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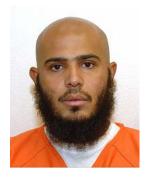
MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue, Miami, FL 33172

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN US9YM-000128DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: <u>Ghaleb Nasser</u>
- Current/True Name and Aliases: <u>Ghaleb Nassir Awadh al-</u> <u>Bayhani, Ubaidah al-Tabuki, Yarmook, Ghaleb Sufi, Mansur</u> <u>Nasir Awadh al-Bayhani, Salem Tabouk</u>
- Place of Birth: <u>Tabuk, Saudi Arabia (SA)</u>
- Date of Birth: <u>1979</u>
- Citizenship: <u>Yemen (YM)</u>
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): <u>US9YM-000128DP</u>



2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is on a list of high-risk detainees from a health perspective. Detainee is in overall fair health. He has chronic stable medical conditions with a history of a gunshot wound (GSW) to right shoulder prior to detention. Detainee further has history of chronic mechanical neck and lower back pain, mild intermittent asthma, chronic migraine headaches, epididymitis (treated with antibiotics), patellar femoral tendonitis (both knees), hematuria (with urology evaluation and normal cystoscopy in April 2003), hyperlipidemia (declined treatment), and Diabetes (mellitus type 2) complicated by mild neuropathy.

3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:

a. (S) **Recommendation:** JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF-GTMO previously recommended detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) on 3 June 2007.

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b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is a member of al-Qaida who fought on the Afghanistan (AF) front lines against US and Coalition forces as a member of Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee received extensive militant training including the use of the SA-7 surface-to-air missile system, the ZSU-23 "Shilka" anti-aircraft gun, urban warfare tactics, as well as constructing improvised explosive devices (IEDs) from tank shells, mortars, and landmines at the al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee has close familial ties to a key al-Qaida member. 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 **HIGH** threat from a detention perspective
- Of **MEDIUM** 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 \geq next to the footnote.)

- Added new aliases for detainee, Ghaleb Sufi and Salem Tabouk
- Added further information on detainee's activities in Afghanistan
- Added further information pertaining to detainee's associates
- Added information pertaining to detainee's commitment to a violent jihad

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's parents died when he was young and his sister raised him in Tabuk. However, detainee claims Yemeni citizenship. Detainee attended two years of high school where he studied Arabic, Islamic law, math, and the *Hadith* (sayings of the Prophet Muhammad). Detainee failed out of high school and went to work as a telephone repairman.¹

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee answered a *fatwa* (religious decree) issued by Shaykh Hammud Bin Uqla al-Shuaibi, aka (Shaykh Hamud al-Uqla), which he saw on an information board at a mosque.² Subsequently, Fawaz al-Jihani contacted detainee

¹ 000128 SIR 27-FEB-2002, 000128 302 05-MAR-2002

² Analyst Note: Shaykh Hamud Bin Uqla was one of the first radical religious leaders to issue *fatwa* calling on Muslims to support the mujahideen who were assisting the Afghans fight the Soviets. In 1995, he was among several clerics arrested for criticizing the Saudi royal family's pro-Western policies. After the 11 September 2001 attacks on the US, he issued *fatwa* declaring that those supporting the US and Coalition forces against Muslims (a

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concerning the *fatwa*. Detainee met Fawaz at a mosque in the neighborhood of al-Salmanyah. Fawaz gave detainee 1,500 Saudi riyals for his journey to participate in jihad. Detainee did not actually travel to Afghanistan until five to seven months after talking with Fawaz. In May 2001, detainee departed for Afghanistan via Karachi and Quetta, Pakistan (PK). Fawaz informed detainee to go to Karachi, PK, and stay at the Faran Hotel. Detainee was told Abdallah al-Rhimi would meet him at the hotel. Detainee traveled with his sister's brother-in-law, Nasir Muhammad al-Jizani. Al-Rhimi took detainee's passport and purchased an airline ticket to Quetta for detainee. Detainee met an Afghan named Muhammad at the Quetta airport, who took detainee to stay at Muhammad's house for approximately two days. Muhammad took detainee's passport and money and left detainee with another Afghan who guided them across the Afghan boarder. Detainee then traveled by automobile to Kandahar, AF, where he was greeted by Taliban members.³

