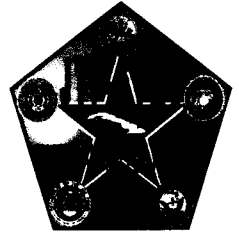




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6 January 2006

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for  
Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9SA-000109DP (S)

### JTF GTMO Detainee Assessment

#### 1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Yusef A Salah
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Yusef Abdullah Saleh Al Rabiesh, Abu Sara, Khedr Al Janoubi
- Place of Birth: Al Qasim, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 1981
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SA-000109DP



**2. (FOUO) Health:** Detainee is in good health. He has a history of GSW to mid-back at axillary line causing chronic right thorax pain. He was given a back brace for additional back support. Orthopedic surgeon diagnosed detainee with rib malunion secondary to GSW. Detainee preferred conservative therapy to nerve block. He has a history of GERD, hemorrhoids, otitis externa, and nonbacterial prostatitis. He has a history of panic attacks. Seen by ENT and performed laryngoscopy confirming diagnosis of GERD. Urology evaluated detainee and diagnosed prostatodynia and treated with flomax and naproxen. He went on hunger strike in July 2005. He is currently on aciphex 20mg po qd, multivitamin 1 tab po qd, ensure 1 one tid, lidoderm patch 5% bid, flomax 4mg qhs, and ultram 50mg po tid. He has no known drug allergies.

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**3. (S//NF) JTF GTMO Assessment:**

**a. (S) Recommendation:** JTF GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). **If a satisfactory agreement can be reached that ensures continued detention and allows access to detainee and/or to exploited intelligence, detainee can be Transferred Out of DoD Control (TRO). A visiting Saudi delegation indicated that the Government of Saudi Arabia would be willing to take custody of detainee for possible prosecution.** JTF GTMO previously assessed detainee as Retain in DoD Control (DoD) on 25 June 2004.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is an assessed Al-Qaida member. Reporting from suspected and confirmed Al-Qaida members placed detainee on the northern front lines in Afghanistan fighting against US/coalition forces in support of the Taliban and Al-Qaida. Detainee admittedly received militant training and stayed at guesthouses associated with the Taliban and Al-Qaida. It is assessed this detainee is a MEDIUM risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies. JTF GTMO determined this detainee is of LOW intelligence value.

**4. (S//NF) Detainees 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 is from the Al Rabiesh tribe. He worked at an automotive repair garage in Buraydah, SA, for approximately three months during the spring and summer of 1999.<sup>1</sup> Detainee did not complete his high school education. His brother, Abdul Malik, departed Saudi Arabia on approximately 5 March 2001 without informing his family of his purpose or destination.<sup>2</sup> Abdul Malik phoned home three or four times. Although he did not reveal his activities, he told detainee that he would assist in his travel to Afghanistan (AF). Abdul Malik provided detainee with instructions for traveling to Afghanistan during a subsequent phone call. Detainee claimed his purpose in traveling to Afghanistan was to convince his brother to return to Saudi Arabia because both his mother and father had medical problems.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 000109 MFR 29-Mar-2002

<sup>2</sup> 000109 MFR 05-Sep-2002, (S//NF) (Analyst Note: In a separate report, detainee reported that his brother traveled to Afghanistan five or six months before him. See IIR 6 034 0215 02)

