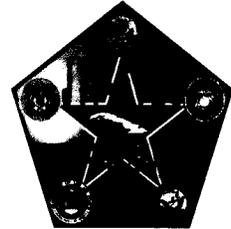




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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue,  
Miami, FL 33172

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for  
Guantanamo Detainee, ISN US9TS-000038DP (S)

**JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

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

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Rida S al-Yazidi
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Ridah Bin Saleh Bin Mabrouk al-Yazidi, Rida al-Tunesi, Ridha Yazidi, Salih al-Tunisi
- Place of Birth: Enfida, Tunisia (TS)
- Date of Birth: 24 January 1965
- Citizenship: Tunisia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9TS-000038DP



**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 assessed detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) on 1 July 2006.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is a member of al-Qaida.<sup>1</sup> Detainee was identified as the head of the Tunisian Combatant Group (TCG), which was affiliated with al-Qaida in Afghanistan (AF). Detainee is a veteran of jihad in Bosnia with extensive ties to a

<sup>1</sup> Analyst Note: The 55th Arab Brigade served as UBL's primary battle formation supporting Taliban objectives, with UBL participating closely in the command and control of the brigade. Abdul Hadi al-Iraqi, ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), had primary operational command of the 55th Arab Brigade, serving as UBL's military commander in the field.

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number of extremist groups. He is reported to have numerous connections to senior al-Qaida officials, including Usama Bin Laden (UBL). Detainee has extensive training in the use of weapons and explosives, and participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Afghanistan as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee was captured in Tora Bora with 29 other mujahideen fighters identified as either bodyguards of UBL, al-Qaida operatives, or both. Detainee has verbally affirmed his commitment to jihad while in detention at JTF-GTMO. 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.)

- Identified detainee as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade while fighting on the frontlines of Afghanistan
- Added reporting on detainee's illegal activities and time spent in Bosnia
- Added possible connection to Harun Fazul

#### **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 did not complete high school, claiming to have stopped going to school in 1985. Detainee traveled from Tunisia to Mazzarrone, Sicily, Italy (IT), in 1986 and worked in a vineyard until the end of 1987. He traveled next to Milan, IT, planning to continue his education. Due to financial difficulties, he became involved in selling and using illegal drugs. Detainee was arrested in 1988 and again in 1991 on drug-related charges. He returned to Mazzarrone at the end of 1991 and stayed for a year, when he became more religious by praying and reading the Koran and other Islamic literature. Detainee returned to Milan in the middle of 1993 and began attending the Islamic Cultural Institute (ICI). At that time, Shaykh Anwar Shaban was the leader of the mosque and frequently spoke about jihad in Bosnia. In 1995, Italian authorities deported him to Tunisia, where he stayed for 11 months and then returned to the ICI in Milan. Detainee knew the Italian government was watching attendees of the ICI, so he moved to Varese, IT, in 1997 and supported himself by working odd jobs. Detainee was imprisoned in Italy in 1998, along

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with others from the ICI mosque, on terrorism charges connected to their membership in the Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA).<sup>2</sup>

