

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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

JTF GTMO-CG

1 February 2003

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

SUBJECT: Transfer Recommendation for Guantanamo Detainee, Yuksel Celik Gogus, ISN: US9TX-00291DP

1. (S) **Personal Information:** Yuksel Celik Gogus is a Turkish national born in 1967 (age 35) in Sakary, Turkey. He has been diagnosed with chronic gastritis, H. pylori, and latent tuberculosis but is otherwise in good health.
2. (FOUO) **Detention Information:** In March 2001, subject detainee left his home in Karasu, Turkey, approximately 90 miles east of Istanbul, and traveled alone to Afghanistan via Bahrain and Pakistan for the purpose of avoiding overwhelming debt. Detainee read in the newspapers that the Taliban was giving away free homes and other valuable items to individuals who traveled to Afghanistan. Detainee intended to establish a carpentry business and live for free in a pure Islamic society and did not travel to Afghanistan to participate in jihad. Detainee entered Afghanistan through Pakistan because there were no visa requirements. After reaching a guesthouse in Kabul, Afghanistan, detainee met and stayed with a Kurd named Omar Kurdu while searching for employment and a possible place to open a carpentry business. In early October 2001, when Kabul was about to fall, detainee fled to Jalalabad, where he stayed until early December 2001 before boarding a truck headed for the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. After crossing into Pakistan, detainee went to Peshawar, Pakistan where he was arrested in a mosque on 16 December 2001. Detainee was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba approximately on 15 February 2002 because of his general knowledge of Omar Kurdu. Detainee has been cooperative, but Joint Task Force Guantanamo considers the information obtained from and about him as neither valuable nor tactically exploitable.
3. (S) **Assessment:** Based on current information, detainee ISN: US9TX-00291DP is assessed as being neither affiliated with al-Qaida nor a Taliban leader. Moreover, based on the detainee folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the results of which are available on the JTF Guantanamo detainee database, the detainee has no further intelligence value to the United States and will not be seen for further intelligence purposes. Subject detainee has not expressed thoughts of violence or made

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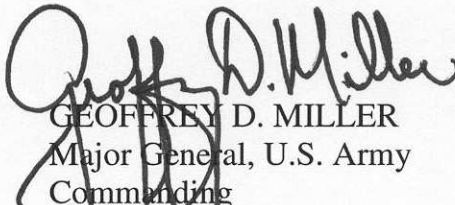
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threats toward the U.S. or its allies during interrogations or in the course of his detention. Based on the above, detainee does not pose a future threat to the U.S. or its interests.

4. (S) **Recommendation:** In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be considered for transfer or release to the control of another government.
5. (C) **Coordination:** JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 6 January 2003.


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Major General, U.S. Army
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