It was run by Abu Hafs al-Mauritani, a member of the al-Qaida Shura Council and religious advisor to UBL. From 1996 to 2001, Abu Hafs al-Mauritani headed al-Qaida's Religious Committee, which oversaw the religious indoctrination of al-Qaida members and was responsible for matters relating to al-Qaida's religious ideology.

² Analyst Note: The LIFG is a National Intelligence Priority Framework (NIPF) Priority 1 counterterrorism (CT) target. Priority 1 targets are defined as issues, opportunities, or threats that rise to, or are expected to rise to, the level of interest of the President, Vice President, DNI, and NSC/HSC Principals and Deputies. This includes terrorist groups that pose a clear and immediate danger to U.S. persons or interests. This includes those preparing to employ Weapons of Mass Destruction.

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- Included additional details in detainee's Prior History section

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 received a college education while attending Lycee in Mauritania from 1988-1992 earning a bachelors degree in literature. Detainee also attended Nouakchott University from 1992-1994, studying economics and literature. In late 1994, detainee began managing his family's business affairs which included real estate. He later began buying and selling cars, and expanded his used car business into the import of used high-end European cars, prompting travels to Spain, Belgium, and Germany for a six week period from February through April 1998. In 1999, detainee also worked in the travel industry prior to traveling to Afghanistan.³

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: In September 1999, detainee traveled from Mauritania to Jalalabad, AF, via Istanbul, Turkey, and Pakistan (PK) to support the Taliban. In late November 1999, detainee traveled through Kabul, AF, to Kandahar where he met with Abu Hafs al-Mauritani, a deputy to UBL and the senior Mauritanian al-Qaida official, whom he knew from Mauritania.⁴

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee began working as an Arabic language teacher for Abu Hafs al-Mauritani at the Islamic Institute in Kandahar. While working at the Institute, detainee saw many senior al-Qaida members including Noumane Ould Ahmed Ould Boullahi, aka (Shaykh Abu Ubaydah al-Mauritani), and Muhammad Atif, aka (Abu Hafs al-Masri), both of whom were later killed during the US and Coalition bombing campaign.⁵ Detainee saw UBL at the Islamic Institute on three occasions and attended the wedding of UBL's son at the beginning of 2000.⁶ On 11 September 2001, detainee heard about the attacks against the US on the radio.⁷ Detainee fled Afghanistan in December 2001, traveling with Abu Hafs al-Mauritani and several other al-Qaida members who had been

³ >000757 KB SUP 20-FEB-2006, 000757 KB 11-01-2002, 000757 SIR 26-APR-2004; Analyst Note: Detainee has provided additional reporting that he was in Sudan in 1993. Reference: TD-314/27538-02

⁴ 000757 302 28-OCT-2002, 000757 302 30-OCT-2002

⁵ Analyst Note: A variant of Ubaydah is Obeida. Abu Ubaydah served as a UBL bodyguard and was involved in a 1994 al-Qaida plot against the Mauritanian government. Abu Hafs al-Masri was the military chief of al-Qaida who instigated the attacks on US forces in Somalia in 1993 and was wanted by the US government after the 1998 US embassy bombings in Africa. The US bombing campaign began on 7 October 2001.

⁶ 000757 302 30-OCT-2002, 000757 302 02-DEC-2002

⁷ 000757 302 04-NOV-2002

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staying in a guesthouse in Kandahar. From Kandahar, detainee traveled through Quetta, PK, and on to Karachi, PK, where he rented a home.⁸

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) On 25 June 2002, the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISID) raided a suspected al-Qaida safe house in Karachi, and took detainee and his wife into custody. A search of the house netted a cell phone, several short-wave radios, a volt/ohm meter, several other small electronic components, several empty cell phone boxes, and numerous documents, including directories of phone numbers, addresses, and internet addresses. A subscriber identity module (SIM) card was found hidden in a flashlight. Detainee was captured with a Mauritanian passport he later admitted was false. Pakistani authorities held detainee for about two weeks before transferring him to US custody in Bagram, AF.⁹

b. (S) Property Held:

- Miscellaneous clothing items, including a bag, pants, shirt, and a pair of sandals

