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

SUBJECT: Detainee Assessment Brief ICO Guantanamo Detainee, ISN PK9YM-0001457DP (S)

# **JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

# 1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Abdu Ali Sharqawi
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj, Riyadh the Facilitator, Abdul Qadir, al-Mudhafar, Aziz, Hassan, Haytham, Riyadh al-Taizi, Riyadh Sharqawi, Abu Talha al-Yemini
- Place of Birth: Taiz, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: <u>26 May 1974</u>
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): PK9YM-0001457DP
- **2.** (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in overall good health.

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

**a.** (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee was a senior al-Qaida facilitator who swore *bayat* (oath of allegiance) to and personally recruited bodyguards for UBL. Detainee has ties to numerous high-level al-Qaida members and operational personnel, including individuals involved in the 11 September 2001 attacks. Detainee was responsible for moving money and fighters into Afghanistan prior to the fall of the Taliban. After the Taliban fell, detainee provided assistance to hundreds of foreign fighters seeking to flee from Afghanistan to Pakistan or to their home countries. Detainee traveled to Bosnia for jihad in the mid-1990s and spent one year fighting before returning to Yemen. Detainee is associated with a planner of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks and with 11 of the hijackers. [ADDITIONAL

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# INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DETAINEE IS AVAILABLE IN AN SCI SUPPLEMENT.] 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

**b.** (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  $\triangleright$  next to the footnote.)

- Added new alias for detainee, Abu Talha al-Yemini<sup>1</sup>
- Added further information concerning detainee's capture
- Added information showing detainee's close relationship to UBL
- Added further reporting on detainee's connections to attacks on US forces and al-Qaida financing activities

# 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:** In 1993, detainee graduated from high school in Taiz and attended Taiz University for one and a half years. In 1994, detainee moved to Sadaa, YM and attended the Dar al-Hadith Institute in Dimaj, YM, which was founded by prominent radical Shaykh Muqbil al-Wadi. While at the Dimaj Institute, detainee met Abdul Quddus al-Qadi, who helped him travel to Bosnia for jihad.<sup>2</sup> In 1995, detainee left Yemen and flew from Sanaa to Frankfurt, Germany. After one month in Germany, detainee determined it was not possible to obtain an entry visa to Croatia, so he took a train to Austria, where he had success obtaining a visa. With his visa, detainee took a train to Croatia and arrived in Bosnia about February 1995. Detainee attended training with the Mujahid Battalion of the Bosnian

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ➤000252 SIR 18-JUN-2008; Analyst Note: In the same report, YM-252 talks about a Talah al-Yemini. This is not the same person as detainee. YM-252 just states Abu Talha al-Yemini is a *kunya* (alias) of detainee. <sup>2</sup> Dimaj Institute Expansion INTSUM 01-JUN-2005, Analyst Note: US Defense attaché office (USDAO Sanaa) reporting from December 2001 indicated that the Dar al-Hadith Institute, aka (Dimaj Institute), variant (Dimaj

reporting from December 2001 indicated that the Dar al-Hadith Institute, aka (Dimaj Institute), variant (Dimaj Center), engages in legitimate religious study while facilitating the recruitment and training of extremist elements. The Dimaj Institute houses 3,000 to 4,000 students. Numerous JTF-GTMO detainees, including some identified as UBL bodyguards, attended the Dimaj Institute or had connections or associations to its founder (see 000029 Yemen Times 21-JUL-2000 for more info on Shaykh al-Wadi; see DAB Abu Bakr University Analysis (JDIMS References) for additional information on the Dimaj Institute and links to Salafist training and al-Qaida.)

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Army for 40 days.<sup>3</sup> Training consisted of both physical and weapons training. Weapons training included the AK-47 assault rifle and hand grenades.<sup>4</sup>

