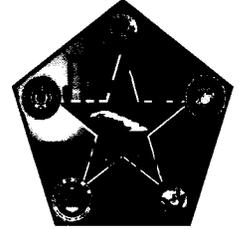




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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue, Miami, FL 33172.

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9SA-000192DP (S)

JTF GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Ibrahim Sulayman Muhammad Arbaysh
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Abu Mohammed, Saad Al Ansari, Ibrahim Sulayman Al Rabeesh, Ibrahim Sulaiman Al Rubaish, Ibrahim El Roubish, Ibrahim Sulayman Muhammad, Ibrahim Sulayman Muhammad Al Rubaysh
- Place of Birth: Al Brida, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 1978
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SA-000192DP



2. (FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good health. He refused treatment for latent TB. He has no allergies and is not on medication. He went on a hunger strike in March 2002.

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

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF GTMO previously assessed detainee as Retain in DoD Control (DoD) on 15 October 2004.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is assessed as an Al-Qaida member who traveled to Afghanistan intent on training for jihad in Chechnya, but stayed and joined the

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Taliban. Detainee stayed in Al-Qaida guesthouses and attended that group's Al-Farouq terrorist training camp. He participated in hostilities in Tora Bora. Detainee is also linked to known Al-Qaida members. 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 MEDIUM intelligence value. [ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN A SCI SUPPLEMENT]

4. (S//NF) Detainee 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 claimed he received an inheritance and did not need to work. He received his Islamic Law Certificate from Jamiate Al-Emam Mohammed Bensawut in Al-Brida, SA.¹

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee decided to participate in jihad at the urging of Sheik Hamoud al Uqala. Jihad in Chechnya was a frequent topic of the Sheik's lectures.² An acquaintance from the Arbaysh Mosque in Brayma, SA, Abd Al-Rahim, told detainee to travel from Jeddah, SA, to Quetta, Pakistan (PK), via Karachi, PK. (Analyst Note: Abd Al-Rahim is assessed to be an Al-Qaida recruiter and facilitator.) In Karachi, Ihassan (NFI) met detainee at the airport and arranged for someone to meet him in Quetta. Once there, an Afghan met detainee at the airport, and they traveled to a guesthouse in Kandahar, Afghanistan (AF), circumventing checkpoints at the border. Detainee was instructed to stay at what he believed was an Arab guesthouse for a few days³

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee then traveled to Al-Farouq, arriving in what he believed to be the end of May 2001. Upon arrival at Al-Farouq, detainee was searched, allowed to retain his passport and other personal belongings, and instructed to fill out an application. While at Al-Farouq, detainee trained on the Kalashnikov. After approximately three weeks, he was told that the camp was to be evacuated because of the risk of coalition bombing.⁴ He was told to go to a guesthouse in Kabul, AF. After residing in that guesthouse for seven to ten days, detainee departed for Jalalabad, AF, where he stayed in

¹ 000192 KB

² IIR 6 034 1095 04 (Analyst Note: Sheik Hamoud Al-Uqala was Sheik Hamoud al-'Uqla ash-Shu'aybi who issued a fatwa in the days following 9/11.)

³ 000192 FBI 302 13 February 2002; IIR 6 034 0241 02

⁴ 000192 FBI 302 13 February 2002; IIR 6 034 0241 02

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a guesthouse run by Musaub for approximately thirty days. At the end of that time, Tora Bora commander, Ali Mahmoud, came to the guesthouse and told detainee to “return” to Tora Bora since Jalalabad was about to fall. When detainee arrived in Tora Bora, his unit commander, Al-Zubair, issued him a Kalashnikov.⁵ (Analyst Note: Al-Zubair is probably senior Al-Qaida trainer Hamza Zubair al-Masri.) Detainee’s front line position was named after his commander. Detainee claimed he lost his passport while at this location.⁶

5. (S//NF) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Detainee does not describe his capture; however, Pakistani authorities took detainee into custody as he was fleeing Afghanistan into Pakistan. Detainee was transferred to US custody on 31 December 2001 in Kohat, AF.⁷

b. (S) Property Held:

