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JTF GTMO-CG

28 October 2003

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

SUBJECT: (S) Recommendation to Retain under DoD Control for Guantanamo Detainee, Asif Igbal, ISN: US9UK-000087DP

- (S) Personal Information: Asif Iqbal is a British national, born in 1981 (age 22) in W. Bromwich, United Kingdom. He has been diagnosed with musculoskeletal back pain, but is otherwise in good health.
- (S) Detention Information: Subject detainee stated that he was a member of the Tipton mosque in Tipton, England and that he became interested in the Jihad in 2000 and that he listened to and watched a lot of Islamic extremist propaganda. Detainee stated that he had traveled to Afghanistan (AF) and Pakistan (PK) three times. He advised his first trip was with his mother and sister to visit family in Lahore, Pakistan around 1986-87 time frames. The second time he left England, he advised it was for Pakistan, in September of 2000 to receive military training, to help him fulfill his desire to fight Jihad. The detainee claimed that his third trip was after the September 11th 2001 attacks, this time to fight Jihad with the Taliban against America and the Northern Alliance. The detaince advised that he left England on 27 September 2003 to go and fight against the "crusades." The detainee advised that Bin Laden was being blamed for the attacks and that he wanted to "fight for Bin Laden." The detainee also blames "Bush for the conspiracy against the Taliban" and that the "Jews had been the ones who had attacked America." Detainee claims he left England enroute to Afghanistan and he flew "first class, one way" but refused to advise where he obtained the money for the ticket. After arriving in Karachi, PK detainee claims he traveled to the Afghanistan border and shortly after crossing over, he met up with his "mates" from England (ISN: 86, ISN 110 and a subject named "Monir") and they all traveled to Kandhar, AF via a Taliban truck. The detainee advised he and his friends were taken to a training camp just outside of town (probably Al-Farouq) and he was there for approximately four weeks during which time he was "bored" with the training. After the four weeks of training the detainee claims he left the camp along with his mates and that they traveled back to Pakistan to do some "sightseeing."

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After a couple weeks of traveling around, they decided to return to Afghanistan, to rejoin the

Jihad. After reaching Kabul, AF they went on to Bagram, AF to "go to fight." After approximately a week or two they returned to Kabul, AF "bored, sick and not having seen any fighting." Detainee advised that after leaving Bagram, AF they went back to Kabul, AF. After returning to Kabul, they were instructed to head for the mountains and were taken to another frontline position that had been established there. After three or four days and having witnessed some light fighting, American bombers attacked their position. One bomb landed approximately 50 meters away and "wiped out a whole mountain." The detainee, along with his mates all fled the area, as the front collapsed. The detainee returned to Konduz, AF and stayed there for approximately four more weeks, before turning themselves over to the Northern Alliance, in an arranged surrender. After being captured the detainee advised he was striped of his shoes, coat, clothes and all his personal items including his passport. The detainee was turned over to US custody and was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba on 14 January 2002 because of his affiliation with the Taliban as a foreign fighter and possible member of Al-Qaida. 3. (S) Reasons for Detention: Detainee has failed to be forthright or cooperative during his

- interviews. Detainee has been remarkably arrogant and has on repeated occasions, expressed his hatred for Americans and even bragged that one of his hobbies was "killing Americans." Detainee remains to this day firmly committed to Jihad and especially committed to Jihad against America. The detainee has received military training on at least two occasions and was suspected of having attended an Al-Qaida supported training camp in Northern Pakistan, in the Kashmir region (along with two other Brits). Detainee is also suspected (along with two others) of having attended a rally in Afghanistan (in the winter 2000/2001) in which Bin Laden himself spoke and where several of the 911 highjackers were identified as having been present. Detained denies being present at this rally, however he was tentatively identified as being at this rally by ISN: US9UK-000110DP, who himself was tentatively placed at this rally. Detainee has also refused to divulge what he knows about the individuals who facilitated his recruitment in the United Kingdom (UK) and who provided him with financial support and travel contacts. Detainee was given a polygraph examination concerning several topics including his associations with Al-Qaida and his travels to the Kashmir region and he was found to have been deceptive. The totality of the evidence strongly suggests the detainee was an Al-Qaida recruit who traveled to Afghanistan to fight the Jihad against the US and who still has information concerning Al-Qaida operatives in the UK. 4. (S) Assessment: Based on information collected and available to Joint Task Force
- probable member of Al-Qaida. Moreover, based on the detainee's folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the detainee is of moderate intelligence value to the United States. Based on the above, detainee poses a high threat to the U.S., its interests or its allies. SECRET//X1

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retained under DoD control.

6. (C) Coordination: JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 27 October 2003, who concurred with JTF-GTMO assessment on 20

5. (S) Recommendation: In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be

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