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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-000059DP (S)

### **JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

#### **1. (S//NF) Personal Information:**

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Sultan A al-Uwaydha
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Sultan Ahmad al-Dardir  
Musa Uwaydha, Hamza al-Sharif, Abu Saqr al-Madani,  
Sultan Asman al-Uwaydah, Sultan Ahmed Der Dil Mosa,  
Abd al-Rahman Awad Muhammad
- Place of Birth: Medina, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 1974
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SA-000059DP



**2. (U//FOUO) Health:** Detainee is in 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 on 3 August 2006.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida and a former Usama Bin Laden (UBL) bodyguard. Detainee is associated with known and assessed al-Qaida operatives. Detainee attended al-Faruq Training Camp and reportedly fought against US and Coalition forces. He has multiple associations with other al-Qaida members. JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

**CLASSIFIED BY:** MULTIPLE SOURCES  
**REASON:** E.O. 12958, AS AMENDED, SECTION 1.4(C)  
**DECLASSIFY ON:** 20320801

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

- Added reporting on detainee's affiliation with a Kandahar guesthouse
- Lowered detainee's intelligence value from HIGH to MEDIUM because of his lack of cooperation

#### **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 graduated from high school where he studied art and science. He lived at home and worked for his older brother as a carpenter. Detainee also participated in religious studies at the Haram al-Naboui al-Sharif mosque in Medina.<sup>1</sup>

**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** In 2000, Muhammad Ghulam, a Pakistani visitor to detainee's mosque, invited detainee to visit Pakistan (PK). Detainee accepted the invitation and flew to Karachi, PK, where he stayed in a hotel for about a week before heading to Afghanistan (AF) to teach the Koran. From Karachi, detainee and Ghulam traveled to Kandahar, AF, via Quetta, PK, and Spin Boldak, AF. Detainee and Ghulam stayed in Kandahar as tourists before going to Ghazni, AF.<sup>2</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** Detainee taught the Koran to children at a mosque in Ghazni. In approximately August 2001, detainee left for Kabul, AF. Since detainee did not know any Arabs in Kabul, he traveled to find his uncle in Khowst, AF. While searching for his uncle, detainee went to a nearby village where he taught at the local mosque for two to three months. By this time, the Northern Alliance had advanced south and entered Kabul. Detainee returned to Khowst, found his uncle, and they then decided to go to Pakistan.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> IIR 6 034 0242 02, 000059 KB 11-FEB-2002

<sup>2</sup> 000059 KB 11-FEB-2002, IIR 6 034 0242 02, IIR 6 034 0158 02

<sup>3</sup> IIR 6 034 0242 02, 000059 KB 11-FEB-2002, IIR 6 034 0158 02, Analyst Note: Detainee's uncle is assessed to be Abd al-Rahman Shalabi Isa Uwaydha, ISN US9SA-000042DP (SA-042).

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**5. (U) Capture Information:**

**a. (S//NF)** Detainee and his uncle traveled to the Afghanistan-Pakistan border with 30 other Arabs and surrendered to the Pakistani border patrol on 15 December 2001. The group traveled for about eight days before reaching Parachinar, PK, where Pakistani authorities captured the group. Detainee was captured with a group known as the “Dirty 30,” which consisted of a mix of UBL bodyguards, al-Qaida members, and Taliban fighters who attempted to flee Afghanistan during the al-Qaida withdrawal from Tora Bora. Detainee claimed he lost his passport, money, and other important documents during his travel from Afghanistan. Pakistani authorities transferred detainee to US custody on 27 December 2001 in Peshawar, PK.<sup>4</sup>

**b. (U) Property Held:** None

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

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

- Hideouts of UBL in Afghanistan
- Travel history of UBL
- Recruitment of clergy from Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee’s Account:** Detainee fails to provide an accurate account of his reasons for traveling to, and activities while in, Afghanistan. It is reported that a Pakistani prison warden advised detainee’s group to say they were in Afghanistan to teach the Koran or for religious studies. Muhammad Yahya Muhsin al-Zaylai, ISN US9SA-000055DP (SA-055), another UBL bodyguard from the group who traveled with detainee to Pakistan, reported that the Koran-teaching cover story was false.<sup>5</sup> Detainee’s true intelligence potential remains unexploited.

**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.

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<sup>4</sup> TD-314/00845-02, IIR 6 034 0242 02

<sup>5</sup> IIR 6 034 0704 02, 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

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**b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention:** Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida and a former UBL bodyguard. He has multiple associations with other al-Qaida members. Detainee attended al-Faruq Training Camp and probably fought against US and Coalition forces. Detainee stayed at al-Qaida sponsored guesthouses.

