



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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

JTF GTMO-CG

3 January 2004

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

SUBJECT: (S) Recommendation to Retain under DoD Control for Guantanamo Detainee, Haji Niam Kuchi, ISN: US9AF-000931DP

1. (S) **Personal Information:** Haji Niam Kuchi is an Afghan national born approximately in 1940, place of birth unknown, Afghanistan (AF). He has been diagnosed with Diabetes, but is otherwise in good health.
2. (S) **Detention Information:** On, 1 January 2003, US Forces captured detainee, while traveling with his nephew in Kabul, Afghanistan (AF), due to suspected affiliations with the Al-Qaida and Taliban. Detainee was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, on 22 March 2003 due to the probability that the detainee would be able to provide information on the escape of Arab Al-Qaida members into Pakistan as well as Afghan politics, ground forces, and personalities that have and will provide leadership in Afghanistan.
3. (S) **Reasons for Continued Detention:** Detainee was a key logistical facilitator for subversive activities throughout Afghanistan with direct and strong ties to Al-Qaida, Taliban, Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISID), and Hezb-e-Islami Gulbuddin (HIG) operatives. Detainee possesses knowledge of Taliban and Al-Qaida operations and was involved in the smuggling of weapons. In addition, he is purported to have information concerning Taliban, Al-Qaida, and Chechen operatives and their actions during Operation Enduring Freedom. Detainee has strong ties with senior level operatives in several terrorist organizations and support networks to include Al-Qaida and the HIG.
4. (S) **Assessment:** Based on information collected and available to Joint Task Force Guantanamo as of 15 December 2003, it is assessed that detainee ISN: US9AF-000931DP is a key logistics facilitator and supporter of terrorism in Afghanistan and has the capability to continue to do so. Moreover, based on the detainee's folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the detainee is of high intelligence value to the United States and poses a high threat to the U.S., its allies and interests.

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5. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 30 Jun 03 and he remains an enemy combatant.

6. (S) **Recommendation:** Retain under DoD control.

7. (S) **Coordination:** Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF): JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 17 December 2003. In the interest of national security and pursuant to an agreement between CITF and JTF GTMO Commanders, CITF will defer to JTF GTMO's assessment that the detainee poses a high threat.


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