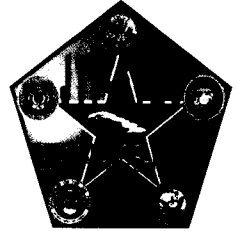




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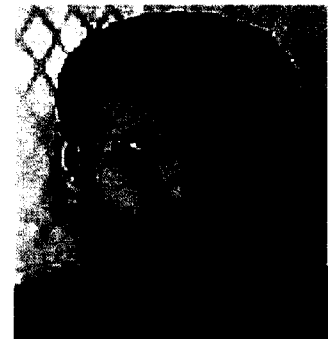
MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue,
Miami, FL 33172.

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Detainee, ISN: US9JO-000050DP (S)

JTF GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Zayed M Al Hussain
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Abu Abdalla, Abdallah, Zaid Muhamamd Sa'ad Al Husayn, Zayed Mohammed Saad Al Hussain, Hamam, Zayid Al Ghamzi, Ziyad
- Place of Birth: Amman, Jordan (JO)
- Date of Birth: 1974
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9JO-000050DP



2. (FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good health. He has a history of right tibia fracture with surgical intervention prior to detention. He went on hunger strike in August 2005. He has been evaluated by behavioral health for cluster personality traits. He is on no chronic medications. He has no known drug allergies. He is on no chronic medications.

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

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends this detainee for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO). JTF GTMO previously assessed detainee as Transfer to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD) on 22 April 2005.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is assessed as a possible Al Qaida member associated with multiple non-governmental organizations (NGOs). An assessed Al-Qaida

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member identified detainee as using the alias Zayd Al Ghamdi (variants: Ghamzi, Gamedi, and Ghamdy), which is associated with a major Saudi financier for the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG). Detainee was also identified as fighting on the front lines at Taloqan, Afghanistan (AF), which has been identified as an area affiliated with Usama Bin Laden's former 55th Arab Brigade. It is assessed this detainee is a MEDIUM risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies. JTF GTMO determined this detainee is of LOW intelligence value.

4. (S//NF) Detainee Background Summary:

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 stated he was born in Amman, JO, because his Saudi parents were visiting Jordan at the time his mother went into labor. The family returned to Saudi Arabia within a month of detainee's birth.¹ (Analyst Note: Though detainee claims Saudi citizenship, a visiting Saudi delegation did not identify him as a citizen during a July 2002 visit.² Jordanian authorities have met with him, but did not identify him as a citizen.)³ Detainee states he received his high school diploma and attended one semester at a city university in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (SA) before leaving school to work as an auto mechanic in Al-Baha, SA.⁴

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee was inspired to go to Afghanistan (AF) to help destitute immigrants after reading an Al Haramayn Al Sharifier (aka Al-Haramayn International Foundation or HIF) flyer. In July 2001, detainee obtained a visa to travel to Pakistan (PK) and flew from Saudi Arabia to Karachi, PK, with a brief stopover (2 days) in Bahrain (BA) due to a missed flight. For one week, he remained in Karachi, where he claimed to have hired a Pakistani individual to serve as both translator and bodyguard. From Karachi, detainee and translator reportedly traveled to Quetta, PK before crossing the border and taking a taxi to Kabul, AF. Detainee claimed he was carrying official documentation to

¹ 000050 MFR 25-Aug-2003

² IIR 6 034 1624 03, TD-314-29199-02

³ 000050 CTC MFR 21-JUN-2004

⁴ TD-314/39200-02

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include his Saudi passport.⁵ In addition, detainee stated he traveled with \$6000 USD saved from his salary as a mechanic.⁶

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee stated he spent three weeks at a religious institution, the Center for the Preservation of Islamic Virtue in Kabul. Taliban representatives at the Center told detainee where in Afghanistan he could assist orphans. Detainee traveled to the first of these places, the Bamian (variants: Baiman and Bamyán) region where he remained for three months at Taliban centers. He reportedly spent two to three months teaching Shia orphans the Koran and attempting to convert them to Sunni Islam. In addition, he claimed to have bought the children food and clothing and helped the community at large by digging wells and helping to repair walls.⁷ Detainee's next stop was the Pol-E-Khomri region in northern Afghanistan, where he reportedly spent one month. Detainee claimed he was escorted by the Taliban to Konduz and then traveled by taxi to Taloqan (variant: Talaquan), AF.⁸ There, he reportedly spent two months teaching the Koran to children and distributing bread and rice to the poor. Detainee claimed he resisted Taliban pressure to fight against the Northern Alliance, as he felt it was contrary to his missionary work to pick sides and fight fellow Muslims. He admitted carrying a sidearm for protection while in Afghanistan, but denies firing it or ever receiving military training. When coalition bombing started in early October of 2001, detainee claimed he decided to return to Saudi Arabia. He first went to Kabul before proceeding to Khowst, AF. On or about 5 December 2001, while leaving Khowst, detainee was reportedly wounded during an air raid, rendered unconscious, and placed in a taxi.⁹ When he regained consciousness he was in Miram Shah, PK. Detainee claimed he did not know when or how he crossed the Afghanistan/Pakistan border.

