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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-000688DP (S)

### **JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

#### **1. (S) Personal Information:**

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Fahi Akhmed
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Fahmi Abdallah Ahmed  
Ubadi al-Tulaqi, Abu Ubaydah, Khattab, Daniel, Abu Assad,  
Khalid Bin al-Walid
- Place of Birth: Taiz, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 21 December 1977
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000688DP



**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 27 June 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is an identified member of al-Qaida and an acknowledged member of the Taliban. Detainee received basic and advanced militant training at al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan and is assessed to be an al-Qaida trainer. Detainee is a trusted veteran of Afghanistan who participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces and served as a member of Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) 55th Arab Brigade in support of the Taliban. Detainee is further assessed to be a member of a Faisalabad, Pakistan (PK) cell created by senior al-Qaida facilitator Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu

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Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), and al-Qaida military operations commander Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), with the purpose of returning to Afghanistan to conduct remote controlled improvised explosive devices (IED) attacks against US and Coalition forces. Detainee is listed on al-Qaida affiliated documents and was recruited by a known al-Qaida operative. **[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DETAINEE IS AVAILABLE IN AN SCI SUPPLEMENT]** 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 **HIGH** 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 alias Khalid Bin al-Walid<sup>1</sup>
- Revised detainee's training and activities
- Incorporated additional information on activities at the Abu Zubaydah and the Issa Safe Houses
- Added SCI Supplement

#### **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 lived in Halab, Syria, with his father for about a year and a half when he was 4 or 5 years old before returning to Yemen, where he lived with his mother in Taiz after his parents divorced.<sup>2</sup> In 1997, detainee graduated from high school in Taiz,<sup>3</sup> where he worked as a fabric salesman until 1999. Detainee never served in the Yemeni military.<sup>4</sup>

**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** At a mosque in Taiz, detainee met Ibrahim Baalawi, a religious leader, who convinced detainee to travel to Afghanistan to work for the Taliban

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<sup>1</sup> ➤000688 GUAN-2007-B04107

<sup>2</sup> 000688 SIR 18-DEC-2006

<sup>3</sup> 000688 KB 22-JUN-2002, Analyst Note: Detainee also stated he never attended high school (see 000688 SIR 21-JAN-2007).

<sup>4</sup> 000688 302 20-JUN-2002

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and help the poor. Baalawi made all travel arrangements, paid for detainee's travel expenses, and accompanied detainee to Afghanistan.<sup>5</sup> Detainee stated he (detainee) obtained a passport, with Baalawi's assistance, in 1998 or 1999. Detainee also obtained a three month medical visa from the Pakistani Embassy in Yemen, intending to receive surgery on his arm for a knife wound inflicted during a fight, but never received the surgery in Pakistan.<sup>6</sup> On 19 September 1999, detainee and Baalawi left Sanaa, YM and arrived in Karachi, PK on 20 September 1999, carrying approximately \$3,500 US.<sup>7</sup> Detainee and Baalawi traveled from Karachi to Quetta, PK where they stayed one night at a Taliban guesthouse before continuing to the Hajji Habash Guesthouse in Kandahar, AF.<sup>8</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** Detainee served the Taliban for approximately two years. Detainee never attended a formal training camp, but learned to use an AK-47 assault rifle while on the front lines in Kabul, AF. Detainee served for one and a half years at the Jabir center commanded by Omar Sayf on the front line. Detainee then served under Abu Bara al-Maghrebi from Morocco at the Said center on the front lines in Bagram, AF. Detainee served his last two and a half months on the Bagram front lines driving a truck transporting supplies, injured and deceased fighters. When the US and Coalition bombing began on 7 October 2001, detainee traveled to Khowst, AF to find a wife. When Kabul fell to US and Coalition forces on 13 November 2001, detainee returned to Kabul and traveled with an Afghan Taliban member named Hekmatullah to Kandahar. Detainee returned to the Hajji Habash Guesthouse and served on the front lines in Kandahar. Abu Khulud was in charge of the guesthouse and Hamza al-Zubayr was in charge of the front line. Two weeks before Kandahar fell on 7 December 2001, detainee fled the front lines assisted by Hekmatullah who smuggled detainee into Faisalabad. After three weeks at a mosque in Faisalabad, detainee met Emad Abdallah Hassan, ISN US9YM-000680DP (YM-680), who invited detainee to move into a house owned by a man named Issa, near the Salafia College in Faisalabad. Detainee stayed at the house for two weeks before he was captured.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>5</sup> 000688 SIR 18-DEC-2006, 000688 SIR 11-MAY-2005, Analyst Note: Ibrahim Baalawi was also identified with the variant Rahim Allawi in reporting.

