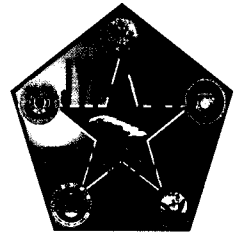




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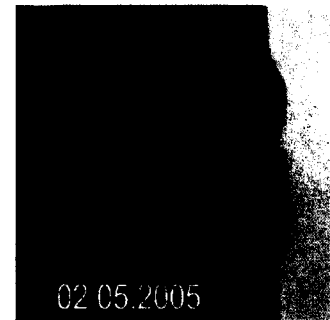
MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue,
Miami, FL 33172.

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for
Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9IZ-000906DP (S)

JTF GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (FOUO) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Bisher al-Rawi
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Bisher Amin Khalil al Rawi, Bisher Al Iraqi, Britain Bisher
- Place of Birth: Baghdad, Iraq (IZ)
- Date of Birth: 23 December 1967
- Citizenship: Iraq
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9IZ-000906DP



2. (FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good health. He has not reported any ongoing medical conditions. He went on a hunger strike in August and September 2005. Detainee has no known drug allergies.

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

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD).

b. (S//NF) Summary: JTF GTMO previously assessed detainee as Retain in DoD Control (DoD) on 10 September 2004.

Detainee is a close associate of Al-Qaida recruiter Abu Qatada, who has been described as Al-Qaida's European spiritual leader. Detainee is an Al-Qaida sympathizer and possible Al-

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Qaida recruiter, with ties to members of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA). Detainee probably has knowledge about other extremists and the recruiting network. Detainee claimed he provided support to the British Security Service (BSS) regarding his relationship with Abu Qatada. Detainee's possible family link to Iraqi insurgents is currently being investigated. It is assessed this detainee is a HIGH risk, as he is likely to 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//NF) Prior History: Detainee moved to England (UK) when he was sixteen. From 1988 to 1989, detainee attended Queen Mary and Westfield College in London, UK, studying materials engineering, but did not obtain his degree. He held numerous jobs from 1985 through 1998. During this time, detainee started two of his own small companies. One was a steel fabrication workshop in 1995, and the other, a computer company in 1996. From 1998 until his capture in 2002, detainee claimed he did not have a job, but instead spent a lot of time helping Middle Easterners relocate to London. Detainee normally attended a mosque located in a sports center rented by Abu Qatada, but occasionally attended the Finsbury Park or Regents Park mosques. Detainee noted that Abu Qatada was one of his favorite speakers, and that Qatada preached against the West. (Analyst Note: It is assessed that Abu Qatada's mosque attended by the detainee was the Four Feathers Club. Abu Qatada was a London-based Al-Qaida recruiter whose teachings influenced numerous extremists including some of the 9/11 hijackers, Richard Reid, and Zaccarias Moussaoui. Abu Qatada was sentenced in absentia to life in prison for his role in the Jordanian portion of the failed Millennium Plot. Abu Qatada was arrested by British authorities in 2002. He was subsequently released, only to be rearrested in connection with the 2005 London Transit bombings.)

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Several of detainee's friends urged him to go to Afghanistan (AF) for weapons training, but he did not go. Prior to Abu Qatada's 2002 arrest, he (Abu Qatada) was in hiding for about a year. During that period, detainee rented an apartment for Abu Qatada, and visited him about once a week. When questioned by UK authorities about Abu Qatada's location, detainee did not reveal the information, although detainee claimed he (detainee) was fulfilling his obligations to MI-5. During Qatada's time in hiding, detainee visited him weekly and provided him clothes and food. He also assisted Qatada as a handyman, shopping, translating, or making financial transactions at London banks.

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee's brother lost much of the family fortune during the "stock market crash" and wanted to enter into a lucrative business enterprise. As such, he joined a peanut oil extraction business with a partner in Gambia (GM). Detainee felt

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the need to help his brother in this enterprise while remaining disassociated from the operational details as much as possible. (Analyst Note: It unknown who the partner in Gambia was.)

d. (S//NF) Capture Information: In early November 2002, detainee claimed he and a group of individuals were leaving Gatwick Airport in London, UK, en route Gambia to establish the peanut processing business, when they were taken into custody by British authorities. Authorities told detainee it was because he had a modified battery charger in his suitcase, but detainee felt the real reason was because of their association with Abu Qatada. The group was released and repurchased tickets to Gambia. On 8 November 2002, after being allowed to leave Gatwick Airport, Gambian authorities detained group as they arrived in Gambia. Detainee remained in their custody until approximately December 2002, when he was transferred to Bagram, AF, and US custody. (Analyst Note: In early November 2002, five associates of London-based extremist Abu Qatada were detained in Banjul, Gambia. These individuals were detainee, Abdul Latif Elbanna (ISN US9JO-000905DP (JO-905)), detainee's brother Wahab Amin Khalil Al-Rawi, Abdallah Ghazi El-Hanoudi, and Omar Omari. Detainee's brother, El-Hanoudi, and Omari were released after questioning by Gambian authorities.))

e. (S) Transferred to JTF GTMO: 06 February 2003

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

- Key personnel, personal history, educational background and training
- Personal habits and traits of Abu Qatada, Abu Omar and Abu Hamza
- Key personnel of international criminal organizations to include Abu Qatada, Abu Omar and Abu Hamza
- Terrorism related facilities used for housing, training, storage of equipment, safe/guest houses and/or mosques to include the Baker Street Mosque, the Regents Park Mosque and rented halls used for speeches and prayer in London, UK.

