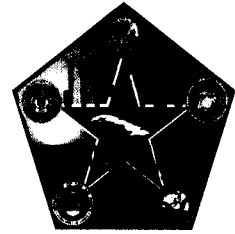




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1 March 2007

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for
Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9SA-000268DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Abd al-Rahman al-Hataybi
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Abdul Rahman Nashi Badi al-Hataybi, Abu Aamir al-Afghani, Abd al-Rahman Nashi Badi al-Ghubaywi al-Utaybi, Abu Nashi, Amr Abdallah, al-Jehed, Abdul Rayad
- Place of Birth: Dammam, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 1980
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SA-000268DP



2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good health.

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

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF-GTMO previously assessed detainee as Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) with Transfer Language on 12 January 2006.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is assessed to be an al-Qaida member who attended training at the al-Qaida-sponsored al-Faruq Training Camp and participated in hostilities against US and coalition forces. It is assessed detainee fled Afghanistan (AF)

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with a group of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters led by Usama Bin Laden's (UBL's) appointed military commander, Ali Muhammad Abd al-Aziz al-Fakhri aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212), in Tora Bora, AF. JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

- A **HIGH** risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.
- A **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective.
- Of **MEDIUM** intelligence value.

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

- (S//NF) The aliases of Amr Abdallah, al-Jehed, and Abdul Rayad were added to this assessment for the detainee.
- (S//NF) Detainee's intelligence value was raised from **LOW** to **MEDIUM** due to detainee's prior knowledge of electronics as well as his militant training and activities in the Tora Bora Mountains of Afghanistan.

4. (S//NF) **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 attended the al-Taqnia Community College in Jeddah, SA, for a little more than a year.¹ While attending college, detainee met unidentified members of the Jama'at Tablighi (JT) organization and attempted, but failed, to travel with the members to Pakistan (PK).² Prior to traveling to Pakistan, detainee visited Bahrain (BA); Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE); and the Maldives (MV) for recreation.³

¹ >000268 FM40 25-MAR-2005; TD-314/00928-02, paragraph 2C; Analyst Note: Al-Taqnia is possibly the Jeddah College of Technology.

² 000268 SIR 20-MAY-2004, Analyst Note: The JT is a Tier 2 Terrorist Support Entity (TSE). Tier 2 TSEs are defined as those entities that have demonstrated intent and willingness to provide financial support to terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests; or provide witting operational support to Tier 2 terrorist groups.

³ TD-314/00928-02, paragraph number 2C; Analyst Note: Detainee claimed in a later debriefing he was never in Afghanistan and his initial claim was a result of torture received in Pakistan. Detainee's assertion he was never in Afghanistan is assessed as false. See 000268 SIR 04-FEB-2004.

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b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee met two Saudis, Abu Umr (NFI), and Muhammad (NFI) who talked detainee into traveling to Afghanistan to train on weapons and then return home. The two Saudis convinced detainee, in case there was a need for jihad, that detainee should be capable of using weapons. In July or August 2001, Abu Umr and Muhammad spoke with detainee on the phone. In approximately mid-to-late August 2001, detainee flew to Karachi, PK. From Karachi, detainee traveled to Kandahar, AF, via Quetta, PK.⁴

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: In Kandahar, detainee stayed in an Arab house run by Abu Khalid.⁵ Detainee paid a fee to attend al-Faruq. In approximately mid-September 2001, after seven weeks of training on light weapons, detainee was pulled out of classes and along with the other students, forced to travel to Tora Bora, AF. Detainee was assigned, along with Usama al-Hashimi (a Saudi) (NFI) and Abu Umr (a Yemeni) (NFI), to an area at the base of the mountains under the command of Abd al-Qaddus, an Iraqi mujahideen commander.⁶

5. (S//NF) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Detainee fled Afghanistan with a group of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters led by LY-212, Usama Bin Laden's (UBL's) military commander in Tora Bora. The group crossed the Afghani-Pakistani border in the Nangarhar region, reaching a small Pakistani village around 14 December 2001. The group felt safe in the hands of their Pakistani host who convinced them to surrender their weapons. The host then gathered the group in a mosque where Pakistani forces immediately arrested them on 20 December 2001. During the transit to prison, one of the prisoners attacked a guard leading to a struggle in which six Pakistani guards were killed and some of the prisoners escaped.⁷ Pakistani officials transferred detainee from Kohat, PK, to the Kandahar Detention Facility where detainee was placed in US custody on 30 December 2001.⁸

b. (S) Property Held: None

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

⁴ 000268 SIR 20 May 2004; TD-314/00928-02, paragraph 2C

⁵ 000268 SIR 20 May 2004; TD-314/00928-02, paragraph 2C; Analyst Note: The guesthouse in Kandahar is assessed to be the al-Qaida run Hajji Habash guesthouse.

