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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-000434DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Mustafa Abdul Qawi Abdul al-Shamiri
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Mustafa Abd al-Qawi Abd al-Aziz al-Shamiri, Abu Ali, Saba al-Layl, Abu Umar al-Najdi, Abu Said al-Yamani, Abu Ayyub al-Emirati, Abu Ayyub al-Yemeni, Juhaynah
- Place of Birth: Sanaa, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 7 July 1978
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000434DP



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 21 June 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida with specific affiliation to the Yemen-based al-Qaida cell responsible for the attack on the USS COLE. Detainee participated in armed hostilities against US and Coalition forces as a fighter

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in Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) 55th Arab Brigade.¹ Detainee was recruited by a known al-Qaida member, is listed in al-Qaida affiliated documents, and was identified by Yemeni intelligence as an al-Qaida member in Afghanistan (AF). Detainee received advanced training in Afghanistan and is assessed to be a senior trainer at the al-Faruq Training Camp as well as an al-Qaida guesthouse logistician. Detainee is a veteran jihadist who participated in hostilities in the 1994 Yemeni civil war and in the Bosnian Jihad. Detainee was present at the Qala-i-Jangi uprising in November 2001. 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 **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective
- Of **MEDIUM** intelligence value

c. (S//NF) **Summary of Changes:** There are no significant changes to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation.

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 participated in hostilities in the 1994 Yemeni civil war after attending a 10-day volunteer training camp near Shabour in Abyan Province, YM. Detainee received training on the AK-47 assault rifle, a Pakistani machine gun, and rocket propelled grenade (RPG) launchers. After leaving the camp, detainee served for two months at Hadramout, YM under Ali Mushin al-Matri in the Eighth Saiqa Brigade. Detainee stated he was initially promised the opportunity to join the Yemeni army, but was unable to join following the civil war because he did not have any connections. Detainee claimed this was his only military service until participating in jihad in Afghanistan.²

b. (S//NF) **Recruitment and Travel:** Detainee met his facilitator, Abdul Salam al-Hadrami, at the Khayr Mosque in Sanaa. Detainee answered a *fatwa* (religious decree) issued by extremist cleric Shaykh Hamud al-Uqla and decided to travel to Afghanistan in January 2001.³ Detainee departed Sanaa on Yemeni Airlines and flew to Karachi, Pakistan

¹ Analyst Note: The Arab Brigade served as UBL's primary battle formation supporting Taliban objectives, with UBL participating closely in the command and control of the brigade. Abdul Hadi al-Iraqi, ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), had primary operational command of the Arab Brigade, serving as UBL's military commander in the field

² 000434 302 12-JUN-2002

³ Analyst Note: Shaykh Hamud Bin Uqla was one of the first radical religious leaders to issue *fatwas* calling on Muslims to support the mujahideen fighting the Soviets. His *fatwa* have "justified" the 11 September 2001 attacks

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(PK). Detainee paid for his ticket with a combination of his own funds and money from al-Hadrami. In Karachi, detainee stayed at an unspecified hotel as instructed by al-Hadrami. Detainee phoned the Taliban office in Quetta, PK, and was instructed to fly to Quetta. From Quetta, detainee traveled to Kabul via Kandahar, AF where he stayed at an unspecified Arab guesthouse for two days.⁴

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Abu Amr al-Mabri told detainee he could go directly to the front lines since he had previous military training in Yemen. Detainee was taken to the Omar Saif Center in the vicinity of Kandahar where he remained for six months. In May 2001, detainee was in attendance when UBL addressed an audience of about 250 people at the Omar Saif Center. UBL discussed fighting for the Taliban and the situation with the US. In June 2001, detainee moved north to Kunduz, AF, with the rest of Abdul Salam's unit.⁵ Abdul Salam and Hamza al-Adani were killed in Kunduz. Gharib al-Sanani commanded detainee's unit after Salam's death.⁶

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Approximately 24 November 2001, Northern Alliance forces captured detainee and retreating Taliban and al-Qaida affiliated forces and transported them to the Qala-I-Jangi prison. The following morning (25 November 2001), the prisoners revolted, resulting in a protracted firefight against US and Coalition forces at the prison. Surviving prisoners took cover in the prison's basement. After seven days, the surviving prisoners surrendered and were taken to the Sheberghan Prison.⁷ Detainee was transferred to US custody on 15 January 2002.⁸

b. (S) Property Held: None

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 12 June 2002

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

and instructed Muslims to defend the Taliban, declaring that those supporting US and Coalition forces against Muslims were themselves nonbelievers. Until his death in Saudi Arabia in 2001, Uqla helped raise money for UBL.

