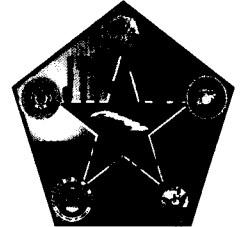




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26 June 2005

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

SUBJECT: Update Recommendation to Transfer to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9SA-000132DP (S)

JTF GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (FOUO) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Abdul S Ghetan
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Abd Al Salam Ghaytan Murayyi Al Zaydani Al Shihri, Osama Al Jendi, Abdul Salam Al Shehri, Abd-Al-Salam Bin Ghaythan Al-Shahri, Abu Yasir, and Abdul Salam Ghaithan Al Shehri
- Place of Birth: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 14 December 1984
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SA-000132DP



2. (FOUO) Health: Detainee has several chronic medical conditions. He has been diagnosed with depressive disorder and an eating disorder; however, as of the date of this memo he is on no medications and has no known drug allergies. Detainee has chronic abdominal pain and is being followed for low weight.

3. (S//NF) JTF GTMO Assessment:

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends this detainee be Transferred to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD).

b. (S//NF) Summary: JTF GTMO previously assessed detainee as Retain in DoD (DoD) on 24 January 2004. Based upon information obtained since detainee's previous assessment,

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it is now recommended he be Transferred to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD).

For this update recommendation, detainee is assessed as a low-level fighter for Al-Qaida. This assessment is based upon the detainee's actions prior to arriving in Afghanistan (AF), his actions in Afghanistan, his associations, and recovered documentation bearing his name. Detainee was one of 400 people sent to the Qala-e-Jenki prison in Mazar-E-Sharif, AF, for participation in acts of aggression against the Northern Alliance and US forces during "Operation Enduring Freedom." It is assessed this detainee is a MEDIUM risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

4. (S//NF) Detainee Background Summary: Unless otherwise noted, the following paragraphs are based solely on the detainee's statements.

a. (S) Prior History: Detainee attended the Scientific Institute (Junior High School), but never graduated due to his dislike of school and poor grades. He decided to work with his father (Ghaythan Marif Al Shihri), a retired Saudi Arabian Army officer, who is a mechanic and owns a business. Detainee worked in his father's photography shop until it was sold around July 1999. About November 2000, detainee's father helped him get a produce stand where he sold fruit and vegetables.

b. (S) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee spoke with his cousin, Zaydan Muhsim Marif (assessed to be referring to Zaydan Muhsin Murif Al Zaydan Al-Shehri) at his uncle's (Muhsin Marif Al Shihri's) house in Saudi Arabia. Zaydan asked detainee to accompany him to Pakistan (PK) so that he could have eye surgery. Detainee asked Zaydan why he could not get eye surgery at the Prince Salman Ben Saudi hospital in Saudi Arabia, where Zaydan's father worked as the director. Zaydan responded that Pakistan was the only place he could get laser eye surgery. Detainee's father gave him permission to accompany Zaydan to a hospital in Pakistan. He helped detainee obtain a passport because detainee was only 16 when he left Saudi Arabia. Detainee and Marif flew to Karachi, PK, from Saudi Arabia via Bahrain and Qatar at the end of the summer of 2001. Upon arrival in Karachi, PK, they located a hotel to stay at while Marif had surgery.

c. (S) Training and Activities: Marif went to the hospital the next day to make an appointment to have his laser surgery done; however, the doctor was away for at least two weeks and an appointment could not be made until the doctor returned. Marif returned to the hotel where the detainee was waiting and the two decided to take a taxi to the market to purchase clothing that would give them the appearance of being Pakistani. While in the market, they met an unknown mujahideen (possibly an Al-Qaida recruiter) who convinced them to travel to Afghanistan. A few days later, detainee and Marif flew to Quetta, PK,

