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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

JTF GTMO-CG

1 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: US9SA-000346DP

1. (FOUO) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Saud Al Shaghani
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Sa'ud Baz'an 'Ashak Al-Shaybani and Said Bezan Ashak Shayban
 - Place of Birth: Ta'izz, Saudi Arabia (SA)
 - Date of Birth: 1 October 1981
 - Citizenship: Saudi Arabia

2. (FOUO) Health: 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:

- Recruitment and Travel: Detainee traveled to Afghanistan from Saudi Arabia after hearing a radio advertisement to join the jihad.
- Training and Activities: Detainee stayed at two guesthouses in Pakistan prior to entering Afghanistan. Upon his arrival in Pakistan in December 2000, detainee stayed at the Quba mosque in Chaman, Pakistan (PK) for approximately 60 days. He then left the Quba mosque and moved into the Taliban guesthouse, also located in Chaman, where he stayed another 60 days. Detainee was taken from the guesthouse by an unknown Afghan to join a 12-man rifle brigade in Wadi Banshir area north of Kabul, AF.

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- Capture Information: Detainee was in a Taliban rifle brigade on the front lines and did not want to fight anymore and was attempting to flee to Pakistan. He was captured in December 2001 after being stopped by Pakistani border guards.

b. (S) Transferred to JTF GTMO: 13 February 2002

c. (S) Reasons for Transfer to JTF GTMO: Detainee may be able to provide general information on activities at the Quba mosque in Chaman, PK, and Taliban activity in the Kabul, AF, area.

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

- (S//NF) Detainee is an Islamic extremist and jihadist. He admittedly went to Afghanistan for jihad and attended an Al-Qaida supported training camp. Detainee has provided a false cover story and has not been exploited.

- (S) Detainee reported he decided to go to Afghanistan for jihad after listening to radio promotions in Saudi Arabia that solicited young men.

- (S) In December 2000, detainee departed Saudi Arabia and flew to Karachi, PK, via Doha, Qatar, and Bahrain.

- (S) Detainee's passport, by the name Saud B. A. Al-Shaibani (#C345907), shows a Doha entry and exit on 16 December 2000, a Bahrain entry on 16 December 2000 and an exit on 17 December 2000, as well as an entry to Karachi, PK, on 17 December 2000.

- (S) In Karachi, detainee was told by an unidentified Afghan man to go to the Quba Mosque in Chaman near Quetta, PK, in order to help the Taliban. Detainee stayed in Karachi for one week at the Farani Hotel and carried out unknown activities while he was looking for transportation to Quetta, PK.

- (S) Detainee subsequently flew to Quetta, PK, and took a taxi to the Quba Mosque in Chaman. Detainee claims to have spent 2 months at the Quba Mosque studying the Koran. At this time there were 20 to 25 Pakistani males present at the mosque. Maulawi Mohammed Rasonl was the Imam of this mosque at the time and Sheik Alhadith Abdul Ghani joined detainee in his studies. *(Analyst note: He freely admits to going to Afghanistan with the intent to wage jihad. The fact that detainee stayed for 60 days each at two different locations indicates he was attending Islamic extremist training facilities in preparation for entering Afghanistan as a jihadist.)*

- A thorough search of national counter-terrorism databases found no mosque within the Chaman, PK, area named Quba.

- (S) Detainee then spent two months studying the Koran at the Taliban Mosque (NFI) in Chaman, PK. During this time there were approximately 100 Afghan and Pakistani personnel at the mosque studying the Koran. In May 2000, detainee and three unidentified Afghan males hired a taxi to take them from Chaman, PK, to Kabul, AF.

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- (S//NF) After being shown a photo of the detainee, US9SA-00063DP, Muhammad Mani' Al-Qahtani, identified him as a man named "Omar" whom he met at the Al Farouq training camp.
 - (S/NF) In probably related activity, in May 2000, US9SA-000200DP, Sa'd Muhammad Husayn Qahtani, reported he left Saudi Arabia for Afghanistan and trained at a camp named Quba. Detainee also said the camp was also known as Camp Farouq.
 - (S) Once in Kabul, detainee was taken a half hour to Wadi Banshir. Detainee spent six to seven months at a position in Wadi Banshir, with 11 Afghans protecting four troop bunkers. This area was in the northern part of Kabul. *(Analyst note: It is doubtful detainee was put into a group consisting entirely of Afghans. Historically, Arabs who trained at Al Farouq were placed among other Arabs on the front lines in Afghanistan against the Northern Alliance at the end of 2001, such as the Arab Brigade. One of the reasons for this is simply most Arabs did not understand Afghan languages such as Pashtu and Farsi. Keeping troops in their own ethnic groups eliminated common communication problems. Documentation indicates detainee is proficient only in Arabic. Alleging he was in a group made up entirely of Afghans eliminates the possibility of detainee incriminating other Arabs.)*
 - Detainee claims to have not received any formal weapons training, and also claims to have not seen any combat during this time. Detainee claims that he did not want to fight anymore so he fled. In December of 2001, Pakistani soldiers stopped detainee at a taxi checkpoint just outside Quetta, PK, as he was heading from Buldak, AF.
 - In notes during a 21 January 2002 screening detainee disclosed he was given training from the Taliban on the AK-47 near Paajshir Valley.
 - Detainee has been extremely uncooperative during interviews. He has not been fully exploited.
 - Detainee was captured with a significant amount of money (\$900 USD).

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

- Identities of recruiters and recruiting procedures in Saudi Arabia
- Islamic extremist training facilities such as Al Farouq.
- Mosques in the vicinity of Chaman that facilitate jihadists en route and exiting Afghanistan
 - Taliban front line activity during late 2001.

4. (S) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee's overall behavior has been generally compliant with some passive-aggressive behavior.

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

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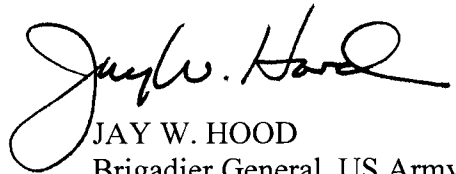
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6. (S) JTF GTMO Assessment:

a. (S) Summary: It is assessed that this detainee is a member of Al-Qaida and/or its global terrorist network. Detainee's cover story is fabricated. He has consistently refused to admit that he attended training facilities. Detainee's observed attendance at Al Farouq training camp proves he has provided debriefers with false information from the moment of capture. It also indicates detainee probably took the basic course, which consists of primary para-military training and then probably went on to an advanced course. The advance courses normally train recruits in activities such as surveillance, IED construction, and poisons/toxins; therefore, it is imperative detainee be retained in the custody of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His continued detention will allow for further exploitation of his past affiliation with various terrorist groups and prevent him from engaging in further terrorist activity. Detainee has consistently resisted interrogation attempts. It has been determined that detainee poses a medium risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

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 1 October 2004. CITF assessed this detainee as a medium risk on 17 June 2004. JTF GTMO and CITF agree on the threat assessment of this detainee as a medium risk.



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