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

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN US9YM-000511DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: <u>Suleman Awad Suleman</u> Bin Agil Alnahdi
- Aliases and Current/True Name: <u>Sulaiman Awath Sulaiman</u> <u>Bin Ageel al-Nahdi, Nafe, Rafie</u>
- Place of Birth: <u>Al-Muqalla, Yemen (YM)</u>
- Date of Birth: 1 December 1974
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): <u>US9YM-000511DP</u>
- **2.** (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good health.
- 3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:
- **a.** (S) **Recommendation:** JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Transfer out of DoD Control (TRO). JTF-GTMO previously recommended detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (DoD) with Transfer Language on 11 August 2006.
- **b.** (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida who participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces. Detainee traveled to Afghanistan (AF) for jihad, and his travel was facilitated by jihadist recruiters. He attended training at extremist camps and stayed in al-Qaida sponsored guesthouses. JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

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- A **MEDIUM** risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies
- A **LOW** threat from a detention perspective
- Of **MEDIUM** intelligence value
- c. (S//NF) Summary of Changes: The following changes have been added to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation. (Changes in this assessment will be annotated by \triangleright next to the footnote.)
 - Added reporting from Fahmi Salem Said al-Sani, US9YM-000554DP (YM-554), indicating that detainee traveled with YM-554 to Afghanistan, trained with him at the al-Faruq Training Camp, and was located with him at Tora Bora¹

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 graduated from primary school and did not pursue a secondary education. Detainee studied for approximately one month at the Yemeni Military Academy in Busesh, YM, to become a police officer, but was dismissed by new government officials because his services were no longer needed. The course of training included small arms marksmanship (Kalashnikov assault rifle) and physical training. Sometime in 1994, detainee traveled to the United Arab Emirates as a construction laborer for approximately 10 months. Detainee then returned to al-Muqalla and briefly worked for a local transportation organization before traveling to Saudi Arabia on a religious pilgrimage.²
- **b.** (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee answered a *fatwa* (religious decree) issued by radical Shaykh Hamud Bin Uqla al-Shuaibi in March 2001 that called for all Muslims to receive military training.³ An individual named Abu Shakir, who traveled around to mosques in Yemen talking about the Islamic obligation to receive military training, gave detainee the phone number of Abdul Khalik, an al-Qaida facilitator. Abdul Khalik gave detainee approximately \$300 to \$400 US and a ticket for a flight from Sanaa, YM, to Karachi, Pakistan (PK). Detainee traveled to Karachi with YM-554 and Majee Salim al-

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² 000511 302 10-JUN-2003

³ 000511 KB 06-12-2002, Analyst note: Al-Shuaibi was one of the first clerics to issue *fatawa* calling on Muslims to support the foreign mujahideen in helping the Afghans to fight the Soviets. After the 11 September 2001 attacks, al-Shuaibi issued *fatawa* declaring that those supporting the US and Coalition forces against Muslims were themselves non-believers, and justifying the 11 September 2001 attacks.

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Mathi, aka (Mazin), in August 2001, and stayed at a safe house owned by an individual named Riyadh for about a week.⁴ He then traveled via Quetta, PK, to Kandahar, AF, where he stayed at the Hajii Habash Guesthouse.⁵

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee attended military training at al-Faruq for at least a month before camp personnel evacuated the facility, informing trainees that their training would be completed at another location. From al-Farug, detained traveled with YM-554 and Mazin to Tora Bora to escape Coalition attacks. Detainee's training group was placed under Tora Bora camp leader Abdul Qudus, and ordered to maintain defensive positions throughout the US bombing campaign. Detainee was then placed in a group that attempted to find a road that led into Pakistan.⁶

5. (U) Capture Information:

- a. (S//NF) Afghan forces captured detainee in the Tora Bora area on approximately 15 December 2001 and held him in a Northern Alliance prison in Kabul, AF. Detainee was transferred to the US detention facility at Kandahar, AF, in January 2002.8
- b. (U) Property Held: None
- c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 8 June 2002
- d. (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF-GTMO: To provide information on the following:
 - Al-Qaida or Taliban recruiter named Abu Shakir and travel facilitator named Abdul Khalik
 - Al-Faruq Training Camp
 - Taliban and al-Qaida activities in the Tora Bora region
 - Usama Bin Laden (UBL) and his security detail

⁴ Analyst Note: Detainee is assessed to have stayed at an al-Qaida safe house in Karachi operated by al-Qaida facilitator Abdu Ali Al Haji Sharqawi, aka ("Riyadh the Facilitator"), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457). YM-554 stated that he traveled to Pakistan with detainee and Majd al-Maghi, aka (Mazin). The three traveled together from Sanaa to Karachi via the United Arab Emirates (see TD 314-2844-02).

⁵ IIR 2 340 6832 02, IIR 2 340 6317 02

⁶ IIR 2 340 6832 02, IIR 2 340 6317 02

⁷ IIR 6 034 1332 03

^{8 000511 302 24-}JUL-2002, 000511 FM40 04-NOV-2004

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6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee has omitted many details of his actions in Afghanistan. Significant gaps in his timeline still remain. Detainee portrays himself as a simple mujahid that received training in response to his religious obligation.

7. (U) Detainee Threat:

- **a.** (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be a MEDIUM risk, as he may to pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.
- **b.** (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention: Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Oaida who participated in hostilities against the US and Coalition forces at Tora Bora. Detainee was recruited and attended militant training at an al-Qaida associated camp. Detainee resided at several al-Qaida associated guesthouses, and his name and alias were found on al-Qaida documents.
 - (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against the US and Coalition forces as a member of al-Qaida forces at Tora Bora.
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated that while attending training at al-Faruq, he and his group were redeployed to Tora Bora, where they maintained a defensive position during the US bombing campaign. Detainee stated that he was present at Tora Bora when UBL made an appearance and gave a speech about jihad. ⁹
 - (S//NF) Detainee described in detail the layout and security procedures for the Torrana, Thabit, and Zubair camps in Tora Bora. The camps were under the overall command of Abdul Qudus. ¹⁰ (Analyst Note: These camps were probably fighting positions. According to multiple reports, Abdul Qudus al-Bahraini was a leader at al-Faruq, who after US bombing began, fled to Tora Bora with his trainees and assumed a command position over al-Qaida forces in Tora Bora.)
 - o (S//NF) Yasin Mohammad Salih Mazeeb Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252 (YM-252), identified detainee as an al-Farug trainee and a Tora Bora fighter. 11
 - o (S//NF) Khalid Rashd Ali al-Jarbui al-Marri, US9SA-000505DP (SA-505), identified detainee as Nafia, a fighter he saw at Tora Bora carrying a Kalashnikov. 12 o (S//NF) Mohammed Rafil Arkan, ISN US9IZ-000653DP (IZ-653), identified
 - detainee as being at Tora Bora. 13

 $^{^9}$ 000511 302 24-JUL-2002, IIR 2 340 6786 02 10 000511 302 21-JUN-2002, IIR 2 340 6786 02, IIR 2 340 6334 02 11 000252 FM40 30-MAR-2005