<sup>6</sup> 000688 SIR 21-JAN-2007

<sup>7</sup> >PAK1-2002-805346, 000688 302 20-JUN-2002, Analyst Note: Detainee medical visa was valid from 5 August 1999 to 4 November 1999. In 000668 302 20-JUN-2002, detainee claimed he left Yemen in 2000.

<sup>8</sup> 000688 SIR 11-MAY-2005, Analyst Note: The Hajji Habash Guesthouse served as an administrative in-processing facility for trainees en route to the al-Faruq Training Camp. The trainees surrendered their passports and valuables to the guesthouse administrator for safe keeping. The guesthouse also served as a waypoint for extremists traveling to and from Pakistan, or between east and west Afghanistan. It was located across the street from the Islamic Institute operated by UBL's religious advisor Mahfouz Ould al-Walid, aka (Abu Hafs al-Mauritani). The Hajji Habash Guesthouse is aka (al-Nibras Guesthouse), aka (al-Ansar Guesthouse). The guesthouse in Quetta is probably the Daftar Taliban Guesthouse.

<sup>9</sup> >IIR 4 201 3128 06, 000688 SIR 14-MAY-2005, 000688 SIR 18-DEC-2006, 000680 SIR 02-JUN-2006, Analyst Note: Hekmatallah is possibly the cousin of Umar Abadallah, ISN US9AF-000222DP (see 000222 302 20-JUN-

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**5. (U) Capture Information:**

**a. (S//NF)** Pakistani authorities conducted raids at two Faisalabad safe houses on 28 March 2002, arresting suspected al-Qaida fighters under the command of GZ-10016, and killing one. At the Issa Safe House, Pakistani police and intelligence officials arrested at least 15 suspected al-Qaida members including detainee. At the other safe house, Pakistani officials arrested GZ-10016, and at least seven other suspected al-Qaida members along with manuals, tools, and components consistent with the assembly of explosive detonators.<sup>10</sup> These safe houses were operated by the Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LT)<sup>11</sup> and were part of a network of LT houses and operatives enlisted by GZ-10016 after the fall of Kandahar, AF to help al-Qaida's Arab fighters escape Afghanistan.<sup>12</sup> Detainee and other suspects were held by Pakistani authorities first in a prison in Lahore, PK and then at a prison in Islamabad, PK. All suspects were transferred to US custody sometime in May 2002.<sup>13</sup>

**b. (S) Property Held:**

- Money
  - \$1,930 US (including nineteen \$100 US bills)
  - 1,000 Pakistani rupees (PKR)
- Although not held at JTF-GTMO, detainee reportedly possessed his Yemeni Passport when captured<sup>14</sup>

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 19 June 2002**

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2002). Detainee later claimed Hekmatullah was from Pakistan. Variants for Salafia College include Jamiyah Salfiyah, Jamea Salafeyah, Jamia Salafia, Salafyah University, and Salafi University. A variant for Jabir is Jabayr.

<sup>10</sup> IIR 6 034 0286 05, 000694 KB 22-JUN-2002

<sup>11</sup> Analyst Note: The LT is a National Intelligence Priorities Framework (NIPF) Priority 2 counterterrorism (CT) target. Priority 2 targets include issues, opportunities, or threats that rise to, or are expected to rise to, the level of interest of the Combatant Commanders or DNI EXCOM Principals, not already identified as Priority 1. This includes terrorist groups, especially those with state support, countries that sponsor terrorism, or countries that have state organizations involved in terrorism that have demonstrated both intention and capability to attack US persons or interests. The Issa Safe House was also called the Yemeni house and the Crescent Textile Mill house. Suspected al-Qaida members captured at the Issa Safe House include (YM-679); (YM-680); (YM-681); (YM-683); (WE-684); (AG-685); (YM-686); (YM-689); (YM-690); (YM-691); (YM-692); (YM-693, deceased); (LY-695); (RS-702) and (YM-728). See IIR 6 034 0979 03, 000684 SIR 14-OCT-2004.

