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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-000242DP (S)

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

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

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Khaled Ahmad
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Khalid Ahmed Qasim Mused, Khaled Qasim, Khalid Ahmad al-Adani, Khalid al-Adeni, Abu Usama al-Adani, Abu Rahil, Abu Saqar, Iman al-Adeni, Aziz al-Madani, Massod Gul Majid,
- Place of Birth: Aden, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 21 January 1977
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000242DP



**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 (CD) on 29 May 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is a member of al-Qaida. Detainee has threatened the lives of US citizens during detention and will pose a threat if released. Detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) Tora Bora Mountain complex where he served as a sub-commander subordinate to UBL appointed military commander Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri, aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212). Detainee was identified as a weapons

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trainer with explosives experience who taught artillery and surface to air missiles at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp and on the front lines. Detainee was also a fighter in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade on the front lines of Afghanistan, (AF),<sup>1</sup> including service at an artillery position and possibly command of a front line position. Detainee acknowledged he was facilitated by a known al-Qaida recruiter, and traveled to Afghanistan in 1999 to receive training and participate in militant jihad. In Afghanistan, he received basic and advanced training including tactics, trainer preparation, and artillery at al-Qaida camps. Detainee's name and alias were found on al-Qaida affiliated documents, he acknowledged staying at several al-Qaida guesthouses, and he is directly associated with other al-Qaida operatives including a family member suspected of involvement in the October 2000 USS COLE bombing. 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 **HIGH** 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 detainee's aliases Khalid Ahmad Qasim Mused, Abu Rahil,<sup>2</sup> Iman al-Deni,<sup>3</sup> and Masud Gul Majid<sup>4</sup>
- Added details to detainee's Account of Events
- Added detainee's association to Harun Fazul
- Added detainee's death threats against US citizens<sup>5</sup>

#### **4. (U) Detainee's Account of Events:**

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<sup>1</sup> Analyst Note: The 55th Arab Brigade served as UBL's primary battle formation supporting Taliban objectives, with UBL participating closely in the command and control of the brigade. Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi, aka Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, ISN US9IZ-10026DP, (IZ-10026), had the primary operational command of the 55th Arab Brigade, serving as UBL's military commander in the field.

<sup>2</sup> ➤Yemen Delegation Transcripts 02-JUL-2005

<sup>3</sup> ➤000493 MFR 30-Oct-2006

<sup>4</sup> ➤000244 Driverslicense 09-Aug-2002; Analyst Note: A variant of Masud is Masood. There appears to be two dates of birth noted, one in 1976 and the other in 1948. The 1948 date may be the birth date for the individual's father who is also identified on the card.

<sup>5</sup> ➤000242 JDG INTREP 19-NOV-2002, 000242 JDG INTREP 30-AUG-2003, 000242 JDG INTREP 11-OCT-2003, 000242 JDG INTREP 5-NOV-2004, 000242 JDG INTREP 3-JAN-2005, 000242 JDG INTREP 28-May-2005, 000242 JDG INTREP 10-AUG-2005, 000242 JDG INTREP 17-AUG-2005

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**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 in 1998 with a diploma in literature. From 1998-1999, he was employed as a merchant and a fisherman.<sup>6</sup> Detainee frequented the al-Rahman Mosque close to his home in Aden, YM. The imam at the mosque was named Alawi.<sup>7</sup> Detainee met an individual named Jamal at the mosque, whom he saw there five times a week.<sup>8</sup>

