



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO  
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA  
APO AE 09360

JTF GTMO-CG

5 August 2004

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Retain under DoD Control (DoD) for Guantanamo Detainee,  
ISN: US9AF-000306DP (S)

**1. (FOUO) Personal Information:**

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Abdul Salam Zaeef
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Awaken
- Place of Birth: Kandahar, Afghanistan (AF)
- Date of Birth: 1 January 1967
- Citizenship: Afghanistan

**2. (FOUO) Health:** Detainee has a history of mild depression, not requiring medications, but otherwise is in good health.

**3. (S) Detainee Summary:**

a. (S) Background and Capture Data: The following summary paragraphs are based solely on the detainee's statements unless noted otherwise.

- In 1992 or 1993 following the defeat of the communists, he returned from Pakistan (PK), settled in Kandahar, AF, and served as the Imam at the Haji-Koshkya Mosque in Kandahar. In 1997 he was in Herat, AF. In 1998, the detainee was dispatched to Kabul, AF, by the Taliban government. He moved to Islamabad, PK, 2000.

- In 1996, when the Taliban took control of Kandahar, AF, the detainee joined the Taliban becoming involved with individuals who had power within the new government. In 1997 he accepted a job as bank manager for Heart Central Bank. In 1998 he took the position of Deputy Minister of Mining and Industries. In 1999 he accepted the position of President of Transportation. In 2000 he took the position of Taliban Ambassador to Pakistan.

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- 15 December 2001, detainee was arrested at his home in Islamabad, PK, by the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISID).

b. (S) Transfer to JTF GTMO: Detainee was transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, on 1 May 2002.

c. (S) Reasons for Transfer to JTF GTMO: Detainee is assessed to be able to provide information on:

- Relations between the Taliban and Al-Qaida/Usama Bin Laden.
- Specific biographical information on Taliban leader Mullah Omar.
- Relations between the Taliban and ISID.
- Taliban management by the Ministry of Defense of Arab Mujahidin used in fighting against the Northern Alliance.

d. (S) Reasons for Continued Detention at JTF GTMO:

- During detainee's time as ambassador, he had numerous contacts with high-level Pakistani Inter-Service Intelligence Directorate (ISID), military officials, members of the Ummah Tameer E Nau (UTN), and various Taliban officials who were in Pakistan.

- UTN was a NGO created by Dr. Sultan Bashir Ud-Din Mahmood that consisted of nuclear scientists and military officers. The purpose of the organization was to assist in spreading modern achievements of science and technology among Muslims. However, UTN also worked on building a nuclear program for Al-Qaida and the Taliban.

- Detainee was the former Taliban Ambassador to Pakistan, having direct ties to senior Taliban members, known terrorist groups, and NGOs that have either supported or participated in hostile activities against the US and its allies.

- ISN US9MR-000760DP (MR-760) stated the detainee claims he was the one who granted entrance to Afghanistan to the individuals who assassinated Ahmed Shah Masood, the leader of the Northern Alliance. MR-760 also stated that the detainee, through his closeness to Mullah Omar, should know about the nature of Taliban/Al-Qaida relationship.

- Early September 2001, detainee was directed by Mufti Muhammad Usaf to issue four Arab males visas to Afghanistan and arrange their onward transportation into Afghanistan.  
*Analyst Note: Mufti Muhammad Usaf is assessed to be Maulana Syed Mohammad Usaf Shah, the Provincial General Secretary of the Jamiat-E-Ulema-I-Islam (JUI). The JUI is a Sunni political party that supported Usama Bin Ladin and maintained close ties to the Taliban regime while advocating an anti-American ideology.*

- According to sensitive reporting, detainee had an account with the Al Taqwa Bank. Detainee has repeatedly denied having an Al-Taqwa bank account and claims he never knew this bank existed.

- The Al Taqwa Bank in Nassau had its license revoked in 2001 by the Bahamian Government due to its ties to Al-Qaida and Islamic extremists.

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- Following the US Air strikes, Mullah Omar would only meet with a small group of commanders such as the Defense Minister, Mullah Obaidullah; the Taliban Ambassador to Pakistan, Mullah Zaeef; the Acting Prime Minister, Mullah Hassan; and the Governor of Herat, Mullah Khairkhwa.

e. (S) Intelligence Focus: JTF GTMO has determined that this detainee is of high intelligence value and is assessed to be able to provide information on:

- Al-Qaida and other extremist groups to include:
  - Individual leaders
  - Operational activities in Afghanistan and Pakistan
  - Financial activities including outside financial support
  - Military involvement with the Taliban
- NGO activities in Afghanistan and Pakistan:
  - Recruitment activities
  - Activities in refugee camps
- Specific information on the Taliban senior leadership and financial activities
- Taliban diplomatic activities in Pakistan and diplomatic ties to other countries
- Knowledge of WMD or WMD precursors, in specific the movement and sale of processed uranium to Pakistani ISID and military following the Soviet occupation
- Pakistani influences on Afghanistan's political situation
- Information on the major Hawallas used as intermediaries between NGO's and Arab extremist group in Afghanistan

**4. (S) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee's overall behavior has been non-compliant and slightly aggressive. Detainee has one instance of trying to incite a disturbance, He has failed to comply with the rules of the cellblock and the guard force by refusing to give up comfort items and performing physical training in his cell. In 2003, he had a number of instances of harassing the guards.

**5. (S) EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 24 February 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

**6. (S) JTF GTMO Assessment:**

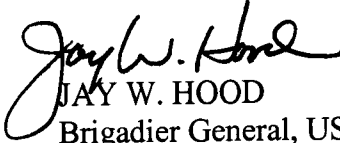
a. (S) Summary: Detainee was a senior member of the Taliban with connections to Al-Qaida and NGOs that support terrorism. Detainee has never directly participated in hostile acts, but has connections with extremist groups that have either supported or participated in hostile activities against the US and its allies. If released, detainee is assessed to still have the capability to support terrorist operations. It has been determined that the detainee poses a high risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

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b. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends this detainee be retained under DoD control.

7. (S) **Coordination:** JTF GTMO notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF) of this recommendation on 5 August 2004. In the interest of national security and pursuant to an agreement between the CITF and JTF GTMO Commanders, CITF will defer to JTF GTMO's assessment that the detainee poses a high risk.

  
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