



REPLY TO
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
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JTF GTMO-CG

29 October 2004

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

SUBJECT: Administrative Review Board Input for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9YM-000167DP (U)

1. (S//NF) JTF GTMO recommends to the Administrative Review Board (ARB) that this detainee be transferred to the control of another country for continued detention (TRCD).

2. (S//NF) Summary of Most Recent JTF GTMO Assessment, signed on 14 April 2004.

a. (S//NF) Most Recent JTF GTMO Recommendation: Transfer to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD).

b. (S//NF) Threat Level in Most Recent JTF GTMO Assessment: Medium.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Value in Most Recent JTF GTMO Assessment: Medium.

d. (S//NF) Note: JTF GTMO's system of identifying detainees as High, Medium or Low threat has evolved over time. The threat and intelligence values listed above may have been adjusted to conform with the most recent standards.

3. (S//NF) Updated JTF GTMO Threat and Intelligence Value Since Most Recent Assessment.

a. (S//NF) Updated Threat Level. No change.

(1) (S//NF) Detainee trained at the Al-Farouq terrorist camp in early September 2001. *(Analyst note: Al-Farouq is an Al-Qaida operated terrorist camp where individuals receive the following training: Basic Military Training, City/Urban Tactics, Mountain Tactics and Intelligence/Target Gathering. It is assessed that the detainee is concealing information regarding Usama Bin Laden (UBL) and Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri visiting Al-Farouq just prior*

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to the 11 September 2001 attacks. Detainee claimed that he could not explain the unusual activity and sense of urgency at the camp, as well as the erection of a new audio system (loudspeakers). However, JTF GTMO detainees US9YM-000837DP and US9YM-000841DP, both members of a "special terrorist team" aka "Karachi Six," claimed that Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri accompanied UBL at Al-Farouq and conducted speeches in early September 2001. With the presence of senior Al-Qaida leaders, as well as the significance of such an event, it seems unlikely he did not meet UBL or Zawahiri while in training or at least attend the gathering for their announcements. In the 1980's, Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri emerged as leader of the Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ), which is a Tier 0 target, and later allied himself with UBL becoming a senior leader of Al-Qaida. Tier 0 targets are defined as terrorist groups which pose a clear and immediate danger to US persons or interests.)

(2) (S//NF) Detainee's brother, Qasim Yahya Mahdi Abd Al-Rimi (aka Abu Hurayrah, aka Doctor Hurayrah, aka Abu Hajer), is a dedicated jihadist and Al-Qaida operative who was detained for his involvement in a November 2002 assassination plot against the US Ambassador to Yemen. *(Analyst note: Detainee's brother was a physical fitness instructor at Al-Farouq and a basic training instructor at Training Center #9, which is located between Kabul, AF, and Bagram, AF. US9EG-000535D also identified Abu Hurayrah as the physical fitness instructor at Al-Farouq. Senior operational coordinator for Al-Qaida and former lieutenant in the Taliban, Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka Khallad, aka Muhammad Tawfiq Bin Attash, revealed that Abu Hurayrah's secondary role was to assist mujahideen in returning to Yemen. Detainee does not acknowledge Abu Hurayrah as his brother, or as a trainer at Al-Farouq. However, US9YM-000252DP accurately referred to an Abu Hajer (variant of brothers name) as an instructor at Al-Farouq and detainee's brother.)*

(3) (S//NF) Ali Yahya Mahdi Abdo (detainee's alias) and detainee's brother, Qassem Yahya Mahdi Al Reemi (variant), were numbers 320 and 321 on a document listing 324 Arabic names, aliases, and nationalities recovered from safehouse raids in Karachi, PK. *(Analyst note: On 11 September 2002, Pakistani Inter-Service Intelligence Directorate (ISID), Pakistani rangers, and police raided two Al-Qaida safehouses, one containing unspecified amounts of explosives, computer files, Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), senior Al-Qaida leaders, and members of a "special terrorist team" (Karachi Six) deployed to attack targets in Karachi. The other safehouse contained letters from Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (KSM) to Hamza Zubair Al-Mesri outlining aborted plans for an attack on US military troops in Karachi, and giving the "green light" to attack hotels in Karachi which housed large numbers of US troops.)*

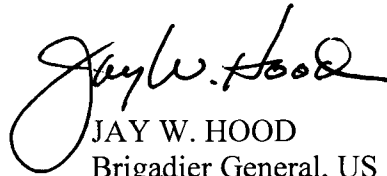
b. (S//NF) Updated Intelligence Value. No change.

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(1) (S//NF) Although cooperative with his debriefers, detainee's accounts remain vague and inconsistent when questioned on topics of a sensitive nature. *(Analyst note: Detainee is substantially exploited but there are several intelligence gaps that remain in his story, such as his involvement and knowledge concerning Al-Qaida operations, his recruitment, acknowledgement of his brother, and his associations with other JTF GTMO detainees. Detainee denies ever joining a terrorist organization, and further claims to have no knowledge of the Taliban, or any idea that he would receive military training in Afghanistan. However, in a previous report, detainee claimed that a friend recommended he travel to Afghanistan for weapons training. When asked questions that he has been previously asked, or asked to clarify previous statements, the detainee says it is in his file, or complains of maltreatment. These are common anti-interrogation techniques used by numerous JTF GTMO detainees, as well as by Al-Qaida.)*

(2) (S//NF) Detainee may be able to provide additional background information on various JTF GTMO detainees and their associations with Al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations, their use of safehouses and travel throughout the region.



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