- Gray spiral notebook with Arabic writing
- Piece of paper with prayer schedule
- Bank receipt from “Sarraf Alrajhi Banking and Investment Corp”
- ASR silver watch
- Black wallet
- 4 – 5 Pakistani rupee note
- 5 – 500 Pakistani rupee note
- 3 – 10 Pakistani rupee note
- 2 – 5 Saudi riyal note
- 1 – 10 Saudi riyal note
- Piece of paper with the name of Ibad Al-Maki and the number 053543850⁸
- Website address for al-muayed.com⁹

c. (S) Transferred to JTF GTMO: 16 January 2002

⁵ 000192 FBI 302 13 February 2002; IIR 6 034 0241 02

⁶ 000192 FBI 302 13 February 2002; IIR 6 034 0241 02

⁷ TD-314/00845-02

⁸ 000192 FBI 302 13 February 2002; IIR 6 034 0241 02 (Analyst Note: Detainee claimed the number was for Al-Maki’s cell phone. Al-Maki is a friend of detainee’s from his mosque in Saudi Arabia. However, detainee could not explain why he was still carrying his cell phone number months later. See “Reasons for Continued Detention” for further information.)

⁹ 000192 FBI 302 13 February 2002; IIR 6 034 0241 02 (Analyst Note: Detainee described this site as an Arab newspaper.)

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

- Jaish-E-Mohammed (JEM) and its weapons training, training camp locations, and camp instructors near Kandahar¹⁰

6. (S//NF) Evaluation Of Detainee's Account: Detainee provides limited information about his timeline. Detainee was not able to explain why he still had what he claimed was Al-Maki's cell phone number months after their alleged last encounter. His claim that he had a roundtrip ticket to Pakistan, that he filled out no forms, and that he was allowed to hold onto his personal effects is highly suspect given the Al-Qaida modus operandi as it relates to these areas, and the fact that he is listed on the safety deposit box document. Detainee claimed he spent three weeks at Al-Farouq and fled in June 2001 in anticipation of coalition bombings. Coalition bombings did not occur until October 2001, raising questions about detainee's timeline. Detainee failed to provide information about his activities at, and departure from Tora Bora. It is also not clear whether detainee was at Tora Bora and returned a second time as Jalalabad fell. It is unclear why officials at Bagram believed detainee had information related to Jaish-E-Mohammed (JEM). Detainee's actions contradict his claim that his father is dead. In 2002 detainee sent his father a letter stating he was in Cuba and would probably never see him again.¹¹

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: Detainee is assessed as a member of Al-Qaida. He associated with a known Al-Qaida facilitator and fundraiser. Detainee's name was found on several documents tied to Al-Qaida and several articles identifying Taliban/Al-Qaida fighters. Detainee received training at Al-Farouq and stayed in Al-Qaida run / affiliated guesthouses. (Analyst Note: See High Side Addendum.)

- (S//NF) Detainee was associated with known and assessed Al-Qaida members.
 - (S//NF) Detainee had the name Ibad Al-Maki and the number 053543850 in his pocket litter.¹²

¹⁰ (Analyst Note: JEM is a Tier 1 Counterterrorism target, defined as those terrorist groups, especially those with state support, that have demonstrated the intention and the capability to attack US persons or interests. It is unknown how or why detainee would have information on JEM.)

¹¹ IIR 6 034 0500 02

¹² Detainee's pocket litter

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- (S//NF) The name variation 'Ibada Al-Makki (Analyst Note: Maki is a variation of the transliteration of Makki) is tied to aforementioned number and belongs to a known Al-Qaida facilitator and fundraiser.¹³
 - ◆ (S//NF) According to assessed Al-Qaida member Ahmed Muhammed Haza Al Darbi, US9SA-000768DP (SA-768), in approximately 1996, 'Ibada Al-Makki arranged "tickets, a visa, and funds for SA-768's travel" to Afghanistan via Pakistan.¹⁴
- (S//NF) 'Ibada Al-Makki is a close contact of senior Al-Qaida operative Abu Zubaydah.¹⁵
- (S//NF) Assessed Al-Qaida facilitator Abu Mu'az Al Jiddawi claimed to have been in contact with 'Ibada Al-Makki, an Al-Qaida member in Saudi Arabia.¹⁶
- (S//NF) While in Bosnia in 1995, 'Ibada Al-Makki saw 9/11 hijacker Nawwaf Al-Hazmi.¹⁷
- (S//NF) Detainee reported he was commanded by Al-Zubair in Tora Bora.
 - (S//NF) According to Al-Qaida operative Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, shortly after the events of 11 September 2001, Hamza Zubair arrived at Ghailani's house with twelve to fifteen mujahideen to get some rest "for fighting the group was undertaking near the airport in Kandahar." (Analyst Note: The Al-Zubair who commanded detainee in Tora Bora is probably senior Al-Qaida trainer, and later military commander, Hamza Zubair al-Masri. Zubair was killed 11 September 2002 during raids on Al-Qaida safehouses in Karachi, PK. Detainee's name was also found on a document at one of these safehouses.)¹⁸
 - (S//NF) According to probable Al-Qaida member Ali Yahya Mahdi Al-Rimi, ISN US9YM-000167DP (YM-167), he traveled to Tora Bora and met up with an Arab man named El Zubair who commanded a group of five or six Arabs. YM-167's group arrived at this position on approximately 29 November 2001. (Analyst Note: El Zubair is probably Al-Zubair. Based on timeline and name variation, it is assessed that this position is the same as that occupied by detainee.)¹⁹
- (S//NF) Detainee was motivated by Sheik Hamoud al Uqala to travel to Afghanistan for jihad. (Analyst Note: Sheik Hamoud Al-Uqala was Sheik Hamoud

