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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 US9YM-000522DP (S)

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

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

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Yassim Qasim Muhammad Ismail Qasim
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Yasin Qassem Muhammad Ismail, Yasen al-Taazi Roubi, Abu Yala Yasein Kasim Hammad Ismail, Abu Zara, Abd al-Rahim
- Place of Birth: Ibb, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 1979
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000522DP



**2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good 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 1 June 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 other extremist activities. Since transfer to JTF-GTMO, detainee has threatened and assaulted the guard staff, expressed anti-American sentiment while referencing Usama Bin Laden (UBL) and deceased leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Although detainee has*

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*provided information of intelligence value, detainee's level of cooperation during debriefs has significantly dropped since being deemed an enemy combatant in 28 August 2004.*

Detainee is an admitted member of al-Qaida who is assessed to have fought on the front lines in Afghanistan (AF) against US and Coalition forces as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade<sup>1</sup>. While in Afghanistan, detainee reportedly commanded forces in Bagram and Tora Bora. Prior to fighting on the front lines, detainee received specialized training at various al-Qaida affiliated camps to include the al-Faruq<sup>2</sup>, Malik, Asil<sup>3</sup>, an unidentified camp in Bagram, and possibly the Khaldan Camp. Detainee also studied Arabic and Islamic law at the al-Qaida affiliated Islamic Institute in Kandahar, AF, operated by UBL's spiritual advisor Mahfouz Ould al-Walid, aka (Abu Hafs al-Mauritani). Detainee acknowledged staying at al-Qaida facilities and his name has been found on al-Qaida documents. 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 reporting indicating detainee's alias is listed on suspected al-Qaida documents
- Added reporting indicating detainee's was a leader in the Bagram front lines
- Included additional reporting on hostilities detainee may have participated in
- Included additional reporting on training detainee may have received
- Added reporting on detainee's behavior and activities since arriving in JTF-GTMO

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<sup>1</sup> Analyst Note: The 55th Arab Brigade, also referred to in reporting as the al-Qaida Brigade, the Mujahideen Brigade, and the Arab Fighters, 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 (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. For additional information see 55th Arab Brigade 01-Feb-1998, FBI 3540-01548-026-0015, DIA CAR 55th Arab Brigade 18-Sep-2001, IIR 2 340 6362 02, 000440 SIR 04-Mar-2004, IIR 6 034 0246 02, IIR 6 034 0252 06, 000078 SIR 14-Oct-2006, and Various ISNs COLISEUM ANS I005-04-0132.

<sup>2</sup> Analyst Note: Training at al-Faruq was conducted in 4 phases: small arms firing, physical conditioning, map reading/topography, and explosive devices. Generally, trainees completed all phases as a requirement for basic training. Following completion of their basic training, trainees had an opportunity to sign up for specialized courses. The courses available at al-Faruq or other locations included sniper, forgery, mountain or urban tactics, heavy weapons (such as mortars), medical, and assassination/ambush (see NGIC-1139-7046-04 15-OCT-2003).

<sup>3</sup> Analyst Note: Detainee reported that the Asil training camp was originally one of the al-Faruq training camps, but was called Asil because it was in the Asil region (see IIR 6 034 1167 04, IIR 6 034 0158 05).

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**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 completed his schooling in 1998 or early 1999, and enrolled in the Imam al-Baihani Institute in Yemen, while working on a farm.<sup>4</sup> His village had three tribes known as the Ismail, al-Hubayshi, and Mehdi tribes.<sup>5</sup>