5. (S//NF) Detainee Threat:

a. (S) Assessment: It is assessed the detainee poses a HIGH risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention:

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- (S//NF) Detainee is a reported Al-Qaida recruiter. Detainee is a close associate of European-based Al-Qaida recruiter Abu Qatada, and associated with members of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA). The level of trust exhibited by Abu Qatada in detainee, indicates detainee he probably participated in, and has knowledge of Abu Qatada's recruiting network, including key personnel and facilities. Detainee provided personal assistance to Abu Qatada, including in hiding from the British authorities. Detainee was aware of NGO funds provided to Abu Qatada.
 - (S//NF) Detainee assisted Abu Qatada in evading British authorities. Detainee located a residence for Abu Qatada to use while avoiding capture. When questioned by British authorities in London on the whereabouts of Abu Qatada, detainee refused to reveal his location. Detainee stated he was with Abu Qatada the night before he was arrested. He was relieved that he had not provided the information that led to Abu Qatada's arrest. Despite these statements, detainee also claimed that he was working with MI-5 (British Security Service) providing information on Abu Qatada. (Analyst Note: Abu Qatada has been identified as an ideologist, i.e. spiritual leader, of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) The GIA is part of the Global Jihad Support Network and is a Tier 0 Counterterrorism target, defined as terrorist groups which pose a clear and immediate danger to US persons or interests. When visiting Guantanamo Bay, a member of an allied intelligence service admitted a relationship with detainee. An RFI has been submitted to DAO London, UK, requesting details of this relationship and the extent to which detainee provided information.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated that of all the terrorist acts against the United States, the only one he did not have a problem with was the attack on the USS COLE. He added as a military target, it should be expected that those in the military could be killed at any time. (Analyst Note: This comment indicates detainee deems terrorist attacks against those he deems valid targets to be acceptable.)
 - (S//NF) According to close friend and assessed Al-Qaida member Abdul Latif Elbanna, ISN US9JO-000905DP (JO-905), detainee asked Abu Qatada if he could have Qatada's daughter's hand in marriage. Abu Qatada told detainee that he could marry his daughter when she got older. (Analyst Note: JO-905 was taken into custody by Gambian authorities along with detainee. The request for marriage and approval is indicative of a close relationship between Abu Qatada and detainee.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee claimed he made a point to avoid being seen with Abu Qatada in public. Detainee claimed he does not consider Abu Qatada his spiritual guide. (Analyst Note: Despite this claim, detainee frequently attended mosque at Abu Qatada's Four Feather Club and remained close associates with Abu Qatada. Detainee also stated that Abu Qatada was one of his favorite speakers.)

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- (S//NF) Detainee claimed he was aware of Abu Qatada's travels to Afghanistan, and speculated that he met with Usama Bin Laden (UBL). Detainee denied knowing that Abu Qatada was a close advisor to UBL. Despite having many opportunities to travel to Afghanistan himself, detainee claimed he refused. (Analyst Note: It is probable that detainee knew the extent of the relationship between Abu Qatada and UBL and is now trying to cover this knowledge in hopes of being released.)
- (S//NF) Through his association with Abu Qatada, detainee learned of an Islamic NGO in London, UK. The organization was under Qatada's direction. Detainee claimed he was not involved in the actual decision-making of the NGO, but that while most of the money raised was distributed to the needy Islamic population of London, some also went to Abu Qatada. Detainee suspected that a portion of the money might have been diverted to militant Islamic individuals or groups. Detainee claimed he has no more details on the militants, but was unsettled by the distribution of funds. (Analyst Note: Detainee has not provided the name of this NGO and searches have revealed no additional information.)
- (S//NF) According to admitted Al-Qaida recruiter, Mohamedou Ould Slahi, ISN US9MR-000760DP (MR-760), detainee seemed to be very knowledgeable about the "American-Islamist" conflict and could provide a great deal of information about the jihad cells in London, UK. (Analyst Note: Detainee claimed to have no knowledge of MR-760.)
- (S//NF) During searches of detainee and his fellow travelers' homes, a significant amount of literature regarding weapons, instructions for making explosives and a book detailing how one could hide his identity and "disappear" were found. (Analyst Note: It is unknown which of these items were located in detainee's residence.)
- (S//NF) Detainee obtained his helicopter pilot license in 1998, scuba dives frequently as a hobby, owns a boat, claims to be an accomplished climber, is a motorcycle enthusiast, says he is a fairly good welder and fairly proficient in electrical devices. (Analyst Note: These certifications and capabilities are desirable traits sought by extremist recruiters.)
- (S//NF) Detainee's name is included on a US government listing of one hundred and seventy-nine extremists with some degree of flight training or pilot experience. (Analyst Note: This listing was compiled by a CIA research effort on the threat from flight-trained extremists in response to an FBI request for information.)
- (S//NF) Assessed Al-Qaida member Mohammed Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), stated that detainee was known as Bisher Al Iraqi, aka Britain Bisher, aka Bisher Amin Khalil Al Rawi. YM-252 stated that detainee was tied to a known Al-Qaida leader in England by the name of Abu Ubaida. After British authorities arrested Ubaida for having ties to Al-Qaida, detainee

