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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 US9YM-000040DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Abdelqadir al-Mudhaffari
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Abdel Qadir Hussein Ali al-Mudhaffari, Abu Salman, Abdul Qadir al-Baidari, Salman al-Sanai
- Place of Birth: Al-Bayda, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 1976
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000040DP



2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in overall good health.

3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF-GTMO previously recommended detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) on 22 August 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is a member of al-Qaida and a former bodyguard for Usama Bin Laden (UBL). Detainee received militant training at the al-Faruq Training Camp and was reported to be a weapons trainer at the Tarnak Farm Training Camp. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces and was captured with a group referred to as the Dirty 30, which included UBL bodyguards and a 20th 11 September 2001 hijacker. Detainee and other members of the Dirty 30 attended a religious institute known for extremist recruitment in Yemen, and in Afghanistan. Detainee's

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travel was possibly facilitated by a well known al-Qaida member. **[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DETAINEE IS AVAILABLE IN AN SCI SUPPLEMENT.]** JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

- A **HIGH** risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies
- A **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective
- Of **HIGH** intelligence value

c. (S//NF) Summary of Changes: The following outlines changes to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation. (Changes in this assessment will be annotated by ➤ next to the footnote.)

- Updated detainee's capture information
- Additional reporting regarding detainee in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex

4. (U) Detainee's 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 finished high school around the age of 22. He worked as a house painter with his father in Yemen until he left for Afghanistan (AF).¹

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee attended the al-Khair and al-Muthafr Mosques in Sanaa, YM. Detainee also attended the Dimaj Institute in Sanaa for two years.² Detainee studied the Koran under the guidance of Shaykh Muqbil al-Wadi (deceased). Detainee stated that he was "called" to travel to Afghanistan and was neither recommended nor recruited to go. In November 2000, detainee traveled from Sanaa through Karachi and Quetta, Pakistan (PK), across the border to Spin Boldak, AF, and then on to Kandahar, AF.³

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee spent most of his time in Khowst, AF, studying and teaching the Koran. However, he often traveled to Kandahar because there was a library where he could study and do research. When detainee received word that all Arabs were leaving Afghanistan, he decided to head to the Pakistani border, fearing he would be associated with UBL.⁴

¹ 000040 302 01-APR-2002, IIR 6 034 0406 02

² 000040 302 18-AUG-2002, Analyst Note: A variant of al-Khair is al-Khayr. This mosque served as a transit point and shelter for Islamic combatant volunteers as well as a fundraising center for Islamic militants.

³ 000040 302 18-AUG-2002, 000040 302 01-APR-2002

⁴ 000040 302 01-APR-2002

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5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Detainee was captured by Pakistani forces on 15 December 2001 while attempting to cross the Afghanistan-Pakistan border near Parachinar, PK, after fleeing from UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex. Detainee was captured with a group of 31 other Arab al-Qaida fighters referred to by US intelligence reporting as the Dirty 30, most of whom are assessed to be UBL bodyguards and other members of UBL's security detail.⁵ Pakistani authorities transferred the group to a prison facility in Peshawar, PK, where they were held for 15 days.⁶ On 26 December 2001, Pakistani authorities transferred detainee from Peshawar to US custody at the Kandahar Detention Facility.⁷

b. (S) Property Held:

- Casio watch

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

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

- Status of internally displaced persons in Afghanistan

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee has been resistant to any form of interview and appears to be trained in counter-interrogation methods. It is clear detainee has decided to withhold whatever pertinent knowledge he retains as a former bodyguard for UBL. Detainee uses a known al-Qaida cover story of traveling to Afghanistan to study and teach the Koran. According to Muhammad Yahya Muhsin al-Zaylai, ISN US9SA-000055DP (SA-055), who was captured with detainee, the Pakistani warden of the prison where detainee and his group were held informed them the best thing they could tell US forces when interrogated was that they were in Afghanistan to teach the Koran and to study religion.⁸ Majid M Abdu Ahmed, ISN US9YM-000041DP (YM-041), who was also captured with detainee, similarly reported the Koran-teaching cover story was false.⁹