⁴ 000434 302 12-JUN-2002, 000434 KB 17-JUN-2002

⁵ Analyst Note: Abdul Salam is assessed to be Abd al-Salam al-Hadrami, who served as an al-Qaida commander, recruiter, document forger, and travel facilitator.

⁶ 000434 302 12-JUN-2002

⁷ See Deception at Qala-I-Jangi Prison – USSOC – May 2005

⁸ 000434 OMA MEMO 29-JUN-2002, 000434 KB 17-JUN-2002

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- Paramilitary conscription, training and doctrine used by the Eighth Saiqa Brigade, which fought in the Hadramout area of Yemen
- Taliban recruitment procedures used in foreign countries, to include facilitators, routes of travel, and indoctrination
- Guesthouses used by the Taliban and al-Qaida on the Khwaja Ghar front lines
- Al-Qaida recruiter and travel facilitator Abd al-Salam al-Hadrami

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee likely holds information of significant intelligence value, but to date has been uncooperative. Detainee has provided only minimal information about his past activities and his associates in Yemen, Bosnia, and Afghanistan. Detainee has not acknowledged associations that have been documented through other sources. While detainee has acknowledged limited service on the Taliban front lines, he has provided little information about his associates or activities. Reporting of detainee's associates and activities as well as detainee's refusal to cooperate, indicate he would pose a threat to US and Coalition forces and interests if released.

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 assessed to be a member of al-Qaida. Detainee's name was found on al-Qaida affiliated documents, he was recruited by a known al-Qaida member, and he was identified by Yemeni Intelligence as an al-Qaida member. Detainee is assessed to be a member of the Yemen-based al-Qaida cell responsible for the attack on the USS COLE. Detainee received advanced training in Afghanistan and is assessed to be a senior trainer at the al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee served as a sub-commander in Tora Bora and then participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Northern Afghanistan with UBL's 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee is a veteran jihadist and is assessed to be an al-Qaida logistician for Afghanistan guesthouses.

- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida.
 - (S//NF) Detainee's name and alias were found in a document listing 324 Arabic names, aliases, and nationalities, recovered from a raid on an al-Qaida safe house in Karachi. His name was associated with trust account number 498.212, which contained a Yemeni passport. Also located in the same safe house was an unspecified

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amount of high explosives, a large quantity of improvised detonation devices, and the passports of UBL's family members.⁹

- (S//NF) Analyst Note: Such lists are indicative of an individual's residence within al-Qaida, Taliban, and other extremist guesthouses, often for the purpose of training or coordination prior to travel to the front lines or abroad. Trust accounts, also referred to as safety boxes or safety deposit boxes, were simply storage compartments, such as envelopes or folders, which guesthouse administrators used to secure the individual's personal valuables, such as passports and plane tickets. These items were entrusted to the guesthouse until completion of training or other activity.
- (S//NF) Detainee's alias, Abu Umar al-Najdi, is listed on a document that listed the withdrawals of money from al-Qaida-controlled accounts in Kabul. The document records the transfer of funds, on the order of al-Qaida commander Sayf al-Adil, into an unspecified budget due to "current circumstances." Abu Umar's account contained \$600 US and was probably in a trust account at a guesthouse in Kabul.¹⁰
- (S//NF) Detainee was vetted and recruited by Abd al-Salam al-Hadrami. This recruitment occurred at the al-Khayr Mosque in Sanaa, which teaches Wahhabi doctrine and is a well-known gathering place for Yemeni and other Islamic extremists. Al-Hadrami was a subordinate of Shaykh Muqbil al-Wadi (deceased), an al-Qaida recruiter and front lines commander.¹¹
 - (S//NF) Shaykh Muqbil Bin Hadi al-Wadi was the founder of the al-Salafiyah (Salafist) Movement in Yemen and operated a number of institutions such as the Dimaj Center. Numerous JTF-GTMO detainees, including identified UBL bodyguards, attended the Dimaj Center, or were associated to Shaykh al-Wadi or to the al-Khayr Mosque.¹² The al-Khayr Mosque is a well known Salafist support facility associated with Shaykh al-Wadi who provided support to UBL, al-Qaida, and the Taliban.¹³

⁹ TD-314/40693-02, TD-314/36523-02, TD-314/37103-02, AFGP-2002-905527-30-Jul-2002; Analyst Note: Reporting provides numerous variants for detainee's alias Saba al-Layl. These include assimilation into a single name such as Sab'elleil and Sadallail; variations for Saba including Sabha, Sabi, Sabu, Sabaah and Seba; and variations for al-Layl including Leil, Leal, Leel, Lail, Lil and al-Waile.

