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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 9lst Avenue, Miami, FL 33172.

SUBJECT: Transfer Recommendation for Guantanamo Detainee, Murtazah Abdul Rahman, ISN: US9AF-00361DP

- 1. (S) **Personal Information:** Murtazah Abdul Rahman is an Afghan national born in 1976 (age 26) in Nadall, Afghanistan. Detainee has latent tuberculosis but is otherwise in good health.
- 2. (FOUO) Detention Information: Subject detainee resided in Parm, Nad-i-Ali District, Helmand Province where he farmed his family's land and drove a taxi. On 31 October 2001, detainee was conscripted by the Mir al Fazel Mohammad, a local Taliban official, to serve for three months with the Taliban. Detainee believed that his family would be imprisoned or the water would be shut off at the family farm for failure to comply with this Taliban edict. Detainee arrived in Kandahar on 2 November 2001 and was assigned to provide logistical support as a driver. Detainee believes that he was chosen for this task because of his prior experience as a taxi driver. Detainee mostly ran errands by picking up groceries and supplies with Mullah Sabib who was in charge of finances and often went with detainee on errands. Detainee remained at the police station until approximately 25 November 2001 when he was informed that the Taliban was surrendering to General Dostum's forces in Yarganak. Detainee was later transported to Mazar-e-Sharif and placed in shipping containers before being transported to Sheberghan Prison. Detainee was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba on 9 June 2002 because of his specific knowledge of logistics support provided to the Taliban in Konduz, Afghanistan. Detainee has been cooperative, but Joint Task Force Guantanamo considers the information obtained from and about him as neither valuable nor tactically exploitable.
- 3. (S) Assessment: Based on current information, detainee ISN: US9AF-00361DP is assessed as being neither affiliated with al-Qaida nor 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, 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

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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 its interests.

- 4. (S) **Recommendation**: In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be considered for transfer or release to the control of another government.
- 5. (C) **Coordination**: JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 4 January 2003.

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