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

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN US9YM-000440DP (S)

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

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

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Mohammed Ali Fowza
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Muhammad Ali Abdallah Muhammad Bwazir, Usama Omar Abdel Rahman al-Hasemi, Walid, Muataz, Mohamed al-Hydrami, Abu Usama al-Hadrami
- Place of Birth: Hawra, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 1980
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000440DP



**2. (U//FOUO) Health:** Detainee is in good health.

#### **3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:**

**a. (S) Recommendation:** JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Transfer out of DoD Control (TRO). JTF-GTMO previously recommended detainee for Transfer out of DoD Control (TRO) on 30 May 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** *If released without rehabilitation, close supervision, and means to successfully reintegrate into his society as a law-abiding citizen, it is assessed detainee would probably seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities at home and abroad. Since transfer to JTF-GTMO, detainee continues to demonstrate his commitment to extremist activities within the camp. Detainee volunteered to be a suicide operative and actively participates in the hunger strikes. Detainee has been*

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*mostly non-compliant with guard force personnel. He has responded cooperatively during debriefs in the past, but currently withholds information of intelligence value.* Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida who admitted fighting against US and Coalition forces as a member of Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) 55th Arab Brigade.<sup>1</sup> Detainee was recruited by a prominent al-Qaida member and admitted he travelled to Afghanistan (AF) in 2000 to participate in extremist activities. Detainee received militant training at al-Qaida associated training camps and stayed at multiple al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses. JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

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

**c. (S//NF) Summary of Changes:** The following outlines changes to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation. (Changes in this assessment will be annotated by ➤ next to the footnote.)

- Updated detainee's account of events
- Added report identifying detainee as a volunteer suicide operative in JTF-GTMO

#### **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 attended school for nine years, but did not obtain a diploma or degree. He moved to Sanaa, YM, and lived with his brother Saleh in the student housing area of a technical science college where Saleh was a student. Detainee attended computer-training courses for several months, but dropped out and returned to live with his mother who wanted him to return to high school. Due to tensions among extended family, detainee returned to live with his brother Saleh and worked at his brother's word processing company.<sup>2</sup>

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<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. Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abd al-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.

<sup>2</sup> 000440 MFR 26-JUN-2003, 000440 KB 11-MAY-2002, 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002

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**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** Detainee heard about Afghanistan from Moammar Dayyan, aka (Abu Salem al-Hadrami).<sup>3</sup> Dayan boasted about having spent four years in Afghanistan, from which he had returned six months prior to recruiting detainee. Dayan suggested that detainee go to Afghanistan to receive religious instruction. After flunking out of computer training, detainee approached his family and requested to be sent to Saudi Arabia (SA) to work for his brother, Ahbas, the owner of several tobacco shops in Riyadh and Jeddah, SA. Detainee's family refused to give detainee money to travel to Saudi Arabia, so detainee agreed with Dayan's recommendation to go to Afghanistan. Dayan provided detainee with papers from a doctor stating detainee required medical treatment in Pakistan (PK), which enabled detainee to obtain a passport. Dayan helped detainee arrange for a visa, airplane tickets, and a letter of introduction to the Khaldan Training Camp in Afghanistan. Detainee's travel documents were issued under the alias Usama Omar Abdel Rahman al-Hashemi.<sup>4</sup> In about August 2000, Dayan met detainee at the Sanaa airport, gave him \$150 US and introduced him to Mouteeh Bak Tayyan, who accompanied detainee to Afghanistan. Detainee and Tayyan traveled to Kandahar, AF, via Karachi and Quetta, PK.<sup>5</sup> They went to an Arab guesthouse located near the Hajji Habbash mosque and the Institute for Arab Studies. Detainee turned in his passport and money for safekeeping. Soon after arriving at the house, everyone went to UBL's daughter's wedding in Kandahar. Detainee was told that Taliban Supreme Leader Mullah Muhammad Omar had closed the Khaldan camp and detainee's only option was to attend the al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee wanted to return home, but Tayyan convinced him to stay until his training was complete and then return.<sup>6</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** Detainee attended training at al-Faruq when it first opened in 2000. At that time, there were no permanent structures at the camp. There were only tents and an overhang, which was used as the mosque.<sup>7</sup> During detainee's training, UBL attended a funeral at the training camp. The training was scheduled to last about 40 days, but detainee left after 15 days because he did not care for the early morning schedule and the substandard food. Since he decided to leave early, Azzam, the camp commander, told detainee that he could never return. Detainee returned to the Arab guesthouse and retrieved his passport. He learned that his recruiter Dayan was at the front lines north of Kabul. Detainee traveled to Kabul with Yemenis named al-Qaqa, Abu Tariq, and Mihjin, and a Saudi named Asim. Detainee stayed at an Arab guesthouse in the Wazir Akbar Khan section of Kabul. Next, detainee went to the Said Center, Bilal Center, and Omar Seif Center

<sup>3</sup> 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 1474 03, Analyst Note: Abu Salem al-Hadrami is assessed to be a sub-commander under 55th Arab Brigade Commander, IZ-10026. Al-Hadrami was allegedly killed in battle.

