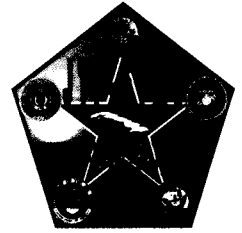




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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue, Miami, FL 33172.

SUBJECT: Update Recommendation to Transfer to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9CH-000277DP (S)

JTF GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (FOUO) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Sadir Sabit
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Bahtiyar Mahnut, Baihatiyaer Maihemuti, Abudusalamukelimu
- Place of Birth: Ghulja, China (CH)
- Date of Birth: 18 January 1976
- Citizenship: China
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9CH-000277DP



2. (FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good health and has no known drug allergies. He has refused treatment for latent TB. Detainee has no travel restrictions.

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

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends detainee be Transferred to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD).

b. (S//NF) Summary: JTF GTMO previously assessed detainee as Transfer to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD) on 14 February 2004.

For this update recommendation, detainee is assessed to be a member of the East Turkistan Islamic Movement and the Al-Qaida global terrorist network. Detainee received training at an Al-Qaida sponsored terrorist training facility established for use by the Eastern Turkistan

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Islamic Party. Detainee provided direct assistance to the Taliban engaged against coalition forces in Northern Afghanistan. It is assessed this detainee is a MEDIUM risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

4. (S//NF) Detainee Background Summary: Unless otherwise noted, the following paragraphs are based solely on the detainee's statements.

a. (S) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee and an associate, Arshidin departed Ghulja, CH, in May 2000 to pursue a better life in a western democratic country. The pair traveled to Kazakhstan and stayed for two weeks. They then flew to Karachi, Pakistan (PK), and traveled to Islamabad, PK, the following day. Shortly after arriving in Islamabad, detainee and Arshidin met a Uighur named Rahim Jan. They met with Jan several times and repeatedly asked him to help them find employment. Jan suggested that they travel to Afghanistan (AF) where they could receive free room and board as well as weapons training. Detainee and Arshidin expressed some reservations about entering a war-torn region, but they agreed to go there. Detainee, Arshidin and traveled to Peshawar, PK, where Jan arranged for continued travel to Jalalabad, AF.

b. (S) Training and Activities: Detainee and Arshidin arrived at a guesthouse in Jalalabad and met Abdul Haq who allowed them to stay at the house. The next morning detainee, Arshidin, and two other Uighurs, Abdul Hammad and Abdul Wahad, traveled to the Eastern Turkistan Organization (ETO) mountain training camp in Tora Bora. Here, detainee trained on the Kalashnikov rifle under the guidance of Hammad. Abdul Jabar and Waris were also instructors at the camp. Abdul Muhsim was in charge of the camp. Detainee was at the camp from June 2001 until about November 2001. While he was at the camp, Hassan Makhsum (variant Mashum) visited. Makhsum was the leader of the Eastern Turkistan Islamic Party and overseer of a training camp run by the Eastern Turkistan Organization (ETO). Detainee and other Uighurs fled the training camp when the US began bombing Tora Bora. They joined a group of fleeing Arabs who they followed into Pakistan.

c. (S) Capture Information: Detainee hid in a mosque along with over 100 fleeing Arab and Uighur mujahideen. About 18 December 2001, Pakistani authorities surrounded the mosque and captured all personnel. The Pakistani authorities transferred detainee to US control on 4 January 2002.

d. (S) Transferred to JTF GTMO: 10 June 2002

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

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- Uighur safe houses in Afghanistan
- Uighur training camps

5. (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:

- (S//NF) Detainee admitted to being a member of the Taliban engaged against coalition forces, specifically the Northern Alliance. This engagement took place near Mazar-E-Sharif prior to retreats to Kabul, AF, Jalalabad, AF, and finally, Tora Bora where detainee was captured. (Analyst note: Detainee's acknowledgements indicate he participated in hostile action against US/Coalition forces. Detainee likely provided support to the Taliban while a member of an extremist organization, the ETIM, discussed below.)
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted to attending a training camp run by the ETO and overseen by Hassan Makhsum, the leader of the Eastern Turkistan Islamic Party (ETIP). The ETO is assessed to be the East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM). Detainee is assessed to be a member of ETIM. (Analyst note: ETIM is a Tier 2 Counterterrorism Target defined as terrorist/extremist groups that have demonstrated both the intention and the capability to attack US persons and interests. They are believed to pose somewhat less of a threat to US interests around the world than Tier 1 groups. The ETIM is an Islamic extremist group based in China's western Xinjiang Province. It is the most militant of the ethnic Uighur separatist groups attempting to establish an independent "Eastern Turkistan" that would include Turkey, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Xinjiang. ETIM is linked to Al-Qaida and the international mujahideen movement. The ETIM is a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Group pursuant to Executive Order 13224. ETIM militants fought alongside Al-Qaida and Taliban forces in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.)
 - (S//NF) As the commander and spiritual leader of the ETIP, Makhsum led his group to Afghanistan and joined Al-Qaida. Makhsum entered the circle of UBL when the ETIP aligned itself as part of Al-Qaida. Beginning in 2000, the ETIP's core was located in the area of Tora Bora, AF, in an Al-Qaida affiliated camp.
 - (S//NF) As the leader of the ETIM, Makhsum called for all Uighur extremists to return to Afghanistan to continue the jihad against the US military forces. (Analyst note: Pakistani authorities killed Hassan Makhsum on 2 October 2003.)

