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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

JTF GTMO-CG

20 September 2003

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

SUBJECT: (S//NF) Transfer Recommendation for Guantanamo Detainee, Ijaz Ahmad, ISN: ISN US9PK-000302DP, to Another Country for Continued Detention

1. (S) **Personal Information:** Ijaz Ahmad is a Pakistani national born in 1974 (age 29) in Punjab, Pakistan. He has been diagnosed with latent Tuberculosis, but is otherwise in good health.
2. (S) **Detention Information:** Subject detainee stated that he listened to a Taliban recruiter who gave a speech at the Abu Bakr mosque in his hometown, encouraging attendees to come fight with and support the Taliban, to help fellow Muslims in Afghanistan (AF). Detainee volunteered that evening and was taken on a motorcycle to the Afghan/Pakistan border area, by an unidentified man. A second man accompanied the detainee through the mountains, across the border and later by bus to Khowst, AF. The detainee lived in a "mud house" with 18 other people while in Khowst, detainee believes it was a Taliban guesthouse. From Khowst he went to Kabul, AF, where he lived for another 12-14 days. Detainee and the other recruits were then taken to Konduz, AF, where they stayed overnight and were then driven to a small town about three hours from Konduz, which appeared to be populated solely by Taliban fighters. The detainee then spent approximately three days at this village performing guard duty. Detainee claimed that Northern Alliance forces captured him after he and many others ran away from the battlefield. Detainee stated that he fled his guard post after it became apparent that the Northern Alliance was going to overrun the area. Detainee claimed he was held for some time before being handed over to the Americans. Detainee was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba on 11 February 2002 because of his affiliation with the Taliban as a foreign fighter.
3. (S) **Reasons for Continued Detention:** Through the detainee's own admission, he willingly allowed himself to be recruited by the Taliban and traveled to Afghanistan where he received military training by the Taliban. Detainee along with other recruits traveled to the

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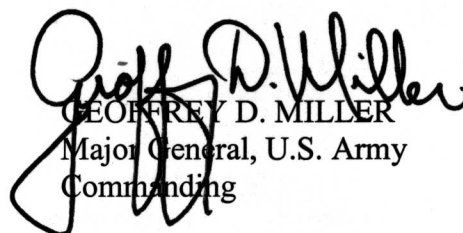
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front and actively engaged North Alliance and US forces on the battlefield. The detainee admits he made a mistake and does not want to repeat his mistakes, but still firmly believes in his reasons for taking up Jihad against the US. The detainee has participated in Jihad and has shown himself vulnerable to recruitment by extremist groups. Although cooperative, the detainee's veracity is questionable. It's assessed that if released the detainee may once again become a threat to the US.

4. (S) **Assessment:** Based on information collected and available to Joint Task Force Guantanamo as of 16 September 2003, detainee ISN: US9PK-000302DP is assessed as not being a member of Al-Qaida or a Taliban leader. Moreover, based on the detainee's folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the detainee is of no intelligence value to the United States. Based on the above, detainee poses a medium threat risk to the U.S., its interests or its allies.

5. (S) **Recommendation:** In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be considered for transfer to the control of another government for continued detention.

6. (C) **Coordination:** JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 18 August 2003. JTF GTMO representatives and CITF representatives met on 17 September 2003 to discuss the threat level of ISN: US9AF-000302, CITF stated that they required more investigation before completing a risk assessment on the detainee.


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