⁶ TD-314/00928-02, paragraph number 2C; Analyst Note: Abd al-Qaddus is assessed to be Abdul Qadoos, who served as a commander at al-Faruq Training Camp and, later, as a commander in Tora Bora.

⁷ IIR 7 739 3396 02, Withdrawal from Tora Bora (DAB analysis paper, JDIMS)

⁸ IIR 2 340 6866 02, TD-314/00845-02, paragraph number C.5.

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

- Al-Faruq Training Camp
- Al-Qaida safe houses in Kandahar and Kabul, AF
- Recruiters and methods used to recruit trainees in Saudi Arabia

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: It appears detainee is not being totally truthful. Detainee mixes some degree of truth with deception in an attempt to mask his true activities. In a 20 May 2004 interview, detainee stated the information detainee provided in the past was not true; however, detainee's earlier accounts of time at al-Faruq and Tora Bora have been corroborated by other detainees and supported by available reporting. Detainee has avoided answering direct questions regarding specific persons and locations, to include names detainee has mentioned in previous interviews.

7. (S//NF) Detainee Threat:

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

b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention: Detainee is assessed to be an al-Qaida member, who participated in hostilities in Afghanistan against US and coalition forces prior to fleeing the Tora Bora Mountains of Afghanistan with LY-212. Detainee received militant training at al-Faruq and stayed at al-Qaida associated guesthouses.

- (S//NF) Detainee participated in hostilities against US and coalition forces following the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks on the US.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admittedly spent three months under the command of Abd al-Qaddus, who detainee identified as an Iraqi mujahid.⁹ Abd al-Qaddus served as a commander in Tora Bora when al-Faruq was abandoned in preparation for US retaliatory strikes.¹⁰ (Analyst Note: Abd al-Qaddus is still at large.)
 - (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), reported detainee and detainee's friend, Majid Abdallah Husayn Muhammad al-Samluli al-Harbi, ISN US9SA-000158DP (SA-158), both trained at al-

⁹ 000268 KB 18-FEB-2002, TD-314/00928-02, Analyst Note: Detainee is in paragraph 2C.

¹⁰ IIR 6 034 1375 03, IIR 2 340 6120 02, IIR 6 034 0348 04, Analyst Note: Abd al-Qaddus' known aliases are Emir Abd Abdul Kaduz and Abd al-Qaddus al-Bahraini. Variants of Qadoos are Qadous, Qodous, Kaduz, Qaddus, and Qadus.

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Faruq and then went to Tora Bora.¹¹ YM-252 reported detainee was already at al-Faruq when YM-252 arrived in approximately July 2001 and detainee was with YM-252 in Tora Bora. (Analyst Note: This places detainee's travel to Afghanistan one month earlier than acknowledged by detainee.) YM-252 reported detainee and detainee's friend (SA-158) were recruited at a Technical Center or College of Electronics in Jeddah. At the school, they were studying electronic techniques, telephone equipment, and instrumentation.¹² (Analyst Note: This is likely the detainee's acknowledged al-Taqnia (Technical) University.)

- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be part of senior al-Qaida commander LY-212's group of al-Qaida fighters who fled Tora Bora after the commencement of US and coalition forces bombing campaign. (Analyst Note: LY-212 was a senior mujahideen trainer and former manager of the Khaldan training camp.¹³)
 - (S//NF) Detainee's name is recorded on a document that lists eighty-four captured Taliban and al-Qaida fighters. Pakistani forces captured fighters who had crossed the border in the Nangarhar Province, AF, on 14 December 2001 after they had gathered in a mosque and surrendered their weapons to their Pakistani host.¹⁴ (Analyst Note: This is assessed to be the group led out of Tora Bora by LY-212 who was captured with the group. While several senior al-Qaida members claim LY-212 was not a member of al-Qaida, LY-212 himself stated UBL personally appointed him as the military commander of Tora Bora.¹⁵)
 - (S//NF) Numerous individuals on this list of the captured fighters reportedly fought on the front lines of Bagram, AF, and then made their way up through Jalalabad to Tora Bora.¹⁶ (Analyst Note: It is highly probable detainee, like those captured with him, made his way through Jalalabad to the Tora Bora Mountains of Afghanistan. Detainee's capture with this group indicates detainee probably fought as a member of the al-Qaida and extremist forces commanded by LY-212 against the US and coalition forces.)
 - (C) A variation of detainee's name and alias, Abd al-Rahman Nashi Badi al-Otaibi aka (Abu Amer), is noted on a letter that lists sixty-eight Arabs incarcerated in Pakistan, and reported as probable al-Qaida members. Allied personnel recovered the letter along with materials linked to al-Qaida, while a typed version of a nearly identical letter was found on a computer hard drive recovered during a raid on a suspected al-Qaida safe house in Islamabad, PK.¹⁷

