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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 US9AF-001103DP (S)

### **JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

#### **1. (S) Personal Information:**

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Mohammad Zahir
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Mohammed Zahir,  
Mohammed Tahir Hafiz, Ghulam Sadiq
- Place of Birth: Zyarate Balol, Afghanistan (AF)
- Date of Birth: 1953
- Citizenship: Afghanistan
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9AF-001103DP



**2. (U//FOUO) Health:** Detainee is in fair 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 veteran high-level member of the Taliban Intelligence Directorate. Detainee is also assessed to be a weapons smuggler in the Ghazni Province and has possible ties to Afghanistan narcotics trafficking. Detainee was arrested on suspicion of possessing weapons including Stinger missiles and uranium, which detainee's recovered documents indicate was intended for use in a nuclear device. Detainee is associated with senior members of the Taliban intelligence and other Taliban officials and Anti-Coalition Militia (ACM) members including Jalaluddin Haqqani. Detainee

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is affiliated with individuals who still hold considerable influence in current Afghan affairs. 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 **LOW** 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.)

- Added new aliases of detainee, Mohammed Tahir Hafiz
- Updated detainee's Capture Information section
- Updated information on detainee's associates

#### **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 studied English and Contemporary Studies while in high school. He worked on the family farm until 1979.<sup>1</sup> Detainee then fled to Iran (IR), in an effort to escape the Taraki regime in Afghanistan.<sup>2</sup> Detainee worked construction in Shiraz, IR, and periodically returned home to visit his family and give them money. In 1980, detainee married his first wife and later divorced her. In 1984, detainee's brother was killed while fighting the Soviets. Detainee then married his dead brother's wife so that she and her children would be supported.<sup>3</sup>

**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** Between 1984 and 1989, detainee was conscripted and fought against the Soviets under Commander Wali Muhammad. Detainee's job was to carry rockets for the person firing the RPG-7 (rocket propelled grenade, anti-tank weapon). After the Soviets pulled out of Afghanistan, detainee returned to work on his family's farm and began volunteering as a teacher. When Rabbani took over the government of Afghanistan, detainee was employed as a clerk at the police department in Ghazni Province, AF. Detainee remained with the police department through 1997. After the Taliban gained control of the Ghazni Province in 1997, the Director of Taliban Intelligence, Qari

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<sup>1</sup> IIR 6 034 0467 04

<sup>2</sup> IIR 4 201 2400 04, Analyst Note: Noor Muhammad Taraki was Afghan's president from 1978-1979. Taraki aligned himself with the Soviet Union and their Communist philosophy.

<sup>3</sup> 001103 SIR 15-DEC-2003

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Ahmadullah, instructed detainee to travel with the President of the Security Police, Muhammad Ibrahim, to Kabul, AF, to work in the headquarters of the Taliban Intelligence Directorate. Ibrahim was then selected as Director of Logistics and detainee worked for him as a cook and security guard. Detainee's immediate supervisor was Amir Muhammad Inkadiy. The logistics branch reported directly to Abdul Haq Wasiq, ISN US9AF-000004DP (AF-004), Taliban Deputy Minister of Intelligence. Detainee remained in Kabul until 1998, when he returned to his family's farm. In late 1998, detainee began working at the Ghazni Taliban Security Office in an administrative role. Detainee remained in this position until July 2001, when the commander of the Ghazni Taliban Intelligence Office, Bahktiar, realized detainee was educated and transferred him to the Ghazni Intelligence Office.<sup>4</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** After detainee's transfer to the Intelligence Office, he worked as an investigator.<sup>5</sup> In this role, he worked with the Chief of the Cooperation Department, Ministry of Intelligence, Mohamed Rahim, ISN US9AF-001104DP (AF-1104). Although they grew up together, detainee and AF-1104 did not work well together.<sup>6</sup> In September 2001, Bahktiar learned detainee had not attended religious training and demoted him to servant.<sup>7</sup> In November 2001, after Kabul fell to US and Coalition forces, detainee traveled to Shiraz where he remained for six months doing construction work. (Analyst Note: Many high-level Taliban members followed this same path after the Taliban government collapsed.) In June 2002, detainee returned to Afghanistan and worked for the Ghazni police department. Detainee remained in this position until January 2003, when he began teaching math and languages at the Ghazni primary school.<sup>8</sup> Detainee stated he received threatening "night letters" presumably left by Haji Hamayoun.<sup>9</sup>

