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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 US9SY-000327DP (S)

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

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

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Ali Husain Shaabaan
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Ali Husein Muhammad Shaaban, Yaqub al-Suri, Omar Ali Khalil
- Place of Birth: Utayba, Syria (SY)
- Date of Birth: 3 March 1982
- Citizenship: Syria
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SY-000327DP



**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 (CD) on 15 April 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is a member of the Syrian Group comprised of dismantled terrorist cells that escaped Syrian authorities and fled to Afghanistan in 2000. Detainee has threatened US personnel upon release and is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) Tora Bora Mountain complex in Afghanistan under the command of Ali Muhammad Abd al-Aziz al-Fakhri, ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212). Detainee is assessed to have received suicide operations training provided by UBL associate Shaykh Issa al-Masri at the Syrian Guesthouse funded by

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Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), at which currency and document forgery operations were also conducted. Detainee acknowledged receiving AK-47 training in Afghanistan. Detainee is also assessed to have attended training at the al-Ghuraba Training Camp, is reported to have attended training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp, and may have received additional training at the training camp in Afghanistan operated by deceased leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

**[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.)

- Added information of detainee's activities in Tora Bora
- Removed reporting of detainee's name on al-Qaida documents; detainee's name was not found in the list<sup>1</sup>

#### **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 attended elementary and secondary school in Utayba, SY, a village approximately one half hour from Damascus, SY.<sup>2</sup> Detainee also studied English for six years during this time.<sup>3</sup> Detainee then worked at his father's ironsmith shop, which was located across the street from the family home in Utayba.<sup>4</sup>

**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** Detainee departed Damascus for Afghanistan on 3 July 2000.<sup>5</sup> Detainee traveled via Turkey and Iran with three other Syrians by the names of Muhammad, aka (Abu Muath al-Suri); Ziad, aka (Abdallah al-Suri); and a Syrian Kurd who

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<sup>1</sup> TD-314/40693-02, TD-314/47683-03

<sup>2</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

<sup>3</sup> 000327 MFR 16-AUG-2002

<sup>4</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

<sup>5</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

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went by the alias Qassam al-Kurdi.<sup>6</sup> When they arrived at Kandahar, AF, they stayed at the Hajji Habash Guesthouse. After three months, they traveled to Kabul, AF and stayed at a guesthouse for Syrians located in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul.<sup>7</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** Detainee stayed at the Syrian Guesthouse for over a year. Also staying at the guesthouse were: Moammer Badawi Dokhan, aka (Abu Abdallah al-Suri), ISN US9SY-000317DP (SY-317); Usama; Ahmed Adnan Muhammad Ajam, aka (Abu Rawda al-Suri), ISN US9SY-000326DP (SY-326); Abd al-Hadi Omar Mahmoud Faraj, aka (Abu Omar al-Suri), ISN US9SY-000329DP (SY-329); and Masum Abdah Muhammad, aka (Bilal al-Kurdi), ISN US9SY-000330DP (SY-330). Abu Muaz al-Suri, aka (Abdallah al-Shami), ISN US9SY-001454DP (SY-1454, escaped), rented and operated the Syrian Guesthouse.<sup>8</sup> Every two or three months, detainee would receive an envelope with detainee's name on it containing money.<sup>9</sup> Detainee spent his time studying Islam and reading the Koran, Hadiths, and other religious books. For religious questions, detainee and the other residents sought guidance from Shaykh Issa.<sup>10</sup> Detainee also received training on the AK-47 assault rifle from Khalid at the Syrian Guesthouse.<sup>11</sup> A little over a year later, the Coalition bombing began and Kabul fell to the Northern Alliance.<sup>12</sup> Subsequently, detainee, SY-326 and Abu Muath traveled to Jalalabad, AF.<sup>13</sup>

