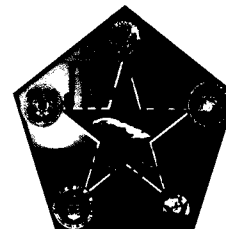




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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue,
 Miami, FL 33172

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO) for Guantanamo
 Detainee, ISN US9SA-000049DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Asim M Al Aasmi
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Walid Ibrahim Mustafa Abu Hijazi, Assem Matruq Mohammad al-Aasmi, Abdul Rahman al-Aasmi, Asim al-Otaibi, Asim al-Uzbaki, Ali Matruq al-Ousimi
- Place of Birth: Maan Village, Khan Younis, Israel (IS)
- Date of Birth: 18 February 1980
- Citizenship: Palestinian
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SA-000049DP



2. (U//FOUO) **Health:** Detainee is on a list of high risk detainees from a health perspective. Detainee suffers from Borderline Personality Disorder, with a long history of manipulative behavior with multiple suicidal threats and gestures and hospital admissions. Detainee requires daily contact from the Behavior Health Unit (BHU) to avoid further suicidal gestures.

3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:

a. (S) **Recommendation:** JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO). JTF-GTMO previously assessed detainee as Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) with Transfer Language on 2 June 2006.

b. (S//NF) **Executive Summary:** Detainee is assessed to be an Islamic extremist who was recruited to travel to Afghanistan for jihad. He admitted receiving militant training at al-

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Qaida's al-Faruq Training Camp and resided in al-Qaida associated 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 **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective
- Of **MEDIUM** 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 detainee's claim that the two individuals that traveled with him from Yemen to Afghanistan are JTF-GTMO detainees, with a tentative identification for one of them
- Added detainee's claim that he started using the *kunya* (alias) "Abu Asim" when he departed Mecca, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Added alias found associated with the name on detainee's false passport

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 a school operated by the United Nations.¹ His father removed him from the school to assist with the carpentry business.² Detainee later worked in his father's business and at a restaurant, but his jobs lasted no more than six months each.³ His employer at the restaurant gave him 350 Jordanian dinars (approximately \$493 US) to travel to Mecca, Saudi Arabia (SA), for the *umrah* (minor pilgrimage).⁴ In summer 2001,⁵ detainee and approximately 70 people made a pilgrimage from Palestine via Egypt to Mecca.⁶ When detainee's group arrived in Mecca, they found that the political climate towards Palestinians in Saudi Arabia, as well as their lack of money, made it difficult for the group to return home. The group decided to remain in Mecca until the Hajj when they felt they had a better chance of returning home.⁷

¹ IIR 6 034 0337 03

² IIR 6 034 0226 04

³ IIR 6 034 0337 03

⁴ IIR 6 034 0337 03

⁵ 000049 302 10-MAR-2003

⁶ IIR 6 034 0337 03

⁷ 000049 302 10-MAR-2003, Analyst Note: The next Hajj would have occurred in February 2002.

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b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee stayed in the al-Haram Mosque in Mecca for approximately three months. While there, he met a Saudi named Abu Mahmoud who occasionally brought food and money for detainee.⁸ Abu Mahmoud spoke to detainee about various topics including Palestine and the jihad in Afghanistan. Abu Mahmoud agreed to help detainee find work as a carpenter in Saudi Arabia if detainee would first travel to Afghanistan. Detainee was initially reluctant about traveling to Afghanistan, because detainee stated he could receive jihad training and fight jihad in Palestine. Detainee stated that he was raised to hate Jews, and that he would fight them because they were evil towards Palestinians.⁹ He eventually agreed to go to Afghanistan because he did not want to disappoint Abu Mahmoud and saw it as an opportunity to gain money and return home to get married. Abu Mahmoud took detainee to a photographer, had passport photos taken, and several days later returned with a Saudi Arabian passport with detainee's photo and the name Ali Matruq al-Ousimi.¹⁰ Detainee gave Abu Mahmoud his legitimate passport, which was then provided to Abu Mahmoud's cousin in Mecca.¹¹ When detainee left Mecca, he took on a new *kunya*, "Abu Asim."¹² Abu Mahmoud told detainee it would be easier to travel out of Yemen (YM), so the two traveled to Sanaa, YM, where they remained for several days. Two days before detainee departed Yemen he was introduced to two men who guided him to Afghanistan. Detainee and the two men,¹³ whom detainee stated are both detainees at JTF-GTMO,¹⁴ traveled from Sanaa to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and then to Tehran, Iran (IR). The group stayed in Tehran for several nights and then traveled to Tayyebat, IR, via Mashhad, IR. Detainee's group crossed the Iranian-Afghan border and traveled to Herat, AF. They stayed in Herat for four days before being taken to an Arab guesthouse in Kandahar, AF.¹⁵

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: After two weeks at the guesthouse in Kandahar, detainee traveled to the al-Faruq Training Camp, leaving his passport in the guesthouse for safekeeping. Detainee trained for two weeks on small arms, but everyone dispersed on 12

⁸ IIR 6 034 0337 03, Analyst Note: Detainee also described another individual whom he met, a Pakistani named Abu Mohammad (see TD-314-06932-02). The relationship between these two individuals is unclear in detainee's story.

