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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

JTF GTMO-CG

15 August 2003

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

SUBJECT: (S) Revocation of Recommendation to Release or Transfer to the Control of Another Government Detainee, Mohammed Arshad Raza, ISN: US9PK-000147DP

1. (S) **Personal Information:** Mohammed Arshad Raza is a Pakistani national, born in 1981 (age 22) in Bahawal Nagar, Pakistan. He has latent tuberculosis and a prosthetic right eye but is otherwise in good health.
2. (FOUO) **Detention Information:** Subject detainee stated he left his family owned business in Bahawal, Pakistan (PK) and claims membership in the Tabliqi-e-Jama'at, a group that preaches and operates religious missions throughout Pakistan. The detainee's superior sent him and six others to Konduz, Afghanistan (AF) to preach at various mosques. After preaching in Konduz until late November 2001, they were warned of the advancing Northern Alliance and decided to flee. Detainee left on his own and fled to Chardera, AF where he was captured by General Dostum's forces. Detainee was transported to Sheberghan, AF, where he was incarcerated for thirty-five days before being turned over to U.S. forces. U.S. forces subsequently transported the detainee to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba on 17 January 2002 because of his knowledge of recruitment practices by Jeish-E-Muhammed (JEM) members in PK and information on prison conditions at Konduz, AF. The detainee has been generally cooperative, but is not assessed as completely credible.
3. (S) **Assessment:** Based on current information, detainee ISN: US9PK-000147DP is assessed as being affiliated with a known extremist group who recruited and trained the detainee in the use of weapons and military tactics. The detainee is a self-admitted member of the Tabliqi-e-Jama'at, an Al-Qaida supported Islamic fundamentalist organization based in Pakistan and who operates several terrorist training camps in the Kashmir region. The Tabliqi-e-Jama'at actively recruited the detainee under the pretense of spreading Islam but was in fact recruiting fighters to support the Taliban regime, then engaged against the Northern Alliance (NA) and US forces. Although the detainee denies actively engaging U.S. and NA forces, his claim is not considered truthful and merely a part of his cover story.

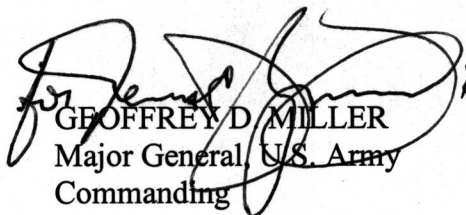
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Detainee has not been completely forthcoming in his other admissions and changes his story frequently to add confusion to his situation. Through additional analytical research, several names appear on US visa requests that match the names given by this detainee. Additionally, the detainee has never been questioned thoroughly regarding his ability to speak English. Furthermore, according to the detainee's statements he trained at the Balakot training camp, which is in the Kashmir region and is used for basic and advanced training. In order to receive training at this camp, you must be "invited" and meet certain criteria including a particular extremist views and a dedication to martyrdom. Moreover, based on the detainee folder, the knowledgeable brief and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the detainee is considered to be of minimal intelligence value, but poses a high threat to the U.S. its interests and its allies.

4. (S) **Recommendation:** In view of the foregoing, I do not recommend subject detainee be considered for release or transfer to the control of another government at this time.
5. (C) **Coordination:** JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 24 July 2003.


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