## **5. (U) Capture Information:**

**a. (S//NF)** Detainee was reported to be a major weapons dealer in the Ghazni area. Detainee reportedly owned several Stinger missiles and an unknown quantity of uranium. Weapons were believed to be stored at his compound.<sup>10</sup> On 18 July 2003, Afghan National Army and US forces arrested detainee at his compound in Saydan Village, Khogiani, Ghazni

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<sup>4</sup> 001103 SIR 15-DEC-2003, Analyst Note: No other detainees have reported on Bahktiar. Estekhbarat Research SUM 10 Nov 2001 states the commander of the Taliban Intelligence in Ghazni was identified as Mullah Abdul Hamid. See also TD-314/10651-01

<sup>5</sup> 001103 IMEC Analytical Memo 31-MAR-2006

<sup>6</sup> 001103 SIR 11-NOV-2005, 001103 HANDNOTE 09-AUG-2003

<sup>7</sup> 001103 KB 02-DEC-2003

<sup>8</sup> 001103 SIR 15-DEC-2003

<sup>9</sup> IIR 6 034 1249 04

<sup>10</sup> >CJCSOTF INTSUM 473 22-Jul-2003, FOB 31 INTSUM 107 21-JUL-2003

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Province for connections to weapons caches, weapons trafficking and affiliation with the Taliban and transferred him to US custody later that day.<sup>11</sup>

**b. (S) Property Held:**

- 6,015 Afghans<sup>12</sup>
- Four passports
- Three identification cards
- Two Codan high frequency radios
- Listing of 87 names of orphans with photos
- 72 photos of unidentified males
- Map of San Manuel, Cuba
- Miscellaneous personal items including business cards, notebooks, and a watch<sup>13</sup>
- Although not held at JTF-GTMO, US forces also recovered an electronic organizer and a small sealed can marked, in Russian, "Heavy Water – U235 150 Grams."<sup>14</sup>

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 21 November 2003**

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

- Bibliography and command responsibilities of Bahktiar
- Family history to include his father's involvement with the Taliban regime, detainee's work with the Taliban, and brother's responsibilities in President Karzai's government
- Iranian influence on Afghan politics
- Iranian smuggling routes
- Afghanistan ingress and egress routes

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<sup>11</sup> 001103 SIR 15-DEC-03(b), 001103 HANDNOTE 23-AUG-2003, IIR 6 044 2484 03

<sup>12</sup> > Approximately equivalent to \$122 US

<sup>13</sup> > Guan-2006-P00950, GUAN-2006-P00008, Analyst Note: Detainee's notebooks included names, phone numbers, commodities purchases and coordination such as sugar with mention of selling in Washington and mention of Britain, Brazil, Ukraine among others. The movement of food and materials noted in the contents of this document appears to be outside the scope of an intelligence official, but could be consistent with an international trading business or modernization programs and possibly includes code for heroin. Names and numbers included senior Taliban such as ministers and ACM commanders such as Jalaluddin Haqqani. This document requires further analysis and detainee's pocket litter is discussed in greater detail in Reasons for Continued Detention.

<sup>14</sup> IIR 6 044 2484 03

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**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee provides a consistent chronological timeline, but fails to disclose extensive details or the true nature of his Taliban activities and affiliations. Detainee omitted his close associations with the Taliban Minister of Intelligence and several other key personnel in the Intelligence Directorate. Detainee refuses to discuss the significance of official documents and other extremist-associated items found in his house during his capture.

**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 in DoD Control:** Detainee is assessed to be a high-level member of the Taliban Intelligence Directorate with significant associations to senior intelligence and security personnel in the former Taliban regime. Detainee is also assessed to be a weapons smuggler in the Ghazni Province. Detainee's pocket litter and materials recovered from his home include items associating detainee to the Taliban and extremist networks Detainee has affiliations to Taliban members and mujahideen who were active in Anti-Coalition Militant (ACM) activities.

- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a Taliban intelligence officer and a weapons smuggler associated with senior Taliban Intelligence and Internal Security Directorate members.
  - (S//NF) Detainee was subordinate to AF-004, Deputy Intelligence Minister of the Taliban.<sup>15</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee's pocket litter included a memorandum to the Internal Affairs Ministry Department of Intelligence, in which detainee identified himself as the Chief of Intelligence.<sup>16</sup> Detainee's pocket litter also contained a memorandum signed by Mullah Mohammad Zahir, Secretary General, Directorate of Intelligence, assessed to be detainee. The memorandum was addressed to "His Excellency, Deputy of Economic Affairs, Council of Ministers."<sup>17</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee's exact role within Taliban Intelligence is unknown.)
  - (S//NF) Detainee claimed he was conscripted into the Taliban Secret Information Office in 1998 or 1999. Taliban Minister of Intelligence Qari Ahmedullah directed

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<sup>15</sup> IIR 6 034 0467 04, IIR 6 044 7227 03

<sup>16</sup> IIR 6 034 0239 06

<sup>17</sup> 001103 IMEC Analytical Memo 23-FEB-2006, Analyst Note: The memorandum discussed flights to Saudi Arabia for the annual hajj.

