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

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN US9YM-000564DP (S)

# **JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

# 1. (S) Personal Information:

• JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Jalal Salam Awad Awad

• Current/True Name and Aliases: <u>Jalal Salam Awad, Abu Aysha, Jalal Salam Awad Bin Awed, Jalal Salim Bin Amar Amru, Jalal Awad</u>

• Place of Birth: Al-Mukalla, Yemen (YM)

• Date of Birth: <u>1973</u>

• Citizenship: Yemen

• Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000564DP

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) 11 December 2006.
- **b.** (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida and identified by a senior al-Qaida facilitator as a Usama Bin Laden (UBL) bodyguard. Detainee accepted facilitation for his travel to Afghanistan (AF) from a well known al-Qaida recruiter

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and sub-commander in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade.<sup>1</sup> Detainee admitted receiving militant training at a Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) camp and is assessed to have received additional training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp.<sup>2</sup> Detainee occupied guesthouses affiliated with senior al-Qaida operatives Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Muhammad Masud al-Jadid al-Uzaybi, aka (Abu Faraj al-Libi), ISN US9LY-010017DP (LY-10017); and Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026). Detainee was captured with individuals involved in terrorist attacks against the US, had extensive links to explosives, or provided support to al-Qaida. Detainee reportedly possessed information on UBL's intentions when he fled Afghanistan and expressed a threat to US forces at JTF-GTMO. 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 ➤ next to the footnote.)
  - Provided additional reporting on detainee's associates and facilities

# 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 completed seven years of school from 1980 to 1987. Afterwards, detainee was employed in various types of construction work until traveling to Afghanistan in 2001.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Analyst Note: The 55<sup>th</sup> Arab Brigade served as UBL's primary battle formation supporting Taliban objectives, with UBL participating closely in the command and control of the brigade. IZ-10026 had primary operational command of the 55<sup>th</sup> Arab Brigade, serving as UBL's military commander in the field.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Analyst Note: The LIFG is a National Intelligence Priorities Framework (NIPF) Counterterrorism (CT) Priority 1 Target. Priority 1 targets are defined as issues, opportunities, or threats that rise to, or are expected to rise to, the level of interest of the President, Vice President, DNI, and NSC/HSC Principals and Deputies. This includes terrorist groups, countries that sponsor terrorism, or countries that have state organizations involved in terrorism that pose a clear and immediate danger to U.S. persons or interests. This includes those preparing to employ Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 000564 KB 10-JUN-2002, 000564 SIR 23-SEP-2005

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- **b.** (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee met Abd al-Salam at the Shugada or Hussein Mosque in Hadramout, YM. Abd al-Salam convinced detainee to travel to Afghanistan for militant training and provided detainee with a ticket, visa, approximately \$300 US, and the phone number for an unidentified Pakistani contact in Karachi, Pakistan (PK). In February 2001, detainee traveled from Hadramout to Sanaa, YM, and then flew to Karachi, PK. From Karachi, he traveled through Quetta, PK, and Kandahar, AF, before arriving in Kabul, AF.
- **c.** (**S**//**NF**) **Training and Activities:** During this travel, an individual named Habib tried to convince detainee to attend training at the Libyan camp located near Kabul, in order to engage in jihad in Chechnya. Detainee was not persuaded and instead traveled to the al-Ansar Guesthouse in Kabul, where he stayed for approximately three months. Detainee then reconsidered Habib's suggestion, and Habib introduced detainee to a trainer named Abdul Hakim. Detainee attended the camp for approximately two months and received training on the AK-47 assault rifle, Russian pistol, Makarov pistol, rocket propelled grenade launcher (RPG), and PK machine gun.<sup>5</sup>

# 5. (U) Capture Information:

**a.** (S//NF) Detainee traveled from Afghanistan to Pakistan using an escape network established to help Arabs and Afghans travel to Pakistan. Detainee made his way to Karachi where he stayed in a safe house operated by Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), a senior al-Qaida facilitator. Pakistan's Inter-Service Intelligence Directorate (ISID), working in conjunction with US officials, arrested detainee and 15 others on 7 February 2002 during a raid on the safe house. Detainee was transferred to the Kandahar Detention Facility on 27 February 2002 where he was placed in US custody.<sup>6</sup>

# b. (S) Property Held:

• Piece of paper with Arabic writing listing the name Muhammad Salam<sup>7</sup>

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 8 June 2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> IIR 2 340 7047 02, Analyst Note: A variant of Abd al-Salam is Abdul Salam, assessed to be al-Qaida recruiter/facilitator Abd al-Salam al-Hadrami. The city of Al-Mukalla is in the Hadramout Province.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> IIR 2 340 7047 02, IIR 2 340 7045 02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> IIR 2 340 6892 02, IIR 6 034 0926 02, IIR 6 034 0777 02, 000564 PROFILE 10-JUL-2002,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> GUAN-2003-400199, Analyst Note: Muhammad Salam is probably detainee's brother.