¹⁰ AFGP-2002-604320, TD-314/43327-02; Analyst Note: Detainee shares the alias Abu Umar al-Najdi with two former JTF-GTMO detainees: US9SA-000370DP and US9SA-000122DP. The Abu Umar listing in this source cannot be positively identified.

¹¹ 000434 302 12-JUN-2002, 000434 KB 17-JUN-2002, TD-314/09388-98

¹² DIMAJ Institute Expansion INTSUM 01-JUN 2005, TD-314/12546-01, Wahhabism vs. Terrorism

¹³ TD-314/09388-98, IIR 4 201 0997 08, IIR 6 034 0046 03, IIR 6 034 0408 02, 000040 302 18-AUG-2002, 000040 302 01-APR-2002, IIR 6 034 0391 02, 000434 302 12-JUN-2002, 000569 MFR 26-AUG-2002, TD-314/33185-03, TD-314/28511-04, TD-314/53467-04, Analyst Note: Other JTF-GTMO detainees identified as UBL bodyguards

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- (S//NF) The Yemeni Political Security Organization reported Aziz al-Akwa was an al-Qaida member believed to be in Afghanistan in 2001 and was identified with the aka (Saba al-Layl).¹⁴ (Analyst Note: Aziz is assessed to be detainee whose current name includes al-Aziz. Al-Akwa is a variant of detainee's name al-Qawi, both derived from the Arabic word meaning *to be strong*. Saba al-Layl is a confirmed alias for detainee.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is associated to be a member of the Yemen-based al-Qaida cell responsible for attacks against US interests, including the October 2000 attack on the USS COLE.
 - (C//REL USA, GCTF) Humud Dakhil Humud Said al-Jadani, ISN US9SA-000230DP (SA-230), reported he saw detainee in 2000 at a house in Sanaa used as an al-Qaida meeting place. SA-230 saw detainee with Mashur Abdullah Muqbil Ahmed al-Sabri, ISN US9SA-000324DP (SA-324), and three other men including Nibras. These individuals identified themselves as al-Qaida members.¹⁵ (Analyst Note: Abd al-Rahim Hussayn Muhammad al-Nashiri, ISN US9SA-010015DP, identified Nibras as one of the suicide operatives in the USS COLE attack.¹⁶
 - (C//REL USA, GCTF) According to SA-230, this group conducted surveillance of the Port of Aden for over a month and the USS COLE before the attack. They observed the actions of the COLE and its crew and the methods and operations of Yemeni Coast Guard vessels when they approached the COLE. They observed harbor activities from a house near the port of Aden. They also made pre-attack surveillance approaches to the ship from a small boat similar to those used by the YM Coast Guard, wearing Coast Guard uniforms and mimicking the actions of the Coast Guard craft to avoid raising suspicion. The group prepared the explosives used in the attack at the Aden house.¹⁷
 - (S//NF) Other members of the cell at the house included Bashir al-Shadadi, aka (Abu Zubayr), who owned the house; Fawaz Yahya Muhammad al-Rabeyi, aka (Furqan al-Tajiki); al-Rabeyi's brother Salman Yahya Hasan Mohammed al-Rabeyi, US9YM-000508DP (YM-508); and Abdul Azziz Bin Attash, the brother of Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014), who was a senior al-Qaida trainer and planner of the USS COLE attack.¹⁸

were also affiliated with Shaykh al-Wadi, the al-Khayr Mosque, or the Dimaj Institute. Variants of Dimaj include Dumaj and Damaj.

¹⁴ >TD-314/49402-01

¹⁵ IIR 6 034 0323 05, 000230 SIR 06-Jul-2005

¹⁶ IIR 4 201 0507 08

¹⁷ 000230 SIR 26-Jul-2005, IIR 6 034 0323 05; See USS COLE Commission Report for additional information on the attack.