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 28 October 2002

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

- The Islamic Institute in Kandahar
- Senior al-Qaida operatives in Afghanistan, including Abu Ubaydah al-Mauritani and Abu Hafs al-Masri
- Locations of senior al-Qaida operatives, including Abu Hafs al-Mauritani
- The escape route used by Abu Hafs al-Mauritani to flee from Afghanistan to Pakistan and into Iran
- Pakistan-based facilitators who helped Arab fighters escape from Afghanistan in late 2001 and 2002, including Asif, a Pakistani national who facilitated Abu Hafs' escape
- Members of al-Qaida who were killed in Afghanistan during attacks by US and Coalition forces

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee has provided vast amounts of information in the past, but has been deceptive regarding key facts, such as locations and specific dates. Detainee admitted his association with Abu Hafs al-Mauritani and other senior al-Qaida

⁸ 000757 302 05-NOV-2002, TD-314/27499-02, IIR 6 034 0308 03

⁹ 000757 302 05-NOV-2002, TD-314/27499-02, IIR 6 034 0308 03

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members, but has steadfastly denied involvement in al-Qaida or terrorist operations. When initially detained, he provided a false identity and produced a forged passport. He has been consistently uncooperative with interrogators and has refused to respond to questions since 2005.

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 al-Qaida member who swore *bayat* to UBL in 1999. He was a close associate of UBL religious advisor Abu Hafs al-Mauritani at the al-Qaida affiliated Islamic Institute in Kandahar and a member of al-Qaida's Religious Committee who had access to senior al-Qaida leaders and operatives. Detainee fought on the front lines in Afghanistan against the Northern Alliance and possibly against US and Coalition forces. He received basic and advanced militant training in Afghanistan to include explosives. Detainee was a member of a Mauritanian al-Qaida cell who fled to Afghanistan in 1999 after Mauritanian authorities dismantled the cell. He has been affiliated with the LIFG since 1992. While in US custody, detainee has made statements indicating his hatred of Americans and his intention to kill US personnel and retaliate against the Pakistani government for their cooperation with the US in capturing him.

- (S//NF) Detainee is an al-Qaida member who swore *bayat* to UBL in 1999. He was a close associate of Abu Hafs al-Mauritani and a member of al-Qaida's Religious Committee.
 - (S//NF) Al-Qaida operative and recruiter Mohamedou Ould Salahi, ISN US9MR-000760DP (MR-760), stated detainee pledged *bayat* to UBL in 1999. MR-760 is the cousin of Abu Hafs al-Mauritani.¹⁰
 - (S//NF) Detainee worked for Abu Hafs al-Mauritani at the Islamic Institute in Kandahar from late 1999 until December 2001, where he was a close and trusted associate of Abu Hafs al-Mauritani.¹¹
 - (S//NF) Abu Hafs Al-Mauritani accompanied UBL on his visits to the al-Faruq Training Camp.¹² Al-Mauritani was a UBL lieutenant,¹³ the legal affairs adviser of UBL's Shura Council and his chief confidant on all religious matters. He also had a role in operational planning and training when the group was headquartered in Sudan in the mid-1990s.¹⁴ Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, aka

¹⁰ IIR 6 034 0779 04, IIR 6 034 0898 04

¹¹ 000757 302 02-DEC-2002, IIR 6 034 0613 04, IIR 6 034 0308 03, 000502 SIR 06-JUL-2006

¹² TD-314/06467-03

¹³ SECSTATE 112561 16-Jun-2005

¹⁴ D-4J2-2617-009-05, TD-314/48870-02

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(KSM), aka (Mukhtar), ISN US9KU-10024DP (KU-10024) stated in December 2001 while in Zormat, AF, he and Al-Qaida leaders received a message from UBL in which UBL delegated control of al-Qaida to the Shura Council which included Al-Mauritani.¹⁵

- (S//NF) Detainee admitted upon his arrival in Afghanistan, he went to work for Abu Hafs al-Mauritani as a teacher of Arabic language and religion at the Islamic Institute.¹⁶ He admitted escaping to Quetta with Abu Hafs in December 2001 and that Abu Hafs al-Mauritani gave him \$5,000 US for travel and expenses after their escape. Detainee admitted he knew Abu Hafs al-Mauritani was an al-Qaida member while he worked for him.¹⁷

