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## JTF-GTMO-CDR

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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 US9KU-000232DP (S)

# **JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

## 1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: <u>Fowzi Khalid Abdullah al-</u> <u>Awda</u>
- Current/True Name and Aliases: <u>Fawazi Khaled Abdallah</u> <u>Fahad al-Odah, Fauzi al-Kuwaiti, Abu Khalid, al-Safina, Abu</u> <u>Haya</u>
- Place of Birth: <u>Kuwait City, Kuwait (KU)</u>
- Date of Birth: <u>6 May 1977</u>
- Citizenship: <u>Kuwait</u>
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): <u>US9KU-000232DP</u>
- 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 1 January 2007.

**b.** (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida. Detainee's name is included on al-Qaida affiliated documents, and he was reported to have sworn *bayat* (oath of allegiance) to UBL. Detainee has been identified as an associate of UBL and his spokesman, Sulayman Abu Ghayth. Detainee is a reported member of a London-based al-Qaida cell under Abu Qatada and is assessed to be an extremist recruiter and courier. Detainee attended militant training at al-Qaida and Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LT)

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camps in Afghanistan and Pakistan and was identified as receiving suicide training. Detainee then participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces and served on an Islamic committee providing inspiration to fighters in Tora Bora. Detainee has a history of participating in jihadist combat and has connections to extremist affiliated non-governmental organizations (NGO). Detainee has received coded communications from a Kuwaiti extremist. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DETAINEE IS AVAILABLE IN AN SCI SUPPLEMENT.** 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 **HIGH** intelligence value

c. (S//NF) Summary of Changes: The following outlines changes to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation. (Changes in this assessment will be annotated by  $\geq$  next to the footnote.)

- Included detainee's training with the LT in Pakistan in 2000<sup>1</sup>
- Added reports that detainee received training at al-Faruq
- Added detainee's identification at the al-Qaida Kandahar Airport Complex
- Updated detainee's document affiliation to al-Qaida
- Updated detainee's SCI supplement

## 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:** At the age of 5, detainee briefly traveled to the US with his father who the Kuwait Ministry of Defense sent to attend pilot training in the US.<sup>2</sup> In 1998, detainee graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Islamic studies from the University of Kuwait.<sup>3</sup> Detainee traveled to Pakistan (PK) in 1998 or 1999, but provided no details other than acknowledging he asked for directions for travel to Quetta, PK.<sup>4</sup> After graduating from college, detainee worked for the Kuwaiti government for approximately one and a half to two

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Analyst Note: The LT is a National Intelligence Priorities Framework (NIPF) Counterterrorism (CT) priority 1B Terrorist Support Entity (TSE). Priority 1B targets include terrorist groups, especially those with state support, that have demonstrated both intention and capability to attack US persons or interests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> IIR 4 201 0030 05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 000232 KB 18-FEB-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 000232 MFR 17-MAR-2002, Analyst Note: Detainee has provided no other information on this trip to Pakistan and the timeframe likely corresponds to his travels during April of 2000 timeframe found within his passport.

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years in various positions with the Alms and Charities Agency, under the Ministry of *Awaqf* (religious endowment). Abd Cadel al-Ajil hired detainee as a caseworker for the Bayt al-Zakat non-governmental organization (NGO).<sup>5</sup> In October 1999, detainee and his mother traveled to Houston, Texas, to visit detainee's ailing grandmother who was being treated for skin cancer.<sup>6</sup> After working for six months at Bayt al-Zakat, detainee left and started work as a teacher at the Farwaniyah School (a religious institute) in Farwaniyah, KU, for approximately one year.<sup>7</sup> After detainee's employment at the school expired, detainee taught Koranic studies to the inmates at the Salbia Central Prison in Kuwait for six months.<sup>8</sup>

**b.** (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee resigned from his position at the prison and traveled in August or early September 2001 to Afghanistan to provide humanitarian aid and to spread the word of the Koran.<sup>9</sup> Detainee planned to visit Afghanistan for two months during his vacation and brought with him \$4,000 US, 4,000 Saudi Riyals (SAR), and 400 Deutsch Marks (DM), totaling approximately \$5,300 US, most of which detainee saved from his job. Detainee traveled to Afghanistan via Dubai, United Arab Emirates (AE), Karachi and Quetta, PK, and eventually arrived at the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. When detainee arrived at the border, he traveled to a mosque in Spin Boldak, AF.<sup>10</sup> Upon detainee's arrival at the mosque, detainee met a Saudi or Yemeni Taliban member named Abu Jarrah.<sup>11</sup> Abu Jarrah accompanied detainee throughout his travels in Afghanistan and guided detainee to needy families in the region.<sup>12</sup>

