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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-000032DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Faruq Ahmed
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Faruq Ali Ahmed, Faruq Ali Ahmad Sayf al-Kouri, Faruq al-Taizi, Husam al-Deen, Arif, Hani Saani, Qutaybah al-Yemeni
- Place of Birth: Taiz, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: December 1983
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000032DP



2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in overall 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 8 August 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida. Detainee is assessed to have provided security for the al-Qaida Kandahar Airport Complex in Afghanistan (AF) and to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces on the front lines and in Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee's name was included on an al-Qaida affiliated document and he is reported to have attended the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp and possibly al-Karga Training Camp. Detainee was captured with a group referred to as the Dirty 30 which included UBL bodyguards and a 20th

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11 September 2001 hijacker. Detainee and other members of the Dirty 30 attended a religious institute known for jihadist recruitment in Yemen, and in Afghanistan detainee occupied al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses in Kandahar and Kabul. 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 **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.)

- Updated evaluation of detainee's account
- Attributed new alias to detainee¹
- Removed alias from detainee²

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 was raised in Taiz and graduated from the al-Dhubab Institute with a certificate in Islamic law in 2000. After graduation, he did not work, but spent much of his time teaching Koran memorization in the al-Rahma Mosque in Taiz. Detainee's father is a Yemen-based television station engineer.³

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: In February 2001, detainee asked Muhammad Abdallah, an instructor at the al-Dhubab Institute, to help him travel to Afghanistan to teach the Koran for a year. Abdallah provided detainee with \$500 US and a round trip airplane ticket to Karachi, Pakistan (PK). Abdallah told detainee the money came from donations and gave him instructions to go to the Taliban office in Quetta, PK. Detainee traveled from Taiz to Karachi, where he stayed for three days before continuing to Quetta. In Quetta, detainee went to the Taliban office and met Abd al-Malik al-Wahab, assessed to be UBL bodyguard Abd al-Malik Abd al-Wahab al-Rahbi, ISN US9YM-000037DP (YM-037). The following

¹ Analyst Note: Detainee's previously unattributed alias is Qutaybah al-Yemeni

² ➤ In IIR 6 034 0419 03 from ISN US9KU-000817DP (transferred), Hamza al-Shamali was identified as detainee. However, in both 000817 handnotes 05 and 06 June 2002, Hamza al-Shamali was identified as MP-158 who is US9JO-000169DP (transferred).

³ 000032 KB 05-JAN-2002, 000032 302 26-MAR-2002

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day, YM-037 took detainee across the border to Kandahar, where they stayed alone in a house for three days before traveling to Kabul, AF. In Kabul, YM-037 introduced detainee to Abd al-Rahman at the Wazir Akbar Khan Mosque.⁴

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: For three months, detainee stayed at Abd al-Rahman's Guesthouse in Kabul. Detainee gave Abd al-Rahman his passport for safekeeping.⁵ While in Kabul, detainee taught the Koran at the Wazir Akbar Khan Mosque. The house was about a 30-minute walk from the mosque and detainee also traveled outside of the city from time to time. In August 2001, Abd al-Rahman told detainee he should teach in Khowst, AF. Detainee subsequently went to a village near Khowst and introduced himself to Abu Ubaydallah at the Abu al-Hanifa Mosque. Detainee lived and taught at the mosque for approximately four months. In December 2001, Abu Ubaydallah told detainee it was too dangerous for him in Afghanistan and he should leave. During his escape from Afghanistan, detainee met up with a group of people, including some Yemenis detainee knew from home.⁶

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Detainee was captured by Pakistani forces on 15 December 2001 while attempting to cross the Afghanistan-Pakistan border near Parachinar, PK after fleeing from hostilities at UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee was captured with a group of 31 other Arab al-Qaida fighters referred to by US intelligence reporting as the Dirty 30, most of whom are assessed to be UBL bodyguards and other members of UBL's security detail.⁷ Pakistani authorities transferred the group to a prison facility in Peshawar, PK, where they were held for 15 days.⁸ On 26 December 2001, Pakistani authorities transferred detainee from Peshawar to US custody at the Kandahar Detention Facility.⁹

b. (S) Property Held: None

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 14 January 2002

⁴ IIR 6 034 0299 02, 000032 FM40 03-AUG-2004, 000032 302 26-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: Abd al-Malik is assessed to be YM-037 based from the information in 000032 FM40 03-AUG-2004 where detainee referred to YM-037's name, Abd al-Malik al-Wahab, and in IIR 6 034 0299 02, where detainee referred to YM-037 as Abu Malak. In 000032 SIR 13-May-2002, detainee reported knowing YM-037 from high school. YM-037 has refused to identify detainee.

