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JTF GTMO-CG

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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: US9SA-000768 (S)

1. (FOUO) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Ahmed Muhammed Haza Al Darbi
- Aliases and Current/True Name: None
- Place of Birth: Ta'if, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: January 9, 1975
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia (SA)

2. (FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good health. He has no known drug allergies.

3. (S) 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:** In 1995, detainee met a jihadist named Hussain Hakimi at an unidentified mosque in Jizan, SA, who convinced detainee to commit himself to jihad. Unidentified persons subsequently arranged for detainee to receive weapons training and Islamic training. At an unspecified time in 1995, detainee traveled to Zenica, Bosnia (BK) for jihad and received training at the Al-Qaida associated Camp Orashist. Detainee stayed in the Arab reception house in Zenica, BK, for the next several months. Detainee received training on the Kalashnikov, RPG, and grenades. Detainee then went to the front line in Bihack, BK, but the war was over before he saw combat. Detainee was then escorted by UN troops to Zagreb, Croatia (HR) before returning to Saudi Arabia.

- **Recruitment and Travel:** Sometime in 1996, detainee met Khalid Al-Mihdhar at an unidentified mosque in Mecca, SA, where they discussed training in Afghanistan (AF). (*Analyst*

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Note: Al-Mihdhar was an Al-Qaida operative and Usama Bin Laden (UBL) supporter who was part of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack in the United States.) A month before Ramadan, detainee traveled to Afghanistan to the Al-Qaida affiliated Khalden training camp outside of Khowst, AF. Detainee traveled with Muhammed Ilyan (aka Abu Said) and Gharib (possibly Abu Gharib) from Saudi Arabia thru Karachi and Islamabad, Pakistan (PK) before reaching Peshawar, PK. At Peshawar, detainee and Abu Said separated from Gharib and joined an unknown Afghan to board a bus to Jalalabad, AF, and then another bus to Khowst, AF. *(Analyst's Note: On other debriefings, however, detainee claims to have taken a bus only to Torkham, PK, and then claims he walked across the border to Afghanistan before catching another bus to Jalalabad, AF.)* Detainee claims to have used false passports and visas obtained through Mansoor (aka Ubeida Al-Makki) for the duration of his travels. UBL associate and camp leader Sheikh Al-Libi greeted detainee.

- **Training and Activities:** Detainee spent three months at the Khalden camp receiving instruction on small arms, mortars, artillery/cannon training, the Kalashnikov AK-47, PK machine gun, Mackeroff pistol, and grenades by unidentified Sudanese and Palestinian instructors. Detainee received Islamic instruction by an Egyptian named Abdullah Al-Muhajir. At the end of three months, detainee was hand chosen by Sheikh Al-Libi to travel to Jalalabad, AF, with two men, both named Abu Said, to meet UBL. Detainee subsequently traveled to Jalalabad, AF, and remained at Abu Sulaeyman's guesthouse for approximately one week. Detainee then drove 90 minutes to UBL's compound and spent time talking with UBL about UBL's dislike for the Saudi government. UBL also provided detainee with an entrance letter to the UBL-funded Jihad Wahl camp. Detainee returned to the Abu Sulaeyman guesthouse before traveling to the Jihad Wahl camp. Detainee spent 2 to 3 months receiving advanced training with the Kalashnikov AK-47 under the leadership of Al-Qaida personality Abu Atta.

In the Spring of 1997, approximately one week before the end of the Jihad Wahl camp training, detainee volunteered to fight on the front lines in Bagram, AF, with Abu Saleh, Abu Osama and Abu Jadal. Detainee and the group traveled to Kabul, AF, where unidentified Al-Qaida commanders issued each person a Kalashnikov and grenades. After fighting near the front lines in Bagram and Mt. Peshwar, detainee returned through Karachi, PK, to Saudi Arabia for approximately one year.

Sometime in 1998, detainee obtained a new passport after he damaged his first passport to conceal the fact it had a Pakistani visa. Detainee subsequently traveled to Sana'a, Yemen (YM) and stayed at the home of Ahmed Mohammed Ali Al-Hada, the father of Abu Jaffar from the Khalden camp, who was related to the September 11, 2001, hijackers. While in Yemen, detainee met Khalid Al-Mihdhar, who advised detainee to marry into the Al-Hada family. Approximately one week after arriving in Yemen, detainee married Muna Al-Hada in a double wedding ceremony with Al-Mihdhar. Detainee also admits to having met USS Cole operatives

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Bashir Shadady, Abu Jandal, and Akrama Maglafi, but denies knowing about the USS Cole attack. Detainee subsequently returned to the Al-Hada compound in Sana'a, YM, selling illegal visas to Yemeni's who wanted to work in Saudi Arabia. Detainee also spent the time meeting with former Afghanistan jihadists, including Usama Nejdi, formerly imprisoned in Saudi Arabia.