**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** Detainee responded to a *fatwa* (religious edict) issued by Shaykh Humud Bin Uqla, and his recruiter, Marwan Qasim Jawan, aka (Abu Ali al-Yafai), told him to go to Afghanistan to fight.<sup>9</sup> In approximately August 1999, detainee left Aden with Abu Omar al-Adani and an unidentified Saudi.<sup>10</sup> Upon arrival in Sanaa, YM, detainee's group joined al-Yafai who accompanied them on their journey to Karachi, Pakistan (PK), where Abu Yasser (possibly detainee's brother) and an individual named Abu Bakr visited the group at an unidentified hotel. A week later, a Pakistani escorted detainee and Abu Omar to a Taliban guesthouse in Quetta, PK.<sup>11</sup> Two days later, they continued their journey to Spin Boldak, AF where an Afghan gave detainee's Pakistani escort an address to a guesthouse in Kandahar, AF operated by Abu Saed. Three days after arriving in Kandahar, they traveled to Kabul, AF. Detainee went to Afghanistan to receive training and then intended to continue to Kashmir, PK to fight.<sup>12</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** In January 2000, detainee trained at the al-Faruq Training Camp for two months. His primary trainer at al-Faruq was US Embassy East Africa bombing fugitive Harun Fazul aka (Abu Yusuf al-Tanzani).<sup>13</sup> Detainee received basic,

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<sup>6</sup> 000242KB 12-MAY-2002

<sup>7</sup> >000242KB 12-MAY-2002

<sup>8</sup> >000242 302 25-AUG-2002, 000242 302 13-SEP-2002, IIR 6 034 0159 03

<sup>9</sup> 000242 302 25-AUG-2002, IIR 6 034 0722 02, IIR 6 034 0109 02, Analyst Note: Shaykh Uqla is Shaykh mud Bin Uqla, one of the first radical religious leaders to issue *fatawa* (religious rulings or edicts) calling on Muslims to support the mujahideen fighting the Soviets in Afghanistan. After the 11 September 2001 attacks in the US, he issued a *fatawa* justifying the attacks and instructing Muslims to defend the Taliban. Until his death in Saudi Arabia in 2001, Uqla helped raise money for UBL. Ali Abu Yafai, aka (Marwan) was a well-known recruiter in Yemen. Variants of al-Yafafai include Yafaiaai, Yafa, and Nafai. See Research Summary – Marwan 31-Dec-2007

<sup>10</sup> >000242 302 25-AUG-2002, See IIR 6 034 0394 02 for other reporting on Omar.

<sup>11</sup> Analyst Note: This Taliban guesthouse is assessed to be the Daftar Taliban Guesthouse, a transit facility for al-Qaida recruits traveling to Afghanistan to attend training or fight on the front lines.

<sup>12</sup> 000242 KB 12-MAY-2002

<sup>13</sup> >000242 MFR 02-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: Detainee reported his instructor as Yousef al-Tanzali which is assessed to be a variant for Yusuf al-Tanzani, Fazul's alias. Fazul is a member of al-Qaida involved in the attacks on US Embassies in East Africa. See TD-314/85346-06. Fazul has also been identified as a senior East Africa al-Qaida operations chief who was likely planning attacks against US interests in the Horn of Africa region. See U-UDX-2420-062-06.

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mountain warfare, and tactical training,<sup>14</sup> and stated Abu Amar, aka (Abdallah Yahya Yusif al-Shibli), ISN US9YM-000240DP (YM-240), attended both basic and technical training with detainee.<sup>15</sup> After his training, detainee went to the Dusurak front lines with the Taliban to fight the Northern Alliance for approximately a week.<sup>16</sup> According to detainee, the fighting did not suit him, so he left the front lines with Omar al-Adani and traveled to the Ghulam Bacha Guesthouse, located in the Karte Parwan area of Kabul, where he turned in his weapon. The two men traveled to Kandahar and stayed at the Hajji Habash Guesthouse, and detainee returned to al-Faruq for advanced training in August 2000, for approximately one and a half months where he received additional training on combat techniques.<sup>17</sup> Detainee went back to the Ghulam Bacha Guesthouse with Omar and two Saudis, Abu Anis and Bookatel. Detainee stayed in four different guesthouses during this trip to Kabul. These guesthouses included the former residence of the Saudi Ambassador in the Wazir Akbar Khan area, one in the Shahr-i-Nau area, a third house in the Wazir Akbar Khan area, and a Taliban house reserved for Arabs.<sup>18</sup> Detainee returned to Kandahar, intending to return to Yemen. However, Abu Khulud would not return his passport.<sup>19</sup> Detainee returned to Kabul and was then sent to the Bagram, AF, front lines with the Taliban where he remained until the US bombing campaign started. The front line was broken, and the Northern Alliance advanced. Detainee retreated to Tora Bora with approximately 20 other people, staying there for approximately 18 or 19 days. Detainee left his passport and important papers in a safebox in Kandahar.<sup>20</sup> In November 2001, while in Tora Bora, UBL visited detainee's fighting position one night to tell the Arabs not to be afraid and that the bombing was far away.<sup>21</sup>