¹¹ 000252 FM40 28-MAR-2005

¹² 000252 FM40 11-MAR-2005

¹³ TD-314/52609-05

¹⁴ IIR 7 739 3396 02, Detainee was listed as Abd al-Rahman Bin Nashi Bin Badi al-Utaybi aka (Abu Amir al-Afghani)

¹⁵ TD-314/14605-04

¹⁶ TD-314/00296-02, Analyst Note: Detainees referenced include those in Paragraphs A,B,C,D,I,J,L.

¹⁷ IIR 7 739 3268 02, Analyst Note: Detainee is the 27th name on the letter.

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- (S//NF) Detainee received militant training at al-Faruq Training Camp.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted receiving light weapons training on the AK-47, Makarov pistol, and M-16 at al-Faruq. Detainee denied receiving rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) or specialized training.¹⁸
 - (S//NF) Humud Dakhil Humud Said al-Jadani, ISN US9SA-000230DP (SA-230), said detainee was in Tora Bora, possibly in Chechnya, and was trained in explosives.¹⁹ SA-230 further stated he knew detainee had two aliases, al-Jehed and Abdul Rayad and detainee received basic training and tactics training in Afghanistan.²⁰
 - (S//NF) Detainee reported while training at al-Faruq, detainee's camp commander was Abd al-Qaddus. Detainee stated the small arms instructors were Ayash, Quais, Jarrah, Abd Rahoof, Hamza, and Abu Harrera. (Analyst Note: Ayash has been reported to be Zahar Omar Hamis Bin Hamdoun, ISN US9YM-000576DP (YM-576). Abu Harrera is reportedly an al-Qaida operative and explosives expert and the brother of Ali Yahya Mahdi al-Raimi, ISN US9YM-000167DP (YM-167). Other JTF-GTMO detainees have corroborated detainee's reporting of several of these trainers.)²¹
 - (S//NF) YM-252 reported, while at al-Faruq, detainee was assigned to the military or combatant group with Abd al-Qaddus, the highest leader at the camp.²²
 - (S//NF) YM-252 reported detainee received basic training to include small arms, explosives training, RPG training, basic fighting techniques, and training in terrain or navigation.²³
- (S//NF) Detainee stayed at the al-Qaida run al-Ansar Guesthouse in Kandahar as well as the Azam guesthouse in Kabul. (Analyst Note: The guesthouse in Kandahar is assessed to be the Hajji Habash Guesthouse).
 - (S//NF) Detainee claimed he stayed at a guesthouse in Kandahar run by an Abu Khalid.²⁴ The guesthouse was a known transit point or way station from which extremist members were sent for terrorist training, fighting on the front lines, or other unidentified activities.²⁵ Abu Khalid is assessed to be deceased al-Qaida facilitator Ibrahim Baalawi.²⁶)

¹⁸ IIR 6 034 0067 03¹⁹ 000230 SIR 29-MAR-2006²⁰ >000230 SIR 06-APR-2006²¹ 000268 KB 18-FEB-2002, TD-314/04563-03, IIR 6 034 0050 06, Analyst Note: Variants of Abu Harrera are Abu Hurayrah and Abu Hurayra. A variant of Jarrah is Jaarah.²² 000252 FM40 11-MAR-2005, Analyst Note: A variant of Abd al-Qaddus al-Bahraini is Abdelqadoos Albahrini.²³ 000252 FM40 11-MAR-2005²⁴ TD-314/00928-02²⁵ IIR 6 034 0284 06, IIR 6 034 0059 05, TD-314/50461-03²⁶ TD-314/19614-03, TD-314/38227-03, Analyst Note: A variant of Khalid is Khulud.