In late 1998 or early 1999, detainee and his wife obtained a Yemeni passport and traveled to Kandahar, AF. Detainee stayed at the house of Al-Qaida associate Abu Bakr in a compound for Arabs. Detainee and wife lived in the compound with four Egyptians, Ibrahim Al-Masri, Abbas Al-Masri, Hamza Al-Jawfi, and Abu Sulayman. While at the house, detainee met Al-Qaida leader Abu Mohammed Al-Masrk, who told detainee to go to the Al-Qaida ran Al-Farouq camp outside of Kabul, AF. Detainee subsequently became a trainer beginning in 1999 for the use of Kalashnikov rifles and anti-aircraft weaponry. Detainee states Sharif Al-Masri was in charge of the camp at the time. While traveling back and forth between Kandahar and Kabul, AF, detainee met Abu Bilal. Detainee knew Bilal was responsible for planning and financing large-scale Al-Qaida attacks. Detainee also attended the wedding of senior Al-Qaida leader, and leader of Egyptian Islamic Jihad, Ayman Zawahiri's daughter to Abu Dujana Al-Masri. Detainee also has unexploited associations with senior Al-Qaida lieutenants Abu Zubaydah and Abu Hafs Al-Masri.

In late 2000 or early 2001, after approximately six months in Kandahar, AF, detainee traveled to Karachi, PK, to send his family back to Yemen while he prepared for a large-scale terrorist attack. At some unspecified time, detainee met with senior Al-Qaida terrorist planner Abu Bilal at a hotel where detainee was told he was needed for a terrorist operation. Upon contacting Abu Bilal, detainee met a Pakistani male named Mohammed Shah (aka Badr). Detainee, Bilal and Shah then traveled to detainee's apartment in Karachi, PK, where senior Al-Qaida leader Hassan Bin Attash and Khalid Al-Pakistani (aka Abu Rahma) met them. Bilal informed detainee to go to Doha, Qatar (QA) to purchase GPS equipment and fishing boats and provided detainee with \$1,500-2,000 USD for travel expenses. Bilal subsequently took detainee's passport to Afghanistan and acquired forged entry and exit stamps from Malaysia, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan from Abu Yahya. In the meantime, detainee moved into Abu Bilal's house. Detainee subsequently traveled to Doha, QA, purchased the GPS and boat, and then returned to Karachi, PK. Sometime in 2000, detainee met with UBL for a second time for unknown reasons. After approximately one to two weeks in Karachi, PK, Bilal told detainee to return to Doha, QA, and then to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE). Detainee traveled to the United Arab Emirates and obtained catalogs of fiberglass boats before returning to Karachi, PK. Detainee then gathered with an unidentified group of people and Bilal, who explained the planned terrorist attack in the Straits of Hormuz by using boats packed with explosives to ram into a petroleum tanker.

Between June and August 2001, detainee traveled to Dubai with Muawiya Al-Madani to purchase a boat and a hydraulic crane. (*Analyst's Note: Muawiya is likely identifiable with*

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senior UBL Lieutenant Khalid Bin Muhammad Al-Juhani who assisted Abu Bilal in purchasing the boat used in the 12 October 2000 attack on the USS Cole in Aden, YM.) Detainee received \$10,000 USD in \$100 USD bills from an unidentified source and \$150,000 through hawala deals that Abu Bilal had arranged. (Analyst's Note: Abu Bilal states UBL passed along a total of \$800,000 USD to detainee via Tawfiz Bin Attash, aka Al-Sharqawi, aka Riyadh the Facilitator.) Detainee purchased a 1992 Pontiac Tempest to travel through the UAE with Al-Madani.

