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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 US9SY-000329DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Abd al-Hadi Faraj
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Abd al-Hadi Omar
Mahmoud Faraj, Abu Omar al-Hamawi, Omar al-Lubnani,
Mahdi, Shar Muhammad Muhammad
- Place of Birth: Hamah, Syria (SY)
- Date of Birth: 1975
- Citizenship: Syria
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SY-000329DP



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

3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF-GTMO previously recommended detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) on 25 April 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is a member of the Syrian Group comprised of dismantled terrorist cells that escaped Syrian authorities and fled to Afghanistan in 2000. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) Tora Bora Mountain complex in Afghanistan under the command of Ali Muhammad Abd al-Aziz al-Fakhri, ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212). Detainee is assessed to have received suicide operations training provided by UBL associate Shaykh Issa al-Masri at the Syrian Guesthouse funded by Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, ISN

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US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), at which currency and document forgery operations were also conducted. Detainee is assessed to have attended training at the al-Ghuraba Training Camp and the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee possibly received additional training at the training camp in Afghanistan operated by deceased leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. **[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DETAINEE IS AVAILABLE IN AN SCI SUPPLEMENT.]** 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 **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective
- Of **HIGH** 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 information of detainee's activities in Tora Bora
- Added alias Shar Muhammad Muhammad¹

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 attended school through the sixth grade in the Ben Herein District of Hama. Detainee later worked as a butcher, a stonecutter, and sold fruit from a cart in Hama.² He also worked with his uncle as a mechanic fixing cars and buses.³

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee left Syria during the middle of 2000, in order to avoid the compulsory military service required of all Syrian males at age 19.⁴ Detainee traveled to Iran (IR) with Abu Kareem⁵ and Muhammad Amin.⁶ In Iran, detainee

¹ DAB Association of Names to 195 Detainees 29-Dec-2006

² 000329 302 10-JUN-2002

³ 000329 SIR 25-APR-2006

⁴ 000329 302 10-JUN-2002

⁵ Analyst Note: Variants for Abu Kareem include Abu Karim and Abu Abd al-Karim. Abu Kareem is assessed to either be Ammar Muhammad Adnan Nasan, aka (Abd al-Karim), or Radwan Abbud Muhammad, aka (Abu Abd al-Karim). For additional information, see TD-314/44247-01, paragraphs 3B and 5G.

⁶ Analyst Note: Mohammed Amin is assessed to be another Syrian cell member named Muhammad Amin al-Husayn, aka (Abu Bakr). See TD-314/48778-01, paragraph 23.

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parted ways with Abu Kareem and Amin,⁷ and then met Khalid, aka (Abu Abdo), who offered detainee shelter in his house in Tehran, IR. A few months later, after unsuccessful attempts to find steady work, detainee left Tehran for Kabul via Zabul, IR, with an unidentified Afghan.⁸

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee traveled to a house for Syrians located in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul near the Pakistani Embassy.⁹ Detainee stayed at the Syrian Guesthouse for over a year. Also staying at the guesthouse were Moammer Badawi Dokhan, aka (Abu Abdallah al-Suri), ISN US9SY-000317DP (SY-317); Ahmed Adnan Muhammad Ajam, aka (Abu Rawda al-Suri), ISN US9SY-000326DP (SY-326); Ali Husein Muhammad Shaaban, aka (Yaqub al-Suri), ISN US9SY-000327DP (SY-327); Masum Abdah Muhammad, aka (Bilal al-Kurdi), ISN US9SY-000330DP (SY-330); and an individual named Usama. Abu Muaz al-Suri, aka (Abdallah al-Shami), ISN US9SY-001454DP (SY-1454, escaped), rented and operated the Syrian Guesthouse.¹⁰ SY-1454 provided the house guests with money, approaching each guest separately and saying, "This is what we have from charity for you today."¹¹ While living at the Syrian house, detainee worked at a convenience store called al-Quds Grocery Store for six days a week, eight hours per day.¹² Detainee received two weeks of religious training at the home of Shaykh Issa al-Masri in Kabul.¹³ When the Northern Alliance started to invade the city, SY-1454 told detainee the Afghans were killing Arabs and detainee should leave Kabul for Kandahar, AF. SY-1454 told detainee to leave his passport with him (SY-1454), which detainee did.¹⁴ Detainee left Kabul for Jalalabad with an unidentified Palestinian and an Afghan.¹⁵

