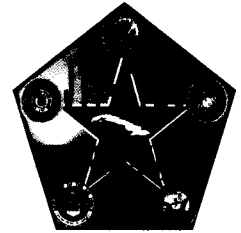




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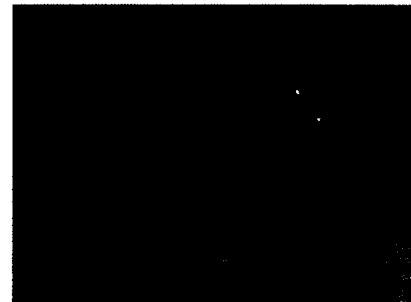
MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue, Miami, FL 33172.

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

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

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Majid Al Barayan
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Majid Abdallah Said Barayan, Abu Harrith
- Place of Birth: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 27 September 1972
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SA-000051DP



**2. (FOUO) Health:** Detainee is in good health.

#### **3. (S//NF) JTF-GTMO Assessment:**

**a. (S) Recommendation:** JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF-GTMO previously assessed detainee as Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) on 19 September 2005.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida who fought against US and coalition forces in Tora Bora, Afghanistan (AF), and on the Kabul, AF front line under Usama Bin Laden's (UBL's) former 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee was identified as a mujahid who attended training at an al-Qaida-run terrorist training facility. Other detainees at JTF-GTMO have identified detainee as having had a close relationship with UBL as well having issued fatwas (religious decrees) against US personnel. Detainee's

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actions and affiliations in the United Kingdom (UK) are suspect, especially his attendance at the Finsbury Park Mosque in London, UK, a familiar meeting place for al-Qaida members and terrorists. Detainee was captured escaping from Tora Bora, AF with UBL bodyguards, al-Qaida members, and Taliban fighters. 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.

#### **4. (S//NF) 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's family is from the Hadramawt region of Yemen.<sup>1</sup> Between 1992 and 1994, detainee worked as an accountant for the al-Aziziya Water Company in Saudi Arabia. In 1995, detainee traveled to the UK to attend Salisbury College in Salisbury, UK. Detainee also attended the Finsbury Park Mosque in London<sup>2</sup> with Muhammad al-Shabibi, a friend from Saudi Arabia, and Sadeh,<sup>3</sup> one of al-Shabibi's friends. When detainee visited London with al-Shabibi, he stayed with Sadeh. Four months later, detainee returned to Saudi Arabia. In 1998, detainee traveled to Seattle, Washington (WA) for 30 days.<sup>4</sup> Detainee enrolled in an English language course at Redmond College in Redmond, WA, and lived with a friend named Abdul Aziz, who was already attending Redmond College. Detainee and Aziz made two one-day trips to Vancouver, Canada to sightsee.<sup>5</sup> Detainee and Aziz also went on a five-day trip to Los Angeles, California from Seattle to visit Disneyland and the Hollywood Walk of Stars. The two returned to Seattle for one day and then went to Saudi Arabia together. Upon returning to Saudi Arabia, detainee

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<sup>1</sup> IIR 4 201 0397 05

<sup>2</sup> 000051 302 05-SEP-2002, Analyst Note: Finsbury Park Mosque was a key transit facility in London for the movement of North African and other extremists to and from al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan.

<sup>3</sup> 000051 302 05-SEP-2002, Analyst Note: Al-Shabibi's friend Sadeh is possibly Mossem Sadeh. In 000051 Information on Sadeh, Sadeh is described as an Armenian facilitator connected to UBL and associated with such poisons as Anthrax and Botulinum Toxin.

<sup>4</sup> 000051 302 05-SEP-2002, Analyst Note: In GUAN-2002-000076 passport, a review of detainee's passport shows that he entered the US on 19 November 1998.

<sup>5</sup> 000051 302 05-SEP-2002, Analyst Note: Detainee's statements are in contradiction with his passport stamps, which show him entering Canada on 11 October 1998, a month before his entry date into the US. See GUAN-2002-000076 passport.