**b.** (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: In approximately February 1996, detainee returned to Yemen. Detainee wished to join the Chechen jihad, but because of the difficulty in getting there, he traveled to Nairobi, Kenya (KE) in 1996. A week later, detained returned to Yemen after being informed that Kenya was not safe. In 1997, detainee traveled to Bangladesh and remained there for a month before returning to Yemen. In December 1997, detainee traveled to Saudi Arabia (SA) for the *umra* (minor pilgrimage).<sup>5</sup> In 1998, detainee traveled to Syria for a kidney operation and returned to Yemen approximately one month later. Around this time, detainee received a phone call from Abdul Razzaq Basalih, aka (Abu Salih), whom detainee knew from Bosnia in 1995.<sup>6</sup> Abu Salih convinced detainee to help send people to Afghanistan from the Taiz area. Detainee provided travel assistance in the form of visas, passports, airline tickets, and money to those wanting to travel to Afghanistan to receive training. Detainee bribed officials and forged documents in order to obtain illegal visas and passports. Abu Salih and a man named Ibrahim al-Madani, aka (Anjasha), whom detainee also knew from Bosnia, gave detainee money to facilitate personnel travel to Afghanistan. On 18 August 2000, detainee and Abu Salih departed Yemen and traveled to Kandahar, AF, via Karachi and Ouetta, PK.8

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee attended a training camp where Radwan al-Jazairi taught him electronics. Following the October 2000 bombing of the USS COLE, much of the Arab population in Afghanistan was in chaos. Detainee decided to link up with UBL's entourage for a few months. In early 2001, detained traveled to Karachi, where he met al-Qaida facilitator Abu Yasir al-Jazaieri, aka (Abu Bakr Muhammad Bulghiti), aka (Abu Hamza), and resumed his facilitation efforts on behalf of Yemeni militants attempting to travel to Afghanistan. <sup>10</sup> In late spring and early summer of 2001, detainee assisted

8 IIR 6 034 0071 05, TD-314/04584-04

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Analyst Note: The Mujahid Battalion was made up of Arabs who entered Bosnia in the mid-1990s to fight alongside the Bosnian Army against Bosnian Croats.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> IIR 6 034 0071 05, Analyst Note: Shaykh Muqbil Bin Hadi al-Wadi (deceased) was the founder of the al-Salafiah (Salafist) Movement in Yemen and operated a number of institutions and organizations, including the Dimaj Institute.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Analyst Note: The *umra*, or minor hajj, is a visit to the Kabbah in Mecca, SA, during a time not designated for the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Analyst Note: Abu Salih was a well-know al-Qaida facilitator (see IIR 4 201 1908 06).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Analyst Note: Anjasha al-Madani was a fundraiser for extremist causes, and facilitated the travel of several other JTF-GTMO detainees (see TD-314/43756-02, TD-314/27330-03).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Analyst Note: Radwan, possibly the brother of Adil Hadi al-Jazairi Bin Hamlili, ISN PK9AG-001452DP (AG-1452), was a member of the Pankisi George toxins network (see TD-314/13830-04).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Analyst Note: Abu Yasir al-Jazaieri was the head of finance and propaganda for al-Qaida in Afghanistan prior to September 2001. Abu Yasir al-Jazairi traveled to Afghanistan with AG-1452 and was captured in March 2003 (see TD-314/57502-03).

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militants at a rate of five to fifteen travelers per week. In late summer 2001, detainee returned to Kandahar due to escalating Pakistani mistreatment of mujahideen, including frequent robbery and harassment. Detainee spent most of his time traveling between Kabul, Kandahar, Logar, and Tora Bora, AF. In late-2001, detainee left Tora Bora and met up with a Saudi named Abu al-Maali, who convinced detainee to travel to Pakistan to assist Arab mujahideen. Upon arriving in Karachi, detainee moved into the home of Abd al-Rahim Hussayn Muhammad al-Nashiri, aka (Mullah Bilal), ISN US9SA-010015DP (SA-10015). Detainee went by the alias Aziz and quickly became well-known. Detainee received and passed on over \$500,000 US in the course of his facilitation activities. Detainee estimated that he assisted approximately 100 fighters depart Pakistan prior to his capture. 11

# 5. (U) Capture Information:

- **a.** (S//NF) Pakistan's Inter-Service Intelligence Directorate (ISID), working in conjunction with US officials, arrested detainee and sixteen others on 7 February 2002 during a raid on a suspected al-Qaida safe house in Karachi. Along with the capture of the safe house occupants, two life vests containing traces of explosives were confiscated. 13
- b. (S) Property Held: None
- c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 19 September 2004
- **d.** (S//NF) **Reasons for Transfer to JTF-GTMO:** To provide information on the following:
  - Al-Qaida facilitators Abu Muath al-Jiddawi and Abu al-Maali
  - Yemeni recruitment procedures
  - Guesthouse operators Hutheifa and Abu Dhahak

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 001457 SIR 01-OCT-2004, TD-314/04584-04