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) After the US and Coalition bombing campaign approached Kabul, detainee, SY-326, and SY-327 fled to UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex.¹⁶ Confirming this, SY-330 stated three other Syrians joined him in Tora Bora. These Syrians were identified as

⁷ 000329 302 16-AUG-2002

⁸ 000329 302 10-JUN-2002, Analyst Note: In 000329 302 16-AUG-2002, detainee alternately claimed he traveled to Kabul alone.

⁹ 000329 302 10-JUN-2002, 000329 HANDNOTE 07-MAY-2002

¹⁰ IIR 6 034 0615 04, Analyst Note: SY-1454 escaped from the Bagram Detention Facility on 10 July 2005. SY-317 and SY-1454 share the alias Abu Abdallah al-Suri. The majority of the reporting on Abu Abdallah al-Suri is assessed to be referring to SY-1454.

¹¹ >000329 SIR 15-APR-2005, Analyst Note: Variants for Abu Muaz include Abu Mu'ath, Abu Muad, and Abu Mo'ath.

¹² 000329 302 16-AUG-2002, 000329 HANDNOTE 11-MAY-2002

¹³ IIR 6 034 0055 05

¹⁴ 000329 302 10-JUN-2002

¹⁵ 000329 302 16-AUG-2002

¹⁶ 000326 FM40 02-NOV-2004

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detainee, SY-326, SY-327, as well as an individual named Usama, who was carrying an AK-47 assault rifle.¹⁷ SY-330 further stated they were all issued AK-47s shortly after arrival in Tora Bora.¹⁸ Approximately 13 days later, an Afghan guide escorted the group to a cave where they remained for approximately one and one-half months, and then departed for Pakistan.¹⁹ UBL appointed LY-212 as military commander in Tora Bora. In mid-December 2001, LY-212 arranged for Afghan guides to lead the fighters out of Tora Bora into Pakistan to escape.²⁰ In late December 2001, Pakistani authorities captured detainee, SY-326, SY-327, and SY-330 as they fled the hostilities in Tora Bora.²¹ Pakistani authorities then transferred detainee, SY-326, SY-327, and SY-330 from Kohat, PK to US custody at the Kandahar Detention Facility on 5 January 2002.²²

b. (S) Property Held: None

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 8 June 2002

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

- Al-Qaida and Taliban personnel, activities, and dispositions
- City of Kabul

6. (S/NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: The general timeline detainee has provided is reliable. However, detainee is withholding extensive details of his extremist and al-Qaida associations in Syria and Afghanistan. Detainee is also withholding details of his activities and those of his associates. Detainee has not acknowledged associations with other cell members who fled Syria other than those captured with him, or limits his exposure to those he has acknowledged, and has not acknowledged his membership in the cell. Detainee also denies any militant training in Afghanistan despite his assessed basic and specialized training.

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.

¹⁷ 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002

¹⁸ 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004, See also IIR 6 034 0055 05

¹⁹ 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002

²⁰ TD-314/14605-04, Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis; Analyst Note: LY-212 is probably in Libyan External Security Organization control in Libya.