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

**a. (S//NF)** After the US and Coalition bombing campaign initiated in Kabul, detainee, SY-326, and SY-329 fled to the UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex.<sup>14</sup> SY-330 stated three other Syrians joined him in Tora Bora. These Syrians were identified as detainee, SY-326, SY-329, as well as an individual named Usama, who was carrying an AK-47 assault rifle.<sup>15</sup> SY-330 further stated they were all issued AK-47s shortly after arrival in Tora Bora.<sup>16</sup> Approximately 13 days later, Nur Gul escorted the group to a cave where they remained for

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<sup>6</sup> TD-314/38436-02, Analyst Note: Muhammad is assessed to be Muhammad Uthman al-Shaykh; Ziad is assessed to be Ziyad Hasan al-Shayib aka (Abu Abdallah); Qassam is assessed to be Izz al-Din Abd al-Aziz Khalil aka (Qassam).

<sup>7</sup> TD-314/38436-02, Analyst Note: The guesthouse is assessed to be Abu Muaz al-Suri's guesthouse. Variants of Muaz include Muadh and Muath.

<sup>8</sup> IIR 6 034 0615 04, Analyst Note: SY-1454 escaped from the Bagram Detention Facility on 10 July 2005.

<sup>9</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002, Analyst Note: Additional references to the money include 000329 SIR 15-APR-2005 and 000326 FM40 14-APR-2005.

<sup>10</sup> 000327 MFR 18-DEC-2002

<sup>11</sup> 000327 MFR 07-MAR-2002

<sup>12</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002, Analyst Note: Kabul fell to the Northern Alliance on 13 November 2001.

<sup>13</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

<sup>14</sup> 000326 FM40 02-NOV-2004

<sup>15</sup> 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002

<sup>16</sup> 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004, See also IIR 6 034 0055 05

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approximately one and one-half months, and then departed for Pakistan.<sup>17</sup> UBL appointed LY-212 as military commander in Tora Bora. In mid-December 2001, LY-212 arranged for Afghan guides to lead the fighters out of Tora Bora into Pakistan to escape.<sup>18</sup> In late December 2001, Pakistani authorities captured detainee, SY-326, SY-329, and SY-330 as they fled the hostilities in Tora Bora.<sup>19</sup> Pakistani authorities then transferred detainee, SY-326, SY-329, and SY-330, from Kohat, PK, to US custody at the Kandahar Detention Facility on 5 January 2002.<sup>20</sup>

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

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 14 June 2002

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

- Possible al-Qaida or Taliban travel facilitator named Amir Husayn Jafar
- Arab and Taliban safe houses in Karaj, IR, as well as Kandahar and Kabul
- Evacuation of Kabul

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** The general timeline detainee has provided is probably reliable; however, detainee is withholding extensive details of his extremist and al-Qaida associations in Syria and Afghanistan. Detainee is also withholding details of his activities and those of his associates. Detainee has not acknowledged associations with other cell members who fled Syria other than those captured with him and has not acknowledged his membership in the cell. Detainee also denies any militant training in Afghanistan despite his assessed basic and specialized training.

**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 assessed to be a member of a Syrian terrorist cell that fled to Afghanistan to escape Syrian authorities. The cell members attended al-Qaida militant training camps and, along with detainee, stayed in a guesthouse

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<sup>17</sup> 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002

<sup>18</sup> TD-314/14605-04, Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis; Analyst Note: LY-212 is probably in Libyan External Security Organization control in Libya.

