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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 US9YM-000223DP (S)

### JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

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

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Abd al-Rahman Abdu Abu Aghayth Sulayman
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Abd al-Rahman Abdu Abu al-Ghayth Sulayman, Noor al-Din, Muhsin al-Taizi, Abu al-Hassan al-Taizi, Abu Saad al-Yemeni, Abu Amer
- Place of Birth: Taiz, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 1979
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000223DP



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

#### 3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:

a. (S) **Recommendation:** JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF-GTMO previously assessed detainee as CD on 9 July 2007.

b. (S//NF) **Executive Summary:** *If released without rehabilitation, close supervision, and means to successfully reintegrate into his society as a law abiding citizen, it is assessed detainee would possibly seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities. Detainee is compliant but continues to be deceptive during interviews. Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida who participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces. Detainee fought at Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) Tora Bora Mountain Complex in late 2001 and on the frontlines as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade after*

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traveling to Afghanistan as early as 1999.<sup>1</sup> Detainee received recruitment and facilitation through the al-Qaida network and received basic and advanced training including artillery, urban warfare, and instructor training at al-Qaida facilities. Detainee was identified as a mortar trainer on the front lines after turning down the offer to become an instructor at al-Faruq, and was also reported to have tortured a prisoner held in the Sarpuza Prison. Detainee stayed at al-Qaida associated guesthouses and his name was listed on an al-Qaida affiliated document. Detainee is also visible on a video recorded at al-Qaida's Tarnak Farm Training Camp, an advanced training camp reserved for al-Qaida's elite fighters, which featured UBL as a speaker. 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 **LOW** threat from a detention perspective
- Of **MEDIUM** intelligence value

**c. (S//NF) Summary of Changes:** The following outlines changes to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation. (Changes in this assessment will be annotated by ➤ next to the footnote.)

- Added aliases Abu Saad al-Yemeni,<sup>2</sup> and Abu Amer<sup>3</sup>
- Added information on detainee's training activities
- Added information on detainee's front line activities

#### **4. (U) 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:** Detainee, born and raised in Taiz, is a high school graduate but was never employed.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Analyst Note: Analyst Note: The 55th Arab Brigade, also referred to in reporting as the al-Qaida Brigade, the Mujahideen Brigade, and the Arab Fighters, served as UBL's primary battle formation supporting Taliban objectives, with UBL participating closely in the command and control of the brigade. Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abdul Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), had primary operational command of the 55th Arab Brigade, serving as UBL's military commander in the field. For additional information see 55th Arab Brigade 01-Feb-1998, FBI 3540-01548-026-0015, DIA CAR 55th Arab Brigade 18-Sep-2001, IIR 2 340 6362 02, 000440 SIR 04-Mar-2004, IIR 6 034 0246 02, IIR 6 034 0252 06, 000078 SIR 14-Oct-2006, and Various ISNs COLISEUM ANS I005-04-0132.

<sup>2</sup> ➤000535 SIR 06-JUN-2005

<sup>3</sup> ➤IIR 6 034 0354 08

<sup>4</sup> 000223 KB 15-FEB-2002, TD-314/29791-02

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**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** Ibrahim Baalawi, aka (Abu Khulud), approached detainee at the al-Jumhuri Mosque in the al-Jumhuri neighborhood of Taiz. Abu Khulud advised detainee he would be given \$100 US to travel to Afghanistan, where he would receive a house and additional money once he married an Afghan woman. Based on the offer Abu Khulud made, detainee suspected Abu Khulud was associated with the Taliban. Detainee spoke with Abu Khulud a few times before accepting the offer. Abu Khulud then advised detainee he would meet him in Afghanistan with more details.<sup>5</sup> Detainee's father paid for detainee's passport,<sup>6</sup> and detainee traveled from Yemen to Karachi, Pakistan (PK), in March 2001. Detainee spent approximately 12 hours in Karachi before boarding a bus to Quetta, PK where he stayed at the Daftar Taliban Guesthouse for about an hour. Detainee next traveled by taxi through Spin Boldak, AF to Kandahar, AF. Detainee stayed in Kandahar for two weeks, at a busy Arab house managed by Abu al-Bara, waiting for Abu Khulud.<sup>7</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** When Abu Khulud met detainee at Abu al-Bara's house, Abu Khulud directed detainee to proceed to Kabul and find a house. He recommended the al-Qaiti house which hosted Yemenis and Saudis, but advised there were other houses to choose from. Detainee remained at the al-Qaiti house for eight or more months,<sup>8</sup> where he met Musab, Asim, and Saidi, all from Saudi Arabia.<sup>9</sup> In Kabul, detainee just sat around, ate, and read.<sup>10</sup> When knife-wielding Afghans began attacking Arabs in the streets of Kabul and Coalition bombs began falling, detainee, Musab, Asim, and Saidi headed north toward the front lines seeking safety. Detainee believed he was more secure if he stayed with a group, plus he did not have enough money to do anything else. Detainee traveled approximately 20 km north of Kabul to the area of Bagram, AF by catching a ride in one of the many cars headed that direction. He stayed at an area called "the waiting point", with 30 to 40 others, from 2 November until 14 November 2001.<sup>11</sup> There, Asim gave detainee an AK-47 assault rifle for self-protection.<sup>12</sup> At this time, detainee received rudimentary training on the operation of an 82mm mortar, but denied receiving any other