- ♦ (S//NF) The Islamic Institute had potential connections to the training of suicide operatives. A former JTF-GTMO detainee stated that he saw Abu Hafs Al-Masri in a classroom at the Islamic Institute. The detainee told Masri that he did not believe in suicide missions, at which time he was told he should learn more about the missions.¹⁸ At least two foiled suicide operatives attended the institute, Zaccarias Moussoui and Richard Reid.¹⁹

- (S//NF) According to MR-760, detainee was probably recruited into al-Qaida by Abu Hafs al-Mauritani. MR-760 identified detainee as a religious trainer at the Islamic Institute and noted detainee and Abu Hafs al-Mauritani are distant cousins who had a long-time working relationship in Mauritania predating detainee's 1999 travel to Afghanistan.²⁰

- ♦ (S//NF) Muhammad Abd al-Rahman Awn al-Shamrani, ISN US9SA-000195DP (SA-195), stated detainee is the nephew of Abu Hafs al-Mauritani.²¹

- (S//NF) Detainee was identified in 1999 by the US Embassy in Nouakchott as an associate of Abu Hafs al-Mauritani.²²

- (S//NF) Adel Bin Muhammad Abbess Ouerghi, US9TS-000502DP (TS-502), reported detainee was in charge of UBL's religious school.²³ (Analyst Note: This is likely a reference to the Islamic Institute in Kandahar and indicates detainee held a senior position at the Institute.)

¹⁵ TD-314/53781-04

¹⁶ 000757 302 02-DEC-2002

¹⁷ IIR 6 034 0308 03

¹⁸ IIR 4 201 1338 05

¹⁹ IIR 2 340 6278 02

²⁰ IIR 6 034 0613 04, IIR 6 034 0906 04, IIR 6 034 0898 04

²¹ >IIR 6 034 0241 07

²² AMEMBASSY Nouakchott 000848 13-APR-1999

²³ 000502 SIR 06-JUL-2006

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- (S//NF) Muhammad Kashaf Khan, ISN US9PK-000146DP (PK-146, transferred), reported a variant of detainee's alias Abu Jafar al-Mauritanian, served as the administrator of the Islamic Institute of Kandahar.²⁴
- (S//NF) Detainee served as one of six members of the al-Qaida Religious Committee, according to a senior al-Qaida operative. The committee was chaired by Abu Hafis al-Mauritani and reported to al-Qaida's leading Shura Council.²⁵
- (S//NF) Through his close relationship with Abu Hafis al-Mauritani and his work at the Islamic Institute and on the al-Qaida Religious Committee, detainee had significant contact with numerous senior al-Qaida leaders and operatives.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted while working at the Islamic Institute he met many of al-Qaida's highest ranking members including UBL, Ayman al-Zawahiri, Abu Hafis al-Masri, and KU-10024.²⁶
 - (S//NF) Detainee positively identified numerous high-level al-Qaida figures in a video taken during a speech given by UBL at the Tarnak Farm Training Camp in early 2000. Detainee was able to identify, among others, Abu Hafis al-Mauritani; Islamic Institute instructor Omar Ould al-Hassan; al-Qaida military leader Muhammad Salah al-Din Abd al-Halim Zaydan, aka (Sayf al-Adl); German al-Qaida member Christian Manfred Ganczarski; al-Qaida 11 September 2001 attack coordinator Ramzi Bin al-Shibh, ISN US9YM-010013DP (YM-10013); UBL security chief Hamza al-Ghamdi; Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Muhammad Masud al-Jadid al-Uzaybi, aka (Abu Faraj al-Libi), ISN US9LY-010017DP (LY-10017); al-Qaida Shura Council member Nasr Fahmi Husaynayn, aka (Muhammad Salah); UBL's son and his son-in-law.²⁷
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted attending UBL's son's wedding. He also admitted he saw UBL at a celebration in May or June 2001 at UBL's compound near the airport in Kandahar in honor of Ayman al-Zawahiri, who had recently joined al-Qaida. UBL and al-Zawahiri spoke at the event.²⁸ (Analyst Note: Detainee's position in al-Qaida was likely very high for him to have been invited to these social functions.)
 - (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida facilitator Abu Bakr Muhammad Boulghiti, aka (Abu Yasir al-Jazairi), photo-identified detainee as Abu Jafar al-Mauritani. Abu Yasir said he first saw detainee in 1999 or 2000 at the Islamic Institute in Kandahar.²⁹
 - (S//NF) KU-10024 identified detainee as Abd al-Jafar al-Mauritani, a close associate of Abu Hafis al-Mauritani, and an Arabic teacher at the Islamic Institute.