¹⁸ IIR 4 201 2566 04, IIR 6 034 0685 02

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- (S//NF) An additional link between detainee and Rabeii is a letter Fawaz Rabeii wrote to detainee dated 14 May 2001. Fawaz Rabeii requested detainee inform him “about the group of men, especially al-Shaykh Suwad, Khatab, Abu Hajr, and Muhajir al-Najdi.” On 4 April 2001, Fawaz Rabeii wrote detainee stating he “had just finished a course and might travel through Kandahar.” Fawaz Rabeii told detainee to use Fawaz’s alias Furqan al-Tajiki when writing letters to him as “very few people know that he is a Yemeni national.”¹⁹ (Analyst Note: This information and the apparent familiarity between detainee and Fawaz Rabeii demonstrates the two had an established relationship, which continued after they traveled to Afghanistan. Fawaz Rabeii subsequently returned to Yemen, and was killed in a shootout with Yemeni government forces in October 2006.)
 - ◆ (S//NF) Regarding the individuals noted in Rabeii’s letter, Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), identified Abu Hajr, Muhajir al-Najdi, and Saba al-Layl (assessed to be detainee) as trainers at al-Faruq.²⁰ YM-252 noted Abu Hajr was the brother of Ibn Khathir, aka (Ali Yahya Mahdi al-Raimi), ISN US9YM-000167DP (YM-167).²¹ YM-167 has reported limited knowledge about Saba al-Layl.²²
- (S//NF) Detainee’s aliases have been identified by several JTF-GTMO detainees as a senior trainer at al-Faruq under Abdul Qadus, the *emir* (leader) of al-Faruq. Detainee coordinated the evacuation of al-Faruq in September 2001 before traveling to Jalalabad and Tora Bora with the trainees. In Tora Bora, detainee served as a sub-commander for a short time and then traveled to the front lines prior to his capture.²³
 - (S//NF) Analyst Note: The following sections address each of the above identifications. Each section is assessed to be detainee who, in the reporting, was identified with variants of his aliases Saba al-Layl, Ayyub al-Emirati, Ayyub al-Yemeni, and Juhaynah. Detainee assumed these aliases as an operational security measure similar to detainee’s associate Fawaz Rabeii, a Yemeni who used a Tajikistan alias. Abd al-Hakim Abd al-Karim Amin Bukhari, ISN US9SA-000493DP (transferred), reported part of the indoctrination process for the young jihad fighters was a cover story. Ayyub al-Yemeni, assessed to be detainee, advised the young jihad fighters to always use their alias instead of their real name and to say that they were

¹⁹ IIR 7 739 0435 02, AFGP-2002-000403, TD-314/05958-02

²⁰ 000252 SIR 26-Apr-2006; Analyst Note: These individuals are listed in the report with the alternate spellings of Abu Hajer al-Yemeni, and Muhajir al-Najdi.

²¹ 000252 SIR 16-Dec-2004

²² TD-314/28799-02

²³ TRRS-03-FO-0017, 000497 MFR 03-Aug-2002, IIR 6 034 0349, IIR 2 340 6773 02, IIR 6 034 1248 04, TD-314/28444-02, 000252 SIR 19-Aug-2005; 000026 SIR 30-Aug-2004, 000550 SIR 19-Jan-2006, IIR 6 034 1046 04, IIR 6 034 0999 04,

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from the peninsula (al-Jazeera) and not Saudi Arabia.²⁴ The term peninsula refers to the Arabia Peninsula and normally identifies someone from Saudi Arabia, but includes all the gulf countries including Yemen, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates. Ayyub al-Emirati means Ayyub from the United Arab Emirates. Abdul Latif Nasir, ISN US9MO-000244DP (MO-244), stated Ayyub al-Emirati was actually from Yemen, not from the United Arab Emirates. MO-244 stated that some individuals took aliases indicating a separate nationality to hide their true identity.²⁵