²¹ 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004, TD-314/00964-02

²² TD-314/00845-02, DAB Association of Names to 195 Detainees 29-Dec-2006

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b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention: Detainee is assessed to be a member of a Syrian terrorist cell that fled to Afghanistan to escape Syrian authorities. The cell members attended al-Qaida militant training camps and, along with detainee, stayed in a guesthouse reserved exclusively for Syrians at which currency and document forgery was conducted. GZ-10016 supported the guesthouse and detainee is assessed to have received money from GZ-10016 during his stay. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex under the command of LY-212. Detainee is assessed to have received suicide operations training at the Syrian Guesthouse in Kabul, attended training at the al-Ghuraba Training Camp and at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp, and possibly received additional training at the training camp operated by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

- (S//NF) Detainee is a member of a Syrian terrorist cell which relocated to Afghanistan. The cell members escaped Syrian authorities and fled to Afghanistan where they attended training. Detainee stayed in a guesthouse reserved exclusively for Syrians, which was supported by GZ-10016.
 - (S//NF) Syrian authorities dismantled terrorist cells in Damascus and Hamah, SY in 2000, arresting fifteen members of the cells while some cell members, including SY-327, escaped. The Syrian Military Intelligence (SMI) stated that those who escaped were believed to have fled to Afghanistan. SMI identified the following individuals who escaped:²³
 - (S//NF) Detainee, who the SMI identified as Abd al-Hadi Umar al-Faraj, aka (Mahdi). Detainee acknowledged he traveled to Iran with Abu Kareem and Muhammad Amin. Detainee also stated he stayed at Khalid's house for one month and ten days.²⁴ (Analyst Note: Abu Kareem and Muhammad Amin are assessed to be the two members mentioned later in this list. Khalid is probably Sulayman Khalid Darwish, noted below.)
 - (S//NF) SY-327, who the SMI identified as Ali Hussayn Shaban, aka (Yaquub). SY-327 stated he traveled to Kandahar and then to Kabul with Muhammad, aka (Muath al-Suri); Ziad, aka (Abdallah al-Suri); and a Syrian Kurd Qassam al-Kurdi.²⁵ SY-327 reported that he departed Syria in July 2000.²⁶
 - (S//NF) SY-330, identified by the SMI as Masum Muhammad, aka (Abu Bilal al-Kurdi). Like SY-327, SY-330 reported that he departed Syria in July 2000.²⁷

²³ TD-314/44247-01, TD-314/48778-01; Analyst Note: Although not listed in the SMI report, SY-326 is assessed to be a member of the Syrian Group.

²⁴ 000329 302 16-AUG-2002; For additional information on the terrorist cells and the members, see Multiple ISNs FAS GTMO Syrians 30-May-2007

²⁵ TD-314/38436-02

²⁶ 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

²⁷ 000330 KB 06-14-2002

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- (S//NF) Jihad Ahmad Mustafa Diyab, ISN US9LE-000722DP (LE-722), identified by the SMI as Jihad Ahmad Diab, aka (Abu Wail).
- (S//NF) Sulayman Khalid Darwish, aka (Abu Khalid), aka (Abu al-Ghadiyah), aka (Abu Hurayrah), aka (Ghassan), aka (Jamal), who was the leader of the Damascus Cell.²⁸ This is assessed to be detainee's acknowledged associate Khalid.
 - ◆ (S//NF) Sulayman Khalid Darwish was the paternal uncle of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.²⁹ Darwish was a member of the *Shura* (advisory) council of the al-Zarqawi Network, aka (al-Qaida in Iraq).³⁰ Darwish trained at al-Zarqawi's camp in Herat, AF in 2000 and was an active member of al-Zarqawi's terrorist network as of early October 2004, during which he facilitated travel of Islamic extremists from Syria into Iraq.³¹ Darwish had been identified as the fourth ranking man of al-Qaida in Iraq, and al-Zarqawi's Chief of External Operations.³²
 - (S//NF) Other members of the cells which escaped included Radwan Abbud Muhammad, aka (Abu Abd al-Karim); Muhammad Amin Mahmud al-Hasan, aka (Abu Bakr); Izz al-Din Abd al-Aziz Khalil, aka (Qassam), who is assessed to be SY-327's acknowledged travel companion Qassam; Ziyad Hasan al-Shayib, aka (Abu Abdallah), who is assessed to be SY-327's acknowledged travel companion Ziad; and Muhammad Uthman al-Shaykh, aka (Maaz), who is assessed to be SY-327's acknowledged travel companion Muhammad.
 - (S//NF) SMI reported detainee's cell was formerly commanded by Muhammad Yaqub. Yaqub had ties to GZ-10016, UBL, and an Iraqi national named Hilal Abd al-Razzaq Ali,³³ who was captured in Iraq on 10 October 2004 on suspicion of terrorist activity.³⁴
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted occupying the Syrian Guesthouse in Kabul,³⁵ which was affiliated with the al-Qaida terrorist network as noted above. (Analyst Note: The Syrian Guesthouse is closely tied to fleeing Syrian cell members and Abu Musab al-Suri.)

