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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

JTF GTMO-CG

10 September 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 9lst Avenue, Miami, FL 33172.

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Transfer to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9YM-000461DP (S)

1. (FOUO) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Abd Al-Rahman Mohammed Al-Taty
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Abdul Rahman Umir Al-Qyati, Abu Aouf
- Place of Birth: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 1 January 1976
- Citizenship: Yemen (YM)

2. (FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good health but has a history of malaria.

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:
- Recruitment and Travel: During Ramadan 2000 (26 November through 25 December 2000), detained met an individual named Hashim in Mecca, SA. Detained and Hashim were together over the next ten days, during which time Hashim convinced detained to go to Afghanistan (AF) for jihad. Because of personal difficulties, detained waited a year to travel to Afghanistan, flying from Riyadh, SA, in early November 2001, and arriving in Karachi, Pakistan (PK). From Karachi, PK, detained was driven to Quetta, PK, then on to Kandahar, AF. (Analyst

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note: Hashim gave detainee 11,600 Saudi Riyals (approximately \$3,093 USD, 2001) to fund his travel.)

- Training and Activities: In mid-November 2001, detainee attended training at Al-Qaida's Al Farouq camp. (Analyst note: Although training normally lasted two months, detainee's training was "cut short" and lasted only twenty-five days. Detainee's training consisted of AK-47 weapons training, low crawling, and running.) Upon completion of training, detainee and his group of approximately 25 fellow trainees traveled to Kabul, AF, to Jalalabad, AF, back to Kabul, AF, to Khowst, AF, and finally back to Kabul, AF; never staying at any location for more than 2-3 days. (Analyst note: The group was led by one of the trainers from Al Farouq named Jerrah, who is a very influential trainer within the Arab mujahideen, and a midlevel Al-Qaida operative. Detainee did not know why his group traveled to the other cities. While traveling, the group did not carry any weapons.) Detainee contracted malaria and was separated from his group while recovering. Upon his recovery, detainee returned to Kandahar, AF, whereupon he was sent to guard an airport in Kandahar in January 2002.
- Capture Information: Detainee, along with many other guards, abandoned his position during coalition bombing of the airport. After hiding in the foothills of Kandahar, AF, for approximately twenty days, detainee was offered shelter in a farmhouse near the airport. When detainee went to his room in the farmhouse, he was arrested by Northern Alliance forces, on approximately 25 January 2002. Detainee was imprisoned for approximately four months before being turned over to U.S. forces at the Kandahar, AF, detention facility.
- b. (S) Transfer to JTF GTMO: Detainee was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, on 3 May 2002.
 - c. (S) Reasons for Transfer to JTF GTMO: To provide information on:
 - Recruitment of people from Saudi Arabia to the Taliban in Afghanistan
 - Personalities and trainers at the Al-Farouq camp
 - The underground network used to bring new recruits to the Taliban
 - High-level Taliban and Al-Qaida members in the Kandahar area
 - The type of training going on at the Al-Farouq camp
 - The treatment and handling of a patient in a hospital in Afghanistan
 - d. (S) Reasons for Continued Detention at JTF GTMO:
- Detainee is a self-admitted member of the Taliban. Although detainee claims his purpose in joining the jihad was to help the Taliban defeat the Northern Alliance, his travel to participate in jihad was post-September 11, 2001, and after the beginning of the coalition assault on Taliban forces. Therefore, detainee was aware that his participation in the jihad could possibly involve combat against US and coalition forces.

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- Detainee is uncooperative during interviews. Detainee has provided minimal information since his detention, and he answers every question by stating "It's already in my file." Because of his lack of cooperation, detainee remains unexploited. Even though he remains unexploited, detainee does not likely possess information of high value.
- e. (S) Intelligence Focus: JTF GTMO has determined that this detainee is of medium intelligence value due to his knowledge of:
 - Al-Qaida/Taliban:
 - o Personalities
 - Hashim (recruiter)
 - Jerrah (mid-level operative/trainer)
 - o Recruitment practices in Saudi Arabia
 - o Funding for recruit travel
 - o Trainers at the Al Farouq camp
 - o Tactics, techniques and procedures
 - o Operations, weapons and training
 - O Use of safehouses in Pakistan and Afghanistan
- 4. (S) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee's overall behavior has been generally non-compliant and aggressive. Detainee has exhibited aggressive behavior by spitting at, grabbing, and using threatening language toward guards. Detainee has had several instances of refusals and failures to follow the guards' instructions. Detainee has also had numerous incidents of possessing contraband items in his cell (food items and eating utensils) and several occurrences of unauthorized cross-block talking.
- 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 low level combatant of the Taliban and Al-Qaida's global terrorist network. Detainee has participated in combatant training, and has participated in hostile action against the US or allies as part of a jihad; however, he does not appear to be a senior leader. Detainee has associations with known terrorist organizations and facilitators, and he may be vulnerable to recruitment for terrorist groups. It has been determined that the detainee poses a medium risk, as he may possibly pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.
- b. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends this detainee be transferred to the control of another country for continued detention.

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7. (S) Coordination: JTF GTMO notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF) of this recommendation on 10 September 2004. CITF assessed this detainee on 22 March 2004 as a medium risk. JTF GTMO and CITF agree on the threat assessment of this detainee as a medium risk.

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