⁵ >Bodyguard Profile INTSUM 23-OCT-2006, IIR 6 034 1131 03, IIR 6 034 0847 03

⁶ 000027 302 18-MAR-2002, 000045 302 19-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0053 05, 000045 MFR 10-APR-2002, IIR 6 034 0304 02

⁷ TD-314/00845-02

⁸ IIR 6 034 0704 02, IIR 6 034 0780 02

⁹ 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

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7. (U) Detainee Threat:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be a **HIGH** risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies.

b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention: Detainee is a member of al-Qaida and a former bodyguard for UBL. Detainee received militant training at the al-Faruq Training Camp and was reported to be a weapons trainer at the Tarnak Farm Training Camp. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces and was captured with a group referred to as the Dirty 30, which included UBL bodyguards and a 20th 11 September 2001 hijacker. Detainee and other members of the Dirty 30 attended a religious institute known for extremist recruitment in Yemen, and in Afghanistan. Detainee's travel was possibly facilitated by a well known al-Qaida member.

- (S//NF) Detainee is a member of al-Qaida and a former bodyguard for UBL who received militant training at the al-Faruq Training Camp.
 - (S//NF) Al-Qaida operative Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, aka (Haytham al-Kini), aka (Fupi), US9TZ-010012DP (TZ-10012), stated detainee was briefly employed as a bodyguard for UBL. Ghailani claimed he met detainee in 1999 at the al-Faruq Training Camp, and in 2000 detainee was living in Kandahar near the airport at a small camp run by Abu Ubayda.¹⁰
 - (S//NF) Abdu Ali al-Haji Sharqawi, aka (“Riyadh the Facilitator”), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), claimed detainee traveled to Afghanistan in 1999, and became a UBL bodyguard around August 2001.¹¹ YM-1457 also remarked detainee was a friend of UBL's secretary, Abu Basir.¹²
 - (S//NF) YM-1457 stated, “I know all of the security staff members because I assisted them.”¹³ YM-1457 stated he facilitated detainee's travel from Yemen to Afghanistan and thought detainee went to al-Faruq as soon as he arrived in Afghanistan.¹⁴
 - (S//NF) UBL's driver, Salim Ahmed Salim Hamdan, ISN US9YM-000149DP (YM-149), knew detainee as a UBL security guard. YM-149 saw detainee at

¹⁰ TD-314/55241-05, Analyst Note: This camp is assessed to be the Abu Ubayda aka (Tarnak Farm) Training Camp. For more information see: 000535 MFR 21-NOV-2002, TD-314/33926-06, IIR 6 034 0383 03, TD-314/45530-02

¹¹ IIR 6 034 0059 05, IIR 6 034 0098 05

¹² Analyst Note: Abu Basir is assessed to be Abu Basir al-Yemeni, UBL's personal secretary. YM-1457 had access to the identities of many al-Qaida related travelers, and had plausible knowledge of detainee's travel times and locations. See TD-314/37810-03