**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** Following his release in June 1998, detainee met Moussa (NFI) and asked for help in going to Afghanistan. Detainee obtained a forged passport through his former drug contacts. In May 1999, detainee and Moussa flew to Zurich, Switzerland, where they stayed for one day before detainee flew on to Islamabad, Pakistan (PK). Moussa provided detainee with a letter that facilitated his entry into the Khaldan Training Camp, and the mobile phone number of Abu Hammam. Detainee drove from Islamabad to Peshawar, PK, and contacted Abu Hammam. Detainee and Abu Hammam then crossed into Afghanistan through Torkham, AF, and traveled to Jalalabad, AF, where they stayed one night in a Tajik guesthouse. Detainee met Abu Zubayr<sup>3</sup> there, and asked to travel with him the next day to Khowst, AF. Detainee showed the handwritten letter from Moussa to Ibrahim (NFI), the person in charge of the Khowst guesthouse. The next day, detainee went to the Khaldan facility and presented the letter to the *emir* (leader) of the camp, Abu Hareth,<sup>4</sup> to whom the letter was specifically addressed.<sup>5</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** Detainee trained at the Khaldan Camp from May 1999 through February 2000. While in Khaldan, detainee received training in the use of small arms, explosives, small artillery, walkie-talkies, and in combat tactics. At the completion of his training, detainee traveled to Jalalabad and received 20 days of additional explosives training from an Egyptian named Abu Khabbab.<sup>6</sup> Detainee stayed at a guesthouse during the time he was in Jalalabad with a man he identified as Zubayr (NFI). Detainee left Jalalabad in April or May 2000 and traveled to a guesthouse in Kandahar, AF, to relax for approximately two weeks. Detainee left Kandahar and went back to Jalalabad until March 2001, staying at the guesthouse where he had previously stayed. After waiting for a period of time to fight in Chechnya, detainee decided to go to the front lines at Karabel,<sup>7</sup> AF, in March 2001. Detainee was later moved from Karabel to Khwaja Ghar, AF, where he was again on

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<sup>2</sup> 000038 302 02-MAR-2002

<sup>3</sup> Analyst Note: Variant of the name Zubayr is Zubeir.

<sup>4</sup> >Analyst Note: Abu Hareth is assessed to be Muhammed Noor Uthman, aka (Abu al-Hareth), ISN US9SU-000707DP (SU-707). SU-707 was a weapons instructor at the Khalden Camp (see IIR 6 034 0657 02).

<sup>5</sup> 000038 302 02-MAR-2002

<sup>6</sup> >Analyst Note: Abu Khabbab is assessed to be explosives trainer Abu Khabab al-Masri, aka (Midhat Mursi al-Sayyid Umar) (see TD-314/21262-03, IIR 6 034 0423 05, and TD-314/64067-04 for more information about al-Masri).

<sup>7</sup> >Analyst Note: Karabel is assessed to be Karabagh, a 55th Arab Brigade fighting position between Kabul and Bagram that held three lines of troops (see 000067 MFR 08-SEP-2003). Multiple JTF-GTMO detainees fought at Karabagh.

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the front lines until August. Detainee then traveled to the front lines at Bagram, AF, where he remained until Ramadan.<sup>8</sup>

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

a. (S//NF) In November 2001, detainee went to Khowst for about three weeks. He learned that the fighting was going very badly for the Taliban and that the military was collapsing, so he decided to cross the border into Pakistan. Pakistani authorities captured a group of 30 fighters after they crossed the border from the Tora Bora region. The 30 included detainee and 29 others identified by senior al-Qaida operatives as bodyguards of UBL, al-Qaida operatives, or both. Detainee was transferred to US forces on 27 December 2001.<sup>9</sup>

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

- \$800 US<sup>10</sup>
- Plastic book cover

c. (S) **Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 11 January 2002

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

- Khaldan Training Camp
- Routes of ingress and egress to and from Afghanistan

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee has provided a substantial amount of information on his involvement with extremist groups, training, and activities on the front lines in Afghanistan. Detainee has also expressed his commitment to jihad. However, gaps remain in his timeline with regards to his activities in Italy and Afghanistan. Detainee remains careful to avoid associating himself with al-Qaida or any senior extremists. Detainee also avoids implicating himself in any type of leadership or management role within these groups, or having gone to Bosnia to fight.

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

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<sup>8</sup> 000038 302 02-MAR-2002, Analyst Note: Ramadan started on 17 November 2001 and ended 16 December 2001.

<sup>9</sup> IIR 6 034 1262 04, TD-314/36560-03, 000038 302 02-MAR-2002

<sup>10</sup> Analyst Note: Eight \$100 US bills; serial numbers: AB13222337, AB52926388V, AB52926383V, AA52237677A, CO1125613A, B88624205A, AB66808754S, and AF23532976B.