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where they obtained a taxi to take them to Spin Boldak, AF. In Spin Boldak, they took a second taxi to Kandahar, AF. Here, according to detainee, an unidentified Taliban official pointed them in the direction of an Arab house. Upon arrival at that house, detainee and Marif were searched for weapons. They were required to turn over their passports, money, and personal belongings. Two weeks later, an Afghan escorted them to Konduz, AF, via Kabul, AF. Upon arrival in Konduz, detainee and Marif traveled to the Dar El Aman guesthouse accompanied by two Pakistani males. They remained in Konduz, AF, for two weeks, for unknown reasons, and then returned to Pakistan. Marif and detainee set off for Karachi, PK, via Kabul, AF; Kandahar, AF; Spin Boldak, AF; and Quetta, PK. Four days after they arrived in Quetta, PK, the 9/11 attacks occurred. Detainee and Marif heard that the Pakistani Army would kill any Arab that they captured. Detainee claims he and Marif were advised to return to Afghanistan. The two returned to the Dar Al Aman house the same way that they had left. Along the route back Abu Helal and Abu Qotaibe joined them. A few days after they arrived, detainee and Marif were instructed that they needed to travel to the north of Konduz because it was not safe where they were. Detainee and Marif were escorted to a small deserted village called Khwajah Gar and then to a Taliban center also known as the "Markaz Sa'id." At the Taliban center, an unidentified Arab told them that this was the second line in the war with the Northern Alliance. The two were trained and sent to the front lines to fight.

d. (S) Capture Information: When the Northern Alliance broke through the lines approximately one month later, the detainee and Marif fled with the other fighters. During the escape, the fleeing fighters were ambushed and Marif was killed. The Taliban instructed detainee to travel to Mazar-e-Sharif. Detainee was again ambushed and surrendered to Dostum's forces. In mid-November, 2001, detainee was taken to the Qala-e-Jenki prison in Mazar-E-Sharif and held with other prisoners where an uprising occurred (reporting states the uprising occurred 25-29 Nov 01). Detainee went to an underground room where fellow prisoners were dying from being burned or drowned. On the seventh day, the remaining prisoners were told to come out and were then taken to Sherberghan prison where they were checked over by the Red Cross. Detainee was one of several transferred to the Kandahar Detention Facility and placed in the custody of the US.

e. (S) Transferred to JTF GTMO: 20 January 2002

f. (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF GTMO: Detainee's file does not indicate why he was sent to JTF GTMO.

5. (S//NF) Detainee Threat:

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a. (S) Assessment: It is assessed the detainee poses a MEDIUM risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention:

- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed as a jihadist and member of the Al-Qaida associated network. He fought for the Taliban, and is a possible member of Al-Qaida. He trained at both Al-Qaida and Taliban camps, and stayed at both groups' guesthouses. Detainee fought against the Northern Alliance during "Operation Enduring Freedom."
- (S//NF) Detainee has associations with known and suspected Al-Qaida members.
 - (S//NF) Detainee's name was found in a document listing 324 Arabic names, aliases, and nationalities, recovered from raids on safe houses associated with suspected Al-Qaida in Karachi, PK.
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated Gharib (assessed to be referring to Gharib Al Sanani who took over for Salaam Al Hadrami, a sub-commander for UBL's 55th Arab Brigade under Mullah Thacker, commander of the Konduz region for UBL's 55th Arab Brigade) came to the center a number of times and visited his soldiers in the rear areas three or four times a week. (Analyst Note: The Arab Brigade is thought to have served as UBL's primary formation supporting Taliban objectives. UBL is also thought to have participated closely in the command and control of the brigade. Moreover, the commander and numerous fighters of the Arab Brigade were known Al-Qaida members.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee traveled with his cousin Zaydan Muhsim Marif (assessed to be referring to Zaydan Muhsin Murif Al Zaydan Al-Shehri). Marif had a passport in his safety deposit box for Al-Qaida members under the name "Abd Al Salam Al Shahri" assessed to be the detainee. Detainee remarked that his cousin was killed during the fighting. Another of detainee's cousins and brother to the deceased ('Amr Muhsin Murif Al-Zaydan Al-Shehri) corroborated this information with the statement, "he witnessed the brave but ultimately senseless death of his brother." (Analyst Note: As of February 2004, 'Amr was reportedly dead. However, 2005 reporting has him still wanted by the Saudi authorities and lists 'Amr as an active member of Al-Qaida currently wanted in Saudi Arabia for Terrorist activities. Detainee was unable to identify a picture of 'Amr that was shown to him and claimed to only be able to identify the name. Detainee should be able to provide information as to what 'Amr was doing in Afghanistan since Amr admittedly witnessed Zaydan's death.)
 - (S//NF) Muhammad Faris Muhammad 'Ala Al-Wardi aka Najim Al Din who is listed by the Yemeni Political Security Organization (PS) as a Yemeni Al-Qaida member. Najim Al Din has been identified as being in charge of the Arab House in Kandahar, AF.

