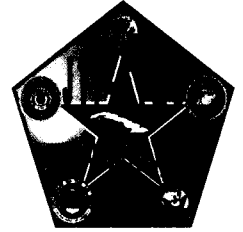




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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue,
Miami, FL 33172

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for
Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9SA-000215DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Fahd Umr Abd al-Majid al-Sharif
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Fahd Umr Abd al-Majid al-Sharif, Abu Musab al-Shimali, Abu Shahad Fahid Nakah, Kutayba, Faris Shariff, Mussab al-Shareef
- Place of Birth: Mecca, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 18 March 1976
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SA-000215DP



2. (FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good health.

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

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF-GTMO previously assessed detainee as Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) on 27 September 2005.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is an admitted member of al-Qaida who swore bayat (oath of loyalty) to Usama Bin Laden (UBL). Detainee traveled to Afghanistan for jihad, trained at terrorist training camps, and associated with known al-Qaida operatives, including the 9/11 hijackers. Detainee fought on the front line and was captured after fleeing

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the Tora Bora Mountains of Afghanistan (AF) with Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi. JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

- A **HIGH** risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.
- A **HIGH** threat from a detention perspective.
- Of **HIGH** intelligence value.

4. (S//NF) Detainee's 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:** From 1994 to 1998,¹ detainee worked for the Saudi police in Jeddah, and Mecca, SA. For three of those years, detainee worked in the passport office, in the Holy Place for one year,² and another year in the trafficking office. Detainee also earned money as a cab driver.³

b. (S//NF) **Recruitment and Travel:** In approximately 1994, an assessed al-Qaida member, Abu Jaffar al-Tayyar,⁴ and detainee's cousin, Salim al-Sharif, spoke to detainee about joining the mujahideen in Afghanistan. They showed detainee several relevant articles and videos. After reviewing the material, detainee seriously considered participating in jihad.⁵ In 1997 or 1998,⁶ an individual named Najed aka (Abu Sariya) recruited detainee and obtained a travel visa for detainee to go to Pakistan (PK).⁷ In late-1998, detainee traveled from Saudi Arabia to Karachi, PK, via Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.⁸ In Pakistan, detainee resided at Abu Zubaydah's⁹ home for approximately a week before Abu Zubaydah directed an individual (NFI) to take detainee and his brother to the Khaldan Camp in Afghanistan.¹⁰

¹ 000215 KB 04-FEB-2002

² Analyst Note: It is assessed that the Holy Place is the area near the Grand Mosque in Mecca, SA.

³ 000215 302 22-JUL-2002; also referenced in 000215 SIR 21-DEC-2004

⁴ Analyst Note: Based on information provided by detainee about this particular Jaffar al-Tayyar, it is assessed to be Ali Bin Muhammad Bin Ali al-Mushin, a probable al-Qaida member arrested in Saudi Arabia for a kidnapping plot.

⁵ IIR 6 034 0020 06

⁶ IIR 6 034 0217 06

⁷ 000215 SIR 13-OCT-2004

⁸ Ibid

⁹ Analyst Note: Abu Zubaydah is a senior al-Qaida facilitator currently in US custody at an undisclosed location.

¹⁰ 000215 SIR 18-DEC-2004, Analyst Note: A variant of Khaldan is Khalden.

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c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: While at the Khaldan Camp, an al-Qaida member named Mahejin¹¹ recruited detainee for UBL's organization. Detainee then traveled to the al-Ansar Guesthouse in Kandahar, AF, where he joined al-Qaida and swore bayat to UBL. Detainee noted that the reason he swore an oath was to demonstrate he was ready to give his life for Islam and UBL. After detainee completed his training, he traveled to Kabul, AF, for an unknown period of time.¹² Later, after returning to Saudi Arabia, detainee planned to travel to Chechnya, but he could not gain entrance, so he returned to Afghanistan. Back in Afghanistan, detainee participated in a poisons course at the Khabab Camp in Derunta. While waiting to start the course, detainee contracted malaria, so he had to return to the Khaldan Guesthouse to recover. In 1999, detainee completed the two-week poisons course, which focused on poisons used in food and drinks.¹³ In 2000, detainee attended the al-Faruq Camp and, afterwards, received one to two months of mountain and wilderness training.¹⁴ Also in 2000¹⁵ and on into 2001, detainee served on the front lines near Kabul.¹⁶

5. (S//NF) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Detainee fled Afghanistan with a group of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters led by UBL-appointed military commander in Tora Bora, Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi. The group crossed the Afghani-Pakistani border in the Nangarhar region around 14 December 2001. The group felt safe in the hands of their Pakistani host who convinced them to surrender their weapons. The host then gathered the group in a mosque where Pakistani forces immediately arrested them. During the transit to prison, one of the detainees attacked a guard leading to a struggle in which six Pakistani guards were killed and some of the prisoners escaped.¹⁷ Pakistani authorities transferred detainee to US custody on 2 January 2002 in Kohat, PK.¹⁸

¹¹ Analyst Note: Mahejin is probably deceased al-Qaida member Abu Mehjin.