- (S//NF) Analyst Note: Detainee's aliases have been reported KIA several times. These are assessed to be inaccurate reports of detainee's death due to his presence during the Qala-i-Jangi prison uprising in which hundreds of rioting prisoners were killed. During the uprising, some prisoners escaped who probably reported the names of others who remained at the prison and who they probably believed were killed. Several other JTF-GTMO detainees were also identified erroneously as being killed in 2001 on the front lines or in Qala-i-Jangi.²⁶
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a senior trainer at al-Qaida's al-Faruq Training Camp.
 - (S//NF) Detainee has been identified with the unique alias, Saba al-Layl. A JTF-GTMO detainee identified detainee as Saba al-Layl.²⁹ Also, Mustafa Abdul Qawi al-Shumeiri was listed with the aka (Abu Saeed al-Yamani Sab'elleil) in an al-Qaida affiliated document.³⁰ (Analyst Note: Sab'elleil is a transliteration variant of Saba al-Layl. This entry was made by detainee when he in-processed at an al-Qaida guesthouse. Therefore, detainee identified himself as Saba al-Layl.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee is also assessed to have used the aliases Abu Ayyub al-Emirati, Abu Ayyub al-Yemeni, and Juhaynah.
 - (S//NF) Fahmi Salem Said al-Sani, ISN US9YM-000554DP (YM-554), and YM-252 stated Saba al-Layl was aka (Juhaynah). Other JTF-GTMO detainees

²⁴ >000493 SIR 04-Oct-2006

²⁵ IIR 6 034 1361 03

²⁶ IIR 7 739 3111 02, TD-314/17125-03; Analyst Note: For example, paragraph 95 of TD-314/17125-03 reported ISN US9SA-000436DP was killed in the north; paragraph 116 reported ISN US9SA-000121DP was killed in the north, paragraph 128 reported ISN US9SA-000079DP was killed in the north, and paragraph 131 reported ISN US9YM-000440DP was killed in the north. In IIR 7 739 3111 02, detainee is listed as Abu Ali Sabha al-Lail – a combination of two of detainee's aliases.

²⁷ 000434 SIR 13-Sep-2005

²⁸ GUAN-2006-A02545, 000434 302 12-Jun-2002

²⁹ 000433 SIR 18-Jan-2003

³⁰ TD-314/40693-02,

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also reported on a trainer named Juhaynah.³¹ MO-244 reported al-Faruq trainer Abu Ayyub al-Emirati was aka (Juhaynah) from Yemen.³²

- (S//NF) Fahd Umar Abd al-Majid al-Umari al-Sharif, ISN US9YM-000516DP (YM-215), reported UBL met with Abdul Qadus and the head trainer, Juhaynah approximately 15 August 2001. UBL spoke to the entire camp the next day.³³ (Analyst Note: The private meeting with UBL is an indication of detainee's seniority.)
- (S//NF) Several JTF-GTMO detainees have identified an al-Faruq trainer by the name of Saba al-Layl, Juhaynah or Ayyub. Saba al-Layl (detainee) is reported as coordinating the evacuation of the Al-Faruq Training Camp in September 2001 before traveling to Tora Bora.³⁴
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have received advanced training in Afghanistan qualifying him for his training position. Although detainee denies any training other than that received in Yemen,³⁵ Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-0001457DP (YM-1457), reported detainee received specialized training in Kabul.³⁶
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have served as a sub-commander at Tora Bora before traveling to the front lines near Konduz.
 - (S//NF) Following the evacuation of the al-Faruq Training Camp in September 2001, Saba al-Layl traveled to Tora Bora where he served as a sub-commander.³⁷
 - (S//NF) YM-252 stated the Saba al-Layl group in Tora Bora was "trained to be murderers." Other detainees have reported detainee's aliases as a group leader in Tora Bora,³⁸ such as ISN 026 who reported Saba al-Layl was armed with an AK-47 in Tora Bora.³⁹

³¹ 000554 302 22-Apr-2002, 000252 SIR 16-Dec-2004, IIR 6 034 0803 03, 000244 FM40 10-Mar-2004, TD-314/03378-02, IIR 6 034 1300 03, 000252 SIR 19-Aug-2005, IIR 6 034 0250 06, IIR 6 034 0837 02