- (S//NF) Detainee was a UBL bodyguard.
  - (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida operative Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka (Khallad), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014), photo-identified detainee as Hamza Sharif, one of UBL's bodyguards, who arrived in Afghanistan at the end of 2000, trained at al-Faruq and then joined the security detail. YM-10014 knew Sultan as detainee's true name despite detainee using the name Hamza Sharif.<sup>6</sup>
  - (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida facilitator Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), recognized detainee as a Saudi from Medina who traveled to Afghanistan in 1998 and was a UBL bodyguard from that time forward. YM-1457 stated detainee's alias was Hamza al-Sharif and that detainee was close to UBL.<sup>7</sup>
  - (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida operative, Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, ISN US9TZ-010012DP (TZ-10012), photo-identified detainee as Hamza al-Sharif, who served as one of UBL's bodyguards in late 2000 and early 2001. TZ-10012 stated detainee was with UBL in Kandahar and Kabul and heard that detainee later fled with UBL to Tora Bora, AF.<sup>8</sup>
  - (S//NF) Confirmed al-Qaida operative Muhammad Mani Ahmad al-Shalan al-Qahtani, ISN US9SA-000063DP (SA-063), identified detainee as a probable UBL bodyguard because detainee was always with UBL.<sup>9</sup>
  - (S//NF) Admitted al-Qaida member Sanad Ali Yislam al-Kazmi, ISN US9YM-001453DP (YM-1453), identified detainee as Hamza Sharif, a bodyguard from Saudi Arabia.<sup>10</sup>
  - (S//NF) Assessed al-Qaida operative Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), photo-identified detainee as a UBL bodyguard. YM-252 saw detainee four times in Afghanistan with UBL. YM-252 stated detainee traveled to Tora Bora to prepare the location three weeks before UBL's arrival. YM-252 emphasized detainee had close ties to al-Qaida.
    - (S//NF) YM-252 further stated detainee and SA-042 knew each other very well.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> TD-314/55271-05, TD-314/36120-03, See also: Bodyguard Profile INTSUM

<sup>7</sup> IIR 6 034 0059 05

<sup>8</sup> TD-314/55276-05, >TD-314/53467-04

<sup>9</sup> 000063 MFR 14-APR-2003

<sup>10</sup> 001453 SIR 03-NOV-2004, 001453 FM40 14-JUN-2004

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- (S//NF) Detainee is associated with known and assessed al-Qaida operatives.
  - (S//NF) Al-Qaida operative SA-063 identified detainee as Sultan from Jeddah, SA, with whom he associated in Kandahar.<sup>12</sup>
  - (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida operative Abu Faraj al-Libi, ISN US9LY-010017DP (LY-10017), recognized detainee as Hamza, a driver for a guesthouse in Kandahar whom he had seen in 2000.<sup>13</sup>
  - (S//NF) According to YM-1457, detainee is related to SA-042 and UBL bodyguard Aws al-Madani. YM-1457 said detainee and SA-042 were always together. YM-1457 stated Aws al-Madani was married to one of UBL's daughters.<sup>14</sup> (Analyst Note: This would indicate that detainee is related by marriage to UBL.)
    - (S//NF) YM-1453 also stated detainee was a relative of SA-042.<sup>15</sup> (Analyst Note: SA-042 is assessed as the uncle detainee refers to in his cover story. SA-042 confirmed that detainee is his nephew; however, SA-042 denied that he knew anything about detainee's activities in Afghanistan.<sup>16</sup>)
  - (S//NF) Detainee was arrested with a group of known and assessed UBL bodyguards and al-Qaida members, including Abd al-Malak Abd al-Wahab al-Rahbi, ISN US9YM-000037DP (YM-037); Ali Hamza Ahmed Suleiman al-Bahlul, ISN US9YM-000039DP (YM-039); Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud al-Qosi, ISN US9SU-000054DP (SU-054); and Muhammad Yahya Muhsin al-Zaylai, ISN US9SA-000055DP (SA-055, transferred).<sup>17</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee reportedly directed fire against US forces, was known for his skills with weaponry, and attended al-Faruq Training Camp.
  - (S//NF) YM-252 stated he personally observed detainee arrange anti-aircraft fire against US forces in Tora Bora and that detainee was good at driving tanks.<sup>18</sup>
  - (S//NF) According to YM-252, detainee was able to repair many different types of weapons, including AK-47 assault rifles; Dashaka 38AA, an anti-aircraft weapon similar to the 14.5mm ZPU-2 (Twin); and tanks.<sup>19</sup>

<sup>11</sup> 000252 302 17-MAR-2003, IIR 6 034 1014 03, 000252 FM40 05-JAN-2005, 000252 FM40 05-JUL-2005b, 000252 FM40 16-FEB-2004, 000252 FM40 15-MAR-2005, Analyst Note: A variant of al-Sharif is al-Shareef.

<sup>12</sup> 000063 MFR 14-APR-2003, TD-314/50507-03, IIR 6 034 1137 03

<sup>13</sup> TD-314/55271-05

<sup>14</sup> IIR 6 034 0059 05

<sup>15</sup> 001453 FM40 10-JUN-2004

<sup>16</sup> KB 00042 SUP 27 Jul 05

<sup>17</sup> IIR 6 034 0259 02, 000037 302 24-FEB-2002, IIR 6 034 0411 02, IIR 4 201 4460 05, 000054 302 19-FEB-2002, IIR 6 034 0703 02, IIR 6 034 0704 02.