⁵ 000032 FM40 03-AUG-2004, 000032 FM40 21-MAY-2004, TD-314/50610-01

⁶ IIR 6 034 0299 02, 000032 302 26-MAR-2002

⁷ Bodyguard Profile INTSUM 23-OCT-2006

⁸ 000027 302 18-MAR-2002, 000045 302 19-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0053 05, 000045 MFR 10-APR-2002, IIR 6 034 0304 02

⁹ TD-314/00845-02

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

- Taliban contact procedures in Pakistan and Afghanistan, to include the Taliban office in Quetta

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Although detainee has not expanded on his travels and experiences in Afghanistan, it is apparent from his placement at locations such as militant training camps and at UBL's compound in Kandahar, and from his inclusion in a group of UBL bodyguards with UBL in Tora Bora, that detainee has considerable associations left to exploit. He denies receiving any training and refuses to answer even the most mundane question if he perceives it to be part of an interrogation, which indicates he has some counter-interrogation training. He tells a frequently used extremist cover story about traveling to Afghanistan to teach the Koran. According to Muhammad Yahya Muhsin al-Zaylai, ISN US9SA-000055DP (SA-055, transferred), the Pakistani warden of the prison where detainee's group was initially held informed the group that the best thing they could tell US forces when interrogated was that they were in Afghanistan to teach the Koran and study religion.¹⁰ Majid Mahmud Abdu Ahmad, ISN US9YM-000041DP (YM-041), reported the Koran teaching cover story was false.¹¹ Other JTF-GTMO detainees have stated they do not believe detainee was a Koran instructor.¹²

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 is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida. Detainee's name was included on an al-Qaida affiliated document and he is reported to have attended the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp and possibly al-Karga Training Camp. Detainee occupied al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses in Kandahar and Kabul and was reported on the front lines in late 2001. Detainee is assessed to have provided security for the al-Qaida Kandahar Airport Complex and to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee was captured with a group referred to as the Dirty 30, which included UBL bodyguards and a 20th 11 September 2001 hijacker. Detainee and other members of the Dirty 30 were associated with a religious institute known for jihadist recruitment in Yemen.

¹⁰ IIR 6 034 0704 02, IIR 6 034 0780 02

¹¹ 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

¹² >000760 SIR 22-JUN-2004, 000522 SIR 02-JAN-2008,

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 - (S//NF) Detainee's name was included on a document listing 324 Arabic names, aliases and nationalities recovered from raids on suspected al-Qaida safe houses in Karachi which noted he possessed a Yemeni passport.¹³
 - (S//NF) 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 training, the front lines, or abroad. The notice of his passport is consistent with the contents reported on al-Qaida lists for trust accounts. Trust 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. This document would have been transported from Afghanistan to Karachi for safe keeping following the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom. Detainee's entry on the list was most probably made when he in-processed at the Hajji Habash Guesthouse associated with the al-Faruq Training Camp in Kandahar.
 - (S//NF) Muhammad Mani Ahmad al-Shalan al-Qahtani, ISN US9SA-000063DP (SA-063), reported detainee was one of several individuals he associated with at a guesthouse in Kandahar.¹⁴ Zayn al-Abiddin Muhammad Hussayn, aka (Abu Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), stated he recognized detainee from Afghanistan, but not from a training camp.¹⁵ (Analyst Note: GZ-10016 did not specify the circumstances, but he may have recognized detainee from a guesthouse.)
 - (S) Senior al-Qaida facilitator Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), reported detainee went to Afghanistan in April 2001 and attended al-Faruq Training Camp.¹⁶
 - (U//FOUO) Bashir Nasir Ali al-Marwalah, ISN US9YM-000837DP (YM-837), identified detainee as Qutaybah al-Yemeni who may have been at al-Faruq the same time as YM-837. YM-837 also reported he and detainee were at the Dar al-Aman Guesthouse in Kabul and on the front lines together.¹⁷
 - (S//NF) Analyst Note: YM-837 attended al-Faruq in December 2000 and again in September 2001. YM-837 acknowledged going to Dar al-Aman and the front lines after his 2001 training. YM-837 did not specify if detainee was in the same advanced training class as he, or even if detainee was receiving training at