<sup>19</sup> 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004, TD-314/00964-02

<sup>20</sup> TD-314/00845-02

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reserved exclusively for Syrians at which currency and document forgery was conducted. GZ-10016 supported the guesthouse and detainee is assessed to have received money from GZ-10016 during his stay. Detainee has threatened Americans in the event of his release and is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex under the command of LY-212. Detainee is assessed to have received suicide operations training at the Syrian Guesthouse in Kabul. Detainee acknowledged receiving AK-47 training in Afghanistan. Detainee is assessed to have attended training at the al-Ghuraba Training Camp, is reported to have attended training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp, and may have received additional training at the training camp operated by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

- (S//NF) Detainee is a member of a Syrian terrorist cell which relocated to Afghanistan. The cell members escaped Syrian authorities and fled to Afghanistan where they attended training. Detainee stayed in a guesthouse reserved exclusively for Syrians, which was supported by GZ-10016.
  - (S//NF) Syrian authorities dismantled terrorist cells in Damascus and Hamah, SY in 2000, arresting fifteen members of the cells while some cell members, including detainee, escaped. The Syrian Military Intelligence (SMI) stated that those who escaped were believed to have fled to Afghanistan. SMI identified the following individuals who escaped:<sup>21</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee, who the SMI identified as Ali Hussayn Shaban, aka (Yaqub). Detainee stated he traveled to Kandahar and then to Kabul with Muhammad, aka (Muath al-Suri); Ziad, aka (Abdallah al-Suri); and a Syrian Kurd Qassam al-Kurdi.<sup>22</sup>
    - (S//NF) SY-330, who the SMI identified as Masum Muhammad, aka (Abu Bilal al-Kurdi). Like detainee, SY-330 reported that he departed Syria in July 2000.<sup>23</sup>
    - (S//NF) SY-329, who the SMI identified as Abd al-Hadi Umar al-Faraj, aka (Mahdi). SY-329 reported he went to Iran with Abu Kareem and Muhammad Amin. In Iran, SY-329 left Kareem and Amin, and later met Khalid. He stayed at Khalid's house for one month and ten days.<sup>24</sup> (Analyst Note: Abu Kareem and Muhammad Amin are assessed to be the two members mentioned later in this list. Khalid is probably Sulayman Khalid Darwish, noted below.)
    - (S//NF) Jihad Ahmad Mustafa Diyab, ISN US9LE-000722DP (LE-722), who the SMI identified as Jihad Ahmad Diab, aka (Abu Wail).

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<sup>21</sup> TD-314/44247-01, TD-314/48778-01, Analyst Note: Though not listed in the SMI report, SY-326 is assessed to have been a member of the Syrian Group.

<sup>22</sup> TD-314/38436-02

<sup>23</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002, 000330 KB 06-14-2002

<sup>24</sup> 000329 302 16-AUG-2002

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- (S//NF) Sulayman Khalid Darwish, aka (Abu Khalid), aka (Abu azl-Ghadiyah), aka (Abu Hurayrah), aka (Ghassan), aka (Jamal), who was the leader of the Damascus Cell.<sup>25</sup> This is assessed to be detainee's acknowledged associate Khalid.
  - ◆ (S//NF) Sulayman Khalid Darwish was the paternal uncle of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.<sup>26</sup> Darwish was a member of the *Shura* (advisory) council of the al-Zarqawi Network, aka (al-Qaida in Iraq).<sup>27</sup> Darwish trained at al-Zarqawi's camp in Herat, AF in 2000 and was an active member of al-Zarqawi's terrorist network as of early October 2004 during which he facilitated travel of Islamic extremists from Syria into Iraq.<sup>28</sup> Darwish had been identified as the fourth ranking man of al-Qaida in Iraq, and al-Zarqawi's Chief of External Operations.<sup>29</sup>
- (S//NF) Other members of the cells which escaped included Radwan Abbud Muhammad, aka (Abu Abd al-Karim); Muhammad Amin Mahmud al-Hasan, aka (Abu Bakr); Izz al-Din Abd al-Aziz Khalil, aka (Qassam), who is assessed to be detainee's acknowledged travel companion Qassam; Ziyad Hasan al-Shayib, aka (Abu Abdallah), who is assessed to be detainee's acknowledged travel companion Ziad; and Muhammad Uthman al-Shaykh, aka (Maaz), who is assessed to be detainee's acknowledged travel companion Muhammad.
- (S//NF) SMI reported that detainee's cell was formerly commanded by Muhammad Yaqub. Yaqub had ties to GZ-10016, UBL, and an Iraqi national named Hilal Abd al-Razzaq Ali,<sup>30</sup> who was captured in Iraq on 10 October 2004 on suspicion of terrorist activity.<sup>31</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted occupying the Syrian Guesthouse in Kabul, which was affiliated with al-Qaida's terrorist network.<sup>32</sup> (Analyst Note: The Syrian Guesthouse is closely tied to fleeing Syrian cell members and Abu Musab al-Suri.)
  - (S//NF) SY-1454 rented the house in Kabul at which detainee,<sup>33</sup> SY-330<sup>34</sup>, SY-326<sup>35</sup>, SY-329<sup>36</sup>, and Abd al-Nasir Ibn Muhammad Khantumani, ISN