¹³ 'Ibada Al-Makki referenced as a fundraiser in TD-314/10248-03, and referenced as a facilitator in TD-314/37808-03

¹⁴ TD-314/36888-03

¹⁵ TD-314/10248-03

¹⁶ TD-314/48966-02

¹⁷ TD-314/16194-02. (S//NF) Nawaf and Ibada were members of different groups. The report is unclear on the nature or depth of the relationship.

¹⁸ TD-314/35149-05

¹⁹ IIR 6 034 0069 04

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al-'Uqla ash-Shu'aybi. Sheik Hamoud al-'Uqla was one of the first to issue fatwas, or religious rulings, calling on Muslims to support the foreign mujahideen helping Afghans fight the Soviets. In 1995, he was among several clerics arrested for criticizing the Saudi royal family's pro-Western policies. After the 11 September 2001 attacks on the US, he issued fatwas declaring that those supporting the US and coalition forces against Muslims were themselves nonbelievers. His fatwas justified the attacks and instructed Muslims to defend the Taliban. Additionally, he helped raise money for UBL until his death in Saudi Arabia in 2001.)²⁰

- (S//NF) Abd Al-Rahim assisted detainee in his travel to Afghanistan for jihad. (Analyst Note: Despite limited information, it is assessed Al-Rahim was an Al-Qaida facilitator.)²¹
- (S//NF) According to assessed Al-Qaida member Abd Al Aziz Abd Al Rahman, ISN US9SA-000264DP (SA-264), detainee has some type of leadership role among detainees and strongly influences them. SA-264 also said detainee has "deep and strong information." (Analyst Note: It is unknown whether the information detainee has refers to information about Al-Qaida or about others at Guantanamo Bay.)²²
- (S//NF) Detainee's name and/or alias were discovered in documents associated with Al-Qaida as well as documents discussing captured Taliban and Al-Qaida fighters.
 - (S//NF) Detainee's name was found on a list of names of mujahideen who arrived in Afghanistan in December 2001 to fight. These mujahideen did not complete training and were subsequently arrested by Pakistani authorities.²³
 - (S//NF) Detainee's name was found in a document listing 324 Arabic names, aliases, and nationalities, recovered from raids on safe houses associated with suspected Al-Qaida members in Karachi, PK. Detainee's name was associated with the alias Sa'ad al Ansari, two numbers having an unknown significance, and the statement "has possession of a Saudi passport, ticket, id card and ATM card."²⁴
 - (S//NF) Detainee's name was found in a document listing the names of captured mujahideen recovered from a 20 gigabyte hard drive associated with senior Al-Qaida operative Khalid Sheik Mohammed (KSM).²⁵
 - (S//NF) Analysis of computer media associated with raids of Al-Qaida safehouses in Rawalpindi, PK, and Karachi, PK, on 1 March 2003 and 10-12 September 2002 respectively, revealed a listing of Al-Qaida mujahideen and their "trust" accounts. Detainee's name was found on this list associated with the alias Sa'ad al Ansari. The

²⁰ 000192 FBI 302 13 February 2002; IIR 6 034 0241 02

²¹ Abd Al-Rahim is referenced in IIR 6 034 0241 02 and 000192 SIR 16 February 2002

²² IIR 6 034 0034 03

²³ TD-314/48336-03

²⁴ TD-314/40693-02

²⁵ TD-314/13174-03

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list included a safety deposit box number, a passport, ticket, and two identification cards as the box contents.²⁶