³² IIR 6 034 1361 03

³³ IIR 2 340 6373 02

³⁴ 000026 SIR 05-Oct-2004, 000026 SIR 30-Aug-2004, 000160 KB Sup 20-Feb-2006, 000167 KB 17-May-2002, 000240 302 24-Apr-2002, 000252 SIR 19-Aug-2005, 000252 SIR 26-Apr-2006, 000497 MFR 03-Aug-2002, 000497 MFR 05-Aug-2002, 000506 SIR EXT 21-Jan-2002, 000506 SIR EXT 25-Mar-2002, 000509 FM40 17-Mar-2005, 000550 SIR 19-Jan-2006, 000576 Handnote 02-Mar-2002, 000839 SIR 13-Feb-2004, 000839 SIR 24-Feb-2004, 000839 SIR 29-Nov-2002, IIR 2 340 6773 02, IIR 6 034 0049 03, IIR 6 034 0222 02, IIR 6 034 0502 03, IIR 6 034 0744 02, IIR 6 034 0863 02, IIR 6 034 0999 04, IIR 6 034 1046 04, IIR 6 034 1248 04, IIR 2 340 6618 02, TD-314/28444-02, TD-314/29387-02, TD-314/46244-02, TRRS-03-FO-0017

³⁵ 000434 302 12-JUN-2002

³⁶ 000434 OMA MEMO 29-JUN-2002

³⁷ TRRS-03-FO-0017, 000497 MFR 03-Aug-2002, IIR 2 340 6773 02, IIR 6 034 1248 04, TD-314/28444-02, 000252 SIR 19-Aug-2005; 000026 SIR 30-Aug-2004, 000550 SIR 19-Jan-2006, IIR 6 034 1046 04, IIR 6 034 0999 04

³⁸ 000252 SIR 16-Dec-2004, TD-314/03378-02, IIR 6 034 1300 03, 000252 SIR 19-Aug-2005, 000549 MFR 13-May-2002; Analyst Note: In IIR 6 034 0508 03, YM-252 reported he heard Saba al-Layl died in Tora Bora, though

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- (S//NF) YM-506 reported his trainer, Saba al-Layl, took his group to Jalalabad and then departed, leaving the group under the command of known al-Qaida operative Abu Muhjin al-Taifi.⁴⁰ (Analyst Note: Detainee is assessed to have traveled to Jalalabad and then Tora Bora. He then traveled to the front lines. The period detainee traveled to the front lines is unknown. The most likely time frame for this travel to have occurred would be between the period he took the trainees to Jalalabad in probably mid September 2001 until probably the beginning of November after US forces began bombing the Tora Bora region.)
- (S//NF) After leaving Tora Bora, detainee served on the front lines during hostilities against US and Coalition forces.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted serving on the front lines at the Omar Saif Center, a 55th Arab Brigade position in Khwaja Ghar, AF. Detainee stated during the period leading up to his detention, UBL addressed the men at the center and discussed fighting for the Taliban and the situation with the US.⁴¹
 - (S//NF) Jawad Jabber Sadkhan, ISN US9IZ-000433DP (IZ-433), identified detainee as an al-Qaida associate in charge of three unidentified people at Mazar-e-Sharif in northern Afghanistan.⁴²
 - (S//NF) Said Boujaadia, ISN US9MO-000150DP (MO-150), stated he heard al-Faruq trainer Saba al-Layl was with “the group” that went to northern Afghanistan.⁴³
 - (S//NF) Detainee was one of approximately 800 Taliban and al-Qaida fighters who surrendered to Northern Alliance Commander General Dostum in late November 2001. Dostum placed the majority of the prisoners in the Qala-i-Jangi fortress, located near Mazar-e-Sharif.⁴⁴
 - (S//NF) Sad Ibrahim Ramzi al-Jandubi al-Zahrani, US9SA-000204DP, (SA-204) reported Abu Omar al-Najdi, detainee’s alias, was present during the prison uprising in Qala-i-Jangi.⁴⁵ YM-1457 stated detainee was possibly present at the Mazar-e-Sharif prison uprising.⁴⁶
- (S//NF) Detainee is a veteran jihadist who participated in hostilities in the 1994 Yemeni civil war and in the Bosnian Jihad in the mid-1990s.

he apparently did not see it occur. It may be the camp al-Layl occupied was bombed after al-Layl departed for the front lines.

³⁹ >IIR 6 034 1248 04

⁴⁰ 000506 SIR EXT 25-Mar-2002, TD-314/46244-02

⁴¹ 000434 302 12-Jun-2002, IIR 2 340 6432 02; Analyst Note: Detainee claimed to be at the Omar Saif Center for six months but he is assessed to have been at the center no more than two months. Detainee has provided the only reporting of UBL’s alleged visit to the center.