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Commander Muhammad Ibrahim, with whom detainee worked in the past,<sup>18</sup> to travel to Ghazni and ordered detainee to accompany him to Kabul.<sup>19</sup>

- (S//NF) Muhammad Ibrahim is assessed to be Muhammad Ibrahim Haqqani, former Taliban Chief of Logistics and a current senior ACM leader. Ibrahim's brother is Jalaluddin Haqqani, former Taliban Director of Tribal Affairs.<sup>20</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee has familial ties to other Taliban intelligence members. DNA tests reveal detainee and Gholam Ruhani, ISN US9-000003DP (AF-003, transferred), are related and possibly siblings.<sup>21</sup> AF-003 is an admitted Taliban Intelligence member. AF-004 identified AF-003 as head of Taliban operations and security in Kabul, AF.<sup>22</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is associated with Haji Hamayoun, who detainee reported to be a former Kabul Taliban Intelligence member.<sup>23</sup>
  - (S//NF) Haji Hamayoun was the Director of the Foreign Affairs Connection of the Taliban and is now a member of the Taliban council. In March 2006, Haji Hamayoun was planning on coordinating attacks with a Hezb-E-Islami Gulbuddin (HIG) member by the name of Haji Khan Mohammed. The two were planning incendiary attacks against Shi'a schools and mosques.<sup>24</sup>
  - (S//NF) In January 2008, the Afghan National Directorate of Security (NDS) in Nangarhar province, AF; had arrested a suspect, by the name of Zadin Ud Din aka (Haji Hamayoun), in the 14 January 2008 Serena hotel bombing in Kabul city, AF.<sup>25</sup>
- (S//NF) Bahktiar, detainee's reported commander at the Ghazni Taliban Intelligence Office, hired detainee as an investigator in the Ghazni Secret Information Office.<sup>26</sup> In November 2002, an individual identified as Bahktiar possibly led a group of 15 individuals from Pakistan to kidnap and threaten residents of Paktia province, AF. Their intention was to coerce residents to refuse to cooperate with the new Afghan government.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> >001103 SIR 22-MAR-2007

<sup>19</sup> 001103 SIR 15-DEC-2003(b)

<sup>20</sup> 001103 FBIS SAP20035190001000 20 May 2003

<sup>21</sup> >IIR 6 105 5193 08

<sup>22</sup> >000003 SIR 24-JAN-2007, IIR 5 360 0713 02

<sup>23</sup> IIR 6 034 1249 04

<sup>24</sup> IIR 7 399 0116 04, TD-314/22086-06, Analyst Note: HIG is a National Intelligence Priorities Framework (NIPF) Counterterrorism (CT) Priority 2 target. Priority 2 targets are defined as issues, opportunities, or threats that rise to, or are expected to rise to, the level of interest of the Combatant Commanders or DNI EXCOM Principals, not already identified as Priority 1. This includes terrorist groups, especially those with state support, countries that sponsor terrorism, or countries that have state organizations involved in terrorism that have demonstrated both intention and capability to attack U.S. persons or interests..