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enrolled in Career Craft,<sup>6</sup> a three-month employment placement program. Detainee completed the program and went to work for the Savola Company as an accounting clerk and was later promoted to warehouse supervisor.<sup>7</sup> Detainee remarked that he is familiar with computers and Oracle database software.<sup>8</sup>

**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** In January 2001, detainee took a vacation to Malaysia (MY) at the urging of his brother, Muhammad Said Barayan.<sup>9</sup> While traveling to Malaysia, he stopped in Karachi, Pakistan (PK). While in Pakistan, he traveled to Lahore, PK, and went sightseeing.<sup>10</sup> When he arrived in Malaysia, he acquired an apartment and visited some tourist sites in Kuala Lumpur. Sometime during July 2001, detainee began contemplating dawa.<sup>11</sup> Detainee decided to travel to Afghanistan because he had heard it was in dire need of assistance. Detainee went to a guesthouse in Quetta, PK.<sup>12</sup> When he arrived there, he told the guesthouse operator that he wanted to go to Afghanistan. Detainee left the following morning for Kandahar, AF in a taxi. Since he did not have to pay for the ride, he assumed that it had been paid for by the guesthouse operator. The taxi took him to a Taliban guesthouse in Kandahar.<sup>13</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** Upon arrival at the Taliban Guesthouse in Kandahar, detainee was asked why he was in Afghanistan, and he replied that he was there for dawa. The guesthouse operator asked detainee if he would train to be a fighter, but detainee declined. Approximately seven to ten days later, detainee was driven to a guesthouse in Kabul, where he was encouraged to join the struggle against the Northern Alliance, but again he declined. Detainee was then transported to a small town between Kabul and Ghazni, AF where he spent approximately six weeks teaching children at an orphanage how to properly clean themselves before prayer. Approximately two to three weeks after the 11 September 2001 attacks, detainee fled the Kabul area to seek refuge in

<sup>6</sup> Analyst Note: In 000051 302 05-SEP-2002, detainee alternately reported that when he returned from the UK in 1995 vice 1998, he enrolled in Career Craft, completed a three-month employment placement program, worked for Savola Company, etc. Whether he did this in 1995, 1998, or at all, is unknown.

<sup>7</sup> 000051 302 08-SEP-2002, Analyst Note: In TD-314/06932-02, detainee alternately remarked that he worked for one year as a cashier and assistant accountant at al-Zahid Tractor Company, one year as a warehouse supervisor at Savola Company, and one year as a food processor in Jeddah, SA before he quit working around July 2001.

<sup>8</sup> IIR 4 201 0234 05

<sup>9</sup> IIR 4 201 0234 05

<sup>10</sup> 000051 302 08-SEP-2002, Analyst Note: In GUAN-2002-000076 passport, detainee's passport shows that he left Pakistan on 6 February 2001 and arrived in Malaysia on 7 February 2001.

<sup>11</sup> Analyst Note: Dawa is an Islamic dedication or donation that includes among other things, religious instruction.

<sup>12</sup> Analyst Note: Assessed to be referring to the Daftar Taliban Guesthouse, which was utilized by Islamic extremists traveling to Afghanistan to receive militant training or participate in fighting on the front lines.

<sup>13</sup> 000051 302 05-SEP-2002, Analyst Note: The Taliban Guesthouse is assessed to be the Hajji Habash Guesthouse, a known way station for Arabs and foreign nationals attending al-Faruq or traveling to the front lines to fight.

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Khowst, AF. Shortly after arriving in Khowst, detainee was provided refuge by an Afghan named Noor Muhammad.<sup>14</sup> Approximately one month later, Noor told detainee that there was a group of Arabs getting ready to flee to Pakistan. Noor subsequently drove the detainee to a safe house where he joined approximately 30-40 Arab males who were traveling to the Pakistani border.<sup>15</sup>

**5. (S//NF) Capture Information:**

**a. (S//NF)** Upon reaching the Pakistani border, Pakistani border guards arrested the detainee and his group. They were then transported to Peshawar, PK where they were held for approximately two weeks.<sup>16</sup> Pakistani authorities transferred detainee from Peshawar to the Kandahar Detention Facility on 27 December 2001 and placed him in US custody.<sup>17</sup>

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

- Saudi Passport #B585210
- 400 USD
- 500 Saudi Riyals
- Qatar Airways ticket issued 24 July 2001 for departure from Doha on 25 July 2001
- Paper, green, with writing, "Da al-Funoon Printing Press"

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 9 February 2002

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

- Finsbury Park Mosque in London

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee has not been forthright about the time he spent in the United States and other countries. Detainee is assessed as acquiring fake Malaysian passport stamps to cover his true activity, which was to receive militant training at al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee continues to adhere to his cover story of teaching the Koran at

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<sup>14</sup> Analyst note: This is possibly the same Noor Muhammad who owned a house in Khowst and acted as one of three local guides who assisted the Hizb-e-Islami-Gulbuddin (HIG) and foreign fighters as late as May 2004.

<sup>15</sup> 000051 302 05-SEP-2002

<sup>16</sup> 000051 302 05-SEP-2002

<sup>17</sup> TD-314/00845-02, Analyst Note: In IIR 6 034 0080 03, detainee was identified as being held at the Kandahar Detention Facility.

