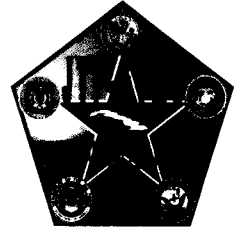




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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue,  
Miami, FL 33172.

SUBJECT: Update Recommendation to Transfer to the Control of Another Country for  
Continued Detention (TRCD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9AF-000494DP (S)

### JTF GTMO Detainee Assessment

#### 1. (FOUO) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Ajih Nurahla Noor
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Hafiz Nurullah, Noor Palawan, Norullah Palawan and Haji Noorallah
- Place of Birth: Andkhoy, Afghanistan (AF)
- Date of Birth: 1971
- Citizenship: Afghanistan
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9AF-000494



2. (FOUO) Health: Detainee has been diagnosed with chronic active Hepatitis B that does not require therapy at this time. He is otherwise in good health

#### 3. (S//NF) JTF GTMO Assessment:

- (S) Recommendation:** JTF GTMO recommends this detainee be Transferred to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD).
- (S) Summary:** JTF GTMO previously assessed detainee as Transfer to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD) on 15 November 2003.

For this update recommendation, detainee is assessed as a member of the Taliban, which is associated with Al-Qaida and it's global terrorism network. Detainee has admitted to commanding Taliban troops and has been fighting since the Soviet period. He likely

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engaged the Northern Alliance and the US at one of the Taliban's last stands in Mazar-e-Sharif. Detainee participated in a massacre of Shiite Muslims for the Taliban. It is assessed this detainee is a MEDIUM risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

**4. (S//NF) Detainee Background Summary:** Unless otherwise noted, the following paragraphs are based solely on the detainee's statements.

**a. (S) Prior History:** Detainee is married with children. Detainee is the son of a Tribal Elder in the Village of Daryekchi, AF. Detainee was employed as a store clerk in the family business, selling gasoline and kerosene prior to the Afghan jihad.

**b. (S) Training and Activities:** During the 1980's and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, all families were required to provide one male to fight against the invaders. As a result, detainee's father volunteered him. Detainee received rudimentary training on the use of the AK-47 and stated that he served as a foot soldier and personal guard to one of the Afghan commanders. Detainee claimed he did not engage in fighting and once the Soviets were defeated, he returned to his village. Detainee was again mobilized around 1998 or 1999 to serve the Taliban under commander Mullah Taj Mohammed. During this military service period, detainee claimed that under orders from the Taliban, he attacked and burned a Shiite Muslim village around Mazar-e-Sharif. Upon completion of his service, detainee returned to his village. According to detainee, the Taliban mobilized him again, around 2000 (or 2001). During this period, he was sent to command 100 villagers to fill a request by the Taliban.

**c. (S//NF) Capture Information:** Detainee was sent to Mazar-e-Sharif to fight along the Afghan/Uzbek border. Detainee claims he, other commanders, struck a secret deal with General Dostum to hinder the Taliban. According to detainee, sometime around January to February 2002, the Taliban captured him and questioned him. Detainee was told he could return to his unit if he identified the others in the conspiracy, which he did. The Taliban seized the money provided by General Dostum and returned him to his unit under the supervision of a Pashtu Commander. Later, when the Americans joined the battle, he and two other commanders arranged with General Dostum to surrender their commands. General Dostum then demanded repayment of the money he paid the detainee to betray the Taliban (Analyst Note: This information is in direct contradiction to another account by detainee in which he states his imprisonment was due to his brother's debt to General Dostum). By detainee's account, since he could not repay the money, General Dostum placed him in Sherbergan prison pending repayment of the debt by his family. Detainee claimed he was later interviewed by some Americans, and was eventually turned over to the US by General Dostum.

**d. (S) Transferred to JTF GTMO:** 10 June 2002

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

- The Burning of Shiite villages by the Taliban in Afghanistan
- Command structure of Taliban Forces in Afghanistan

**5. (S//NF) Detainee Threat:**

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

**b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention:**

- (S//NF) Detainee is an admitted member of the Taliban, which is associated with Al-Qaida and it's global terrorism network. Detainee likely engaged in hostilities against the Northern Alliance and possibly US forces.
  - (S) During his time in military service, detainee was a commander in the Mazaer-e-Sharif region (in the Hayraton and Takhar). The Northern Alliance, while commanded by General Dostum, along with US forces, was engaged in the last remnants of combat with the Taliban during this timeframe. (Analyst Note: This supports the likelihood of detainee engaging in hostilities against the Northern Alliance and the US.)
  - (S//NF) Detainee has admitted to commanding forces for the Taliban in Mazar-e-Sharif.
  - (S//NF) Reporting identifies detainee as a Taliban member who was captured by General Dostum forces.
    - (S//NF) Hafiz Nurallah, detainee's alias, was listed as captured by Dostam Security forces along with Qari Fazlurahman (variant Fazul Rahman), Head of Taliban Counter-Intelligence (GTMO ISN US9AF-000496DP.)
  - (S) (S//NF) Detainee served in a security detail for a Taliban commander when the Taliban was fully engaged against the Northern Alliance forces under Ahmad Massoud's command for control of Afghanistan. (Analyst Note: Usama Bin Laden assassinated Massoud shortly before the 9/11 attacks.)
    - (S) During this same timeframe in 1999, the Taliban took over Mazar-e-Sharif and, there were reports of mass arrests and executions of Shiites. Detainee has admitted he participated in a massacre of a Shiite village under the Taliban.
  - (S//NF) Detainee gave full details on his Taliban's chain of command, its rank structure and his placement with regards to commanders and mullahs. Detainee was a ranking commander within the Hayraton and Takhar regions. He was in charge of two other commanders and 100 other soldiers.

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- (S//NF) Mullah Muhammad Gul, commander of the Hayraton region, was subordinate to detainee. Mullah Gul has been reported as an organizer of narcotic smuggling routes into Tajikistan. (Analyst Note: Detainee was responsible for the region while the drug smuggling was going on, it is very likely the detainee was aware of the smuggling operations.)
- (S) It is assessed that detainee has not been totally forthcoming. Detainee appears to be downplaying his role in the Taliban, and provides only enough information to explain his activities.

**c. Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed as a LOW threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been one of passiveness and compliance, with a lengthy record of being a prayer leader and teacher. Detainee has only four Reports of Disciplinary Infractions with all four being a failure to follow guard instruction. .

**6. (S//NF) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:**

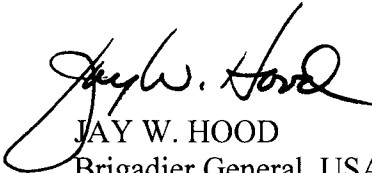
**a. Assessment:** JTF GTMO determined detainee is of LOW intelligence value.

- (S) Detainee has provided some insight into the Taliban Military Chain of Command. Based on detainee's rank and exposure, it is likely detainee has withheld information on Taliban Operations, especially within the Mazer-e-Sharif region, and further personnel and rank structure.

**b. Areas of Potential Exploitation:**

- Taliban
  - Personnel and leadership
  - Operations in the Mazar-e-Sharif area
  - Drug Trafficking routes and operations

**7. (S) EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 02 Dec 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

  
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