

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA APO AE 09360

JTF GTMO-CG 11 January 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 9lst Avenue, Miami, FL 33172.

SUBJECT: Transfer Recommendation for Guantanamo Detainee, Neyaz Walijan, ISN: US9AF-00640DP

- 1. (S) **Personal Information**: Neyaz Walijan is an Afghani national born in 1971 (age 31) in Khowst, Afghanistan. Detainee has active tuberculosis but in otherwise in good health.
- 2. (FOUO) **Detention Information** Subject detainee worked as a shoe repairman in the Khowst Bazaar near the Spin Jemahat Mosque. He shared a home in Toopechi, a small village near the Khowst Airport, with his brother, Patcha Walijan for seven years. While local security forces were performing a routine search of the detainee's home, they discovered a large, thick hard cover book. Detainee was questioned about the nature of the book but was unaware of its existence. Detainee was arrested and taken to the U.S. camp that was collocated with the Khowst Airport. His brother, Patcha, was not arrested at that time because he was not present when the house was searched. Several days later, Patcha freely visited detainee at the U.S. camp to inquire about the nature of the book but was told to mind his own business. Shortly thereafter, Patcha was also arrested and they both were transferred to U.S forces. Detainee was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, because of his knowledge of the Spin Jemahat Mosque used by the Taliban in Khowst, Afghanistan. He arrived on 11 January 2002. The detainee has been cooperative, but Joint Task Force Guantanamo considers the information obtained from and about him as not valuable or tactically exploitable.
- 3. (S) Assessment: Based on current information, detainee ISN: US9AF-00640 is assessed as neither affiliated with al-Qaida nor as being a Taliban leader. Moreover, based on the detainee folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the results of which are available on the JTF Guantanamo detainee database, the detainee has no further intelligence value to the United States and will not be seen for further intelligence purposes. Subject detainee has not expressed thoughts of violence or made threats toward the U.S. or its allies during interrogations or in the course of his

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detention. Based on the above, detainee does not pose a future threat to the U.S. or U.S. interests.

- 4. (S) **Recommendation**: In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be considered for release or transfer to the control of another government.
- 5. (C) Coordination: JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 6 January 2003.

Major General, U.S. Army

Summandring

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