



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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

JTF GTMO-CG

10 September 2004

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Transfer to the Control of Another Country for Continued  
Detention (TRCD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9TS-000660DP (S)

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

- First, Middle, Last Names: Lufti Bin Swei Lagha
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Lufti Bin Swei Lagha
- Place of Birth: Tunis, Tunisia (TS)
- Date of Birth: 29 November 1968
- Citizenship: Tunisia

**2. (FOUO) Health:** Detainee is in good health.

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

a. (S) Background and Capture Data: Unless otherwise noted, the following background notes are based solely on the detainee's statements.

- **Prior Terrorist History.** Detainee has about 5 years of formal education. He speaks Arabic, French and some Italian. Detainee served a mandatory one-year conscripted service in the Tunisian Army as a military policeman at the rank of private and received training in the use of automatic weapons. In 1997, he traveled to Italy (IT) illegally, spending time in Sicily, Borzano, Milan and Vittoria where he worked as a manual laborer on a farm, for 50,000 to 60,000 Lire per day. At the guesthouse in Milan, detainee remembers many guests using and selling drugs. During those seven months, detainee did not work and did not pay rent. From this house, detainee moved to the Via Paduva Mosque. This mosque is adjacent to the Milan Islamic Center, an organization known for its active recruitment of men to jihad worldwide. Detainee remained at the mosque for a year, working in the kitchen. Two of his acquaintances at the

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mosque, Belgacem Mohammed Ben Aouadi and Essid Sami Ben Khemais have both been tried and convicted by Italian authorities for their ties to Al-Qaida, through the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat (GSPC), and for receiving false documents, trafficking arms and explosives, and preparing terrorist attacks against the US.

- **Travel and Activities:** Detainee met Abd Al-Fatah Khemais at a mosque in Naples, IT, in late 1998, and was recruited by him to go to Afghanistan (AF). In February of 2001, detainee decided to travel to Afghanistan after learning it was a Muslim country. Detainee flew to Tehran, Iran (IR), continuing onto Mashhad, IR, before traveling to the Afghanistan border. He told the guard at the Afghanistan border he wanted to visit a friend and was allowed to travel to Herat, AF. He was arrested by the Taliban in Kabul, AF, and was held for two days, before being released and continuing on to Jalalabad, AF. He only intended to visit for a short time and then return to Italy. Once he arrived in Jalalabad, AF, he spent his entire time fishing and recreating and had no intention of fighting. He states he never took up arms against the Americans or anyone else, and never trained in a training camp in Afghanistan.

- **Capture Information:** Once the war started, detainee left Afghanistan and fled on foot by himself, traversing cold, snowy mountains and getting frostbite. Upon reaching Pakistan, detainee was in need of medical attention and went to a hospital in Pakistan to seek medical care. Detainee was captured on 8 December 2001 in Jalalabad, AF. Detainee had in his possession \$2,000 USD, a passport and an Italian identification card. Detainee was transferred to US forces on 21 April 2002.

b. (S) Transfer to JTF GTMO: Detainee was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, on 14 June 2002.

c. (S) Reasons for Transfer to JTF GTMO. To provide information on:

- Terrorist activities in Italy (detainee lived in Italy for 3.5 years)
- Terrorist suspects with whom he is associated.
- Terrorist personalities and dispositions in the Jalalabad, AF, area.

d. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention:

- (S//NF) Detainee admitted knowing a Libyan named Hossam from a mosque. (Reporting show this is Hossam aka Tamin who allegedly served as the training coordinator in Afghanistan for Italian based members of LIFG.

- Detainee traveled to Milan and stayed at an unidentified "guest" house to take advantage of free room and board. Detainee moved to the Via Paduva mosque. This mosque is adjacent to the Milan Islamic Center, an organization known for its active recruitment of men for jihad worldwide.

- Detainee claims he remained at the mosque for one year, working in the kitchen. *(Analyst Note: Two of his acquaintances at the mosque, Belgacem Mohammed Ben Aouadi and Sami Essid, have been tried and convicted by Italian authorities for their ties to Al-Qaida,*

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*through GSPC. The specific charges were for receiving false documents, trafficking arms and explosives, and preparing terrorist attacks against the U.S.)*

- Detainee followed news concerning jihad and the situation in Afghanistan. This news incited him to head for Afghanistan, after having been encouraged by Abd Al-Fattah Khemais. Khemais recruited him to go to Iran and then to Afghanistan, but detainee could not go until February 2001.

- According to Tunisian authorities, detainee is a dangerous terrorist known for his radical orientation.

- Detainee was recruited for jihad.

- The Islamic Cultural Institute (ICI) in Milan acted as an intermediary between Algerian groups in Italy and the UBL training camps.

- Detainee is an associate of, and has direct connections to, extremists involved with providing explosives and materials for the bombings in Casablanca on 16 May 2003.

- Documents forwarded from Kandahar, AF, indicate detainee is extremely deceptive in answering questions. Detainee has associations with numerous individuals suspected of terrorism.

e. (S) JTF GTMO has determined that this detainee is of medium intelligence value due to the following reasons:

- Routes of ingress to Iran, Pakistan, and Afghanistan
- Detainee identified Ali the Tunisian as Ali bin Sasi Toumi, aka Ali Toumi
- Key figures and intelligence information regarding LIFG
- Membership in the Sami Essid network
- Detainee has direct connections to extremists involved with providing explosives and materials for the bombings in Casablanca on 16 May 2003
- Detainee has criminal record in Tunisia for theft and violence

**4. (S) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee's overall behavior has been non-compliant, and he occasionally displays extreme behavior. There is no current diagnosis that detainee is having medical or psychological problems.

**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: It is assessed that this detainee is a member of Al-Qaida and/or its global terrorist network. Given detainee's associations with known Islamic extremists incarcerated in Italy, and his own warrant for arrest in Italy, the probability is very high that the detainee would continue his involvement in terrorist operations if released. Detainee's knowledge of travel

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routes, safe houses and financing channels makes it imperative detainee be retained in the custody of the US Government or the Tunisian Government. His continued detention will allow for further exploitation of his past affiliation with various terrorist groups and prevent him from engaging in further terrorist activity. It has been determined that the detainee is a medium to high risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

b. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends this detainee be transferred for continued detention to his country of origin (Tunisia) if a satisfactory agreement can be reached that allows access to detainee and/or access to exploited intelligence. If a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached for his continued detention in Tunisia, he should be retained under DoD control.

  
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