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- (S//NF) Abdu Ali al-Haji Sharqawi aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), remarked there were numerous alias' for the Kandahar guesthouse (the Hajji Habbash guesthouse, the al-Ansar guesthouse, the Abu Khalid guesthouse, the Zubayr guesthouse, and the Suhaib guesthouse).²⁷
- (S//NF) YM-252 reported detainee arrived at the Hajji Habbash guesthouse a day after YM-252 had arrived.²⁸ YM-252 also reported detainee stayed at the Azam Shaansari guesthouse and detainee left the guesthouse three days before YM-252.²⁹
- (S//NF) Variations of detainee's name and alias were found on multiple documents recovered from suspected al-Qaida guesthouses.³⁰ (Analyst Notes: These documents 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 training, the front lines, or abroad.)
 - (S//NF) A variation of detainee's name, Abdul Rahman Nash al-Oteibi, was found in a document that lists 324 Arabic names, aliases, and nationalities, recovered from raids on safe houses associated with suspected al-Qaida in Karachi. Abdul Rahman Nash al-Oteibi was associated with the statement "has possession of a Saudi passport." This list gives trust account numbers for the majority of personnel on the list. Detainee does not have a trust account number which may indicate detainee kept his passport to travel abroad after training for al-Qaida.³¹ (Analyst Note: Trust accounts, also referred to as safety boxes or safety deposit boxes, were simply 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//NF) Detainee was possibly involved in future operation due to detainee's alias, Abu Aamer al-Afghani, being found on a 92-page document containing various topics pertaining to al-Qaida's operations. Detainee was the fifth name listed on a page which contained six names under the title of "The group of Muhammad Abdullah Hasan (number 15)."³²

²⁷ 001457 SIR 20-OCT-2004, Analyst Note: A variant of Hajji Habbash is Hajj Habash. A variant of Zubayr is Zubair.

²⁸ 000252 FM40 11-MAR-2005

²⁹ 000252 FM40 11-MAR-2005

³⁰ TD-314/13174-03; TD-314/48336-03, paragraph 1.O.; TD-314/27689-02, paragraph number 1.K, Analyst Note: A variant of emir is amir.

³¹ TD-314/40693-02, paragraph number 124

³² Various ISNs AFGP-2002-901191PT 16-MAY-2002, page 13.

³⁸ TD-314/30789-02, paragraph 43.

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- (S//NF) In July 2002, a delegation from Saudi Arabia visited JTF-GTMO and interviewed detainee. The delegation identified detainee as low intelligence and law enforcement value to the US, and unlikely to pose a terrorist threat to the US or its interests. Further, the Saudi delegation indicated 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.³⁸

c. (U//FOUO) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been compliant and rarely hostile toward guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 22 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS, with the most recent occurring on 24 January 2007, when detainee incited a mass disturbance. Other incidents for which detainee has been disciplined include assault, flooding his cell, unauthorized communications, inciting and participating in mass disturbances, damage to government property, provoking words or gestures, failure to follow instructions and camp rules, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. Detainee has three Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault, the most recent occurring on 13 November 2004, when detainee threw a cup of a feces mixture on a guard. In 2006, detainee had five Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and one report so far in 2007.

8. (S//NF) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **MEDIUM** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 20 December 2006.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee attended training at al-Faruq and stayed at two al-Qaida associated guesthouses. Detainee was positioned in Tora Bora for three months under the command of Abd al-Qaddus. Detainee was caught with a group of eighty-four mujahideen led out of Tora Bora by LY-212, after crossing the Nangarhar Province border into Pakistan.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Although detainee's name or alias has been found on numerous al-Qaida associated documents, the extent of detainee's role and relationship within the al-Qaida organization needs to be further investigated. Detainee is possibly associated with a Saudi al-Qaida cell whose intended purpose is unknown. Detainee can provide some details of the al-Qaida procedures employed before allowing recruits entry into al-Faruq. YM-252 alleged detainee and detainee's friend (SA-158) were recruited at a Technical Center or College of Electronics in Jeddah where they studied electronic techniques, telephone equipment, and instrumentation. If accurate, detainee's role and importance in al-Qaida would have likely elevated beyond trained mujahid, to include possible involvement in future terrorist operations.

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

- Recruiters and recruiting practices in Saudi Arabia
- Al-Qaida personalities and affiliated guesthouses
- Detainee's association with LY-212, SA-158, SA-265, and YM-550
- Detainee's assigned mission as a member of Mohammad Abdullah Hasan's group

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 3 November 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*.