¹² IIR 6 034 0081 05

¹³ 000215 SIR 30-NOV-2004

¹⁴ IIR 6 034 0403 05, IIR 6 034 0328 05

¹⁵ IIR 6 034 0259 06

¹⁶ 000215 SIR 13-OCT-2005

¹⁷ IIR 7 739 3396 02, Withdrawal from Tora Bora (DAB analysis paper, JDIMS)

¹⁸ TD-314/00845-02

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b. (S) Property Held:

- 2 watches, one of which was an F-91W Casio¹⁹
- Money:
 - 1095 Pakistani Rupees
 - 2500 Saudi Riyals
 - 100 US Dollars
- Personal items including eyeglasses, wallet, prayer beads, pen, wood stick, soap and paper

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

d. (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF-GTMO: Detainee's file does not indicate why he was sent to JTF-GTMO; however, it is highly likely his transfer was due to suspicions of detainee being a member of al-Qaida.

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee's veracity is questionable due to the retractions he has made throughout his incarceration. Detainee acknowledged associates and participating in activities, only to later deny admitting to them. Detainee's activities for the majority of his time in Afghanistan are unclear. The account of his activities provided above is the most plausible based on his admissions and as corroborated by others.

7. (S//NF) Detainee Threat:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be a HIGH risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies.

b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention: Detainee is an admitted al-Qaida member who swore bayat to UBL. Detainee has associated with known al-Qaida operatives, traveled to Afghanistan for jihad, and received training at terrorist training camps. Detainee fought on the front line and, while fleeing Afghanistan, was captured with a group of individuals that included senior al-Qaida operative Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi.

- (S//NF) Detainee is an admitted member of al-Qaida.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted he swore bayat to UBL and joined al-Qaida.²⁰ Further verifying his association and potential as a future threat, detainee stated, "If the

¹⁹ 000002 MFR 24-APR-2002, Casio Watch Electronic Analysis Report 19-Aug-2004, Casio Watches and Relationship to Detainees 20-Apr-2006

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- Americans let me go, I will go back to al-Qaida.”²¹ He also said if UBL had chosen him to participate in the events of 11 September 2001, he would have done so.²²
- (S/NF) Detainee stated he met with UBL on numerous occasions.²³ Mohammad Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), stated that detainee met with UBL and was given \$1000 USD.²⁴
 - (S/NF) Detainee acknowledged associations with al-Qaida members including 9/11 hijackers.
 - (S/NF) Detainee claimed he was not personally involved with the 9/11 operations but photo-identified between 9 and 15 of the known and potentially unknown 9/11 hijackers:²⁵
 - Abdul Atta, assessed to be Muhammad Atta, the US-based commander of the operation and pilot of flight 11
 - Maruan, assessed to be Marwan al-Shehhi, the pilot of flight 175
 - Abu Abbas, assessed to be Abdulaziz Alomari on flight 11
 - Bilal, assessed to be Salem Alhazmi on flight 77
 - Abu al-Jarah, assessed to be Ahmad Ibrahim A al-Haznawi on flight 93
 - Ahnaf, assessed to be Majed Moqed on flight 77
 - A’azmi, assessed to be Satam M A al-Suqami on flight 11
 - Sinan, assessed to be Hamza Alghamdi, on flight 175
 - Additionally, detainee provided the names of hijackers Sulaiman, Ahmad, A’arwa, Rabiaa, Julaybib, Hashim and Musa’ab. (Analyst Note: These names are not further identified and may indicate either an alias for a terrorist listed above, or other unidentified hijackers.)²⁶
 - (S/NF) Detainee acknowledged having a close association with Nibras,²⁷ assessed to be one of the suicide bombers who attacked the USS COLE. (Analyst Note: Members of al-Qaida, including Nibras, attacked the USS COLE on 12 October 2000. According to senior al-Qaida operative and USS COLE mastermind Abd Al Rahim Al Nashiri, Nibras aka (Ibrahim al-Thawr) was selected for the USS COLE operation because Nibras could operate the boat used in the attack.)²⁸

