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

SUBJECT: Response to the Designated Civilian Official (DCO) Decision to Transfer Guantanamo Detainee, AL-QAHTANI, SA'D MUHAMMAD HUSAYN AL MUFLIH, ISN US9SA-000200DP (S)

(S//NF) Although there is no new information discovered since his most recent assessment, JTF-GTMO reaffirms the 17-May-2008 recommendation for the continued detention of SA-200 based on the following key data points. JTF-GTMO continues to determine this detainee to be a **HIGH** risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies. Detainee is a likely recidivist candidate.

(S//NF) Background: Detainee is an al-Qaida member who swore allegiance to Usama Bin Laden (UBL). Detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces on the front lines and in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex in Afghanistan (AF). Detainee admitted receiving al-Qaida funds for distribution on the front lines and is reported by a senior al-Qaida member to have volunteered for a suicide mission. Detainee admitted attending extremist training camps and possibly received additional, advanced training at both an Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ) camp and the Duranta Training Camp. Detainee acknowledged his associations with numerous al-Qaida members, leaders, and other extremists, including at least five 11 September 2001 hijackers. Detainee admitted associations with multiple terrorist groups and terrorist support entities, including Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LT) and Jaish-e-Muhammad (JEM).

1. (U) Details:

- (S//NF) Detainee is an al-Qaida member reported to have sworn *bayat* to UBL and is associated with multiple senior al-Qaida leaders including Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP; al-Qaida military commander Abu Hafs al-Masri, aka (Muhammad Atif), deceased; and Abu Ubaydah al-Masri, deceased. Detainee served as a money courier for a senior al-Qaida commander.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> TD-314/24346-02, 000200 SIR 10-MAR-2005, TD-314/36485-02, IIR 6 034 0238 02, IIR 6 034 0237 02(b), IIR 2 340 6985 02, TD-314/18010-04, IIR 6 034 0146 06, 000200 SIR 07-JUN-2005, IIR 6 034 0325 05, IIR 6 034 0237 02, 000200 SIR 28-OCT-2004

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- (S//NF) Detainee participated in hostilities against US and coalition forces as a fighter in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade on the front lines and was an al-Qaida fighter who fought on the front lines at Kabul and Tora Bora, as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade, and engaged in combat action against US and Coalition forces.<sup>2</sup>
  - Detainee openly admitted numerous times he was on the front lines at Kabul, where he carried a weapon and occupied fighting positions both before and after the US bombing campaign began in October 2001. Detainee admitted he was present on the lines during US air strikes and bombardment by Northern Alliance artillery, and he retreated with Taliban and al-Qaida fighters to Tora Bora, where he carried a weapon and was assigned to a fighting position. Detainee described his chain of command in detail, naming known al-Qaida, Taliban, and other militant commanders.<sup>3</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee volunteered for a martyrdom mission and was identified by al-Qaida senior commanders to be a suicide bomber.<sup>4</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted attending al-Qaida supported training camps and guesthouses, and possibly received additional training at both the EIJ camp and Duranta Training Camp.<sup>5</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee had personal contact with at least five of the 11 September 2001 hijackers and other significant Islamic extremists.<sup>6</sup>
- Detainee's account is only partially truthful and he refuses to answer repeat questions indicating continuing support for extremism. Refusing to answer repeat questions is a counter-interrogation technique as listed in the Manchester Manual. Detainee also regrets previous cooperation with interrogators.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> 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. ISN US9IZ-010026DP 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>3</sup> IIR 6 034 0237 02, IIR 6 034 0325 05, 000200 SIR 18-NOV-2003, IIR 6 034 0263 02, IIR 6 034 0325 05, TD-314/18010-04, TD-314/24346-02

<sup>4</sup> TD-314/18010-04

<sup>5</sup> IIR 6 034 0308 04, IIR 6 034 0151 05, 000568 SIR 06-JAN-2005, IIR 6 034 0237 02, IIR 6 034 0165 05, IIR 6 034 0258 06, 000200 SIR 21-FEB-2006, 000200 SIR 11-MAR-2006, 000200 SIR 30-AUG-2006, IIR 6 034 0229 04, TD-314/21668-00, TD-314/47683-03; TD-314/40693-02,

<sup>6</sup> 000200 SIR 22-JUL-2005, 000200 SIR 12-FEB-2005, 000200 SIR 10-NOV-2004, 000200 SIR 01-FEB-2006, FBIS 24-MAY-2006, IIR 6 034 0329 05, 000200 SIR 07-JUN-2005, 000200 SIR 22-JUL-2005, IIR 6 034 0284 05, TD-314/21668-00, TD-314/12972-03, TD-314/41672-02, 000200 SIR 22-JUL-2005, TD-314/40311-02, TD-314/57927-04, 000200 302 04-FEB-2002, IIR 6 034 0237 02, IIR 6 034 0236 02, 000200 302 09-FEB-2002

<sup>7</sup> 000200 SIR 20-Nov-2008, Extremist Counter-Interrogation 19-Aug-2005, 000200 SIR 18-SEP-2008

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2. (S//NF) If released without rehabilitation, close supervision, and means to successfully reintegrate into his society as a law-abiding citizen, it is assessed detainee would immediately seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities at home and abroad.



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