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

**a.** (S//NF) There is no official reporting on detainee's capture. According to detainee, Afghan forces captured detainee approximately 18 December 2001 in a small village between Tora Bora and Jalalabad, AF.<sup>22</sup> Detainee, along with Yasin Qassem Muhammad

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<sup>14</sup> 000242 302 13-SEP-2002, 000242 MFR 02-MAY-2002, 000242 302 25-AUG-2002

<sup>15</sup> >000242 302 13-SEP-2002

<sup>16</sup> >000242 302 25-AUG-2002, 000242 HANDNOTE 23-JAN-2002, Analyst Note: Detainee stated Dusarak is located about 45 minutes north of Kabul. This would likely be near Bagram.

<sup>17</sup> >000242 MFR 02-MAY-2002

<sup>18</sup> 000242 HANDNOTE 23-JAN-2002

<sup>19</sup> Analyst Note: Abu Khulud is assessed to be the well-known al-Qaida facilitator and fighter Ibrahim Muhammad Abd al-Razzaq Baalai.

<sup>20</sup> 000242 302 25-AUG-2002, Analyst Note: Operation Enduring Freedom bombing campaign began on 7 October 2001.

<sup>21</sup> 000242 302 25 AUG-2002, IIR 6 034 0731 03, 000212 302 13-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: YM-549 stated he was captured in Jalalabad on 19 December 2001 (see 000549 DA 4237R 14-FEB-2002, 000549 INITIAL SCREENING FORM 14-FEB-2002).

<sup>22</sup> 000242 CAPDATA 02-Jan-2002

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Ismail, ISN US9YM-000522DP (YM-522) and Omar Said Salim al-Dayi, ISN US9YM-000549 (YM-549), were put in prison in Jalalabad.<sup>23</sup> Detainee was transferred on 31 December 2001 to the Kandahar Detention Facility and placed in US custody.<sup>24</sup> (Analyst Note: YM-522 and YM-549 were injured in Tora Bora prior to being captured. The most likely account of detainee's capture is that he, YM-522, and YM-549 were part of the first large al-Qaida group which attempted to escape during hostilities in Tora Bora. UBL appointed military commander in Tora Bora LY-212 attempted to arrange a cease-fire with anti-Taliban forces approximately 13 December 2001 in order to secure safe passage for the fighters to their embassies in Pakistan. Following failed negotiations, LY-212 arranged for Afghan guides to lead a large group of fighters out of Tora Bora into Pakistan to escape. The group of about 60-70 fighters departed and that night the group was attacked from the air. The guide and many others were killed or wounded; YM-522 and YM-549 were probably wounded during this attack. The survivors straggled back and LY-212 instructed those who could travel unaided to follow him to Pakistan, the wounded who could walk were directed to seek help with local villagers or enemy forces. These three detainees were probably captured while seeking such assistance.<sup>25</sup>)

**b. (S) Property Held:**

- ID card
- Money
  - 3,500 Pakistan rupees<sup>26</sup>
  - Five \$100 US bills<sup>27</sup>

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 1 May 2002**

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

- Al-Faruq Training Camp
- The curriculum of mountain warfare training and specific information on training tactics.