In October 2001, detainee purchased a ship for \$129,339.69 USD in Dubai from Mahmoud Al-Muhajir. (Analyst's Note: On other accounts, detainee claims to have received \$175,000 directly from UBL.) Detainee was unable to register the boat in the UAE because of lack of residency, so detainee paid Abdullah Bitta Tarish Al-Shamsi \$2,279.94 USD a year to register the boat under the name Al-Shamsi. Detainee was then instructed by Abu Bilal to find an unidentified Pakistani crew to care for the boat while it was docked. Abu Bilal also requested visas for four Yemeni crewmembers, but only received three. In November or December 2001, detainee also received \$225,000 from Abu Bilal in order to purchase a hydraulic crane. In February 2002, detainee met with Muneer Sharabi, Basam Waji, and Fayes, whom he had met in Kandahar, AF, and Minwar Khaladi to handle the finances. Detainee then purchased a smaller boat for \$7,351.94 USD in April 2002. Detainee was then instructed by Abu Bilal to register the boat in the country of Sao Tome under the name of Al-Rahhal. Detainee was told by Abu Bilal to travel to Al-Mukalla, YM, in order to pick up a 200-ton bomb that would be used to detonate on board a ship next to an oil tanker. Detainee then drove the boat to Al-Mukalla, YM, with Sharabi, Waji, and Fayes, stopping for ten days in Bosasso, Somalia (SO).

- Capture Information: In June 2002, detainee departed Bosasso, SO, and flew to Dubai, UAE, with a four to five-hour layover in Djibouti. Detainee claims he was stopped by police while leaving the UAE and questioned on a forged passport he was using. In Dubai, detainee waited at the airport to depart to Azerbaijan. In Azerbaijan, detainee was stopped by customs officials who found \$150 USD in counterfeit money on detainee and subsequently arrested him. Detainee was also captured with two bank cards, a Saudi passport, an envelope with telephone bills and sale papers, pamphlets from Hughes Satellite Phones, envelopes from the Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications company, a pamphlet from Etrix Vists, and a ticket book.

b. (S) Transferred to JTF GTMO: 5 August 2002

c. (S) Reasons for Transfer to JTF GTMO, source can provide information on:

- Al-Qaida operations, past, present, and future
- Knowledge of the USS Cole bombing
- Future attacks of Al-Qaida plans to use small ships bearing explosives in order to attack and sink oil tankers traveling in narrow water passageways

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- Use of boat to transport weapons, explosives, and people to unknown destinations
 - High level personalities, high value targets, and their dispositions:
 - Iman Al-Zawahiri
 - Saif Al-Adel
 - Abd Al-Rahim Al Nashiri
 - Abu Bilal Al-Makki
 - Khalad Bin Attash aka Tawfiq Bin Attash aka Waleed Bin Attash
 - Waleed Shayba
 - Omar Al-Libi
 - Shafiq Bin Amour Bin Salim
 - Abu Obaida
 - Sufyan Barghumi
 - Intentions of Al-Qaida to attack and kill random Americans and other Westerners in Yemen and in Saudi Arabia using rifles and possibly explosives
 - Al-Qaida order of battle and groups regrouping and reconstituting in the area of northwest Yemen
 - General information on the operations of an Al-Qaida cell in Dubai, UAE, and possibly in Yemen
 - Al-Qaida training and facilities:
 - Ibn Al Sheik Al Libi's camp in Khowst, AF
 - Advanced training in weapons, explosives, and mortars at the Al-Farouq training camp near Kabul, AF
 - Satellite phone and mobile phone used by Al-Qaida to facilitate operations
- d. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention:
- (S//NF) Detainee gathered with an unidentified group of people and Bilal who had the intentions and means to execute a large scale terrorist attack in the Straits of Hormuz by using boats packed with explosives to ram into a petroleum tanker in Port Rashid:
 - (S//NF) Detainee met with senior Al-Qaida terrorist planner Abu Bilal at an unidentified hotel where detainee was told he was needed for a terrorist operation, and who later informed detainee to go to Doha, QA to purchase GPS equipment and fishing boats.
 - (S//NF) Detainee traveled to the UAE and obtained catalogs of fiberglass boats.
 - (S) Detainee traveled to Dubai, UAE with Muawiya Al-Madani to purchase a boat and a hydraulic crane. He later purchased a ship for \$129,339.69 USD in Dubai from Mahmoud Al-Muhajir.
 - (S) Detainee claims he was sent to Al-Mukllah, YM, to pick up a 200-ton bomb to be used in an attack however, detainee later claims he had no knowledge of whether there would be an attack and was never told details about an attack.