<sup>5</sup> 000223 302 17-APR-2002, 000223 FM40 19-AUG-2004, IIR 6 034 0365 02, Analyst Note: A variant of *Jumhuri* (Republic) is *Jumhory*.

<sup>6</sup> 000223 MFR 19-APR-2002

<sup>7</sup> 000223 302 17-APR-2002, TD-314/29791-02, Analyst Note: Abu al-Bara is assessed to be Zuhail Abdo Anam Said al-Sharabi, aka (Abu Bara al-Taizi), ISN US9YM-000569DP (YM-569).

<sup>8</sup> 000223 MFR 19-APR-2002, 000223 302 28-MAY-2002, 000223 FM40 19-AUG-2004

<sup>9</sup> 000223 302 17-APR-2002, Analyst Note: Variants for Assim include Aseem, Asim, and Asem. A variant of Musab is Musaub. A variant for Saidi is Saad.

<sup>10</sup> 000223 FM40 13-FEB-2004

<sup>11</sup> 000223 302 17-APR-2002, 000223 FM40 19-AUG-2004, Analyst Note: Detainee reported the dates as the 15th to the 27th of the Islamic month of Shaban, which correspond to the given dates.

<sup>12</sup> 000223 MFR 19-APR-2002, 000223 302 17-APR-2002

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type of military training.<sup>13</sup> Detainee denied any association with UBL, al-Qaida, and the Taliban.<sup>14</sup>

**5. (U) Capture Information:**

**a. (S//NF)** According to detainee, his group withdrew to Jalalabad, AF and then Torkham, AF where they stayed in caves for about a month. Detainee and a group of about 100 others crossed the border into Pakistan after which local villagers turned them in to the Pakistani police.<sup>15</sup> Detainee's account indicates he fled Afghanistan with a group of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters led by UBL-appointed military commander in Tora Bora, Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212). The group crossed the Afghani-Pakistani border in the Nangarhar region in mid-December 2001. Their Pakistani contact convinced them to surrender their weapons and gathered the group in a mosque where Pakistani forces immediately arrested them.<sup>16</sup> Pakistani forces transferred detainee to US custody from Kohat, PK on 2 January 2002.<sup>17</sup>

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

- Casio model F-91W watch<sup>18</sup>
- Slip of paper with Arabic writing<sup>19</sup>

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 11 February 2002

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

- Abu Khulud, detainee's recruiter

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<sup>13</sup> 000223 FM40 19-AUG-2004

<sup>14</sup> 000223 302 28-May-2002

<sup>15</sup> 000223 302 17-APR-2002, 000223 KB 15-Feb-2002, IIR 6 034 0349 04

<sup>16</sup> IIR 7 739 3396 02, Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis; Analyst Note: LY-212 is probably in Libyan External Security Organization control in Libya.

<sup>17</sup> TD-314/00845-02, DAB Association of Names to 195 Detainees 29-Dec-2006

<sup>18</sup> (U//FOUO) Possession of a Casio F-91W model watch (or the silver-color version of this model, the A159W), is an indicator of al-Qaida training in the manufacture of improvised explosive devices (IEDs). A JTF-GTMO detainee identified the Casio watch as "the sign of al-Qaida, [which] uses the watch to make bombs." The Casio was known to be given to the students at al-Qaida bomb-making training courses in Afghanistan, at which the students received instruction in the preparation of timing devices using the watch. For additional details see 000174 SIR 29-Dec-2006, 000002 MFR 24-APR-2002, Casio Watch Electronic Analysis Report 19-Aug-2004, Casio Watches and Relationship to Detainees 20-Apr-2006

<sup>19</sup> Analyst Note: The paper appears to be a list of personal items with monetary denominations, possibly price, associated with them.