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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. Detainee was identified as the head of al-Qaida's Tunisian faction in Afghanistan. Detainee has numerous connections to senior al-Qaida officials, including UBL. Detainee is a veteran jihadist who received extensive training in the use of weapons and explosives and served in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Afghanistan. Detainee was captured in the Tora Bora region with 29 other mujahideen fighters identified as either bodyguards of UBL, al-Qaida operatives, or both. Detainee has verbally affirmed his commitment to jihad.

- (S//NF) Detainee is an al-Qaida member, who served as the *emir* of the al-Qaida Tunisian faction. Detainee has ties to numerous high-level al-Qaida officials and other extremist organizations.
  - (S//NF) Moussa (LNU) recruited detainee at the al-Mahid al-Thaqafi al-Islamia Mosque, more commonly known as the ICI in Milan. (Analyst Note: The Milan ICI, known for its active recruitment of jihadists and its affiliation with al-Qaida, was a key facility through which extremist networks in Italy, including the Sami Essid Ben Khemais Network to which detainee belonged, facilitated North Africans' travel to Bosnia, Chechnya, and Afghanistan.)
    - (S//NF) The Tunisian government identified detainee as an extremist who has been involved in extremist activities for over a decade. Detainee was a member of the Islamist group al-Nadha who was recruited by unspecified Islamic fundamentalists. Detainee participated in jihad in Bosnia in 1995 alongside members of the GIA.<sup>11</sup>
    - (S//NF) A Bosnian official identified detainee as part of a group of Tunisians, most of whom had been to Bosnia, who forged passports for use by terrorists.<sup>12</sup>
  - (S//NF) The Tunisian government reported that in 1998, detainee joined Seifallah Ben Hassine, aka (Seifullah Omer Bin Hussein), aka (Abu Ayadh), the founder and first *emir* (leader) of the TCG group in Afghanistan.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Analyst Note: Al-Nadha was created in 1979 by Rached Ghannouchi. At the end of the 1980s, this movement succeeded in infiltrating certain sectors of the Tunisian government, to include the military, the police, and academic establishments. After their suppression by the Tunisian authorities in 1992, most of the key members of al-Nadha fled in exile. Taking advantage of political asylum, especially in the United Kingdom, they attempted to link up with other radical movements, such as the Algerian Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), the GIA, and GSPC, as well as al-Qaida. In addition, they organized themselves into two movements, the FIT and the TCG (see IIR 6 897 0022 03).

<sup>12</sup> >IIR 7 100 0186 03

<sup>13</sup> TD-314/10238-02

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- (S//REL TO USA, GCTF) Abdul Bin Mohammed Bin Abess Ourgy, ISN US9TS-000502DP (TS-502), informed senior al-Qaida facilitator Mohamedou Ould Slahi, ISN US9MR-000760DP (MR-760), that detainee became the *emir* of the Tunisian al-Qaida faction in Afghanistan. Specifically, he was in charge of Tunisians who worked with UBL in Afghanistan, including TS-502, Salah Bin al-Hadi Asassi, ISN US9TS-000046DP (TS-046); Adel Ben Mabrouk Bin Hamida Boughanmi, ISN US9TS-000148DP (TS-148); and Adel Bin Ahmed Ibrahim Hkimi, ISN US9TS-000168DP (TS-168).<sup>14</sup> TS-760 asserted that detainee's position implied a high level of trust from UBL, and that detainee must have shown leadership abilities to have been placed in such a position.<sup>15</sup>
- (S//NF) The Tunisian government reported detainee was part of the Milan-based Sami Essid Ben Khemais Network.<sup>16</sup> Detainee was involved in terrorist facilitation and financing in Italy.
  - (S//NF) Detainee went to Italy in 1996 with individuals who had fought in Bosnia and stayed there until 1997. During detainee's time in Italy he was involved in the Sami Essid Network's document forgery, narcotics trafficking, and money laundering activities, and in recruiting operatives from Bosnia.<sup>17</sup> (Analyst Note: The Sami Essid Network was identified as the core of the TCG in Italy, and is linked to other jihadist cells, particularly the GIA. The network used its criminal activities to provide financial support to terrorist groups around Europe.<sup>18</sup>)
  - (S//NF) Detainee was associated with a GIA cell in Bologna, IT, in 1997 that included several Tunisians belonging to the armed branch of al-Nadha. A number of these Tunisians later traveled to Afghanistan, including at least eight who are detained at JTF-GTMO.<sup>19</sup> According to Italian military police, detainee was among 13 individuals arrested on 10 June 1998 in an anti-terror operation in Bologna, and charged with criminal and terrorism activities, including distribution of counterfeit banknotes, preparation of false documents, use of falsified Italian and foreign seals and visas, recycling of documents, and dealing in stolen

