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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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

JTF GTMO-CG

20 November 2003

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

SUBJECT: (S//NF) Transfer Recommendation for Guantanamo Detainee, Bismulah, ISN: US9AF-000639DP.

1. (S) **Personal Information:** Bismulah is an Afghan national, born in 1968 (age 35) in Ghulam Khail, Afghanistan (AF). Detainee has been diagnosed with latent Tuberculosis but is otherwise in good health.
2. (S) **Detention Information:** Detainee claims that approximately 25 days prior to Ramadan, he left his home for a local store in his village of Ghurban, AF, to purchase flour and cooking oil. After arriving, he was approached by an individual named Mullah Musa, a Taliban commander in the Yakh Dara Valley region, AF. Musa told the detainee he had to either pay 5,000,000 Afghani rupees or serve in the Taliban army. Since the detainee could not afford the fee, he and three other villagers, were forced into the Taliban army and loaded onto the back of a military vehicle. They were issued Kalashnikov rifles and driven to the Polado Dara region. The detainee and seven others were told to stand watch on a lookout post to prevent an invasion of the Hazara tribe onto the territory. The detainee's group stood guard for approximately 17 days with daily checks by a Taliban leader. On approximately the 17th day, the Hazara tribe advanced towards the detainee's group. The group fled on foot for the city of Kalu Dari, AF. In Kalu Dari, a local militia affiliated with the Northern Alliance captured the detainee. Detainee was taken back to Foladi Dara for six nights before being transferred to a prison in Bamian, AF. Detainee remained in Bamian for approximately four months before being turned over to US forces and subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba on 11 June 2002 because of his general knowledge of Taliban conscription, and of the facility he was guarding in Polado Dara, AF.
3. (S) **Assessment:** Based on information available to Joint Task Force Guantanamo as of 19 November 2003, detainee ISN: US9AF-000639DP is assessed as being neither affiliated with Al-Qaida nor a Taliban leader. Based on the detainee's folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the detainee is of low intelligence value to

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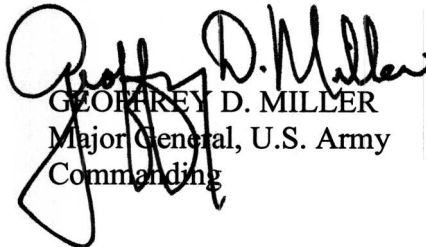
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the United States. Based on the above, detainee poses a medium threat to the U.S., its interests or its allies.

4. (S) **Recommendation:** Release or Transfer to the Control of Another Government for Continued Detention.

5. (C) **Coordination:** JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF) of this recommendation on 31 October 2003. 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 threat.


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