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

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for  
Guantanamo Detainee, ISN US9SA-000239DP (S)

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

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

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Sawad al-Madani
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Shakir Abd al-Rahim Muhammad Aamer, Abu Abdullah, Abu Juhaina, Sawad al-Madani, Madani al-Tayyib, Amjad Mekwar, Muhammad Zaheed, Professor, Muhammad Hamid al-Zubayri
- Place of Birth: Medina, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 21 December 1966
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SA-00239DP



**2. (U//FOUO) Health:** Detainee is in overall 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) with transfer language on 15 September 2006.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is a member of al-Qaida tied to the European support network. Detainee is a close associate of Usama Bin Laden (UBL) and has connections to several other senior extremist members. Detainee has traveled internationally on false documents and is associated with al-Qaida terrorist cells in the US. Detainee is a reported recruiter, financier, and facilitator with a history of participating in jihadist combat.

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Detainee received advanced terrorist training, indicated his willingness to become a martyr, and served as a sub-commander of al-Qaida forces in Tora Bora. 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 **HIGH** 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.)

- Included reports indicating detainee's close association with senior al-Qaida associate Abu Musab al-Suri (detained) and Shaykh Abu al-Walid
- Included a report of detainee's travel with senior al-Qaida operative Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka (Silver), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014); and al-Qaida facilitator Abu Bakr Muhammad Boughiti, aka (Abu Yasir al-Jazairi)
- Included a report of detainee's claimed ability to use the mail system to target groups of US citizens
- Included reports of detainees leadership position and activities in Tora Bora
- Included analysis for discrepancies in detainee's capture information

#### **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 spent eight months at the King Abdul Aziz College in Jeddah, SA, majoring in Arts and Humanities and completed eight or nine months of training to be a nurse at a nearby military hospital. In the summer of 1989, detainee entered the US legally under a tourist visa and traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, where he lived with his cousin until moving to Gaithersburg, Maryland. While in Atlanta, detainee applied for, and received a Social Security card. In the winter of 1989, detainee returned to Saudi Arabia, and later returned to Gaithersburg in 1990. After the Gulf War began, detainee felt he was falling into moral decay. He subsequently returned to Saudi Arabia and got a job as a translator for the United States Army. As a translator, detainee claimed to occasionally travel to Syria. When he quit his job as a translator, he went to Romania with the intent of starting a sheep importation business. It was during this visit that detainee became familiar with

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humanitarian organizations including the Revival of Islamic Heritage Society (RIHS) and the International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO).<sup>1</sup>

**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** For approximately six months in 1994, detainee worked for relief organizations in Bosnia such as the RIHS. In Bosnia, detainee met Baber Ahmed, who convinced him to actively practice Islam.<sup>2</sup> In 1995, detainee worked for the Kuwaiti NGO, al-Ahya al-Turath, and then returned to Medina, SA, to begin a mobile phone sales business with his brother-in-law.<sup>3</sup> The business required detainee to travel to Turkey and the Netherlands. While in the Netherlands on a business trip, detainee visited Ahmed who was then living in the United Kingdom (UK). After traveling to the UK, detainee decided to stay and briefly lived with Ahmed. During this time, detainee met Zacharias Moussoui at the Brixton Mosque, and moved into Moussoui's home. Detainee lived with Moussoui for approximately ten days before moving in with Muhammad Junayd, a Pakistani hermit in the Tooting Mosque area. While living with Junayd, detainee sold items at Abu Qatada's hall and attended the Four Feathers Club.<sup>4</sup> In the summer of 1998, assisted by Mozafar al-Afghani, detainee traveled to Afghanistan to visit Moazzam Begg ISN US9UK-000558DP (UK-558, transferred). Begg met detainee at the "white mosque," and together they traveled to the Arab guesthouse in Jalalabad, AF, and then Abu Abdallah al-Scotlandi's residence in Kabul, AF.<sup>5</sup> In 1999, detainee traveled again to Afghanistan where he told people in Kandahar, AF and Kabul that he was one of al-Zubayr al-Haili's people.<sup>6</sup> Detainee claimed to have met Abu Hafs al-Mauritani and stayed at the Religious Institute in Kandahar. Detainee also resided in other safe houses in Kandahar and Kabul.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 000239 302 20-FEB-2002, 000239 MFR 02-AUG-2002, Analyst Note: Detainee identified the RIHS as the Islamic Heritage Revival. Both the RIHS and the IIRO, aka (Hay'at al-Igatha al-Islamiyya al-Alamiyah), are National Intelligence Priority Framework (NIPF) Counterterrorism (CT) Priority 1B Terrorist Support Entities (TSE). Priority 1B TSEs are defined as having demonstrated sustained and active financial support for terrorist organizations willing to attack U.S. persons or interests, or provide witting operational support to Priority 1B terrorist groups.