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- Farhan, a Pakistani
- Abu Ubaydah, a Taliban leader
- Taliban supply stores in caves near Towr Kham

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee's account only partially truthful. Detainee intentionally provides vague and misleading details in his consistent attempts to minimize his training, engagement in hostilities and amount of time present in Afghanistan. Detainee stated his recruiter may have been associated with the Taliban, but this would have been clear to detainee before he traveled to Afghanistan as his recruiter was well-known as a militant and extremist during the Soviet-Afghan conflict. Detainee claimed to have only received minimal training on the AK-47, but other sources indicate detainee received both basic and advanced training at al-Qaida affiliated camps. Detainee also provided false information about his timeline which is clearly contradicted by reporting from other sources. Detainee's story about traveling to Afghanistan to find a wife is a known cover story used by many other assessed al-Qaida members who traveled to Afghanistan for militant training and to support the Taliban.<sup>20</sup> Additionally, detainee's claim to have stayed at an al-Qaida associated guesthouse for an extended period doing nothing of consequence is not credible and is a probable attempt to fill his timeline gaps without divulging incriminating information.

**7. (U) 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:** *If released without rehabilitation, close supervision, and means to successfully reintegrate into his society as a law abiding citizen, it is assessed detainee would possibly seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities. Detainee is compliant but continues to be deceptive during interviews.* Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida. Detainee received recruitment and facilitation through the al-Qaida network and traveled (late 1999 or early 2000) to Afghanistan. Detainee received basic and advanced training at al-Qaida facilities, and was identified as a trainer. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces. Detainee fought at UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex in late 2001 and on the frontlines as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee stayed at al-Qaida associated guesthouses and his name was listed on an al-Qaida affiliated document. Detainee was accused of participating in the torture of a prisoner at the Sarpuza prison in Afghanistan.

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<sup>20</sup> Cover Story Assessment (JDIMS, References, DAB), JTF-GTMO Matrix of Threat Indicators

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- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida. Detainee was facilitated through the al-Qaida network and traveled (late 1999 or early 2000) to Afghanistan where he received basic and advanced training at al-Qaida training camps and on the front lines.
  - (S//NF) Detainee received recruitment and facilitation through the al-Qaida network.
    - (S//NF) Detainee admitted Ibrahim Baalawi, aka (Abu Khulud), recruited him. Detainee met Baalawi at the al-Jumhuri Mosque in Taiz.<sup>21</sup> (Analyst Note: Baalawi is a known al-Qaida recruiter in Yemen and guesthouse administrator in Afghanistan.)<sup>22</sup>
      - ◆ (S//NF) Other JTF-GTMO detainees associated with Baalawi who are also affiliated with the Jumhuri area, include: Samir Naji al-Hasan Muqbil, ISN US9YM-000043DP (YM-043),<sup>23</sup> and Fahmi Abdallah Ahmad Ubadi al-Tulaqi, ISN US9YM-000688DP (YM-688).<sup>24</sup> (Analyst Note: Al-Qaida recruitment in the Jumhuri Hospital area requires further investigation.)
      - ◆ (S//NF) Ibrahim Baalawi recruited and facilitated many militants from Yemen to fight in Afghanistan, with many of his recruits receiving training at al-Qaida camps. Other recruits of Baalawi include Saeed Ahmad Muhammad Abdallah Sarem Jarabh, ISN US9YM-000235DP (YM-235), Ibrahim Ahmad Mahmoud al-Qosi, ISN US9YM-000054DP (YM-054), Adnan Farhan Abd al-Latif, ISN US9YM-000156DP (YM-156), Yasin Qassem Muhammad Ismail, ISN US9YM-000522DP (YM-522), Muhammad Ahmad Said Haider, ISN US9YM-000498DP (YM-498), and Muhssin Muhammad Mugible al-Askarry, ISN US9YM-000193DP (YM-193, transferred).<sup>25</sup>
    - (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida facilitator Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), stated he facilitated detainee's travel to Afghanistan in late 1999 or early 2000.<sup>26</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee received basic and advanced training at al-Qaida facilities in Afghanistan, and was identified as a trainer.