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Muhammad then took detainee to the Khalid Ibn al-Walid Camp, a preparation camp for the al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee stayed at the Khalid Ibn al-Walid Camp for approximately three days. Detainee was introduced to the *emir* (leader) of the al-Faruq Camp, Abd al-Qadus, and stayed there for approximately three weeks. During that time, he received training on the AK-47 assault rifle from a trainer named Hakim al-Taizi.⁴ After completing his training, detainee was taken to Kunduz, AF, and then to the combat line at Khwaja Ghar, AF. Upon arrival, Muhammad took detainee to the *emir* where he was given the task of preparing food. Detainee stayed at Khwaja Ghar for approximately five months. Detainee also received advanced weapons training on the front lines at Khwaja Ghar.⁵

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Over 70 JTF-GTMO detainees surrendered to General Abd al-Rasheed Dostum's troops in late November 2001. Dostum's forces took the prisoners to the Qala-I-Jangi prison located outside Mazar-E-Sharif, AF, on 24 November 2001. After one night in captivity, the prisoners revolted leading to the deaths of members of the Northern Alliance forces and CIA operative Johnny "Mike" Spann.⁶ Detainee was wounded during the

reference to the Taliban, al-Qaida, and mujahideen in Afghanistan) were themselves nonbelievers. His *fatwa* have "justified" the 11 September attacks and instructed Muslims to defend the Taliban, declaring that those supporting US and Coalition forces against Muslims were themselves nonbelievers. Until his death in Saudi Arabia in 2001, Uqla helped raise money for UBL.

³000128 SIR 07-DEC-2006, 000128 SIR 27-Feb-2002; Analyst Note: Detainee stated this occurred approximately the 3rd month of the Islamic calendar, equating to about May 2001

⁴ Analyst Note: A variant for Hakim al-Taizi is Hakin al-Taligi.

⁵ 000128 SIR 04-SEP-2002; 000128 SIR 30-NOV-2006

⁶ Multiple ISNs OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM - Part 3 - November 2001

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uprising on 25 November 2001. Detainee was transferred to a prison near Sheberghan, AF, and treated for his wounds before being transferred to US forces near Kandahar on 30 December 2001.⁷

b. (S) Property Held:

• One white pill in a plastic pharmacy bag

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 20 June 2002

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

- Arab fighting units in Afghanistan
- Al-Qaida and Taliban members

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee has provided a significant amount of information concerning al-Qaida and Taliban activities in or near Tora Bora and the front lines of Kunduz. However, he has not been forthcoming on information pertaining to his own or his brothers' affiliations with extremist activities against US or allied interests. There are numerous inconsistencies and gaps in his account, such as an approximate 6 to 8 week gap from his date of travel to Afghanistan to his presence in Kunduz. Detainee also claimed to have traveled to Afghanistan in both July 2000 and May 2001, when he stayed at a Taliban guesthouse before traveling to the front lines.⁸ Detainee denies receiving weapons training, yet several sources identify detainee as receiving a variety of weapons training at al-Faruq, Kandahar Compound Six, and Saber Mountain, AF.

7. (U) 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 a member of al-Qaida and UBL's 55th Arab Brigade. He participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces on the front lines. Detainee received militant and extensive advanced training at the al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee has associations with key al-Qaida operatives, which include several of his brothers.

⁷ IIR 6 034 0345 02; TD-314/27400-02

⁸ 000128 SIR 19-NOV-2004; IIR 6 034 0360 05

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• (S//NF) Detainee is a member of al-Qaida and participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces on the Konduz and Khwaja Ghar front lines as part of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade.⁹ Detainee has extensive knowledge of 55th Arab Brigade personnel and leadership.

• (S//NF) Detainee stated he saw Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi aka (Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), twice during his time on the front lines. Detainee has extensive knowledge of IZ-10026's command structure, personnel strength, training and name assignments.¹⁰

• (S//NF) Detainee identified Mullah Thacker as overall commander of forces in the Khwaja Ghar area.¹¹

(S/NF) Al-Qaida operative Ali Abd al-Motalib Awayd Hassan al-Tayeea, ISN US9IZ-000111DP (IZ-111), identified detainee as an al-Qaida fighter from Yemen whose brothers served in various capacities in close association with UBL.¹²

• (S//NF) IZ-111 stated detainee was on the northern front fighting lines with IZ-10026.¹³

• (S//NF) Detainee stated IZ-111 worked directly for Abd al-Salam al-Hadrami. IZ-111 was in charge of the transportation and maintenance of all Taliban trucks.¹⁴