<sup>2</sup> ➤ Analyst Note: Baber Ahmed may be identifiable with Badir Ahmad al-Shihri, who upon apprehension reported knowing detainee. Reference: TD-314/27545-02.

<sup>3</sup> Analyst Note: The al-Ahya al-Turath is assessed to be the RIHS.

<sup>4</sup> Analyst Note: The Tooting Mosque area is known for its connections to the UK based al-Qaida organization. The Four Feathers Club is a hall that was used by suspected UK al-Qaida cell leader, Abu Qatada, for meetings and as a mosque.

<sup>5</sup> Analyst Note: Abu Abdallah al-Scotlandi fought in Bosnia and has close ties to Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fahkri, aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212), the primary trainer and leader of Khaldan training camp.

<sup>6</sup> Analyst Note: Al-Zubayr al-Haili is identifiable with Badr Abd al-Karim al-Sudayri, a senior al-Qaida operative and guesthouse manager in Kandahar, who facilitated students' travel to the al-Faruq Training Camp.

<sup>7</sup> 000239 302 20-FEB-2002, 000239 SIR 20-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0048 02, IIR 6 034 0633 02, TD-314/38433-02, Analyst Note: The Bosnian Jihad was underway during detainee's stay in Bosnia.

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**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** During one of detainee's visits to Afghanistan, he traveled with Mozafar al-Afghani to the Khaldan Camp and attended training. Detainee had breakfast with the camp commander, Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fahkri, aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212), and toured the camp without committing to attend. Detainee claimed that his second trip to Afghanistan in 2000 was specifically to serve with the mujahideen on the front lines. Detainee stayed for one month and although he carried a weapon, he claimed he never fired it. After detainee departed Afghanistan, he returned to the UK but decided to move back to Afghanistan. In August 2001, he departed the UK from Heathrow airport and traveled to Tehran, Iran (IR), and then on to Quetta, Pakistan (PK). Approximately twenty to twenty-five days later, his wife and children joined him in Quetta. They then traveled to Kabul, AF. Approximately 8 October 2001, detainee moved his family to Jalalabad but decided to continue to the Pakistan border to evacuate them out of the country due to safety concerns. (Analyst Note: It is unknown exactly how many trips detainee took to Afghanistan. He claimed that his second trip to Afghanistan was in 2000, but he also claimed to have been there in 1998 and 1999. It is unknown exactly when detainee traveled to Khaldan or when in 2000 he traveled to the front lines.)<sup>8</sup>

**5. (U) Capture Information:**

**a. (S//NF)** After leaving his family at the Pakistan border, detainee stated he returned to Jalalabad, obtained an AK-47 assault rifle, and hid in a cave in the Tora Bora area. Detainee claimed Afghan forces captured him in Jalalabad along with Kuwaiti national, Abdul Abdullah and Maher Tarik, a Palestinian, on 22 or 23 December 2001.<sup>9</sup> (Analyst Note: Abdul Abdullah is assessed to be Kuwaiti citizen Fuad Mahmud Hasan al-Rabia, ISN US9KU-000551DP (KU-551). Maher Tarik is assessed to be West Bank citizen, Mahr Rafat al-Quwari, ISN US9WE-000519DP (WE-519) (reportedly of Palestinian or Egyptian citizenship).<sup>10</sup> WE-519 claimed to have been captured with KU-551 under circumstances similar to those described by detainee, but they did not note detainee's presence. Detainee is assessed to have served as a fighter in Tora Bora under LY-212's command until ordered to retreat. UBL appointed LY-212 as commander of all forces in Tora Bora.)<sup>11</sup>

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

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<sup>8</sup> 000239 302 20-FEB-2002, 000239 KB 18-FEB-2002, 000239 SIR 24-JUL-02, IIR 6 034 0633 02, TD-314/38433-02, 000239 SIR-005-01-0102

<sup>9</sup> 000239 INITIAL SCREENING 06-JAN-2002, 000239 DA4327 06-JAN-2002, 000239 DA4327 20-JAN-2002;

➤Analyst Note: There are conflicting dates of capture between the referenced documents; however, his presence in Tora Bora and other detainee reporting indicate 22 December 2001 is the most likely date of capture.