**c.** (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee spent two days resting in Spin Boldak and then began teaching the Koran. In addition to Spin Boldak, Abu Jarrah drove detainee to Kandahar where he arrived on approximately 10 September 2001, rented a room, and stayed approximately two weeks.<sup>13</sup> Abu Jarrah took detainee to a small camp, approximately a one-

<sup>7</sup> 000232 KB 18-FEB-2002, Analyst Note: A variant of Farwaniyah is Farwania.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 000232 MFR 17-MAR-2002, IIR 6 034 0166 02, IIR 6 034 0167 02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> IIR 4 201 0030 05, Analyst Note: Detainee has provided conflicting travel information regarding his trip to the US, including names of travel companions and date of the travel. He has also stated that he traveled with his mother, grandmother, and uncle to the US to receive treatment after his grandmother was diagnosed in Kuwait. Detainee's father was an officer in the Kuwaiti Ministry of Defense, which paid for this travel to the US.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> IIR 6 034 0168 02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 000232 INTIAL SCREENING 03-OCT-2002, IIR 4 201 0030 05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Analyst Note: Detainee stated he arrived at a mosque in Buldak, which is assessed to be Spin Boldak located across the border between Quetta, PK and Kandahar, AF.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 000232 SIR 17-MAR-2002, 000232 302 9-JUN-2003, Analyst Note: Abu Jarrah is possibly Jarrah al-Madani, a trainer at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 000232 KB 18-FEB-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 000232 302 21-JUN-2003, 000232 SIR 17-MAR-2002

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hour drive outside of Kandahar, where detainee fired an AK-47 assault rifle.<sup>14</sup> After 11 September 2001, detainee wanted to travel to a quiet place, so Abu Jarrah rented a car and sent detainee to Logar, AF. This was the last time detainee saw Abu Jarrah. In Logar, detainee stayed at the home of Abu Jarrah's friend, Alim Khan. When detainee left Khan a month later, detainee took Khan's address with him and entrusted all his non-Pakistani cash to Khan, expecting to send for it from Pakistan.<sup>15</sup> Khan arranged for detainee's travel to Jalalabad, AF, where detainee stayed at a house and met Abu Bakr; Abu Amar, a Palestinian; and Abu Yasser, a Palestinian. Abu Bakr gave detainee an AK-47 so detainee could defend himself when he left Jalalabad. After ten days in the house, detainee joined a group of approximately 150 men who were heading through the mountains of Tora Bora to the Pakistani border. After three days, during which US aircraft conducted strikes against the group, detainee split off with a smaller group of twelve men. Detainee and the group remained in the mountains for approximately five days.<sup>16</sup>

### 5. (U) Capture Information:

**a.** (S//NF) Detainee possessed an AK-47 at the time of his capture.<sup>17</sup> Detainee stated Pakistani militia captured him on approximately 18 November 2001, after detainee crossed the Pakistani border through Tora Bora; however, detainee's date of capture was reported as 18 December 2001.<sup>18</sup> Fahd Umar Abd al-Majid al-Umari al-Shari, ISN US9SA-000215DP (SA-215), stated he and detainee were captured together.<sup>19</sup> Both detainee and SA-215 are noted on a list of 84 Taliban and al-Qaida fighters captured with Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri, aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212). SA-215's reporting and the list of 84 fighters places detainee with the group of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters led by Usama Bin Laden (UBL) appointed military commander in Tora Bora LY-212 during his escape from Afghanistan. The group crossed the Afghanistan-Pakistan border from the Nangarhar, AF region in mid-December 2001and arrived at a Pakistani village where their local contact convinced them to surrender their weapons. The contact then