²⁴ >TD-314/15086-02

²⁵ TD-314/04491-02, Analyst Note: The source identified the committee as the Dawa Committee and indicated it was led by Abu Hafis al-Mauritani. This is assessed to be a reference to the Religious Committee, which is known to have been led by Abu Hafis al-Mauritani.

²⁶ 000757 302 02-DEC-2002, For additional reporting on visitors to the Institute, see TD-314/32814-04.

²⁷ IIR 6 034 1160 04

²⁸ 000757 302 30-OCT-2002

²⁹ TD-314/57124-05

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KU-10024 saw detainee frequently in Kandahar in 2000 and 2001 for issues related to the Islamic Institute. KU-10024 also saw detainee in Karachi in early 2002, when KU-10024 helped to facilitate detainee's marriage to the widow of Omar Ould al-Hassan, an instructor at the Islamic Institute who was killed in the US bombing campaign in Kandahar.³⁰ Detainee identified KU-10024 as the person who ran the Kandahar Media Center, which was located near the Islamic Institute. Detainee also added that the media center was a common meeting place, like a library.³¹

○ (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida facilitator Hassan Ghul also knew detainee as Abu Jafar. Ghul stated he saw detainee multiple times at an al-Qaida guesthouse in Kandahar in late 2001 after the 11 September attacks. Ghul recalled seeing detainee speaking with Abu Yasir al-Jazairi, who was also staying at the guesthouse. Ghul later saw detainee in Karachi in early 2002 among the groups of al-Qaida fighters who fled Afghanistan and were in hiding there. He recalled that detainee married the widow of another jihadist in 2002.³² Detainee acknowledged he saw Ghul twice in Kandahar and once in Karachi.³³

○ (S//NF) Detainee identified the photograph of LY-10017, the operational chief of al-Qaida. Detainee saw LY-10017 several times in Afghanistan. Detainee and LY-10017 were at the Libyan Guesthouse in Jalalabad and also attended a wedding of one of UBL's sons. Detainee stated LY-10017 was responsible for the training camps.³⁴

○ (S//NF) Detainee identified the photograph of senior al-Qaida military commander and LIFG associate Ali Ammar Ashur al-Raqiai, aka (Abu Layth al-Libi, reportedly deceased), as head of the Libyan group in Kabul. Detainee stated he was called Shaykh Abu Layth and was considered a scholar because of his Islamic studies in Saudi Arabia.³⁵ Detainee stayed at Abu Layth al-Libi's guesthouse in Jalalabad for about a week.³⁶

○ (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida operational planner Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka (Khallad), aka (Silver), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014), photo-identified detainee as someone he met once or twice at the Islamic Institute in Kandahar in late 2000 or mid-2001.³⁷ Detainee identified YM-10014 as the supervisor for UBL's bodyguards.³⁸