**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** In 1999, detainee traveled to Taiz, YM, to the Furqan Mosque. At the Furqan Mosque, detainee met Abu Khulud who advised detainee to receive training in Afghanistan in order to fight in Chechnya. Abu Khulud arranged detainee's travel to Afghanistan, to include obtaining a passport. Detainee decided to immigrate to Afghanistan.<sup>6</sup> In approximately September 1999, detainee traveled from Sanaa, YM, to Afghanistan, via Dubai, United Arab Emirates (AE), and Karachi, Pakistan (PK), with two individuals whose aliases were Abu Ibrahim and Abu Ubayda. A Pakistani national named Abu Uthman escorted detainee's group from Quetta, PK, to a guesthouse in Kandahar, AF, operated by Zubayr al-Haili. Two other individuals from detainee's hometown of Ibb joined detainee's group on their journey to an unspecified Arab guesthouse in Kabul, AF.<sup>7</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** In late 1999 to early 2000, detainee trained for two months at the al-Faruq Camp near Kabul, AF, on the AK-47 assault rifle, PK machine gun, rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs), and basic explosives, followed by a two-month tactical operations course. Detainee then returned to Kabul and stayed at the Azzam Guesthouse. Detainee traveled to Kandahar and attended the Islamic Institute operated by Abu Hafs al-Mauritani for five months.<sup>8</sup> In 2001, detainee returned to Kabul and received training on mines and artillery at the Malik and Asil camps for up to a month, and then returned to the Fahim Guesthouse in Kabul. Detainee attended other training courses before returning to

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<sup>4</sup> TD-314/29493-02, 000522 302 25-FEB-2002

<sup>5</sup> IIR 6 034 0861 02

<sup>6</sup> IIR 6 034 0694 03, TD-314/29493-02, Analyst Note: Abu Khulud is assessed to be a Yemeni al-Qaida recruiter, facilitator, and trainer named Ibrahim Baalawi. Abu Khulud operated multiple safe houses in Kandahar. Detainee reported the house was operated by Ubayr al-Haeii, assessed to be a misidentification for Zubayr al-Haili, aka (Badr Abd al-Karim al-Sudayri). Al-Haili ran al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan along with the al-Nibras and al-Ansar guesthouses in Kandahar, AF.

<sup>7</sup> TD-314/29493-02, IIR 6 034 0695 03, IIR 6 034 0694 03,

<sup>8</sup> IIR 6 034 1167 04, IIR 6 034 0694 03, 000522 KB 19-MAY-2002, TD-314/29493-02, Analyst Note: Al-Mauritani is identified as a Tier 0 Target on USCENTCOM's High Value Individual list. Tier 0 HVI targets are defined as individuals which are members, enablers and or facilitators affiliated with specific terrorist and Iraqi insurgent groups which pose a clear and immediate danger to us and coalition forces interests.

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Kandahar again for three months during which time he attended the Islamic Institute.<sup>9</sup> Detainee again returned to Kabul and attended a two-week mine training course at an unidentified camp in Bagram, AF.<sup>10</sup>

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

**a. (S//NF)** Detainee claimed he departed Kabul for Jalalabad on the first day of the US bombing campaign because it was unsafe for Arabs to remain.<sup>11</sup> Detainee stayed at the Najm al-Jihad Guesthouse and planned to return to Yemen for Ramadan (17 November 2001 through 16 December 2001).<sup>12</sup> Two weeks later, detainee traveled to Tora Bora and waited for his passport. While there, he heard that Kabul and Jalalabad had fallen to the Northern Alliance (NA).<sup>13</sup> Khaled Qasim, ISN US9YM-000242DP (YM-242), reported that Pashtun tribesman captured detainee; Umar Said Salim al-Dini, ISN US9YM-000549DP (YM-549);<sup>14</sup> and YM-242 together in Tora Bora. Detainee was injured in Tora Bora,<sup>15</sup> and detainee stated Afghans informed him they would take him to a hospital but instead took them to jail<sup>16</sup> on 20 December 2001.<sup>17</sup> Detainee was transferred from the custody of General Hazari Ali in Jalalabad<sup>18</sup> to the Ministry of Security Prison in Kabul,<sup>19</sup> and then transferred to US custody in Kandahar.<sup>20</sup>

- **(S) Property Held:** None

**b. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 1 May 2002

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

- Training and individuals associated with:
  - The al-Faruq, Malik, and Asil training camps located in Kabul
  - The unidentified training camp in Bagram

<sup>9</sup> IIR 6 034 0694 03, IIR 6 034 1167 04

<sup>10</sup> TD-314/29493-02, 000522 KB 19-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0694 03

<sup>11</sup> Analyst Note: The US bombing campaign began on 9 October 2001.