²⁰ IIR 6 034 0081 05, IIR 6 034 0079 05

²¹ 000215 SIR 22-OCT-2004

²² 000215 SIR 02-NOV-2004

²³ 000215 SIR 22-OCT-2004

²⁴ IIR 6 034 1614 03

²⁵ IIR 6 034 0081 05, IIR 6 034 0015 06, 000215 SIR 29-Oct-2005, 000215 SIR 02-Nov-2004

²⁶ 000215 SIR 02-Nov-2004

²⁷ IIR 6 034 0093 05

²⁸ TD-314/38699-03

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- (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged an association with Abu Khabab al-Masri.²⁹ (Analyst Note: Abu Khabab al-Masri aka (Midhat Mursi al-Sayyid Umar)³⁰ is an al-Qaida operative, expert explosives trainer and former emir (commander) of the Derunta Training Camp.³¹ Abu Khabab is also a known al-Qaida poisons and explosives trainer.³²)
- (S//NF) Detainee stated he associated with al-Qaida operative, Ali Hamza, in Kandahar. Ali Hamza worked at the Media Center making videos for al-Qaida.³³ (Analyst Note: Detainee may have additional information regarding al-Qaida videos such as creators, participants, delivery, funding and distribution. Detainee probably has information on the individuals who frequented the media center to include those involved in planned or foiled attacks against the US, such as Jose Padilla and Abu Jaffar al-Tayyar.)³⁴
- (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged receiving training at the Khaldan Camp, the Khabab Camp in the Derunta Camp complex and the al-Faruq Training Camp.³⁵ (Analyst Note: Detainee's presence at these camps is indicative of his exposure to advanced training and al-Qaida's increasing trust and expectations for him. Detainee is well trained and inclined to conduct future terrorist activities, lacking perhaps only the leadership qualities to organize and operate an independent cell.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted attending poisons training.³⁶
 - (S//NF) Detainee possessed two watches, to include a Casio F-91W model, when captured. This model of watch has been identified as a timing mechanism used in Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) linked to al-Qaida and other radical Islamic terrorist groups.³⁷ (Analyst Note: Reports indicate that al-Qaida distributed Casio watches to students in the watch timer course included in explosives training.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee's alias appears on the class listing of those accepted for the al-Qaida Tactical Course.³⁸ Detainee stated he attended the subject course in 1999, after completing training at Derunta.³⁹

²⁹ 000215 SIR 05-NOV-2004

³⁰ TD-314/21262-03

³¹ IIR 6 034 0423 05

³² TD-314/64067-04

³³ 000215 SIR 29-OCT-2004

³⁴ Analyst Note: Padilla and al-Tayyar were known to work out of the media center in Kandahar. Padilla is a conspirator in a suspected dirty-bomb attack in the US. Al-Tayyar is Adnan al-Shukrijumma who is currently at large.