<sup>10</sup> IIR 6 034 1172 03

<sup>11</sup> 000519 INTIAL SCREENING 01-JAN-2002, 000239 SIR 02-JAN-2002, 000551 KB 12-MAY-2002, Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis, TD-314/14605-04

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- 300 Pakistani Rupees (PKR)<sup>12</sup>
- Detainee reported the following items, not held at JTF-GTMO, were in his possession at the time of capture.
  - False Belgian Passport
  - Money<sup>13</sup>
    - 30,000 PKR
    - 2,000 Saudi Riyals (SAR)

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 13 February 2002

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

- RIHS NGO
- Khaldan Training Camp

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee is uncooperative and continues to withhold information of intelligence value about his extremist activities and associations. Detainee has failed to fully account for his travels and high level associates which have been reported by other JTF-GTMO detainees. Detainee is extremely egotistical, has manipulated debriefers and guard staff, and will continue to attempt to do so to support his political agenda. Detainee refuses to participate in direct questioning, often citing imaginary, or assumed mistreatment of himself, or others, as justification of this refusal in a classic example of al-Qaida counter interrogation techniques.

**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 a member of al-Qaida, with significant ties to senior level extremists, to include UBL. Detainee held a senior level

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<sup>12</sup> Analyst Note: 300 PKR is equivalent to \$5 US using the conversion date of 1 January 2002.

<sup>13</sup> >Analyst Note: 30,000 PKR is equivalent to \$523 US and 2,000 SAR is equivalent to \$533 US using the conversion date of 1 January 2002; however, there are discrepancies in reporting of the amount of money detainee possessed upon capture. The 30,000 PKR rather than 300,000 PKR is assessed as being the correct amount. See 000239 DA4237 06-JAN-2002 and 000239 INITIAL SCREENING 06-JAN-2002 for additional information on these items.

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position among the UK based al-Qaida cell, is a reported facilitator, recruiter and financier and is associated with al-Qaida cells inside the US. Detainee was an assessed combatant sub-commander in Tora Bora where he participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces. Detainee has lengthy ties to militant jihad and has received basic and advanced training, to include explosives training. Detainee has shown a willingness to become a martyr for his cause.

- (S//NF) Detainee is a member of al-Qaida, a network facilitator, recruiter and a financier with close ties to UBL.
  - (S//NF) Saudi intelligence (Mabahith) stated detainee left Saudi Arabia and joined UBL in Afghanistan. The Mabahith identified detainee as a high priority for the government of Saudi Arabia, an indication of his law enforcement value to them.<sup>14</sup>
  - (S//NF) GZ-10016 identified detainee as a member of al-Qaida.<sup>15</sup> GZ-10016 stated detainee supplied al-Qaida with men, expertise, equipment, and money.<sup>16</sup> GZ-10016 further reported detainee likely swore *bayat* (oath of allegiance) to UBL, because detainee needed to obtain UBL's permission for any activity. Detainee holds UBL in high regard.<sup>17</sup>
  - (S//NF) Assessed al-Qaida facilitator, UK-558 stated detainee served as a recruiter for al-Qaida.<sup>18</sup> GZ-10016 supported this statement noting the detainee was extremely active in recruiting young men.<sup>19</sup>
  - (S//NF) SA-493 stated that detainee was a special interpreter for UBL and the only person close to UBL who was fluent in English and Arabic.<sup>20</sup>
  - (S) Muhammad Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), stated detainee was an important officer and was a close associate of UBL in Tora Bora.<sup>21</sup> Detainee indicated he was with UBL after the US bombing campaign in Afghanistan began in October 2001. YM-252 also stated that detainee's family received a monthly stipend from UBL.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> TD-314/27545-02

<sup>15</sup> TD-314/35332-02, TD-314/12714-03, TD-314/22914-05, TD-314/42300-02, TD-314/22955-02

<sup>16</sup> CIR 316/00651-03, TD-314/38080-02

<sup>17</sup> TD-314/24696-02

<sup>18</sup> IIR 6 034 1159 03, 000558 Statement of Fact 20030213, 000558 FM40 09-MAR-2003

<sup>19</sup> TD-314/38080-02

<sup>20</sup> IIR 6 034 0315 05, 000493 SIR 01-JUN-2005

<sup>21</sup> IIR 6 034 1172 03, IIR 6 034 1303 03, 000252 SIR 16-JAN-03, IIR 6 034 1287 04, 000239 MFR 18-JUL-2002