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Analyst Note: Detainee provided conflicting information on the camp. Detainee has stated that he spent only one day at the camp, and shot AK-47 rifles with the children of the camp. Detainee described the camp as being similar to a Boy Scout camp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> 000232 302 21-JUN-2003; Analyst Note: Alim Khan is assessed to have been a commander in charge of a fighting position in the Tora Bora Mountains during the al-Qaida exodus from Afghanistan. See TD-314/00685-02 for further information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 000232 SIR 17-MAR-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> 000232 INTIAL SCREENING 03-OCT-2002, 000232 KB 18-FEB-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> TD-314/50490-01, Analyst Note: Listed as Khozia Bin Khalid; Khozia is an incorrect transliteration for detainee's name Fowzi.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> IIR 2 340 6547 02, 000232 INTIAL SCREENING 03-OCT-2002, 000232 KB 18-FEB-2002

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gathered the group in a mosque where Pakistani forces arrested them. <sup>20</sup> Detainee was transferred to US control on 2 January 2002 from the Kohat Prison in Pakistan.<sup>21</sup>

### b. (S) Property Held:

- Money
  - $\circ$  40 DM currency notes<sup>22</sup>
  - $\circ$  3,500 SAR currency notes<sup>23</sup>
  - \$50 US currency note

## c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 13 February 2002

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

• Taliban members engaged in hostile activities against US and Coalition forces

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee has repeatedly refused to answer questions or talk to interrogators and has not revealed his training or associates in Afghanistan or his travel to Bosnia. Detainee has provided contradictory information or omitted key details of his extremist activities. Detainee was also identified as being in London with a group controlled by Abu Qatada in 1998. Detainee was also identified as being in Bosnia fighting alongside the Arab mujahideen. Detainee has introduced numerous discrepancies and gaps in his cover story pertaining to the source and disposition of the money detainee claimed to have taken with him to Afghanistan, as well as detainee's time and associates since leaving Kuwait in both 1999 and 2001. Detainee either cannot recall or refuses to provide the name of any schools, students, or teachers from his claimed teaching expedition. While in detention, detainee has made statements that illustrate hostile intentions towards the US.

### 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> TD-314/52609-05, TD-314/14605-04, IIR 7 739 3396 02, IIR 7 739 3268 02, Withdrawal from Tora Bora

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> TD-314/00845-02, Analyst Note: Listed as Fawzi Khalid Abdallah al-'Awda in paragraph E 20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Analyst Note: 40 DM is equal to \$18.50 US on the conversion date of 12/15/2001.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> ≻Analyst Note: Conflicting information exists regarding the amount of Saudi Riyals detainee had in his possession upon capture. For additional information reference: 000232 Transfer Letter 21-FEB-2002; 3,500 SAR's is equal to \$933 US on the conversion date of 12/15/2001.

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**b.** (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention: Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida. Detainee's name is included on al-Qaida affiliated documents, and he was reported to have sworn *bayat* to UBL. Detainee has been identified as a member of a London-based al-Qaida cell and an associate of UBL and Sulayman Abu Ghayth. Detainee is assessed to be an extremist recruiter and courier, and participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces. Detainee attended militant training at al-Qaida and LT camps in Afghanistan and Pakistan and was identified as receiving suicide training. Detainee has connections to extremist affiliated NGOs and has received coded communications from a transferred detainee.

• (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a member of an al-Qaida and a former London cell member.

 $\circ$  (S//NF) Variants of detainee's name, aliases, and phone number appear on al-Qaida affiliated documents listing captured fighters. The documents were recovered from al-Qaida associated safe houses in Pakistan.<sup>24</sup>

• (S//NF) Abd al-Hakim Abd al-Karim Amin Bukhari, ISN US9SA-000493DP (SA-493, transferred), stated detainee swore *bayat* to UBL.<sup>25</sup> SA-493 also reported he heard detainee discuss his loyalty to UBL, adding detainee knows "all about the [al-Qaida] cells in the US and the UK."<sup>26</sup>

(S//NF) SA-493 stated detainee was a member of a terrorist cell and was a close associate of intended 11 September 2001 hijacker, Muhammad Mani Ahmad al-Shalan al-Qahtani, ISN US9SA-000063DP (SA-063), Shakir Abd al-Rahim Muhammad Aamer, ISN US9SA-000239DP (SA-239), and Sabir Mahfouz Lahmar, ISN US4AG-010002DP (AG-10002).<sup>27</sup>