<sup>3</sup> 000109 SIR 10-Jun-2004

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**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** Detainee departed for Afghanistan in May or June of 2001, after the school year had ended.<sup>4</sup> Detainee claimed he sold a dirt bike for approximately 5000 Saudi riyals to help finance his trip.<sup>5</sup> He rode a bus from Al Qasim to Riyadh, SA. As instructed by Abdul Malik, detainee flew via Bahrain and Dubai, United Arab Emirates to Karachi, Pakistan (PK). Detainee stopped over at a hotel in Karachi, possibly the Hilltop Hotel or the Hilton Hotel,<sup>6</sup> and waited for his brother to contact him. Abdul Malik called detainee and told him to fly to Quetta, PK, where they would meet. From the airport in Quetta, they traveled to an unidentified guesthouse in Kandahar, AF. After three days, they traveled to the Dar Al Aman guesthouse in Kabul, AF. Two weeks later (approximately July 2001), detainee and Abdul Malik took a flight to Konduz, AF. When they disembarked from the plane, the two traveled by taxi to a Taliban guesthouse in Taloqan, AF.<sup>7</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** Detainee and Abdul Malik received four weeks of training from an individual named Ahmed at the Taliban guesthouse. Training consisted of assembly and disassembly of the weapons, as well as live firing. When training concluded (approximately August 2001), detainee and Abdul Malik traveled back to Konduz and then traveled to Kwaja Ghar, AF, through the Sa'id Center, before finally reaching Jabal 4 (Mountain Four). Detainee stated his and his brother's mission at Jabal 4, along with four others (Hudaifa, Juneid, Mohammed Srour<sup>8</sup>, and Nebras), was to guard the two valleys on either side of their position. Their leader was a Pakistani named Abu Mu'ad Al Maddani (variant: Madeni, Madani). One month later (approximately September 2001), Abu Mu'ad told the fighters to retreat to Konduz because of the Northern Alliance advance. In Konduz, the Taliban agreed to surrender to the Northern Alliance and the Taliban fighters were loaded onto trucks. During the trip to Mazar-E-Sharif, Dostum's forces intercepted the convoy and the fighters were relieved of their weapons. The convoy then resumed its journey to the Qala-I-Jenki prison at Mazar-E-Sharif.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> IIR 6 034 0215 02

<sup>5</sup> 000109 MFR 05-SEP-2002, (S//NF) (Analyst Note: In a March 2002 interview, detainee did not mention the dirt bike, but stated that he was given 5,000 riyals of his sisters' money by his mother. Detainee admitted in that his previous story was a lie; he had not received money from his family. See 000109 MFR 29-MAR-2002 and 000109 SIR 10-JUN-2004)

<sup>6</sup> 000109 SIR 10-Jun-2004 (S//NF) (Analyst Note: Detainee told a completely different story about travel from Karachi to Quetta in 000109 MFR 05-Sep-2002 and 000109 SIR 10-Jun-2004.)

<sup>7</sup> 000109 MFR 29-Mar-2002

<sup>8</sup> (S//NF) (Analyst Note: Srour is assessed to be Mohammed Suror Ataby, ISN US9SA-000096DP (SA-096))

<sup>9</sup> 000109 MFR 29-Mar-2002

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**5. (S//NF) Capture Information:**

**a. (S//NF)** At the prison, detainee and the others were searched and placed in an underground holding area. The following morning, detainee and others were led out of the basement into the yard and were seated on the ground with their hands tied behind their backs. A short time later, detainee stated he heard gunfire and quickly laid down to avoid being hit. However, a bullet or shrapnel injured him on his back that caused significant bleeding and resulted in detainee lapsing in and out of consciousness for the next several days. After the shooting had subsided, detainee and others were again led out into the yard and then transferred to Sherberghan prison.<sup>10</sup> Detainee was eventually sent to Kandahar.<sup>11</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee was likely referring to the Kandahar detention facility where he was placed in US custody.)

**b. (S) Property Held:**

- 4 small pills (10mg-ea) in a foil-enclosed blister packet
- 1 clear plastic bag.

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF GTMO:** 16 January 2002

**d. (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF GTMO:** To provide information on the following:

- Taliban organization, strength, equipment, and procedures.
- Taliban training camp located in the vicinity of Taloqan, AF.

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation Of Detainee's Account:** Detainee has provided two very diverse accounts on his activities in Afghanistan. Detainee provided a different account to a Saudi delegation in July of 2002.<sup>12</sup> He did not repeat the new account directly to US officials until July of 2004. In later accounts, detainee denied any type of military training, denied staying in Taliban guesthouses, and denied ever picking up a weapon in Afghanistan.<sup>13</sup> According to his 2004 account, detainee was incarcerated by the Taliban for several months for violations of

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<sup>10</sup> 000109 SIR 17-Jun-2004

