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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

JTF GTMO-CG

8 October 2004

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Transfer to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9AF-000954DP (S)

1. (FOUO) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Abdul Ghafour
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Gul Lallah
- Place of Birth: Paktia Province, Afghanistan (AF)
- Date of Birth: 1962
- Citizenship: Afghanistan

2. (FOUO) Health: Detainee has a seizure disorder and a right eye enucleation resulting from a shrapnel injury. Otherwise, he is in good health.

3. (S) Detainee Summary:

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

- **Prior History:** Detainee lived in the Zormat District of the Paktia Province, AF, until 1979 when the Soviet occupation began and his father moved the family to a refugee camp in Haripool, Pakistan (PK). Detainee did not return to Afghanistan to fight with the mujahideen against the Soviet Union due to being wounded during the shelling of his village before leaving for Pakistan.

- **Training and Activities:** Detainee returned to Afghanistan in approximately 1993 to 1995 claiming to be a farmer. Detainee's village respected his father's religious knowledge and

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asked him to fill in as the village Imam. Detainee was responsible for presiding over weddings, funerals and served on tribal elder's councils. (*Analyst Note: To preside over a tribal council, you have to be someone of importance, and more than a village Imam.*) He served as a district officer in the Zormat District of the Paktia Province, AF, under the Taliban.

- Capture Information: At 0200 on 6 February 2003, US and Afghan forces raided the detainee's compound following a lead that he was an associate of Saifullah Rahman Mansour. Detainee thought thieves were trying to rob his house and went to the roof and fired shots into the air. He realized he made a mistake when he heard airplanes overhead and began to believe they were soldiers. US forces reported that after securing the perimeter, they repeatedly announced their presence in English and Pashtu when they came under heavy fire from multiple positions. US forces reported detainee hid behind women, threw grenades and allowed some shooters to escape. Detainee surrendered himself after an hour-long firefight and a Close Air Support (CAS) mission was inbound. Detainee was detained at Bagram, AF, before transfer to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

b. (S) Transferred to JTF GTMO: 22 March 2003

c. (S) Reasons for Transfer to JTF GTMO: Detainee was assessed to be able to provide information on personalities in the Paktia region and specific information concerning Mullah Lawang, the senior Taliban leader in the Zormat district of the Paktia Province, AF.

d. (S) Reasons for Continued Detention:

- Detainee denies any connections with the Taliban, but admits serving as a district officer under the Taliban in the Zormat district of the Paktia Province, AF.

- Detainee was captured after being assessed as an associate of Saifullah Rahman Mansour.

- Detainee states local area elders and clergy met with Mansour to try and get him to cooperate with the new government. Mansour was not convinced and called the elders and clergy stupid for going against their religious duties, which included fighting the US and the new government.

- Mansour was the deputy commander of the Kargha Garrison and the commander of the Taliban's Eighth Division in Kabul, AF, during the Taliban rule and returned to the Zormat district following the Taliban defeat.

- Mansour led the Taliban and Al-Qaida forces against US and coalition troops in the Shah-e-Khot valley during Operation Anaconda.

- During detainee's capture, he did not initially surrender. Detainee resisted capture for over an hour, firing and lobbing grenades at Afghan and US forces. He surrendered after hearing the inbound CAS.

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

- Saifullah Rahman Mansour
 - Ties to Al-Qaida and Taliban
 - Anti-Coalition activity
 - Location of Mansour
 - Al-Qaida and Taliban support
 - Ties to Zormat district officials
- Zormat district's Taliban officials
 - Identities of former Taliban officials
 - Individuals with links to Al-Qaida
 - Support to Al-Qaida
- Personnel in his compound during the firefight on 6 February 2003

4. (S) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee has been passive while incarcerated. Detainee has eight recorded incidences of disciplinary action, all of which were the result of failing to comply with the guards. Detainee has no history of self-injurious behavior or force cell extractions recorded.

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:

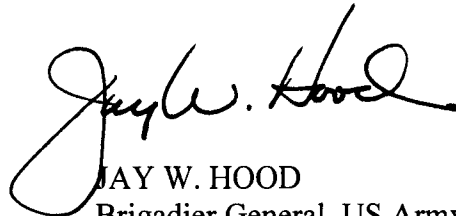
a. (S) Summary: It is assessed that this detainee is not a member of Al-Qaida and/or its global terrorist network, but is assessed to have direct ties to Anti-Coalition Movement leaders. Detainee was arrested due to his associations with Saifullah Rahman Mansour, a former Taliban commander with ties to Al-Qaida who led Anti-Coalition attacks within the Paktia Province of Afghanistan. Mansour is known to have supported Al-Qaida after the fall of the Taliban and led Taliban and Al-Qaida forces in the Shah-e-Khot valley during Operation Anaconda. Detainee is not known to have participated in any direct attacks against US or coalition forces, but he actively resisted capture during an hour long fire fight with US and Afghan forces although their identities were announced. He surrendered only after hearing the Close Air Support (CAS) aircraft inbound towards his compound. It has been determined that the detainee poses a medium risk, as he may possibly pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

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b. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends this detainee be transferred to the control of another country for continued detention.

7. (S) **Coordination:** JTF GTMO notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF) of this recommendation on 8 October 2004. CITF assessed this detainee as a high risk on 9 April 2004. In the interest of national security and pursuant to an agreement between the CITF and JTF GTMO Commanders, JTF GTMO will defer to CITF's assessment that the detainee poses a high risk.



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