<sup>22</sup> 000252 MFR 16-JAN-2003

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- (C//REL USA AND GCTF) Senior al-Qaida explosives expert, Tariq Mahmud Ahmad al-Sawah, ISN US9EG-000535DP (EG-535), claimed detainee confessed to capturing Northern Alliance forces that he was a member of al-Qaida.<sup>23</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee has traveled internationally on multiple false passports, a known indicator of al-Qaida travel.<sup>24</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a key member of the UK based al-Qaida network with multiple associations to senior al-Qaida members and other operatives.
  - (C//REL USA AND GCTF) EG-535 stated detainee delivered (couriered) money from the UK to Bosnia in 1996. EG-535 added that detainee belonged to the group associated to Abu Hamza al-Masri in the UK.<sup>25</sup>
  - (C//REL USA AND GCTF) According to SA-493, detainee belonged to an al-Qaida cell in London, UK and was associated to UBL. The cell included detainee; Bisher Amin Khalil al-Rawi, ISN US9IZ-000906DP (IZ-906, transferred); Ghassan Abdallah Ghazi al-Sharbi, ISN US9SA-000682DP (SA-682); and assessed al-Qaida facilitator Abdullah Muhammad Khan, aka (Abd al-Latif al-Turki), ISN US9AF-000556DP (AF-556).<sup>26</sup>
    - (C//REL USA AND GCTF) SA-493 stated detainee informed him that he knew Muhammad Hamid al-Qarani, ISN US9CD-000269DP (CD-269) as Yusuf al-Chadi, and claimed CD-269 was also associated with the UK cell.<sup>27</sup>
    - (S//NF) YM-252 stated he heard that IZ-906 and detainee were close friends and were both involved in an Islamic movement led by Shaykh Abu Ubaydah. After British authorities arrested Ubaydah for having ties to al-Qaida, IZ-906 broke into his London, UK, home and stole valuable papers allegedly linking Ubaydah to al-Qaida. YM-252 also believed that IZ-906 was involved in al-Qaida recruiting operations in England. (Analyst Note: Abu Ubaydah is assessed to be detainee's associate Abu Qatada.<sup>28</sup>
  - (U//FOUO) Detainee was a close friend of Baber Ahmed. (Analyst Note: Baber Ahmed is an assessed member of the "Tooting Group," a UK-based Chechen support and procurement network.)<sup>29</sup>
  - (S) Abdallah Yahya Yusif al-Shibli, ISN US9YM-000240DP (YM-240), identified detainee as a possible key member of the UK al-Qaida network.<sup>30</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> 000535 SIR 09-APR-2005

<sup>24</sup> TD-314/12714-03, TD-314/22914-05, Mabath RFI Response 23-AUG-2005

<sup>25</sup> 000535 SIR 09-APR-2005

<sup>26</sup> IIR 6 034 0270 05

<sup>27</sup> IIR 6 034 0270 05

<sup>28</sup> 000252 FM40 14-SEP-2004, 000252 FM40 01-SEP-2004, 000252 FM40 23-SEP-2004, 000906 FM40 09-NOV-2004

<sup>29</sup> 000239 302 20-FEB-2002, See IIR 201 1483 05 for additional information on Ahmad.

<sup>30</sup> IIR 2 340 6464 02

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- (S//NF) Detainee admitted frequenting the Finsbury Park Mosque where he met Abu Hamza al-Masri, the Egyptian cleric of the Finsbury Park Mosque.<sup>31</sup> GZ-10016 added detainee was connected to the Four Feathers Club in England.<sup>32</sup>
  - (S//NF) North London's Finsbury Park Mosque has a history of serving as an attack planning and propaganda production base for al-Qaida. British authorities consider the mosque a key recruitment facility for North African and other extremists within the al-Qaida associated movement.<sup>33</sup>
  - (S//NF) Several detainees reported that young Muslims were recruited from the Four Feather's Mosque aka (Baker Street Mosque). Baker Street is the home of radical imam, Abu Qatada. Detainee admitted to associations with both the mosque and Qatada.<sup>34</sup>
    - ◆ (S//NF) Egyptian Shaykh, Abu Hamza al-Masri, was the former imam of the Finsbury Park Mosque in London. Al-Masri, aka Muhammad al Masri, was a radical cleric and Abu Qatada's associate.<sup>35</sup> Al-Masri lectured at the mosque from 1997 until 2003. Al-Masri espoused hatred toward modern Western civilization and Judaism and encouraged his followers to murder non-Muslims. On 7 January 2006, British courts found al-Masri guilty on 11 charges and sentenced him to seven years in prison.<sup>36</sup> SA-493 stated detainee visited al-Masri in London.<sup>37</sup>
    - ◆ (S//NF) Abu Qatada was regarded as al-Qaida's "spiritual liaison" in Europe, facilitating recruitment of young Muslims for jihad through the Finsbury Park and Baker Street/Four Feathers Mosques in London.<sup>38</sup> GZ-10016 called Abu Qatada "the most successful recruiter in Europe."<sup>39</sup> Abu Qatada was the leader of the London al-Qaida cell, and Shaykh, Abu Hamza al-Masri was his second in command.<sup>40</sup>
- (S//NF) GZ-10016 stated detainee was in contact with al-Qaida member Khalil Deek during detainee's time in the UK. (Analyst Note: Khalil Deek has been identified as a suspect in the Millennium Plot, and a principle drafter of the "Encyclopedia Jihad" to which UK-558 is also linked.)<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>31</sup> 000239 302 26-MAR-2003, 000239 MFR 18-JUL-2002