5. (S//NF) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Detainee claims he was treated in a hospital and then sent to a jail in Kandahar, AF, where he was imprisoned for six months before being turned over to US custody.¹⁰ Reporting states detainee was transferred from Pakistani to U.S. custody in Peshawar, PK, on

⁵ IIR 6 034 1624 03

⁶ FBI FD-302, File number 265A-MMC99102, 08 June 2002, IIR 6 034 1624 03, 000050 KB 06-11-2002 (S//NF) (Analyst Note: Detainee alternatively stated he carried approximately \$7,000 USD on the trip. See TD-314/39200-02)

⁷ TD-314/39200-02

⁸ IIR 6 034 1624 03 (S//NF) (Analyst Note: Konduz and Taloqan is reportedly where Usama Bin Laden's (UBL's) former 55th Arab Brigade was fighting the Northern Alliance.)

⁹ 000050 MFR 13-MAR-2002

¹⁰ IIR 6 034 1624 03

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27 December 2001.¹¹ (Analyst Note: The detainee's account is not consistent with his actual transfer date to US custody. Detainee possibly associated his detention in Kandahar as still being in Pakistani custody and his transfer to JTF-GTMO as his official transfer to US custody.)

b. (S) Property Held: N/A

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

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

- The Wafa Humanitarian Organization
- Taliban student centers in Afghanistan

6. (S//NF) Evaluation Of Detainee's Account: Detainee is assessed to be deceptive. He has given very generic and innocuous descriptions of his activities while in Afghanistan, consistent with a cover story to hide possible participation in Al-Qaida/terrorist training and combat against coalition forces.¹² He has provided conflicting accounts of several details of his background. Detainee has alternatively claimed and denied traveling through Quetta, PK en route to Afghanistan.¹³ During an interview in February 2002, detainee claimed to have worked as a laborer for the Al Wafa organization, but has not mentioned his personal involvement in the organization during further questioning.¹⁴ Detainee's frequently observed physical and martial arts training is inconsistent with his purported story as a simple missionary.

7. (S//NF) Detainee Threat:

a. (S) Assessment: It is assessed the detainee poses a MEDIUM risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention: It is assessed detainee is a possible Al-Qaida member who fought alongside Al-Qaida and Taliban mujahideen against US/Coalition forces under the auspices of UBL's former 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee admitted affiliation with two terrorist NGO targets and is possibly associated with a major Saudi terrorist financier due to his identified alias of Zaid Al Ghamdi.

¹¹ TD-314/00845-02, 27 Dec 01 #10

¹² TD-314/39200-02

¹³ IIR 6 034 1624 03, 000050 MFR 28-Mar-2003

¹⁴ TD-314/06932-02

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- (S//NF) It is assessed detainee fought on the front lines of Afghanistan in the Konduz and Taloqan area under UBL's former 55th Arab Brigade against US and coalition forces during Operation Enduring Freedom. (Analyst Note: UBL's Arab Brigade was known to be UBL's primary formation supporting Taliban military objectives. It was almost exclusively comprised of Arabs, many of whom had affiliations with other international terrorist groups. Al-Qaida leaders commanded the brigade and UBL is thought to have participated closely in its command and control.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted to being at various front line locations (Taloqan, Dakhmar, and Kabul) during the summer and fall of 2001, but claims it was for humanitarian reasons.¹⁵
 - (S//NF) Assessed Al-Qaida member Mohammed Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), reported that detainee was a fighter and occasional leader of approximately (30) men in the Taloqan region.¹⁷ (Analyst Note: Arab jihadists were required to attend basic military training, usually at an Al-Qaida affiliated camp, prior to fighting on the front lines. Detainee is assessed to have received some type of combat training, especially if he served in a leadership role.)
 - (S//NF) YM-252 claimed he saw detainee at Taloqan with a Libyan named Omar, a military leader at Taloqan and at Tora Bora. Omar had been in Taloqan for approximately five years fighting against the Northern Alliance.¹⁸
 - (S//NF) YM-252 reported that detainee is a fellow Yemeni that fought with him in the Taloqan region of northern Afghanistan prior to the 11 September 2001 attacks. Following the attacks of 11 September, detainee went to Kabul and stayed at the same guesthouse as YM-252. Following Kabul, detainee reportedly traveled to Kandahar, the last time YM-252 saw detainee until they were reunited at JTF-GTMO.¹⁹
 - (S//NF) YM-252 has admitted to traveling to Kabul and then to Taloqan, AF, staying in a guesthouse that was owned by Al Qati (variant: Al Qa'iti, Al Kyate, Alkuaiti, Al Gayedi, Al Qu'aidi, Al Qoaiti, and Al Giati) for about a month. Two times during that month, he and fifteen additional fighters from the guesthouse would travel about three kilometers north of Taloqan to the front lines and fight for two days at a time. (Analyst Note: Al Qa'iti refers to Al-Qaida facilitator Abu Hamza Al Qaiti.)²⁰