⁹ IIR 6 034 0226 04

¹⁰ 000049 302 10-MAR-2003; also referenced in 000049 302 30-OCT-2002, IIR 6 034 0337 03, 000049 FM40 10-AUG-2004, 000049 FM40 24-JUN-2003, 000049 302 26-JUN-2003, Analyst Note: Although detainee initially provided a false story as a Saudi citizen to accompany his timeline, detainee's travel through Iran is consistent in both versions of his story (see IIR 6 034 0184 02).

¹¹ IIR 6 034 0702 02

¹² > 000049 FM40 30-JUL-2003

¹³ 000049 302 10-MAR-2003

¹⁴ > 000049 FM40 30-JUL-2003, Analyst Note: Detainee identified one of his traveling companions as Yahya.

¹⁵ 000049 302 10-MAR-2003

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September 2001 in response to the attacks the day before in the US. Detainee traveled to Khowst, AF, where he stayed in a house, and then moved to a village where tents were set up and marked with a red cross in hopes that the US would not bomb them.¹⁶ Detainee remained in Khowst for approximately three months. While in Khowst, detainee was injured when a fellow mujahid handled a grenade carelessly and it exploded near detainee.¹⁷ Detainee was taken to a hospital in Khowst and then later smuggled across the border to a Pakistani (PK) hospital, where he underwent surgery.¹⁸

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Pakistani authorities took detainee into custody as he was being transferred to a hospital in Peshawar, PK. Detainee was taken to a Pakistani military hospital for two weeks and then to a clinic. He was questioned by US forces while in the clinic¹⁹ and then transferred to US custody in Peshawar, PK, on 27 December 2001.²⁰

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

c. (S) **Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 16 January 2002

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

- Methodologies and individuals used in the recruitment of young Islamic militants in the Middle East

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee admits having told two substantially different stories. He initially stated that he was a Saudi citizen and provided a story consistent with being a Saudi to explain his timeline. His later admitted being Palestinian after he felt assured he would not be turned over to Israeli authorities, as he had originally believed would happen.²¹ The timeline he has provided since identifying himself as a Palestinian citizen is

¹⁶ 000049 302 10-MAR-2003

¹⁷ IIR 6 034 0643 02

¹⁸ 000049 302 10-MAR-2003

¹⁹ 000049 302 10-MAR-2003

²⁰ TD-314-00845-02, B.18

²¹ 000049 MFR 23-MAR-2002, IIR 6 034 0184 02, IIR 6 034 0178 02, 000049 302 30-OCT-2002, 000049 302 02-APR-2002, IIR 6 034 0643 02, Analyst Note: A Saudi Delegation that visited JTF-GTMO in 2002 stated that detainee is not a Saudi citizen, and that the Saudi passport on which he traveled was forged. The delegation stated that detainee is a Palestinian from Gaza with no connection to Saudi Arabia beyond traveling to Mecca for the *umrah* (see TD-314/29199-02)..

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consistent with the activities of other mujahideen that traveled to Afghanistan and attended training in early fall 2001. However, significant pieces of his story, such as traveling with two individuals who are now at JTF-GTMO, have not been confirmed.

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 allies.

b. (S//NF) **Reasons for Continued Detention:** Detainee is assessed to be an Islamic extremist who traveled to Afghanistan for jihad. He admitted receiving militant training at al-Qaida's al-Faruq Training Camp, and probably resided in al-Qaida associated guesthouses.

