



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO  
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA  
APO AE 09360

JTF GTMO-CG

30 August 2003

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

SUBJECT: (S//NF) Transfer Recommendation for Guantanamo Detainee, Fatai Busita, ISN: US9AG-000718DP, to Another Country for Continued Detention.

1. (S) **Personal Information:** Fatai Busita is an Algerian national, born in 1963 (age 40) in Mustaghanam, Algeria. He has been diagnosed with latent Tuberculosis, but is otherwise in good health.
2. (S) **Detention Information:** Subject detainee stated that he fled Algeria in 1987 after completing medical school, but before he began his residency, because he feared persecution by the Algerian government. [Field note: Detainee was active member of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) and a member of El Hidjra-Oua-Takfir, a radical Islamic terrorist group]. Detainee stated he traveled extensively throughout Afghanistan (AF) and Pakistan (PK) from 1989 through 1993, working for numerous Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), including the Project for the Reconstruction of Afghanistan AKA the Al-Haramin Project, Lagnat Alaon, Al-'Awn Al-Islamiya, the Revival of Islamic Heritage Society (RIHS) AKA the Afghan Support Committee, and Lajnat Al-Birr (spin off of Al-Haramin). [Field note: All of the aforementioned NGO's are known cover organizations for several terrorist groups including Al-Qaida]. Detainee further stated he moved to Yemen in 1993, got married, and found employment until 1996, when he bought a forged passport, and moved back to PK because he feared a crackdown on non-Yemeni Arabs. While in Pakistan, detainee claimed he worked as a teacher for primary and middle school, and as an Arabic teacher at a school founded by the Saudi Red Crescent Organization. Pakistani Inter-Service Intelligence Directorate (ISID) arrested detainee in Lahore, PK as part of a crackdown on Arabs in Pakistan in May 2002. The ISID conducted a series of raids against suspected Al-Qaida residences and support facilities connected with the Afghan Support Committee. Nine individuals were arrested including the detainee, all on suspicion of being Islamic extremists. Detainee was transferred to US custody and was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba on 5 August 2002 because of his knowledge of NGOs in the Peshawar, PK area.

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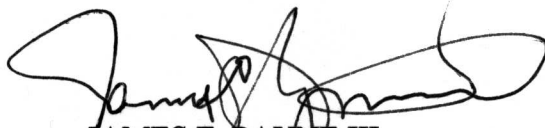
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3. (S) **Reasons for Continued Detention:** Detainee is an Al-Qaida member and has severed in that capacity for many years, becoming a hardened and trusted terrorist operative. Detainee has been involved with several key individuals and organizations however he has not been forthright or cooperative during his detention in revealing his associations. Given the length of the detainee's internment, much of the information about Al-Qaida operatives still at large has perished and he refuses to be cooperative concerning his role as an operative. Detainee poses a significant threat to the government of Algeria and may be wanted there for his subversive activities. Detainee may still also possess intelligence information that the Algerian government would find beneficial in its efforts to curtail extremism within Algeria.

4. (S) **Assessment:** Based on information collected and available to Joint Task Force Guantanamo as of 15 August 2003, detainee ISN: US9AG-000718DP is assessed as being a member of Al-Qaida. Moreover, based on the detainee's folder, the knowledgeable brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the detainee is of minimal intelligence value to the United States. Based on the above, detainee poses a medium threat to the U.S., however the detainee is considered a high threat risk to the government of Algeria.

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.



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