

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

JTF GTMO-CG

11 November 2003

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

SUBJECT: (S//NF) Reassessment of Recommendation to Retain in DoD control for Guantanamo Detainee, Ibrahim Fouwzy, ISN: US9MV-000730DP

- 1. (S) **Personal Information**: Ibrahim Fouwzy is a Moldavian national, born in November 1978 (age 25), in Thudhaadhoo, Maldives. Detainee has been diagnosed with asthma (detainee has been given an albuterol inhaler), and treated for strep throat, but is otherwise in good health.
- 2. (S) **Detention Information**: Detainee stated he first visited Pakistan (PK) in 1995 to study at Jaamat Salafia and later Abu Bakar in Karachi. In March 2000, he claimed to have traveled to Maldives to wed his fiancée, then returned with her to Karachi, PK. He lived in several apartments, and last resided in a home owned by Mohammed Afzal. Detainee claimed he lived there for approximately 11 days before being arrested by the Pakistani police. The Pakistani police told him that he was arrested because of his knowledge and association with his landlord (Afzal). Detainee was taken to a police station and questioned. He was later taken to a military facility, and then returned to the jail. He stated he never learned why Afzal was arrested but opined that it may have had something to do with his work. Detainee was transported to Afghanistan (AF) and turned over to US forces. On 5 August 2002, detainee was transported from AF to the custody of Joint Task Force 170, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he has remained since.
- 3. (S) Reasons for Detention: Detainee was arrested by Pakistani authorities under suspicion of being an Al-Qaida member after a raid on his residence, that just missed a group of Al-Qaida members who had gathered at the home for a meeting. Also arrested with the detainee was a known Al-Qaida facilitator (his landlord), the person who sponsored the detainee at the madrassa and whom was allowing the detainee to live in an apartment attached to his home. Detainee has traveled extensively in spite of his limited income and has failed to explain adequately the source(s) of the funds he used for travel. Detainee also attended a

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fundamentalist madrassa, which was administered by the same landlord he was arrested with, that taught extremist Islamic views sympathetic to Al-Qaida and the Taliban.

- 4. (S) Assessment: Based on information collected and available to Joint Task Force Guantanamo as of 30 July 2003, detainee ISN: US9MV-000730DP is assessed as being a continuing threat to the U.S., its interests, and its allies. Detainee is suspected of being an Al-Qaida recruit and courier, however the complete extent of his association within the organization is not completely known because of his refusals to be forthright. Detainee requires further exploitation on the topics mentioned in paragraph #3, before being submitted for further transfer consideration. 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 medium threat to the U.S., its interests, and allies.
- 5. (S) **Recommendation**: In view of the foregoing, I recommend that the detainee be retained under DoD control.
- 6. (C) Coordination: JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this reassessment on 9 October 2003. In the interest of national security and pursuant to an agreement between the CITF and JTF GTMO Commanders, CITF deferred to JTF GTMO's assessment that the detainee poses a medium threat.

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