¹³ IIR 6 034 0059 05, IIR 6 034 0098 05

¹⁴ 001457 FM40 17-JUN-2004

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- Mohammed Saleh's house in Kabul, AF, between 23 October and 12 November 2001.¹⁵ YM-149 also remarked he saw detainee in Kabul and Kandahar.¹⁶
- (S//NF) Detainee was reported to be a weapons trainer at the Tarnak Farm Training Camp.
 - (S//NF) A foreign government service reported detainee was a weapons instructor at the Tarnak Farm Training Camp (aka al-Matar Training Camp) and served as a UBL bodyguard.¹⁷
 - (S//NF) Tarnak Farm Training Camp in Kandahar trained groups who were assigned to conduct operations abroad. In preparation for these operations, practice exercises were conducted at Tarnak Farm under al-Qaida military commander Sayf al-Adl's supervision. Al-Adl was considered to be one of the most prominent members of al-Qaida, who enjoyed a close relationship with UBL.¹⁸
 - (S//NF) Mohammad Hashim, ISN US9AF-000850DP (AF-850), saw detainee at Taliban supreme commander Mullah Omar Mohammad's compound approximately in mid-2000.¹⁹ (Analyst Note: Mullah Omar's compound was also in Kandahar.)
 - (S//NF) Foiled 11 September 2001 20th hijacker, Muhammad Mani Ahmad al-Shalan al-Qahtani, ISN US9SA-000063DP (SA-063), who was captured with detainee, stated detainee was a trainer for a course at his advanced training camp. Detainee taught topography and weapons to all groups at the camp.²⁰ (Analyst Note: SA-063 attended the al-Faruq and the Tarnak Farm Training Camps.²¹)
 - (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex and was captured with UBL bodyguards and SA-063.
 - (S//NF) SA-063 stated he had gone from Jalalabad, AF, to Tora Bora, where he saw UBL for about four or five days before Ramadan, which began on 17 November 2001. SA-063 was there when the bombing campaign began. SA-063 and some of UBL's bodyguards hid in trenches to avoid the bombs and then tried to flee the war

¹⁵ IIR 6 034 0453 02, Analyst Note: Mohammed Saleh's house is described as being in Kabul (see IIR 2 340 6160 02).

¹⁶ IIR 4 201 3731 05

¹⁷ TD-314/50977-02, Analyst Not: Al-Matar is an Arabic word meaning "airport." The al-Matar Camp is also reported as the Abu Ubayda Camp. For more information see: TD-314/33926-06, 000535 MFR 21-NOV-2002, IIR 6 034 0383 03, TD-314/45530-02

¹⁸ TD-314/49506-02

¹⁹ 000850 302 02-JUN-2003

²⁰ IIR 6 034 0847 03, TD-314/50507-03, 000063 SIR 05-May-2003

²¹ > IIR 6 034 1364 04, IIR 6 034 1196 03

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by crossing into Pakistan where he and others were subsequently apprehended.²² (Analyst Note: SA-063's statement that detainee was with him both at Tora Bora and then after they fled indicates detainee was there during the hostilities.)

- (S//NF) Detainee admitted he studied under the guidance of a known al-Qaida recruiter in Yemen, and attended an institution in Yemen tied to radical Islam. Detainee's travel was possibly facilitated by a well known al-Qaida member Abu Khalud.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted attending the al-Khayr mosque and al-Dimaj Institute for two years, and studying under the guidance of Shaykh Muqbil al-Wadi. Shaykh al-Wadi was the founder of the al-Dimaj Institute and preached at the al-Khair Mosque.²³
 - (S//NF) Shaykh al-Wadi was one of the most influential Yemeni Islamic leaders who preached and financed extremist activity. Shaykh al-Wadi's followers declared their willingness to follow UBL, who himself was strongly influenced by the anti-Western ideas of Shaykh al-Wadi.²⁴
 - (S//NF) The al-Dimaj Institute served as the predominant Salafist school within Yemen. While the institute engaged in legitimate religious studies, it also facilitated the recruitment and travel of extremists.²⁵
 - (S//NF) Four other individuals captured with detainee were also influenced by Shaykh al-Wadi: YM-041, Uthman abd al-Rahim Muhammad Uthman, ISN US9YM-000027DP (YM-027), Mohammed Ahmad Abdallah al-Ansi, ISN US9YM-000029DP (YM-029), and Ali Ahmad Muhammad al-Rahizi, ISN US9YM-000045DP (YM-045).²⁶
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated his friend Khalid al-Taizi, with whom he grew up and studied at a mosque, convinced detainee to fly to Karachi, take a bus to Quetta, and then meet with the Taliban in Quetta.²⁷ (Analyst Note: Khalid al-Taizi may be identifiable with Ibrahim Muhammad Abd al-Razzaq Baalawi, aka (Abu Khalud), a Yemeni al-Qaida member from Taiz, YM, who recruited a number of Yemeni al-Qaida members, several of whom are current JTF-GTMO detainees.²⁸ Abu Khalud

²² >TD-314/50461-03, Bodyguard Profile INTSUM 23-OCT-2006, IIR 6 034 1131 03, IIR 6 034 0847 03, Analyst Note: YM-252 stated "if you were in Tora Bora, you were not innocent. You were there to fight." See: 000252 SIR 31-DEC-2004

²³ 000040 302 18-AUG-2002, 000029 Yemen Times 21-Jul-2000, Analyst Note: The Dimaj Institute was also called Dar al-Hadith Institute located in Dimaj a district of Sanaa. For further information see: IIR 6 034 0071 05.