²⁸ TD-314/44247-01

²⁹ TD-314/58064-04, Analyst Note: Al-Zarqawi and Darwish are both reported to be deceased.

³⁰ TD-314/29746-04, TD-314/39833-05

³¹ TD-314/58064-04

³² TD-314/11275-05

³³ TD-314/44247-01; Analyst Note: See SCI addendum for more information.

³⁴ FBIS EUP20050720100005; Analyst Note: For additional information on Halil see TD-314/32507-04, TD-314/32433-04, TD-314/31551-04 and the SCI addendum.

³⁵ 000329 KB 12-JUN-2002, For additional information on the house and other occupants see also TD-314/38436-02.

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- (S//NF) SY-1454 rented the house in Kabul at which detainee;³⁶ SY-327;³⁷ SY-330;³⁸ SY-326;³⁹ and Abd al-Nasir Ibn Muhammad Khantumani, ISN US9SY-000307DP (SY-307),⁴⁰ stayed for over a year. SY-317 admitted staying at the guesthouse as well.⁴¹ (Analyst Note: SY-317 shares the alias Abdallah al-Shami with SY-1454.)
- (S//NF) Mustafa Nazar Setmariam aka (Abu Musab al-Suri) aka (Abu Omar Abd al-Hakim) was affiliated with the Syrian Guesthouse in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul and was the head of the Syrian Group.⁴² When discussing al-Qaida sites in Kabul, Abd al-Rahman Ahmad Khadr, US9CA-000990DP (CA-990, transferred) reported money and document forgery operations were conducted in the Syrian Guesthouse.⁴³ Detainee,⁴⁴ SY-326,⁴⁵ and SY-330⁴⁶ reported they left their passports at SY-1454's guesthouse.⁴⁷
 - (S//NF) Analyst Note: The Wazir Akbar Khan area is the former diplomatic district occupied by the Taliban and al-Qaida for quarters and training. The passports may have been left behind due to incomplete alterations at the guesthouse, rendering the passports unsatisfactory for international travel. Regardless of the reason, most detainees were captured without their passport with some specifically instructed to leave the passports behind in order to make their positive identification difficult upon capture.
 - (S//NF) GZ-10016 identified LE-722 as an expert in passport and document forgery.⁴⁸ SMI reported LE-722 was one of the fleeing Syrian terrorist cell members, along with SY-327 and detainee.⁴⁹ (Analyst Note: LE-722 probably provided the guesthouse occupants with forgery training or with forged documentation for their eventual return to Syria. Operational mission training courses included document forgery and currency counterfeiting.⁵⁰)

³⁶ IIR 6 034 0876 04

³⁷ IIR 6 034 0133 04

³⁸ IIR 6 034 0797 04, 000330 SIR 14-APR-2004, IIR 6 034 0154 04

³⁹ IIR 6 034 0187 04, IIR 6 034 0123 04

⁴⁰ IIR 6 034 0557 02

⁴¹ TD-314/37242-02

⁴² TD-314/36471-02, IIR 6 034 0281 03

⁴³ TD-314/20458-02

⁴⁴ 000329 KB 12-JUN-2002

⁴⁵ 000326 FM40 03-SEP-2003

⁴⁶ 000330 302 11-JUN-2002

⁴⁷ TD-314/52681-03; Analyst Note: A variant of al-Shami is Ashami and a valid alternate alias for al-Shami is al-Suri.

