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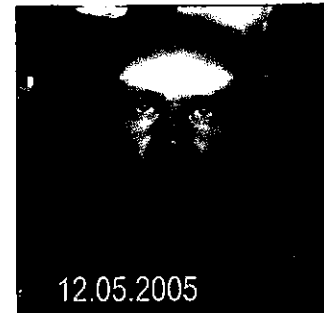
MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue, Miami, FL 33172.

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9TU-000061DP (S)

JTF GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Murat Kunn
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Murat Karnaz, Mourad Kournaz
- Place of Birth: Bremen, Germany (GM)
- Date of Birth: 19 March 1982
- Citizenship: Turkey (TU)
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9TU-000061DP



2. (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 Retain in DoD Control (DoD) on 02 August 2005.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is assessed to be a member of Al-Qaida's global terrorism network with membership in the Bremen Al-Qaida Cell and Jama'at Tablighi (JT),¹ and probable associations with Lashkar-E-Tayiba (LET). Detainee traveled

¹ The JT is a Tier 2 NGO target, where NGO Tier 2 targets have demonstrated the intent and willingness to support terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests.

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to Pakistan intent on receiving training and participating in hostilities against US and coalition forces operating in Afghanistan in preparation for the commencement of Operation Enduring Freedom. **[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DETAINEE IS AVAILABLE IN AN SCI ADDENDUM.]** 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 MODERATE threat from a detention perspective.
- Of MEDIUM intelligence value.

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.

(S//NF) Prior History: Detainee was born and raised in Germany, but claims Turkish citizenship. From 1999-2001, he worked as an apprentice to a ship mechanic in Bremen, Germany (GM).² Detainee attended three Mosques while in Germany: the Quba Mosque; the Abu Baket (variant Abu Baker/Bakr) Mosque; and the Fahti Mosque.³

a. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee attended the Quba Mosque, in Bremen, GM, where he met two JT members, Abdul Safi and Murat who preached there. In the summer of 2001, detainee decided to travel to Pakistan to learn Arabic and increase his knowledge of Islam.⁴ On 3 October 2001, detainee and his associate Selcuk Bilgun attempted to travel to Pakistan, but German authorities detained Selcuk at the Frankfurt, GM, airport concerning various unpaid legal fees. Detainee continued traveling alone to Pakistan.⁵

b. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee arrived in Pakistan and stayed at a series of JT affiliated guesthouses and mosques before settling in Peshawar, PK, to teach the Koran.⁶

² 000061 KB 02-21-2002

³ 000061 MFR 15-MAR-2002, 000061 302 25-APR-2003

⁴ Analyst Note: As an organization, the JT does not advocate violence. However, numerous extremist organizations have exploited the JT's worldwide presence to facilitate international travels. Several terrorist groups have used JT dogma in their recruitment efforts and are known to have used the JT as cover in their operations. This has allowed various Sunni terrorist groups, including Al-Qaida, to disguise their travel under the extensive network of JT-sponsored missionary practices.

⁵ IIR 6 034 0351 02, 000061 302 20 MAR 2002

⁶ IIR 6 034 0351 02, 000061 302 20-MAR-2002

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5. (S//NF) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Soon after arriving in Peshawar, detainee traveled by bus to the Miram Shah village on the Pakistan/Afghan border with an associate named Mohammed (NFI) who was helping him change his plane ticket for his return to Germany. Upon their return to Peshawar by bus, Pakistani officials arrested detainee. Detainee claimed that Mohammed, who was in possession of detainee's second bag that contained his money and identification, was unable to depart the bus and provide assistance to him. Pakistani authorities transferred detainee from Peshawar to US military custody in Kandahar, AF, on 27 December 2001.⁷

b. (S) Property Held:

- 1 Turkish passport #3083/2001
- 2 German phone cards
- 2 Bank cards
- 1 German drivers license # E01000FQD11
- Turkish ID Card #691584
- 7 Business Cards
- 1 Corner of envelope with pictures: 2 passport pictures of self, 3 of males, 3 male children, 1 female
- 1 Bremer Bank statement, 2 pages IBAN: DE14 29080010 0220209800
- 2 Health Cards
- 1 Turkish Revue Receipt
- 1 Flughafen Boarding Pass dated 03 OCT
- 1 Pakistani airline stub issued 12 OCT
- 2 Passenger Ticket and baggage check dated 03 OCT, return dated 04NOV
- 1 Piece of paper words "Morat Qornar" written on it
- 1 Pacers credit card sleeve
- 1 Piece of paper with "Acmet Kam TEL: 41 4649" written on it
- 1 Piece of paper with "Murat Kurnaz TEL: 45 49 92" written on it
- 1 Piece of paper with "453146 Emrah Abi" written on it
- 1 Piece of paper with Khadim Ali, Bast, Ghah Mian Kaloo Begum, Kot Shahdard Lahore, Pakistan" on the back. "03036410797" and "7929966" written on it. Some writing scratched out could be Turkish writing
- 1 Receipt for Al-Madina Tour Rent a Car service, Islamabad International Airport.

