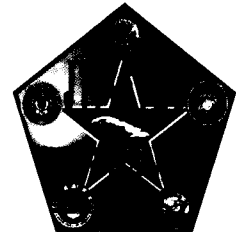




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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue,
Miami, FL 33172

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO) for Guantanamo
Detainee, ISN US9SA-000126DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Salam A Said
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Salim Abdallah Said al-Bahaysh al-Shihri, Usama al-Jindi Shamri, Abu Faris, Abu Haytham
- Place of Birth: Tabuk, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 13 February 1981
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SA-000126DP



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 assessed detainee as Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) with transfer language on 14 April 2006.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee traveled to Afghanistan (AF) in answer to a *fatwa* calling Muslims to fight. Detainee was probably a member of Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) 55th Arab Brigade, and he served on the front lines near Konduz and Khwaja Ghar, AF. Variations of detainee's name and alias were found in documents recovered during a raid on a suspected al-Qaida residence, and he may have received training in an extremist training camp. 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 **LOW** intelligence value.

c. (S//NF) Summary of Changes: The following outlines changes to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation. (Changes in this assessment will be annotated by ➤ next to the footnote.)

- Added detainee's attendance at a trade school for mechanics.
- Added SCI Supplement for information about detainee's brother.

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 failed a grade, left high school in 1999 to study mechanics at a trade school, and then decided to return to regular school.¹ Detainee subsequently graduated from high school in 2001.² Detainee is single with no children, and was unemployed prior to his departure from Saudi Arabia.³ Detainee can speak conversational English.⁴

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee was recruited by his brother, Yasir, who may have previously traveled to Afghanistan.⁵ Additionally, detainee was influenced in early August 2001 by Shaykh Hammud al-Alqa's *fatwa* (religious decree), which had been widely disseminated in the region,⁶ and detainee's own desire to learn more about the Taliban cause.⁷ On 18 August 2001, detainee departed Saudi Arabia and traveled through Qatar (QA) and Karachi, Pakistan (PK), to Quetta, PK. In Quetta an unidentified man asked if

¹ ➤000126 SIR 05-MAR-2007

² 000126 KB 04-FEB-2002

³ 000126 302 27-MAR-2002, 000126 KB 04-FEB-2002

⁴ 000126 KB SUP 01-DEC-2003

⁵ 000126 SIR 30-MAR-2006

⁶ Analyst Note: Detainee is probably referring to Shaykh Hammud Bin Uqla al-Shuaibi, one of the first to issue a *fatwa* decreeing Muslims to go on jihad. After the 11 September 2001 attacks on the US, he issued *fatawa* declaring that those supporting the nonbelievers against Muslims were themselves nonbelievers..

⁷ 000126 SIR 30-MAR-2006, IIR 6 034 0298 02

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detainee was with the Taliban. Detainee said he was. An unidentified Afghan man then took detainee in a taxi to a Taliban guesthouse for Arabs in Kandahar, AF.⁸

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: After only a few days at the guesthouse, detainee fell ill with jaundice. After another week, he went to Kabul, AF, for treatment. He spent a month recovering in a clinic and at a hospital on the outskirts of Kabul. He then traveled through Konduz to the front lines near Khwaja Ghar to rejoin the Taliban. As a new member, detainee was not issued a weapon and was prohibited from participating in combat.⁹

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) In late November 2001, after being on the front lines for a month, the group withdrew from the front lines and went to Konduz, where they remained for a week before surrendering to Northern Alliance (NA) forces. On about 24 November 2001, they were loaded onto trucks and taken to the Qala-i-Jangi fortress near Mazar-e-Sharif, AF. Detainee was at the Qala-i-Jangi prison during the November 2001 uprising. Approximately one week later, the Red Cross arrived and transported all the prisoners to Sheberghan Prison. Approximately one month later, detainee was transferred to US custody.¹⁰

b. (S) Property Held:

- Koran

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 17 January 2002

d. (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF-GTMO: To provide information on the following:

- Training and tactics of low-level frontline Taliban fighters

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee's timeline from his arrival in Afghanistan until his capture is credible, but details of his activities are contrived and incomplete. He has provided few specifics about the month he claimed he spent in a hospital in

⁸ IIR 6 034 0298 02

⁹ IIR 6 034 0298 02, 000126 SIR 30-MAR-2006, 000126 KB 04-FEB-2002, Analyst Note: The location of the front lines is written as "Hashghar" in the reporting. However, no such place is known to exist in Afghanistan. The front line is assessed to be near Khwaja Ghar based on detainee's own reporting (three hours from Konduz). Front line positions existed near Khwaja Ghar about 50 miles from Konduz.