<sup>12</sup> TD-314/18169-02, IIR 6 034 0911 04, SAP20020408000048 08-APR-2002, SAP20020330000051 30-MAR-2002, 010016 FM40 01-SEP-2005, 010016 FM40 01-SEP-2005b

<sup>13</sup> IIR 6 034 0144 03, IIR 4 201 4063 05, IIR 6 034 0470 03, IIR 6 034 0911 04, IIR 6 034 0043 03, IIR 6 034 0872 02, TD-314/20711-02

<sup>14</sup> IIR 4 201 312 8 06, 000688 Initial Screening Form 01-MAY-2002, 000688 DA Form 4137 18-JUN-2002, PAK1-2002-805346

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

- Activities and individuals at the Faisalabad guesthouse
- Routes of travel between Yemen and Pakistan

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee's account is only partially truthful. Detainee has provided clarification on his timeline, but denies attending any training and denies any association to GZ-10016, contrary to reporting. Detainee is only forthcoming when confronted with information about him derived from other sources and cooperates only when requesting and receiving incentives. Inconsistencies in detainee's account include three dates of birth ranging from 1977 to 1982, and periods of service on the Taliban front lines. Detainee denied ever hearing about the al-Qaida organization until his transfer to JTF-GTMO,<sup>15</sup> and is currently uncooperative.

**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 an identified member of al-Qaida, an acknowledged member of the Taliban and is listed on al-Qaida affiliated documents. Detainee received basic and advanced training at al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan and is assessed to be an al-Qaida trainer. Detainee is a veteran of militant operations in Afghanistan who participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces and served as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade in support of the Taliban. Detainee is an assessed member of GZ-10016's Martyrs Brigade, a Faisalabad cell that intended to conduct IED attacks against US and Coalition forces.

- (S//NF) Detainee is an identified member of al-Qaida, an acknowledged member of the Taliban and is listed on al-Qaida affiliated documents.
  - (S//NF) On 15 December 2001, the Yemeni Political Security Organization (PSO) identified detainee as a Yemeni al-Qaida member in Afghanistan.<sup>16</sup>
    - (S//NF) Supporting the PSO identification, detainee's claim of traveling to Pakistan for surgery is assessed to be an al-Qaida cover story, with his true purpose being training and militant combat. Detainee stated he obtained a

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<sup>15</sup> 000688 SIR 18-DEC-2006

<sup>16</sup> TD-314/49402-01, Analyst Note: The PSO identified detainee with the variant Fahmi Abdallah al-Abadi al-Tawqi, listed under YY.

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medical visa for his travel to Pakistan in order to receive surgical treatment for an injury, but admitted he never received the surgery.<sup>17</sup>

- (S//NF) Analyst Note: Although detainee had ample opportunity, he did not seek or receive medical treatment for this injury. GZ-10016 stated he provided forged documents to Arab fighters who traveled to Pakistan, certifying that these mujahideen were in Pakistan for medical treatment.<sup>18</sup> Senior al-Qaida facilitator Abu Bakr Muhammad Bulghiti, aka (Abu Yasir al-Jazairi), said mujahideen who traveled for prolonged periods of time to Pakistan or Afghanistan needed a reason for their travel when returning to their home country. Therefore, it was common to obtain an authentic document showing medical treatment by bribing a doctor. Travel permission was sometimes easier to obtain if the traveler claimed to be entering a country for medical treatment.<sup>19</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted joining the Taliban based on the recommendation of Abraham, assessed to be Ibrahim Baalawi.<sup>20</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged Ibrahim Baalawi recruited him. Ibrahim Baalawi was al-Qaida recruiter Ibrahim Muhammad Abd al-Razzaq Baalawi, aka (Ibrahim Baalawi), aka (Abu Khulud). Baalawi also facilitated detainee's travel and training, and traveled with detainee from Yemen to Afghanistan.<sup>21</sup> Detainee claimed he traveled to Afghanistan in 2000. However, his passport shows he left Yemen on 19 September 1999 and entered Pakistan on 20 September 1999.<sup>22</sup>
  - (S//NF) Baalawi was a known Yemen-based al-Qaida recruiter and served as the manager of the al-Qaida Hajji Habash Guesthouse in Kandahar. Baalawi was reportedly killed during a firefight at the Kandahar Airport in November 2001.<sup>23</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee's alias, Khattab al-Tazi, was found on a list of captured fighters on a hard drive associated with Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, ISN US9KU-0100024DP (KU-10024).<sup>24</sup>
- (S//NF) Al-Qaida facilitator Abu Yasir al-Jazairi identified detainee from the Abu Suhayb Guesthouse in Kandahar in the spring of 2000.<sup>25</sup> (Analyst Note: The Abu Suhayb Guesthouse is another name for the Hajji Habash Guesthouse, a well known lodging place for recruits of al-Qaida and associated militant groups arriving for training at the al-Faruq Training Camp. The guesthouse was managed by Abu Khulud who was assisted by Abu Suhayb.)

