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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-000027DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Uthman al-Rahim
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Uthman Abd al-Rahim Muhammad Uthman, Hudafah al-Adani, Yasser al-Madani
- Place of Birth: Aden, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 12 August 1980
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000027DP



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

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 15 August 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is a member of al-Qaida and a former Usama Bin Laden (UBL) bodyguard. Detainee fought on the front lines of Afghanistan (AF) as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade and fled Afghanistan with other UBL bodyguards after US and Coalition bombing began.¹ Detainee received basic and advanced training at al-

¹ Analyst Note: The Arab Brigade served as UBL's primary battle formation supporting Taliban objectives, with UBL participating closely in the command and control of the brigade. Abdul Hadi al-Iraqi, ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), had primary operational command of the Arab Brigade, serving as UBL's military commander in the field.

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Qaida associated al-Faruq and Tarnak Farms training camps. Detainee's brother is an assessed al-Qaida member, and detainee has personal ties to several of the USS COLE bombers. Detainee was recruited at a school in Yemen known for promoting Islamic fundamentalism and is tied to other al-Qaida members. **[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DETAINEE IS AVAILABLE IN AN SCI SUPPLEMENT.]** 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 **HIGH** intelligence value

c. **(S//NF) Summary of Changes:** There are no significant changes to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation.

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:** Upon completion of secondary school, detainee avoided compulsory military service by paying the Yemeni government 14,000 Yemeni riyals.² Detainee attended the al-Dimaj Institute and then the al-Furqan Institute for three years. While studying at the al-Furqan Institute, detainee befriended three individuals who are currently detained at JTF-GTMO: Faruq Ali Ahmed, ISN US9YM-000032DP (YM-032); Abd al-Malik Abd al-Wahab al-Rhabi, ISN US9YM-000037DP (YM-037); and Majid Mahmud Abdu Ahmad, ISN US9YM-000041DP (YM-041).³

b. **(S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** Detainee's teacher from the al-Furqan Institute, Shaykh Ahmad Uthman, introduced detainee to Shaykh Muqbil Bin Hadi al-Wadii, aka (Shaykh al-Wadi), who was influential in detainee's decision to travel to Afghanistan. When detainee requested support to make the journey, Shaykh al-Wadi provided detainee with approximately \$1,000 US.⁴ In March 2001, detainee left for Afghanistan. He flew to Karachi, Pakistan (PK), and then took a bus to Quetta, PK, where he found the Taliban House. An Afghan named Namitallah made arrangements for him to travel to Kandahar, AF. In Kandahar, detainee went to the Hakani School where he met an Afghan who was a fellow

² IIR 6 034 0046 03, Analyst Note: Approximately equivalent to \$80 US.

³ TD-314/28801-02, IIR 6 034 1286 03, Analyst Note: The Furqan Institute is also reported as Mahed Fregan. Mahed means institute in Arabic, and Fregan is an alternate transliteration of Furqan.

⁴ IIR 6 034 0046 03

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student of Islam, Fadel Rahman. Detainee and Rahman traveled together to Kabul, AF, with Rahman serving as detainee's interpreter.⁵

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee and Rahman spent nine months traveling between Khowst, AF and Kabul while they taught the Koran to children. After they finished, Rahman told detainee that he should return home because the war had reached Khowst. Detainee knew that US forces were fighting the Taliban because he could see the planes in the sky and had heard about the attacks in New York City. On 8 December 2001, detainee met up with a group of 31 other Arabs, including his former friends YM-032, YM-037, and YM-041. After eight days traveling by foot, they arrived at Parachinar, PK. By this time, detainee no longer had his passport or any money. Detainee believes that either Rahman or Rahman's brother may have stolen these items from him.⁶

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Detainee was captured by Pakistani forces on 15 December 2001 while attempting to cross the Afghanistan-Pakistan border near Parachinar, PK, after fleeing to UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex. Detainee was captured with a group of 31 other Arab al-Qaida fighters referred to by US intelligence reporting as the Dirty 30, most of whom are assessed to be UBL bodyguards and other members of UBL's security detail.⁷ Pakistani authorities transferred the group to a prison facility in Peshawar, PK, where they were held for 15 days.⁸ On 26 December 2001, Pakistani authorities transferred detainee from Peshawar to US custody at the Kandahar Detention Facility.⁹

- **(S) Property Held:** None.

b. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 16 January 2002

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

- The Falan Institute of religious studies.

⁵ 000027 302 18-MAR-2002, 000027 302 25-OCT-2002, Analyst Note: Variants of Fadel Rahman include Fathol Rahman and Mullah Fadul Rahman.