<sup>32</sup> TD-314/18632-02

<sup>33</sup> 000238 ACIC Information Paper Terrorist Threat Assessment 22-SEP-2004

<sup>34</sup> IIR 4 201 1530 05, IIR 6 034 0350 02b, DI-2711-25-04 DIA Assessment

<sup>35</sup> IIR 6 034 0315 05, IIR 6 034 0356 02, IIR 6 034 0315 05

<sup>36</sup> CNE-C6F One Pager 10-FEB-06

<sup>37</sup> 000493 SIR 25-APR-2005

<sup>38</sup> DI-2711-25-04 DIA Assessment

<sup>39</sup> TD-314/35360-02

<sup>40</sup> IIR 6 034 0315 05, IIR 6 034 0270 05, IIR 6 034 0302 04 (Item 4D)

<sup>41</sup> TD-314/34516-02

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- (S//NF) Detainee admitted associating with convicted suicide terrorist Richard Reid and was seen with Reid in detainee's apartment in Kabul.<sup>42</sup>
  - (S//NF) Richard Reid attended the Finsbury Park Mosque and was convicted of attempting to blow up an American Airlines flight in December 2001 with explosives hidden in his shoes.<sup>43</sup> (Analyst Note: EG-535 developed the shoe bomb.)<sup>44</sup>
- (U) Detainee admitted being a roommate of convicted al-Qaida suicide operative, Zacharias Moussoui.<sup>45</sup>
  - (U) Moussoui attended al-Qaida sponsored flight training in the US, and attended the Brixton Mosque and the Finsbury Park Mosque.<sup>46</sup>
    - ◆ (U) Abdul Hagg Baker, the Brixton Mosque imam, remarked that Bixton has become prey to Islamic extremists seeking young recruits for jihad. Detainee admitted to attending this mosque.<sup>47</sup>
- (U//FOUO) Detainee admitted meeting UBL's religious advisor, Abu Hafs al-Mauritania upon arrival in Kandahar in 2001.<sup>48</sup>
- (C//REL USA AND GCTF/RELIDO) Detainee identified his Kabul neighbors as of senior al-Qaida associate Mustafa Nazar Setmariam, aka (Abu Musab al-Suri, captured) and Shaykh Abu al-Walid, likely identifiable with radical Shaykh Abu Walid al-Filistini. In Kabul, detainee stayed at the home of Bosnian jihad veteran Abdullah al-Scotlandi, aka (James McLintock).<sup>49</sup>
- (S//NF) GZ-10016 stated he sent YM-10014, al-Qaida facilitator Abu Yasir al-Jazairi, and Abu Tayyib al-Saudi (assessed to be detainee) to Pakistan in December of 2001.<sup>50</sup> (Analyst Note: This activity probably occurred in early December, prior to detainee's travel to Tora Bora.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is associated with Libyan extremists operating in Ireland.
  - (S//NF) Detainee is linked to Libyan extremist, Hisham Seifelnasr. Irish authorities searched Seifelnasr's home on 3 September 1998 and found detainee along with Zubayr al-Haili. Seifelnasr described detainee as a veteran of the Afghan War and an extremist active throughout Europe. During a search of a Dublin, Ireland,

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<sup>42</sup> TD-314/18632-02