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<sup>17</sup> 000688 SIR 21-JAN-2007

<sup>18</sup> TD-314/48843-05

<sup>19</sup> TD-314/44280-02, TD-314/54543-05

<sup>20</sup> >000688 SIR 08-JUN-2006, 000688 17-OCT-2005, Analyst Note: Abraham is a variant of Ibrahim.

<sup>21</sup> 000688 SIR 27-OCT-2004, 000688 SIR 11-MAY-2005

<sup>22</sup> PAK1-2002-805346, 000688 302 20-JUN-2002

<sup>23</sup> IIR 6 034 0735 02, TD-314/38227-03, IIR 2 340 6086 02

<sup>24</sup> >TD-314/13174-03

<sup>25</sup> TD-314/44476-03

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- (S//NF) GZ-10016 stated he saw detainee several times in Afghanistan at the Abu Zubayr al-Haili Guesthouse, at Abu Dhahak's guesthouse, and at the guesthouse at the airport, all in Kandahar. (Analyst Note: Abu Dhahak was a facilitator for Afghanistan-trained extremists bound for Chechnya.)
  - (S//NF) Abd al-Hakim Abd al-Karim Amin Bukhari, ISN US9SA-000493DP (SA-493, transferred), stated he volunteered with nine other people to go to the Kandahar Airport. SA-493 arrived at the airport in October 2001 and remained for approximately four days, standing guard positions within the perimeter before al-Qaida forces arrested him on suspicion of espionage.<sup>26</sup> SA-493 reported detainee pushed him with a rifle to stop him right before he (SA-493) was detained by al-Qaida.<sup>27</sup>
- (S//NF) YM-10014 identified detainee from multiple visits to the Hassan Guesthouse in Kandahar in 2001.<sup>28</sup>
  - (S//NF) Tariq Mahmoud Ahmad al-Sawah, ISN US9EG-000535 (EG-535), reported the Hassan Guesthouse was one of two guesthouses in Kandahar run by Abu Zubayr al-Haili. UBL sent only trusted individuals to these guesthouses; individuals who had been hand-picked to participate in special missions, such as the USS COLE bombing or the 11 September 2001 attacks.<sup>29</sup> (Analyst Note: EG-535's statement indicates detainee was trusted by UBL.)
- (S//NF) Detainee claims he stayed for a week at the Qutaybah Guesthouse in Kabul. Detainee also stated he stayed at the Malik Shah Guesthouse, located near the Qutaybah Guesthouse. The Malik Shah Guesthouse was run by a Yemeni named Abu Imim, and was a place where people from the front lines would take a break about once a month.<sup>30</sup> (Analyst Note: The Qutaybah Guesthouse is another name for the al-Qaida associated Ghulam Bacha Guesthouse, located in the Karte Parwan area of Kabul.<sup>31</sup>)
- (S//NF) Detainee received basic and advanced militant training at al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan and is assessed to be an al-Qaida trainer.
  - (S//NF) Detainee's alias was found on al-Qaida training applications. Detainee's application lists his arrival in Afghanistan as September 1999, consistent with detainee's acknowledged travel. The application also notes detainee spent six to seven months on the front lines, and that he studied at an institute in Kandahar.

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<sup>26</sup> 000493 302 15-AUG-2002, IIR 4 201 2521 04

<sup>27</sup> >000493 SIR 12-Apr-2005

<sup>28</sup> TD-314/44432-03

<sup>29</sup> 000535 SIR 28-SEP-2006

<sup>30</sup> 000688 SIR 14-MAY-2005, Analyst Note: A variant of Qutaybah is Kotaiba. Detainee has also denied staying at guesthouses. See 000688 SIR 18-DEC-2006.