⁴² 000433 SIR 18-JAN-2003

⁴³ IIR 6 034 0349 05

⁴⁴ CIA #867251 30-NOV-2001, Deception at Qala-i-Jangi Prison - USSOC May 2005

⁴⁵ IIR 6 034 0786 02

⁴⁶ 000434 OMA MEMO 29-JUN-2002

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- (S//NF) Detainee reported he fought in the 1994 Yemeni civil war.⁴⁷
- (S//NF) YM-1457 identified detainee as a young Yemeni who participated in jihadist actions in Bosnia.⁴⁸ Detainee's name and alias appeared in a document from 1996 found in the pocket litter of an Arab fighter who entered Croatia from Bosnia.⁴⁹
 - (S//NF) Detainee applied for a transit visa in Sarajevo, Bosnia, in 1996. Detainee is listed as one of several Arabs in Bosnia at the time who expressed a desire to depart the country.⁵⁰
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a logistician associated with al-Qaida and possibly Taliban intelligence.
 - (S//NF) Captured documents suggest detainee coordinated orders and delivery of supplies to jihadists in Afghanistan. In letters addressed to detainee, Suraqa Sannai wrote, "Delivery instructions include the names Abu Khalud and Suhayb." Also, Hamza al-Qaiti wrote detainee, "I am requesting something from you, some stuff, and I will buy them from Kandahar through the brother, Abdullah Gharib."⁵¹ (Analyst Note: Abu Khalud and Suhayb were both al-Qaida members who operated a guesthouse in Kandahar. Hamza al-Qaiti ran an al-Qaida guesthouse in Kabul. It is likely that the supplies being discussed were destined for guesthouses.)
 - (S//NF) Oibek Jamaludinovich Jabarov, US9UZ-000452DP (UZ-452), reported second-hand information that detainee possibly worked for the Taliban Estikbarat (Intelligence).⁵² (Analyst Note: UZ-452 obtained this information from IZ-433 who was involved in transporting supplies from Iraq to Afghanistan, however UZ-452 was not certain detainee was the individual in question.)

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been mostly compliant and rarely hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 38 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 26 April 2007, when he returned a library book with checkmarks throughout the book. He has seven Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 22 July 2004, when he spit on guards multiple times. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, threatening guards, damage to government property, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of four Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and none so far in 2008.

⁴⁷ 000434 302 12-JUN-2002

⁴⁸ 000434 OMA MEMO 29-JUN-2002

⁴⁹ TD-314/14483-02; Analyst Note: Detainee is listed with the phone number 224195 in Sanaa, YM.

⁵⁰ MDITDS AL-SHAMIRI 12-APR-1996

⁵¹ IIR 7 739 0435 02

⁵² IIR 6 034 1062 04

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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 11 January 2008.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee was recruited at the al-Khayr mosque in Sanaa, which is known for involvement in extremist activities. Detainee was identified at a house in Sanaa that was used by the al-Qaida cell responsible for attacks on the USS COLE. Detainee had direct access to the leaders and other members of this cell. Detainee probably fought with the 55th Arab Brigade in Afghanistan. Detainee was present at the November 2001 uprising at the Qala-i-Jangi Prison and may have been involved in the revolt or have knowledge of those who were.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee withholds information of significant intelligence value and is uncooperative with interrogators. Detainee likely has knowledge of multiple Yemeni al-Qaida members, their associates, and past operations. Detainee may be able to provide information on the 55th Arab Brigade and on other JTF-GTMO detainees who were associated with the brigade. Detainee has provided only minimal information about his past activities and associates.

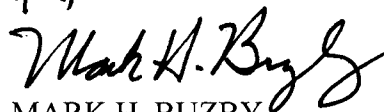
d. (S//NF) Areas of Potential Exploitation:

- Relationship with Yemeni extremists Shadadi, Fawaz Rabeii, and YM-10014
- Attack on the USS COLE
- Detainee's activities while in Afghanistan
- Militant Islam and radicalization factors
- Leadership, networks, movement, and logistics of terrorists and foreign fighters
- Biographical and psychological background information about significant terrorist figures
- Terrorist recruitment of juveniles
- Past operations and members of the 55th Arab Brigade, particularly those detained at JTF-GTMO

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 26 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

v/r,


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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*.