<sup>43</sup> RECRUITING FOR JIHAD EUROPE, IIR 6 034 1140 03, 000239 SIR 03-JAN-2002, IIR 6 034 0036 06

<sup>44</sup> 000535 MFR 13-Jun-2003

<sup>45</sup> IIR 6 034 0350-02b, IIR 6 034 0350 02

<sup>46</sup> RECRUITING FOR JIHAD EUROPE, IIR 6 034 0350 02b, IIR 6 034 0350 02

<sup>47</sup> RECRUITING FOR JIHAD EUROPE, IIR 6 034 0350 02b

<sup>48</sup> >000239 302 20-FEB-2002

<sup>49</sup> >000239 302 20-FEB-2002, IIR 6 034 0045 06

<sup>50</sup> >TD-314/04453-03

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- apartment belonging to Atif Ahmed, documentation was recovered showing three separate phone numbers for detainee, indicating an association to Ahmed.<sup>51</sup>
- (S//NF) UK-558 claimed to have traveled to Ireland in late-2000 with detainee, at which time he met detainee's friend, Aberhim Busher.<sup>52</sup> (Analyst Note: Aberhim Busher is Ibrahim Buisir aka (Ibrahim 'Abd al-Salam Muhammad Busayr). Ibrahim Buisir is an Ireland-based terrorist facilitator who holds a leadership position in the al-Qaida European cell. Buisir was the director of the Ireland branch of the Islamic Relief Agency until late-2002.<sup>53</sup>)
  - (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Tora Bora where he served as a sub-commander.
    - (S//NF) Multiple detainees have identified detainee's name or alias as the commander of the Juhayna Center in Tora Bora.<sup>54</sup>
    - (S//NF) YM-252 stated that detainee was in charge of three trenches in Tora Bora, each with three-to-ten people assigned. YM-252 also identified detainee as a leader at the al-Qurashi Center in Tora Bora.<sup>55</sup> (Analyst Note: The centers in Tora Bora have been reported as caves, bunkers, and trenches which al-Qaida led forces occupied during operations against US and Coalition forces in November and December 2001. Detainee's presence in Tora Bora and his reported position of leadership at a center supports the assessment that he participated in the hostilities.)
    - (S//NF) Humud Dakhil Humud Said al-Jadani, ISN US9SA-000230DP (SA-230), witnessed detainee meeting with UBL in Tora Bora.<sup>56</sup>
    - (C//REL USA AND GCTF) EG-535 stated detainee was in Tora Bora and operated a radio that detainee used to communicate with other fighting positions.<sup>57</sup> YM-252 added that in Tora Bora, detainee established a program for using different channels to avoid interception.<sup>58</sup> (Analyst Note: Possession of a radio was an indication of a leadership position.)
  - (S//NF) Detainee has lengthy ties to militant jihad beyond Tora Bora and received basic and advanced training, to include the use of explosives.

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<sup>51</sup> TD-314/37648-03, Analyst Note: A variant of Seifelnasr is Saif al-Nasser.

<sup>52</sup> IIR 6 034 0103 06, IIR 6 034 1159 03, 000558 FM40 09-MAR-2003

<sup>53</sup> TD-314/18847-04, TD-314/39661-01

<sup>54</sup> >IIR 2 340 6334 02, 000511 302 21-Jun-2002, IIR 6 034 1300 03, IIR 6 034 1300 03, IIR 6 034 0086 03, IIR 6 034 1303 03, TD-314-03378-02, 000549 SIR 13-MAY-2002, TD-314/03378-02, IIR 6 034 1303 03, IIR 6 034 0281 07, Analyst Note: The word Center is used to describe fighting positions or defensive camps.

<sup>55</sup> IIR 6 034 1172 03, IIR 6 034 1303 03, IIR 6 034 1287 04, 000252 SIR 16-JAN-2003, 000239 MFR 18-JUL-2002, 000252 FM40 10-FEB-2005. For additional reporting on the Qurashi Center, see IIR 6 034 0537 03, IIR 2 340 6236 02, IIR 6 034 1495 03, IIR 2 340 6120 02, and IIR 6 034 0564 03. Qurashi may be listed as Karachi or another variant in the reports.