<sup>31</sup> IIR 6 034 0282 03, IIR 6 034 0270 03, IIR 6 034 0338 03

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Detainee further stated on his application that he was a wanted man in Yemen and that he belonged to the “Jihad Group” in Yemen.<sup>32</sup>

- (S//NF) Analyst Note: The institute in Kandahar where detainee studied is probably the Islamic Institute operated by Abu Hafis al-Mauritani, aka (Mahfuz Ould al-Walid Ababah).<sup>33</sup> Al-Mauritani was a UBL lieutenant, the legal affairs adviser of UBL’s Shura Council, and his chief confidant on religious matters.<sup>34</sup> Detainee’s attendance at this Institute indicates a higher level of commitment than that of a fighter.
- (S//NF) Detainee’s alias was found on an al-Qaida roster of students scheduled to attend the artillery course.<sup>35</sup> Detainee’s alias was also found on an al-Qaida roster of students scheduled to attend the tactics course.<sup>36</sup> (Analyst Note: The artillery course is an advanced course, with the prerequisite of completing a basic training course.)
- (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida operational planner Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka (Khallad Bin Attash), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014), speculated detainee completed training after seeing him at the Hassan Guesthouse in Kandahar in 2001, which was reserved for trained mujahideen.<sup>37</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee’s alias was identified in an al-Qaida document as a Yemeni from Taiz who traveled to Afghanistan in 1999 and attended the Trainer Course at al-Faruq. The Trainer Course qualified instructors for the other courses and was held from September to December 2000.<sup>38</sup>
  - (S//NF) Feroz Ali Abassi, ISN US9UK-000024DP (UK-024, transferred), reported his trainer at the al-Faruq Training Camp was an individual named Khattab.<sup>39</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is a veteran of militant operations in Afghanistan who participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces and served as a member of UBL’s 55th Arab Brigade in support of the Taliban.
  - (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged fighting on the front lines for two years alongside the Taliban against the Northern Alliance. Detainee served at the Omar Sayf Center and the Said Center. Detainee admitted he learned to use an AK-47 and drove a truck transporting injured fighters on the Kabul front lines.<sup>40</sup> (Analyst Note: The Said Center was identified as a supply position and the Omar Sayf Center has

<sup>32</sup> AFGP-2002-800336-HT, Analyst Note: Detainee is identified as al-Khattab al-Tazi in the document.

<sup>33</sup> >000575 302 04-JUL-2002, 000575 SIR 07-JUN-2004, IIR 6 034 0173 02, TD-314/06291-02

<sup>34</sup> >SECSTATE 112561 16-Jun-2005, D-4J2-2617-009-05, TD-314/48870-02

<sup>35</sup> AFGP-2002-800336-HT, AFGP-2002-800321, Analyst Note: The alias is listed as Danial.

<sup>36</sup> AFGP-2002-600875, AFGP-2002-80032, Analyst Note: The alias is listed as Abu Assad (Daniel).

<sup>37</sup> TD-314/44432-03

<sup>38</sup> TD-314/36868-02, Analyst Note: Detainee is listed in paragraph N and is also noted as an ambulance driver in Kabul.

<sup>39</sup> TRRS-04-02-0892, Analyst Note: UK-024 attended al-Faruq in late-2000 (see TD-314/26071-02).

<sup>40</sup> IIR 4 201 3128 06, 000688 SIR 06-JUN-2006



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been identified as a support center and a forward fighting position of the 55th Arab Brigade. The 55th Arab Brigade served as UBL's primary battle formation supporting Taliban objectives.<sup>41</sup>)

- (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), confirmed detainee served on the front lines near Bagram.<sup>42</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged he returned to Kandahar and served on the front lines there until approximately 23 November 2001 under the command of Hamza al-Zubayr.<sup>43</sup> (Analyst Note: Hamza al-Zubayr is a known al-Qaida operative who served under al-Qaida commander in Kandahar Sayf al-Adil.<sup>44</sup>)
- (S//NF) YM-252 stated detainee went to Khowst, AF in late-September or early-October where he drove a truck between Kandahar and Khowst transporting equipment and wounded personnel.<sup>45</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is an assessed member of GZ-10016's Martyrs Brigade, a Faisalabad cell that intended to conduct IED attacks against US and Coalition forces. Detainee is assessed to have traveled to Afghanistan for training.
  - (S//NF) Analyst Note: When escaping from US and Coalition forces in Afghanistan in late 2001, GZ-10016 and IZ-10026 devised a plan to train individuals in explosives and detonators. These individuals would then return to Afghanistan where they would create the devices and teach others to use and create them as well. GZ-10016 fled to Lahore and then Faisalabad with a group of al-Qaida associated fighters, which is assessed to include detainee and the others captured on 28 March 2002. Remote detonator training was conducted at the Abu Zubaydah Safe House, while the Issa Safe House occupants (including detainee) are assessed to have provided support functions for the detonator trainees. Occupants at the Issa Safe House included individuals with explosives expertise who GZ-10016 may have