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<sup>21</sup> IIR 6 034 0365 02

<sup>22</sup> >IIR 2 340 6308 02, IIR 6 034 0674 02, IIR 6 034 0365 02, IIR 2 340 6086 02, IIR 6 034 0722 02, Analyst Note: Variants of Khulud include Khloud, Khalood, Khaloud, and Khalud.

<sup>23</sup> >0001457 FM40 17-Jun-2004, IIR 6 034 0034 05, IIR 6 034 0056 06, 000043 302 06-FEB-2002

<sup>24</sup> >GUAN-2005-A03269, GUAN-2006-T02117, 000688 SIR 11-May-2005; Analyst Note: The following detainee's also have connections to the Taiz Jumhuri Hospital area: ISNs US9YM-000030DP (TD-314/50613-01), and US9YM-000550DP (IIR 6 034 0671 03)

<sup>25</sup> IIR 6 034 0365 02, 000223 KB 15-FEB-2003, IIR 6 034 0861 02, IIR 6 034 0564 02, IIR 6 034 0500 02, IIR 6 034 0067 02, TD-314/29314-02, IIR 2 340 6086 02

<sup>26</sup> IIR 6 034 0059 05, IIR 6 034 0088 05

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- (S//NF) Tariq Mahmud Ahmad al-Sawah, ISN US9EG-000535DP (EG-535), photo-identified detainee on multiple occasions as Abu Saad al-Yemeni, a mortar trainer at the Bagram front.<sup>27</sup>
- (S//NF) YM-1457 stated detainee attended both basic training and instructor training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq training camp; detainee turned down an offer to work as an instructor at al-Faruq. YM-1457 stated following his training, detainee moved to an artillery center called *Markez Khalid* (Khalid Center) on the front lines.<sup>28</sup> Detainee claimed he only received rudimentary training on the operation of an 82mm mortar.<sup>29</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is visible in several frames of a January 2000 video which was taped at the Tarnak Farm Training Camp in Afghanistan.<sup>30</sup> (Analyst Note: Tarnak Farm was a follow-on training camp used for instructor training and other advanced training.<sup>31</sup> Detainee's presence at Tarnak Farm is an indication of his advanced training and supports YM-1457's claim.)
- (C//REL USA, GCTF) Muhammad Ahmad Said al-Adahi, ISN US9YM-000033DP (YM-033), stated detainee received advanced urban guerrilla warfare training and advanced artillery training.<sup>32</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces. Detainee fought at UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex in late 2001 and on the frontlines as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade.
  - (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged he was armed with an AK-47 assault rifle during Operation Enduring Freedom.<sup>33</sup>
  - (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), photo identified detainee, describing him as a fighter who sustained a shrapnel injury in Tora Bora during US bombing.<sup>34</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee's alias, Muhsin al-Taizi, a Yemeni national, is listed in a document published by the London based Islamic Observation Center (IOC). The list indicates that the named individuals were involved in fighting in late 2001, after US forces had entered Afghanistan.<sup>35</sup>

<sup>27</sup> >000535 SIR 06-JUN-2005, 000535 MFR 20-Apr-2004, 000535 MFR 18-Nov-2003, 000535 MFR 26-Nov-2003, IIR 6 034 0412 04,

<sup>28</sup> IIR 6 034 0088 05, IIR 6 034 0059 05

<sup>29</sup> 000223 FM40 19-AUG-2004

<sup>30</sup> IIR 6 034 0088 05, 000535 SIR 06-Jun-2005, 000223 SIR 18-OCT-2005, Analyst Note: Detainee is in frames 01:59.29, 02:01.13 AND 02:26.03 of the video.