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> TD-314/41195-04, Analyst Note: Detainee was captured with a number of other JTF-GTMO detainees including Jalal Salam Awad Awad, ISN US9YM-000564DP (YM-564), Abd al-Hakim Abd al-Rahman Abd al-Aziz al-Musa, ISN US9SA-000565DP, (SA-565, transferred), Mansoor Muhammed Ali Qattaa, ISN US9SA-000566DP (SA-566), Adel Zamel Abd al-Mahsen al-Zamel, ISN US9KU-000568DP (KU-568, transferred), Zuhail Abdo Anam Said al-Sharabi, ISN US9YM-000569DP (YM-569), Sabri Muhammad Ibrahim al-Qurashi, ISN US9YM-000570DP (YM-570), Saad Madhi Saad Hawash al-Azmi, ISN US9KU-000571DP (KU-571, transferred), Salah Muhammad Salih al-Dhabi, ISN US9YM-000572DP (YM-572), Rustam Akhmyarov, ISN US9RS-000573DP (RS-573, transferred), Hamud Hassan Abdallah, ISN US9YM-000574DP (YM-574), Saad Bin Nasser Ibn Mukbil al-Azani, ISN US9YM-000575DP (YM-575), Zahar Omar Hamis Bin Hamdoun, ISN US9YM-000576DP (YM-576), Abd al-Aziz Abduh Abdallah Ali al-Suwaydi, ISN US9YM-000578DP (YM-578), Khirullah Said Wali Khairkhwa, ISN US9AF-000579DP (AF-579), Shed Abdur Rahman, ISN US9PK-000581DP (PK-581, transferred), and Richard Dean Belmar, ISN US9UK-000817DP (UK-817, transferred). See IIR 6 034 0862 04, and the SCI addendum for more information on those captured with detainee.

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- Haji Habbash Guesthouse, aka (al-Ansar Guesthouse), aka (Abu Khulud Guesthouse)
- UBL's security detail and bodyguards
- **6.** (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee has provided a fairly consistent and truthful account of his activities and associates. However, detainee continues to withhold some information from US debriefers and, since transfer to JTF-GTMO, has proven mostly uncooperative. Detainee potentially possesses information relevant to threats against the US and its allies.

# 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 was a senior al-Qaida facilitator who personally recruited bodyguards for UBL and became UBL's confidant. Detainee swore bayat to UBL. Detainee had associations with multiple senior al-Qaida members and Islamic extremists including individuals involved in the 11 September 2001 attacks. Detainee was responsible for facilitating the movement of funds and personnel in support of al-Oaida's terrorist network. Detainee worked closely with other al-Qaida facilitators, trainers, and guesthouse managers. After the Taliban fell, detainee provided assistance to hundreds of foreign fighters seeking to flee from Afghanistan to Pakistan or to their home countries. Detainee traveled to Bosnia for jihad in the mid-1990s and spent one year fighting before returning to Yemen. Detainee was associated with several Yemenis involved in the October 2000 USS COLE bombing.
  - (S//NF) Detainee was a senior al-Qaida facilitator who personally recruited bodyguards for UBL and became UBL's confidant. Detainee swore bayat to UBL.
    - o (S//NF) In 1999 detainee began sending young Yemeni recruits to Afghanistan to be UBL bodyguards. 14
      - (S//NF) After sending reputable individuals who went on to become very close to UBL, detainee always got back greetings and well-wishes from UBL via couriers. Finally, in August of 2000, while detainee was in Afghanistan, UBL came to meet him. UBL came with many bodyguards and detainee remembered them because, "I am the one that sent them to Afghanistan in the first place." <sup>15</sup>
      - (S//NF) After his initial meeting, detainee spent all the time he could with UBL and on occasion detainee hiked the mountain trails of Afghanistan with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> ➤IIR 6 034 0211 07 <sup>15</sup> ➤IIR 6 034 0211 07

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UBL, who hiked them on a daily basis. Detainee stated that UBL had only one kidney but was in very good health. <sup>16</sup>