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<sup>14</sup> IIR 6 034 1262 04

<sup>15</sup> IIR 6 034 1004 04

<sup>16</sup> TD-314/10238-02, TD 314/36560-03

<sup>17</sup> TD-314/10238-02

<sup>18</sup> IIR 6 034 1397 04, TD-314/30103-02, TD-314/35198-01

<sup>19</sup> Analyst Note: Other TCG members who were also members of the Bologna cell, and who are currently at JTF-GTMO are TS-168; TS-502; Ahmad Muhammad Jumr al-Masaudi, ISN US9TS-000174DP (TS-174); Riyadh Bin Muhammad Tahir Nasiri, ISN US9TS-000510DP (TS-510); Hedili Abdoul Hedi Hammami, ISN US9TS-000717DP (TS-717); Abdullah Bin Ali al-Lutfi, ISN US9TS-000894DP (TS-894); and Lutfi Lagha, ISN US9TS-000660DP (TS-660).

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automobiles.<sup>20</sup> As of December 2002, Italian military police indicated that a number of TCG members, including detainee, still had outstanding Italian arrest warrants for their ties to the Bologna GIA cell.<sup>21</sup>

- (S//NF) The Tunisian government considers detainee to be among the most dangerous operatives in the TCG.<sup>22</sup> In February 2002, detainee received a 20-year sentence in absentia in Tunisia for being involved in a terrorist organization abroad.<sup>23</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee was captured with 29 other Arabs, many who were identified as senior al-Qaida operatives and UBL's bodyguards.<sup>24</sup>
- (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida Lieutenant, Zayn al Abidin Muhammad Husayn aka (Abu Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016) stated that he knew detainee as Salih al-Tunisi, but was uncertain of detainee's role within al-Qaida.<sup>25</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee stayed at al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses with other known extremists. (Analyst Note: Residence in these guesthouses implies an affiliation with al-Qaida.)
  - (U//FOUO) Detainee stated that he stayed for approximately two weeks in spring 2000 in a Kandahar guesthouse that was operated by an individual named Abu Waleed.<sup>26</sup> Said Muhammed Salih Hatim, ISN US9YM-00255DP (YM-255), identified Abu Waleed as the manager of the al-Qaida operated Hajji Habash Guesthouse in Kandahar.<sup>27</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee admitted staying at a guesthouse in Jalalabad with Abu Dujana (an alias used by TS-510), Zubayr (an alias used by TS-717), and Moussab (an alias used by TS-502). The house where he stayed is known as the Tunisian guesthouse, and is directly affiliated with the TCG.<sup>28</sup> Many of the individuals who had outstanding Italian arrest warrants for their GIA ties in the 1990s later stayed at this Tunisian guesthouse.<sup>29</sup>
  - (S//NF) The name Rida al-Tunisi, one of detainee's aliases, was found on a chart containing the names of captured mujahideen. The chart was recovered from a hard drive associated with al-Qaida senior facilitator Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, ISN

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<sup>20</sup> IIR 2 199 0017 02

