



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
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JTF GTMO-CG

20 December 2003

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

SUBJECT: (S) Recommendation to Retain under DoD Control for Guantanamo Detainee, Akbar Mohammed, ISN: US9PK-0001011DP

1. (S) **Personal Information:** Akbar Mohammed, claims to be an Afghan national born in 1973 (age 30) in Shaydar Village, Afghanistan. He has been diagnosed with latent Tuberculosis and as being in the early stages of Schizophreniform, but is otherwise in good health.
2. (S) **Detention Information:** It is believed that the detainee was captured by the Iranians at an undetermined location inside of Iran and held for an undetermined period of time. Detainee was turned over to Afghan authorities sometime in March 2003 along with 7 others, all suspected by the Iranians of being Al-Qaida or Taliban operatives. Detainee was transferred to the provincial Afghan government, who in turn transferred the detainee to US custody. Detainee was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, on 8 May 2003 because while in Bagram, the detainee admitted to being with Taliban leader Said ((MOHAMMED)) in Pakistan and volunteering to work for Al-Qaida.
3. (S/NF) **Reasons for Continued Detention at GTMO:** Prior to his arrival at GTMO, Detainee's interviews indicated he was purposely concealing information. His claims of being an Afghan are thought to be part of his cover story, meant to help mitigate his affiliations and importance. Detainee is highly educated and speaks at least 5 languages, but he has not explained where he received his education. He admitted to being with Taliban leader Said ((MOHAMMED)) in Pakistan and volunteering to work for Al-Qaida, but has not explained his position or affiliation with the Taliban. The Iranians believed detainee to be affiliated with Al-Qaida (or the Taliban); however, they provided no documentation. Detainee also claims he was an officer in the Afghan Army, but little information has been obtained to support his claims. However, if he was in the Afghan Army, it would have been during the Taliban regime, making him a member of the Taliban. Detainee also has

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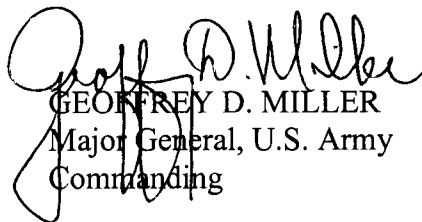
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unexplained travels that could possibly indicate a greater involvement with Islamic extremism. Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 29 Aug 03, and he remains an enemy combatant.

4. (S) **Assessment:** Based on information collected and available to Joint Task Force Guantanamo as of 16 December 2003, detainee ISN: ~~US9AF~~-001011DP cannot be assessed as whether he was a member of Al Qaida or a Taliban leader at this time. Moreover, based on the detainee's folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the detainee is of intelligence value to the United States. Based on the above, detainee poses a medium risk, as he may possibly pose a threat to the U.S., its interests or its allies.

5. (S) **Recommendation:** Retain under DoD control.

6. (C) **Coordination:** JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF) of this recommendation on 1 December 2003. CITF will defer to JTF-GTMO as to the detainees threat.


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