



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO  
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA  
APO AE 09360

JTF GTMO-CG

1 October 2004

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Retain under DoD Control (DoD) for Guantanamo Detainee,  
ISN: US9YM-000693 (S)

**1. (FOUO) Personal Information:**

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Ali Abdullah Akhmed
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Ali Abdullah Ahmed; Ali Abdullah Saleh
- Place of Birth: Ibb, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 01 August 1979
- Citizenship: Yemen

**2. (FOUO) Health:** Detainee is in good health. He has a history of hunger striking and nephrolithiasis (kidney stones). He has no known drug allergies.

**3. (S//NF) Detainee Summary:**

a. (S) Background and Capture Data: Unless otherwise noted, the following background notes are based solely on detainee's statements.

- Recruitment and Travel: Detainee was a street vendor who sold clothing. He had been thinking about religious education for a long time and was prompted to travel to Pakistan to receive this education upon hearing God's calling. Around May 2001, he quit his job, left his young wife, spent \$500 USD on a passport, visa, and plane ticket and flew from Sana'a, YM, to Karachi, Pakistan (PK). The plane ticket was good for a return trip up to one year after purchase. Once in Karachi, detainee stayed at a nearby hotel for one week. He does not know the name of the hotel, but is adamant about the fact it was not called "Dubai." He then took a bus to Faisalabad, PK.

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- Training and Activities: Once in Faisalabad, detainee enrolled in Jamea Salafia University and began religious studies. *(Analyst note: The Jamea Salafia University is a religious madrassa (school) and not a state-funded or state-regulated school. Religious madrassas in Pakistan are perceived to encourage militancy, religious extremism, and intolerance while thriving on anti-Western sentiment. The curriculum is solely based on religious studies and such "Universities" should not be confused for state-funded accredited schools.)* Detainee was living in on-campus dormitories for five to six months. About one month after the 11 September 2001 attacks in the US, detainee was asked to move out of the dorms on-campus. He and several other Arab students moved to an off-campus safehouse ran by a man named Issa. *(Analyst Note: This conflicts with earlier accounts given by detainee that he moved into Issa's house in January 2002).*

- Capture Information: Detainee stayed at the safehouse for three months. He was planning on staying in Pakistan until his plane ticket was just about to expire (another month and a half), but his plans were cut short when Pakistani authorities raided the safehouse. Detainee was detained at the Crescent Textile Mill in Faisalabad, PK, on 28 March 2002 with fifteen others, many of whom have been identified by senior Al-Qaida personnel. He was later turned over to US authorities.

b. (S) Transferred to JTF GTMO: 19 June 2002

c. (S) Reasons for Transfer to JTF GTMO: To provide information on:

- The safehouse in Faisalabad, PK, which was used to house foreign students who were attending the Jamea Salafia University
- Routes of ingress between Yemen and Pakistan

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

- (S//NF) JTF GTMO assesses the detainee is using the guise of studying Islam at the Jamea Salafia University while residing at the Issa safehouse as a cover story to conceal his true activities in Pakistan/Afghanistan:

- (S//NF) The Issa safehouse was under the control of Abu Zubaydah, an Al-Qaida top lieutenant and aid to Usama bin Laden (UBL). *(Analyst note: Several Arabs captured at the Issa safehouse have used the same rigid cover story that they were merely educating themselves and studying Islam; however, the house could have been used as a collection point for Al-Qaida members seeking and returning from Al-Qaida terrorist training. Additionally, Abu Zubaydah operated another safehouse in Faisalabad, PK, known as the Adalfa safehouse. Further exploitation is required to determine the connection between Issa's house and the other Faisalabad, PK, safehouse known as the Adalfa. Both safehouses were raided on the same day in connection with one another.)*

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○ (S//NF) ISN 681, another detainee captured at the Issa safehouse, has revealed he indeed left Pakistan, traveled to Afghanistan for Al-Qaida terrorist training, and returned to the Issa safehouse in Faisalabad. Detainee could be leaving out similar details, which requires further exploitation and cooperation to determine the truth.

- (S//NF) It is assessed that the detainee is a mid to high-level Al-Qaida operative:

○ (S//NF) Abu Zubaydah has identified detainee. Abu Zubaydah recognized detainee as a Yemeni whom he had seen in Kandahar, Afghanistan (AF), with Khalid Shaykh Muhammad (KSM), a senior Al-Qaida Operational Planner and close associate of UBL. Abu Zubaydah stated that he might have seen detainee in Kandahar three or four times.

○ (S//NF) Abu Yasir Al-Jaza'iri, a senior Al-Qaida facilitator, identified detainee and made the following claims:

- (S//NF) The detainee's cousin had been arrested by Pakistani authorities circa 1999 upon their arrival at the Karachi Airport due to visa violation issues. Detainee was sent by the family to secure his cousin's release from jail. Al-Jaza'iri said he first met detainee at a guesthouse in Kandahar, AF, in the Spring of 2000 and places him back in Pakistan in late 2000 assisting in efforts to release his cousin. *(Analyst Note: Detainee does not place himself in Pakistan until May 2001).*

- (S//NF) Detainee was an Al-Qaida courier who went by the alias Abdallah Al-Sindhi.