⁶ IIR 6 034 0327 02

⁷ Bodyguard Profile INTSUM 23-OCT-2006, IIR 6 034 1131 03, IIR 6 034 0847 03

⁸ 000027 302 18-MAR-2002, 000045 302 19-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0053 05, 000045 MFR 10-APR-2002, IIR 6 034 0304 02

⁹ TD-314/00845-02

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6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: The facts of detainee's story outside of Afghanistan are partly accurate. However, most of detainee's reasons for traveling to Afghanistan are false and his accounting of his actions within Afghanistan are assessed to be fabricated. Detainee's story conforms to a cover story used by many of the individuals with whom detainee was captured. According to Muhammad Yahya Muhsin al-Zaylai, ISN US9SA-000055DP (SA-055), who was captured with detainee, the Pakistani warden of the prison where detainee and his group were held informed them that the best thing they could tell US forces when interrogated was that they were in Afghanistan to teach the Koran and to study religion.¹⁰ YM-041, who was also captured with detainee, similarly reported this cover story.¹¹ While detainee claims his passport may have been stolen, senior level al-Qaida commander, Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri, aka (Ibn Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212) stated he did not allow any Arabs to travel with their passports when crossing the border of Pakistan.¹²

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 a former UBL bodyguard. Detainee participated in hostilities as a member of the 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee received basic and advanced training at al-Qaida associated camps and stayed at al-Qaida-sponsored guesthouses. Detainee's brother is an assessed al-Qaida member, and detainee has personal ties to several of the USS COLE bombers. Detainee attended multiple institutions tied to radical Islam, and admitted recruitment by a radical Islamist Shaykh.

- (S//NF) Detainee is a member of al-Qaida and is a former UBL bodyguard.
 - (S//NF) Al-Qaida operative Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, aka (Haytham al-Kini), aka (Fupi), ISN US9TZ-010012DP (TZ-10012), recognized detainee as a member of al-Qaida.¹³
 - (S//NF) The Yemeni Political Security Organization (PSO) identified detainee's name and alias, Uthman Abd al-Rahim Muhammad Uthman, aka (Huthayfa al-Adani), as an al-Qaida member in Afghanistan.¹⁴

¹⁰ IIR 6 034 0704 02, IIR 6 034 0780 02

¹¹ 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

¹² TD-314/48260-01

¹³ TD-314/55241-05

¹⁴ TD-314/01531-02, TD-314/49402-01 (listed PPP)

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- (S//NF) Abdu Ali al-Haji Sharqawi, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), stated “I know all of the security staff members because I assisted them.” Riyadh recognized detainee as an individual who became a UBL bodyguard several months prior to 11 September 2001.¹⁵
- (S//NF) Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka (Khallad), aka (Silver), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014), a senior al-Qaida operational planner and UBL bodyguard, identified detainee as Huzayfah al-Adani, adding detainee became a bodyguard in about August 2001. The last time YM-10014 saw detainee was in UBL’s Tora Bora Mountain Complex.¹⁶
- (S//NF) Muhammad Mani Ahmad al-Shalan, ISN US9SA-000063DP (SA-063), claimed he saw detainee at UBL’s house in Kandahar.¹⁷ (Analyst Note: The UBL house SA-063 is describing here is assessed to be part of the Mall Six Compound. The Mall Six Compound was comprised of multiple houses, including those of UBL, his wives, and respective families, as well as approximately 10 to 15 security guards and their families. UBL commonly used the compound for meetings with al-Qaida officials.¹⁸)
- (U//FOUO) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252) identified detainee as a UBL bodyguard whom he saw eating with UBL. YM-252 felt that due to detainee’s close friendship with UBL that he may have been a guard for UBL for a substantial period of time.¹⁹
- (S//NF) Detainee was captured with a group of Arabs fleeing Afghanistan through UBL’s Tora Bora Mountain Complex. The group consisted of known UBL bodyguards and other al-Qaida operatives.²⁰
- (S//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR) Salim Ahmed Salim Hamdan, ISN US9YM-000149DP (YM-149), UBL’s former driver, saw detainee at the former Saudi Embassy in Kabul.²¹ (Analyst Note: The former Saudi Embassy in Kabul was owned by the head of UBL’s security, Hamza al-Ghamdi, and served as an al-Qaida guest house.)²²
 - (S) Detainee’s name and phone number, 377729, were found in a phone listing recovered in a Coalition Forces raid in Kabul on 8 January 2002.²³
- (S//NF) Detainee participated in hostilities on the front lines of Kabul and at UBL’s Tora Bora Mountain Complex as a member of the UBL’s 55th Arab Brigade.