(S//NF) SA-239 informed SA-493 that detainee was a member of a London al-Qaida cell in 1998. The other members of the cell were identified as Abd al-Razzaq Abdallah Ibrahim al-Sharikh, ISN US9SA-000067DP (SA-067, transferred); Abd al-Hadi Abdallah Ibrahim al-Sharikh, ISN US9SA-000231DP (SA-231, transferred); Muhammad Hamid al-Qarani, ISN US9CD-000269DP (CD-269); Bisher Amin Khalil al-Rawi, ISN US9IZ-000906DP (IZ-906, transferred); Ghassan Abdallah Ghazi al-Sharbi, ISN US9SA-000682DP (SA-682); and al-Qaida facilitator Abdullah

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> >TD-314/13174-03, listed as Fawzi Khalid al-'Udah; TD-314/48336-03, listed as Fawzi Khalid al-'Awdah; TD-314/27689-02, listed as Fauzi Khalad al-A'da; AFGP-2002-807467; Analyst Note: TD-314/27689-02 includes a note "Currently located in Kuwait." This is a reference to detainee's family, not detainee himself.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> 000493 SIR 01-APR-2005, Analyst Note: It is unknown where or how SA-493 obtained the information on the suicide training.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> RFI Response R-GTMO-0117-07

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> RFI Response R-GTMO-0117-07

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Muhammad Khan, aka (Abdul Latif al-Turki), ISN US9AF-000556DP (AF-556).<sup>28</sup> Additional information from the discussion indicates SA-239 was one of the cell leaders.<sup>29</sup>

• (S//NF) Detainee has additional connections to London cell members CD-269 and SA-231. SA-215's pocket litter contained a piece of paper listing detainee's name and number along with similar information for other JTF-GTMO detainees. These detainees were: CD-269; SA-231; Khalid Bin Abdullah Mishal Thamer al-Hameydani, ISN US9KU-000213DP (KU-213); Fayiz Ahmad Yahia Suleiman, ISN US9YM-000153DP (YM-153); Humud Dakhil Humud Said al-Jadani, ISN US9SA-000230DP (SA-230, transferred); and Muhammad Suleimani Laalami, ISN US9MO-000237DP (MO-237, transferred).<sup>30</sup>

• (S//NF) Abu Qatada was the leader of the London al-Qaida cell, and Shaykh Abu Hamza al-Masri was his second in command.<sup>31</sup> Abu Qatada was regarded as al-Qaida's "spiritual liaison" in Europe, facilitating recruitment of young Muslims for jihad through the Finsbury Park and Baker Street/Four Feathers Mosques in London.<sup>32</sup> GZ-10016 called Abu Qatada "the most successful recruiter in Europe."<sup>33</sup> On 7 January 2006, British courts found al-Masri guilty on 11 charges and sentenced him to seven years in prison.

 $\circ~$  (S//NF) SA-067 confirmed detainee had a relationship with several London cell members.  $^{34}$ 

• (S//REL USA NATO AND AUS) Senior al-Qaida facilitator, Abdu Ali al-Hajj Sharqawi, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), and detainee were overheard discussing the names and [phone] numbers of "brothers" arrested in Afghanistan and Pakistan were possibly obtained from the computer of another captured "brother." Additionally, YM-1457 informed detainee that he did not have any documents when captured and that he had broken his phones [intentionally] prior to capture.<sup>35</sup>

• (S//NF) Analyst Note: The information they discussed was probably the lists of captured al-Qaida fighters such as those who were captured with LY-212. It is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> IIR 6 034 0270 05, 000493 SIR 26-MAY-2005, RFI Response R-GTMO-0117-07, Analyst Note: In 000493 SIR 12-OCT-2005 (B), SA-493 identified Fawzi al-Kuwaiti as SA-232. SA-493 reported detainee told him that he had visited London. Detainee has not acknowledged travel to England to his interrogators.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> IIR 6 034 0270 05, 000493 SIR 12-OCT-2005 (B), 000493 SIR 26-MAY-2005, Analyst Note: In 000493 SIR 26-MAY-2005, SA-493 identified Abdul Hadi al-Sharahk as SA-231, Yousef al-Chadi as CD-269, and Ghassan al-Utaybi al-Sherbi as SA-682. SA-682 told SA-493 directly that he (SA-682) was a member of the London cell.
<sup>30</sup> IIR 2 340 6122 02, Analyst Note: The title of this piece of paper was incorrectly translated in the report as the