<sup>12</sup> 000522 302 24-MAY-2002

<sup>13</sup> 000522 302 06-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: Kabul fell on 13 November 2001 and Jalalabad fell on 14 November 2001.

<sup>14</sup> 000522 SIR 12-May-2004, IIR 6 034 0723 02

<sup>15</sup> IIR 6 034 0723 02

<sup>16</sup> IIR 6 034 0861 02

<sup>17</sup> 000522 PROFILE 9-JUN-2002

<sup>18</sup> TD-314/00129-02

<sup>19</sup> TD-314/03378-02

<sup>20</sup> IIR 6 034 1552 03

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- Personalities associated with the following safe houses:
  - The Hajji Habash Safe House in Kandahar
  - The Ghulam Bacha, Azzam, and Fahim Safe Houses in Kabul
  - The Najm al-Jihad Safe House in Jalalabad
- An Islamic radical facilitator from Yemen, Abu Khulud, and his network in Yemen, Pakistan, and Afghanistan to include methodology, facilities used, and personalities involved
- Tribal interactions in Yemen
- The types of weapons used by the Taliban, al-Qaida, and other terrorists and organizations, to include infantry weapons, explosives, mines, artillery, and anti-aircraft weapons
- Various people associated with the Furqan Mosque in Yemen, to include their ideologies and possible terrorist connections

**(S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee's account is incomplete and includes contradictions. For example, detainee stated that he did not attend university, but separately stated he attended the Imam al-Baihani Institute. Detainee also stated he traveled with his two companions from Yemen, but in another statement he claimed that he met them at a guesthouse. The detainee's story has evolved over time, including the admissions and subsequent retractions of involvement with al-Qaida. Detainee omits key details regarding training, associates, and activities. Detainee does not explain his position or responsibilities in Afghanistan. Detainee acknowledges his recruitment and training by an al-Qaida member, but is reluctant to discuss further associations. Additionally, detainee has been mostly uncooperative during debriefs since being deemed an enemy combatant, making it difficult to clear up the inconsistencies in detainee's account.

**6. (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:** *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 other extremist activities. Since transfer to JTF-GTMO, detainee has threatened and assaulted the guard staff, expressed anti-American sentiment while referencing Usama Bin Laden (UBL) and deceased leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Although detainee has provided information of intelligence value, detainee's level of cooperation during debriefs has significantly dropped since being deemed an enemy combatant in 28 August 2004. Detainee is an admitted member of al-Qaida with confirmed associations with*

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high-level al-Qaida members. Detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade, and was reported to be a commander of troops in Bagram and the Tora Bora region of Afghanistan. Detainee admitted receiving advance training at al-Qaida affiliated camps, including al-Faruq, Malik, Asil, an unidentified camp in Bagram, and possibly the Khaldan Camp. Detainee stayed at multiple al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses and safe houses. Detainee admitted studying at the Islamic Institute in Kandahar, AF, operated by UBL's spiritual advisor Abu Hafs al-Mauritani.

- (S//NF) Detainee is an admitted member of al-Qaida with direct ties to high level al-Qaida facilitators, recruiters, and operatives.
  - (S//NF) Detainee admitted membership in al-Qaida. Detainee also admitted direct ties with various senior al-Qaida operatives in Afghanistan, including UBL's religious advisor Abu Hafs al-Mauritani, and USS COLE bombing co-conspirator Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka (Khallad), aka (Silver), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014).<sup>21</sup>
    - (S//NF) The Yemeni Political Security Organization (PSO) identified detainee as a Yemeni al-Qaida member believed to have been in Afghanistan in 2001.<sup>22</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee admitted being recruited by al-Qaida operative Abu Khulud, who facilitated his travel to Afghanistan.<sup>23</sup> Abu Khulud later operated the Hajji Habash Guesthouse in Kandahar, AF.<sup>24</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee traveled to Kandahar twice and stayed at the Islamic Institute located across the street from the Hajji Habash Guesthouse. Detainee probably associated with Abu Khulud during these visits.)
    - (C) Detainee's alias is listed under the heading "Names of Brethrens Who Are in the Prison" on a document linked to al-Qaida. The document lists missing, killed, and imprisoned al-Qaida members.<sup>25</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee fought on the front lines in Afghanistan, reportedly commanded forces in Bagram and Tora Bora, and is assessed to have been a fighter in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade.

