



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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

JTF GTMO-CG

05 December 2002

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

SUBJECT: Transfer Recommendation for GTMO Detainee, Abdullah Kafkas, ISN US9RS-00082DP

1. **(S) Personal Information:** Abdullah Kafkas is a Russian national born in 1984 (age 18) in Prohladsk, Russia. He has a retained bullet in his right pelvis from a previous gunshot wound, but is otherwise in good health.
2. **(FOUO) Detention Information:** Subject detainee entered Afghanistan in November 2001 to escape military service in Russia, and stayed with a Uzbeki group in Konduz, Afghanistan, where he worked in an Arab medical clinic for foreign fighters. While in Afghanistan, detainee also served as a member of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, going as far as taking up arms with the Taliban. At some point Taliban forces transferred detainee to an Uzbeki group in Kandahar. After Kandahar, the detainee was located in Mazar-e-Sharif during the uprising, and he was consequently captured by the Northern Alliance. Detainee was transferred to U.S. forces, and later transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, arriving on or about 12 February 2002. Detainee was transferred to the Guantanamo Bay detention facility based on his knowledge regarding events that occurred at Mazar-e-Sharif from November 2001 to December 2001, information on Uzbeki Islamic radical groups, and possible information about Taliban members. The detainee has been cooperative, but JTF GTMO considers the information obtained from and about him as not valuable or tactically exploitable.
3. **(S) Assessment:** Based on current information, detainee ISN: US9RS-00082DP is assessed as not affiliated with al-Qaida or as being a Taliban leader. Moreover, based on the detainee folder, the knowledgeability brief (KB), and subsequent interrogations by JTF GTMO, the results of which are available on the JTF GTMO detainee database, the detainee has no further intelligence value to the United States, and will not be seen for further intelligence purposes. Since the Russian government has agreed to incarcerate this detainee upon his transfer, he poses no future threat to the U.S. or its allies. In addition, the Russian government has agreed to share all intelligence derived from him while under their control with the United States.

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4. (S) **Recommendation:** In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be considered for transfer to the control of the Russian government. During a visit to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from 14 to 19 November 2002, Russian Intelligence officers interrogated ISN: US9RS-00082DP and stated that their government would accept custody of ISN: US9RS-00082DP if released by the U.S. government.

5. (C) **Coordination:** JTF GTMO notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 4 December 2002.

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