<sup>11</sup> 000109 MFR 29-Mar-2002

<sup>12</sup> TD-314/50993-02, S//NF) (Analyst Note: The summary report of the July 2002 visit was released in October of that year and mentioned the new account. Detainee was apparently never questioned about this radical discrepancy until he volunteered the "new" information. See 000109 SIR 10-JUN-2004)

<sup>13</sup> 000109 SIR 17-Jun-2004

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Taliban law, but was never formally charged with a crime.<sup>14</sup> To explain the change in accounts, detainee claimed that he had lied during his initial interrogations. He claimed that while in the custody of Afghani forces after the prison uprising, he observed others being beaten for denying a role in jihad. To avoid harm to himself, he reportedly offered scraps of information from the account his deceased brother allegedly told him while in Qala-I-Jenki prison.<sup>15</sup> He claimed to have continued this account while in US custody to avoid being labeled a liar. His alternate reporting during 2002, described in the above background data, is deemed more credible. Detainee has admitted to providing false information during his debriefings.

## 7. (S//NF) Detainee Threat:

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

**b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention:** Detainee is an assessed Al-Qaida member who fought in support of the Taliban. Detainee was probably a member of Usama Bin Laden's (UBL's) former 55th Arab Brigade that was operating in the vicinity of Konduz, AF.

- (S//NF) Multiple individuals identified detainee as being a soldier and stationed on the Northern front lines.
  - (S//NF) Admitted Al-Qaida member John Philip Walker Lindh identified detainee as using the alias Abu Sara and described him as low-level soldier. Lindh further remarked that detainee came to Afghanistan around the same time as he, but arrived slightly later at the front lines, around September 2001. The last time Lindh had seen detainee was in a metal container after the surrender of Mazar-E-Sharif.<sup>16</sup>
  - (S//NF) Two assessed Al-Qaida members Ali A Motaieb, ISN US9IZ-000111DP (IZ-111), and Mohammed A Al Edah, ISN US9YM-000033DP (YM-033), identified detainee as using the alias Abu Sara and being on the northern front lines.<sup>17</sup>
  - (S//NF) Assessed Al-Qaida member Mohammed Surur Ataby, ISN US9SA-000096DP (SA-096), identified detainee as using the name Yusef Abdullah, carrying a Kalashnikov, and being in Northern Afghanistan.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>14</sup> (S//NF) (Analyst Note: Detainee claimed he was arrested because he was in Afghanistan with a shaved head, no beard, no apparent home or family in AF, and because he had a carton of cigarettes in his bags. Detainee stated it was illegal at that time for males not to have a beard or to have a shaved head. He also stated that cigarettes were not allowed according to Taliban law. See 000109 SIR 08-JUN-2004, 000109 SIR 17-JUN-2004)

<sup>15</sup> 000109 SIR 21-JUL-2004

<sup>16</sup> 302 20020912 - US9SA-000204DP

<sup>17</sup> 000111 302 22-Jun-2002

<sup>18</sup> 000096 SIR 14-May-2002

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- (S//NF) Detainee and his brother fought in an area associated with UBL's former 55th Arab Brigade.
  - (S//NF) Detainee remarked that after the training, he went back to Konduz and then to a small village named Khwaja Ghar. The leader of the whole front line in this area was Amir Juma Bay, an Uzbeki. (Analyst Note: Amir Juma Bay is assessed as deceased Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) leader Jumaboy Numanjani, the IMU military commander whom UBL chose to be field commander of the Arab fighters in Afghanistan.)<sup>19</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee was deployed to an area called Jabal 4. The leader of Jabal 4 was a Pakistani named Abu Mu'ad Al Madani. Mu'ad's superior was Abdul Saleem. (Analyst Note: Abdul Saleem is assessed to be Abdul Salem Al Hadrami aka Mu'ammam Sa'id Abbud Dayan, a known Al-Qaida recruiter/facilitator and an Arab Brigade unit commander.)<sup>20</sup>
    - (S//NF) Present with detainee at Jabal 4 were Hudaifa, Juneid, Mohammed Srour, and Nibras.<sup>21</sup>
      - ◆ (S//NF) SA-096 reported that Abdul Salam was in charge of all Arab units in the north of Afghanistan near Konduz. Abu Muad, from Saudi Arabia, was in charge of a small unit of Arab men fighting at a location known as Jabal Four (mountain four). This unit was comprised of Hudaifa, a Syrian, and four Saudis named Yusif Abdullah (detainee), Junaith Al Mecci, Abdul Malik, himself, and Nibras. SA-096 reported that the unit had five riflemen, one RPG gunner, and one PK gunner. He claimed that all members of the Jabal Four unit had volunteered to fight in the north and had extensive experience fighting together against the Northern Alliance.<sup>22</sup>
      - (S//NF) Assessed Al-Qaida member Abd Al Rahman Ahmed, ISN US9SA-000095DP (SA-095), reported that Abu Mu'ad's unit was a 16-man unit.<sup>23</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee stayed at three Taliban and Al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses.
    - (S//NF) Detainee reported that he stayed at an unidentified guesthouse in Kandahar.<sup>24</sup> (Analyst Note: This guesthouse is assessed to be the Al Ansar guesthouse.)