<sup>4</sup> 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, 000440 MFR 07-JUL-2003, IIR 6 034 1474 03

<sup>5</sup> 000440 KB 11-MAY-2002, 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 1474 03

<sup>6</sup> 000440 MFR 07-JUL-2003, 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: This guesthouse is assessed to be the Hajji Habash guesthouse, a transient house used for trainees coming and going to al-Faruq or the front lines.

<sup>7</sup> 000440 302 10-AUG-2002

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on the front lines, and was issued an AK-47 assault rifle.<sup>8</sup> He then went to the Talha center, and while he was walking, he was shot in the right side of the torso. Detainee never saw the shooter, but believes he was hit by friendly fire. He was taken to the Taliban military hospital in Kabul after treatment at the hospital, detainee was sent to the Khana Fahim Arab house in the Karte Parwan area of Kabul.<sup>9</sup> He was cared for by an Afghan named Abdel Wahed for one and a half months before returning to the Bilal Center.<sup>10</sup> Detainee flew from Kabul to Mazar-e-Sharif, AF, on a Taliban-owned airplane. He spent six to seven months at Taloqan and Khwaja Ghar, AF, where he was when Northern Alliance (NA) commander Masood was killed.<sup>11</sup> Detainee was serving in an Arab unit located near Khwaja Ghar when the 11 September 2001 attacks occurred. Detainee was with an Afghan unit in the vicinity of Taloqan when the US bombing campaign started in Afghanistan.<sup>12</sup>

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

**a. (S//NF)** Detainee returned to Konduz and volunteered at an unidentified hospital for about a week until the Taliban surrendered to NA commander Dostum's forces. Under the terms of the agreement, the Taliban were to turn in their weapons and return to their homes as free men.<sup>13</sup> Detainee was part of a group that drove from Konduz to Mazar-e-Sharif<sup>14</sup> in order to surrender to Dostum's forces. On approximately 24 November 2001,<sup>15</sup> when detainee reached Mazar-e-Sharif, he was sent to the al-Istikh Barat Prison with five other Arabs and six or seven Afghans.<sup>16</sup> Detainee was kept in an underground cell with no sun and no light for two months.<sup>17</sup> (Analyst Note: the al-Istikh Barat Prison is assessed to be the Taliban "Estakbarat" (Taliban Intelligence Directorate) prison or jail located at Mazar-e-Sharif. Estakbarat has also been spelled as "Estekbarat" and "Istakhbarat" in different

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<sup>8</sup> IIR 6 034 0183 04, 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, 000440 KB 11-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: Centers are fighting positions on the front line. These three centers are associated with UBL's 55th Arab Brigade.

<sup>9</sup> Analyst Note: The Khana Fahim Arab house in the Karte Parwan area of Kabul is assessed to be the Ghulam Pacha transit house, which was overseen by IZ-10026 – see TD-314/21799-00 and JDIMS facilities page on the guest house.

<sup>10</sup> 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0697 04, 000440 SIR 12-FEB-2004

<sup>11</sup> 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, 000440 SIR 17-FEB-2004, IIR 6 034 0182 04, Analyst Note: Ahmad Shah Masood was killed on 9 September 2001.

<sup>12</sup> IIR 6 034 0182 04, Analyst Note: The US bombing campaign in Afghanistan began on 7 October 2001.

<sup>13</sup> 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002

<sup>14</sup> 000440 KB 11-MAY-2002

<sup>15</sup> 000440 SIR 06-NOV-2003

<sup>16</sup> 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002

<sup>17</sup> IIR 6 034 0181 04

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reporting.<sup>18</sup>). Pakistani forces transferred detainee to the control of US forces on approximately 28 December 2001.<sup>19</sup>

**b. (S) Property Held:** None

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 5 May 2002

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

- Al-Faruq Training Camp
- Arab and Taliban safe houses
- Possible al-Qaida or Taliban recruiter and travel facilitator Abu Salem
- Al-Qaida personnel
- UBL's security detail
- Front lines north of Kabul

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee has provided relatively detailed information on his story and timeline, which parallels that of many other young Yemeni jihadists. Most of the information that detainee has provided appears credible or can be corroborated. While he appears to have had indirect high-level connections, a lack of identification from other detainees indicates a probable low-level importance.