(S//NF) Abd al-Salam al-Hadrami was the leader of a group of fighters, under the command of IZ-10026, in the 55th Arab Brigade. On 1 November 2001, detainee reported a US bomb killed Abd al-Salam al-Hadrami and 11 other Arab volunteers ¹⁵

• (S//NF) Detainee stated Gharib al-Sanaani took command upon the death of Abd al-Salam al-Hadrami. Gharib al-Sanaani ordered the withdrawal to Mazar-e-Sharif in order to surrender to General Dostum.¹⁶

• (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida lieutenant Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), remarked detainee fought for al-Qaida in Afghanistan.¹⁷

o (S//NF) Convicted al-Qaida member, John Walker Lindh, identified detainee as an al-Oaida member named "Yarmook," whom Lindh saw at the frontlines and in

⁹ Analyst Note: The 55th Arab Brigade served as UBL's primary battle formation supporting Taliban objectives, with UBL participating closely in the command and control of the brigade. Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi, ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), had primary operational command of the 55th Arab Brigade, serving as UBL's military commander in the field.

¹⁰ 000128 SIR 07-JUL-2004
¹¹ IIR 2 340 6089 02, Analyst Note: A variant of Thacker is Zhaker.

¹² IIR 2 340 6093 02

¹³>000111 SIR 27-JAN-2003

¹⁴ IIR 6 034 1299 04

¹⁵ 000128 SIR 07-JUL-2004

¹⁶ 000128 SIR 04-SEP-2004, 000128 SIR 24-AUG-2002

¹⁷ TD-314/63718-03

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Kunduz. Lindh described detainee as being involved with "weapons" and serving as an attendant or servant for the base commanders.¹⁸

(S//NF) Sulayman Saad Muhammad Awshan al-Khalidi, ISN US9SA-000121DP (SA-121, transferred) and Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeeb Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), photo-identified detainee as being near the front lines in northern Afghanistan.

 $\circ~$ (S//NF) Mishal Saad Abd al-Aziz al-Rashid, ISN US9SA-000074DP (SA-074, transferred), stated detainee went straight to the front line following his training at al-Faruq.²⁰

• (S//NF) SA-230 stated detainee served on the northern front lines with Mubarak Hussain Bin Abul Hashem, ISN US9BG-000151DP (BG-151, transferred) and Abd al-Salam Ghaytan Murayyif al-Zaydani al-Shihri, ISN US9SA-000132DP (SA-132, transferred).²¹

• (S//NF) Detainee's group was overrun and they surrendered to Northern Alliance Commander General Dostum on 24 November 2001. Dostum placed the majority of the prisoners in Qala-i-Jangi located near Mazar-e-Sharif.²²

• (S//NF) Detainee received militant instruction and advanced weapons training at the al-Faruq Training Camp.

• (S//NF) Tariq Mahmud Ahmad al-Sawah, ISN US9EG-000535DP (EG-535), identified detainee as Ghaleb Safi and knew detainee at al-Faruq. EG-535 stated detainee trained at al-Faruq during February and March 2000 and was the camp driver. EG-535 further stated detainee had a minimum of one week of training on explosives and may have received training in urban warfare.²³

(S//NF) SA-230 stated he trained detainee and detainee's brother, Tawfiq Nasir Ahmad al-Bayhani, ISN US9SA-000893DP (SA-893), on the use of the SA-7 surface-to-air missile system, the ZSU-23 "Shilka" anti-aircraft gun, urban warfare tactics, as well as constructing improvised explosive devices (IEDs) from tank shells, mortars, and landmines. SA-230 further stated detainee received advanced weapons training from detainee's brother, Mansur Nasser Awad Abdallah al-Bayhani, aka (Abu Asim al-Tabuki), a weapons instructor at al-Faruq. Upon completion of training, detainee and SA-893 traveled to the front lines near Kabul, AF.²⁴

• (S//NF) Mansur al-Bayhani was the head trainer in the Urban Warfare Center at the Kandahar airport.²⁵

¹⁸ IIR 7 739 0112 03

¹⁹ IIR 6 034 0265 02, IIR 6 034 1172 03

²⁰≻000074 SIR 18-OCT-2004

²¹>000230 SIR 11-JAN-2006

²² 000128 SIR 04-SEP-2002, CIA #867251 30-NOV-2001, Deception at Qala-i-Jangi Prison - USSOC May 2005