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<sup>23</sup> 000242 302 25-AUG-2002, IIR 6 034 0723 02

<sup>24</sup> 000242 302 13-MAY-2002, 000242 CAPDATA 31-DEC-02, Analyst Note: All three detainees admitted being at Tora Bora prior to their capture.

<sup>25</sup> >Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis

<sup>26</sup> Analyst Note: In 2002, 3500 Pakistani rupees was equivalent to \$58.47 US.

<sup>27</sup> Analyst Note: The serial numbers on the \$100 bills were AB37571917I, AB60502804Q, AB40305254F, AB64160596V, and AB83588166M.

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- Four guesthouses in Kabul, one of which was in the Wazir Akbar Khan neighborhood on 15th Street, and another one at the old Saudi Arabian Embassy.

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee admitted arriving in Afghanistan in 1999, serving alongside the Taliban, and receiving basic and advanced training at the al-Faruq Training Camp. However, detainee withholds specific information regarding his activities over the two year period, his associations with other jihadists, or any links to al-Qaida. Detainee has also provided conflicting information for even the most basic questions. For instance, detainee has stated he was born in 1977, but during the 2005 Yemeni delegation visit he stated he was born in 1973, and during the 2008 Yemeni delegation visit he reported he was born in 1979. While detainee acknowledged he received advanced training, he has not acknowledged his artillery training or the cadre (trainer) preparation course. While detainee acknowledged being in Tora Bora, he has downplayed his leadership during hostilities.

**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 acknowledged he was facilitated by a known al-Qaida recruiter. Detainee traveled to Afghanistan to receive training and participate in militant jihad, and his name was found on al-Qaida affiliated documents. Detainee has threatened the lives of US citizens during his detention, and participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex where he served as a sub-commander in charge of the Abd al-Aziz Center. Detainee was also a fighter in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade on the front lines of Afghanistan, including service at an artillery position and possibly command of a front line position. Detainee was identified as a weapons trainer with explosives experience who taught artillery and surface-to-air missiles. Detainee was a trainer at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp and on the front lines. Detainee received basic and advanced training including tactics, trainer preparation, and artillery at al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan, and is closely linked to individuals suspected of involvement in the USS COLE bombing and other significant al-Qaida members.

- (S//NF) Detainee is a member of al-Qaida and acknowledged he was facilitated by a known al-Qaida recruiter. Detainee traveled to Afghanistan to receive training and participate in militant jihad and his name was found on al-Qaida affiliated documents.
  - (S//NF) Abd al-Zahir, ISN US9AF-000753DP (AF-753), identified detainee as a Yemeni al-Qaida member who he saw at the Ashara Guesthouse (Guesthouse 10)

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- Kabul.<sup>28</sup> AF-753 was the translator and assistant for al-Qaida military commander Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026). AF-753 operated several guesthouses for IZ-10026.<sup>29</sup>
- (S//NF) Humud Dakhil Humud Said al-Jadani, ISN US9SA-000230DP (SA-230, transferred), stated detainee was a follower of UBL.<sup>30</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged his recruiter was Abu Ali al-Yafai, who accompanied detainee on his travel to Pakistan.<sup>31</sup> Detainee stated he traveled to Afghanistan to receive training and then intended fight in Kashmir, PK.<sup>32</sup> (Analyst Note: Abu Ali al-Yafai is a known Taliban and al-Qaida Yemen-based recruiter associated with numerous JTF-GTMO detainees.)
  - (S//NF) Detainee's alias, Usama al-Adani, is included on a recovered list of names of al-Qaida martyrs, missing in action, and escaped.<sup>33</sup> The list erroneously reported detainee was killed in Tora Bora, probably due to traveling with the first group of al-Qaida fighters who were attacked while attempting to flee Afghanistan. The majority of the individuals in this group were killed or wounded in the attack, with the survivors taken to Jalalabad.<sup>34</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee's name and alias are listed on an al-Qaida affiliated document listing the contents of detainee's trust account as a passport.<sup>35</sup> Detainee admitted leaving his passport and important papers in a safety box in Kandahar.<sup>36</sup> (Analyst Note: Such 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 the front lines or abroad. Trust accounts, also referred to as safety boxes or safety deposit boxes, were simple 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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<sup>28</sup> IIR 6 034 0312 03, 000753 SIR 20-Nov-2002