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<sup>25</sup> TD-314/44247-01

<sup>26</sup> TD-314/58064-04, Analyst Note: Al-Zarqawi and Darwish are both reported to be deceased.

<sup>27</sup> TD-314/29746-04, TD-314/39833-05

<sup>28</sup> TD-314/58064-04

<sup>29</sup> TD-314/11275-05

<sup>30</sup> TD-314/44247-01; Analyst Note: See SCI addendum for more information.

<sup>31</sup> FBIS EUP20050720100005; Analyst Note: For additional information on Hilal see TD-314/32507-04, TD-314/32433-04, TD-314/31551-04 and the SCI addendum.

<sup>32</sup> TD-314/38436-02

<sup>33</sup> IIR 6 034 0133 04

<sup>34</sup> IIR 6 034 0797 04, 000330 SIR 14-APR-2004, IIR 6 034 0154 04

<sup>35</sup> IIR 6 034 0187 04, IIR 6 034 0123 04

<sup>36</sup> IIR 6 034 0876 04

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US9SY-000307DP (SY-307),<sup>37</sup> stayed for over a year. SY-317 admitted staying at the guesthouse as well.<sup>38</sup> (Analyst Note: SY-317 shares the alias Abdallah al-Shami with Abu Muaz al-Suri.)

○ (S//NF) Abu Musab al-Suri, aka (Mustafa Abd al-Qadir al-Sitt Mariam), aka (Abu Omar Abd al-Hakim), was affiliated with the Syrian Guesthouse in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul and was the head of the Syrian Group.<sup>39</sup> Abd al-Rahman Ahmad Khadr, US9CA-000990DP (CA-990, transferred), when discussing al-Qaida sites in Kabul, reported money and document forgery operations were conducted in the Syrian Group Guesthouse.<sup>40</sup> SY-326,<sup>41</sup> SY-329,<sup>42</sup> and SY-330<sup>43</sup> reported they left their passports at SY-1454's guesthouse.<sup>44</sup>

▪ (S//NF) Analyst Note: The Wazir Akbar Khan area is the former diplomatic district occupied by the Taliban and al-Qaida for quarters and training. The passports may have been left behind due to incomplete alterations at the guesthouse, rendering the passports unsatisfactory for international travel. Regardless of the reason, most detainees were captured without their passport with some specifically instructed to leave the passports behind in order to make their positive identification difficult upon capture. Detainee claims he did not surrender his passport to anyone at a guesthouse,<sup>45</sup> but has refused to provide an account of why he was captured without it.<sup>46</sup>

▪ (S//NF) GZ-10016 identified LE-722 as an expert in passport and document forgery.<sup>47</sup> SMI reported LE-722 was one of the fleeing Syrian terrorist cell members, along with detainee and SY-329.<sup>48</sup> (Analyst Note: LE-722 probably provided the guesthouse occupants with forgery training or with forged documentation for their eventual return to Syria. Operational mission training courses usually included document forgery and currency counterfeiting.)