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

**a. (S) Assessment:** Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests, and its allies.

**b. (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer out of DoD Control:** *If released without rehabilitation, close supervision, and means to successfully reintegrate into his society as a law-abiding citizen, it is assessed detainee would immediately seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities at home and abroad. Since transfer to JTF-GTMO, detainee continues to demonstrate his commitment to extremist activities within the camp. Detainee volunteered to be a suicide operative and actively participates in the hunger strikes. Detainee has been mostly non-compliant with guard force personnel. He has responded cooperatively during debriefs in the past but currently withholds information of intelligence value.* Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida, who fought US and

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<sup>18</sup> IIR 6 034 1292 04

<sup>19</sup> 000440 CAPDATA 15-JAN-2002, Analyst Note: Al-Istikh Barat is assessed to mean Ishtakbarat, which translates to intelligence.

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Coalition forces in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade. He received militant training and stayed at al-Qaida associated training camps and guesthouses.

- (S//NF) Detainee spent 18 months on the Taliban front lines as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade fighting US and Coalition Forces.
  - (S) While fighting on the front lines, detainee reported that his superior, Abu Hassan al-Abyani, reported to Moammar Dayan, aka (Abu Salam al-Hadrami), who in turn reported to the commander of the 55th Arab Brigade, IZ-10026.<sup>20</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee claims to not know IZ-10026 personally, but to have seen him on several occasions near the front lines around Khwaja Ghar.<sup>21</sup>)
    - (S) Detainee recognized a photograph in Yemeni passport # 00470151 as belonging to Moammar Saeed Abod Dayan, the recruiter who helped him travel to Afghanistan.<sup>22</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee admitted to being wounded while part of the front lines fighters attached to the Bilal Center.<sup>23</sup>
    - (S) Detainee stated Mouteeh Bak Tayyan, aka (Bilal al-Hadrami), who traveled with detainee from Yemen, was killed along with Omar Saif, the former leader of the Bilal Center, who was replaced by Dayan after their deaths.<sup>24</sup>
  - (S) During his 18 months on the front lines, detainee fought with or was associated with many of the front line positions to include the Bilal Center, the Said Center, the Omar Seif Center, and the Talha Center.<sup>25</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee was part of a combat group located in Khwaja Ghar and led by Abu Hassan al-Abyani. Detainee provided the names of 19 other members of the group.<sup>26</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee trained at an al-Qaida training camp and stayed at al-Qaida associated guesthouses.
  - (S) Detainee admitted he attended al-Faruq Training Camp when it first opened in 2000.<sup>27</sup> Detainee initially reported he completed training, and then later reported he only stayed for 15 days. He reported on many of the weapons and training that were available to trainees. While at al-Faruq Training Camp, detainee saw UBL when UBL visited to attend a funeral. UBL also gave a speech near Bagram, AF,

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<sup>20</sup> 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0697 04, IIR 2 340 6400 02

<sup>21</sup> IIR 6 034 1381 04

<sup>22</sup> IIR 6 034 0136 04, 000440 KB 11-MAY-2002, 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, 000440 MFR 07-JUL-2003, IIR 6 034 1474 03

<sup>23</sup> 000440 MFR 24 MAY-2002

<sup>24</sup> 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0183 04

<sup>25</sup> 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, 000440 SIR 12-FEB-2004, IIR 6 034 0180 04, IIR 6 034 0697 04

<sup>26</sup> IIR 6 034 0727 04

<sup>27</sup> 000440 302 10-AUG-2002, 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002

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about the war against America and America's dislike for Muslims. UBL stated the US is the enemy and the reason for all Arab problems.<sup>28</sup>

- (S) John Walker Lindh thought he recognized detainee from the front lines or rear lines, or possibly from al-Faruq Training Camp.<sup>29</sup>
- (S) Detainee stayed at the Hajji Habash Guesthouse located near the Hajji Habash mosque and the Institute for Arab Studies in Kandahar. The leaders of the house were Abu Khulud and al-Sharawl. Detainee turned in his passport and money for safekeeping. While detainee was at this guesthouse, the guesthouse residents attended the wedding of UBL's daughter.<sup>30</sup>
- (S) Detainee stayed at the Khana Fahim Arab house, located in the Karte Parwan section of Kabul, recuperating for one and a half months after receiving a gunshot wound while on the front lines.<sup>31</sup> Detainee also called the place where he recovered the "Tarkhan Guesthouse."<sup>32</sup>
- (S) Abdul Zahir, ISN US9AF-000753DP (AF-753), who worked as an interpreter for IZ-10026, identified detainee as one of IZ-10026's al-Qaida soldiers at the Ashara guesthouse in the Karte Parwan neighborhood of Kabul.<sup>33</sup>
- (S) Detainee stayed at the Ansar guesthouse in Taloqan, run by Jumaboy Namangani in Taloqan.<sup>34</sup> Detainee stayed at the house for one day before continuing to the front lines near Khwaja Ghar.<sup>35</sup> Detainee reported that Abu al-Fida al-Taazi stayed with detainee at the Ansar guesthouse.<sup>36</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee's name and variants thereof were found on multiple documents recovered during raids on al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses in Pakistan. These documents indicated that Yemeni passport was in detainee's trust account.<sup>37</sup> (Analyst