¹³ TD-314/40693-02, Analyst Note: Detainee is number 204 on this list.

¹⁴ >IIR 6 034 1137 03, 000063 SIR 14-Apr-2003

¹⁵ >TD-314/51052-05

¹⁶ IIR 6 034 0059 05, IIR 6 034 0098 05

¹⁷ >000837 302 29-Oct-2002, 000837 MFR 01-Nov-2002, Analyst Note: Variants of Qutaybah include Coutaiba, Koutaibah, and Kuttaibah.

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the time. YM-837 did note that UBL visited the camp during his training. YM-837's statement indicates detainee was a fighter on the front lines, probably in September to November 2001 during hostilities with US and Coalition forces prior to detainee's movement to Tora Bora.

- (S) Abd al-Rahim Abd al-Razzaq Janko, ISN US9SY-000489DP (SY-489), identified detainee as Husam al-Din and stated detainee received explosives training at the al-Karga Training Camp in Kabul.¹⁸ (Analyst Note: SY-489's identification is not supported by other reporting and requires further investigation as it suggests detainee was in Afghanistan up to a year longer than claimed or that he made multiple trips to Afghanistan.)
 - (S) Possibly related, detainee stated he stayed for three months in the Wazir Akbar Khan neighborhood in Kabul and also traveled outside of the city from time to time.¹⁹ (Analyst Note: Detainee's stated trips outside of Kabul may be a cover for his trips to the al-Karga Camp or for, most probably, deployments to the front lines. The Wazir Akbar Khan area was a former diplomatic district taken over by the Taliban and al-Qaida for quarters and training.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have provided security for an al-Qaida facility.
 - (S) Muhammad Hashim, ISN US9AF-000850DP (AF-850), reported he saw detainee holding an AK-47 assault rifle and wearing camouflage clothing at UBL's private airport in Kandahar sometime in 2001.²⁰ (Analyst Note: It is assessed AF-850 is discussing the al-Qaida Kandahar Airport Complex located close to the Kandahar Airport.²¹ Detainee's military-style garb is unusual, as al-Qaida attempted to ensure its personnel blended in with the local population. Detainees uniform and weapon indicates detainee served in a security position for the compound.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex and was captured with UBL bodyguards and a 20th hijacker.
 - (S//NF) SA-063 identified detainee as a Yemeni fighter who SA-063 saw in Tora Bora and with whom SA-063 was captured along with the other members of the Dirty 30. According to SA-063, he last saw UBL on 11 December 2001 during the US bombing campaign in Tora Bora when UBL told his mean he was leaving.²² After UBL left Tora Bora, the Dirty 30 was the first organized group to escape Tora Bora for Pakistan.²³

¹⁸ TRRS-04-12-0486, For additional information on the camp see TD-314/32410-01, IIR 6 034 0296 02, 000702 KB 09-NOV-2002, 000836 KB 01-NOV-2002

