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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

JTF GTMO-CG

17 September 2004

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Transfer to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9YM-000221DP (S)

**1. (FOUO) Personal Information:**

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Ali Muhsin Salih Nasir
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Abu Abdullah Ali and Ali Mahsin Salah Nasser
- Place of Birth: Doha, Qatar (QA)
- Date of Birth: 26 October 1980
- Citizenship: Yemen

**2. (FOUO) Health:** Detainee is in good health. He has no medical issues but has some minor dental complaints. He has no known drug allergies.

**3. (S//NF) Detainee Summary:**

a. (S) Background and Capture Data. Unless otherwise noted, the following background notes are based solely on the detainee's statements:

- Prior History: In 1999, detainee completed twelve years of education, but he did not receive any technical training. In the summer of 2000, the detainee traveled to Yemen for his brother's wedding, where he stayed for approximately two months, also in search of a wife. Detainee returned to Doha, Qatar (QA), where he worked as a security guard for a local mall for five or six months, beginning in November of 2000. Detainee infrequently visited the Al-Ghardaia mosque in Doha, QA.

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- **Recruitment and Travel:** In June of 2001, the detainee's friends advised him that the Taliban would provide a home for those who chose to live in Afghanistan. (*Analyst note: Detainee originally stated that local Imams were encouraging Muslims on the television and radio to fight the jihad in Afghanistan, only to admit later that others, during confinement, informed him that this was an effective cover story. It should be noted that this statement, as well as many others, change on a constant basis due to the detainee's ever changing and inconsistent accounts.*) In July of 2001, with the hope of being provided a home and finding a wife, the detainee departed Qatar by vehicle and traveled toward Afghanistan, without informing family or friends. He traveled for approximately three days and then flew to Karachi, Pakistan (PK), with a connecting flight to Quetta, PK. Detainee had approximately one thousand riyals and a Yemeni passport. From Quetta, PK, detainee caught a taxi and was taken across the Pakistan/Afghanistan border alone. After taking the detainee to a place to pray on 5 July 2001, the cab driver took him to an unidentified guesthouse in Kandahar, Afghanistan (AF), where he stayed for three days.

- **Training and Activities:** During this time, detainee met an Afghan named Noor Haq, who arranged for him to train at Al Farouq. (*Analyst note: Al Farouq is an Al-Qaida operated terrorist camp, where individuals received the following training: Basic Military Training, City/Urban Tactics, Mountain Tactics and Intelligence/Target Gathering.*) Detainee gave Haq his passport and five hundred Qatari dinars. The detainee never saw his passport again. In July of 2001, the detainee received fifty-two days of training at Al Farouq, but he missed four weeks of training due to illness. The detainee mentioned several times that he did not like to fire the Kalashnikov rifle, and he found the training to be too difficult. During the training, prior to 11 September 2001, Usama Bin Laden (UBL) arrived at Al Farouq and conducted a speech in a Mosque claiming a great conflict would be starting soon. Detainee did not see UBL give the speech, but he heard UBL through camp loudspeakers. Detainee observed UBL walking with a group of unidentified people after UBL's speech and overheard UBL mention that there would be problems with the US in another month or two. Detainee joined the Taliban 11 September 2001 in Bagram, AF, but became ill and went to a hospital in Kabul, AF, two weeks later. In early October of 2001, after one week, detainee returned Bagram, AF, and fought as a foot soldier with the Taliban at the Northern Front Lines just before Ramadan. Detainee's duties included cooking and digging.

- **Capture Information:** In mid-November 2001, in fear of being surrounded, the detainee fled the front lines and headed toward Jalalabad, AF. In late November 2001, detainee traveled by truck and foot for three days through the Tora Bora Mountains in Afghanistan into Pakistan. Detainee was apprehended by Pakistani Border Guards at Jahidali, PK, on 1 December 2001, and transferred to US custody at Kohat, PK, on 2 January 2002.

b. (S) Detainee was transferred to JTF GTMO on 11 February 2002.

