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## JTF-GTMO-CDR

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN US9YM-000156DP (S)

# **JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

### 1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: <u>Allal Ab-Aljallil Abd al-</u> <u>Rahman Abd</u>
- Current/True Name and Aliases: <u>Adnan Farhan Abd al-Latif</u>, <u>Abd al-Rahman Abd Allal Ab-Aljallil</u>, <u>Abdul Razzaq al-</u> <u>Baydani</u>, <u>Adnan Farhan al-Jalal</u>, <u>Adnan al-Udayni</u>
- Place of Birth: <u>Al-Udayn, Yemen (YM)</u>
- Date of Birth: <u>1981</u>
- Citizenship: <u>Yemen</u>
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): <u>US9YM-000156DP</u>
- 2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in overall fair health.
- 3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:

**a.** (S) **Recommendation:** JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO). JTF-GTMO previously recommended detainee for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO) on 18 December 2006.

**b.** (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida, a fighter in Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) 55th Arab Brigade, and an al-Qaida fighter in Tora Bora. Detainee acknowledged receiving weapons training from the Taliban and fighting in support of the Taliban on the front lines. Detainee is assessed to have received training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp and participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces. Detainee's name was listed on an al-Qaida affiliated document, he acknowledged

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recruitment from an identified senior al-Qaida facilitator, and he used an al-Qaida cover story. Detainee has expressed continuing support for extremism. JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

- A **MEDIUM** risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies
- A HIGH threat from a detention perspective
- Of **MEDIUM** intelligence value

c. (S//NF) Summary of Changes: The following outlines changes to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation. (Changes in this assessment will be annotated by  $\geq$  next to the footnote.)

• Increased Detainee's Intelligence Value section from **LOW** to **MEDIUM** due to detainee's lack of cooperation with interrogation teams and his admission of providing false information in the past indicating higher intelligence potential

- Removed an incorrect report identifying detainee at a Kabul guesthouse<sup>1</sup>
- Revised Detainee's Training and Activities section to reflect the most probable account of events
- Added a corroborating report stating detainee fought in Afghanistan and assessment of participating in hostilities
- Added documented extremism

#### 4. (U) 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.

**a.** (S//NF) **Prior History:** Detainee stated he is from Ibb, YM, and is part of the al-Udayn tribe, a group with 100 to 200 members. Detainee's father traveled frequently to Saudi Arabia (SA) for his clothing business and detainee lived with his family in al-Udayn prior to traveling to Afghanistan.<sup>2</sup> Detainee attended high school but had no established profession and worked odd jobs.<sup>3</sup> Detainee claimed he was involved in a motor vehicle accident that resulted in severe head trauma when he was a teenager.<sup>4</sup> Detainee stayed in the hospital in Sanaa, YM, for one month and then traveled to the Islamic Hospital in Amman, Jordan (JO),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Analyst Note: In IIR 6 034 0293 06, detainee was misidentified previously as a result of a fellow JTF-GTMO detainee providing photo identification based on MP ID number, vice ISN number.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 000156 MFR 13-JUN-2003, 000156 302 29-MAY-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 000156 302 26-APR-2002, 000156 SIR 06-MAR-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Analyst Note: Detainee has provided different ages in separate accounts of the motor vehicle incident.

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with a medical worker named Hassan Hadi.<sup>5</sup> While in the Islamic hospital in Jordan, detainee underwent further treatment for an unidentified length of time before returning to Yemen. Detainee claimed he required further medical attention in Jordan, but was unable to afford the trip or the procedure.<sup>6</sup>

**b.** (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: In 2000, detainee went to a local relief agency seeking financial assistance for his medical problems.<sup>7</sup> Detainee met an individual named Ibrahim Aliwee who offered to help assist him financially.<sup>8</sup> In early 2001, Ibrahim's assistant, Muhammad Said Abdullah, gave detainee \$200 US, 2000 rupees, a plane ticket, written instructions and a point of contact in Pakistan (PK) and Afghanistan.<sup>9</sup> Detainee claimed he already possessed a passport which he acquired upon his return from medical treatment in Jordan. Detainee flew from Sanaa to Karachi, PK, where he followed the directions he was given and proceeded to a hotel and stayed for two days. Detainee took a bus to Quetta, PK, rented a taxi and continued to Kandahar, AF. In Kandahar, detainee proceeded to a mosque in the central bazaar to find Ibrahim, with whom detainee stayed for three days.<sup>10</sup>