¹⁵ TD-314/38172-02

¹⁷ IIR 6 034 1365 03

¹⁸ IIR 6 034 1427 03

¹⁹ IIR 6 034 0705 03, IIR 6 034 1427 03

²⁰ IIR 6 034 0705 03, IIR 6 034 1427 03

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- (S//NF) YM-252 identified detainee from a photo as Zayid Al Ghamzi aka Hamam.²¹
 - ◆ (S//NF) It is assessed Zaid Al Ghamdi is one of detainee's aliases due to the fact that detainee is admittedly from the Ghamed tribe in Saudi Arabia. Detainee reported that his family lived in Al Baha, Ben Al Kabir, near Markka with a telephone number of 721-1462.²²
- (S//NF) Detainee admits to frequent contacts and associations with Taliban forces in Afghanistan.²⁶
 - (S) Detainee claimed that his interpreter named Zaher (variant: Zahren) directed him to a Taliban center called Al Amr Bel Maarroof Walnahi An Almunker (The Ministry for Vice and Virtue aka The Center for the Preservation of Islamic Values) in Kabul. In Kabul, the Taliban assigned detainee a translator named Isaak.²⁷
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted to traveling in a convoy with Taliban troops, claiming that it was necessary because of the threat of attacks by thieves operating in the area.²⁸
- (S//NF) Detainee is possibly associated with Muhammad Al Sughayir (variants: Al Sughayr and Al Sughaier), a Saudi-based financier for the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG).²⁹ (Analyst Note: The Abu Sayyaf Group is an Interagency Intelligence Committee on Terrorism (IICT) Tier 2 target. Tier 2 targets are defined as terrorist/extremist groups that have demonstrated both intention and the capability to attack US persons and interests, but are believed to pose somewhat less threat to US interests around the world than Tier 1 groups.) Reporting shows that Al Sughayir had served in that capacity since circa late 1998-early 1999.³⁰
 - (S//NF) Detainee's alias, Zaid Al Ghamdi, along with the Saudi phone number (96654895609) was found in the directory of a cell phone that belonged to Al Sughayir.³¹
- (S//NF) Detainee is affiliated with two identified terrorist NGOs and one terrorist target.

²¹ IIR 6 034 1365 03

²² IIR 6 034 1624 03, TD-314/06932-02

²⁶ TD-314/39200-02

²⁷ 000050 MFR 28-Mar-2003

²⁸ TD-314/39200-02

²⁹ TD-314/04373-05

³⁰ TD-314/17762-03

³¹ TD-314/04373-05

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- (S//NF) Detainee reported that he left Saudi Arabia in July 2001 after reading a flyer or handout from a missionary group called the Al Haramain Al Sharifier organization.³² (Analyst Note: Al-Haramayn International Foundation (HIF) is an IICT Tier 1 NGO target, which is defined as having demonstrated sustained and active support for terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests.)
- (S//NF) Detainee was associated with Al Wafa, a Tier 2 NGO target, defined as having demonstrated the intent and willingness to support terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests.
 - (S//NF) Detainee reported that a member of Al Wafa named Suhaib (variant: Suhayb, NFI) assisted him in exchanging money due to the language barrier.³³
 - (S//NF) Detainee reported that he began working for Al Wafa as a laborer in Kabul shortly after arriving there. Detainee identified two Saudi nationals, Abu Talha (NFI) and Abu Qutayba Al Najdi (NFI), as Al Wafa colleagues but has failed to provide any further information on the two.³⁴
 - (S//NF) Al Wafa was both an Islamic charity and front organization that funneled logistical and financial support to Islamic extremists, including Usama Bin Laden.
- (S//NF) Detainee's persistent requests to place a phone call rather than write his family tracks very closely with ploys used by Al-Qaida operatives, who call a pre-determined number at an Al-Qaida phone drop if allowed to by their captors.³⁵
 - (S//NF) During several interviews, detainee requested permission to speak with his cousin at 721-0375, purportedly to let his father know that he was in good health and inquire about his father's status.³⁶
- (S//NF) Detainee has exhibited hostile intentions toward American citizens. In June of 2003, he stated that he was very angry and wanted to kill the translator and the interviewers.³⁹