¹² IIR 6 034 0924 02

¹³ IIR 6 034 1332 03, 000653 FM40 06-AUG-2003

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- (S//NF) A jihadist facilitator recruited detainee to attend militant training at al-Qaida associated camps.
 - o (S/NF) Detainee claimed he was recruited by Abu Shakir, a Yemeni national who traveled around to mosques in Yemen recruiting Muslims to participate in jihadist training. Abu Shakir provided detainee with contact information for Abdul Khalik, who arranged for detainee to travel to Afghanistan. Detainee, YM-554, and Mazin later met Abu Khalik in Karachi, and he directed them to an al-Qaida guesthouse. 14
 - (S//NF) Detainee attended al-Faruq camp in August 2001 and identified the camp leader as Abdul Qudus. 15 While detainee was at al-Farug, he attended a speech by UBL in which UBL spoke of jihad and gave trainees encouragement. ¹⁶
- (S//NF) Detainee resided at al-Qaida associated guesthouses, and his name and alias were found on several al-Oaida associated documents.
 - o (S//NF) Detainee photo-identified senior al-Qaida facilitator Abdu Ali Al Haji Sharqawi, aka ("Riyadh the Facilitator"), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), as the individual named Riyadh who operated the Karachi guesthouse where detainee and his companions stayed en route to Afghanistan.
 - o (S//NF) Detainee admitted staying at the Hajji Habash Guesthouse in Kandahar. 17 (Analyst Note: The Hajji Habash Guesthouse was used primarily by Arabs traveling to or from al-Faruq.
 - (S//NF) Detainee's name and alias were on a list of al-Qaida members and their trust accounts discovered during raids on al-Qaida associated safe houses in Pakistan. ¹⁸ (Analyst Note: Such lists are indicative of an individual's residence within al-Qaida, Taliban, or other extremist guesthouses often for the purpose of training or coordination prior to travel to training, the front lines, or abroad. Trust accounts were simple storage compartments, such as envelopes or folders that were used to secure the individual's personal valuables, including passports and airplane tickets, until completion of training or other activity.)
 - o (S//NF) A variant of the detainee's name was on a chart listing the names of captured mujahideen. The chart was stored on a computer used by Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, aka (KSM), aka (Mukhtar), ISN US9KU-010024DP (KU-10024), which was found during a 1 March 2003 Pakistani government raid on an al-Qaida safe house in Karachi. 19

¹⁴ IIR 2 340 6832 02 ¹⁵ 000511 302 21-JUN-2002, TD 314/41672-02

¹⁶ IIR 2 340 6786 02 ¹⁷ 000511 302 24-JUL-2002, 000511 302 21-JUN-2002, IIR 2 340 6317 02, Analyst Note: T

¹⁸ TD 314/47683-03, number 87; TD 314/40693-02, number 289.

¹⁹ TD-314/13174-03

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c. (U//FOUO) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed as a LOW threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been mostly compliant and rarely hostile to the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 17 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS, with the most recent occurring on 27 July 2006, when he tried to communicate with detainees in Tango Block. Detainee has 5 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault, with the most recent occurring on 1 August 2004, when he threw a cup of feces and water. Other incidents for which detainee has been disciplined include failure to follow guard instructions and camp rules, indecent exposure, threatening guards, provoking words and gestures, and assault. Detainee had a total of 2 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction in 2006, and one so far in 2007.

8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

- **a.** (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of MEDIUM intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 1 May 2007.
- **b.** (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee was present Tora Bora during al-Qaida military actions. Detainee received training at the al-Qaida sponsored al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee, along with other al-Qaida fighters, traveled from the Tora Bora region to the Pakistan border. Detainee stayed at several al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses en route to training, and witnessed speeches by UBL at al-Faruq and later at Tora Bora. He was recruited by jihadist facilitators, who arranged his travel to Afghanistan for training and combat
- **c.** (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee is a low-level mujahideen fighter who participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces at Tora Bora. Detainee probably has knowledge of al-Qaida leadership and battlefield tactics as well as other actions taken by extremists during the Tora Bora campaign. Detainee may have additional information about training camp leaders, training methods, associated guesthouses, and other trainees. Detainee has information regarding extremist travel facilitation methods, along with details about UBL's entourage and security methods. Detainee probably has knowledge of the paths of egress from the Tora Bora region to the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. Detainee probably has additional information on al-Qaida recruitment, methods, and associated people.

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

- Al-Qaida recruitment and facilitation methods
- Safe houses in Afghanistan
- Training program at al-Faruq

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- Routes and plans of ingress into and egress from Tora Bora
- UBL's security methods and entourage

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 12 November 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

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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*.