¹⁰ Deception at Qala-I-Jangi Prison – USSOC – May 2005, IIR 6 034 0298 02, 000126 KB 04-FEB-2002

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Kabul, omitting basic information about his treatment.¹¹ Detainee's claim that he was an unarmed observer on the front lines is dubious, considering that hundreds of other new Arab recruits were issued weapons and engaged in combat during the same time period. Detainee has changed his story regarding his motivation for traveling to Afghanistan and whether he received training.

7. (U) Detainee Threat:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention: Detainee traveled to Afghanistan in answer to a *fatwa* calling Muslims to fight. Detainee was probably a member of the 55th Arab Brigade and served on the front lines near Konduz. Variations of detainee's name and alias were found in documents recovered during a raid on a suspected al-Qaida residence, and he may have received training in an extremist training camp.

- (S//NF) Detainee was probably a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade.
 - (S//NF) Detainee spent a month on the front lines near Konduz.¹²
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated that after recovering from his illness, he traveled to Konduz to join the Taliban.¹³
 - (S) Suleyman Saad Mohamed al-Khaldi, ISN US9SA-00121DP (SA-121, transferred) identified a photo of detainee as someone he saw fighting at Konduz.¹⁴
 - (S//NF) The Kabul front lines, which included fighters near Konduz, were under the command of Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi aka (Abd al-Muhayman al-Iraqi)¹⁵ aka (Qutaibah).¹⁶ Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi was one of UBL's closest advisors and commanded non-Afghan Taliban troops and al-Qaida fighters in the Afghanistan Northern front, collectively known as the 55th Arab Brigade.¹⁷
 - (S//NF) Analyst Note: Though detainee claimed he was an unarmed non-combatant, he probably engaged in hostilities. His timeline mirrors that of many other detainees who were part of the 55th Arab Brigade.

¹¹ 000126 SIR 30-MAR-2006

¹² IIR 6 034 0298 02

¹³ IIR 6 034 0298 02, 000126 SIR 30-MAR-2006

¹⁴ IIR 6 034 0265 02

¹⁵ TD-314-28084-02

¹⁶ TD-314/32273-03

¹⁷ IIR 2 340 6093 02, IIR 6 034 1301 04, IIR 6 034 0913 03, IIR 6 034 0265 02, IIR 2 340 7121 02

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- (S//NF) Detainee's name was on a list of individuals who stayed at an al-Qaida guesthouse. He may have received weapons training in Kandahar and Kabul.¹⁸
 - (S//NF) Detainee's name and variants were found on a computer disk recovered during a raid on an al-Qaida affiliated guesthouse in Pakistan. According to the list, detainee's trust account contained a Saudi passport, a wallet, and ID cards, and his trust number was 7032-374.¹⁹ (Analyst Note: Such lists are indicative of an individual's residence within al-Qaida, Taliban, and other extremist guesthouses, often for the purpose of training or coordination prior to travel to the front lines or abroad. Trust accounts, also referred to as safety boxes or safety deposit boxes, were simple storage compartments such as envelopes or folders that guesthouse administrators used to secure the individual's personal valuables, such as passports and plane tickets. These items were entrusted to the guesthouse until completion of training or other activity.)
 - (S) Although detainee subsequently denied it, he initially claimed to have received up to 10 days of weapons training in Kandahar.²⁰ Detainee later claimed that he was already familiar with the AK-47 assault rifle before traveling to Afghanistan; however, he did not clearly explain how he gained that familiarity besides a claim that it was necessary because he lived near the Yemeni border.²¹
 - (S//NF) Prior to arriving on the front lines of Konduz, detainee claimed to have spent a month in a Kabul receiving treatment for jaundice. However, he could provide no details of the clinic, the staff, or treatment he received.²² (Analyst Note: Although detainee has consistently maintained that he was in the hospital while he was in Kabul, his inability to provide any specifics about his hospital stay casts doubt on his story. His account may be a cover story to hide other activities that detainee was involved in during this month.)
- (S//NF) Detainee initially admitted traveling to Afghanistan to participate in jihad with the Taliban.²³ He later changed his story, claiming that he was convinced to join the fighting while he was in the hospital in Kabul. (Analyst Note: Detainee's multiple versions of this story suggest further attempts to hide his activity and motivation; however, detainee has been unwilling to clarify the discrepancies in his account.)