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- **d.** (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF-GTMO: To provide information on the following:
  - Recruiter/facilitator in the Hadramout area of Yemen named Abd al-Salam
  - The al-Ansar Guesthouse located in Kabul
  - Afghanistan-based Libyan training camp
  - Routes of egress from Afghanistan to Pakistan
  - Safe house operated by Aziz in Karachi
- **6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Although detainee has provided information about his activities in Afghanistan, he has failed to provide an accurate and detailed timeline account of his activities and associates. Detainee has provided little information on his background prior to traveling to Afghanistan from Yemen, which reportedly occurred up to a year earlier than he acknowledged. Interrogators noted detainee showed signs of deception and appeared to fabricate a number of details about his activities. Detainee's resistance to interrogation can be placed into context with his reported position as a UBL bodyguard, and indicates probable counter-interrogation training.

# 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 an assessed member of al-Qaida and identified by a senior al-Qaida facilitator as a UBL bodyguard. A well-known Yemeni al-Qaida recruiter facilitated detainee's travels to Afghanistan where he received training with the LIFG and is assessed to have received training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee occupied guesthouses affiliated with al-Qaida and senior operatives LY-10017 and IZ-10026. Detainee was captured with individuals involved in terrorist attacks against the US, had extensive links to explosives, or provided support to al-Qaida. Detainee reportedly possessed information on UBL's intentions when he fled Afghanistan and expressed a threat to US forces at JTF-GTMO.
  - (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida and identified by a senior al-Qaida facilitator as a UBL bodyguard.
    - o (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida facilitator Abu Bakr Muhammad Bulghiti photo-identified detainee as a UBL bodyguard. Bulghiti reported he saw detainee in Kandahar in 2000.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 000564 KB 10-JUN-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> TD-314/10748-06

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- o (S//NF) Arkan Muhammad Ghafil al-Karim, ISN US9IZ-000653DP (IZ-653), reported detainee accompanied UBL bodyguard Ali Hamza Ahmed Sulayman al-Bahlul, ISN US9YM-000039DP (YM-039), in 1999. IZ-653 reported he saw them at al-Qaida's Gulam Bacha Guesthouse headed by IZ-10026, near Kabul. IZ-653 added detainee accompanied YM-039 to Kandahar<sup>10</sup>
  - (S//NF) YM-039 is an admitted al-Qaida member since 1999, swore "bayat" (oath of allegiance) to UBL, and also admitted being a former member of UBL's security detachment. YM-039 reaffirmed his allegiance to UBL and al-Qaida while in detention, and added, "he would kill Americans at the first opportunity he had upon his release from prison."
- (S//NF) Detainee, who is originally from the Hadramout region of Yemen, admitted Abd al-Salam recruited him. (Analyst Note: Abd al-Salam is assessed to be Abd al-Salam Al-Hadrami, aka (Muammar Said Abbud Dayan), a known al-Qaida recruiter and facilitator in Yemen. Al-Hadrami was also a unit commander in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade, <sup>12</sup> and was known to visit the al-Ansar Guesthouse in Kabul. <sup>13</sup>)
  (S//NF) Analyst Note: Due to detainee's reported timeline, associates and duties, he is assessed to have also served as a fighter in the 55th Arab Brigade. It is unlikely
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted receiving militant training at an LIFG camp, and is assessed to have received training at the al-Faruq Training Camp.

adequate training and proving himself on the front lines.