⁷ 000061 302 20-MAR-2002, IIR 6 034 0618 03, TD-314/00845-02 (Item B-22), IIR 2 340 6130 02, IIR 6 034 0351 02, TD-314/50651-01

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- 1 Turkish receipt 6,000,000
- 1 Turkish receipt 4,000,000
- 1 Piece of paper "Ms Khan, c/o, Zaman Khan, Shop No 12, near GPO. Sadar Bazar, Peshawar, Pakistan"
- 1 Piece of paper "Hayat bir, gemidir, yoktur, yelkeni, resmine, baktikea, hatirta beni, izmir Faden 02325865748." Other side " 0090 1749584, 325, Annenin No Cep."
- 1 Receipt for Avari Lahore No 016980 dated 8/10/01, cash, phone call receipt to Germany telephone number 0049173156517, 1 minute, total 126.79 Paid.

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

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

- Jama'at Tablighi in Pakistan
- Jama'at Tablighi at the Quba Mosque in Bremen, GM

6. (S//NF) Evaluation Of Detainee's Account: Detainee is deceptive in answering questions and contradicts himself on several occasions. He is standing by his cover story to avoid revealing his connections to extremists.

7. (S//NF) Detainee Threat:

a. (S) Assessment: It is assessed the detainee poses 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 a member of Al-Qaida's global terrorism network, with affiliations to the Jama'at Tablighi (JT). He was involved with the Bremen Al-Qaida Cell in Germany, accepted recruitment into jihad while attending the Abu Bakr mosque in Bremen, and traveled to Afghanistan to participate in militant training and hostilities against US forces.

- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a member of Al-Qaida's global terrorism network.
 - (S//NF) Foreign source reporting illustrated suspected ties between German-based extremists to include detainee and Mohammad Haydar Zammar, the Al-Qaida recruiter of 9/11 lead pilot Mohammad Atta.⁸
 - (S//NF) Zammar, who is currently in Syrian custody, claimed that he was the one who sent detainee to Afghanistan in the days following 9/11.⁹ (Analyst Note:

⁸ IIR 7 102 0543 05, Analyst Note: Detainee is referred to by the variant Mourad Kournaz.

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Zammar's comment that detainee was sent by him to Afghanistan for terrorist training "just like Atta's group before him" suggests that detainee was to possibly be groomed as a suicide operative. While no additional reporting suggest detainee was a potential operative, his age, ethnic appearance, admitted recruiter, and his time of travel to the region would make him a desirable candidate for such a mission.)

- (S//NF) Detainee traveled to Pakistan after the 9/11 attacks, days before the impending US campaign in Afghanistan to participate in hostilities against US and coalition forces.¹⁰ (Analyst Note: UBL's and Al-Qaida's suspected involvement in the 9/11 attacks were well publicized in the weeks following the attacks, as was the impending US campaign in Afghanistan. As such, travel to the region in the period following the terrorist attacks is an indicator of support to or membership in Al-Qaida's global terrorist network as well as intentions to participate in hostilities.)
 - (S//NF) Admitted Al-Qaida senior operative Maad Al Qahtani, ISN US9SA-000063DP (SA-063), photo-identified detainee as a German who was captured at Tora Bora.¹¹
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a member of the Bremen Al-Qaida Cell. (Analyst Note: The Bremen Al-Qaida Cell is also referred to as the Bremen Group, the Bremen Cell, the Bremen Terrorist Recruitment Cell and the Bremen Jihadist Network.) He had known associations with members of the cell including Selcuk Bilgun and Ali Miri.
 - (S//NF) Selcuk Bilgun aka Abu Usama, an associate of detainee in Germany, stated he and detainee frequented the Abu Bakr Mosque. Selcuk stated they received assistance in their faith from a man named Kurd Ali M. Detainee intended to travel to Pakistan with Bremen Cell member Selcuk Bilgun. Detainee's passport and airline tickets for this travel are in US possession. However, German police detained Selcuk at the airport in Germany on 3 October 2001, forcing detainee to travel alone. Both Selcuk's and detainee's families stated their (Selcuk and detainee) leader was Miri. Detainee reportedly joined Miri's radical Muslim group with full conviction.¹²
 - (S//NF) A foreign government service identified Selcuk Bilgun as the leader of the Bremen jihadist cell.¹³
 - (S//NF) Kurd Ali M is probably Ali Miri aka Ali Miri Tahar, a Malamite Kurd. Ali Miri was the spiritual leader in the Al-Qaida associated Bremen Cell and at the Abu Bakr Mosque frequented by the detainee and Selcuk. Foreign source reporting illustrated suspected ties between German-based extremists to