<sup>29</sup> TD-314/26719-02, IIR 6 034 0165 04, IIR 6 034 0205 03

<sup>30</sup> 000230 SIR 14-OCT-2005

<sup>31</sup> 000242 302 25-AUG-2002, 000242 KB 12-MAY-2002, Research Summary Marwan 31-Dec-2007; Analyst Note: Variants of Yafai include Yafiaa, Yafi, and Yafy. A number of Yemeni detainees have identified Marwan as a recruiter, including ISNs US9YM-000043DP, US9YM-000149DP, US9YM-000165DP, US9SA-000192DP, US9YM-000252, US9YM-000728DP, PK9YM-001457DP, and US9YM-000240DP. For additional information on al-Yafai, see IIR 6 034 0109 02, TD-314/27663-04, and TD-314/17125-03.

<sup>32</sup> 000242 KB 12-MAY-2002

<sup>33</sup> >IIR 7 739 3111 02

<sup>34</sup> >For additional details on this first group, see Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis. Detainee was captured near Tora Bora and taken to Jalalabad.

<sup>35</sup> TD-314/42895-02 (#59), TD-314/13174-03, TD-314/40693-02

<sup>36</sup> 000242 302 25-AUG-2002 (2)

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- (S//NF) Detainee admitted staying at several al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses including the Hajji Habash Guesthouse in Kandahar and the Ghulam Bacha Guesthouse located in the Karte Parwan area of Kabul.<sup>37</sup>
- (S//NF) Adil Said al-Haj Ubayd al-Busayss, ISN US9YM-000165DP (YM-165) reported al-Yafai sent his recruits to a house in the Karte Parwan area of Kabul to await training. Al-Yafai entrusted another Yemeni, Abd al-Rahman, to deliver the recruits to the Kabul guesthouse where al-Yafai's name was used to gain entrance.<sup>38</sup> Senior al-Qaida facilitator Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), reported he saw detainee in Kabul in May 2001.<sup>39</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee has threatened the lives of US citizens during his detention.
  - (S//NF) Detainee has made several threats directly against US military personnel and implied threats against civilians. Detainee stated when he gets out and goes to his country, he will kill MP guards.<sup>40</sup> Detainee threatened to kill a US service member by chopping off his head and hands when he gets out,<sup>41</sup> and informed another if he ever saw him when he leaves Cuba, that he will murder him and drink his blood for lunch.<sup>42</sup> Detainee also stated he would fly planes into houses,<sup>43</sup> and prayed that President Bush would die.<sup>44</sup>
  - (S//NF) SA-230 stated detainee is dangerous and hates Americans.<sup>45</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces as a sub-commander in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex.
  - (S//NF) Detainee served as a sub-commander of a camp comprised of multiple fighting positions in Tora Bora.
    - (S//NF) Detainee admitted he occupied the Abd al-Aziz Center in Tora Bora.<sup>46</sup> Detainee stated UBL visited detainee's position in Tora Bora for about 5 minutes, assuring the fighters that "everything will be okay."<sup>47</sup>
    - (S//NF) YM-252 reported detainee was in charge of a group of fighters in Tora Bora.<sup>48</sup> YM-252 noted detainee was also responsible for providing weapons

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<sup>37</sup> 000242 302 25-AUG-2002

<sup>38</sup> IIR 6 034 0109 02

<sup>39</sup> IIR 6 034 0059 05

<sup>40</sup> JDG INTREP 30-AUG-2003

<sup>41</sup> JDG INTREP 3-JAN-2005

<sup>42</sup> JDG INTREP 28-MAY-2005

<sup>43</sup> JDG INTREP 11-OCT-2003; Analyst Note: See also JDG INTREPs dated 19-Nov-2002, 5-NOV-2004, 10-AUG-2005, and 17-AUG-2005.