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: After leaving Aliwee's residence, Aliwee took detainee to the Taliban. The Taliban gave detainee weapons training and put him on the front line fighting the Northern Alliance north of Kabul. He remained in Kabul under the command of Afghan leader Abu Fazl, until Taliban troops retreated and Kabul fell.<sup>11</sup> While detainee was with the Taliban, he encountered Abu Hudayfa the Kuwaiti; Abu Hafs the Saudi, and Abu Bakr from the United Arab Emirates or Bahrain. Detainee claimed he saw a lot of people killed during the bombings, but never fired a shot. Detainee then traveled to Jalalabad, AF, and crossed into Pakistan with fleeing Arabs, guided by Tagi Allah.<sup>12</sup>

#### 5. (U) Capture Information:

**a.** (S//NF) According to detainee, approximately a month later he attempted to travel to the Yemeni Embassy in Pakistan to arrange for transportation home and they paid a guide to lead

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 000156 SIR 06-MAR-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 000156 302 29-MAY-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Analyst Note: In some accounts, detainee refers to the organization which funded his travels as Jamiat An Nur and Gameiat al-Hekma.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Analyst Note: Ibrahim Aliwee is assessed to be senior al-Qaida facilitator, Ibrahim Muhammad Abd al-Razzag Baalawi, aka (Abu Khulud), discussed under Detainee Threat.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Analyst Note: A variant of Muhammad is Mohammed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 000156 SIR 06-MAR-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> > Analyst Note: Abu Fazl is probably Taliban Commander, Mullah Muhammad Fazl, ISN US9AF-00007DP (AF-007). <sup>12</sup> ≻TD-314/00684-02

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detainee to Pakistan. Once over the border, detainee stated he surrendered to Pakistani authorities.<sup>13</sup> However, detainee was transferred from Kohat to US custody on 30 December 2001,<sup>14</sup> along with other al-Qaida Tora Bora fighters. He is assessed to have been captured while fleeing Tora Bora with a group of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters led by UBL appointed military commander in Tora Bora, Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212). The group crossed the Afghani-Pakistani border in the Nangarhar region in mid-December 2001. Their Pakistani contact convinced them to surrender their weapons and gathered the group in a mosque where Pakistani forces immediately arrested them.<sup>15</sup>

## b. (S) Property Held:

• 4,000 Pakistani rupees (PKR)<sup>16</sup>

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 17 January 2002

**d.** (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF-GTMO: Detainee was probably transferred to JTF-GTMO to provide information on al-Qaida fighters in Tora Bora and Taliban forces north of Kabul.

**6.** (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee is deceptive and often uncooperative. During a debriefing by Yemeni officials, detainee admitted using his associates name when first captured but denied traveling to any country other than Afghanistan – although he has claimed travel to Jordan. While detainee's timeline of travel from Yemen to Afghanistan is consistent and credible; detainee's timeline after his arrival in Afghanistan is not. When first interviewed after being transferred to US custody; detainee admitted going to Afghanistan for jihad, receiving weapons training from the Taliban, and being on the front lines north of Kabul. Later, detainee's story changed to traveling to Afghanistan for the purpose of rebuilding an Islamic center or to receive medical treatment. Detainee's claimed travel for treatment is assessed to be false. Detainee admits he surrendered his passport, but claimed it was related to seeking medical assistance. When visually inspected by an interviewer for scars related to detainee's claimed injury and surgery on his head, no evidence of scars or defects were found. Detainee could not provide amplifying details of the people with whom he associated during his travels. Detainee claimed he avoided al-Qaida elements, yet detainee's name was found on an al-Qaida associated list.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 000156 SIR 06-MAR-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> >TD-314/00845-02, DAB Association of Names to 195 Detainees 29-Dec-2006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> ≻Withdrawal from Tora Bora

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Analyst Note: 4000 PKR was equivalent to \$66 US on conversion date 15 December 2001.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Yemen Delegation Transcripts 02-Jul-2005, 000156 SIR 29-May-2002

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#### 7. (U) Detainee Threat:

**a.** (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be a MEDIUM risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies.

**b.** (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer for Continued Detention in Host Country: Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida and his name was listed on an al-Qaida affiliated document. Detainee acknowledged recruitment from an identified senior al-Qaida facilitator, and he used an al-Qaida cover story. Detainee acknowledged receiving weapons training from the Taliban and fighting in support of the Taliban. Detainee is assessed to have received training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp and then served as a fighter in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade on the front lines. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces and was captured with LY-212. Detainee has expressed continuing support for extremism.