- (S//NF) Detainee and his cousin Nadim were responsible for caring for the logistics of the families of UBL's son-in-laws, Awa Al-Madani and Abdallah Al-Madani, that included travel arrangements, lodging, and healthcare arrangements. *(Analyst note: This statement establishes the detainee's stature in relation to UBL and adds validity to Zubaydah's statements identifying that detainee associated with Senior Al-Qaida Operational Planner KSM.)*

- (S//NF) Detainee was the younger brother of Assadallah Al-Sindhi, a popular Al-Qaida member killed in 1996.

○ (S) Al-Qaida trainer from Tora Bora, US9SU-000707DP, has identified detainee from his time in Kabul, AF, as well as his time in Al-Qaida's Camp Khalden.

○ (S//NF) Senior Al-Qaida operational planner, Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash (aka Khallad), recognizes detainee by his distinct birthmark, but cannot remember any details.

- (S//NF) US9AF-000850DP has given the description of a training camp and instructors located near the Khotal-E-Morcha Mountain Pass outside of Kandahar, AF. He could not remember the specific names of instructors, but one description was of an Arab who had a distinct birthmark on his cheek. Training at the camp included instructions on poisons, landmines, and plastic explosives. *(Analyst Note: Since this fits detainee's description, further exploitation is required.)*

- The persons with which detainee was arrested have confirmed Al-Qaida connections. It has been assessed that detainee is being deceptive in his claims he was ignorant to his associates' activities and in his claims he never traveled to Afghanistan.

- (S) Detainee has not been cooperative in interrogations. Detainee may be hiding details in his timeline to conceal his true activities. Detainee's travel stories are inconsistent;

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further exploitation is required to develop inconsistencies. It has been assessed that detainee is deceptive in his claims.

e. (S) Intelligence Focus: JTF GTMO has determined that this detainee is of medium to high intelligence value due to knowledge of:

- Al-Qaida
  - Description and biographic details on senior Al-Qaida members:
    - UBL
    - Abu Yasir Al-Jaza'iri
    - Abu Zubaydah, who is already in custody, for the purpose of corroboration
    - Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, who is already in custody, for the purpose of corroboration
  - Al-Qaida mujahideen training
    - Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash (aka Khallad)
    - Camps
    - Leaders
    - Recruitment
  - Operations
  - Facilitators
  - Logistics
- Al-Qaida Courier duties:
  - Items entrusted:
    - Funds for personnel, terrorist operations, and logistical support
    - Passports and travel documents
    - Communications and other equipment produced abroad
    - Operational orders and plans
  - Personnel:
    - Originators and Recipients
      - Senior Al-Qaida members including UBL
      - Senior Taliban personnel
    - Other couriers
  - Methods of travel and transportation
    - Time constraints and effect on routes and methods
    - Clearing customs and security check points
  - Operational Security and covert techniques
- UBL family ties to the Al-Qaida network
  - Operational activity and involvement
  - Aws Al-Madani
  - Abdallah Al-Madani
    - Healthcare arrangements made for the families

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- Capacity of family operations and missions
- Associates
- Logistical duties of detainee for UBL
  - Logistical duties of detainee for UBL's brother-in laws and respective families
- Detainee familial ties to Al-Qaida network
  - Detainee's brother Assadallah Al-Sindhi
  - Detainee's cousin Nadim
    - Nadim's relationship to UBL and family
- The Jamea Salafia University in Faisalabad, PK
  - Connection to Al-Qaida and other extremist groups in Pakistan
  - Curriculum
  - Ideology
  - Recruitment
  - Safehouse Associations
- Safehouses and associates throughout Afghanistan and Pakistan
  - True functions of Adalfa and Issa safehouses and related activities
- Ingress and egress routes throughout Pakistan and Afghanistan

**4. (S) Detainee's Conduct:** This detainee has a history of aggressive behavior in the camp, often defiantly failing to comply with instructions

**5. (S) EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 24 February 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

**6. (S) JTF GTMO Assessment:**

a. (S) Summary: It is assessed that this detainee is a member of mid to high-level operative of Al-Qaida and/or its global terrorist network. Detainee has links to key facilitators and senior members in the Al-Qaida international terrorist network. Detainee should be retained under DoD control until he can be further exploited. At present, detainee is exhibiting counter-interrogation resistance techniques and is completely uncooperative with debriefers. It has been assessed that the detainee is being deceptive and withholding key information pertaining to his timeline. Detainee has not revealed any information since his initial screening, and maintains a rigid cover story. Based on detainee's association with extremist radicals and senior-level Al-Qaida associates, his uncorroborated stay in Pakistan, and his identification of being inside Afghanistan at a safehouse assessed to be for trained Mujahideen, his identification as a courier and aid to UBL's son-in-laws, JTF GTMO assesses detainee to be untruthful and unexploited. Upon further exploitation, detainee could yield significant insight regarding Al-Qaida operations within Pakistan and Afghanistan. Detainee is being deceptive regarding his travels. Detainee's interactions with senior-level Al-Qaida operatives to include UBL and his family may have made him privy to sensitive operational information on Al-Qaida and Taliban activities and

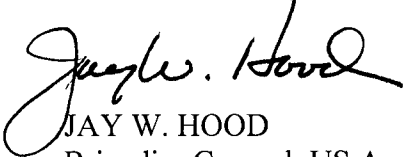
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personalities. It has been determined that detainee poses a high risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

b. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends detainee be retained under DoD control.

7. (S) **Coordination:** JTF GTMO notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF) of this recommendation on 01 October 2004. CITF assessed this detainee as a low risk on 12 April 2004.

  
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