- (S//NF) Detainee received militant training in Afghanistan.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted receiving small arms training in late August or early September 2001 at the al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee fled from al-Faruq to Khowst after 11 September 2001, fearing US retaliation on Afghanistan.²² (Analyst Note: This claim is consistent with the accounts of other JTF-GTMO detainees that claimed to have been at al-Faruq at the same time.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee claimed he received training on the AK-47 assault rifle, rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs), PK machine gun, and an unidentified pistol.²³
- (S//NF) Detainee resided in al-Qaida associated guesthouses.
 - (S//NF) Detainee spent four days at an Arab guesthouse in Herat with two Yemeni traveling companions, who he noted as being detained at JTF-GTMO, and five permanent residents.²⁴ Detainee partially identified one of his traveling companions as Yahya.²⁵
 - (S//NF) Analyst Note: Detainee has been unable or unwilling to identify his Yemeni traveling companions who he says are at JTF-GTMO. The route detainee took from Yemen to Afghanistan is uncommon, with most Yemenis traveling through Pakistan rather than Iran. One possible JTF-GTMO detainee who may fit detainee's description is Abdallah Yahya Yusif al-Shibli, ISN US9YM-000240DP (YM-240), who used the same route at about the same time.²⁶
 - (S//NF) Khalid Abdallah Abd al-Rahman Salim al-Mawraqi, ISN US9SA-000339DP (SA-339, transferred), who also stayed at the Herat guesthouse for 25

²² 000049 302 10-MAR-2003; also referenced in IIR 6 034 0337 03, 000049 FM40 10-AUG-2004, 000049 FM40 24-JUN-2003, 000049 FM40 14-OCT-2003, IIR 6 034 0318 04, 000049 302 26-JUN-2003

²³ 000049 FM40 30-JUL-2003

²⁴ 000049 FM40 07-MAR-2003

²⁵ 000049 FM40 30-JUL-2003

²⁶ 000240 MFR 17-SEP-2003

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days, stated that Abdul Majid was second-in-command at the guesthouse.²⁷ SA-339 further stated that the Herat guesthouse was a transit point for foreigners entering Afghanistan from Iran,²⁸ a statement corroborated by other detainees.²⁹

- (S//NF) Detainee stayed at an Arab guesthouse in Kandahar where its occupants discussed going to fight in Chechnya and everyone in the house was issued a Kalashnikov. Detainee's two Yemeni traveling companions went their separate ways after arriving at the guesthouse with detainee.³⁰ (Analyst Note: The Arab House may be the al-Nibras Guesthouse. Jihadists used al-Nibras as a stopping point while en route to al-Faruq or the front lines in Kabul.)

- (S//NF) Detainee admitted leaving his passport at the Arab guesthouse in Kandahar.³¹ Detainee's admitted alias after leaving Mecca, Ali Matruk al-Usaymi,³² along with the alias, Asim al-Uzbaki, were found on documents recovered during a raid on guesthouses in Pakistan. The documents provided the trust number 224 as being associated with detainee.³³ (Analyst Note: Trust accounts 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 training, the front lines, or abroad. The accounts were simple storage compartments such as envelopes or folders that were used to secure the individual's personal valuables until completion of training or another activity.)

- (S) When asked about his motivations, detainee stated that he would fight to the death in an actual war, but he could not just blow himself up because someone like Usama Bin Laden asked him to.³⁴

c. (U//FOUO) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed as a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been non-compliant and hostile to the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 38 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS, with the most recent occurring on 4 June 2006, when he was reported covering his head with a sheet. Detainee has nine Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault, the most recent occurring on 29 December 2005, when he threw water and spat on a guard. Other incidents for which detainee has been disciplined include damage to government property, failure to follow instructions and camp rules, and possession of food and non-weapon type

²⁷ > IIR 2 340 6366 02

²⁸ > IIR 2 340 6366 02

²⁹ 000318 SIR 04-MAY-2005

³⁰ 000049 302 10-MAR-2003

³¹ 000049 302 10-MAR-2003

³² 000049 302 10-MAR-2003

³³ > AFGP-2002-905527 30-JAN-2002; TD-314/40693-02, Item 137

³⁴ IIR 6 034 0226 04

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contraband. Detainee had a total of two Reports of Disciplinary Infraction in 2006, and no reported incidents so far in 2007.

8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **MEDIUM** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 24 January 2007.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee was recruited in Saudi Arabia. He traveled to Afghanistan and received training at al-Faruq, and resided in several extremists guesthouses.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: There is no verifiable information relating to detainee's true identity other than his own statements. Based on the information available, detainee had limited exposure to individuals, training, and operations in Afghanistan. If accurate, it is assessed the information detainee could provide would not be unique and would be of limited intelligence value. However, detainee should be able to provide information about recruiters, recruitment processes, travel routes, guesthouses, training, and other individuals with whom he associated at al-Faruq.

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

- Recruitment and recruiters
- Ingress routes into Afghanistan
- Guesthouses
- Al-Faruq trainees and trainers
- Individuals with whom he attempted to flee Pakistan also held at JTF-GTMO
- Terrorist and foreign fighter movement and logistics
- Terrorist recruitment of juveniles

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9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 23 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*.