<sup>44</sup> >000242 SIR 22-Jun-2004

<sup>45</sup> 000230 SIR 14-OCT-2005

<sup>46</sup> 000242 MFR 09-MAY-2002, 000242 SIR 22-JUN-2004

<sup>47</sup> 000242 302 21-OCT-2002

<sup>48</sup> 000252 FM40 15-MAR-2005



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and other supplies to fighters.<sup>49</sup> YM-252 also stated he and Ali Husein Muhammad Shaaban, ISN US9SY-000327DP (SY-327), were in the same group under detainee's command in Tora Bora, but not the same fire team.<sup>50</sup> (Analyst Note: This statement indicates detainee was in charge of multiple fighting positions which comprised his center/camp in Tora Bora.)

- (S//NF) Fahd Salih Sulayman al-Jutayli, ISN US9SA-000177DP (SA-177, transferred), reported he served under the command of Usama al-Adani (detainee alias) in Tora Bora.<sup>51</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee served as a fighter in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade on the front lines of Afghanistan.
  - (S//NF) Detainee fought on the front lines in Afghanistan, and possibly commanded a front line position.
    - (S//NF) Detainee admitted serving with the Taliban on the Bagram front line.<sup>52</sup> Additionally, detainee's alias (Khalid al-Adani) was found on a document which identified detainee as a senior associate who spent five months in three campaigns carrying a PK machine gun, an AK-47 assault rifle, and a rocket propelled grenade launcher (RPG) on the front lines.<sup>53</sup>
    - (S//NF) Fahd Umar Abd al-Majid al-Umari al-Sharif, ISN US9SA-000215DP (SA-215, transferred), reported Usama al-Adani, detainee's alias, served with him at Bagram.<sup>54</sup> Additionally, Arkan Muhammad Ghafil al-Karim, ISN US9IZ-000653DP (IZ-653), reported he saw detainee on the Taliban front lines sometime in late 1999 or early 2000.<sup>55</sup>
    - (S//NF) Muhammad Ali Abdallah Muhammad Bwazir, ISN US9YM-000440DP (YM-440), reported detainee fought in Khwaja Ghar, AF, under the command of Abu Hassan al-Abyani.<sup>56</sup>
    - (S//NF) YM-165 reported Abu Ali al-Yafai recruited detainee, who fought in the Markez (camp/position, literally *center*) Bilal and Markez Tulha positions defending Kabul in the fall of 2001.<sup>57</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee probably traveled to Tora Bora after the fall of Kabul in mid-November 2001.)

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<sup>49</sup> >000252 FM40 05-JAN-2005 (Part one of two)

<sup>50</sup> 000252 FM40 01-NOV-2004, Analyst Note: YM-252 reported the commander was Khalid al-Adeni, an alias for detainee identified by SA-230 in 000230 SIR 14-OCT-2005.

<sup>51</sup> TD-314/00296-02

<sup>52</sup> 000242 302 25-AUG-2002

<sup>53</sup> AFGP-2002-901078; Analyst Note: The document is undated and noted detainee arrived in Afghanistan 16 months prior to the creation of the document.

<sup>54</sup> TD-314/00928-02; Analyst Note: Detainee is identified with the variant spelling 'Usam al-Adani.