<sup>21</sup> IIR 5 398 6003 03, TD-314/38907-01

<sup>22</sup> TD-314/05602-03

<sup>23</sup> TD-314/10238-02

<sup>24</sup> IIR 6 034 1262 04, TD-314/36560-03, 000038 302 02-MAR-2002

<sup>25</sup> TD-314/24151-02, TD-314/28434-02

<sup>26</sup> IIR 6 034 0233 02

<sup>27</sup> IIR 6 034 0193 03, 000255 302 22-OCT-2002

<sup>28</sup> 000038 302 02-MAR-2002

<sup>29</sup> IIR 5 398 6003 03, TD-314/38907-01

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US9KU-010024DP (KU-10024).<sup>30</sup> The same alias was also mentioned twice in Harun Fazul's unofficial autobiography, and is noted as being among important al-Qaida members whom the Pakistani government captured and handed over to US custody.<sup>31</sup>

- (S//NF) Detainee received training at extremist camps, which included the use and manufacturing of explosives.
  - (S//NF) According to the Tunisian government, detainee took part in military training while in Afghanistan with members of the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat (GSPC),<sup>32</sup> who planned to use their training to target unspecified European and American interests.<sup>33</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee initially believed he would use his Afghanistan training to fight jihad in Chechnya.<sup>34</sup>)
  - (S//NF) Detainee admitted attending the Khaldan Camp near Khowst. Detainee's training lasted from May 1999 through February 2000. Detainee indicated he was trained to use small arms, rocket propelled grenades (RPG), mortars or small artillery, and Yaesu walkie-talkie radios. His training also included city and mountain tactics.<sup>35</sup>
    - (S//NF) Abu Zubaydah stated detainee was in Kabul on 11 September 2001, at the house used by Khaldan Camp trainees. Detainee, Abu Zubaydah, Abu Ubaydah al-Jazairi,<sup>36</sup> Usama al-Jazairi,<sup>37</sup> Moath al-Jazairi, al-Qaida senior facilitator Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi, US9LY-000212DP (LY-212), and others celebrated at the house when they heard about the attacks on the news.<sup>38</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee received explosives training from Abu Jabar at the Khaldan Camp. The explosives training involved the use of C-3, C-4, dynamite, and electronic detonators. Detainee then traveled to Jalalabad, where he received additional explosives training from an Egyptian named Abu Khabbab. Detainee

<sup>30</sup> TD-314/13174-03

<sup>31</sup> >TD-314/03578-07; TD-314/03024-07, Analyst Note: Fazul Abdullah Mohammed, aka (Harun Fazul), was involved in the 1998 East Africa Embassy bombings, as well as the 2002 bombings of the Paradise Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya. Fazul is al-Qaida's chief operative in Africa.

<sup>32</sup> Analyst Note: GSPC is a National Intelligence Priorities Framework (NIPF) Priority 1A counterterrorism target. Priority 1A targets are defined as terrorist groups, countries that sponsor terrorism, or countries that have state organizations involved in terrorism that pose a clear and immediate danger to US persons or interests. This includes those preparing to employ Weapons of Mass Destruction.

<sup>33</sup> TD-314/10238-02

<sup>34</sup> IIR 6 034 0572 04

<sup>35</sup> 000038 302 02-MAR-2002

<sup>36</sup> Analyst Note: Abu Ubaydah al-Jazairi may be identical to Sufyian Barhoumi, US9AG-000694DP (AG-694), who used the alias Abu Ubaydah al-Jazairi.

<sup>37</sup> Analyst Note: Usama al-Jazairi may be Said Bin Brahim Bin Umran Bakush, ISN US9AG-000685DP (AG-685), who used the alias Usama al-Jazairi.