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broke into his London, UK, home and stole valuable papers allegedly linking Ubaida to Al-Qaida. When confronted by police, detainee reportedly stated he was in the house to repair gas service. YM-252 also believed that detainee was involved in Al-Qaida recruiting operations in England. (Analyst Note: Abu Ubaida's identity and role in the UK-based Al-Qaida network are unknown.)

- (S//NF) ISN 252 noted detainee was involved in Al-Qaida operations in England. ISN 252 also stated that he believed detainee was involved in recruiting operations in England. ISN 252 stated that detainee came from a very wealthy and well connected family in the Middle East. (S//NF) According to ISN 252, detainee is a close friend of assessed Al-Qaida operative Sawad Al-Madani, ISN US9SA-000239 (SA-239). SA-252 claimed he heard second hand, that detainee and SA-239 were involved in an Islamic movement led by Sheik Abu Ubaida. (Analyst Note: Detainee claimed that he did not know SA-239 prior to arriving at Guantanamo Bay.)
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted to associations with members of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA). Detainee identified two phone numbers found in his telephone book as belonging to individuals named Ja'far and Hassed Hussayn. Detainee stated that Ja'far had links to North African extremist groups and that Hassed Hussayn, he believed, had links to the GIA. Detainee then went on to say that both men were members of the same group and were militant fundamentalists.
- (C//REL USA AND GCTF) While assessed Al-Qaida member Abdul Bukhary, ISN US9SA-000493 (ISN 493) was in London in 1998, he heard about a cell led by Abu Qatada. In 2003, an individual named Shaker Al-Madani told ISN 493 that detainee was second in command after Al-Madani in the London, UK, cell and trained in Bosnia (BK), and Afghanistan. (Analyst Note: Detainee has not provided any information with regards to training in Bosnia nor Afghanistan. Shaker Al-Madani is probably assessed Al-Qaida operative Sawad Al-Madani, ISN SA-239.)
- (S//NF) Detainee may be affiliated with recently detained Al-Qaida operative Omar Ousman Wally.
 - (S//NF) Among those detained with detainee in Gambia was a Gambian-based associate by the name of Omar Omari. Omari was released by Gambian authorities, but told to remain in Gambia. (Analyst Note: It is assessed that Omar Ousman Wally is Omar Omari.)
 - (S//NF) Al-Qaida operatives Farhad Ahmed and Juniad Ismail Dockrat were also taken into custody on 29 September 2005, with Omar Wally. (Analyst Note: This movement of Dockrat brothers may be in relation to the detention of mid-level Al-Qaida operative Haroon Rashid Aswat. Aswat, a resident of England, was detained due to connections with the London, UK, bombings. Subsequent questioning of Aswat revealed details of the South African Dockrat network and

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may reveal a connection to detainee. It is assessed if Omari is Wally, then detainee may also be tied to Aswat.)

c. (FOUO) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed as a MODERATE threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's behavior has been mostly compliant and non-hostile to the guard force and staff.

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

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

- (S//NF) Detainee was an associate of key Al-Qaida operators in Europe, and possibly the African continent. The nature and scope of detainee's involvement with Abu Qatada's operations, and those of Al-Qaida in Europe and Africa requires additional investigation. The depth of detainee's involvement dictates his true intelligence value. To date, he has been reluctant to discuss his involvement in Qatada's movement. However, given the close relationship between the two men, the assistance provided to Qatada while in hiding, and statements made by other detainees, it is probable that detainee has broad knowledge of Qatada's (and thus Al-Qaida) operations in Europe, including financial and personnel matters. Little is known about detainee's reported relationship with senior Al-Qaida operative Abu Ubaida. However, a relationship with both Qatada and Ubaida suggests more senior placement and access than detainee has admitted. Recent leads regarding detainee's possible relationship to Omari, and the very preliminary suggestion that his family may have ties to Iraqi insurgents adds additional dimensions to his intelligence value.

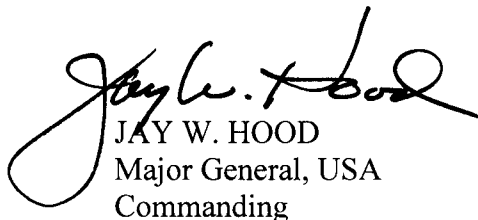
b. (S//NF) Areas of Potential Exploitation:

- Al-Qaida
 - Personalities
 - Abu Qatada
 - Four Feathers Club
 - Members including those currently detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
 - UK-based Terrorist Cells
 - Previously recruited extremists
- GIA
 - Hased Hussayn
- North African Extremist Groups
 - Ja'far

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7. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 04 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.



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