<sup>31</sup> TD-314/06145-02

<sup>32</sup> >IIR 6 034 0354 08

<sup>33</sup> 000223 MFR 19-APR-2002, 000223 302 17-APR-2002

<sup>34</sup> 000252 SIR 02-JAN-2006

<sup>35</sup> TD-314/09853-02

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- (S//NF) YM-1457 stated detainee occupied the Khalid Center on the front lines. The Khalid Center, an artillery unit of the 55th Arab Brigade, was located approximately 45 minutes drive north of Kabul.<sup>36</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee identified the front line commander as Abu Ubaydah.<sup>37</sup> This is a probable reference to Abu Ubaydah al-Masri,<sup>38</sup> the commander of Arab fighters in the Bagram area.<sup>39</sup> Abu Ubaydah was in charge of the inner perimeter of the front lines in Kabul, while IZ-10026 was in charge of the outer perimeter.<sup>40</sup>
  - (S//NF) EG-535 stated Abu Ubaydah al-Masri was the *emir* (commander) of the Bagram front and was also detainee's instructor at al-Masri's camp. The camp provided training on mortars to the fighters.<sup>41</sup>
- (S//NF) YM-033 photo-identified detainee as Abd al-Rahman, a Yemeni from Taiz, who fought with the Taliban.
- (S//NF) Detainee stayed at al-Qaida associated guesthouses.
  - (S//NF) Detainee's name was listed on an al-Qaida affiliated document identifying his trust account contents as a passport and identification card.<sup>42</sup> (Analyst Note: Such lists are indicative of an individual's residence within al-Qaida, Taliban, and other extremist guesthouses often for the purpose of coordination prior to travel to training, the front lines, or abroad. Trust accounts were simple storage compartments located at guesthouses, which comprised of envelopes or folders used to secure the individual's personal valuables until completion of training or another activity.)<sup>43</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged he stayed at Abu al-Bara's guesthouse in Kandahar where detainee again met his recruiter, Abu Khulud.<sup>44</sup>
    - (S) Al-Qaida operative Ramzi Bin al-Shibh, ISN US9YM-010013DP (YM-10013), and Abu Jandal, a trusted senior associate of UBL, stated Abu Suhaib al-Taizi operated the Kandahar Guesthouse, while Abu al-Khulud al-Yemeni was in charge of public relations and "instructions".<sup>45</sup> (Analyst Note: Abu al-Bara, aka (Abu Suhaib), is assessed to be Zuhail Abdo Anam Said al-Sharabi, aka (Abu Bara al-Taizi), ISN US9YM-000569DP (YM-569). Abu al-Khulud al-Yemeni is assessed to be detainee's recruiter Abu Khulud. Both YM-569 and Ahmad

<sup>36</sup> IIR 6 034 0088 05, IIR 6 034 0059 05

<sup>37</sup> 000223 KB 15-FEB-2002, Analyst Note: Variants for Ubaydah include Obeida, Ubaidah, Ubayda, and Abaida.

<sup>38</sup> IIR 6 034 0246 02

<sup>39</sup> 000244 302 15-MAY-2002, 000244 302 12-MAY-2002

<sup>40</sup> TD-314/22297-02

<sup>41</sup> >000535 SIR 06-JUN-2005, 000535 MFR 20-Apr-2004, 000535 MFR 18-Nov-2003, 000535 MFR 26-Nov-2003, IIR 6 034 0412 04, IIR 6 034 0339 05

<sup>42</sup> TD-314/42895-02, TD-314/40693-02, TD-314-47683-03, Analyst Note: Detainee's trust account was number 59-119, also seen as 119-59.

<sup>43</sup> >DAB Guesthouse Administration 14-Apr-2008

<sup>44</sup> 000223 302 17-APR-2002, TD-314/29791-02, 000223 302 28-MAY-2002

<sup>45</sup> TD-314/38347-02, IIR 5 391 0011 01



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- Muhammad Haza al-Darbi, ISN US9SA-000768DP (SA-768), stated Abu Khulud was a Yemeni from Taiz, who worked at the al-Qaida guesthouse.<sup>46</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted staying at the Hamza al-Qaiti Guesthouse in Kabul for at least eight months.<sup>47</sup>
    - (S//NF) YM-252 photo identified detainee from the Hamza al-Qaiti Guesthouse.<sup>48</sup>
    - (S//NF) Hamza al-Qaiti, a veteran militant who fought against the Serbs in Bosnia and the Soviet occupation in Afghanistan, managed an al-Qaida sponsored guesthouse in Kabul which housed fighters traveling to the front lines.<sup>49</sup> In the spring and summer of 2001, al-Qaiti reportedly established a large training camp for fighters in Afghanistan.<sup>50</sup>
  - (S) Detainee was accused of participating in the torture of a prisoner at the Sarpuza Prison in Afghanistan.
    - (S) Arkan Muhammad Ghafil al-Karim, ISN US9IZ-000653DP (IZ-653), reported detainee tortured him while IZ-653 was incarcerated in the Sarpuza Prison in Afghanistan. IZ-653 stated detainee suspended him by the hands from a hook or nail on the wall for two to four hours at a time. According to IZ-653, detainee also used electricity on various parts of IZ-653's body. (Analyst Note: IZ-653 was accused of being a spy and held in a Taliban prison.<sup>51</sup> In another interview, IZ-653 claims the torture took place in an al-Qaida guesthouse.<sup>52</sup>)
    - Detainee is assessed to be withholding information about extremist and al-Qaida activities in Afghanistan and Yemen, including his personal activities.
      - (S//NF) During an interview with the Yemeni Public Security Organization (PSO), detainee exhibited an acute facial twitch when obscuring facts, and his body language suggested he was not telling the truth during the interview. The PSO assessed detainee was withholding information about extremist and al-Qaida activities in Afghanistan and Yemen.<sup>53</sup>
      - (S) When responding to questions about the Sarpuza Prison, detainee exhibited face twitching and stretching, as well as biting of his lip and clenching of his teeth.<sup>54</sup>