<sup>25</sup> >TD-314/003337-08

<sup>26</sup> IIR 6 034 0467 04

<sup>27</sup> IIR 6 044 5055 03

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- (S//NF) Detainee's pocket litter and materials recovered from his home include items associating detainee to the Taliban and extremist networks.
  - (S//NF) Detainee's pocket litter included a memorandum detainee addressed to the Internal Affairs Ministry Department of Intelligence. The memorandum reported the inventory of recovered weapons and materials which included "two or three cans of Uranium," which detainee identified in his memorandum as being intended for the production of an "atom bomb," kalashnikov rifles, handguns, and communications equipment.<sup>28</sup> Detainee claimed the significant amount of Taliban-related material found in his house belonged to and was left by AF-004, when detainee was in Iran.<sup>29</sup>
  - (S//NF) A book containing references to moving 50,000 metric tons of sugar to Washington, DC and the United Kingdom was recovered from detainee's compound. Shipment route included possible stops in Brazil and Black and Baltic Sea ports.<sup>30</sup> (Analyst Note: The 80-page book included business transactions and phone listings. There are entries pertaining to large-quantity shipments of goods such as macaroni, metal, and sugar. The movement of sugar may be a code for heroin trafficking. The Taliban and extremist groups are suspected of trafficking in narcotics to raise funds.<sup>31</sup> Detainee claimed he was only a teacher at the time of his arrest.)
  - (S//NF) A fax to Qari Ahmedullah requesting he provide Usama Bin Laden (UBL) with interview questions from the Iranian News Agency was found in detainee's home. The fax included questions relating to the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks.<sup>32</sup> (Analyst Note: No direct association between detainee and UBL has been made, although possession of these types of documents indicates a high level of access or trust with Qari Ahmedullah, the Taliban Minister of Intelligence.)
  - (S//NF) Two Codan high-frequency (HF) radios were found in detainee's home. (Analyst Note: Ownership of high-quality HF radios is unusual for the general Afghan population and Taliban leaders were known to use this equipment.<sup>33</sup>)
  - (S//NF) A listing of 87 orphan names and associated photos were found in detainee's home. (Analyst Note: Taliban and other extremist organizations have exploited orphanages as means of recruiting future jihadists.<sup>34</sup>)

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<sup>28</sup> IIR 6 034 0239 06

<sup>29</sup> IIR 6 034 0467 04, IIR 6 044 7227 03

<sup>30</sup> IIR 6 034 0467 04

<sup>31</sup> State 0910616 31-Mar-2000, HIG Organizational Study (HARC)

<sup>32</sup> 001103 PERSDOC GUAN 2005-E01441 FAX 18-JUL-2003, 001103 PERSDOC GUAN 2005-E 01441 18-JUL-2003

<sup>33</sup> Analyst Note: According to an NGIC assessment, dated 10 January 2003, Codan (HF) radios were among the communication equipment used by al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan. In April 2000, Mullah Omar ordered the collection of all the Codan vehicle radio systems in Afghanistan. He then directed the redistribution of the radios to fifty-two key leaders in the Taliban. See IIR 6 044 0186 02.)

<sup>34</sup> Islamabad Embassy #004572

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- (S//NF) Documents containing names and telephone numbers of associates including senior Taliban officials were recovered at detainee's residence.<sup>35</sup> The documents associate detainee to Taliban members and other contacts within Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the US, and Russia.<sup>36</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee has reported on weapons caches supporting active mujahideen indicating an association with these individuals.
  - (S//NF) Detainee provided details of a Soviet-era weapons cache he reported were co-owned by four mujahideen still active in Afghanistan. Detainee claimed he never saw the weapons, yet was able to provide a detailed inventory that included: Stingers, Blowpipes, "computerized" mortar rounds, and a "Zoko-1" machine gun. Detainee stated the weapons cache owners were Nasrullah Mansour, *Mawlavee* (Maulawi) Muhammad Sabi Muhammadi, Abdur Rab Rasool Sayef, and Peer Sayet Ahman Ghalani.<sup>37</sup>
    - (S//NF) Nasrullah Mansour is assessed to be Maulawi Nasrullah Mansour, a known Taliban commander with connections to ACM activity, and father of Saif Rahman Mansour and Jalaluddin Haqqani, founder of the Haqqani network.<sup>38</sup> (Analyst Note: This further reinforces detainee's potential knowledge of Haqqani network personnel or operations.)
    - (S//NF) Abdur Rab Rasool Sayef is a former commander of the Ittehad-e Islami Bara-ye Azad-e Afghanistan (IULA) and may have familial ties to current insurgent activity.<sup>39</sup>
    - (S//NF) Peer Sayet Ahmad Ghalani is assessed to be Pir Sayd Ahmad Gilani, current leader of the Mahaz-I-Islam Afghanistan (Islamic Movement of Afghanistan). Ghalani is currently a member of the Afghan senate and a chairman of the Peace Jerga (government council).<sup>40</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed to be a **LOW** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been compliant and rarely hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 13 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 30 July 2007, when he failed to follow guard's instructions when he was told to remove underwear from the sink. He has one Report of Disciplinary Infraction

<sup>35</sup> 001103 PERSDOC GUAN-2006-P00946 18-JUL-2003 3 OF 4, 001103 PERSDOC GUAN-2006-P00936 18-JUL-2003, 001103 PERSDOC GUAN-2006-P01001 18-JUL-2003, 001103 PERSDOC GUAN-2006-P00861 18-JUL-2003, 001103 PERSDOC GUAN-2006-P00937 18-JUL-2003, 001103 PERSDOC GUAN-2006-P00719 18-JUL-2003, IIR 6 034 0397 07.