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<sup>41</sup> Analyst Note: The 55th Arab Brigade was also referred to in reporting as the al-Qaida Brigade, the Mujahideen Brigade, and the Arab Fighters. UBL participated closely in the command and control of the brigade. Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abdul Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), had primary operational command of the 55th Arab Brigade, serving as UBL's military commander in the field. For additional information see 55th Arab Brigade 01-Feb-1998, FBI 3540-01548-026-0015, DIA CAR 55th Arab Brigade 18-Sep-2001, IIR 2 340 6362 02, 000440 SIR 04-Mar-2004, IIR 6 034 0246 02, IIR 6 034 0252 06, 000078 SIR 14-Oct-2006, and Various ISNs COLISEUM ANS I005-04-0132. For additional information on the Omar Sayf Center, see IIR 6 034 0283 07, IIR 6 034 1607 03, IIR 6 034 0207 06, IIR 6 034 0675 02 CC, IIR 6 034 0013 02, and IIR 6 034 0689 02 CC. For additional information on the Said Center, see IIR 6 034 0697 04, IIR 6 034 0744 04, IIR 6 034 0252 06, and IIR 6 034 0180 04.

<sup>42</sup> IIR 6 034 0485 03, 000252 MFR 16-JAN-2003, 000252 SIR 13-JAN-2003

<sup>43</sup> >IIR 4 201 3128 06, 000688 SIR 14-MAY-2005, 000688 SIR 18-DEC-2006, 000680 SIR 02-JUN-2006, Analyst Note: Hekmatallah is possibly the cousin of Umar Abadallah, ISN US9AF-000222DP (see 000222 302 20-JUN-2002). Detainee later claimed Hekmatallah was from Pakistan. Variants for Salafia College include Jamiyah Salfiyah, Jamea Salafeyah, Jamia Salafia, Salafyah University, and Salafi University. A variant for Jabir is Jabayr.

<sup>44</sup> >IIR 6 105 0066 05, IIR 6 105 0068 05

<sup>45</sup> IIR 6 034 0485 03, 000252 MFR 16-JAN-2003, 000252 SIR 13-JAN-2003

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intended to produce the explosives for use with the detonators and provide other services such as security and surveillance of targets.<sup>46</sup> GZ-10016 also intended for the trainees to create explosives, which Arab suicide operatives would detonate at checkpoints in Afghanistan.<sup>47</sup> It is possible some individuals at the Issa Safe House were designated for this task, although detainee is not assessed to have been inclined to commit suicide. The following describes the plan, specific participants, and their movement to Faisalabad. Due to detainee's willingness to withhold information of intelligence value, reports from other JTF-GTMO detainees regarding detainee's true activities in Afghanistan, as well as his association with the Martyrs Brigade, detainee is assessed to be a willing cell participant who intended to conduct further attacks against US and Coalition forces.

○ (S//NF) As previously noted, Pakistani authorities captured detainee and other suspected al-Qaida fighters under the command of GZ-10016 during raids on LT operated Faisalabad safe houses identified as the Issa Safe House and the Abu Zubaydah Safe House. Detainee was captured at the Issa Safe House. GZ-10016 stated he created the Martyrs Brigade, a unit conceived to conduct attacks against US-based targets employing remotely-detonated explosives activated by Pakistan-based triggermen using cell phones.<sup>48</sup>

▪ (S//NF) According to open source and other reporting, the residents of the Issa Safe House were part of a network poised to launch attacks against American installations and embassies in various countries. The plan had been finalized but was broken up by the Faisalabad safe house raids that led to the arrest of numerous suspects including its chief, GZ-10016.<sup>49</sup>

▪ (S//NF) Muhammad Noor Uthman, ISN US9SU-000707DP (SU-707), stated GZ-10016 was the director of the Issa Safe House in Faisalabad.<sup>50</sup> (Analyst Note: GZ-10016 has denied a direct association with the Issa Safe House.)