⁴⁸ >TD-314/44247-01, paragraph 5A

⁴⁹ >TD 314 20999 03

⁵⁰ TD-314/18017-02

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- (S//NF) GZ-10016 admitted he helped fund the Syrian Guesthouse.⁵¹ GZ-10016 reported meeting with SY-330 at the guesthouse prior to the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks.⁵² Detainee acknowledged receiving money while staying at the guesthouse.⁵³ (Analyst Note: According to detainee's claimed timeline, he would have been present at the guesthouse during GZ-10016's visit. The money detainee received is assessed to have been provided by GZ-10016.)
- (S//NF) GZ-10016 stated SY-307, an identified explosives expert,⁵⁴ was known as Abu Ahmad al-Suri who was with the Abu Musab al-Zarqawi group.⁵⁵ The Syrian government classifies SY-307 as a radical terrorist, who received several military courses at al-Qaida camps and fought with UBL forces.⁵⁶ (Analyst Note: As noted below, Abdallah Abd al-Razzaq Muhammad al-Dhabi (an al-Zarqawi network associate) reported SY-326's training at the al-Zarqawi camp. Both SY-326 and SY-307's identification at the guesthouse as part of the Syrian Group and their connection to the al-Zarqawi group provides indication of similar membership and training for detainee and the other Syrians with whom they resided and fought.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee was reported to be a member of a four-man fire team and is assessed to have seen UBL in Tora Bora.
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated all Arabs were issued Kalashnikov rifles by a group of Saudi males who distributed weapons in the Tora Bora Mountains.⁵⁷ SY-327 admitted occupying a prepared position armed with an AK-47 in Tora Bora.⁵⁸ (Analyst Note: Due to detainee's statements and as detainee was with SY-327 in Tora Bora, he is assessed to have received a weapon from these individuals and occupied the fighting position with SY-327.)
 - (S//NF) SY-330 stated three other Syrians joined him in Tora Bora. SY-330 identified the Syrians as detainee, SY-326, and SY-327, and noted they were accompanied by an individual named Usama,⁵⁹ assessed to be Khaled Qasim, aka (Abu Usama al-Adani), aka (Khaled al-Adani), ISN US9YM-000242DP (YM-242). SY-330 confirmed they were all subsequently issued AK-47s by YM-242 after their