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<sup>19</sup> TD 314/10374-02, (S//NF) Analyst Note: The Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan is an IICT Tier 1 target. Tier 1 targets are defined as terrorist groups, especially those with state support, that have demonstrated both intention and capability to attack US persons or interests. IMU leader Jumaboy Namangani was killed on 11 November 2001 during an attack by coalition air forces as he traveled from Konduz province in the direction of Mazar-I-Sharif, Balkh Province, AF)

<sup>20</sup> IIR 6 034 1474 03, TD-314/49402-01, IIR 6 034 0385 02

<sup>21</sup> 000109 MFR 29-Mar-2002, Page 3, Paras 10-13

<sup>22</sup> IIR 6 034 0133 02

<sup>23</sup> 000095 FBI 302 13-Apr-2002

<sup>24</sup> 000109 MFR 29-Mar-2002

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- (S//NF) Al-Qaida facilitator, Abdu Ali Al Haji Sharqawi, ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), has remarked that this guesthouse went by a number of aliases (the Hajj Habash guesthouse, the Al Ansar guesthouse, the Abu Khulud guesthouse, the Zubair guesthouse, and the Suhaib guesthouse).<sup>25</sup>
- (S//NF) One of UBL's bodyguards, Mu'azhamza A Al Alawi, ISN US9YM-000028DP (YM-028), described the Al Ansar Madafa as a waypoint and support center for Arabs transitioning to and from local training camps in the Kandahar area.<sup>26</sup>
- (S//NF) Al-Qaida member Abd Al Rahman Moaza Zafer Al Amri, ISN US9SA-000196DP (SA-196), claimed the Kandahar Al Ansar guesthouse belonged to UBL.<sup>27</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee reported that he stayed at the Dar Al Aman guesthouse in Sherenow (assessed to be referring to Shahr-e Now, which is located in Kabul, AF.)<sup>28</sup>
  - (S//NF) Yusuf K Abdullah, ISN US9SA-000073DP (SA-073), reported that the Dar Al Aman guesthouse is in Kabul and was used by the Taliban as a safe house to process and lodge Arabs traveling to Afghanistan to participate in jihad.<sup>29</sup>
  - (S//NF) IZ-111 reported that the Dar Al Aman guesthouse belonged to the Pakistani Islamic Jihad Group.<sup>30</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee reported that he stayed at a Taliban guesthouse in Taloqan, which was approximately 30km south of Konduz.<sup>31</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee reported that he received four weeks of training at the Taloqan guesthouse from an individual called Ahmed.<sup>32</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee's name and alias were found on a document along with 322 other names and aliases recovered during raids on Al-Qaida safe/guest houses.
  - (S//NF) Variants of detainee's name Yousef Abdullah Al Robeishi, and alias, Khedr Al Janoubi, were listed on a document recovered from a Pakistani Inter-Service Intelligence Directorate (ISID) raid on Al-Qaida safe houses in Karachi, PK on 11 September 2002. Detainee's safety deposit box was listed as 197.95, with the comment that it held a Saudi passport and a wallet.<sup>33</sup> (Analyst Note: This list was also recovered from a practical journal of Agha Abdul Rasheed found in the Gulshan