²⁴ GMP20010211000089, TD-314/12546-01, TD-314/44870-04

²⁵ DIMAJ Institute Expansion INTSUM 01-JUN 2005

²⁶ IIR 6 034 0046 03, 000029 SIR 01-APR-2002, IIR 6 034 1440 04, TD-314/50977-02, 000045 302 19-MAY-2002

²⁷ IIR 6 034 0330 02, IIR 6 034 0406 02, IIR 6 034 0072 03

²⁸ 001457 FM40 15-JUN-2004, IIR 6 034 0071 05, Analyst Note: Other JTF-GTMO detainees recruited to travel to Afghanistan by Abu Khalud include Ali Hamza Ahmed Suleiman al-Bahlul, ISN US9YM-000039DP (YM-039) (see TD-314-29314-02); Muhssin Muhammed Mugible al-Askarry, ISN US9YM-000193DP (YM-193, transferred) (see 2 340 6690 02; IIR 6 034 0791 02); Mohammed Ahmed Said Haidel, ISN US9YM-000498DP (YM-498) (see IIR 6 034 0564 02); Yasin Qassem Muhammad Ismail, ISN US9YM-000522DP (YM-522) (see TD-314-29493-02

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later traveled to Afghanistan himself and became the manager of an al-Qaida guesthouse in Kandahar.)

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been sometimes compliant and sometimes hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 100 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 18 April 2008, when he participated in a mass disturbance by yelling loudly to the rest of the pod. He has 4 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 23 April 2007, when he kicked a guard in the left knee and spat on the guard force. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, inappropriate use of bodily fluids, unauthorized communications, exposing sexual organs, damage to government property, attempted assaults, assaults, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. On 10 April 2008 detainee failed to comply by refusing to exchange linen. In 2007, he had a total of 27 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and seven so far in 2008.

8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **HIGH** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 11 September 2006.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee was in Afghanistan as early as 1999. He was identified as a member of UBL's guard force, a trainer at the Tarnak Farm Training Camp, and a visitor at Mullah Omar's compound. He was captured after escaping Afghanistan through UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex with other UBL bodyguards.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee should be able to provide information on the personnel chosen for operations abroad who came through his training program at Tarnak Farm aka (al-Matar) Training Camp. As a former bodyguard, detainee should be able to provide intelligence about UBL movements in Afghanistan and UBL bodyguard security procedures. Detainee should also be able to provide information on recruitment techniques and the teachings of radical shaykhs in support of extremist activity. His activities in Afghanistan are not completely exploited as he has not admitted to any involvement with terrorism or al-Qaida, and has been uncooperative in interrogations.

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

IIR 6 034 0861 02); Fahmi Abdallah Ahmad Ubadi al-Tulaqi, ISN US9YM-000688DP (YM-688) (see 000688 SIR 11-MAY-2005).

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- Al-Qaida training camps, courses, members, missions, and logistics
- UBL's guard force, including other JTF-GTMO detainees who served as bodyguards
- Other extremists and radical Islamists affiliated with al-Qaida and its global terrorist network
- Terrorist foreign fighter recruitment
- Facilities affiliated with Islamic extremism in Yemen
- Preachers of extremism and recruiters in Yemen
- Support to terrorists through mosques
- Terrorist training at Dimaj Institute, YM
- Terrorist biographical/psychological information of Taliban and al-Qaida personnel
- Militant Islam and radicalization factors

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



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* Definitions for intelligence terms used in the assessment can be found in the Joint Military Intelligence College October 2001 guide *Intelligence Warning Terminology*.