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<sup>21</sup> TD-314/29493-02

<sup>22</sup> TD-314/49402-01, Item CC; TD-314/01498-02, Item 4, TD-314/00121-02

<sup>23</sup> IIR 6 034 0071 05, TD-314/29493-02, Analyst Note: Abu Khulud is reported to have been killed during fighting at the Kandahar Airport in November 2001 (see TD-314/38227-03).

<sup>24</sup> IIR 6 034 0071 05, 000522 KB 19-MAY-2002, Analyst Comment: Abu Khulud recruited or facilitated the travel of at least five other assessed al-Qaida members detained at JTF-GTMO: Samir Naji al-Hasan Moqbil, ISN US9YM-000043DP (see 001457 SIR 08-OCT-2004); Muhammad Ahmed Said Haider, ISN US9YM-000498DP (see IIR 6 034 0056 05); Muhssin Muhammad Mugible al-Askarry, ISN US9YM-000193DP (see 000193 302 19-MAY-2002); Abd al-Rahman Abdu Abu al-Ghayth Sulayman, ISN US9YM-000223DP (see IIR 6 034 0365 02); and Saeed Ahmed Muhammad Abdullah Sarem Jarabh, ISN US9YM-000235DP (see TD-314/28759-02).

<sup>25</sup> >IIR 7 739 3111 02, HARMONY AFGP-2002-003790-HT

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- (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), reported detainee was the commander of a military group in Tora Bora with extensive fighting experience gained on the front lines near Bagram and Tora Bora, Afghanistan.<sup>26</sup> YM-252 reported detainee was in charge of approximately 20 people, and that detainee was known for giving fiery speeches designed to encourage other fighters.<sup>27</sup> (Analyst Note: The Bagram front lines were an area of operation for UBL's 55th Arab Brigade during the start of the US-led Coalition attacks in Afghanistan. Numerous JTF-GTMO detainees, who are assessed to have been a part of the 55th Arab Brigade, were present in the Bagram front lines.)
- (S//NF) Detained al-Qaida member, Tariq Mahmud Ahmad, ISN US9EG-000535DP, reported detainee was the *emir* (leader) of the Bagram front in Afghanistan.<sup>28</sup>
- (S//NF) Muhammad Nasir Yahya Khusruf, ISN US9YM-000509DP (YM-509), reported detainee fought on the front lines in Bagram with the Taliban. Detainee and YM-509 were together in Kabul, Kandahar, and Jalalabad.<sup>29</sup>
- (S//NF) Badr Muhzi Muhammad al-Qarni, a Saudi extremist who was being held in Saudi Arabia, stated that Rubi al-Yemeni, assessed as detainee, was present with him in the front lines in Afghanistan. Additionally, al-Qarni reported that when the US-led Coalition attacks began in Afghanistan, al-Qarni and the other residents of the Azzam Guesthouse, where he was residing at the time, were ordered to the front lines of Bagram.<sup>30</sup> (Analyst Note: Rubi is a variant of detainee's alias, Roubi, and al-Yemeni identifies Yemen as the country of origin for the individual, the same country where detainee is from. Previous reporting indicates groups fighting in the northern front line areas of Afghanistan used the Azzam Guesthouse exclusively.<sup>31</sup>)
- (S//NF) A training camp form probably linked to al-Qaida states that a 22 year old Yemeni named Rubai, aka Abu Zura (variants of detainee's aliases), participated in an offensive operation as an RPG assistant. On the form, Abu Zura's battlefield supervisor wrote that "[Abu Zura] has put a great effort at the frontline and he is covering a large gap."<sup>32</sup> (Analyst Note: Rubai and Abu Zura are variants of detainee's aliases, Roubi and Abu Zura.)