¹⁹ IIR 6 034 0299 02, 000032 302 23-MAR-2002

²⁰ IIR 6 034 1165 03, 000850 FM40 01-JUN-2003

²¹ IIR 6 034 0341 06, IIR 6 034 0359 05

²² IIR 6 034 1131 03, 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003

²³ 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003, IIR 6 034 0847 03

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- (S//NF) SA-063 and some of UBL's bodyguards hid in trenches to avoid the bombs and then fled the bombing by crossing into Pakistan where he and others were subsequently apprehended.²⁴ (Analyst Note: SA-063's statement that detainee was with him both at Tora Bora and during the escape, indicates detainee was in Tora Bora during hostilities. SA-063 has been identified as a 20th hijacker who was unable to gain entry into the US for the 11 September 2001 attacks.)²⁵
- (S//NF) Detainee and other members of the Dirty 30 were associated with a religious institute known for jihadist recruitment in Yemen.²⁶
 - (S//NF) Detainee, YM-037, YM-041, and Uthman Abd al-Rahim Muhammad Uthman, ISN US9YM-000027DP (YM-027), all studied at the Furqan Institute in Yemen. In December 2001, they all escaped from Tora Bora together and were arrested in Pakistan.²⁷
 - (S//NF) SA-063 and YM-1457 identified YM-027, YM-037, and YM-041 as UBL bodyguards. While YM-1457 reported detainee also studied at the Furqan Institute and was close to YM-041, YM-1457 did not identify detainee as a UBL bodyguard.²⁸ (Analyst Note: Although assessed above as serving in a security role in Afghanistan, detainee is not assessed to be a UBL bodyguard.)
 - (S//NF) According to the Yemeni Political Security Organization (PSO), the Furqan Institute was used as a meeting and recruiting ground by jihadists in Yemen. Many Yemeni al-Qaida members have links to the Furqan Institute, specifically a number of the al-Qaida members involved in the attack on the USS COLE.²⁹

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been sometimes compliant and rarely hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 29 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 28 December 2007, when he refused to eat. He has five Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 9 October 2006, when he dug his fingernails into the right hand of a guard. 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, threatening guards, damage to government property, assaults, and possession of food and non-weapon

²⁴ TD-314/50461-03

²⁵ Analyst Note: ISN YM-252 reported "if you were in Tora Bora, you were not innocent, you were there to fight." See: 000252 SIR 31-DEC-2004.

²⁶ Bodyguard Profile INTSUM 23-OCT-2006

²⁷ 000032 302 26-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: Reporting from YM-037: IIR 6 034 0862 02, IIR 6 034 0259 02; reporting from YM-027: IIR 6 034 0266 03, IIR 6 034 0046 03; Reporting from YM-041: 000041 302 21-AUG-2002, 00041 SIR 18-JAN-2007

²⁸ IIR 6 034 0847 03, 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003, IIR 6 034 0059 05

²⁹ TD-314/26614-02

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type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of eight Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and none so far in 2008.

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 27 December 2007.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee's placement and access begins in Yemen at the Furqan Institute, where detainee became acquainted with individuals who later became UBL bodyguards. Detainee had ties to UBL and bodyguards included in a group known as the Dirty 30 while in the Tora Bora Mountain complex with whom he was arrested. He was observed at UBL's Kandahar compound filling a security position, and was probably knowledgeable of UBL's Kandahar operations. Detainee was identified at al-Faruq and al-Karga training camps.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee can provide information about training, trainers, and personnel in al-Qaida based camps. He has direct knowledge of UBL's Kandahar Airport Complex. He was active in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex and spent several days there while UBL was present. Detainee can provide information about guesthouses in Kandahar and Kabul and Islamic schools that support extremist activities. However, detainee has been uncooperative during interrogations.

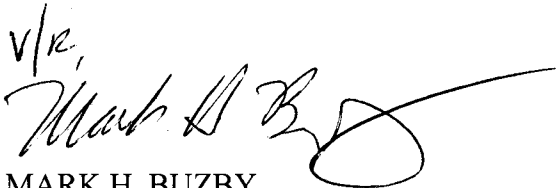
d. (S//NF) Areas of Potential Exploitation:

- Al-Faruq and al-Karga Training Camps
- Guesthouses and facilities: UBL's airport complex and the Wazir Akbar Khan Guesthouse
- UBL's Tora Bora cave complex, including logistics and personnel
- UBL's evacuation from Tora Bora
- UBL bodyguards
- Islamic fundamentalism and organizations in Yemen
- Terrorist travel facilitators
- Support to terrorist organizations in Yemen

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 26 September 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

v/r,


MARK H. BUZBY
Rear Admiral, US Navy
Commanding

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