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<sup>28</sup> 000440 HANDNOTE 15-JAN-2002(b), IIR 2 340 6281 02,

<sup>29</sup> John Walker Lindh - FM40 12-SEP-2002, Analyst Note: Lindh pleaded guilty to supporting the Taliban and carrying explosives and was sentenced to 20 year imprisonment.

<sup>30</sup> 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, IIR 2 340 6281 02 Analyst Note: Abu Khulud is assessed to be Ibrahim Baalawi, aka (Abu Khulud), a known al-Qaida recruiter and manager of an al-Qaida safe house in Kandahar. Baalawi was reportedly killed during the bombing of the Kandahar airport in November 2001.

<sup>31</sup> 000440 MFR 24-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0183 04

<sup>32</sup> IIR 6 034 0744 04

<sup>33</sup> IIR 6 034 0312 03

<sup>34</sup> 000440 SIR 17-FEB-2004, IIR 6 034 0965 04

<sup>35</sup> IIR 6 034 0965 04

<sup>36</sup> 000440 SIR 17-FEB-2004, Analyst Note: Al-Taazi is assessed to be ISN US9YM-000045DP (YM-045), a former UBL bodyguard. Jumaboy Namangani, the leader of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), was reportedly killed by US military operations in November 2001. The IMU is a National Intelligence Priorities Framework (NIPF) Priority 1B Counterterrorism (CT) target. Priority 1B targets are defined as terrorist groups, especially those with state support, countries that sponsor terrorism or countries that have state organizations involved in terrorism that have demonstrated both intention and capability to attack US persons or interests.

<sup>37</sup> TD-314/40693-03, Item 23; AFGP-2002-905527 30-JUL-2002, Item 23; TD-314/47683-03, Item 14, a comment was added to this line item stating "according to other captured material, an individual named Usama al-Hadrami was listed as killed in Afghanistan per TD-314/17125-03, dated 1 May 2003; TD-314/42895-02, Item 14.

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Note: Such lists are indicative of an individual's residence within al-Qaida, Taliban, and other extremist guesthouses, often for the purpose of training or coordination prior to travel to the front lines or abroad. Trust accounts, also referred to as safety boxes or safety deposit boxes, were simple storage compartments such as envelopes or folders that guesthouse administrators used to secure the individual's personal valuables, such as passports and plane tickets. These items were entrusted to the guesthouse until completion of training or other activity.)

- (S//NF) Detainee continues to engage in extremist activities since his detention at JTF-GTMO.
  - (S//NF) Sulaiman Awath Sulaiman Bin Ageel al-Nahdi, ISN US9YM-000511DP, (YM-511) identified detainee as a voluntary suicide operative for a suicide plan organized by Abdul Latif Nasir, ISN US9MO-000244DP, (MO-244) and Ghassan Abdallah Ghazi al-Sharbi, ISN US9SA-000682DP, (SA-682).<sup>38</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed as a **LOW** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been compliant and non-hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 31 reports of disciplinary infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 31 January 2008, when he was reported being in possession of contraband. He has seven reports of disciplinary infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 07 December 2006, when he was reported spitting on the guard force. 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, unauthorized communications, damage to government property, assaults, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of five reports of disciplinary infraction and one so far in 2008.

**8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:**

**a. (S) Assessment:** Detainee is assessed to be of **LOW** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 18 August 2008.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee had access to training and personnel at al-Faruq when it was a new training camp. Time spent on the front lines placed detainee in a position to report on locations, personnel, training, and logistics. No reporting indicates detainee served in a leadership or operational planning capacity.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee is assessed to be substantially exploited. He has provided numerous and detailed reports on his story and timeline, to include available

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<sup>38</sup> >000511 SIR 13-OCT-2007, GUAN-2007-E03510

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paramilitary training and front line locations and personnel. He may be able to provide incriminating information on other detainees.

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

- Al-Qaida Islamic extremist recruiting for jihadist activities in Afghanistan
- Militant training at al-Qaida supported training camps
- Taliban military operations
- UBL's 55th Arab Brigade
- Terrorist and foreign fighters-movement and logistics
- Communication means utilized in Afghanistan

**9. (S) EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 1 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*.