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<sup>26</sup> 000252 FM40 23-FEB-2005, 000252 SIR 14-MAR-2007, 000252 FM40 05-JAN-2005

<sup>27</sup> 000252 FM40 05-JAN-2005, 000252 SIR 14-MAR-2007

<sup>28</sup> >000535 MFR 23-APR-2004

<sup>29</sup> 000509 SIR 19-MAY-2002

<sup>30</sup> >TD-314/56694-05,00252 FM40 23-FEB-2005

<sup>31</sup> >IIR 6 034 0231 03, IIR 6 034 0282 03

<sup>32</sup> >HARMONY AFGP-2002-901078 19-FEB-2002, Analyst Note: Besides having the same aliases, other similarities exist between Abu Zura and detainee that indicate they are the same person. For one, they are both Yemenis of roughly the same age. Additionally, the document states that Abu Zura arrived in Afghanistan on Rajab/1420 (October 1999), this is around the same time frame detainee arrived in Afghanistan. Lastly, the document states that Abu Zura completed basic training on the first of Shaban (November 1999) and a mountain

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- (S//NF) Detainee admitted receiving advanced training at al-Qaida affiliated camps, including al-Faruq, Malik, Asil, an unidentified camp in Bagram, and possibly the Khaldan Camp.<sup>33</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee received two months of training on the AK-47, PK machine gun, RPGs, and basic explosives at the al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee also completed a two-month tactical operations course at al-Faruq.<sup>34</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detained al-Qaida operative Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, aka (Haytham al-Kini), ISN US9TZ-010012DP (TZ-10012), recognized detainee as someone who trained at al-Faruq in the winter of 1999. TZ-10012 added that detainee received standard training in weapons and tactics.<sup>35</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee admitted twice attending the Malik Camp, aka (Sabir al-Qed), aka (Camp Nine). During his first stay at the camp, detainee received training on the SAM-7 anti-aircraft missile and heavy artillery. During his second stay, detainee received mortar training and additional artillery training on 75 mm and 82 mm cannons.<sup>36</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee received two-weeks of training on mines in Bagram, AF.<sup>37</sup>
    - (S) EG-535 reported detainee is proficient in limpet mines.<sup>38</sup>
  - (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida lieutenant Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), photo-identified detainee as a trainee at Khaldan Camp.<sup>39</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee's alias is listed in a training camp form probably linked to al-Qaida. The form indicates that Rubai, aka Abu Zura (variants of detainee's aliases), is a 22 year old Yemeni who arrived in Afghanistan on Rajab/1420 (October 1999). The form further states that Abu Zura completed basic training on the first of Shaban (November 1999), a mountain tactics course on Shawwal (January 2000), and will be receiving further training on various anti-aircraft weapons. The form also lists artillery, urban warfare, anti-aircraft, and other special training as course preferences for Abu Zura.<sup>40</sup> (Analyst Note: Various similarities exist between detainee and Abu Zura, indicating they are probably the same person. Detainee and Abu Zura are both Yemenis who share the same alias, are roughly the same age, arrived in Afghanistan

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tactics course on Shawwal (January 2000). Detainee also completed basic training and a mountain tactics course around the same time.

<sup>33</sup> 000522 KB 19-MAY-2002

<sup>34</sup> TD-314/29493-02, TD/314-03378-02

<sup>35</sup> TD-314/10820-06

<sup>36</sup> IIR 6 034 0861 02

<sup>37</sup> IIR 6 034 0861 02, Analyst Note: For additional information on mine training at Bagram, see IIR 2 340 6360 02.