¹⁸ 000126 FBI SITREP 17-JUN-2003

¹⁹ TD-314/42895-02, paragraph number 92; TD-314/40693-02, paragraph number 90; and TD-314/47683-03, paragraph number 92

²⁰ 000126 KB 04-FEB-2002, 000126 FBI SITREP 17-JUN-2003, Analyst Note: During one interrogation, detainee claimed to have received 7 days of training, while in another interrogation he claimed it was 10.

²¹ IIR 6 034 0255 07, 000126 SIR 11-APR-2006

²² IIR 6 034 0298 02, 000126 SIR 30-MAR-2006

²³ 000126 KB 04-FEB-2002

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- (S//NF) Detainee initially claimed that his travel to Afghanistan was to participate in jihad in response to Shaykh al-Aqila's *fatwa*.²⁴ He later acknowledged that his brother, Yasir Abdallah Said al-Shihri, recruited him, though he denied that Yasir was involved in jihad.²⁵
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated the he and Yasir traveled together from their home in Saudi Arabia to Kandahar, transiting Qatar, Karachi, and Quetta.²⁶ Detainee also stated that Yasir arranged for detainee to stay in a guesthouse in Kandahar.²⁷ (Analyst Comment: Numerous al-Qaida and Taliban recruits from countries on the Arabian Peninsula traveled this same route to Afghanistan. See SCI Supplement for further information about Yasir Abdallah Said al-Shihri's jihadist activities in Afghanistan.²⁸)
 - (S//NF) In 2007, detainee stated that during his stay in the hospital in Kabul, other patients, some of whom were wounded in battles fighting the NA, convinced detainee to go and fight for the Taliban.²⁹
 - (U//FOUO) Detainee had previously stated that people in the hospital told him that he should go to Konduz because there was a small area there that needed to be taken care of (NFI) so that Afghanistan could become an Islamic state. In this telling, he said he did not know about any fighting there and did not go to fight.³⁰
 - (S//NF) In July 2002, a delegation from Saudi Arabia visited JTF-GTMO and interviewed detainee. The delegation identified detainee as being of low intelligence and law enforcement value to the US, and unlikely to pose a terrorist threat to the US or its interests. Furthermore, the Saudi delegation indicated that the Government of Saudi Arabia would be willing to take custody of detainee for possible prosecution as soon as the US determined it no longer wanted to hold him.³¹
- c. (U//FOUO) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed as a **LOW** threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been compliant and non-hostile to the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 26 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS, with the most recent occurring on 22 February 2007, when he was reported throwing crumbs of bread outside of his window cell. Detainee has only one Report of Disciplinary Infractions for assault, which occurred on 29 October 2003, when he spit on a guards face.

²⁴ 000126 KB 04-FEB-2002, IIR 6 034 0298 02

²⁵ 000126 SIR 30-MAR-2006, 000126 SIR 11-APR-2006

²⁶ 000126 SIR 11-APR-2006

²⁷ 000126 SIR 30-MAR-2006

²⁸ Analyst Note: Detainee's brother Yasir Abdallah Said al-Shihri was placed on a US government watchlist in 2004.

²⁹ 000126 SIR 15-MAR-2007

³⁰ 000126 FM40 02-JAN-2004

³¹ TD-314/30789-02, paragraph 2.18.

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Other incidents for which detainee has been disciplined include inciting and participating in a mass disturbance, damage to government property, provoking words and gestures, failure to follow instructions and camp rules, and possession of food and of non-weapon type contraband. Detainee had ten 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 **LOW** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 5 March 2007.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee may have received training in an al-Qaida training camp in Kandahar and in a camp near Kabul, exposing him to curriculum, trainers, and other recruits. He spent approximately one month on the front lines, probably with only limited access to information on 55th Arab Brigade leadership. He was present for the Qala-i-Jangi uprising. No reporting indicates detainee served in a leadership or operational planning capacity.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee has provided credible information concerning his travel to Afghanistan, but may be able to provide additional information concerning travel companions. Detainee may be able to provide limited and dated additional information on 55th Arab Brigade personalities and training. However, information of value or significance may be difficult to ascertain as the detainee is assessed to be deceptive.

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

- Training camp near Kabul, including location, curriculum, trainers, and other recruits
- 55th Arab Brigade
- Travel companions

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 12 October 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*.