- (S//NF) Detainee's name is listed in a document identifying seventy-eight associates detained by the Pakistanis that was recovered from a computer used by suspected Al-Qaida members.²⁷
 - (S//NF) Detainee's alias was also found on a hand written version of this document identifying sixty-eight associates detained by the Pakistanis.²⁸
 - ◆ (S//NF) Detainee's name was in an article published by London Al-Quds identifying Arab fighters who were betrayed by Pakistani locals and turned into the Pakistani government and were held until transfer to US custody in Afghanistan. (Analyst Note: The London Al-Quds Al-Arabi publication is a London-based independent Arab Nationalist Daily with an anti-US and anti-Saudi editorial line which tends to generally be pro-Palestinian, pro-Iraqi regime, and sympathetic to UBL.)²⁹
 - (S//NF) Detainee's name was on a recovered document associated with the Islamic Observation Center in London, England (UK) listing names of seventy-six associates fighting with the Taliban against the Northern Alliance. (Analyst Note: The Islamic Observation Center is a known conduit of Usama Bin Laden's and Al-Qaida's message. It is highly probable that this listing is the same as the document listing seventy-eight associates mentioned above.)³⁰
- (S//NF) Detainee's name and contact information was published in a seventy-nine page document on the Al Neda internet site on 20 July 2002. The document contained information regarding the capture of Taliban and Al-Qaida fighters who crossed the border in the Nangarhar Province, AF, after the 11 September retaliation.³¹
- (S//NF) Variations of detainee's name and alias were included on a listing provided by a foreign government service which identified members of Al-Qaida. Detainee was identified as being located on the peninsula. (Analyst Note: It is unknown how or why the individuals on this list were assessed to be Al-Qaida. The peninsula refers to the Arabian Peninsula.)³²
- (S//NF) When questioned about the nature of the documents recovered in the 1 March 2003 raid of KSM's residence, Abu Zubaydah claimed the information was a record of people's belongings left at KSM's guesthouse. Upon arrival at a

²⁶ TD-314/47683-03

²⁷ IIR 7 739 3268 02

²⁸ IIR 7 739 3245 02

²⁹ FBIS article: GMP 2002044000090_FULL

³⁰ TD-314/09853-02; Analyst Note from <http://www.iict.org.il/spotlight/det.cfm?id=699>

³¹ IIR 7 739 3396 02_FULL

³² TD-314/27689-02

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guesthouse, Abu Zubaydah explained that a brother left his passport, any other important papers, wallet, and other miscellaneous items, with an official of the guesthouse who would write the brother's original name, his nickname, and the articles the brother deposited.³³

- (S//NF) When asked to review the names on the listing, detainee's name/alias was familiar to Abu Zubaydah. (NFI)³⁴
- (S//NF) Detainee received training at Al-Farouq and resided in guesthouses assessed Al-Qaida guesthouses.³⁵
- (S//NF) After the 2002 Saudi delegation visit, detainee was identified by Mabath as one of the seventy-seven Saudi nationals of low intelligence and law enforcement value to the US Government but of whom the Saudi Government would attempt to prosecute if transferred to their custody from Guantanamo Bay.³⁷

c. (FOUO) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed as a MODERATE threat from a detention perspective. The detainee's overall behavior has been non-compliant and rarely hostile to the guard force and staff. The detainee has not had an assault since 9 February 2004. SA-192 currently has 20 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS. The most recent occurred on 25 November 2004 when the detainee failed to stop cross block talking. Other incidents for which the detainee has been disciplined include failure to follow instructions, possession of contraband (non-weapon type items), damage to property, and assault. The detainee also has a mentionable amount of detainee notes for conducting PT in his cell and for preaching/teaching to the other detainees on the block.

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

- a. **(S) Assessment:** JTF GTMO determined this detainee is of MEDIUM intelligence value.
- b. **(S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee attended Al-Farouq, resided in Al-Qaida guesthouses, fought in Tora Bora, and associated with known Al-Qaida operatives, including Hamza Zubair and Ibad Al-Makki.
- c. **(S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee's true intelligence value is not yet fully exposed. There are still considerable gaps in his timeline and information about his

³³ TD-314/14620-03

³⁴ TD-314/14620-03

³⁵ IIR 2 340 6165 02, IIR 6 034 0241 02

³⁶ IIR 6 034 0500 02

³⁷ TD-314/30789-02

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activities lacks the specifics necessary to target particular areas of interest. The significance, if any, of detainee's relationship with Al-Makki needs further investigation. Detainee's connection to JEM remains unexplained.

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

- Al-Qaida
 - Affiliation with and knowledge of senior Al-Qaida operatives
 - Facilitators
 - Safe houses
 - Training camps and trainers
 - 55th Arab Brigade
 - Fighters in Tora Bora
 - Detainee's role
- JEM
 - Detainee's connections

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 12 August 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.



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