

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

JTF GTMO-CG 18 January 2003

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

SUBJECT: Transfer Recommendation for Guantanamo Detainee, Mohammed Nayim Farouq, ISN: US9AF-00633DP

- 1. (S) **Personal Information**: Mohammed Nayim Farouq is an Afghan national born in 1960 (age 43) in Zatoon Kahil, Afghanistan. Detainee has chronic shoulder and lower back pain, but is otherwise in good health.
- 2. (FOUO) **Detention Information**: In early December 2001, subject detainee was appointed as the commander of security forces for the Zormat region in Paktia Provice by the interim Afghani government. Soon after his appointment, U.S. personnel detained four of the detainee's security force members assigned to Lakdewal checkpoint. Detainee traveled to Gardez, Afghanistan to secure their release but was stopped en route by Afghani and U.S. officials. After stating that he was in charge of the Lakdewal Checkpoint where his men were being detained, U.S forces requested that detainee follow them to Gardez where he was subsequently arrested. Detainee suspected that Mullah Kacem, an individual who once worked for the Taliban Investigation Activities Office, denounced him as a Taliban supporter in order to eliminate him as the security forces commander in the region. Detainee also stated that Mullah Kacem, a long time Taliban supporter, knowingly provided U.S. forces in Afghanistan with erroneous information on his personal enemies in an attempt to have them eliminated or detained. Detainee was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, because of his knowledge of security services, political personnel, and Mullah Kacem in Paktia Province, Afghanistan. He arrived approximately 18 June 2002. The detainee has been cooperative, but Joint Task Force Guantanamo considers the information obtained from and about him as not valuable or tactically exploitable.
- 3. (S) **Assessment**: Based on current information, detainee ISN: US9AF-00633 is assessed as neither affiliated with al-Qaida nor as being a Taliban leader. Moreover, based on the detainee folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the results of which are available on the JTF Guantanamo detainee database,

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the detainee has no further intelligence value to the United States and will not be seen for further intelligence purposes. Subject detainee has not expressed thoughts of violence or made threats toward the U.S. or its allies during interrogations or in the course of his detention. Based on the above, detainee does not pose a future threat to the U.S. or U.S. interests.

- 4. (S) **Recommendation**: In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be considered for release or transfer to the control of another government.
- 5. (C) Coordination: JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 12 December 2002.

Major General, U.S. Army

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