○ (S//NF) GZ-10016 admitted he helped fund the Syrian Guesthouse.<sup>49</sup> GZ-10016 reported meeting with SY-330 at the guesthouse prior to the 11 September 2001

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<sup>37</sup> IIR 6 034 0557 02

<sup>38</sup> TD-314/37242-02

<sup>39</sup> TD-314/36471-02, IIR 6 034 0281 03

<sup>40</sup> TD-314/20458-02

<sup>41</sup> 000326 FM40 03-SEP-2003

<sup>42</sup> 000329 KB 12-JUN-2002

<sup>43</sup> 000330 302 11-JUN-2002

<sup>44</sup> TD-314/52681-03; Analyst Note: A variant of al-Shami is Ashami and a valid alternate alias for al-Shami is al-Suri.

<sup>45</sup> 000327 MFR 18-Dec-2002

<sup>46</sup> 000327 SIR 26-Feb-2007

<sup>47</sup> >TD-314/44247-01, paragraph 5A

<sup>48</sup> >TD 314 20999 03

<sup>49</sup> TD-314/36471-02

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- terrorist attacks.<sup>50</sup> Detainee acknowledged receiving money while staying at the guesthouse.<sup>51</sup> (Analyst Note: According to detainee's claimed timeline, he would have been present at the guesthouse during GZ-10016's visit. The money detainee received is assessed to have been provided by GZ-10016.)
- (S//NF) GZ-10016 stated SY-307, an identified explosives expert,<sup>52</sup> was known as Abu Ahmad al-Suri who was with the Abu Musab al-Zarqawi group.<sup>53</sup> The Syrian government classifies SY-307 as a radical terrorist, who received several military courses at al-Qaida camps and fought with UBL forces.<sup>54</sup> (Analyst Note: As noted below, Abdallah Abd al-Razzaq Muhammad al-Dhabi (an al-Zarqawi network associate) reported SY-326's training at the al-Zarqawi camp. Both SY-326 and SY-307's identification at the guesthouse as part of the Syrian Group and their connection to the al-Zarqawi group provides indication of similar membership for detainee and the other Syrians with whom they resided and fought.)
  - (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee was a heavy machine gun operator in a four-man fire team and is assessed to have seen UBL in Tora Bora.
    - (S//NF) Detainee stated he was taken to a group of Saudi males who were distributing weapons to all Arabs in the Tora Bora Mountains.<sup>55</sup> Detainee admitted occupying a prepared position armed with an AK-47 in Tora Bora.<sup>56</sup>
      - (S//NF) SY-329 also reported all Arabs were issued AK-47s when they entered Tora Bora.<sup>57</sup>
    - (S//NF) SY-330 stated that three other Syrians joined him in Tora Bora. SY-330 identified the Syrians as detainee, SY-326, and SY-329, and noted they were accompanied by an individual named Usama,<sup>58</sup> assessed to be Khaled Qasim, aka (Abu Usama al-Adani), aka (Khaled al-Adani), ISN US9YM-000242DP (YM-242). SY-330 acknowledged they were all subsequently issued AK-47s by YM-242 after their arrival in the Tora Bora Mountains.<sup>59</sup> SY-330 also stated that he, detainee, SY-326, and SY-329 occupied two caves in Tora Bora for approximately two months.<sup>60</sup>
      - (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), reported detainee was part of a fire team, composed of at least four

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<sup>50</sup> TD-314/39191-05<sup>51</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002<sup>52</sup> TD-314/39191-05<sup>53</sup> TD-314-24907-02<sup>54</sup> TD-314/07637-02<sup>55</sup> IIR 6 034 0055 05<sup>56</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002<sup>57</sup> IIR 6 034 0055 05<sup>58</sup> 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002, IIR 6 034 0059 05<sup>59</sup> 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004<sup>60</sup> 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002



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fighters. One fighter carried extra ammunition for the machine gun, another fighter carried an RPG, and the fourth fighter carried an AK-47. Detainee carried a heavy machine gun with a bipod and a 100 round magazine.<sup>61</sup> YM-252 also reported his group and detainee's group both fell under the command of YM-242.<sup>62</sup> (Analyst Note: As detainee and SY-326 traveled together to Tora Bora where they joined SY-330, the members of the fire team are assessed to be detainee, SY-326, SY-330 and SY-329. Detainee's assignment as a heavy machine gun operator indicates he received both basic and advanced weapons training.)