<sup>&</sup>quot;Bahrain Defense Organization" and is actually the name of a town, Rifa, Bahrain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> IIR 6 034 0315 05, IIR 6 034 0270 05, IIR 6 034 0302 04 (Item 4D) IIR 6 034 0350 02, IIR 6 034 0356 02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> DI-2711-25-04 DIA Assessment, IIR 6 034 0350 02, IIR 6 034 0356 02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> TD-314/35360-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> 000067 SIR 6-DEC-2006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> IIR 6 034 0405 05, Analyst Note: The term "brother" is a reference to al-Qaida affiliated operatives and fighters.

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unlikely YM-1457 would simply offer the information about physical security measures he applied to another detainee. The level of trust YM-1457 exhibited in detainee through the divulgence of this information indicates either a previously cultured relationship or shared knowledge of detainee's activities commensurate with YM-1457's extremist beliefs.

• (S//NF) Detainee is an associate of UBL and UBL's spokesmen.

• (S//NF) The Kuwait State Security (KSS) reported detainee was associated with UBL spokesman Sulayman Abu Ghayth.<sup>36</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee has not acknowledged this association; however, Sulayman Abu Ghayth is known to have preached at Kuwaiti prisons. Detainee provided possible corroboration admitting he (detainee) taught at the Salbia prison in Kuwait.<sup>37</sup>)

• (S//NF) SA-493 indicated detainee was in contact with UBL. SA-493 overheard a conversation in which he learned detainee was to advise UBL to escape the US bombing in Jalalabad.<sup>38</sup> (Analyst Note: SA-493 stated one of the participants in the conversation was detainee. SA-493's comment implies he overheard the conversation in Jalalabad.)

 $\circ$  (S//NF) SA-493 noted detainee was similar to a *mufti* (one who interprets Islamic religious law) and heard detainee was the last person to speak to UBL in Tora Bora, via radio communications.<sup>39</sup> SA-493 also stated detainee issued a *fatwa* (religious decree), which is consistent with detainee's religious authority.<sup>40</sup>

(S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be an extremist recruiter and courier.
(S//NF) YM-252 stated detainee and Fuad Mahmud Hasan al-Rabia, ISN US9KU-000551DP (KU-551), assisted KU-552 in the production and distribution of jihad videos in Kuwait. The videos were created to encourage people to provide contributions or to fight in Bosnia and Chechnya.<sup>41</sup>

(S//NF) YM-252 also reported detainee was well-connected to religious leaders in Kuwait, and stated detainee recruited young males in Kuwait to fight in Afghanistan. He also collected money that was then funneled to Afghanistan in support of KU-217.<sup>42</sup> (Analyst Note: KU-217 is an extremist tied to senior al-Qaida members including UBL spokesman Sulayman Abu Ghayth.<sup>43</sup>)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> 000232 SIR 17-MAR-2002, TD-314/50147-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> IIR 4 201 0030 05, IIR 6 034 0168 02, IIR 6 034 0166 02, IIR 6 034 0167 02, IIR 6 034 0169 02, 000232 SIR 17-MAR-2002, Analyst Note: Salbia Prison is assessed to be the As Sulaibiya Prison, which is also referred to as the Central Prison.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> 000493 SIR 12-OCT-2005, IIR 6 034 0153 06

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> 000493 SIR 22-FEB-2005, 000493 SIR 12-DEC-2004, 000493 SIR 14-DEC-2004; Analyst Note: A mufti is a highly educated Islamic leader and is capable of issuing fatawa (plural of fatwa) or religious decrees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> 000493 SIR 26-OCT-2005

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> 000252 FM40 23-September-2004

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> 000252 FM40 05-JAN-2005 (Part one of two)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> JTF-GTMO Response to DCO Re Kuwaitis 04-Jul-2005

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• (S//NF) Possibly related to detainee's reported recruitment activities, KU-551 identified detainee as a youth camp director in the Qurtuba (Cordoba) neighborhood of Kuwait. The camp targeted to youths between the ages of ten and fifteen years old. KU-551 also noted detainee was a religious student.<sup>44</sup>

• (S//NF) Detainee participated in armed hostilities against US and Coalition forces and has links to jihadist combat as early as 1994.