⁵¹ TD-314/36471-02

⁵² TD-314/39191-05

⁵³ >000329 SIR 15-APR-2005

⁵⁴ TD-314/39191-05

⁵⁵ TD-314-24907-02

⁵⁶ TD-314/07637-02

⁵⁷ IIR 6 034 0055 05

⁵⁸ 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

⁵⁹ 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002, IIR 6 034 0059 05

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- arrival in the Tora Bora Mountains.⁶⁰ SY-330 also stated that he, detainee, SY-326, and SY-327 occupied two caves in Tora Bora for approximately two months.⁶¹
- (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), reported SY-327 was part of a fire team, composed of at least four fighters. One fighter carried extra ammunition for the machine gun, another fighter carried a RPG, and the fourth fighter carried an AK-47. SY-327 carried a heavy machine gun with a bipod and a 100 round magazine.⁶² YM-252 also reported his group and SY-327's group both fell under the command of YM-242.⁶³ (Analyst Note: The members of the fire team are assessed to be detainee, SY-327, SY-326, and SY-330.)
 - (S//NF) YM-242 admitted he was at the Abd al-Aziz Center in Tora Bora⁶⁴ and reported UBL visited his position one night to encourage the men.⁶⁵ (Analyst Note: YM-252 and YM-242's comments indicated detainee would have been present for UBL's visit as well, as detainee has not been associated with any other fighting positions in Tora Bora.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have received suicide operations training at the Syrian Guesthouse in Kabul.
 - (S//NF) Detainee,⁶⁶ SY-327,⁶⁷ SY-330,⁶⁸ and SY-326,⁶⁹ all reported studying under UBL-associate Shaykh Issa.⁷⁰ Detainee admitted spending two weeks at Shaykh Issa's home in Kabul, receiving religious training.⁷¹ (Analyst Note: These detainees minimize the importance of their contact with Shaykh Issa. However, due to the fact they were in the Syrian Guesthouse for over a year, they probably completed Shaykh Issa's training. This is further supported by the fact that suicide training reportedly required over a year to complete.)
 - (S//NF) Shaykh Issa was an Arab scholar and was part of the al-Qaida network. Some of his religious training included the "right to kill all non-believers," as well as how to deal with captured Muslim opponents.⁷² Training occurred two to three times a week for about three months.⁷³ Shaykh Issa

⁶⁰ 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004

⁶¹ 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002

⁶² >000252 FM40 01-NOV-2004

⁶³ >000252 FM40 15-Mar-2005, 000252 FM40 31-May-2005(a)

⁶⁴ 000242 MFR 09-MAY-2002, TD-314/00928-02

⁶⁵ >IIR 6 034 0731 03, 000242 302 13-MAY-2002

⁶⁶ IIR 6 034 0876 04, IIR 6 034 0876 04

⁶⁷ 000327 MFR 18-DEC-2002

⁶⁸ 000330 302 11-JUN-2002

⁶⁹ 000326 SIR 01-JUL-2004

⁷⁰ IIR 6 034 0278 03, 000766 SIR 05-NOV-2002, IIR 6 034 0501 03

⁷¹ IIR 6 034 0055 05

⁷² IIR 6 034 0278 03, 000766 SIR 05-NOV-2002, IIR 6 034 0501 03

⁷³ IIR 6 034 1179 04

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provided a two week training session for the Syrians and other Arabs who trained at UBL-sponsored camps. This training was considered part of the final preparation undertaken by the trainees.⁷⁴

- (S//NF) Shaykh Issa provided final approval for the training of suicide operatives. The operational mission training courses included explosives, poisons, document forgery, currency counterfeiting, disguise, and training in Western lifestyle. Throughout the one-year sessions, progress reports were sent to Shaykh Issa, UBL, and the trainee's sponsor. Upon completion of training, the trainee was required to spend an additional two weeks with Shaykh Issa and swear *bayat* (oath of allegiance) to UBL, after which the operative would be deployed on his mission.⁷⁵
- (S//NF) After studying with Shaykh Issa, it was common practice for trainees to go to the front lines to fight, or to return home.⁷⁶ According to Fahd Umar Abd al-Majid al-Umari al-Sharif, ISN US9SA-000215DP (SA-215), there was a Syrian camp on the front line of Kabul.⁷⁷ (Analyst Note: As there is no reporting detainee returned to Syria and subsequently returned to Afghanistan following his training with Shaykh Issa, detainee is assessed to have remained in Afghanistan and fought on the front lines.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have attended training at the al-Ghuraba Training Camp and at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp, and may have received additional training at a training camp operated by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.
 - (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have attended training at Abu Musab al-Suri's al-Ghuraba Training Camp in Afghanistan. SMI noted the escaped Syrian cell members joined a Syrian camp in Afghanistan run by UBL associate Abu Musab al-Suri, and attended an al-Qaida training camp.⁷⁸ Abu Musab al-Suri is an al-Qaida associate, mujahideen trainer, and Islamic theorist with a long history of supporting Islamic extremism.⁷⁹
 - (S//NF) Abu Musab al-Suri established a camp to train Arabs. The camp, named al-Ghuraba (the foreigners) Training Camp, was located near Kabul. The camp taught electronic networking and preparation of remote-controlled explosive devices.⁸⁰ Between December 2001 and October 2005, Abu Musab al-Suri worked on the "strategic and military design of the future jihad." This design included the use of weapons of mass destruction, such as nuclear, chemical and