³⁰ TD-314/33050-04, IIR 6 034 1160 04

³¹ IIR 6 034 0226 05

³² TD-314/33050-04

³³ 000757 MFR 23-MAR-2003

³⁴ IIR 6 034 1121 04, IIR 6 034 1240 04,

³⁵ IIR 6 034 1141 04, IIR 6 034 1240 04

³⁶ 000757 SIR 25-SEP-2004

³⁷ TD-314/33050-04

³⁸ IIR 6 034 0433 03, IIR 6 034 0307 03

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- (S//NF) Detainee participated in hostilities on the front lines in Afghanistan against the Northern Alliance and possibly against US and Coalition forces. He received basic and advanced militant training including explosives in Afghanistan.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted receiving militant training in Afghanistan and fighting on the front lines against the Northern Alliance.³⁹ Detainee claimed he trained for two months on the front lines of Kabul beginning in June 2000 under an individual named Zubir. He acknowledged he fought in a mixed Arab unit lead by al-Qaida military commander Sayf al-Adl.⁴⁰ In separate reporting detainee indicated he was led by IZ-10026.⁴¹
 - (S//NF) IZ-10026's translator AF-753 stated he had heard of detainee's reputation as a religious scholar in Afghanistan. AF-753 added detainee informed him while detained at JTF-GTMO that they served together on the frontlines.⁴²
 - (C//REL TO USA, GCTF) Humud Dakhil Humud Said al-Jadani, ISN US9SA-000230DP (SA-230, transferred), identified detainee as a committed jihadist who had extensive training in weapons, tactics, explosives, and leadership. SA-230 added detainee attended all the training that was provided in Afghanistan.⁴³ (Analyst Note: SA-230's description indicates detainee received basic training and advanced training in Afghanistan which would include artillery, security and poisons training.)
 - (S//NF) SA-195 indicated detainee was a member of al-Qaida who had extensive training in weapons, tactics, explosives, and leadership.⁴⁴
 - (S//NF) Hassan Ghul identified detainee as a mujahid fighter who had a good reputation among the al-Qaida members at the Kandahar guesthouse where they stayed together in late 2001.⁴⁵ (Analyst Note: Ghul's impression of detainee's reputation as a fighter was based on his encounters with detainee and other mujahideen in the house following the onset of the US bombing campaign. This indicates the possibility that detainee's participation in hostilities occurred during US and Coalition operations in Kandahar.)
- (S//NF) Detainee was a member of a Mauritanian al-Qaida cell who fled to Afghanistan in early 1999 after Mauritanian authorities dismantled the cell. He had an affiliation with the LIFG dating back to 1992, and he used the LIFG facilitation network to help arrange his travel to Afghanistan.
 - (S//NF) On 27 February 1999, a Mauritanian security service arrested three suspected members of an al-Qaida cell in Mauritania. In March 1999, the Mauritanian service obtained the names and biographical information of seven

³⁹ TD-314/27499-02

⁴⁰ 00757 Processing Document 01-JUN-2000

⁴¹ >IIR 6 034 1306 04

⁴² >IIR 6 034 0763 03

⁴³ IIR 6 034 0089 07, 000230 SIR 06-SEP-2006

⁴⁴ >IIR 6 034 0241 07, Analyst Note: ISN

⁴⁵ TD-314/33050-04

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contacts of senior UBL lieutenant Abu Hafs al-Mauritani, including detainee. Detainee was identified as an importer of vehicles from Germany who had gone underground when the three cell members were arrested.⁴⁶ Detainee acknowledged traveling to Germany to purchase vehicles for resale in Mauritania.⁴⁷

- (S//NF) The Mauritanian government released the three suspected al-Qaida members on 27 April 1999. The Mauritanian security services continued to seek the arrests of detainee and Ahmedou Ould al-Walid, the half-brother of Abu Hafs al-Mauritani. As of May 1999 the Mauritians believed the two had fled the country.⁴⁸
- (S//NF) MR-760 stated detainee was wanted by the Mauritanian authorities for his involvement with al-Qaida and his relationship with MR-760's cousin, Muhammad Ould al-Moctar.⁴⁹ Al-Moctar was another of the seven Abu Hafs al-Mauritani contacts sought by the Mauritanian government.⁵⁰ MR-760 added detainee's sister Lalla informed him that detainee was wanted by the Mauritanian government and fled the country to avoid being arrested.⁵¹
- (S//NF) Detainee's escape from Mauritania to Afghanistan was financed by Abu Hafs al-Mauritani and funds provided by extremist facilitators.
 - (S//REL TO USA, GCTF) MR-760 stated detainee received money from Abu Hafs al-Mauritani when he left Mauritania in 1999.⁵²
 - (S//NF) Detainee also received funds from Dublin-based Islamic extremist Ibrahim Buisir. A bank receipt dated 9 July 1999 showed \$5,000 US was sent from Buisir's account number 166113182 to the detainee's Landmark Branch Citibank account 2150096601 on 9 July 1999.⁵³
 - ◆ (S//NF) According to the Irish National Police, Ibrahim Buisir was arrested for financial transactions that involved dozens of contacts around the world. Buisir was active raising funds, procuring false documents, and facilitating the travel of fighters to jihad in Bosnia and Chechnya. A search of Buisir's office revealed an undated, handwritten note that listed an account numbered 2150096601 as belonging to Muhammad Lemine Ould Muhammad Mahmoud, a variation of detainee's alias, at the Citibank Landmark Branch in Jakarta, Indonesia. The note also listed the email address saleho@maktoob.com.⁵⁴