¹⁵ IIR 6 034 0059 05, IIR 6 034 0098 05

¹⁶ TD-314/36120-03

¹⁷ IIR 6 034 0847 03

¹⁸ IIR 6 034 0124 05, TD-314/50575-01

¹⁹ 000252 FM40 23-SEP-2004

²⁰ TD-314/36120-03

²¹ IIR 4 201 3731 05, 000149 302 12-MAY-2002

²² IIR 6 034 0088 05, IIR 6 034 0702 03

²³ IIR 2 340 7099 02

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- (S//NF) IZ-10026 stated he knew Huthayfa al-Yemeni (a variant of detainee's alias) from the front lines of Kabul circa 1999. He added detainee trained with Abu Mohammed al-Masri, the former commander of the al-Faruq Training Camp.²⁴
- (S//NF) SA-063, a former UBL bodyguard who was captured with detainee, recognized detainee as a long-time fighter.²⁵
- (S) Abd al-Rahman Maadha Dhafir al-Hilala, ISN US9SA-000199DP (SA-199, deceased), reported he recognized detainee from the Omar Saif front line position near Kabul.²⁶
- (C//REL TO USA, GCTF) Sanad Yislam al-Kazimi, ISN US9YM-001453DP (YM-1453), who was a UBL bodyguard and admitted swearing *bayat* (oath of allegiance) to UBL, believed detainee fought on the front lines.²⁷
- (S//NF) TZ-10012 indicated he saw the detainee fighting on the front lines of UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex against the Northern Alliance.²⁸
- (S//OC/NF) Abdullah Abd al-Qadir Tabarak Ahmed, ISN US9MO-000056DP (MO-056), identified an individual using detainee's alias, Hudayfah the Yemeni, as a bodyguard and as being among UBL's entourage in Tora Bora.²⁹ (Analyst Note: MO-056 and UBL's chief of intelligence Sayf al-Adl, were in charge of choosing UBL's security staff.³⁰)
- (S//NF) Detainee attended basic and advanced training at al-Qaida facilities.
 - (S//NF) TZ-10012 stated he first met detainee at the al-Faruq Training Camp in 1999.³¹
 - (S//NF) SA-063 claimed detainee attended advanced training at Tarnak Farm near Kandahar.³² (Analyst Note: Tarnak Farm, aka Abu Ubaydah Training Camp), housed an al-Qaida poisons and explosives training laboratory and offered advanced operational training.³³)
 - (C) Detainee's alias was found on a document recovered during a raid on an al-Qaida related house in Kandahar. The document listed over 150 al-Qaida members scheduled for various forms of advanced training. Detainee's alias, along with the alias of Muhammad Ahmad Abdallah al-Ansi, ISN US9YM-000029DP (YM-029),

²⁴ TD-314-86789-06, Analyst Note: See SCI supplement for additional information.

²⁵ TD-314/50507-03, IIR 6 034 0847 03

²⁶ IIR 6 034 0293 06, IIR 6 034 0393 02, Analyst Note: The Omar Sayf *Markez* (center, position, camp), variant (Saif), was a unit of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade and was the third defensive line against the Northern Alliance.