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- (S//NF) Detainee requires further exploitation regarding all information relating to UBL:
 - (S) Detainee admits to meeting UBL twice, once in 1997 and once in 2000.
 - (S) Detainee was able to identify numerous personalities from the Tarnak Farm video, as well as UBL family members. *(Analyst's Note: The video is a taping of a speech given by UBL. His recognition of numerous personalities suggests he may be withholding information about his relationship with UBL and Al-Qaida members.)*
 - (S//NF) Detainee was handpicked by UBL for the Straits of Hormuz operation.
 - (S//NF) Sharqawi, aka Riyadh the Facilitator, identified detainee as having joined UBL's bodyguard force after the USS Cole bombing. Sharqawi states detainee remained in Yemen until returning to Saudi Arabia in 2000.
 - (S) Detainee has unexploited associations with senior Al-Qaida lieutenants Abu Zubaydah and Abu Hafs Al-Masri.
 - Detainee attended the wedding of senior Al-Qaida leader and leader of Egyptian Islamic Jihad, Ayman Zawahiri's daughter to Abu Dujana Al-Masri.
 - (S) Detainee claims he knows how to fly planes; however, he later recants the statement and claims that he does not know how to fly. Detainee needs to be exploited for all information relating to the September 11, 2001, attack and whether he was given information about the attack by his relative Al-Hada.
 - (S) Detainee is not being entirely truthful about his level of knowledge regarding planned operations of the Al-Qaida organization. Detainee claims to have knowledge about possible Al-Qaida attacks on American and Western interests in Yemen and Saudi Arabia.
 - (S) Detainee requires further exploitation regarding information relating to the USS Cole attack:
 - (S) Detainee claims while leaving the UAE to go to Al-Makalla, YM, he was stopped by police who then questioned him to see if he was Ahmed Muhammed Ahmed Hazai, who was wanted in connection with the USS Cole bombing. Detainee was then released under suspicious circumstances.
 - (S) While detainee stayed at Al-Hada's compound in Yemen (a known September 11, 2001, attacks planner), detainee admits to having met USS Cole operatives Bashir Shadady, Abu Jandal, and Akrama Maglafi, but denies knowing about the USS Cole attack.
 - (S) Detainee was a trainer at the Al-Qaida training camp Al-Farouq who gave lessons on the use of Kalashnikov rifles and anti-aircraft weaponry.
 - (S) Detainee needs to be questioned regarding extensive foreign travel in the following countries: Turkey, Yemen, Singapore, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Pakistan, Somalia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Oman, and Bahrain.
 - (S//NF) Detainee needs to be exploited for information regarding future possible targets of Al-Qaida.

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e. (S) Intelligence Focus: JTF GTMO has determined that this detainee is of high intelligence value due to knowledge of:

- Past and future terrorist operations, including:
 - Maritime Attacks
 - USS Cole Bombing
 - East Africa Bombings
 - Attacks on Western and American interests in Yemen
- Senior Al-Qaida Leadership:
 - Usama Bin Ladin
 - Iman Al Zawahiri
 - Saif Al Adel
 - Abd Al Rahim Al Nashiri aka Abu Bilal Al Makki
 - Khalad Bin Attash aka Aqua Tawfiq Bin Attash aka Aqua Waleed Bin Attash
 - Waleed Sheyba
 - Omar Al Libi
- Al-Qaida training facilities

4. (S) **Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee has no disciplinary history.

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:**

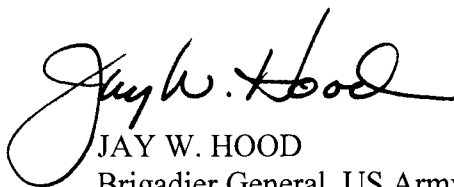
a. (S) Summary: Detainee is a mid-to-high level Al-Qaida operative intimately involved in terrorist training, planning, and the execution of terrorist attacks. Such attacks include maritime missions of a large-scale capacity that utilizes boats/ships, packed with explosives, to ram into vessels such as petroleum tankers in Port Rashid of the Straits of Hormuz. Detainee has numerous senior-level Al-Qaida associations that remain left to be exploited, and significant information regarding future maritime and shooting attacks by the Al-Qaida organization. Detainee remains to be exploited for all associations with Usama Bin Ladin, other senior leadership, and information regarding past and future plans of the Al-Qaida organization and specific attacks against Western interests. Detainee has not been entirely forthcoming in his own involvement and knowledge of such activities. It has been determined that detainee poses a high risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

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

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7. **(S) Coordination:** JTF GTMO notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF) of this recommendation on 1 October 2004. CITF assessed this detainee as a high risk on 30 June 2004. JTF GTMO and CITF agree on the threat assessment of this detainee as a high risk.



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