<sup>55</sup> IIR 6 034 1331 03

<sup>56</sup> IIR 6 034 0727 04

<sup>57</sup> IIR 6 034 0109 02

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- (S//NF) Walid Abdallah Umar al-Qaiti reported he met Usama al-Adani the commander of a center in Afghanistan.<sup>58</sup> (Analyst Note: Al-Qaiti is the brother-in-law and cousin of Abu Hamza al-Qaiti, a guesthouse operator in Kabul. Based on Walid's travels in and route of egress from Afghanistan, the reported command was probably at a camp on the front lines and not a reference to the Tora Bora camp as Walid is not known to have traveled through Tora Bora.)
- (S//NF) Detainee served as a weapons trainer at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp and on the front lines.
  - (S//NF) Detainee served as a trainer at both al-Faruq and Bagram. SA-230 reported detainee was a mid-level instructor at al-Faruq who was experienced in explosives. SA-230 also reported detainee provided instruction on artillery and the SA-7 surface-to-air missile.<sup>59</sup>
  - (S//NF) Muhammad Abd al-Rahman Awn al-Shumrani, ISN US9SA-000195DP (SA-195), identified Usama al-Adani (detainee alias) as a trainer near the Bagram airport.<sup>60</sup> SA-230 stated detainee was part of the Artillery Department in Bagram,<sup>61</sup> while YM-252 remarked detainee was good with weapons.<sup>62</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee received basic and advanced training including tactics, trainer preparation, and artillery at al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan.<sup>63</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee admitted receiving basic training and advanced training at the al-Faruq Training Camp when it was located in Kabul. YM-240 also attended this training with detainee. Detainee's basic training consisted of Kalashnikov rifles, M-16, PK machine guns, RPGs, hand grenades, and explosives. Detainee also noted he received topography (land navigation) training, mountain warfare and tactics training.<sup>64</sup>
    - (S//NF) YM-252 corroborated detainee's admission stating detainee was in Afghanistan and received unidentified training at al-Faruq.<sup>65</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee's alias, Usama al-Adani, was found on a document describing his attendance at four militant training courses. The document specified detainee attended Basic Training, Organized Army Tactics Training, the Artillery Course, and a Cadre Preparation course.<sup>66</sup> (Analyst Note: Although the document is undated, the

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<sup>58</sup> TD-314/51084-01

<sup>59</sup> 000230 SIR 14-OCT-2005

<sup>60</sup> IIR 6 034 0172 02, IIR 6 034 1144 03

<sup>61</sup> 000230 SIR 14-OCT-2005

<sup>62</sup> 000252 FM40 15-MAR-2005

<sup>63</sup> IIR 6 044 2515 05

<sup>64</sup> 000242 302 13-SEP-2002 (2), IIR 6 034 0160 03, 000242 302 25-AUG-2002, 000242 MFR 02-MAY-2002; Analyst Note: See also 000230 SIR 14-OCT-2005. Detainee stated the village of Aynak was located about 20 minutes north of the camp.

<sup>65</sup> 000252 FM40 15-MAR-2005

<sup>66</sup> AFGP-2002-901078; Analyst Note: The document is undated and noted detainee arrived in Afghanistan 16 months prior to the creation of the document.

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content implies that the document was prepared in the summer or fall of 2001. This would date detainee's first training in Afghanistan at sometime before early 2000, and his participation in combat in both the summer of 2000 and 2001.)