- (S//NF) YM-242 admitted he was at the Abd al-Aziz Center in Tora Bora<sup>63</sup> and reported UBL visited his position one night to encourage the men.<sup>64</sup> (Analyst Note: YM-252 and YM-242's comments indicated detainee would have been present for UBL's visit as well, as detainee has not been associated with any other fighting positions in Tora Bora.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have received suicide operations training at the Syrian Guesthouse in Kabul.
  - (S//NF) Detainee,<sup>65</sup> SY-330,<sup>66</sup> SY-326,<sup>67</sup> and SY-329<sup>68</sup> all reported studying under UBL-associate Shaykh Issa.<sup>69</sup> SY-329 admitted spending two weeks at the Shaykh Issa's home in Kabul receiving religious training.<sup>70</sup> (Analyst Note: These Syrian detainees minimize the importance of their contact with Shaykh Issa. However, due to the fact they were in the Syrian Guesthouse for over a year, they probably completed Shaykh Issa's training. This is further supported by the fact that suicide training reportedly required over a year to complete.)
    - (S//NF) Shaykh Issa was an Arab scholar and was part of the al-Qaida network. Some of his religious training included the "right to kill all non-believers", as well as how to deal with captured Muslim opponents.<sup>71</sup> Training occurred two to three times a week for about three months.<sup>72</sup> Shaykh Issa provided a two week training session for the Syrians and other Arabs who trained

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<sup>61</sup> >000252 FM40 01-NOV-2004

<sup>62</sup> >000252 FM40 15-Mar-2005, 000252 FM40 31-May-2005(a)

