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JTF GTMO-CG

11 November 2003

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

SUBJECT: (S) Recommendation to Retain under DoD Control for Guantanamo Detainee, Mohamed A Ibrahim, ISN: US9MO-000133DP

- 1. (S) **Personal Information**: Mohamed A Ibrahim is a Moroccan national, born in 1979 (age 24) in Koreebja, Morocco. Detainee is in good health.
- 2. (S) **Detention Information**: Subject detainee claims legal residency in Italy, however that has not been substantiated to date. Detainee claims he moved to Turin, Italy (IT), when he was 17, where he attended a trade school for sheet metal work and hydraulics. He advised he began attending mosques and was impressed by an Egyptian Imam who preached Jihad against the West. Detainee stated that he accepted that Jihad was his calling and after making all the arrangements he left Italy for Jalalabad, Afghanistan (AF) using his own money. Detainee claims that after arriving in Jalalabad, AF he traveled to a Libyan training camp where he trained for about three weeks. After training he was sent to Bagram, AF, to join other Arabs supporting the Taliban on the front lines, against the Northern Alliance (NA). He fought with the Taliban until December 2000. Realizing that he needed to return to Italy to renew his visa he left Afghanistan in late December 2000. After arriving in Italy, he worked at several odd jobs. While back in Italy, detainee became affiliated with a Tunisian named "Salah" who was associated with the Islamic Institute in Milan, IT. After speaking with Salah, detainee decided to return to Afghanistan in late April 2001 to rejoin the Jihad. He flew into Tehran, Iran and traveled to Konduz, AF. Detainee advised he fought on the front lines near Konduz, AF, supporting the Taliban. Detainee further advised he was in the Arab contingent that expanded to approximately 600 men after the attacks of September 11th 2001, after hundreds of Arabs joined his unit to fight the Americans. Detainee advised that the Americans bombed him and his unit heavily in November 2001 and after the front collapsed, he was ordered to surrender to Dostum's forces in Konduz, AF. After he was captured, he was transported to Mazar-e-Sharif, AF and witnessed the Jenk prison riot. Detainee claims he was not involved in the uprising, however he was shot twice in the left leg during the fighting.

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After he again surrendered to the NA, he was turned over to the Americans and was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba on 4 February 2002 because of his affiliation with the Taliban as an Arab fighter and possible Al-Qaida member.

- 3. (S) Reasons for Detention: Detainee has been evasive, uncooperative, and argumentative during interrogations. He has provided contradictory information during his interrogations and is assessed as being a hard-line Islamic extremist and jihadist who continues to fully support Jihad against the West and the US in particular. Detainee was recruited by one of several Libyan Islamic extremist groups, all of which have direct Al-Qaida support. Furthermore, detainee was positively identified by a senior Al-Qaida operative currently in US custody, as an Al-Qaida member. Lastly, detainee currently has nine HCRs and one SDR levied against him.
- 4. (S) Assessment: Based on information collected and available to Joint Task Force Guantanamo as of 29 October 2003, detainee ISN: US9MO-000133DP is assessed as being a member of Al-Qaida. Moreover, based on the detainee's folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the detainee is of intelligence value to the United States. Based on the above, detainee poses a high threat to the U.S., its interests or its allies.
- 5. (S) **Recommendation**: In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be retained under DoD control.
- 6. (C) Coordination: JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 9 October 2003, who previously recommended on 15 September 2003 that the detainee be retained in DoD control and categorized the detainee as a medium to high threat. JTF GTMO and CITF are in agreement on the threat and disposition on this detainee.

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