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c. (S) Reasons for Transfer to JTF GTMO: Detainee's ability to provide information on:

- The Al-Farouq training camp on the east side of Jalalabad, AF
- The names of military leaders who met at the camp and at his unit
- Prior knowledge of the 11 September 2001 attacks

d. (S) Reasons for Continued Detention in Another Country:

- Detainee actively traveled through several countries in order to join and train with the Taliban in Afghanistan.

- Detainee volunteered on several occasions to fight on the Northern Front in Afghanistan.

- Detainee trained at the Al-Qaida supported Al Farouq terrorist training camp in Afghanistan.

- Detainee gained tremendous knowledge on ingress and egress routes to and from Pakistan and Afghanistan, as well as the locations of guesthouses in the region.

- Detainee's truthfulness level is assessed as deceptive, and he is very likely to have additional information regarding operations, tactics, and personal motives in his travels to Afghanistan.

e. (S) Intelligence Focus: JTF GTMO has determined that this detainee is of medium intelligence value due to his knowledge of:

- Taliban tactical and supply movements throughout the region
- Tactics and training at the Al-Farouq terrorist camp
- Ingress and egress routes throughout the Pakistan and Afghanistan region
- Additional jihad leaders and the mosques from which they recruit
- Locations of guesthouses throughout the region, as well as recruitment and insertion tactics used by the Taliban and Al-Qaida

**4. (S) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee's overall behavior has been generally non-compliant and aggressive. Detainee frequently cross block communicates, refuses meals and medicine, and complains. The detainee often fails to comply with the rules and regulations of the camp. As his length of time here increases, so does the detainee's apparent lack of respect and distasteful behavior. The detainee has had several aggressive incidents to include spitting, physically striking a guard, and throwing bodily fluids toward members of the guard force. For example, on 9 August 2004, the detainee threw bodily fluids at a guard, and on the 10<sup>th</sup> he threw a cup of urine in the face of a guard. *(Analyst note: The detainee has commented on several occasions that he greatly fears returning to Yemen. His uncooperative and irrational behavior may be a desperate measure in order for him to remain in US custody.)*

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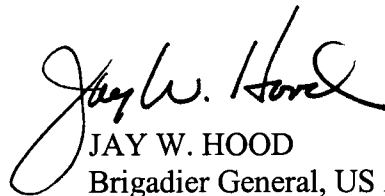
5. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 24 February 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

6. (S) **JTF GTMO Assessment:**

a. (S/NF) Summary: Whether or not the detainee is directly or indirectly associated with Al-Qaida remains to be determined. Interviews and interrogations are gradually becoming more and more difficult. When asked questions that he has been previously asked, or asked to clarify previous statements, the detainee repeatedly says, "it's in the file." (*Analyst note: Several other Yemeni detainees also use this as a defense mechanism to avoid answering questions.*) In order to avoid being transferred to the Yemeni authorities, detainee may be attempting to remain in US custody by appearing to be less intelligent than he is. The detainee does not appear to possess or reveal any leadership qualities, and he claimed he was just a foot soldier. Nevertheless, the detainee traveled to Afghanistan to join the Taliban, stayed at guesthouses, trained at the Al Farouq terrorist camp, and volunteered and fought on the frontlines. It appears the detainee found a purpose and a home with the Taliban. Therefore, it is possible that the detainee will be recruited by extremist organizations in the future for his knowledge, training, skills, and possible willingness to sacrifice himself as a martyr. It has been determined that the detainee poses a medium risk, as he may possibly pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

b. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends this detainee be transferred to the control of another country for continued detention.

7. (S) **Coordination:** JTF GTMO notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF) of this recommendation on 17 September 2004. CITF assessed this detainee on 9 April 2004 as a low risk. In the interest of national security and pursuant to an agreement between the CITF and JTF GTMO Commanders, CITF will defer to JTF GTMO's assessment that the detainee poses a medium risk.

  
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