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an orphanage in Afghanistan.<sup>18</sup> The story corresponds to the statements of Mohammed Y al-Zayley, ISN US9SA-000055 (SA-055), also captured with detainee, concerning what a Pakistani prison warden said when their group was captured. According to SA-055, the warden said the best thing to say when interrogated by US forces was that they were in Afghanistan to teach the Koran or to study religion.<sup>19</sup> Further, another member of the captured group Majid M Abdu Ahmed, ISN US9YM-000041DP (YM-041), also reported that the Koran teaching cover story was false.<sup>20</sup> Despite the other detainees' comments about false cover stories, detainee has denied allegations that he was in al-Faruq, that he fought under UBL's former 55th Arab Brigade in Taloqan, AF or that he was in Tora Bora.<sup>21</sup>

## 7. (S//NF) 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 assessed to be a member of al-Qaida who fought against US and coalition forces in Tora Bora and probably fought on the Kabul front line under UBL's former 55<sup>th</sup> Arab Brigade. Detainee was identified as a mujahid who attended training at an al-Qaida terrorist training facility. Other detainees at JTF-GTMO have identified detainee as having had a close relationship with UBL as well as having issued fatwas against US personnel. Detainee's actions and affiliations in the UK are suspect, especially his attendance at the Finsbury Park Mosque, a familiar meeting place for al-Qaida members and terrorists.

- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have participated in armed hostilities against US and coalition forces in Taloqan, Tora Bora and near Kabul under UBL's former 55<sup>th</sup> Arab Brigade.
  - (S//NF) Hamud Dakhil Hamud, ISN US9SA-000230DP (SA-230), reported that detainee lived in Saudi Arabia, went to Afghanistan and fought in Tora Bora with al-Qaida. SA-230 reported that the detainee used the alias Abu Harrith.<sup>22</sup>
    - (S//NF) SA-230 claimed that he first saw the detainee in Tora Bora and then later at a guesthouse in Kandahar in 2001. SA-230 claimed that the detainee told him that his participation in hostilities at Tora Bora was his first jihad and that he had studied in America and Europe.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> IIR 4 201 0318 05

<sup>19</sup> IIR 6 034 0704 02, IIR 6 034 0780 02

<sup>20</sup> 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

<sup>21</sup> IIR 4 201 0541 05

<sup>22</sup> 000230 SIR 21-JUL-2005

<sup>23</sup> 000230 SIR 03-DEC-2005

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- (S//NF) Maad Al Qahtani, ISN US9SA-000063DP (SA-063), photo identified detainee as a mujahid from Saudi Arabia who was at Tora Bora.<sup>24</sup>
- (S//NF) Mohammed Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), stated that the detainee was an al-Qaida trained Arab fighter who holds both Saudi and Yemeni citizenship, but is a native Yemeni.<sup>25</sup>
  - (S//NF) YM-252 also stated that he saw the detainee in the Ktal region of Tora Bora and that detainee used the alias Abu Harrith.<sup>26</sup>
  - (S//NF) YM-252 claimed that he knew the detainee quite well, having lived with him for over a month in Taloqan and having fought together against the Northern Alliance at the front. YM-252 added that detainee was in charge of an anti-aircraft missile launcher on top of a Toyota truck. He also saw detainee at a safe house in Kabul. (Analyst Note: Taloqan is known to be an area where UBL's 55<sup>th</sup> Arab Brigade was stationed and fought.)<sup>27</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee inadvertently admitted to fighting on the front lines. During custodial debriefings, interviewers told detainee that they did not believe he was truthful in his account of his activities in Afghanistan. During this discussion, the detainee looked at the interviewers intently and nodded at regular intervals. Debriefers asked if things were confusing during the fighting, with people running up the hills and back down again and many people dying, and the detainee replied, "Yes." The debriefer asked if he fired at the Americans, and he replied, "No, not at the Americans; we could not see them."<sup>28</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee was identified as a mujahid who attended training at an al-Qaida run terrorist training facility.
  - (S//NF) David M Hicks, ISN US9AS-000002DP (AS-002), identified detainee as attending basic training at al-Qaida's al-Faruq Training Camp sometime in early-2001.<sup>29</sup>
  - (S//NF) YM-252 also remarked that the detainee received training at al-Faruq.<sup>30</sup>
- (S//NF) Fellow detainees at JTF-GTMO identified detainee as being close to UBL and issuing fatwas against US personnel.