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- (S//NF) Detainee initially identified himself as Sadir Sabit and claimed to have been born in Mazar-E-Sharif, AF, in 1977 and another time he said 1975. Detainee now claims his name is Bahtiyar Mahnut, and that he was born in Ghulja, CH, in 1976. Detainee's claims are likely designed to prevent interrogators from determining his true identity and affiliations with terrorist organizations.
 - (S//NF) The Chinese government identified detainee as Sadir Sabit, a Chinese national born 18 January 1976 in Yili, Xinjiang Province, CH. Detainee is wanted by the Chinese police and left China in May 2001. (Analyst note: The Chinese government's statements support detainee's initial self-identification.)
- (S) Detainee claimed that after running out of money, he learned of opportunities in Afghanistan for Uighurs. Detainee contradicted earlier statements in which he said he went to Afghanistan for weapons training and to collect money from other Uighurs so he could travel to a different country. (Analyst note: This is another example of detainee's attempts to protect himself from terrorist related incrimination as Sadir Sabit.)
- (S) Arkina Mahmud, US9CH-000103 (ISN 103) is detainee's brother and also an admitted member of the ETIM.
- (S//NF) There are numerous discrepancies in detainee's story when compared to other intelligence. One example is detainee's repeated claim that he only stayed at the Uighur training camp for three months. However, he also stated he was there from June until the bombing began in Tora Bora in November. (Analyst note: The bombing in Tora Bora likely did not become an influential factor in the disposition of the Uighur camp until the beginning of December as coalition forces advanced on Jalalabad forcing the extremists to retreat into the mountains. Tora Bora itself was cleared of opposing forces by 18 December 2001. This indicates detainee was in the camp for closer to six months based on his current timeline.)
 - (S//NF) Additionally, detainee claimed to have only trained on the AK-47 while at the camp. (Analyst note: The normal extremist basic training program in Afghanistan lasted only about two months. Training included, at a minimum, multiple small arms as well as some tactics. It is unlikely detainee would train on simply one weapon for the length of time he claimed. Detainee contradicted his statements of only residing in Jalalabad and the Tora Bora camp, as he also admitted to supporting the Taliban in Mazar-E-Sharif.)
- (S//NF) Najmedeen Mohammed, US9CH-000102 (ISN 102), noted his friend Bahtiyar (the detainee's name) had been to a Uighur camp in Herat, AF, where detainee had trained on the AK and automatic weaponry no later than August 2000. (Analyst note: Detainee could be the noted Bahtiyar, which would indicate a longer stay in Afghanistan or, more likely, additional travels to the country than is reported.)

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c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee's recent behavior is generally aggressive and non-compliant. During the first quarter 2005, detainee received citations for failure to comply, harassing guards, and inciting disturbances. This equals detainee's total number of citations for the previous year.

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

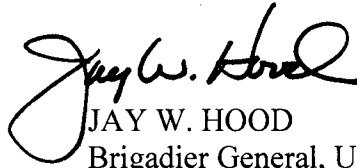
a. (S) Assessment: JTF GTMO determined detainee is of MEDIUM intelligence value.

- (S) Detainee can provide information on the ETIM operations and personnel in China, Pakistan, Afghanistan and perhaps surrounding regions. Detainee can provide information on ETIM militant training and operational support provided to the Taliban and possibly links to Al-Qaida and other extremist groups.

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

- ETIM
 - Personnel – Recruiters, facilitators, leadership, trainers, members
 - Training – Logistics, personnel, facilities, weapons, curriculum in Afghanistan and China
 - Support – To/from Al-Qaida and the Taliban prior to, and during, OEF to include military action and participants
 - Facilitation – Securing international travel routes, safe houses, documentation
 - Uighur detainees – background, activities, training, leadership positions, links to Taliban and other extremist organizations

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


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