<sup>56</sup> 000230 SIR 26-AUG-2006

<sup>57</sup> 000535 SIR 09-APR-2005

<sup>58</sup> >000252 SIR 22-MAY-2007

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- (S//NF) According to suspected al-Qaida member, Omar Faruq, detainee traveled to the Philippines at the end of 1996, for approximately one month. During that time, detainee received training on basic explosives and on booby traps. Faruq was at Camp Abu Bakr when detainee contacted him.<sup>59</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee has not acknowledged any travel to the Philippines, nor does he make any references to knowing Omar Faruq.)
- (S//NF) UK-558 stated detainee was part of the Bosnian Third Army Corps, fighting against the Serbs. UK-558 believed detainee was a member of the Zubayr Group run by Abu Zubayr al-Haili. UK-558 stated that detainee spent 30 days training on the AK-47 and rocket propelled grenades.<sup>60</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee's participation in Bosnia occurred during 1995.)
- (S//NF) Fahd Umar Abd al-Majid al-Umari al-Sharif, ISN US9SA-000215DP (SA-215), identified detainee as Muhammad Hamed al-Zubairi and noted that he met detainee on the front lines in Afghanistan in 2001. SA-215 stated detainee was proficient in artillery and "map tracking."<sup>61</sup> YM-252 added that detainee was a mortar expert.<sup>62</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee has expressed a desire to become a martyr and gave indications of attacking US citizens upon release.
  - (S) Detainee claimed that while he was against the attacks of 11 September 2001, he would be happy to be a martyr for his religion.<sup>63</sup>
  - (U//FOUO) Detainee also stated "the United States would, and should fall because it has become an unjust nation and God would take his revenge on the United States for the unlawful imprisonment of innocent Muslims just as himself."<sup>64</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee stated it was honorable that the insurgents in Iraq were willing to give their lives for what they believed was a noble cause.<sup>65</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee stated that he could put explosive material inside envelopes and send them to individuals who shared the same last name. Detainee made the comment while discussing his view of American paranoia in which they expected him (detainee) to attack groups of US citizens with same last name after he is released.<sup>66</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is associated with terrorists operating in the US or targeting the US.

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<sup>59</sup> TD-314/48234-02; Analyst Note: Omar Farouq is probably identifiable with deceased al-Qaida member, Muhmud Ahmad Muhammad al-Rashid, ISN US9KU-001206DP (KU-1026).

<sup>60</sup> IIR 6 034 1159 03, 000558 Statement 13-FEB-2003, 000558 FM40 09-MAR-2003

<sup>61</sup> 000215 SIR 13-OCT-2005

<sup>62</sup> 000252 SIR 16-JAN-2003

<sup>63</sup> 000239 302 17-JUL-2002

<sup>64</sup> 000239 FM40 20-FEB-2003

<sup>65</sup> 000239 SIR 29-MAR-2006

<sup>66</sup> >IIR 6 034 0442 07

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- (S//NF) SA-493 stated detainee traveled twice to the US. During the first trip, detainee traveled to New York to visit al-Qaida cells. Separate reporting stated detainee spent five years in the US.<sup>67</sup> SA-493 stated he overheard KU-232 and detainee discussing the time they were in New York in 1998.<sup>68</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee has not provided any information regarding travel to New York, and SA-493 did not provide dates of travel. It is possible that detainee had contact with the Umar Abdul Rahman, aka (the Blind Shaykh) and his operatives in New York City or members of the Lackawanna Six cell in Buffalo, NY. The Blind Shaykh was convicted for crimes related to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and 1995 plots against other New York landmarks.)
- (S//REL NATO/RELIDO) SA-493 stated detainee informed him that there was an al-Qaida cell in Arizona. Detainee visited the cell in Arizona in late-1999 with assessed al-Qaida member Richard Dean Belmar, ISN US9UK-000817DP (UK-817, transferred).<sup>69</sup>
- (S//NF) GZ-10016 identified individuals who could be suited for attacks against Western targets; the list included detainee. GZ-10016 stated “detainee was in the US before the jihad in Bosnia. With his strong English and American dialect, and his general appearance, he could easily enter the US as an Arab merchant. If he were known [to authorities], he could enter through the land from the North (Canada) or South (Mexico). I know he is with al-Qaida and loves to work inside the US.” (Analyst Note: This statement from GZ-10016 illustrates detainee’s potential as an al-Qaida operative in the US. Coupled with detainee’s membership in al-Qaida, his desire for martyrdom and his assessed skills in recruitment and facilitation, detainee will pose a threat, if released.)<sup>70</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee has continued to participate in activities against the US.
  - (S//NF) SA-230 stated the primary reason the JTF-GTMO detainees went on the hunger strike was because detainee’s lawyer told them exactly what they needed to do.<sup>71</sup> Abd al-Rahim Abdul Raza Janko, ISN US9SY-000489DP (SY-489), stated the detainee passed information to other detainees who came to Camp Echo for Habeas visits.<sup>72</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee stated that the death of a detainee at JTF-GTMO would “open the eyes of the world and result in the closure of the base.”<sup>73</sup>