²³>000535 SIR 13-JAN-2006 (B)

²⁴ IIR 6 034 0360 05

²⁵ IIR 6 034 0359 05; IIR 6 034 0360 05

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 \circ (S//NF) Detainee identified the weapons he used, received training on, or saw on the front lines near Kabul. He provided the description of several automatic weapons, a mortar, rocket launcher, and an anti-aircraft weapon.²⁶

• (S//NF) Prior to traveling to Afghanistan, detainee received a seven-day training course on the AK-47 from Tariq al-Hamadahin at a makeshift training facility located near Tabuk. This training prepared detainee for Afghanistan and included marksmanship, as well as the care and cleaning of weapons.²⁷

• (S//NF) Detainee stated he received three weeks of military training at the Khalid Bin al-Walid and al-Faruq training camps in Afghanistan. Abd al-Qadus operated the al-Faruq Training Camp along with trainers al-Jarrah al-Madani and Habib al-Taizi. The camp provided training on cover and concealment, topography, star navigation, land navigation, light and heavy weapons, hand grenades, and rocket-propelled grenade launchers (RPG).²⁸

• (S//NF) Detainee stated Hakim al-Taizi and al-Jarrah al-Madani taught him about explosives, including recognizing wires and their uses for different types of explosives, types of mines, and placement of anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. The training discussed using dynamite, C4, C3, and an explosive substance that looked like orange dough.²⁹

• (S//NF) Al-Qaida commander Hamud Dakhil Hamud Said al-Jadani, ISN US9SA-000230DP (SA-230), stated he accompanied detainee and detainee's brothers (SA-893 and Mansour Bayhani) to the airport facility in Kandahar. The group watched a "lessons learned" video on using explosive devices in Chechnya.³⁰ (Analyst Note: The Kandahar Airport facility probably refers to UBL's Kandahar Mall Six Compound or the Tarnak Farms Training Complex.³¹)

• (S//NF) Detainee visited the al-Dahak Guesthouse in Kandahar on several occasions in 2001. Detainee stated Abdal al-Dahak was an experienced jihadist, recruiter, and skilled with explosives.³²

- (S//NF) A number of detainee's brothers are identified al-Qaida operatives linked to extremist activities.
 - \circ (S//NF) Multiple JTF-GTMO detainees have reported detainee as having familial ties to known al-Qaida members.³³

²⁶ 000128 SIR 11-NOV-2005, 000128 SIR 18-JAN-2006

 ²⁷ TD-314/11677-02; Analyst Note: Variants of Tariq al-Hamadah include Takrik al Hihaydi and Tarik al-Hinaydi
 ²⁸ 000128 SIR 24-OCT-2005, IIR 6 034 0064 06, 000128 SIR 11-NOV-2005

²⁹ IIR 6 034 0064 06; Analyst Note: "Orange dough" is possibly a reference to the Czech-made plastic explosive Symtex.

³⁰ IIR 6 034 0359 05, IIR 6 034 0360 05; Analyst note: A variant of Bayhani is Bihani

³¹ TD-314/09060-03; Analyst Note: The Mall Six Compound included multiple houses for UBL, his wives, and respective families, and approximately 10-15 security guards and their families. UBL and al-Masri (the commander of al-Faruq) commonly used the compound for meetings with al-Qaida officials.

³² >000128 SIR 29-NOV-2007, 000128 SIR 16-NOV-2007

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 (S//NF) In January 2005, Chief Prosecutor for the Yemen Political Security Organization (PSO) Special Counterterrorism Court identified 26 Yemeni citizens, to include four of detainee's brothers, who were al-Qaida associated.³⁴ On 3 February 2006, detainee's brothers Mansur and Zakaria, aka (Jaffar al-Tabuki³⁵), were part of a group of 23 al-Qaida associated Yemeni prisoners who escaped from a PSO prison in Sanaa, YM.³⁶

• (C//REL TO USA, GCTF) SA-230 identified Mansur as a high-level al-Qaida leader who took part in decision making and reported directly to UBL, Taliban Supreme Leader Mullah Muhammad Omar, Badr Abd al-Karim al-Sudayri, Ibn al-Khattab, and Abu-Hajir al-Masri.³⁷

• (S//NF) As of June 2007, detainee's brother Mansur al-Bayhani, aka (Assim al-Tabuki) was reported killed during a strike against a group of East Africa-based al-Qaida fighters near Bargaal, Somalia (SO).³⁸

