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JTF GTMO-CG

30 August 2003

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

SUBJECT: (S//NF) Transfer Recommendation for Guantanamo Detainee, Mahjid Mahmood, ISN: US9AF-000624DP

- 1. (S) Personal Information: Mahjid Mahmood is an Afghan national, born in 1980 (age 23) in Nabipur, Afghanistan. He has been diagnosed with latent Tuberculosis, but is otherwise in good health.
- 2. (S) Detention Information: Subject detainee stated that before becoming involved with the Taliban, he worked in several different career fields, including being a tailor, automobile mechanic, store clerk, bus conductor, and a truck driver. Detainee stated that he had not had any military or paramilitary training before joining the Taliban. Detainee stated that he took his wife with him when he traveled to Karachi; Pakistan (PK), to find work. It was during this time that he saw a fatwa inviting "all brothers of Islam" to fight in the Jihad in Afghanistan. Detainee stated that he then sent his wife back home to live with her parents while he went to join the Taliban. Detainee stated that he admired the "pure Islamic state" touted by the Taliban, and felt that it was his responsibility as a Muslim to defend it with Jihad. Detainee stated that he went to the Taliban office located in Karachi (in the old exposition center near the Mohammed Ali shrine), and obtained transport (bus) from the Taliban to Afghanistan (via Quetta, Pakistan). Detainee further stated that he left Karachi to go to Afghanistan (AF) on 28 October 2001. Detainee stated that he was injured by an aerial bomb outside of Dara Sof, AF, and spent time in Taliban hospitals. Detainee was arrested in the village of Risoli by men belonging to the governor (Halili) of Bamian Province, AF, and was taken to Bamian city on 30 January 2002. After two days of detention in a storeroom within a large house in Bamian city, detainee stated that Americans came and photographed him. Detainee stated that he lived there approximately one month and then another twenty days in the Bamian city jail, until the Americans came and arrested him. Detainee was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba on 12 June 2002 because of his afflation with the Taliban as a foreign fighter. Detainee wishes to be repatriated to his home in Nabi Pur, PK to work in

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his father's store and raise a family.

- 3. (S) Assessment: Based on information collected and available to Joint Task Force Guantanamo as of 24 August 2003, detainee ISN: US9AF-000624DP is assessed as being neither affiliated with Al-Qaida nor a Taliban leader. Moreover, based on the detainee's folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the detainee is of no intelligence value to the United States. Based on the above, detainee poses a low threat to the U.S., its interests or its allies.
- 4. (S) Recommendation: In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be considered for release or transfer to the control of another government for continued detention.
- 5. (C) Coordination: JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 18 August 2003, who previously approved the detainee's transfer under a conditional release agreement on 1 July 2003.

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