<sup>38</sup> >000535 MFR 23-APR-2004

<sup>39</sup> TD-314/10835-06

<sup>40</sup> >HARMONY AFGP-2002-901078 19-FEB-2002

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- around the same time frame in 1999, and received similar training from late 1999 to early 2000.)
- (S//NF) Detainee probably stayed at multiple al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses and safe houses.
    - (S//NF) While in Afghanistan, detainee may have stayed at the Hajji Habash Guesthouse in Kandahar in January 2001, the Ghulam Bacha Guesthouse in Kabul in the spring of 2001, and the Fahim Guesthouse in Kabul in the summer of 2001.<sup>41</sup> (Analyst Note: The Hajji Habash Guesthouse was a transient house used for trainees coming and going to al-Faruq or the front lines). Detainee identified photos of UBL and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, stating he saw both at a guesthouse in Kandahar. Additionally, detainee saw UBL a second time at a guesthouse in Kabul.<sup>42</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee claimed he was at the Najm al-Jihad compound in Jalalabad, AF, in November 2001 when UBL visited.<sup>43</sup> Adel Bin Muhammad Abbess Ouerghi, ISN US9TS-000502DP (TS-502), stated that the Najm al-Jihad compound was operated by al-Qaida and owned by UBL.<sup>44</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee reportedly stayed at the Azzam Guesthouse in Kabul, AF in late 2001.<sup>45</sup> Abd Zaher, ISN US9AF-000753DP (AF-753), reported that the Azzam Guesthouse was used for fighters who were heading to or returning from the front lines.<sup>46</sup> YM-252 also reported that the Azzam Guesthouse was a UBL private guesthouse.<sup>47</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee's name was found on two documents recovered from raids on suspected al-Qaida safe houses in Pakistan. One of the documents provided an additional alias of Abu Zara for detainee, and noted that detainee's safety deposit box held a Yemeni passport, an ID card, and a will.<sup>48</sup> The other document, found on the hard drive of Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, ISN US9KU-010024DP (KU-10024), provided detainee's name and alias on a list of captured fighters.<sup>49</sup> (Analyst 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,

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<sup>41</sup> 000522 KB 19-MAY-2002

<sup>42</sup> 000522 302 25-FEB-2002, IIR 6 034 0861 02

<sup>43</sup> IIR 2 340 6666 02

<sup>44</sup> IIR 2 340 6602 02, IIR 2 340 6473 02

<sup>45</sup> 000522 KB 19-MAY-2002

<sup>46</sup> IIR 6 034 0290 03

<sup>47</sup> 000252 FM40 23-FEB-2005

<sup>48</sup> TD-314/40693-02, Item 309; TD-314/13174-03 (page 8)

<sup>49</sup> TD-314/13174-03

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- such as passports and plane tickets. These items were entrusted to the guesthouse until completion of training or other activity.)<sup>50</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee attended three different al-Qaida associated mosques and institutes.
    - (S//NF) Detainee admitted spending five months, beginning in the late spring of 2000, at the Islamic Institute, aka (Mahad Taleem al-Arabiyya), in Kandahar, AF; studying Arabic and Islamic law.<sup>51</sup> Detainee identified and admitted associating with the director of the Institute as a Mauritanian named Abu Hafez, likely referring to UBL's spiritual advisor Abu Hafs al-Mauritani. Two of the instructors were Abu Yousef and Abu Sulayman, who were also Mauritanian.<sup>52</sup>
      - (S//NF) Analyst Note: Since many of the high-level al-Qaida members frequented the Islamic Institute, detainee's attendance at this Institute indicates a higher level of trust and prestige and commitment within al-Qaida than that of a simple fighter. It was probably during this time that detainee stayed at Zubayr al-Haili's Guesthouse. Al-Haili was involved in providing funds for the Islamic Institute.<sup>53</sup>
      - (S//NF) GZ-10016 reported Abu Hafs and Abu Sulayman were members of the al-Qaida religious committee, which provided guidance for al-Qaida on all religious matters and also issued *fatwa* (religious decrees.)<sup>54</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee admitted being recruited at the Furqan Mosque in Taiz, YM.<sup>55</sup>
      - (S//NF) Detainee claimed that Abu Khulud used the Furqan Mosque to recruit fighters.<sup>56</sup>
      - (S//NF) Yemeni PSO also reported that the Furqan Institute, which is affiliated with the Furqan Mosque, served as a meeting and recruiting ground for extremists in Yemen.<sup>57</sup> Many Yemeni al-Qaida members have ties to the institute, including those involved in the attack on the USS COLE.<sup>58</sup>
  - (S//NF) Since transfer to JTF-GTMO, detainee has assaulted the guard staff, expressed anti-American sentiment, and threatened the guard staff while referencing UBL and deceased leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. During cell clean

<sup>50</sup> > DAB Guesthouse Administration 14-Apr-2008

<sup>51</sup> IIR 6 034 1340 04, IIR 6 034 0861 02, IIR 2 340 6278 02

<sup>52</sup> IIR 6 034 0861 02, IIR 2 340 6278 02

<sup>53</sup> 000230 SIR 06-SEP-2006

<sup>54</sup> TD-314/28084-02

<sup>55</sup> IIR 6 034 0861 02 TD-314/29493-02, 000522 302 25-FEB-2002,

<sup>56</sup> IIR 2 340 6308 02

<sup>57</sup> Analyst Note: The Furqan Institute is also called the Institute for Islamic Law (see IIR 6 034 0059 05).