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<sup>46</sup> IIR 6 034 0735 02, TD-314/38227-03

<sup>47</sup> 000223 302 17-APR-2002

<sup>48</sup> > 000252 SIR 02-JAN-2006

<sup>49</sup> IIR 6 034 0059 05

<sup>50</sup> TD-314/08570-03, TD-314/29791-02

<sup>51</sup> 000653 302 30-JUN-2003, 000653 302 11-JUN-2003, 000653 302 25-JUN-2003, 000653 FM40 28-JUL-2003

<sup>52</sup> 000653 FM40 06-AUG-2003

<sup>53</sup> TD-314/29791-02

<sup>54</sup> 000223 MFR 22-APR-2003

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**c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed to be a **LOW** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been compliant and non-hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has seven Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 4 August 2007, when he damaged government property. He has two Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 17 November 2003, when he threw water on the guard force. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, damage to government property, assaults and provoking words and gestures. In 2007, he had a total of one Report of Disciplinary Infraction and none so far in 2008.

**8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:**

**a. (S) Assessment:** Detainee is assessed to be of **MEDIUM** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 24 June 2008.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee received basic training at the al-Faruq Training Camp and advanced training at the Tarnak Farm Training Camp. Detainee had direct contact with al-Qaida trainers, facilitators, camp commanders, and other trainees at both camps. Detainee was seen in a Tarnak Farm video in the front row during a UBL speech. Detainee served on the front lines near Kabul as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade, and as a result had access to commanders and fighters who were members of the 55th, particularly others who fought on the front lines. Detainee was in Tora Bora and fled to Pakistan with other al-Qaida and Taliban fighters. Detainee stayed in at least two al-Qaida guesthouses, in Kabul and Kandahar.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee can probably provide the names of trainers, trainees, and other personnel he met while at al-Faruq and Tarnak Farm. Detainee can also probably report on the training facilities, curriculum, and operations of the camps. Detainee has knowledge of al-Qaida-affiliated guesthouses in Kabul and Kandahar, and can probably report on personnel who operated them, personnel who stayed there, the location and layout of the facilities, and the operation of the guesthouses. Detainee has probable knowledge of the combat actions of the 55th Arab Brigade in the Kabul area in 2001, of members and leaders of the unit, and of the routes taken by Arab fighters evacuating Afghanistan in late 2001 and early 2002. Detainee possibly has knowledge of the Sarpuza prison, Taliban Ministry of Intelligence personnel who worked there, prisoners who were held there, and of the operation of the facility. Detainee probably can provide information about other JTF-GTMO detainees who were at al-Faruq or Tarnak Farm Training Camps, who were on the front lines with him in Kabul, who served as commanders or fellow fighters in the 55th Arab Brigade, as well as those who fled Afghanistan with him. Detainee possibly can provide

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information about individuals who served in the Taliban Ministry of Intelligence, or who worked or were incarcerated at Sarpuza prison.

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

- Al-Qaida logistics, personalities, locations, missions, operations, and recruitment
- Sarpuza Prison and torture methods used there
- Terrorist recruitment of juveniles (levied HUMINT collection requirement)
- Terrorist travel facilitators
- Terrorist and foreign fighters training and motivation
- Abu Ubaydah al-Masri

**9. (S) EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 27 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.



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\* Definitions for intelligence terms used in the assessment can be found in the Joint Military Intelligence College October 2001 guide *Intelligence Warning Terminology*.