• (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida. Detainee's name was listed on an al-Qaida affiliated document, detainee acknowledged recruitment from an identified senior al-Qaida facilitator, and he used a known al-Qaida cover story.<sup>18</sup>

• (S//NF) Detainee's name and alias were listed on a document recovered from a laptop associated with senior al-Qaida member Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, aka (KSM), aka (Mukhtar), ISN US9KU-010024 (KU-10024). The document listed the contents of detainee's trust account as a passport, a ticket, and luggage.<sup>19</sup>

• Analyst Note: Such lists are indicative of an individual's residence within al-Qaida, Taliban, and other extremist guesthouses, often for the purpose of training or coordination prior to travel to the front lines or abroad. Trust accounts, also referred to as safety boxes or safety deposit boxes, were simply storage compartments, such as envelopes or folders, which guesthouse administrators used to secure the individual's personal valuables, such as passports and plane tickets. These items were entrusted to the guesthouse until completion of training or other activity.

• (S//NF) Detainee's recruiter is assessed to be senior al-Qaida facilitator Ibrahim Muhammad Abd al-Razzaq Baalawi, aka (Abu Khulud). Detainee admitted Ibrahim Aliwee convinced detainee to travel to Afghanistan for jihad and admitted staying at Abu Khulud's residence for a short period in Kandahar.<sup>20</sup> (Analyst Note: Ibrahim Aliwee is a variant spelling of Ibrahim Baalawi. Ibrahim's residence referred to by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> 000156 SIR 06-MAR-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> TD-314/42895-02, TD-314/40693-02, TD-314-47683-03, Analyst Note: The documents identify variants of detainee's name Adnan Farhan Jalal and his alias Abd al-Razaq al-Baydani.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> TD-314/00684-02, 000156 SIR 06-MAR-2002

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detainee was probably the al-Nibras Guesthouse, which was operated by Abu Khulud (Baalawi) and used by al-Qaida recruits en route the al-Faruq Training Camp.)<sup>21</sup>

• (S//NF) Abu Khulud recruited other JTF-GTMO detainees for training with al-Qaida and jihad, including: ISN US9YM-000235DP, ISN US9YM-000054DP, ISN US9YM-000223DP, ISN US9YM-000522DP, ISN US9YM-000498DP and ISN US9YM-000193DP.<sup>22</sup>

 $\circ$  (S//NF) Detainee admitted that he gave Abu Khulud his passport.<sup>23</sup> (Analyst Note: This most likely occurred when detainee arrived at the guesthouse where detainee's passport was listed as an item in his trust account.)

• (S//NF) Detainee claimed he traveled to Afghanistan to seek medical attention.<sup>24</sup> (Analyst Note: This is a common al-Qaida cover story. Although detainee had ample opportunity, he did not seek or receive medical treatment for his injury and instead attended training. Travel permission (visa) was easier to obtain if the traveler claimed to be entering a country for medical treatment.<sup>25</sup> Senior al-Qaida facilitator Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), stated he provided forged documents to Arab fighters who traveled to Pakistan, certifying that these mujahideen were in Pakistan for medical treatment.<sup>26</sup> GZ-10016 also stated that al-Qaida sought to use couriers who had medical conditions which could be exploited to obtain a valid medical visa for travel.<sup>27</sup>)

• (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged receiving weapons training from the Taliban. Detainee is assessed to have received training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp and then served as a fighter in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade on the front lines where he participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces.

 $\circ~$  (S//NF) Detainee admitted receiving weapons training from the Taliban and then fighting in support of the Taliban on the front lines.  $^{28}$ 

• (S//NF) It is assessed that detainee received training from al-Qaida at the al-Faruq Training Camp due to detainee's use of al-Qaida counter interrogation techniques, willingness to withhold information about his activities and associates, his al-Qaida recruitment and subsequent residency at the guesthouse affiliated with the al-Faruq Training Camp.

 $\circ$  (S//NF) Detainee admitted after training he was sent to the front lines north of Kabul. Detainee remained there until the Taliban retreated and Kabul fell to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> 001457 FM40 15-JUN-2004, 001457 SIR 20-OCT-2004

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> TD-314/28759-02, IIR 6 034 0365 02, 000054 302 19-FEB-2002, IIR 6 034 0861 02, IIR 6 034 0564 02,

IIR 6 340 0791 02

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> 000156 302 18-MAY-2003
 <sup>24</sup> 000156 SIR 06-MAR-2002

<sup>000156</sup> SIK 06-MAR-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> TD-314/44280-02, TD-314/54543-05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> TD-314/48843-05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> TD-314/06618-03

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> TD-314/00684-02

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Northern Alliance.<sup>29</sup> (Analyst Note: The Northern Alliance took Kabul on 13 November 2001 validating detainee's presence on the front lines during hostilities against US and Coalition forces.)