c. (FOUO) Detainee's Conduct: The detainee is assessed as a HIGH threat from a detention perspective. The detainee's overall behavior has been non-compliant and hostile to the guard force and staff. The detainee currently has 43 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS, with the most recent occurring on 12 October 2005 when the detainee was

³² IIR 6 034 1624 03

³³ IIR 6 034 1624 03

³⁴ TD-314/06932-02

³⁵ 000050 CTC MFR 21-Jun-2004

³⁸ IIR 2 300 5007 05

³⁹ 000050 FBI 302 06-Jun-2003

⁴¹ TD-314/39200-02

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found to be in possession of non-weapon type contraband. Other incidents for which the detainee has been disciplined include unauthorized communications, failure to follow instructions, assault, using provoking words and gestures with the guards, and damage to property. Incidents for which the detainee was not disciplined include two occasions recently, 13 and 20 September 2005, where he was practicing boxing and martial arts-type moves, and throwing water on SOG and Block NCO (minor assault) on 22 July. The detainee often conducts physical training in his cell and practices fighting moves. On 11 August 2005, he was found to be in possession of a shank made from a pen that had been reinforced with paper and string. On 22 December 2004, the detainee told a guard that he wanted him to step in the shower so that he could beat him up. The detainee has 13 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction in 2005 that include three minor assaults and one major assault. The major assault occurred on 13 August when detainee grabbed a guard and tried to violently pull him through the bean hole, then spit in the guard's face when his initial assault was thwarted. The detainee also has expressed disdain for females by refusing to be moved by female guards.

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

- a. **(S) Assessment:** JTF GTMO determined this detainee is of LOW intelligence value.
- b. **(S//NF) Placement and Access:** His admitted presence at front line locations during the summer and fall of 2001 indirectly exposed him to Taliban and possibly Al-Qaida leaders and personalities. His reported association with the Al Wafa organization was minimal and transient, but has not been verified. Detainee reported that he belongs to the Ghamdi tribe, which may have afforded him knowledge or direct connections with other Ghamdis such as senior Al-Qaida operative Ali Abdul Rahman Al Ghamdi. If detainee is the same individual on Muhammad Al Sughayir's cell phone, it indicates he was much more involved in the Al-Qaida organization than previously assessed.
- c. **(S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** At this time, detainee is not assessed to have information of unique or significant intelligence value. Detainee's placement and access provide him with the ability to provide intelligence information concerning logistics and fighters on the front lines of Afghanistan. Detainee's actual time in Afghanistan has not been verified; but he possibly arrived in Afghanistan in February 2001.⁴¹ Detainee was identified as being a fighter and part-time commander. To obtain a position as a commander, terrorist training at a training area is required. Detainee has failed to provide information into this aspect of his background. Should the information concerning detainee's possible connection to a Saudi-based financier belonging to the Abu Sayyaf Group prove accurate, detainee's intelligence value would increase.

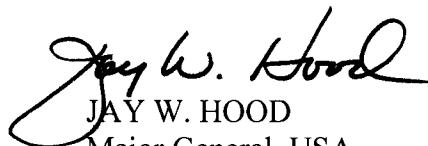
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d. (S//NF) Areas of Potential Exploitation:

- Taliban and Al-Qaida:
 - Operations in Afghanistan, to include fighting on the front lines in Taloqan
 - Small-unit to mid-level leaders
 - Personalities
 - Safe houses
 - Possible Taliban/Al-Qaida terrorist training
- Humanitarian operations in Afghanistan
- HIF and Al Wafa Humanitarian Organizations
- Points of contact, facilitators, and persons affiliated with extremist support networks operating in the Central Asia region
- Detainee's knowledge of extremist/terrorist personalities involved with other terrorist organizations (i.e., Al Sughayir and the ASG)

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 4 November 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.


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