<sup>38</sup> TD-314/28434-02

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estimated that this training lasted approximately 20 days, and involved training in how to manufacture explosives using fertilizer and ammonium.<sup>39</sup>

- (S//NF) Midhat Mursi al-Sayyid Umar, aka (Abu Khabbab), is a known al-Qaida explosives expert who ran a camp in the Derunta Training Complex. Abu Khabbab instructed students on constructing improvised fuel explosives and has experience fighting with the mujahideen against the Russians in Afghanistan.<sup>40</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee provided an accurate layout description for the Derunta Training Camp and part of the Khaldan Training Camp.<sup>41</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee joined with the 55th Arab Brigade on the Kabul battle lines to defend against the US and Northern Alliance offensive.
  - (S//NF) Detainee admitted fighting on the front lines at Karabagh, Khwaja Ghar, Kabul, and Bagram from March of 2001 until November 2001.<sup>42</sup> (Analyst Note: Karabagh, Khwaja Ghar, Kabul, and Bagram, were all areas where the 55th Arab Brigade was operating.)
  - (S//NF) Detainee's TCG associates engaged in combat operations against US and Coalition forces after the US invasion of Afghanistan. TCG founder Abu Ayadh and TS-717 organized "the Jalalabad group," and volunteered to defend UBL and the embattled al-Qaida fighters at Tora Bora.<sup>43</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee was probably part of this group.)
- (S//NF) While in detention at JTF-GTMO, detainee has declared that he is absolutely convinced of the correctness of the jihadist struggle and hoped to die a martyr in fighting against the Americans and crusaders.<sup>44</sup> Detainee has declared that he was proud of his acts and would continue his fight if given the opportunity.<sup>45</sup>

**c. (U//FOUO) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed as a **HIGH** threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been semi-compliant and sometimes hostile to the guard force and staff. The detainee currently has 40 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS, with the most recent incident occurring on 20 March 2007, when he returned his library book with defacements. Detainee has 11 Report of Disciplinary Infraction for assault, with the most recent incident occurring on 19 September 2006, when he threw a cup of tea at a guard. Other incidents for which the detainee has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, unauthorized communications,

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<sup>40</sup> IIR 6 034 0055 02, IIR 6 034 0056 02, See Fusion Special Topic Paper Derunta Training Camp, See Fusion Special Topic Paper Khaldan Training Camp

<sup>41</sup> IIR 6 034 0115 02; IIR 6 034 0116 02

<sup>42</sup> >000038 302 02-MAR-2002

<sup>43</sup> TD-314/12008-03

<sup>44</sup> TD-314/05602-03

<sup>45</sup> TD-314/36560-03

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threats, failure to follow instructions and camp rules, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. Detainee had a total of five Reports of Disciplinary Infraction in 2006, and two so far in 2007.

**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 30 April 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee is a veteran of the Bosnian jihad. Detainee attended and was recruited through the ICI mosque in Milan. He has associations with various extremist groups and resided at several guesthouses in Afghanistan affiliated with these groups. He attended training at Khaldan Camp and received advanced training in explosives from a known al-Qaida instructor. Detainee held a position of leadership within al-Qaida in Afghanistan. Detainee fought on the front lines at various locations and was captured with a group of extremists in Tora Bora.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee's extensive connections to senior al-Qaida officials and other jihadist factions, along with his leadership role in Afghanistan, increase his intelligence value. He also has information on extremist operations and organizations in Bosnia and northern Italy and information regarding recruitment and facilitation of jihadists from Italy to Afghanistan. He has knowledge of the Khaldan and Derunta camps, including trainers, courses, leadership, and students. Detainee has information regarding guesthouses in Khowst, Jalalabad, and Kandahar. Detainee has information regarding his time on the front lines fighting against the Northern Alliance, and later, Coalition forces. He should have information regarding the 29 fighters with whom he was captured in November 2001.

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

- Extremist operations in Italy, including the ICI Mosque
- Jihad in Bosnia
- Extremist recruitment and facilitation between Europe and Afghanistan
- The Sami Essid Network, TCG, and GIA
- Extremist guesthouses and training camps in Afghanistan
- Tora Bora activities
- The group of fighters with whom he was captured

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 14 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.



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Rear Admiral, US Navy  
Commanding

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\* Definitions for intelligence terms used in the assessment can be found in the Joint Military Intelligence College October 2001 guide *Intelligence Warning Terminology*.