- (S//NF) Analyst Note: Detainee is assessed to have served with the al-Qaida forces in the 55th Arab Brigade defending the Taliban. The militant forces on the front lines were composed of fighters from the Taliban, Arab Brigade consisting primarily of Arabs, and additional foreign fighters. The al-Nibras Guesthouse supported the al-Faruq trainees and fighters heading to Kabul. Al-Qaida required its fighters to first receive training before traveling to the front lines where they were then placed in one of the positions defended by the Arab Brigade. These positions were aligned with Taliban positions along the front lines.
- (S//NF) Muhammad Ahmad Said al-Adahi, ISN US9YM-000033DP (YM-033) stated detainee was in Afghanistan for jihad.<sup>30</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities in Tora Bora.

   (S//NF) Detainee's claimed circumstances of capture are unlikely and unverified. He was transferred to US control with other Tora Bora fighters and acknowledged when he attempted to flee to Pakistan, he did so through Jalalabad and intended to seek assistance from the Yemen Embassy, but provided a false name to Pakistani authorities. Prior to occupying Tora Bora, many fighters first went through Jalalabad, especially those who were fleeing the front lines and fighting in Kabul. Detainee's claim regarding the embassy is assessed to be based on instructions to him and other al-Qaida fighters given by LY-212 or his subordinates based on the initial instructions from UBL in Tora Bora. LY-212 arranged a cease-fire with the Afghan forces and asked them to allow the fighters to go to their embassies. The request was refused and LY-212 subsequently ordered the retreat.<sup>31</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee appears to express continuing support for extremism.
  (S//NF) In a letter home, detainee wrote, "What are we waiting for? Are we waiting till the infidels come to our home ... and it would be too late? Don't believe what you see on the news or what is in the letters [letter's home]." Detainee's letter implies he encourages a pre-emptive strike against US and Coalition forces vice waiting until they come to their land to fight them. Detainee endorses international jihad.

• (S//NF) Detainee's letters show an adherence to *Sharia* (Islamic Law) to the exclusion of laws created by governmental authority for the orderly functioning of society; similar to the beliefs of UBL and other al-Qaida leadership. For instance, detainee wrote, "[God] will ask you about everything ... did you follow His constitution? Or [did] you follow ...the devil, and human laws?" In 2005, detainee

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> TD-314/00684-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> >000033 MFR 17-JUL-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> >TD-314/14605-04, Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis

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called the US the "enemies of Allah" when meeting with the Yemen delegation. Detainee has also attempted to levy false accusations of torture while in JTF-GTMO; a tactic commonly taught to al-Qaida members. In a letter, detainee wrote, "If you don't see me again, just realize that I have already died under torture." In a separate letter, detainee instructed his family not to let any "dogs" into their home, a probable reference to his lawyers. <sup>32</sup>

**c.** (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a HIGH threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been noncompliant and hostile to the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 179 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 13 November 2007, when he spit on a guard which counted as a minor assault. Detainee has 16 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault. Other incidents for which detainee has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, damage to government property, failure to follow instructions and camp rules, threatening guards, provoking words and gestures, attempted assault, unauthorized communications, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. Detainee is currently in voluntary total fast status since 21 February 2007, refusing 930 consecutive meals. In 2006, he had a total of 62 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and 16 in 2007.

### 8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

**a.** (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **MEDIUM** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 22 February 2006.

**b.** (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee's account of activities closely parallels a common pattern of newly recruited Arab jihadists, traveling through Pakistan to train and fight in Afghanistan. Detainee was recruited by al-Qaida facilitator Abu Khulud and probably possesses knowledge of other extremist at the al-Nibras Guesthouse and al-Faruq Training Camp.

**c.** (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee's lack of forthrightness and candor, coupled with a lack of reporting on detainee's activities while in Afghanistan, makes it difficult to precisely determine or verify detainee's account. His association with a known al-Qaida recruiter and facilitator requires further investigation.

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

• Al-Qaida training camps

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> ≽GUAN-2003-T02401, GUAN-2007-T00350-HT, GUAN-2004-T05648-HT, GUAN-2006-B01641-HT, GUAN-2007-B00975-HT, GUAN-2007-I08962-HT, Yemen Delegation Transcripts 02-Jul-2005

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- Personnel who trained with detainee at these camps
- Al-Qaida recruiting and facilitation in Yemen
- Al-Qaida guesthouses

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 28 September 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

MARK H. BUZBY Rear Admiral, US Navy Commanding

<sup>\*</sup> Definitions for intelligence terms used in the assessment can be found in the Joint Military Intelligence College October 2001 guide *Intelligence Warning Terminology*.