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- (S//NF) John Philip Walker Lindh aka Abu Lief aka Suleyman Al Faris aka Abdul Hamid identified the detainee as being among the group of assistants to the Administration on the back lines. (Analyst Note: Lindh described “Administrators” as an Arab Cadre. Duties included taking care of and attending to the base camp commanders.)
- (S//NF) Detainee has admitted he trained at a Taliban-run training camp called the Markaz Sa'id. The center trained Arab recruits en route to fight General Dostam's soldiers to the north of Konduz, AF.
 - (S//NF) Detainee reported that as soon as they were trained at Markaz Sa'id, they were sent to the front lines to fight.
 - (S//NF) Ali A Motaieb, (ISN 111), identified detainee as having attended the Al-Qaida-run Al-Farouq training camp and being the nephew of Yusef M. Modaray, (ISN 114). Modaray has been assessed as a possible Al-Qaida recruit and possible member of the Jama'at Al-Tabligh (JT) - a Tier 2 non-governmental organization (NGO). (Analyst Note: ISN 111 was last assessed as possibly being affiliated with the former Iraqi regime and as having possibly been an Iraqi Intelligence Officer. A Tier 2 NGO is defined as having demonstrated the intent and willingness to support terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests.)
- (S//NF) It is assessed that the detainee had intentionally traveled to Afghanistan to perform jihad and Detainee has admitted to and has been identified as having stayed at a number of Taliban and Al-Qaida associated guesthouses.
 - (S//NF) Detainee claimed he traveled to Pakistan with his cousin who was intending to get eye surgery and was persuaded to travel to Afghanistan. (Analyst Note: Many detainees have used the cover story of seeking medical care when in fact they were traveling to Afghanistan to receive training and participate in jihad in answer to a fatwa. Detainee's maternal uncle Gharim Bin Salim Al-Shahri, the principal of the Hayirat Al-Silm Elementary School in the region of Najran, says that detainee deceived him to facilitate his travel to Afghanistan under the pretext of calling to please god.) (S//NF) Detainee admitted he stayed at the Dar Al Aman safe house. According to Yusef K Abdullah, (ISN 73), the Taliban used the “Dar Al Aman” safe house to process and lodge Arabs traveling to Afghanistan to participate in jihad. (Analyst Note: ISN 73 has been assessed as a Taliban foreign fighter and Al-Qaida member.)

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee's overall behavior has been non-compliant, disruptive, and self injurious in nature. Detainee's reports show only two infractions in which he was hostile towards the guards, but many reports showing that he is willing to hurt himself through forcing himself to vomit after meals, not eating or drinking water, and trying to physically hurt himself.

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6. (S//NF) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

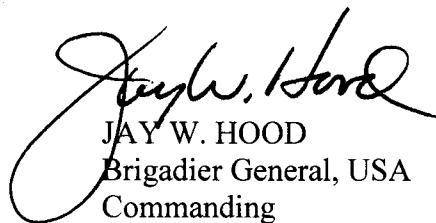
a. (S) Assessment: JTF GTMO determined detainee is of LOW intelligence value.

- (S) Detainee should be able to provide information on individuals who served on the front lines, were trained at the Sa'id center training camp, and were at guesthouses where detainee stayed.

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

- Training camps and safe houses detainee knows of or has dealt with
 - Said center training camp
 - Dar Al Aman safe house in Kabul, AF
 - Al Katib safehouse in Konduz, AF
 - "Arab House" a Taliban sponsored safe house for Arab Mujahideen in Kandahar, AF.
- Recruitment Tactics by Taliban and Al-Qaida personnel
- Personalities detainee knows of or has dealt with before, during, and after his capture that may be affiliated with terrorist organizations associated to what is now termed Al-Qaida Associated Movement (AQAM)
 - Najim Al Din
 - Gharib Al Sanani
 - ISN 111
 - John Philip Walker Lindh
 - Abu Helal
 - Abu Qotaibe
- Fatwas detainee heard of or read that convinced him to travel to Afghanistan

7. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 2 November 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.


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