UBL would allow an individual to serve as a bodyguard without first receiving

- o (S//NF) Detainee admitted attending a Libyan training camp in Afghanistan near Kabul. Detainee reported his trainer at the Libyan training camp annex was Libyan national Abdul Hakim. <sup>14</sup> (Analyst Note: The word "Libyan" indicates a camp operated by the Libyan group in Afghanistan, the LIFG. Abdul Hakim is assessed to be Abd al-Hakim al-Masri Bilhaj al-Khuwayladi, a former LIFG leader who was detained in March 2004. <sup>15</sup>)
  - (S//NF) Detainee stayed at the al-Ansar Guesthouse prior to attending the Libyan training camp annex. <sup>16</sup> (Analyst Note: The al-Ansar Guesthouse is assessed to be the Gulam Pacha Guesthouse. This facility was moved across the street in 1999 or 2000 in Karte Parwan where it became known as the Ashara

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 000653 FM40 06-AUG-2003, IIR 2 340 7114 02, IIR 6 034 0270 03, 000653 FM40 28-JUL-2003

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> TD-314/31673-02, IIR 6 034 0220 03

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> IIR 2 340 7047 02, Analyst Note: Abdul Salam also recruited Omar Said Salem al-Dayi, US9YM-000549DP (YM-549); Muhammad Ali Abdallah Muhammad Bwazir, US9YM-000440DP (YM-440); and Fahmi Salem Said al-al-Sani, US9YM-000554DP (YM-554). See: IIR 6 034 1474 03, IIR 6 034 0385 02, 000554 302 22-APR-2002, 000549 KB 20-Feb-2002, IIR 2 340 6516 02.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> ≽IIR 6 034 0735 02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> IIR 2 340 7071 02, IIR 2 340 7045 02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> IIR 6 034 0254 07, TD-314/70900-07

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> IIR 2 340 7071 02

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Guesthouse (Guesthouse 10) and was operated by LY-10017.<sup>17</sup> Zuhail Abdo Anam Said al-Sharabi, ISN US9YM-000569DP (YM-569), reported he lived at the al-Ansar Guesthouse in Kabul for 15 months at which time the facility moved across the street.<sup>18</sup>)

- ♦ (S//NF) Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), reported LY-10017 operated the "Special Guesthouse" in Kabul.<sup>19</sup>
- ♦ (S//NF) Ahmad Muhammad Haza al-Darbi, ISN US9SA-000768DP (SA-768), reported LY-10017 was in charge of a training camp near Kabul. SA-768 also reported LY-10017 later became a trainer at the al-Faruq Training Camp. LY-10017 reported he was a trainer at al-Faruq in Kandahar before moving to Kabul to operate a guesthouse for visiting dignitaries and financial transactions between the Taliban and al-Qaida. 22
- ♦ (S//NF) LIFG Facilitator Abd al-Majid Sassi al-Maghrebi reported the LIFG operated the Karbakh Training Camp in Kabul in 2001.<sup>23</sup> Former LIFG legal committee member, Mustafa Salim Ali Salim al-Mudaghi, stated the LIFG operated the Abu Yahya Training Camp near Kabul.<sup>24</sup> (Analyst Note: These may be aliases for the same camp, one based on the area near Kabul in which it was located, and the other based on a name with significance to the LIFG.)
- o (S//NF) IZ-653 reported detainee arrived at the Karachi guesthouse from the al-Faruq Training Camp. <sup>25</sup> (Analyst Note: Although this statement may indicate detainee was a trainer at al-Faruq, it is assessed detainee was receiving training at the camp prior to fleeing to Pakistan as there is no reporting of a trainer with detainee's alias.)
- (S//NF) Detainee was captured with individuals with extensive links to explosives, provided support to al-Qaida, and individuals involved in terrorist attacks against the US.
  - o (S//NF) Detainee was captured with YM-569. YM-569 traveled to Malaysia in late 1999/early 2000 with Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash aka (Khallad Bin Attash), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014), a senior al-Qaida operative and mastermind in the attack on the USS COLE; and Khalid al-Midhar, one of the 9/11

<sup>18</sup> ≽IIR 6 034 0771 02, IIR 6 034 0900 02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> ➤TD-314/26719-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> >TD-314/28084-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> >TD-314/36901-03

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> >TD-314/36891-03

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> >TD-314/46021-05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> >TD-314/71807-05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> ➤ TD-314/39999-05, Analyst Note: In CITF INTSUM TERRORIST-RELATED FACILITIES 11-SEP-2002, Karabagh is listed as aka (Kargar). The LIFG also had an Abu Yahya camp located in Jalalabad. <sup>25</sup> 000653 FM40 06-AUG-2003, IIR 2 340 7114 02, IIR 6 034 0270 03, 000653 FM40 28-JUL-2003

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> hijackers. The purpose of the trip was to conduct pre-operational surveillance on a mission to hijack several planes in Southeast Asia. 26)