³⁵ 000215 SIR 18-DEC-2004, 000215 SIR 30-NOV-2004, IIR 6 034 0403 05, IIR 6 034 0328 05

³⁶ 000215 SIR 30-NOV-2004

³⁷ 000002 MFR 24-APR-2002

³⁸ AFGP-2002-800321, pg 58 #24

³⁹ 000215 FM40 23-AUG-2005

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- (S//NF) Detainee's name is included on other al-Qaida associated documents. (Analyst Note: Inclusion on these lists is an additional indicator of detainee's association with al-Qaida, and, potentially, the other individuals noted on the lists.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee's name was found in a chat session log recovered from a hard drive believed to belong to al-Qaida operative Muhammad Asad al-Kandari, during a raid on a suspected al-Qaida cell responsible for the attack on US Marines on Faylaka Island, Kuwait, during October 2002.⁴⁰
 - (S//NF) During the joint raids conducted with the Pakistani Inter-services Intelligence Directorate (ISID) against al-Qaida associated safe houses in Rawalpindi, PK, on 1 March 2003, a file titled "Taha.doc" was recovered from computer media. A variation of detainee's name, Fahd Bin Umar al-Sharif, was found in this document, which included a listing of names of mujahideen who arrived in December 2001 to fight in Afghanistan.⁴¹
 - (S//NF) A variation of detainee's name, Fahd Amr al-Sharif, was found on a document entitled "Asra.doc" recovered on a hard drive associated with senior al-Qaida operative Khalid Sheik Mohammed (KSM). Fahd Amr al-Sharif was associated with the alias Abu Musab.⁴²
 - (S//NF) A variation of detainee's name, Fahd Omar al-Shareef, was found in a document listing 324 Arabic names, aliases, and nationalities, recovered from raids on safe houses associated with suspected al-Qaida in Karachi, PK. Fahd Omar al-Shareef was associated with the alias Mussab al-Shareef, the trust numbers 29 and 64, and the statement "has possession of a Saudi passport, a will, and a wallet."⁴³ (Analyst Note: This listing of trust accounts is indicative of an individual's residence within al-Qaida, Taliban, and other extremist guesthouses often for the purpose of training or coordination prior to travel to training, the front lines, or abroad. Trust accounts were simply storage compartments such as envelopes or folders that were used to secure the individual's personal valuables until completion of training or another activity.)
- (S//NF) Numerous al-Qaida operatives identified detainee.
 - (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida operative, Abu Zubaydah, identified detainee as Sharif. According to Abu Zubaydah, detainee traveled from Saudi Arabia to Peshawar, PK, with detainee's brother in 1998. Abu Zubaydah stated he sent both detainee and his brother to Afghanistan for training at Khaldan Camp following the East Africa bombings.⁴⁴ Abu Zubaydah saw detainee on the front lines and noted that, by 2001,

⁴⁰ TD-314/43361-02

⁴¹ TD-314/48336-03 (Detainee is letter D.)

⁴² TD-314/13174-03

⁴³ TD-314/40693-02, #96

⁴⁴ Analyst Note: The "East Africa bombings" is a reference to the bombings of the East Africa US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in August 1998.

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detainee was with al-Qaida all the time in Kandahar. Abu Zubaydah thought detainee may have stayed at the Abu Zubayr al-Haili Guesthouse and traveled to Tora Bora.⁴⁵ Detainee admitted he stayed at Abu Zubaydah's home.⁴⁶

○ (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida operative, Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash aka (Silver) stated he knew detainee as Musab Sharif and commented that detainee's family had descended from the prophet [Muhammad]. Silver recalled seeing detainee at the Hasan Guesthouse in Kandahar on a frequent basis in 2000 and 2001, noting that detainee provided administrative assistance to cover his room and board. Silver also knew detainee received training at the al-Faruq Camp although he did not know at which location. Silver last saw detainee in Tora Bora in the fall of 2001.⁴⁷

○ (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida operative, Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, photo-identified detainee as Abu Musab al-Sharif, who Ghailani saw for the first time on the front lines in Kabul during 1999 and 2000. In 2000 or 2001, Ghailani saw detainee again at the airport village and guesthouse in Kandahar. Ghailani said detainee worked in Kabul with Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi "given al-Iraqi's position as emir of all the Arabs in Kabul."⁴⁸

○ (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida facilitator, Abu Yasir al-Jazairi, photo-identified detainee as Abu Musab and noted that he last saw detainee in the latter half of 2000, at the Abu Suhaib Guesthouse in Kandahar. Abu Yasir recalled that detainee was popular at the guesthouse.⁴⁹

○ (S//NF) Tariq Mahmood Ahmad, ISN US9EG-00535DP (EG-535), stated detainee might have been at al-Faruq around December 2000.⁵⁰

○ (S//NF) YM-252 stated that he was a childhood friend of detainee and knew that detainee had attended training at al-Faruq and the Airport Camp. He added that detainee attended advanced training in tactics and operations (including escape and evasion and mountain, desert, jungle and urban warfare). YM-252 further stated that he and detainee served in Taloqan, AF, and at Tora Bora.⁵¹ Detainee stated that he did not meet YM-252 until after his capture.⁵²

⁴⁵ TD-314/55272-05, TD-314/24346-02, TD-314/39716-03

⁴⁶ 000215 SIR 18-DEC-2004

⁴⁷ TD-314/39255-03, TD-314/44432-03

⁴⁸ TD-314/55276-05, Analyst Note: Al-Iraqi was UBL's commander in the field in charge of the 55th Arab Brigade. Al-Iraqi is listed as a Tier 0 High Value Individual on USCENTCOM's HVI list dated 22-Mar-2006. Tier 0 targets are defined as individuals which are members, enablers and or facilitators affiliated with specific terrorist and Iraqi insurgent groups which pose a clear and immediate danger to US and coalition forces interests.