• (S//NF) In Pakistan, detainee was captured with over 100 other al-Qaida and Taliban fighters after fleeing the hostilities in Tora Bora. Detainee stated Abu Bakr gave him a weapon and detainee fled Tora Bora with this large group. Detainee reported he was present in Tora Bora during US aircraft bombing of the area.<sup>45</sup>

• (S//NF) Detainee's name was included in a document recovered from a hard drive found in a suspected al-Qaida safe house in Islamabad, PK. The document named seventy-eight suspected al-Qaida associates detained by the Pakistanis.<sup>46</sup> (Analyst Note: This list identifies the names of those detained along with LY-212 after they fled Tora Bora.)

(S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeeb Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), identified detainee as a member of the Islamic committee in Tora Bora and noted detainee was a motivational speaker. Other members of the committee were Fayiz Muhammad Ahmad Jamal Muhammad al-Kandari, ISN US9KU-000552DP (KU-552); Abd al-Aziz Sayer Uwain al-Shammeri, ISN US9KU-000217DP (KU-217, transferred); Ibrahim al-Qasimi; and Faruq al-Makki.<sup>47</sup>
(S//NF) SA-067 identified detainee from the front lines and Kandahar, AF.<sup>48</sup> (Analyst Note: SA-067 was on the front lines from approximately February to November 2001. Detainee has not acknowledged traveling to the front lines.)

• (S//NF) Mamdouh Ibrahim Ahmed Habib, ISN US9AS-000661DP (AS-661, transferred), photo-identified detainee as an individual AS-661 saw at the Abu Hamza Guesthouse in Kabul in September 2001.<sup>49</sup> (Analyst Note: The Abu Hamza Guesthouse was an al-Qaida guesthouse known to support fighters on the front lines.)

• (S//NF) Adel Zamel Abd al-Mahsen al-Zamel, ISN US9KU-000568DP (KU-568, transferred), stated detainee traveled to Bosnia along with KU-552 and Omar Rajab

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> TD-314/04898-02, Analyst Note: KU-551 admits meeting with UBL on at least four occasions and was identified as being at al-Faruq Training Camp in 1991. See IIR 6 034 0611 02, IIR 6 034 0116 04, IIR 6 067 2207 04 for more info.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> TD-314/52609-05, TD-314/14605-04, Withdrawal from Tora Bora, 000232 302 21-JUN-2003, 000232 302 9-JUN-2003, 000232 MFR 17-MAR-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> IIR 7 739 3268 02, IIR 7 739 3396 02, IIR 7 739 3245 02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> 000252 SIR 29-MAR-2006, 000252 FM40 30-Mar-2005

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> 000067 SIR 6-DEC-2006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> IIR 4 201 0851 05

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> Amin, ISN US9KU-000065DP (KU-065).<sup>50</sup> (Analyst Note: It is assessed detainee was in Bosnia with KU-552 and KU-065 between 1994 and 1996. Detainee would have been approximately seventeen years old. This indicates detainee has an extensive history with international militant jihad, and based on his age at the time, probable support and encouragement from family members for his participation.) • (S//NF) Tariq Mahmud Ahmad al-Sawah, ISN US9EG-000535DP (EG-535), photo-identified detainee noting he looked very much like a person EG-535 knew in Bosnia fighting with the Arab mujahideen.<sup>51</sup>

• (S//NF) Detainee received militant training at al-Qaida and LT associated training camps.

• (S//NF) SA-493 claimed detainee was among a group of individuals who were trained to commit suicide attacks similar to that of 11 September 2001. SA-493 added that these personnel were aware their duty was to kill as many Americans as they could.<sup>52</sup>

• (S//NF) Detainee stated he received training on the AK-47 from Abu Jarrah in Kandahar. (Analyst Note: Abu Jarrah is probably the al-Faruq Camp trainer known as Abu Jarrah al-Madani.)<sup>53</sup>

 (S//NF) YM-252 stated detainee stayed at the Nibras Guesthouse before traveling to al-Faruq.54

• (S//NF) David Mathew Hicks, US9AS-000002DP (AS-002, transferred), reported detainee received training with al-Ashka al-Taeba.<sup>55</sup> AS-002 further claimed he knew detainee from the Kandahar Airport and that detainee attended the basic militant training course at al-Faruq.<sup>56</sup> (Analyst Note: Al-Ashka al-Taeba is the Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LT). Detainee probably received LT training prior to entering Afghanistan.)