<sup>18</sup> 000252 FM40 15-MAR-2005, 000252 FM40 05-JUL-2005b

<sup>19</sup> 000252 FM40 15-MAR-2005, 000252 302 17-MAR-2003

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- (S//NF) According to al-Qaida operative YM-10014, detainee attended al-Faruq before becoming a UBL bodyguard. YM-252 also stated detainee traveled to al-Faruq with UBL when UBL came to visit the trainees.<sup>20</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee was present in al-Qaida associated guesthouses.
  - (S//NF) SA-063 stated he saw detainee at UBL's house on several occasions. (Analyst Note: SA-063 swore *bayat* (oath of allegiance) to UBL in UBL's Kandahar home. This was probably the same house in which he saw detainee.)
  - (S//NF) SA-063 saw detainee at a guesthouse in Kandahar. According to YM-252, detainee was present at the Kandahar Guesthouse in April 2001 as part of the team that accompanied UBL on his visit.<sup>21</sup> (Analyst Note: The Kandahar guesthouse is assessed to be the al-Nibras Guesthouse, where jihadists stayed while en route to training and the front lines.)
    - (S//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR) Salim Ahmed Salim Hamdan, ISN US9YM-000149DP (YM-149), also saw detainee at a guesthouse in Kandahar.<sup>22</sup>
  - (S//NF) YM-252 stated he saw detainee at the Azzam Guesthouse in Kabul after the events of 11 September 2001. YM-252 stated detainee had, "stopped by just to visit friends."<sup>23</sup> (Analyst Note: Azzam Guesthouse was run by LY-10017 and was located in the former Saudi Arabian Ambassador's home.)
  - (S//NF) Variations of detainee's name and alias appear on al-Qaida associated documents.
    - (S//NF) A variation of detainee's name was found in a document listing 324 Arabic names, aliases, and nationalities recovered from raids on suspected al-Qaida safe houses in Karachi. The detainee's name was associated with the trust account 116-239 and the statement, "Has possession of a Saudi passport and ticket." A variant of detainee's name, Sultan Uwayda, was also found on a computer file named "Al Jawazat.doc" (translates to "Passport.doc") seized by Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISID) from an alleged al-Qaida residence in Karachi, PK.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> 000252 FM40 16-FEB-2004, TD-314/36120-03

<sup>21</sup> 000063 MFR 14-APR-2004, 000252 FM40 16-FEB-2004

<sup>22</sup> >IIR 4 201 3731 05

<sup>23</sup> 000252 FM40 16-FEB-2004

<sup>24</sup> TD-314/40693-02, TD-314/42895-02, Analyst Note: These lists are indicative of an individual's residence within al-Qaida, Taliban and other extremist guesthouses often for the purpose of training or coordination prior to travel to training, the front lines, or abroad. Trust accounts, also referred to as safety boxes or safety deposit boxes, were simply storage compartments, such as envelopes or folders, which guesthouse administrators used to secure the individual's personal valuables, such as passports and plane tickets. These items were entrusted to the guesthouse until completion of training or other activity.

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**c. (U//FOUO) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed as a **LOW** threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been non-compliant and sometimes hostile to the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 57 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS, with the most recent occurring on 24 June 2007, when he participated in mass disturbance by banging on his cell. Detainee has 6 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault, with the most recent occurring on 7 May 2006, when he threw 2 cups filled with urine and feces at a guard. Other incidents for which detainee has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow instructions and camp rules, threatening guards, provoking words and gestures, assault, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. Detainee had 10 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction in 2006, and 12 so far in 2007.

**8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:**

**a. (S) Assessment:** Detainee is assessed to be of **MEDIUM** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 31 January 2006.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** While detainee has provided little information regarding his placement and access, multiple other sources have identified him as a bodyguard for UBL. Detainee was also identified as attending al-Faruq Training Camp, staying at a number of al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses, and was associated with several other al-Qaida members.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** As a UBL bodyguard, detainee likely has information about UBL and his personality, methodologies, associates, safe havens and probable escape route from Afghanistan. Detainee probably has information about guesthouses, facilitators, recruiters, training camps and the specific training required of a UBL bodyguard. Detainee was probably with UBL on a number of occasions and, for that reason, has valuable unexploited intelligence. Detainee has been completely uncooperative during interrogations, often not speaking at all.

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

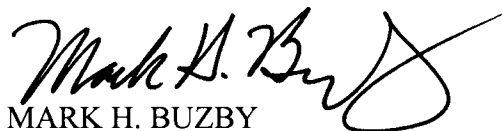
- UBL and his mindset, methodologies, tactics, bodyguard procedures, close associates, safe havens and escape routes
- Senior al-Qaida level personalities, to include recruiters, facilitators, guesthouse operators, trainers, trainees, and other bodyguards
- Training camps and training required to be a bodyguard

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 11 November 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

v/r



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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*.