▪ (S//NF) GZ-10016's original plan was to flee Afghanistan and travel via Pakistan to Iran, where he would set up a base of operations for the Brigade. GZ-10016 claimed Abu Musab al-Zarqawi had agreed to send 15 of his best men to join with members of GZ-10016's Khaldan group to form the Brigade. GZ-10016's long-term intent was to train and place suicide bombers or remote-controlled explosive devices in an effort to attack US targets. (Analyst Note: Al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla, the American convicted of providing material

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<sup>46</sup> >TD-314/17440-02, TD-314/17625-02, TD-314/17060-02, TD-314/35879-02, TD-314/39716-03, NCTC Terrorist Threat Assessment 4-May-2006

<sup>47</sup> >TD-314/18008-04

<sup>48</sup> TD-314/33836-02, TD-314/17440-02, TD-314/17625-02

<sup>49</sup> SAP20020404000045 04-APR-2002, 000680 KB 22-JUN-2002, IIR 6 034 0043 03, IIR 6 034 0872 02

<sup>50</sup> 000707 302 11-SEP-2002

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- support to terrorism, briefly stayed with GZ-10016 at the Faisalabad safe house where GZ-10016 was captured.)<sup>51</sup>
- (S//NF) Jabran Said Bin Wazir al-Qahtani, ISN US9SA-000696DP (SA-696) reported IZ-10026 was responsible for identifying recruits for al-Qaida related terrorist activities and putting them in contact with GZ-10016.<sup>52</sup>
  - (S//NF) Talha al-Kini, aka (Binyam Ahmad Muhammad), ISN US9ET-0001458DP (ET-1458), reported GZ-10016 and IZ-10026 talked with him (ET-1458), SA-696, and Ghassan Abdallah Ghazi al-Sharbi, ISN US9SA-000682DP (SA-682), in Zormat about electronics training. ET-1458, who temporarily occupied the Abu Zubaydah safe house prior to the raid, stated everyone understood they were to receive electronics training in remotely controlled IEDs and then return to IZ-10026 in Afghanistan to train Afghans to build and/or use the devices.<sup>53</sup> If they did not train the Afghans, then they were to build the devices and provide them for the Afghans to use.<sup>54</sup>
  - (S//NF) GZ-10016 described his escape from Afghanistan with a group of other al-Qaida operatives under his command via Birmal and Zormat, AF and Bannu and Lahore, PK to Faisalabad with the assistance of the LT network of facilitators. According to GZ-10016, the safe houses, as well as transportation and security for these moves, was provided by LT operatives.<sup>55</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee is assessed to be a member of the group of al-Qaida operatives who fled Afghanistan with GZ-10016.)
    - (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have followed the same route of escape from Afghanistan to the safe house in Faisalabad as used by GZ-10016, ET-1458, and other detainees.<sup>56</sup> GZ-10016 stated he last saw detainee in Birmal.<sup>57</sup> Detainee denied any knowledge or connections to GZ-10016.<sup>58</sup> SA-682 wrote a poem venerating several detainees, assessed to include detainee, who were captured at

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<sup>51</sup> >TD-314/33836-02, TD-314/17440-02, TD-314/17625-02, TD-314/17060-02, TD-314/16969-02, TD-314/17373-02, TD-314/59808-05, For SU-707's reporting on Padilla, see 000707 MFR 17-JAN-2003, IIR 6 034 0657 02, IIR 6 034 0755 02, and IIR 6 034 0827 04

<sup>52</sup> IIR 6 034 1126 03

<sup>53</sup> >001458 FM40 28-JUL-2004, For additional information on these individuals and their associations, see TD-314/17440-02, TD-314/17060-02, TD-314/17625-02, TD-314/18041-02, TD-314/39716-03

<sup>54</sup> IIR 6 034 0282 05, 001458 FM40 27-JUL-2004, 001458 FM40 28-JUL-2004

<sup>55</sup> >TD-314/16265-02, TD-314/18169-02, IIR 6 034 0911 04, SAP20020408000048 08-APR-2002, Multiple ISNs FBIS SAP20020330000051 30-MAR-2002, 010016 FM40 01-SEP-2005, 010016 FM40 01-SEP-2005b, 000114 Lashkar-e-Tayyiba 23-DEC-2004, LASHKAR E TAYYIBA, NGIC - Lashkar-e-Tayyiba 1-Jan-2001

<sup>56</sup> TD-314/20711-02, 001458 FM40 27-JUL-04

<sup>57</sup> TD-314/23363-04, TD-314/20711-02, TD-314/24217-04

<sup>58</sup> 000688 SIR 18-DEC-2006

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the Issa Safe House and the Abu Zubaydah Safe House. The poem noted GZ-10016 was “pushing us to glory.”<sup>59</sup>