- (S//NF) UBL shared with the detainee his reasoning behind al-Qaida plans and purposes for its bombing campaign against the US in the 1990s. <sup>17</sup>
- o (S//NF) Detainee was personally tasked by UBL with facilitation activities and as a liaison to a group of disgruntled Yemenis. Detainee attended and actively participated in weekly meetings conducted by UBL. Detainee stated he is a close follower of UBL and views UBL as a man of greatness.<sup>18</sup>
- o (S//NF) According to a detained senior al-Qaida member, detainee swore *bayat* to UBL. <sup>19</sup>
  - (C//REL TO USA, GCTF) Detainee stated if he is released, he would likely rejoin UBL. <sup>20</sup>
  - (S//NF) Al-Qaida senior operations coordinator, Muhammad Ibrahim Makkawi, aka (Sayf al-Adl), attended the same meetings as UBL and detainee. Al-Adel was connected to the attacks on US forces in Somalia and the 1998 US embassy bombings. <sup>21</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee is personally acquainted with Abdullah Abd al-Qadir Tabarak Ahmed, ISN US9MO-000056DP (MO-056, transferred). Detainee met MO-056 when detainee first arrived in Kandahar. MO-056 was in charge of UBL's bodyguards. <sup>22</sup>
- Detainee has ties to numerous high-level al-Qaida members and operational personnel, including individuals involved in the 11 September 2001 attacks.
  - o (S//NF) Muhammad Atef, the military chief of al-Qaida, selected detainee to participate in an attack on the American Embassy in Yemen.<sup>23</sup>
  - $\circ$  (S//NF) Detainee was acquainted with a planner and 11 of the suicide operatives involved in the 11 September 2001 attacks.
    - (S//NF) Detainee met Ramzi Bin al-Shibh, ISN US9YM-010013DP, (YM-10013), a planner in the 11 September 2001 attacks on the United States, in Kabul after the attacks.<sup>24</sup>
    - (S//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR) Detainee photo-identified 11 of the hijackers involved in the 11 September 2001 attack. Detainee provided varying amounts of information on each individual. Detainee stated he was a good friend

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> ≽IIR 6 034 0242 07, IIR 6 034 0211 07

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> ➤IIR 6 034 0211 07

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> TD-314/47963-03, IIR 6 034 0088 05, 001457 SIR 21-FEB-2007

<sup>19</sup> TD-314/24274-04

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> IIR 6 034 0150 06

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> IIR 6 034 0088 05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> IIR 6 034 0088 05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> >TD-314/01604-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> IIR 6 034 0088 05

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of one of the hijackers, and saw three others daily at UBL's media center near Kandahar. <sup>25</sup>

- ♦ (S//NF) Detainee reported in early-2001, UBL and Abu Hafs al-Masri chose eight members of al-Qaida from the al-Ghamid group to carry out a special terrorist operation. In early February 2001, five of the eight members traveled to Karachi, where they stayed with Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, ISN US9KU-010024DP (KU-10024). In March 2001, detainee saw three of the hijackers (Mutaz al-Ghamidi, Julyabi al-Ghamidi, and al-Jarah al-Ghamidi) with UBL. In mid-April 2001, the three hijackers disappeared in Afghanistan, but later resurfaced at the guesthouse in Karachi with KU-10024. Detainee stated the three hijackers were given specific training on the use of the Internet and computers. <sup>26</sup>
- S//NF) Detainee was a facilitator and financier for al-Qaida and its recruits.
  (S//NF) Detainee provided support and funding to KU-10024.<sup>27</sup> Detainee stated YM-10013 and KU-10024 visited detainee's house in Karachi in January 2002 to discuss travel and finance issues associated with supporting militants who had fled Afghanistan after the Coalition bombing campaign started.<sup>28</sup>
  - o (S//NF) KU-10024 reported detainee was one of the primary facilitators in Pakistan. KU-10024 identified Muhammad Abd al-Rahman Sad al-Man al-Qatani, aka (Abu al-Maali) as another primary facilitator.<sup>29</sup>
  - o (C//REL TO USA, GCTF) According to Ayman Saeed Abdullah Batarfi, ISN US9YM-000627DP (YM-627), detainee was one of two main al-Qaida facilitators in Pakistan, the other being Omar al-Hadrami. Al-Hadrami was in charge of operations in Lahore, while detainee ran operations in Karachi. (Analyst Note: Al-Hadrami was in charge of facilitation operations in Lahore, PK. Al-Hadrami also had knowledge of the individuals suspected of being responsible for the 2001 anthrax attacks in the United States, and al-Hadrami provided information about the attacks to detainee. <sup>30</sup>)
  - o (S//NF) YM-627 reported Abu Maali was responsible for providing \$170,000 US from al-Qaida leadership to detainee. Abu Maali operated as a collection point for funds that were sent to UBL.<sup>31</sup>
  - o (S//NF) Detainee received money from Saudi Arabia and frequently wrote to two wealthy Saudis, Zakaria and Abd al-Samad, appealing for funds to assist fleeing mujahideen and their families. These men provided large sums of money on about 20