<sup>36</sup> >IIR 6 034 0305 07, IIR 6 034 0288 06

<sup>37</sup> 001103 Handnote 31-JUL-2003

<sup>38</sup> >IIR 6 044 2241 08, Op Attal Intel Synch Mtg 7-NOV-2007, IIR 6 044 0156 06, CJTF-180 CI HUMINT Biography - MANSOUR Saifullah Rahman, Analyst Note: Jalaluddin is the father of Siraj Haqqani. The Siraj Haqqani Network is an ACM entity listed as an NIPF Priority 2 target.

<sup>39</sup> >ISAF CJ2X Intsum 17-NOV-2007, NGIC-1139-7112-08, TD-314/67213-07

<sup>40</sup> >ISAF HQ CJ2X Intsum 19-JAN-2008, IIR 7 398 0180 08



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for assault occurring on 16 June 2006, when he struck a guard with a beanhole cover. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, threatening guards, damage to government property, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of six Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and none 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 22 March 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee was a member of the Taliban Intelligence Directorate between 1997 and 2001. Detainee had direct access to the Taliban Minister of Intelligence, the Deputy Minister of Intelligence, the Director of Current Logistics, and Director of Interrogation and Document Exploitation. Detainee worked for Ghazni security forces in 1994, 1997, and again in 2002. Detainee had direct access to personnel records and investigation reports on operations in the Ghazni and Khowst, AF, area. Detainee traveled illegally to Iran in 1979, 1984, 1992, and 2002. Detainee had direct access to Iranians who facilitated travel to and from Afghanistan. Detainee's associations and friendships in the Ghazni and Khowst area provided direct access to numerous individuals who are currently active in Afghanistan.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee's intelligence value lies in his knowledge of networks and associated personnel. Detainee's affiliation with Taliban Intelligence, internal security, and direct ties to Soviet-era mujahideen fighters, all with connections to current ACM activity in the Ghazni-Gardiz-Khowst region, make him a high value asset. The Ghazni-Gardiz-Khowst region currently is a hot spot for ACM activity. This region is part of the Tora Bora mountain region, and detainee probably knows of more weapons caches, extremist organizations, possible travel routes, and safe houses used by current high value terrorist targets. The value of detainee's contacts and affiliations has not diminished. Detainee's associates remaining active in contemporary Afghan affairs include: Qari Ahmedullah, Haji Hamayoun, Mohammed Ibrahim Haqqani, Bahktiar, Nasrullah Mansour, and Peer Sayet Ahmad Ghalani. Several immediate family members of these associates remain significant in today's Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), including: Jalaluddin Haqqani, Saifullah Mansour, Sayd Ishaq Ghalani, and Anwar Ul-haq Attadi. Detainee holds important information concerning smuggling routes into Iran to include facilitators, locations, procedures for finding routes, and facilitators located inside Iran. A large amount of unexploited material was recovered from detainee's house, all of which detainee denies owning. Detainee stated in late 2001, while he was in Iran, AF-004 and possibly Qari Ahmedullah left the contraband at his house shortly before AF-004's arrest. AF-004 was arrested on 24 December 2001, nearly 18 months before detainee's arrest. Full exploitation

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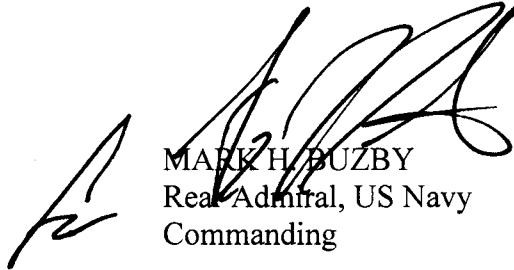
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of this material could provide a vast amount of information related to the Taliban intelligence network and internal security procedures for the Ghazni and Khowst area.

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

- Current JTF-GTMO detainees
- Haqqani network
- Taliban intelligence members
- ACM operations in the Ghazni and Khowst region
- Location of weapon caches
- Current biographical data on current ACM personnel in Afghanistan
- Iranian travel routes, facilitators, and financial links

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



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Commanding

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