⁹ FBIS EUP20051121085011, FBIS EUP20060214086010

¹⁰ FBIS EUP20020126000150, 000061 KB 02-21-2002

¹¹ TD-314/50507-03

¹² FBIS EUP20020126000150 (Listed in JDIMS as FBIS 28-JAN-2002.B), IIR 6 034 0351 02, 000061 302 20 MAR 2002, CIR 316/07924-04, CIR 316/06748-05

¹³ TD-314/38814-04

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- include Ali Miri, detainee, Zammar, Mohammad Atta, and admitted senior Al-Qaida facilitator Mohammadou Ould Slahi, ISN US9MR-000760DP (MR-760).¹⁴
- (S/NF) Detainee identified a Turk named Murat as one of his JT associates in Germany who preached at the Abu Bakr Mosque. (Analyst Note: Detainee's acknowledged JT associate, Murat, may be suspected Bremen Terrorist Recruitment Cell member Murat Yilmaz who was also identified as a JT functionary and an associate of Al-Qaida member Mohammadou Ould Slahi.)¹⁵ The spiritual leader of the Bremen cell, Ali Miri, has also been identified as a member of the JT.
- (S/NF) Detainee is associated with both the Jama'at Tablighi and probably the Lashkar-E-Tayiba (LET). Detainee repeatedly stated he associated with the Jama'at Tablighi in Germany and received assistance from members of the JT in Pakistan.
 - (S/NF) Analyst Note: Association with the JT is a common extremist cover story that detainees have used to hide their actual activities and associations, as well as association with and receipt of assistance from groups such as the LET. Al-Qaida and extremist use of the JT to facilitate international travels of their members is also well known. Although detainee claimed to have stayed at several mosques and guesthouses, he has provided little information on them, and instead probably stayed with LET members and received training at LET-sponsored guesthouses. The JT had established procedures requiring recommendations for incoming Tablighis. A council provided the recommendations after the Tablighi proved his knowledge, intent, and Islamic training and then allowed the Tablighi to travel with members, proselytize, and stay at the mosques in various cities during a normal 40-day dawa. Although detainee acknowledges contact with JT in Pakistan, he does not admit to participating in dawa or directly with the JT and is therefore assessed to have received assistance from the LET in Pakistan. Detainee did associate with JT members when in Germany. These individuals included members of the Al-Qaida affiliated Bremen Cell who possibly also used the JT as a cover and probably provided Islamic indoctrination and POC information to the detainee for his travel to Pakistan. The LET assisted numerous detainees in Pakistan during their flight from Afghanistan, or following their arrival in Pakistan after the 9/11 attacks. The LET probably has members and supporters entrenched in JT mosques in Pakistan including the Makki Mosque in Karachi and the Tablighi Center in Lahore, PK, where detainee visited. Detainee is not assessed to have attended militant training at an established camp due to cessation of training in Afghanistan after September 2001. However, during this period the LET provided small arms training to incoming jihadists at various guesthouses while attempting to secure travel for the jihadists to Afghanistan.¹⁶

¹⁴ CIR 316/06748-05, CIR 316/07924-04, IIR 7 102 0543 05

¹⁵ TD-314/38310-04, TD-314/30084-04, IIR 6 034 1178 03

¹⁶ IIR 6 034 0351 02, 000061 KB 02-21-2002

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- (S//NF) Detainee's story is assessed as false. His claimed associations with the JT are addressed above. Additionally, he claimed that administrators denied him acceptance to an Islamic school in Pakistan due to his western appearance.¹⁷ He said that Pakistani police stole his money, his associate Muhammad had his passport, and he stayed at various mosques studying the Koran prior to traveling to Peshawar to teach. All statements are assessed to be aspects of a cover story designed to prevent disclosure of his links with extremists and his intentions for travel to Pakistan. They are believed false for the following reasons:

- (S//NF) For foreigners traveling to Pakistan for educational purposes, the Pakistani government required various documents to include "No Objection Certificates" and "Student Visas". The visa in detainee's passport is for tourism and would not have sufficed for entry in the Islamic education system in Pakistan. Detainee's passport visa is stamped with the notice "Not valid for admittance to educational institutions or employment in Pakistan." Detainee would have been informed of this at the time he obtained his visa and again had he attempted to enter an Islamic institute in Pakistan. His claim that he appeared too western has no basis in fact, as Pakistani Islamic schools receive and train thousands of foreign students annually. Additionally, detainee claimed to have attempted to enter a school in Lahore, PK. Detainee said he met Karzim Ahmad, the individual in charge of the school. In other reporting detainee denied he met Karzim. Detainee said the reason he was not allowed into the school was they thought he was a member of the press. Detainee has introduced various contradictions such as this into his story to protect himself, his associates, and activities.¹⁸

- (S//NF) Detainee stated in one report that the Pakistani police stole his money. Yet he contradicts his claim in another report, stating that his money and identification were left onboard the bus with Muhammad. He later contradicts this statement, claiming that he kept his money and passport in a small waist bag. Detainee's passport is included in his pocket liter.¹⁹ (Analyst Note: Such injected contradictions are common in detainee's reporting, resulting in gaps in his timeline. This example illustrates his ongoing deceptiveness, and claims to be a youth who was in the wrong place at the wrong time.)

- (S//NF) Detainee stated he traveled to learn Islam and the Koran. Detainee admitted he did not know enough about Islam, prompting his travels. As such, he would never have been asked to travel and teach Islam in a foreign country where he could not speak the language. Detainee stated he was unable to understand the individuals in the mosques in Pakistan and required the information be translated for

¹⁷ 000061 302 25 APR 03

¹⁸ 000061 302 20 MAR 2002, IIR 034 0618 03, IIR 2 340 6130 02

¹⁹ 000061 302 20 MAR 02, IIR 6 034 0618 03

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him. Detainee stated he wanted to visit a "real Islamic state." This term is used to describe Afghanistan under the Taliban regime, but has not been used for Pakistan. This indicates detainee's true destination was Afghanistan.²⁰

c. (FOUO) Detainee's Conduct: The detainee is assessed as a MODERATE threat from a detention perspective. The detainee's overall behavior has been non-compliant and occasionally hostile to the guard force and staff. The detainee currently has 26 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS, with the most recent occurring on 15 March 2006 when he was observed practicing martial arts with two other detainees. Other incidents for which the detainee has been disciplined include failure to follow instructions/camp rules, using provoking words and gestures with the guards, possession of non-weapon type contraband, damage to property, unauthorized communications, and assault. On 3 March 2004, detainee told a guard that the date 9/11 corresponds with the chapter and verse in the Koran that says to fight against infidels. He also stated that the World Trade Center had 110 stories and that the line was the 110th one in chapter 9 verse 11. The detainee was observed giving two detainees lessons in hand-to-hand combat on 28 November 2005. On 27 April 2005, detainee told guards that he is semi-famous in Germany because a made for television movie was done on his life and success in Tae Kwan Do.

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

a. (S) Assessment: JTF GTMO determined this detainee is of MEDIUM intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 24 April 2006.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee attended various mosques in Bremen affiliated with extremist recruiting and is assessed to be a member of the Bremen Al-Qaida Cell. Al-Qaida facilitators reportedly recruited detainee for terrorist training in Afghanistan. Detainee admitted associating with the JT in both Germany and Pakistan. Detainee traveled to Pakistan after the 9/11 attacks and prior to the start of Operation Enduring Freedom. He admits to being assisted by the JT during his travels in Pakistan. He was photo-identified as being in Tora Bora during coalition operations.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee can provide information on extremist members and operations in Bremen, GM. Detainee may have information on connections between the Bremen Cell and other cells/extremist groups throughout Germany, if not Europe. Detainee can provide information on the type of support JT provides to extremist groups in Germany and Pakistan. Detainee can provide information on recruitment and

²⁰ IIR 6 034 0618 03, 000061 MFR 15 Mar 2002

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facilitation activities in Germany. He should be able to provide information about facilitation, training and safe houses in Pakistan.

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

- Bremen Al-Qaida Cell
 - Connections to 9/11 attacks, participants and conspirators
 - Mohammad Haydar Zammar
 - Leadership, members, recruitment and facilitation.
 - Abu Bakr Mosque
- Jama'at Tablighi – links to other extremist groups, use of mosques
- Operations and support in Germany and Pakistan
- Extremist operations in Tora Bora
 - Leadership
 - Facilitation
 - Paths of ingress/egress

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 30 September 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.


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