



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

JTF GTMO-CG

29 October 2003

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

SUBJECT: (S//NF) Revocation of Transfer Recommendation for Guantanamo Detainee, Shafiq Rasul, ISN: US9UK-00086DP

1. (S) **Personal Information:** Shafiq Rasul is a British national, born in 1977 (age 25) in Dudley, England. He has been diagnosed with musculoskeletal knee pain and psoriasis, but is otherwise in good health.
2. (S) **Detention Information:** Subject detainee stated that he and his friends attended the Muslim community center in Tipton, England beginning in 1999 and they were encouraged from the start, as Muslim youth, to fight Jihad. Detainee advised they were repeatedly told that it was every Muslims duty to fight Jihad. Various Imams and a well-respected cleric named Sheikh Faisal visited the Tipton mosque and encouraged the detainee and his friends to commit themselves to the armed struggle against the west. After the attacks of September 11th 2001, detainee decided he and his friends would go to Afghanistan and defend the Taliban regime. On 5 October 2001, detainee left his home in Tipton, England and traveled with his friends to Afghanistan (AF) via Pakistan (PK). Detainee and his friends arrived in Karachi, PK where they were met by a man named Abdul Rahman, a known member of Harakat UI Jihad al Islami (HUJI), (Rahman has direct ties to Harakat UI-Jihad Mujahideen and Al-Qaida) and they lived at a guesthouse operated by Rahman. Detainee advised they lived at the guesthouse for a few days while Rahman arranged for their transportation to Afghanistan. After leaving the guesthouse the detainee claims they stayed for about ten days in caves located outside of Kabul, with other Pakistanis, while coalition forces bombed the area. Detainee advised that he and his friends then decided to return home to England because it was too dangerous. Detainee claims that after making their decision and leaving the front lines, they were taken prisoner on 26 November 2001 by Northern Alliance forces. Detainee was turned over to the Americans and then subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba on 5 February 2002 because of his knowledge of Al-Qaida recruiting efforts in England and knowledge concerning the Arab units fighting for the Taliban.

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3. (S) **Reasons for Detention:** Detainee has been generally cooperative but has not been forthright or truthful during his interviews. Detainee's overall creditability is considered poor and he remains deceptive. Detainee is also disruptive and occasionally aggressive in detention. Detainee has refused to be specific concerning whom, in the United Kingdom helped facilitate his recruitment and travel to Afghanistan. Detainee has failed to be forthright concerning the true motives for traveling to Afghanistan and he has refused to provide any details concerning the individuals who promoted his travel in Pakistan (those persons are assessed to have been Al-Qaida operatives). The detainee's friends and travel companions are known to have made multiple trips to Pakistan and Afghanistan to receive military training prior to the September 11th 2001 attacks, but the detainee has refused to provide what he knows concerning their involvement.
4. (S) **Prior Assessment:** On 16 August 2003, MG Geoffrey D. Miller, Commander JTF Guantanamo, recommended that detainee be considered for release or transfer to the control of another government. This recommendation was based on the assessment that detainee was not a member of the Taliban or affiliated with Al-Qaida or other extremist organization.
5. (S) **New Information:** Detainee is assessed to be a probable Al-Qaida recruit who traveled to Afghanistan to fight in the Jihad against the US, after the attacks of September 11th 2001 and who has knowledge concerning individuals involved in extremist recruitment in the United Kingdom. It's considered highly probable that the detainee, if released would return to Islamic extremism and its terrorist roots.
6. (S) **New Assessment:** Based on information collected and available to Joint Task Force Guantanamo as of 27 October 2003, detainee ISN: US9UK-000086DP is assessed as being a probable member of Al-Qaida. Moreover, based on the detainee's folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the detainee is of moderate intelligence value to the United States. Based on the above, detainee poses a high threat to the U.S., its interests or its allies.
7. (S) **Recommendation:** In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be retained under DoD control.

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8. (C) **Coordination:** JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 27 October 2003 who concurred with JTF-GTMO assessment that the detainees poses a threat to the US.

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