- o (S//NF) Adb al-Aziz Abdo Abdallah al-Suwaydi, ISN US9YM-000578DP (YM-578). YM-578 was an explosives instructor at Tarnak Farms. 27
- (S//NF) Detainee was also captured with two members of the al-Wafa NGO. Al-Wafa is known to have provided monetary support to al-Qaida and Taliban. The members were Adel Zamel Abd al-Mahsen al-Zamel, ISN US9KU-000568DP (KU-568, Transferred), and Saad Madhi Saad Hawash al-Azmi, ISN US9KU-000571DP (KU-571, Transferred). KU-568 served as the Kabul director of the al-Wafa NGO. Shortly before the fall of Kabul, KU-568 was reportedly at the al-Qaida media center along with UBL spokesman Sulayman Abu Ghaith; Bu Haymid, aka (al-Qanas), aka (the Sniper); 9/11 operational manager Ramzi Bin al-Shibh, ISN US9YM-010013DP, (YM-10013) and YM-1457. KU-571 accompanied his brother to Afghanistan, where they met and presented UBL with \$50,000 US.<sup>28</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee reportedly possessed information on UBL's intentions when he fled Afghanistan.
  - o (S//NF) Jawad Jabbar Sadkhan, US9IZ-000433DP (IZ-433) reported Jalal Hadrami knew where UBL fled. IZ-433 also stated Jalal had a gold canine tooth.<sup>29</sup> Richard Dean Belmar, ISN US9UK-000817DP (UK-817, transferred) reported detainee had gold teeth. 30 (Analyst Note: Hadrami is an alias meaning from Hadramout, YM. The statements by UK-817 and IZ-433 are assessed to be references to detainee. Detainee's alias is Jalal, he is from the Hadramout region of Yemen, and has a gold tooth.)
- (U//FOUO) Detainee has expressed a threat to US forces at JTF-GTMO. o (U//FOUO) Detainee does not normally exhibit threatening behavior. However, on 23 January 2008, detainee made a slicing motion across his throat with his right hand. When told to stop, detainee refused, hit the window of his cell door with his head, then spat on the window of the cell door and continued making the threatening gesture.31
- c. (S/NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a HIGH threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been non-compliant and hostile to the guard

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> TD-314/23505-04, TD-314/38289-03<sup>27</sup> IIR 6 034 1208 03, IIR 6 034 0511 04

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Kuwaiti 5 INTSUM 2-Jul-2005, Analyst Note: Wafa al-Igatha al-Islamia, aka (al-Wafa), is an NIPF CT Priority 3 Terrorist Support Entity (TSE). Priority 3 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 1-2 terrorist groups.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> 000433 SIR 18-Jan-2003

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> IIR 4 201 1554 05

<sup>31</sup> JDG Incident 23-JAN-2008

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force and staff. He currently has 73 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 23 January 2008, when he threatened a guard by making a slicing motion across his throat. He has 12 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 12 November 2007, when he kicked a guard while being shackled. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, assaults, flooding cell, threatening guards, damage to government property, inappropriate use of bodily fluids, provoking words and gestures, non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of 24 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and one so far in 2008.

# 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 13 December 2006.
- **b.** (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee traveled through Afghanistan for at least a year and should be able to provide information on individuals he came into contact with and logistics. Detainee is assessed to have attended at least two militant training camps and spent time at various al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses/safe houses. Detainee was captured with a number of assessed and confirmed al-Qaida members.
- **c.** (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee's knowledgeability is high; however, he has provided only vague and limited information on his recruitment, trainers, associated trainees, guesthouses, etc. Detainee has mentioned he used an alias in Afghanistan, but failed to provide it. It is believed the information gleaned from detainee is incomplete and his veracity is questionable. Detainee has failed to provide information on the individuals with whom he was captured. It is possible detainee was a bodyguard for UBL, has information on UBL, al-Qaida leadership, and possibly operational planning. These topics have not been exploited.

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

- Terrorist/foreign fighters training and motivation
  - o Al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan
  - o LIFG training camps in Afghanistan
- Terrorist/foreign fighters movement and logistics
  - o Ingress routes into Pakistan
  - o Al-Ansar Guesthouse in Kabul and LY-10017
  - o YM-1457 safe houses, operations, associates, and individuals arrested with detainee

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- Terrorist/foreign fighters-leadership and networks
  - o Detainee's reported relationship to UBL
- Terrorism targets, activities, and related facilities
- Terrorist travel facilitators
- Terrorist foreign fighters –recruitment
  - o Extremist recruiting in Hadramout

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 27 September 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

Rear Admiral, US Navy

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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*.