• (S//NF) Detainee's brother Zakaria is a Yemen-based al-Qaida operative.³⁹ In December 2001, US and Coalition forces raided an office in Kandahar and seized 160 Afghanistan-based militant training camp applications. It was determined by the FBI that one of the applications was for detainee's brother Zakaria.⁴⁰

(S//NF) According to the Saudi Government, Saudi authorities extradited Hamza al-Qaiti and detainee's brothers Mansur and Zakaria to Yemen on 24 September 2003 for their links to various terrorist acts.⁴¹ They were imprisoned in Yemen, but later escaped. Mansur and Zakaria turned themselves in to Yemeni authorities again in March 2006, but were released later in 2006, along with three other brothers, Muhammad, Yahya, and Adnan.⁴²

• (S//NF) Detainee's brother Jaber Nasser Awad al-Bayhani is a probable al-Qaida operative who lived in New York City from approximately 1985 to 1998, running a business buying and selling cars and car parts. SA-067 stated Jaber financially supported detainee, Mansur, and Zakaria while they were in Afghanistan, Chechnya, and Russia.⁴³

• (S//NF) Detainee continues to hold his violent jihadist views and willingness to continue the fight if released from US custody.

³³ ≽IIR 6 034 0218 06, 000195 SIR 21-MAR-2007, IIR 6 034 0141 06, IIR 6 034 0307 06,

³⁴ TD-314/04883-05

³⁵ IIR 6 034 0267 06

³⁶ S-4J2-2410-0099-06

³⁷ IIR 6 034 0284 06, IIR 6 034 0341 06; Analyst note: Badr Abd al-Karim al-Sudayri is reported as Zubair al-Haili ³⁸ ≻TD-314/45425-07

³⁹ S-4J2-2410-0099-06

⁴⁰ TRRS-04-11-0226

⁴¹ TD-314-08415-06

⁴² IIR 4 201 2233 07

⁴³ IIR 6 034 0698 03, IIR 6 034 0307 06

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 \circ (S//NF) In a letter written by detainee to his brother, Mansur, detainee is quoted as saying "praise be to Allah on this captivity it taught us the meaning of al-Shahada and carry it out accordingly and if we are released."⁴⁴ (Analyst note: Al-Shahada is martyrdom.)

 \circ (S//NF) Detainee is reported as conversing with Adel Fattough Ali al-Gazzar, ISN US9EG-000369DP (EG-369), about detainee's desire to become a suicide bomber. EG-369 praised the idea of martyrdom to detainee. EG-369 further explained to detainee on where to obtain explosives and how to prepare them properly.⁴⁵

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed as a HIGH threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been non-compliant and hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 127 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 2 March 2008, when he participated in a in mass disturbance. He has 13 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 21 March 2007, when he struck the guard force with bodily fluids. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions, damage to government property, attempted assaults, assaults, exposure of sexual organs, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of 45 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and three so far in 2008.

8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of MEDIUM intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 22 February 2008.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee received assistance through al-Qaida's recruitment network of facilitators, guesthouses, and training facilities. Detainee received extensive weapons and explosives training at al-Faruq, Kandahar Compound Six, and Saber Mountain. Detainee served as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade and received advanced training. Detainee should be able to give information related to his training and background on the frontlines.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee's knowledge of al-Qaida facilitators, guesthouses, and training would likely duplicate information received from other sources. His true intelligence potential is linked to his knowledge of his brothers' extremist-related

⁴⁴≻IIR 6 034 0074 08

⁴⁵≻IIR 6 034 0069 08

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activities and their associates. Exploitation of their affiliations with key al-Qaida personnel and organizations would probably yield significant intelligence

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

- Al-Qaida recruitment network in Saudi Arabia
- Al-Qaida militant forces and support to the Taliban
- Support to terrorist organizations and activities in Yemen
- Familial links to extremism
- Al-Qaida training at the al-Faruq Training Camp and Saber Training Camp
- Terrorist Operations in CENTCOM AOR
- Terrorist and foreign fighters-movement and logistics
- Terrorist recruitment of juveniles

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 26 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

MARK H, BUZBY Rear Admiral, US Navy Commanding

^{*} Definitions for intelligence terms used in the assessment can be found in the Joint Military Intelligence College October 2001 guide *Intelligence Warning Terminology*.