⁴⁶ TD-314/06492-99

⁴⁷ 000757 KB SUP 20-FEB-2006, 000757 KB 11-01-2002, 000757 SIR 26-APR-2004

⁴⁸ AMEMBASSY Nouakchott 001125 13-MAY-1999, AMEMBASSY Nouakchott 000951 26-APR-1999

⁴⁹ IIR 6 034 0898 04

⁵⁰ TD-314/06492-99

⁵¹ IIR 6 034 0613 04

⁵² IIR 6 034 0906 04

⁵³ TD-314/39661-01

⁵⁴ TD-314/39661-01

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- ◆ (S//NF) MR-760 reported the e-mail address saleho@maktoob.com belonged to Salah Hadi Abd al-Salam al-Diki, aka (Saleh al-Libi), the Mauritanian contact for Abu Hafs al-Mauritani.⁵⁵ Detainee stated he was at the LIFG guesthouse in Pakistan with Saleh al-Libi.⁵⁶
- (S//NF) Detainee associated with the LIFG dating to 1992 in Mauritania. LIFG facilitators assisted in detainee's escape from Mauritania and travel to Afghanistan in 1999, where he continued his involvement with the LIFG.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted he used the LIFG travel network to facilitate his travels in and out of Afghanistan. He contacted Libyan travel facilitators and stayed at Libyan guesthouses located in Syria, Turkey, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Detainee admitted he established ties with the Libyans as early as 1992 in Mauritania.⁵⁷
 - (S//NF) Awad Khalifah Muhammad Abu Bakr Abu Uwayshah al-Barasi, US9LY-000695DP (LY-695), identified detainee as an "honorary LIFG member at heart."⁵⁸ Detainee identified LY-695 as a frequent guest at a Libyan guesthouse in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul.⁵⁹
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted he agreed with LIFG ideology and was good friends with the Libyans in Afghanistan, but denied he joined the Libyans to actively fight and die to overthrow the current Libyan government. Detainee claimed LIFG members asked him many times to train with them so he could fight along with them in the front lines, but detainee claimed to have turned them down.⁶⁰
 - (S//NF) Detainee claimed the LIFG had the most efficient organization of the North African groups. The LIFG helped Arabs in Pakistan by providing them shelter at guesthouses, obtain visas, buy plane tickets, and make travel arrangements. Detainee further stated the LIFG was very selective about whom they assisted.⁶¹
- (S//NF) While in US custody, detainee has threatened to kill US personnel and made statements indicating his intention to retaliate for his capture by attacking US allies upon his release.
 - (S//NF) Detainee has threatened to kill US personnel at JTF-GTMO and in Iraq on several occasions. Detainee's threats included statements he would kill all the

⁵⁵ IIR 6 034 1638 03, IIR 6 034 0336 05; Analyst Note: Al-Libi was an al-Qaida contact for the LIFG. He facilitated travel to Afghanistan with approval from Abu Hafs al-Mauritania.

⁵⁶ 000757 SIR 15-Feb-2005

⁵⁷ IIR 6 034 1240 04, 000757 SIR 25-SEP-2004

⁵⁸ IIR 6 034 0192 05, IIR 6 034 0056 04

⁵⁹ IIR 6 034 1503 03, IIR 6 034 0056 04, 000757 SIR 25-SEP-2004; Analyst Note: The Wazir Akbar Khan area was former diplomatic district occupied by the Taliban and al-Qaida for quarters and training.