⁷⁴ IIR 6 034 0876 04

⁷⁵ TD-314/18017-02

⁷⁶ IIR 6 034 0501 03

⁷⁷ IIR 6 034 0284 05

⁷⁸ TD-314/44247-01, TD-314/48778-01

⁷⁹ S-4J2-2410-0243-05

⁸⁰ IIR 6 034 0284 05, TD-314/21668-00, TD-314/12972-03

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- biological weapons, as well as dirty bombs. Abu Musab al-Suri was reportedly captured in October 2005 and transferred to Syria.⁸¹
- (S//NF) SY-327 stated he received training on the AK-47 from Khalid at SY-1454's Syrian Guesthouse.⁸² GZ-10016 stated Abu Khalid al-Suri (detainee's associate Khalid and SY-330's travel companion) was a very good friend of Abu Musab al-Suri. Abu Khalid al-Suri was a pistol trainer at Abu Musab al-Suri's camp⁸³ and also coordinated al-Jazeera media interviews with UBL.⁸⁴ (Analyst Note: SY-327 probably received the training at the al-Ghuraba Camp, not at the guesthouse as claimed and it is probable detainee received the training as well.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have attended militant training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp.
 - (S//NF) Detainee's name appears on a list of foreign fighters as Abu Omar Muhammad, a butcher who had received basic training at an al-Qaida camp in Kandahar. This list was recovered from the al-Qaida Office of Mujahideen Affairs.⁸⁵ (Analyst Note: The al-Qaida training camp is assessed to be the al-Faruq Training Camp, which was located in Kandahar. Detainee acknowledged he worked as a butcher prior to traveling to Afghanistan.⁸⁶)
 - (S//NF) A variation of detainee's name and alias, Abdul Hadi Faraj, aka (Omar al-Lubnani), was one of 324 names listed on a document recovered during a September 2002 raid on a suspected al-Qaida safe house in Karachi. The document indicated detainee's trust account contained a Syrian passport.⁸⁷
 - ◆ (S//NF) Analyst Note: Such lists are 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 the front lines or abroad. Trust accounts, also referred to as safety boxes or safety deposit boxes, were simply storage compartments, such as envelopes or folders, which guesthouse administrators used to secure the individual's personal valuables, such as passports and plane tickets. These items were entrusted to the guesthouse until completion of training or other activity.
 - (S//NF) Detainee possibly received training from Abu Musab al-Zarqawi along with other Syrian detainees and terrorist cell members.
 - (S//NF) Al-Zarqawi established a training camp in Herat for Jordanian, Palestinian, and Syrian fighters in 2000.⁸⁸ SY-330 traveled to Afghanistan with

⁸¹ >FBIS EUP20050617950080 17-JUL-2005, FBIS GMP20060613831007, FBIS EUP20060505950040.

⁸² 000327 MFR 07-MAR-2002, 000327 MFR 16-AUG-2002

⁸³ TD-314/40311-02

⁸⁴ TD-314/57927-04

⁸⁵ Various ISNs AFGP-2002-800321 31-JAN-2002 (pg 5 of 70)

⁸⁶ IIR 6 034 0055 05, 000329 302 10-JUN-2003

⁸⁷ TD-314/40693-02, paragraph 188

⁸⁸ AMZ Chronology

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Abu Khalid,⁸⁹ who was identified by al-Zarqawi network explosives expert Azmi Abd al-Fatah Yusif al-Jayusi, aka (Abu Mujahid), aka (Abu Shuhayb), as a trainee at al-Faruq and at al-Zarqawi's camp in Herat. Abu Khalid also received specialized training in Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, and Lebanon.⁹⁰ Detained al-Zarqawi network associate Abdallah Abd al-Razzaq Muhammad al-Dhabi identified SY-326's alias as participating in training at al-Faruq in 2000 and at al-Zarqawi's training camp before moving to the Syrian compound in Kabul.⁹¹