<sup>26</sup> TD-314/31694-02, TD-314/39587-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> IIR 4 201 2145 06

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> TD-314/39697-04, TD-314/16750-03

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> IIR 6 034 0088 05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> TD-314/39697-04

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> IIR 6 034 0040 07

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occasions between November 2001 and January 2002, totaling more than \$1,000,000 US.  $^{32}$ 

- (S//NF) Detainee separately estimated that he received and transferred \$500,000 US in late 2001, including one payment from Saudi Arabia of \$100,000 US. Detainee stated he sent some of the money to Abu al-Maali in Afghanistan via Afghan runners. After two shipments of cash, Abu al-Maali asked detainee to stop sending cash as it could not effectively be put to use in Afghanistan. 33
- o (S//NF) Detainee facilitated supplies sent to him by Ahmad Ibrahim Abu Hasana, aka (Abu Muaz al Jiddawi), for al-Qaida members in Afghanistan. These supplies included money, food, and passports.<sup>34</sup> According to YM-10014, al-Jiddawi provided logistics support to detainee. Detainee also reportedly sent money to al-Jiddawi after the 11 September 2001 attacks for al-Jiddawi to forward on to an al-Qaida operative in Mogadishu, Somalia.<sup>35</sup> (Analyst Note: Al-Jiddawi facilitated the travel to Afghanistan of several JTF-GTMO detainees, and he was known as the primary al-Qaida facilitator to be contacted in Saudi Arabia to get to Afghanistan.<sup>36</sup>)
  - (S//NF) Detainee stated he contacted Muhammad Sulayman Barre, ISN US9SO-000567DP (SO-567), in Karachi to transfer \$20,000 US to Egyptian Abd al-Karim Ahmad Ali, an al-Qaida operative who lived in Somalia. The money may have been used for the 2002 attacks on Israeli targets in Mombasa, KE. <sup>37</sup>
  - (S//NF) According to Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeeb Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), he first saw detainee in Quetta in 2001, along with Saudi facilitators Salem Sharif and Anas al-Mecci. Detainee controlled all transportation from Yemen to Afghanistan. When fighters wanted to go to Afghanistan, they gave detainee their passports, and he would use them to generate the necessary paperwork for their travel. He also supplied them with travel money. YM-252 stated detainee also smuggled electronic equipment and money using couriers out of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. (Analyst Note: Anas al-Mecci supported al-Jiddawi's recruitment efforts in Saudi Arabia.)
- (S//NF) Detainee facilitated the travel to and from Afghanistan and Pakistan for numerous mujahideen fighters, including at least 18 JTF-GTMO detainees. 40 (S//NF) In

34 TD-314/38966-02

<sup>32</sup> TD-314/13133-04, TD-314/10140-04

<sup>33</sup> TD-314/04584-04

<sup>35</sup> TD-314/02585-03

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Analyst Note: These include Ali Muhammad Nasir Muhammad Said, ISN US9SA-000172DP (YM-172) (see IIR 6 034 0136 05), and Haji Hajjaj Awwad al-Hajjaji al-Silmi, ISN US9SA-000245DP (SA-245, transferred) (see IIR 6 034 0154 02).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> 000567 SIR 28-JUL-2004, TD-314/02585-03

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> 000252 SIR 19-JUN-2007

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> 000252 SIR 12-JUN-2007

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> IIR 2 340 6680 02, IIR 6 034 0863 02, IIR 6 034 1325 03, IIR 6 034 1515 03, IIR 6 034 0059 05, IIR 6 034 0088 05, TD-314/38078-02, TD-314/38067 03, TD-314/48408-03, 001457 SIR 01-OCT-2004

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connection with his facilitation activities, detainee became acquainted with and worked closely with other al-Qaida facilitators, trainers, and guesthouse managers.