- (S//NF) Detainee admitted he fought in Afghanistan and fled to the Issa Safe House.<sup>60</sup> (Analyst Note: The group was not transported to the safe house en mass. Some arrived from the Lahore safe houses days or weeks after others.)
- (S//NF) Abu Bakr Muhammad Bulghiti reported he first saw detainee during spring 2000 at the Abu Suhayb Guesthouse in Kandahar. Bulghiti next saw detainee in a safe house in Faisalabad in approximately February 2002. Detainee was part of a group of Yemenis who had fled from Afghanistan to Pakistan. All were seeking to leave Pakistan for Yemen.<sup>61</sup> GZ-10016 provided corroboration of Bulghiti’s statement, noting the Yemenis were moved out of Afghanistan to a safe house in Faisalabad to wait for new documents.<sup>62</sup>
- (S//NF) Musab Omar Ali al-Mudwani, ISN US9YM-000839DP (YM-839), identified detainee as Khattab, a Yemeni with whom he traveled from Zormat to Bannu, the route arranged by GZ-10016. YM-839 reported leaving Zormat on 16 December 2001 with other foreign fighters.<sup>63</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee reported leaving Kandahar two weeks before 7 December 2006.)
- (S//NF) Ayoub Murshid Ali Saleh, ISN US9YM-000836DP (YM-836), photo identified detainee as Khattab, who YM-836 saw at the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.<sup>64</sup>
- (S//NF) In a letter to detainee’s brother, Kamal Abdallah Ubadi, detainee advised him not to become a singer or join the military, but instead attempt to illegally enter either Saudi Arabia or the United Arab Emirates for work. Detainee advised Kamal that he could sell vegetables or work in a textile store.<sup>65</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Detainee’s Conduct:** Detainee is assessed as a **HIGH** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been sporadically compliant and hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 144 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 12 April 2008, when he was in possession of altered shorts (contraband). He has 39 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 25 June 2007, when he attacked (head butting and biting) a guard. Other

<sup>59</sup> >000682 Pocket Litter 00-XXX-2004, Analyst Note: Detainee is assessed to be the individual identified as Khalid in the poem.

<sup>60</sup> >IIR 6 034 1223 04, 000688 SIR 14-MAY-2005, 000688 SIR 26-DEC-2006

<sup>61</sup> TD-314/44476-03

<sup>62</sup> >TD-314/41623-02

<sup>63</sup> >IIR 6 034 1271 04, IIR 6 034 0361 03, IIR 6 034 1077 04

<sup>64</sup> >IIR 6 034 0309 03, 000836 SIR 29-OCT-2002

<sup>65</sup> >IIR 6 034 0146 07, Analyst Note: “Vegetables, vegetable shop, and vegetable worker” are al-Qaida code words for “documents, training center, and personnel” respectively. Textiles, possibly meaning fabric, is code for parts of a passport or a passport.

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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, unauthorized communications, exposure of genitals, damage to government property, attempted assaults, assaults, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. On 3 August 2004, detainee was in possession of an altered aluminum foil (shank). In 2007, he had a total of 11 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and four 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 15 January 2008.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee spent two years on the front lines and traveled known ingress and egress routes. Detainee was present in several guesthouses and was captured at one of two al-Qaida safe houses associated with GZ-10016. Other individuals captured at the Issa Safe House were involved in the production of remote-controlled detonators to be used against US and Coalition forces in Afghanistan. Detainee attended al-Qaida training, possibly served as a trainer, and performed transport duties for al-Qaida and Taliban forces in Afghanistan.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee's intelligence potential is limited due to his withholding of information. Detainee has information about senior al-Qaida members, trainers, and trainees (including other JTF-GTMO detainees). Detainee should be able to provide information about other detainees captured with him, including their roles and specifics of their operational planning and targets. These details may also include the specific responsibilities of those in the two separate safe houses. Detainee should have knowledge of residents and operators of the various guesthouses and safe houses where he resided.

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


- Detainee's activities in Pakistan and Afghanistan
  - Al-Faruq Training Camp to include basic and advanced artillery training, and instructor training
  - UBL's 55th Arab Brigade
    - Combat actions in Kabul
    - Combat actions in Kandahar
  - Extremist guesthouses
    - Haji Habash aka (Abu Suhayb) Guesthouse
    - Abu Dhahak's Guesthouse

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- Qutaybah Guesthouse
- Malik Shah Guesthouse
- Zubayr al-Haili Guesthouse
- Martyr's Brigade
  - GZ-10016 and IZ-10026
  - Issa Safe House and the Abu Zubaydah Safe House personnel and activities
  - Planned attacks against US and Coalition forces
  - LT facilitation
- Recruitment and facilitation techniques in Yemen
- Egyptian extremists in Yemen

9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 1 October 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*.