(S//NF) AS-002's claim of detainee's LT sponsored training is supported by detainee's passport entry-exit stamp at Lahore, PK from April to May 2000.<sup>57</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee's timeline for Lahore is approximately the same timeline for AS-002's training with the LT in Muzzafarabad, PK, located near Lahore.<sup>58</sup> It is possible that AS-002 and detainee trained with the LT at the same time.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> 000568 SIR 20-OCT-2005, 000568 SIR 13-OCT-2005 <sup>51</sup> 000535 MFR 11-JUL-2003

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> 000493 SIR 01-APR-2005, Analyst Note: It is unknown where or how SA-493 obtained the information on the suicide training.

<sup>53 000128</sup> SIR 24 OCT 2005, IIR 6 034 0064 06

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> 000252 SIR 24-FEB-2006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Analyst Note: Al-Ashka al-Taeba is an incorrect transliteration of the name.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> >IIR 6 034 0825 02; Analyst Note: AS-002 further indicated TaCC was the name he used for basic training. Reference: 000002 302 08-FEB-2002.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> >AFGP-2002-804559

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> IIR 6 034 0021 03

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• (S//NF) Detainee has links to NGOs associated with extremism. Detainee stated he worked for the Bayt al-Zakat in Kuwait. Although not designated as a terrorist support entity, an intelligence assessment on the terrorist environment in Kosovo noted the Bayt al-Zakat fell under the umbrella of the Kuwaiti Joint Relief Committee (KJRC).<sup>59</sup>

• (S//NF) KU-568, a Kuwaiti extremist and al-Qaida associate, mailed a letter to detainee which contained a coded message. KU-568 instructed detainee to hide the letter so it would not be discovered. The message was unclear but noted, "Many in distress now ... there was a harmful path."<sup>60</sup>

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a HIGH threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been noncompliant and hostile to the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 109 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 13 December 2007, when he failed to give up his water bottle during afternoon meal trash pickup. Detainee has 13 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 28 September 2007, when he initiated self harm by scratching his lips causing his gums to bleed. Other incidents for which the detainee has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow instructions and camp rules, damage to government property, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and both weapon and non-weapon type contraband. On 24 July 2007, detainee was in possession of a razor hidden in his habeas mail. In 2006, detainee had a total of 12 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and 63 so far in 2007.

### 8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

**a.** (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **HIGH** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 17 April 2006.

**b.** (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee has not been forthcoming with his associations or travels within Afghanistan and possibly Bosnia for jihad. It is assessed that detainee has numerous associations with key al-Qaida members, including UBL's spokesman Sulayman Abu Ghayth and reportedly with UBL himself. Detainee was probably involved with the production and dissemination of al-Qaida propaganda videos in Kuwait. Detainee has been identified as a motivational speaker and member of an "Islamic Committee" while in Tora Bora.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> TD-314/48154-05, Analyst Note: The KJRC is a NIPF CT priority 2A TSE. Priority 2A TSEs have demonstrated intent and willingness to provide financial support to terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests, or provide witting operational support to Priority 2A terrorist groups

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> IIR 6 034 0324 06

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c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee is an assessed al-Qaida member and was identified as a potential terrorist operative. Detainee has an extensive history as a jihadist as evident in his presence with other mujahideen in Bosnia as a teenager and detainee's involvement in the production and dissemination of jihadist videos in Kuwait. Detainee is likely to have information regarding terrorist planning activities in Kuwait, United Kingdom, and possibly in the US. Detainee has been evasive upon questioning, or provides contradictory information regarding his extremist activities.

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

- Al-Qaida operations in the US and Europe
- Al-Qaida training and facilitation, and use of coded communications
- UBL and senior al-Qaida leadership
- Kuwaiti NGO support to foreign militant jihad
- Terrorist/foreign fighters leadership and networks
- FISS Support to intelligence and counterintelligence
- Terrorist operations in the CENTCOM AOR
- Terrorist recruitment of juveniles

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 11 September 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

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<sup>\*</sup> Definitions for intelligence terms used in the assessment can be found in the Joint Military Intelligence College October 2001 guide *Intelligence Warning Terminology*.