⁴⁹ TD-314/37609-03, TD-314/44476-03

⁵⁰ 000535 FM40 11-AUG-2005

⁵¹ IIR 6 034 0887 03, IIR 6 034 1267 03, IIR 6 034 0150 04

⁵² 000215 FM40 13-MAY-2005

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- (S//NF) Detainee was captured with a group of individuals including senior al-Qaida operative, Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi.⁵³ (Analyst Note: Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi was a senior al-Qaida trainer and former manager of the Khaldan training camp.⁵⁴)
 - (S//NF) A variation of detainee's name, Fahed Omar al-Sharief, was included in a document recovered from a computer server hard drive found in a suspected al-Qaida safe house in Islamabad, PK, naming seventy-eight suspected al-Qaida associates detained by the Pakistanis.⁵⁵ (Analyst Note: These lists identify the names of those detained along with al-Libi after they fled Tora Bora.)
 - (S//NF) A variation of detainee's name, Fahed Bin Omar al-Sharif, is listed in a seventy-nine page document recovered from the al-Neda Internet site on 20 July 2002. The document contained information regarding the capture of Taliban and al-Qaida fighters who crossed the border in the Nangarhar Province, AF, after coalition strikes began.⁵⁶
 - (S//NF) A variation of detainee's name, Fahed Omar al-Sharief, is listed on a hand-written version of the above document. This version identified sixty-eight associates detained by the Pakistanis.⁵⁷
 - (S//NF) A variation of detainee's name, Fahd Omar al-Sharif, is included on a recovered document associated with the Islamic Observation Center in London, England (UK). The document listed the names of seventy-six associates fighting with the Taliban against the Northern Alliance. (Analyst Note: The Islamic Observation Center is a known conduit of UBL's and al-Qaida's propaganda.)⁵⁸
- (S//NF) Prior to the Saudi delegation visit in 2002, the Saudi Mabathith (intelligence service) provided information on 37 detainees whom they had designated as high priority. Detainee was 26th on that list. This listing indicated that the Saudi government previously investigated the detainee for terrorist activity.⁵⁹

c. (FOUO) Detainee's Conduct: The detainee is assessed as a HIGH threat from a detention perspective. The detainee's overall behavior has been rarely compliant and sometimes hostile to the guard force and staff. The detainee currently has 28 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS, with the most recent occurring on 29 June 2006 when he yelled at a guard, "Zarquarwi⁶⁰ kill you, ali, Bin Laden." Other incidents for which the detainee has been disciplined include assault, inciting and participating in a disturbance,

⁵³ IIR 7 739 3396 02, Withdrawal from Tora Bora (DAB analysis paper, JDIMS)

⁵⁴ TD-314/52609-05

⁵⁵ IIR 7 739 3268 02

⁵⁶ IIR 7 739 3396 02

⁵⁷ IIR 7 739 3245 02

⁵⁸ TD-314/09853-02; Analyst Note from <http://www.iict.org.il/spotlight/det.cfm?id=699>

⁵⁹ TD-314/27540-02

⁶⁰ Analyst Note: This is probably meant to be Zarqawi.

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threatening cadre, misuse or misappropriation of medication, provoking words and gestures, possession of alcohol, damage to property, possession of contraband, failure to follow instructions, and camp rules. The detainee has 5 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault, the last occurring on 04 May 2006 when during an ICE visit, he threw his chair in an attempt to hit his interrogator.

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

a. (S) Assessment: JTF-GTMO determined this detainee is of HIGH intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 17 July 2006.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: After recruitment in Saudi Arabia, detainee traveled to Afghanistan for jihad. Over the next three years, he attended numerous al-Qaida affiliated training camps, resided in guesthouses, and associated with al-Qaida members including several key individuals.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee should have information on the al-Qaida network beyond that which he has provided. His prolonged exposure to the organization's training programs, guesthouses, and front line activities provides him with an insight and access to details that other detainees may not have or who may be unwilling to provide. Detainee has information about other detainees with whom he trained, fought, lived, and fled Afghanistan.

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

- Al-Qaida
 - Key personalities including those at large
 - Recruitment
 - Propaganda operations
 - Training programs, personalities, locations
 - Guesthouses: administrators, use, administration, and transients
 - Other detainees, their associates and activities

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9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 7 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.



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