<sup>24</sup> TD-314/50507-03, IIR 4 201 2583 04

<sup>25</sup> 000252 FM40 23-SEP-2006

<sup>26</sup> IIR 6 034 1267 03, IIR 6 034 0702 03, 000252 302 02-APR-2003, Analyst Note: Abo al-Hareth is a variant of Abu Harrith.

<sup>27</sup> IIR 6 034 0702 03, 000252 302 02-Apr-2003, Analyst Note: The 55th Arab Brigade was UBL's primary battle formation supporting Taliban objectives, with UBL participating closely in its command and control. Abdul Hadi al-Iraqi had primary operational command of the Arab Brigade, serving as UBL's military commander in the field.

<sup>28</sup> 000051 302 08-Apr-2003

<sup>29</sup> IIR 6 034 0598 03

<sup>30</sup> IIR 6 034 1267 03

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- (S//NF) Abdul Bukhary, ISN US9SA-000493DP (SA-493), identified detainee as an individual who was very close to UBL (NFI), visited the US, and issued fatwas at JTF-GTMO.<sup>31</sup>
- (S//NF) Ali A Motaieb, ISN US9IZ-000111DP (IZ-111), remarked that the detainee had tried to organize a fatwa in JTF-GTMO.<sup>32</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee's pocket litter contained contact information for a Pakistani facility that has been conclusively linked to well known al-Qaida facilitator, Abdu Ali al-Haji Sharqawi aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457). This facility may also be linked to the al-Wafa organization.<sup>33</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted attending North London's Finsbury Park Mosque on multiple occasions.<sup>34</sup>
  - (S//NF) This mosque was home to Egyptian-born militant, Shaykh Abu Hamza al-Masri and Jordan-born Abu Qatada, described by British Intelligence as UBL's ambassador to Europe. A haven for Islamic extremists from Morocco and Algeria, Finsbury Park Mosque endorses the mujahideen message that calls for young Muslims to take up arms against the opponents of Islam. The Finsbury Park Mosque has been linked to Richard Reid, the shoe-bomber suspect, and Zacharias Moussaoui, the so-called "20th hijacker."<sup>35</sup>

**c. (FOUO) Detainee's Conduct:** The detainee is assessed as a HIGH threat from a detention perspective. The detainee's overall behavior has been compliant but sometimes hostile to the guard force and staff. The detainee currently has 61 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS, with the most recent occurring on 8 June 2006 when he threatened a guard by telling him that Zarqawi would cut his head off. Other incidents for which the detainee has been disciplined include assault, failure to follow guard instructions, unauthorized communications, altering his cell, possession of non-weapon type contraband, attempted assault of staff, failure to follow camp rules, acting hostile or threatening to staff, damage to property, and inciting a disturbance. The detainee has 5 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault, the most recent of which occurred on 22 May 2006 when he spit in the face and eye of a guard.

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<sup>31</sup> 000493 SIR 26-Oct-2005

<sup>32</sup> 000111 SIR 20-Jun-2003

<sup>33</sup> 000051 PERSDOC 01-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: Al-Wafa is a Tier 2 Terrorist Support Entity (TSE). Tier 2 TSE's have demonstrated intent and willingness to provide financial support to terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests; or provided witting operational support to Tier 2 terrorist groups.

<sup>34</sup> 000051 302 05-SEP-2002

<sup>35</sup> Algerian Extremist Recruitment in Europe 31 May 2004, Recruitment For Jihad - Europe is in our Hands - 66th MI

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**8. (S//NF) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:**

**a. (S) Assessment:** JTF-GTMO determined this detainee is of MEDIUM intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 8 August 2006.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee was identified by one source as being close to UBL, as fighting at the Kabul front line and in Tora Bora, staying at multiple Taliban and al-Qaida associated guesthouses, and attending training at al-Faruq. Detainee admittedly attended multiple sessions at the Finsbury Park Mosque. Detainee's travels possibly gave him access to other terrorist training and personalities.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee's history provides him with the ability to report on acts of aggression against US and coalition forces on the Kabul front lines and in Tora Bora. Detainee can provide information on guesthouses, al-Faruq and associated personalities. Detainee should be able to provide information on the Finsbury Park Mosque and possibly other Islamic extremist mosques in the UK, Saudi Arabia, US, and elsewhere.

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

- Information concerning the other members of the group with which he was captured
- Tora Bora Mountains in Afghanistan
- UBL's 55<sup>th</sup> Arab Brigade
- Al-Faruq Training Camp
- Kandahar Guesthouse, other guesthouses
- Detainee's international travel, special emphasis on the US
- Radical extremist mosques operating in Saudi Arabia, the UK and the US

**9. (S) EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 28 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.



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