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<sup>67</sup> IIR 6 034 0315 05, Mabahith RFI Response 23-AUG-2005, TD 314/27545-02

<sup>68</sup> IIR 6 034 0270 05, SIR 26-OCT-2005

<sup>69</sup> IIR 6 034 0026 06

<sup>70</sup> TD-314/35332-02

<sup>71</sup> 000230 SIR 28-JUL-2005

<sup>72</sup> 000489 SIR 30-MAY-2006

<sup>73</sup> 000239 SIR 22-FEB-2006

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- (S//NF) Detainee possessed weapons consisting of three razor blade pieces hidden in his habeas document pouch.<sup>74</sup>
- (S//NF) Referring to a May 2006 incident in Camp 4, YM-252 stated detainee was very happy about it.<sup>75</sup> Referring to the same incident, CD-269 stated detainee had the necessary power and control (over the detainees) to issue an order for other detainees to attempt suicide.<sup>76</sup>
- (S//NF) Abd al-Majid Muhammad, ISN US9IR-000555DP (IR-555, transferred), stated that detainee runs all the other detainees in JTF-GTMO.<sup>77</sup> In May 2006, IR-555 also stated during a conversation with detainee, an unknown detainee stated "We have a plan to continue the fight soon, within the next four to five days. Either they kill us or we kill them." The unknown detainee informed detainee that the plan was for detainees will not eat for two or three days and then pretend to pass out. Once 15-20 detainees were in the hospital, since there are only six MPs in the hospital and one in the guard tower, the detainees could overpower them.<sup>78</sup>
- (S//NF) Mohamedou Ould Slahi, ISN US9MR-000760DP (MR-760) stated detainee was constantly trying to recruit (other detainees) and for them to give *bayat* to detainee as the emir.<sup>79</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee may have knowledge of the Khobar Tower bombings in Saudi Arabia on 25 June 1996, in which 19 US service members were killed.
  - (S//NF) Mabahith noted detainee left Saudi Arabia "after the arrest of the explosives gang."<sup>80</sup> (Analyst Note: The explosives gang is assessed to be a reference to individuals involved in the Khobar Tower attack.)

**c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed to be a HIGH threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been non-compliant and hostile to the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 137 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 9 October 2007, when he was reported to have verbally harassed the guard force while being moved from his cell to the shower. Detainee has 10 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault the last incident occurring on 26 April 2007, when he spat on and splashed a guard with water after the guard told him to stop slamming his door. Other incidents for which detainee has been disciplined include unauthorized communications, provoking words and gestures, threat, inciting disturbance, failure to follow instructions and camp rules, damage to government property, and

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<sup>74</sup> 000239 SIR 31-DEC-2005

<sup>75</sup> 000252 SIR 25-MAY-2006

<sup>76</sup> 000269 SIR 18-MAY-2006

<sup>77</sup> 000555 SIR 24-MAY-2006, 000555 SIR 26-MAY-2006

<sup>78</sup> 000555 SIR 26-MAY-2006

<sup>79</sup> IIR 6 034 1004 04

<sup>80</sup> TD-314/27540-02

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possession of contraband. Detainee had a total of thirty Reports of Disciplinary Infraction in 2006, and forty-two so far in 2007. Although not as much of a direct physical threat to the guard force as other detainees, he can summon support from over one half of Camp Delta's detainee population.

**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 26 March 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee possibly has information on the al-Qaida organization from a high level perspective, including recruitment, facilitation, and knowledge of operatives. Detainee probably has information on NGOs and Islamic fundamentalist groups in the locations he has visited and lived.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee likely has intelligence of significant value not yet exploited. It is quite probable he has a great deal more knowledge to offer of al-Qaida recruiting and logistical ties through Europe to the United States. In addition, he may have yet unknown evidence regarding terrorist support activities to the 11 September 2001 attacks and the Khobar towers bombing. Detainee may be amongst the most important sources held at JTF-GTMO.

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

- Al-Qaida operations targeting the US and UK
- Al-Qaida support operations in the US, UK, Philippines, and Afghanistan
- Al-Qaida leadership
  - UBL
  - Abu Hafs al-Mauritani
  - GZ-10016
  - YM-10014
- UK network Recruitment and other extremist activities in UK mosques
  - Abu Qatada
  - Abu Hamza
  - Richard Reid
  - Zaccarias Moussoui
  - Khalil Deek
  - UK-558
  - False Documentation
  - Financing

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- Extremist training
  - Bosnia
  - Khaldan Camp
  - Front line training
  - Advanced training camps

9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 3 December 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*.