- o (S//NF) Detainee is a close associate of Hamza al-Qaiti, a well-known veteran extremist who later operated a network of al-Qaida guesthouses in Afghanistan.<sup>41</sup>
- o (S//NF) Detainee personally worked with Hassan Ghul, a well-known al-Qaida operative known for providing false passports, IDs, and transportation from Pakistan to Afghanistan.<sup>42</sup>
- o (S//NF) Detainee is a long time associate of Zubayr al-Haili, aka (Badr Abd al-Karim al-Sudayri). Al-Haili operated al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan and was a leading facilitator who assisted fighters entering and exiting Afghanistan. Before their association in Afghanistan, Zubayr al-Haili and detainee fought in Bosnia together.<sup>43</sup>
- o (S//NF) Detainee attended Shaykh Muqbil Bin Hadi al-Wadi's (deceased) Dimaj Institute prior to participating in militant operations in Bosnia. Al-Wadi was one of the most influential Yemeni Islamic leaders who preached in support of and financed militant attacks.<sup>44</sup>
- o (S//NF) Detainee knows Adnan el-Shukrijummah, aka (Jaffar al-Tayyar), a suspected al-Qaida operative. Detainee stated he initially met Shukrijummah in Bosnia in 1995, and then saw him in Saudi Arabia in 1997 during a pilgrimage. Detainee later met Shukrijummah in Pakistan or Afghanistan between August 2001 and January 2002. The FBI suspects that Adnan el-Shukrijummah was trained to operate as a terrorist organizer and field commander on the same level as the 11 September 2001 terrorist Muhammad Atta. 45
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- (S//NF) Detainee was associated with several Yemenis involved in the October 2000 USS COLE bombing.
  - o (S//NF) YM-252 stated detainee had prior knowledge of USS COLE bombing. 46
  - o (S//NF) Detainee stated he had fought in Bosnia with and later kept in contact with convicted USS COLE bombing participant Jamal Muhammad Ahmad Ali al-Badawi.<sup>47</sup>
  - o (S//NF) Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014), identified detainee as an al-Qaida facilitator. Detainee facilitated the travel from Yemen to Afghanistan of YM-10014's brother, Hassan Muhammed Ali Bin Attash, ISN PK9SA-001456DP (SA-1456).

<sup>42</sup> TD-314/42213-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> IIR 6 034 0059 05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> IIR 6 034 0059 05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> IIR 6 034 0071 05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> TD-314/17874-03, IIR 6 105 0013 04

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> >000252 SIR 14-JUN-2008

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> IIR 6 034 0097 05

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- (S//NF) YM-10014 is associated with two of the 11 September 2001 hijackers and was the USS COLE mastermind. 48)
- o (S//NF) Upon arriving in Karachi, detainee moved into SA-10015's home. (Analyst Note: SA-10015 is a senior al-Qaida lieutenant and a key individual behind the USS COLE attack.)
- c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed as a MEDIUM threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been mostly compliant and rarely hostile to the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 74 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 2 May 2008, when he was found in possession of contraband. He has 17 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 5 March 2007, when he struck a guard with a water bottle. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions and camp rules, inappropriate use of bodily fluids, unauthorized communications, damage to government property, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. On 31 January 2006, detainee was found in possession of dangerous contraband in the form of a razor. In 2007, he had a total of 15 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and three so far in 2008.

# 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 15 January 2008.
- **b.** (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee's placement and access puts him in a unique position to provide background information on numerous mid to high-level al-Qaida members. Detainee facilitated the travel of numerous fighters between Afghanistan, Pakistan and Yemen, and assisted Saudi Arabia-based facilitators. Detainee spent over two years in Afghanistan. Detainee has been involved with violent militant operations since 1995. Detainee has knowledge about the 11 September 2001 terrorists.
- **c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Due to detainee's long term association with militants and extremists, and extensive connections as a facilitator of personnel and financing, he has extensive knowledge of the operations and key figures of the al-Qaida network.

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

- Details on the 11 September 2001 hijackers
- Dimaj Institute

<sup>49</sup> TD-314/04584-04

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> TD-314/44345-03, IIR 2 340 6330 02, TD-314-00881-04

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- Non-government organizations (NGO) that support al-Qaida
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- UBL possible hiding locations, personality traits
- Hamza al-Qaiti
- Hassan Ghul
- Muhammad Atef
- Sayf al-Adl
- Other JTF-GTMO detainees
- Training camps
- Facilitators and financing networks
- Detainee's intentions after release from US custody
- Terrorist and foreign fighters training, motivation, movement, and logistics
- Terrorist biographical and psychological information
- Radicalization factors
- Terrorist operations in CENTCOM AOR
- Improvised explosive devices

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 18 November 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

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