<sup>25</sup> 1457 SIR 20 Oct 2004<sup>26</sup> IIR 6 034 0968 03<sup>27</sup> IIR 6 034 0837 02<sup>28</sup> 000109 MFR 29-Mar-2002<sup>29</sup> IIR 6 034 1357 03<sup>30</sup> TD-314/38995-02<sup>31</sup> 000109 MFR 29-Mar-2002<sup>32</sup> 000109 MFR 29-Mar-2002<sup>33</sup> TD-314/40693-02, #307

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Technical High School in Karachi, PK. Detainee's name was listed as Yusuf Abdallah Al Rubaysh, and his alias listed as Khadar Al Janubi, and associated with trust number 197.)<sup>34</sup>

- (S//NF) In July 2002, a delegation from Saudi Arabia visited JTF GTMO and interviewed detainee. He was identified as of low intelligence and law enforcement value to the US, and unlikely to pose a terrorist threat to the US or its interests. Further, the Saudi delegation indicated that the Government of Saudi Arabia would be willing to take custody of detainee for possible prosecution as soon as the US determined it no longer wanted to hold him.<sup>35</sup>

**c. (FOUO) Detainee's Conduct:** The detainee is assessed as a MODERATE threat from a detention perspective. The detainee's overall behavior has been non-compliant and rarely hostile with the guard force and staff. The detainee currently has 26 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS, with the most recent occurring on 13 June 2005 when he failed to follow instructions by refusing to move to a different cell. Other incidents for which the detainee has been disciplined include using provoking words and gestures with the guards, threatening a guard's life, cross block talking, detainee on detainee assault, assault on a guard, and possession of non-weapon type contraband. On 28 September, he attempted to take a razor from the shower to his cell. Guards asked him for the razor and the detainee initially lied about giving it to a guard. He eventually pointed out the location of the razor near the shower door. Other behavior notes show that on 10 March 2004, the detainee told a guard that, "Chicago was an important target to terrorists". The detainee also had to be extracted from his cell twice in February 2004 for refusing to go to reservation. The detainee has four Reports of Disciplinary Infraction in 2005, one for threatening guards. He gave moderate support for the voluntary total fasts, reaching 40 meals missed in August 2005. On 20 June, SA-109 tried to create discontent over Korans by claiming that even a Muslim chaplain could not touch a Koran, only detainees, and that if his warning was not heeded, there would be camp wide trouble. He also claimed on 10 January 2005 that his lawyer was spreading the claim to other detainees that the President had stated that guards mistreat detainees at Guantanamo.

**8. (S//NF) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:**

- (S) Assessment:** JTF GTMO determined this detainee is of LOW intelligence value.
- (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee was a member of a six-man group who was assigned to the Jabal 4 defensive position. This position was one of several manned

<sup>34</sup> Harmony Document #AFGP-2002-905527

<sup>35</sup> TD 314 30789 02



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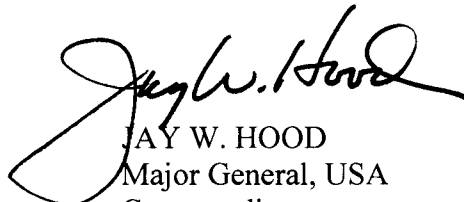
by UBL's former 55th Arab Brigade. His role in the Qala-I-Jenki prison uprising cannot be confirmed, but no reporting indicates he was an active participant.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee was one of many mujahid fighting within UBL's former 55th Arab Brigade. He is not likely to provide specific information of significant value. Detainee claimed he traveled to Afghanistan to bring his brother home and denied ever participating in aggressions against the US and coalition forces in Afghanistan; however, detainee has admittedly provided false statements and contradictory information. He could possibly provide information of the commanders and other fighters in the Arab Brigade and the facilitation of Saudi mujahideen to Afghanistan.

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

- UBL's former 55th Arab Brigade command structure
- Taliban and Al-Qaida safe/guest houses

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



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