<sup>58</sup> TD-314/26614-02, Analyst Note: At least five other JTF-GTMO detainees studied at the Furqan Institute, and may have been recruited there: Uthman Abd al-Rahim Muhammad Uthman, ISN US9YM-000027DP (see IIR 6 034 0327 02); Muaz Hamza Ahmad al-Alawi, ISN US9YM-00028DP (see TD-314/28762-02); Mahmoud Abd al-Aziz Abd al-Mujahid, ISN US9YM-00031DP (see 001457 FM40 17-JUN-2004); Faruq Ali Ahmed, ISN US9YM-000032DP (see IIR 6 034 0059 05); and Majid Mahmud Abdu Ahmad, ISN US9YM-00041DP (see TD-314/29155-02).

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up, detainee assaulted a guard staff member and spat in his face.<sup>59</sup> In a separate incident, detainee threatened another guard staff member by stating “tell Osama Bin Laden to take his [prayer rug] off and he will tell you remember 9/11 and how we killed all those people. Tell Zarqawi and beg him not to cut off your ears, nose and head.”<sup>60</sup> Similarly, in another incident, detainee told a guard staff member that he is “stupid and needs to meet Osama Bin Laden and Zarqawi.”<sup>61</sup> Lastly, detainee has stated that all Americans from Bush down to the military police are “stupid Americans who have no intelligence.”<sup>62</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Detainee’s Conduct:** Detainee is assessed as a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been compliant and non-hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 26 reports of disciplinary infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 18 July 2008, when he was found in possession of contraband. He has eight reports of disciplinary infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 25 October 2006, when he threw meal trash at 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 four so far in 2008.

## 7. (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 3 November 2008.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee was in Afghanistan from September 1999 until his capture in December 2001. Detainee has openly admitted associating with high-level al-Qaida facilitators, trainers, recruiters, and operatives. Detainee visited al-Qaida affiliated institutes and mosques known for preaching extremist ideology. Detainee received advanced training in multiple tactical disciplines. Detainee had access to multiple al-Qaida affiliated safe houses and guesthouses and associated individuals.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee is likely withholding information on all aspects of his story. Detainee’s admission that he attended four training camps and received

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<sup>59</sup> >JIG INCIDENT REPORT 25-OCT-2006 20:29:00

<sup>60</sup> >JIG INCIDENT REPORT 24-SEP-2006 20:06:00, Analyst Note: Zarqawi’s group in Iraq was infamous for beheading hostages.

<sup>61</sup> >JIG INCIDENT REPORT 22-FEB-2006 14:48:00

<sup>62</sup> >JIG INCIDENT REPORT 08-NOV-2005 19:59:00

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specialized training, along with his presence at several Islamic institutes and mosques, indicates that he played a more active role in al-Qaida than he acknowledges. YM-252's claim that detainee was a military commander, and YM-509's claim that detainee fought in the front lines of Bagram require further exploitation. Detainee has admitted relationships with a number of al-Qaida members and associates, but has provided very limited information beyond claiming to have known them in Afghanistan. Detainee refuses to provide information about his instructors and individuals with whom he attended the Imam Baihani Institute in Yemen.

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

- Al-Qaida members, training, communication, logistics, and planning
- Detainee's involvement in fighting on the front lines and Tora Bora
- Extremist training, recruitment, and facilitation activities in Yemen
- Detainee's dealing with individuals at the Kandahar Institute of Islamic Studies
- Identities and roles of associates at the multiple guesthouses attended
- Terrorist biographical/psychological information

**8. (S) EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 28 August 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*.