⁶⁰ 000757 SIR 25-SEP-2004

⁶¹ IIR 2 340 7557 02, 000757 SIR 25-SEP-2004

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guards, he would cut off the head of a guard, and would kill a guard if they were both in Iraq. Detainee also sang a song similar to a running cadence, "Every where we go, people wanna know, who we are, we are Muslim fighting for Allah, fighting for Bin Laden, to kill Americans, to kill white devils." Detainee stated UBL made it a "happy day for Muslims on September 11th."⁶²

○ (S//NF) In a 2005 meeting with interrogators, detainee stated when he is released he planned to do whatever he can to take vengeance against the Pakistani authorities because they helped the Americans capture him and eventually sold him to "the filthy American military animals."⁶³

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been non-compliant and hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 129 Reports of Disciplinary Infractions listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 15 February 2008, when he was talking during restraining procedures when instructed not to. He has five Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 25 December 2003, when he spit on a guard. 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, threatening guards, unauthorized communications, damage to government property, attempted assaults, assaults, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food, weapon and non-weapon type contraband. On 24 July 2007, detainee was in possession of a razor. In 2007, he had a total of 35 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 8 January 2008.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee had direct access to the top echelon of al-Qaida leadership through his position at the Islamic Institute in Kandahar and his role as a member of al-Qaida's Religious Committee. He is a relative and close associate of Abu Hafs al-Mauritani, and had regular contact with senior al-Qaida operatives who visited the Islamic Institute in Kandahar to meet with Abu Hafs al-Mauritani. Detainee evacuated Afghanistan with Abu Hafs al-Mauritani and received communications from Abu Hafs after they separated in Quetta. Before traveling to Afghanistan in 1999, detainee was a member of an al-Qaida cell in Mauritania.

⁶² >JDG INTREP dated: 23-Dec-2006, 15-Sep-2006, 12-Sep-2006, 26-Jul-2006, 24-Mar-2006, 11-Oct-2005, 10-Apr-2005, 23-Feb-2005, 16-May-2004, 2-Dec-2003, 28-Nov-2003, 19-Aug-2003

⁶³ 000757 SIR 25-MAR-2005

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c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee has been uncooperative with interrogators since 2005. Significant gaps remain in detainee's timeline, and his knowledge of other significant intelligence targets remains largely unexploited. Detainee can provide information about Abu Hafs al-Mauritani and the Islamic Institute of Kandahar, and senior al-Qaida operatives who visited the Institute or met with Abu Hafs between 1999 and 2001. As a member of al-Qaida's Religious Committee, detainee can provide information about the religious indoctrination of al-Qaida members and other activities of the Religious Committee and the Shura Council. Detainee may be able to provide information about escape routes through Pakistan and safe havens that may be sheltering Abu Hafs al-Mauritani in Iran or other locations. Detainee has provided valuable information regarding LIFG members, activities, and facilities in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Detainee has knowledge of the al-Qaida cell and LIFG organization in Mauritania and can provide information about other members of those groups and their activities and operations.

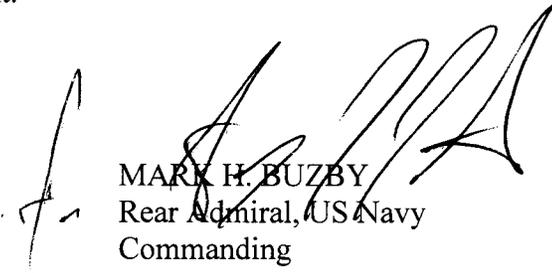
d. (S//NF) Areas of Potential Exploitation:

- Senior al-Qaida operatives and leaders, including UBL, Abu Hafs al-Mauritani, KU-10024, YM-10014, LY-10017, Abu Layth al-Libi, Abu Hafs al-Masri, Abu Yasir al-Jazairi, Hassan Ghul, Ayman al-Zawahiri
- The al-Qaida Mauritanian cell, including its members, activities, and operations
- Other West Africa-based terrorist groups and cells
- Other al-Qaida cells and connections detainee may have met with during his travels to Spain, Belgium, and Germany in the spring of 1998, including any contact he may have made with the Duisberg, Germany-based cell
- Escape routes and safe havens used by al-Qaida operatives and fighters fleeing Afghanistan in 2001 and 2002
- Al-Qaida communications networks and techniques, including the use of Internet cafés and international mobile subscription phones
- Facilitators and financial and logistics networks used by Abu Hafs al-Mauritani in the recruitment and movement of members between Mauritania, Afghanistan, and other locations

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 9 November 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*.