- (S//NF) Detainee is closely linked to individuals suspected of involvement in the USS COLE bombing and other significant al-Qaida members.
  - (S//NF) Al-Qaida operative Qasim Yahya Mahdi Abd al-Rimi, aka (Abu Hurayah), aka (Doctor Hurayah), reported he met an individual named Usama al-Adani (detainee's alias) in Afghanistan. (Analyst Note: Abu Hurayah is a former al-Qaida explosives trainer reported to be in Yemeni custody and is the brother of Ali Yahya Mahdi al-Raimi, ISN US9YM-000167DP (YM-167).)<sup>67</sup>
  - (S//NF) YM-1457 identified detainee as the brother of Yasser Ahmed Qasim, aka (Abu Muslim al-Yemeni), an imprisoned suspect in the USS COLE bombing.<sup>68</sup> Qasim escaped from Yemeni custody in April 2003, but was recaptured.<sup>69</sup> (Analyst Note: The Abu Yasser detainee reported meeting at the hotel in Karachi may be his brother.)<sup>70</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee reported while in Afghanistan, he called home and was told his brother was in jail but would be released soon, and that his brother was now married, had a daughter, and was working for UBL.<sup>71</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee identified photographs of three other associates linked to the USS COLE bombing: Jamal Muhammad Ahmed al-Badawi, Fahd Muhammad Ahmed al-Quso, and Uthman Abd al-Rahim Muhammad Uthman, ISN US9YM-000027DP (YM-027).<sup>72</sup>
  - (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida operative Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka (Khallad), aka (Silver), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014), reported detainee's recruiter, al-Yafai, was a friend of suspected USS COLE bombing conspirator, Jamal Muhammad Ahmed Ali al-Badawi.<sup>73</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed as a **HIGH** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been non-compliant and hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 113 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 10 February 2008, when he kicked the guard force during transportation.

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<sup>67</sup> TD-314/19614-03

<sup>68</sup> IIR 6 034 0059 05

<sup>69</sup> IIR 4 201 2255 05

<sup>70</sup> 000242 KB 12-MAY-2002

<sup>71</sup> 000242 SIR 09-MAY-2002, 000242 KB 012-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: Detainee's story about his brother has varied, with detainee at times saying that Qasim was opposed to jihad and opposed to detainee's trip to Afghanistan, and at other times claiming that Qasim had fought during the jihad against the Soviets (See 000242 302 21-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0887 02, 000242 302 25-AUG-2002 (2)).

<sup>72</sup> IIR 6 034 0887 02, IIR 6 034 0159 03

<sup>73</sup> IIR 4 217 0081 08, TD-314/27663-04

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He has four Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 10 February 2008, when he kicked the guard force during transportation. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, unauthorized communications, damage to government property, attempted assaults, assaults, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. On 19 October 2007 detainee was reported to be in possession of a shaving razor. In 2007, he had a total of 38 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and three so far in 2008.

**8. (S) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:** Detainee is assessed to be of **MEDIUM** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 13 June 2006.

**a. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee was recruited by a well known al-Qaida recruiter who provided detainee information on recruiting methods and facilitation. Detainee's basic and advanced training at an al-Qaida associated militant training facility provided detainee with training curriculum. Detainee served on the front lines with UBL's 55th Arab brigade, which provided him with battlefield information, as well as ingress and egress routes. Detainee has ties to several individuals, including his brother, suspected of involvement in the USS COLE bombing, and may have information on the perpetrators and/or attack planning.

**b. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee is a veteran al-Qaida member who received advanced militant training, and fought at various front line positions in Afghanistan. Detainee was a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee has familial ties to individuals suspected in the bombing of the USS COLE.

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

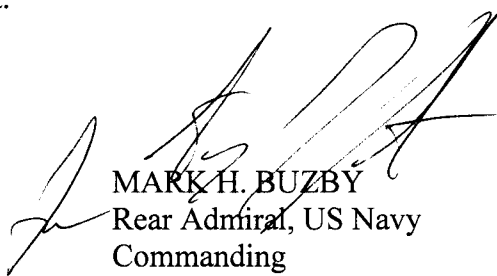
- Biographical information on leadership and organizational structure on Taliban, al-Qaida
  - 55th Arab Brigade commanders and members
  - Command, control, and communications
  - International support network
  - Recruiters and facilitators
  - Training Camps
  - Guesthouses and safe houses
  - Improvised explosive devices
- Operations abroad
- Familial ties to al-Qaida members and extremist networks
- Yemen based cells and operatives

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 24 September 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*.