- (S//NF) GZ-10016 stated al-Zarqawi was willing to use his network of operatives and trainers to assist al-Qaida. GZ-10016 and al-Zarqawi worked out a plan to smuggle operatives into Israel to conduct operations⁹² and to train Palestinian groups on explosives, poisons, remote-controlled improvised explosive devices (IED), and suicide operations.⁹³ Al-Zarqawi originally suggested that a special group be formed of men from "al-Sham." (Analyst Note: Al-Sham is the region comprising primarily Syria, Lebanon, Israel, and Jordan.)⁹⁴
- (S//NF) Detainee,⁹⁵ SY-327,⁹⁶ SY-317,⁹⁷ SY-326,⁹⁸ and SY-330⁹⁹ have all expressed reservations of being sent back to Syria, citing fear of punishment for their travel to Afghanistan and for being at JTF-GTMO. (Analyst Note: The fear of punishment is more likely due to their terrorist activities within Syria.)

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed as a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been compliant and rarely hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 25 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 9 February 2008, when he exposed himself to the guard force. He has three Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 2 September 2005, when he struck a guard with his elbow in the groin area. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, inappropriate use of bodily fluids, unauthorized communications, damage to government property, attempted assaults, assaults, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type

⁸⁹ 000330 KB 06-14-2002

⁹⁰ TD-314/29746-04, Analyst Note: See SCI addendum for additional information

⁹¹ TD-314/47763-03

⁹² TD-314/39473-02

⁹³ TD-314/39473-02

⁹⁴ FBIS GMP20050123000064 23-JAN-2005, TD-314/12972-03

⁹⁵ 000329 302 16-AUG-2002

⁹⁶ 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

⁹⁷ 000317 KB 16-FEB-2002

⁹⁸ 000326 MFR 08-SEP-2002

⁹⁹ 000330 SIR 20-APR-2004

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contraband, and exposure of sexual organs for gratification. In 2007, he had a total of six Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and one so far in 2008.

8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **HIGH** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 11 February 2008.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee is associated with the Syrian Group, dismantled terrorist cells that fled Syria to Afghanistan in 2000. While in Afghanistan from 2000 to 2001, detainee is assessed to have attended militant training. Detainee lived as part of the Syrian Group in Kabul for a year and a half. During that time, detainee received instruction from al-Qaida affiliated Shaykh Issa, and is assessed to have received suicide operative training. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex during the campaign against al-Qaida and the Taliban.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee can provide information on his training background, as well as that of the other members of the Syrian Group in Syria, at the Syrian compound in Kabul, at al-Qaida affiliated training camps, at Shaykh Issa's house, and at UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee has additional unacknowledged associates and is able to speak to their activities as well. Detainee should be able to provide information on the theological and martyrdom training taught by Shaykh Issa.

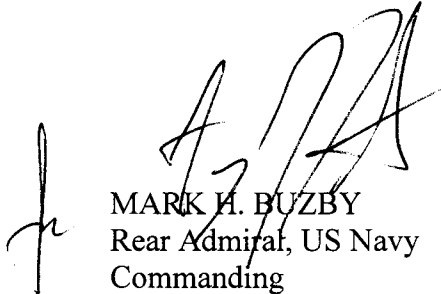
d. (S//NF) Areas of Potential Exploitation:

- The Syrian Group and their guesthouse to include SY-1454, Abu Musab al-Suri, Sheikh Issa, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, and other JTF-GTMO detainees.
- Training camps: al-Faruq, al-Zarqawi's camp, and Abu Musab al-Suri's al-Ghuraba camp
- Terrorist cells in Syria
- Future operations and goals

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 26 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*.