²⁷ IIR 6 034 0124 05

²⁸ TD-314/55241-05

²⁹ TD-315/21305-03

³⁰ IIR 6 034 0098 05, TD-314/36120-03

³¹ TD-314/55241-05

³² TD-314/50507-03, IIR 6 034 0847 03

³³ TD-314/06145-02

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- appears on a list of individuals scheduled to attend the Tactics Number 1 class on 25 March 2001.³⁴
- (S//NF) Detainee's brother is an assessed al-Qaida member, and detainee has personal ties to several of the USS COLE bombers.
 - (S//NF) A floppy disk recovered during a Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISID) raid on an alleged al-Qaida residence in Karachi contained the name Ahmad Abd al-Raheem Othman, listed as a brother of Hafiza al-Adani (a variant of detainee's name), along with a safety deposit box numbered 112-212.³⁵ Detainee stated he has a brother named Ahmed who is 25 years-old.³⁶
 - (S//NF) PSO identified detainee's brother Ahmed as a Yemeni jihadist holding a Yemeni passport who was believed to be in Afghanistan as of December 2001.³⁷
 - (S//NF) Detainee recognized USS COLE bombers Jamal al-Badawi, Muhammad Duramah, Fahd al-Quso, and Yasir Abd al-Rub al-Izani.³⁸
 - (S//NF) PSO investigators noted al-Badawi and al-Quso also appeared to know detainee well.³⁹
 - (U) Detainee stated he and Duramah had a good relationship and that Duramah's cousin is married to detainee's sister.⁴⁰
 - (S//NF) Detainee attended institutions in Yemen tied to radical Islam and admitted recruitment from radical Shaykh Muqbil al-Wadi.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted attending the al-Damaj Institute and the al-Furqan Institute for more than three years. Detainee stated after speaking with Shaykh al-Wadi, Shaykh al-Wadi provided him the funding for his travel to Afghanistan. (Analyst Note: Shaykh al-Wadi was the founder of the al-Damaj Institute, and was affiliated with the al-Furqan Institute.⁴¹)
 - (S//NF) Shaykh al-Wadi was one of the most influential Yemeni Islamic leaders who preached and financed jihad. Shaykh al-Wadi's followers declared their willingness to follow UBL, who himself was strongly influenced by the anti-Western ideas of Shaykh al-Wadi.⁴²
 - (S//NF) Detainee, YM-032, YM-041, and YM-037 attended the al-Furqan Institute in Yemen. In December 2001, they escaped from UBL's Tora Bora

³⁴ IIR 7 739 7062 03, Analyst Note: The date was listed as hijra 29/12/1421.

³⁵ TD-314/42895-02 (listed as number 6), AFGP-2002-603852 27-SEP-2002

³⁶ 000027 302 18-MAR-2002, IIR 6 034 0327 02

³⁷ TD-314/00121-02

³⁸ TD-314/28801-02, IIR 6 034 0266 03; Analyst Note: Variants for Darama include Dourahma and Duramah.

³⁹ TD-314/28801-02

⁴⁰ IIR 6 034 1285 03

⁴¹ TD-314/28801-02, IIR 6 034 1286 03

⁴² GMP20010211000089, TD-314/12546-01

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Mountain Complex together and were arrested in Pakistan.⁴³ Detainee stated he and YM-032 were friends in Yemen, and then became even closer friends during their trip to Afghanistan.⁴⁴ (Analyst Note: According to the Yemeni PSO, the al-Furqan Institute served as a meeting and recruiting ground for jihadists in Yemen. Many Yemeni al-Qaida members have ties to the al-Furqan Institute, including those involved in the attack on the USS COLE.⁴⁵)

- (S//NF) The al-Damaj Institute served as the predominant *Salafist* style school within Yemen. While the institute engaged in legitimate religious studies, it also facilitated the recruitment and travel of jihadists.⁴⁶
- (S//NF) Other assessed al-Qaida members captured with detainee who were also influenced by Shaykh al-Wadi include YM-029 and Ali Ahmad Muhammad al-Razihi, ISN US9YM-00045DP (YM-045).⁴⁷

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed as a **HIGH** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been generally compliant but sometimes hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 37 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 26 February 2008, when he failed to follow guard instructions when told to stop cross block talking. He has seven Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 16 February 2008, when he threw bodily fluids on the guard force. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, inappropriate use of bodily fluids, unauthorized communications, damage to government property, attempted assaults, assaults, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of 12 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and four so far in 2008.

8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **HIGH** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 3 March 2008.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee was a former UBL bodyguard, which gave him placement and access to high-level al-Qaida personnel. Detainee traveled to Afghanistan as early as 1999, giving him access to numerous other jihadists. Detainee attended radical Islamic institutes in Yemen and was recruited with and tied to multiple al-

⁴³ IIR 6 034 0862 02, IIR 6 034 0259 02, IIR 6 034 0046 03, TD-314/50613-01, TD-314/28801-02, IIR 6 034 0266 03

⁴⁴ IIR 6 034 0046 03

⁴⁵ TD-314/26614-02

⁴⁶ DIMAJ Institute Expansion INTSUM 01-JUN 2005

⁴⁷ TD-314/28801-02, 000045 302 19-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0304 02

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Qaida members. Detainee received advanced training and fought on the front lines as part of the 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee fled Afghanistan with other UBL bodyguards.

c. **(S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee can provide information on UBL and other high-level al-Qaida leaders. Detainee can provide information on fundamentalist schools in Yemen, their recruitment practices, and recruiters. Detainee can provide information on training camps, operatives, and possibly planned missions.

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

- UBL bodyguard identities, training, and responsibilities
- Information about the USS COLE bombing operation and its members
- Training, logistics, and leadership in Afghanistan
- Al-Qaida sponsored or supported schools in Yemen
- Detainee's intentions after release from US custody
- Terrorist biographical and psychological information
- Terrorist radicalization facts

9. **(S) EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 16 September 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

v/r,

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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*.