<sup>63</sup> 000242 MFR 09-MAY-2002, TD-314/00928-02

<sup>64</sup> >IIR 6 034 0731 03, 000242 302 13-MAY-2002

<sup>65</sup> 000327 MFR 18-DEC-2002

<sup>66</sup> 000330 302 11-JUN-2002

<sup>67</sup> 000326 SIR 01-JUL-2004

<sup>68</sup> IIR 6 034 0876 04, IIR 6 034 0876 04

<sup>69</sup> IIR 6 034 0278 03, 000766 SIR 05-NOV-2002, IIR 6 034 0501 03

<sup>70</sup> IIR 6 034 0055 05

<sup>71</sup> IIR 6 034 0278 03, 000766 SIR 05-NOV-2002, IIR 6 034 0501 03

<sup>72</sup> IIR 6 034 1179 04

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- at UBL-sponsored camps. This training was considered part of the final preparation undertaken by the trainees.<sup>73</sup>
- (S//NF) Shaykh Issa provided final approval for the training of suicide operatives. The operational mission training courses included explosives, poisons, document forgery, currency counterfeiting, disguise, and training in Western lifestyle. Throughout the one-year sessions, progress reports were sent to Shaykh Issa, UBL, and the trainee's sponsor. Upon completion of training, the trainee was required to spend an additional two weeks with Shaykh Issa and swear an oath to UBL, after which the operative would be deployed on his mission.<sup>74</sup>
  - (S//NF) After studying with Shaykh Issa, it was common practice for trainees to go to the front line to fight.<sup>75</sup> According to Fahd Umar Abd al-Majid al-Umari al-Sharif, ISN US9SA-000215DP (SA-215), there was a Syrian camp on the front line of Kabul.<sup>76</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged receiving AK-47 training in Afghanistan. Detainee is assessed to have attended training at the al-Ghuraba Training Camp, is reported to have attended training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp, and may have received additional training at the training camp operated by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.
    - (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have attended training at Abu Musab al-Suri's al-Ghuraba Training Camp in Afghanistan. SMI noted the escaped Syrian cell members joined a Syrian camp in Afghanistan run by UBL associate Abu Musab al-Suri,<sup>77</sup> and attended an al-Qaida training camp.<sup>78</sup> Abu Musab al-Suri is an al-Qaida associate, mujahideen trainer, and Islamic theorist with a long history of supporting Islamic extremism.<sup>79</sup>
      - (S//NF) Abu Musab al-Suri established a camp to train Arabs. The camp, named al-Ghuraba (the foreigners) Training Camp, was located near Kabul. The camp taught electronic networking and preparation of remote-controlled explosive devices.<sup>80</sup>
      - (S//NF) Detainee stated he received training on the AK-47 from Khalid at SY-1454's Syrian Guesthouse.<sup>81</sup> GZ-10016 stated Abu Khalid al-Suri (detainee's associate Khalid and SY-330's travel companion) was a very good friend of Abu Musab al-Suri. Abu Khalid al-Suri was a pistol trainer at Abu Musab al-Suri's

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<sup>73</sup> IIR 6 034 0876 04

<sup>74</sup> TD-314/18017-02

<sup>75</sup> IIR 6 034 0501 03

<sup>76</sup> IIR 6 034 0284 05

<sup>77</sup> TD-314/44247-01

<sup>78</sup> TD-314/48778-01

<sup>79</sup> S-4J2-2410-0243-05

<sup>80</sup> IIR 6 034 0284 05, TD-314/21668-00, TD-314/12972-03

<sup>81</sup> 000327 MFR 07-MAR-2002, 000327 MFR 16-AUG-2002

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- camp,<sup>82</sup> and also coordinated al-Jazeera media interviews with UBL.<sup>83</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee probably received the training at the al-Ghuraba Camp, and not at the guesthouse as claimed.)
- (S//NF) Between December 2001 and October 2005, Abu Musab al-Suri worked on the “strategic and military design of the future jihad.” This design included the use of weapons of mass destruction, such as nuclear, chemical and bacteriological weapons, and dirty bombs. Abu Musab al-Suri was reportedly captured in October 2005 and transferred to Syria.<sup>84</sup>
  - (S//NF) YM-252 stated detainee attended military training at al-Faruq about a month or two before him.<sup>85</sup> (Analyst Note: YM-252 began training at al-Faruq around April 2001.)
    - (S//NF) Detainee stayed at the Hajji Habash Guesthouse for three months.<sup>86</sup> The Hajji Habash Guesthouse, aka (al-Nebras), was used primarily for Arabs awaiting training at the al-Qaida affiliated al-Faruq Training Camp.<sup>87</sup> While detainee’s name is not included on al-Qaida guesthouse lists, those of his associates are, indicating detainee may have used another alias when entering his information in Hajji Habash guesthouse ledgers.<sup>88</sup>
    - (S//NF) Analyst Note: Detainee’s claimed three months at the guesthouse, provided detainee ample time to attend the eight week basic training course offered at al-Faruq. It is unknown if detainee attended more than one course at al-Faruq, but due to timelines provided by detainee and YM-252, it is probable he completed basic training after his arrival in Afghanistan in 2000 and that he attended advanced training in 2001. Detainee’s acknowledged travel companion, Qassam, was enrolled in the artillery course (advanced training) in March 2001,<sup>89</sup> the approximate period YM-252 reported detainee at al-Faruq.
  - (S//NF) Detainee possibly received training from Abu Musab al-Zarqawi along with other Syrian detainees and terrorist cell members.
    - (S//NF) Al-Zarqawi established a training camp in Herat for Jordanian, Palestinian, and Syrian fighters in 2000.<sup>90</sup> SY-330 traveled to Afghanistan with

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<sup>82</sup> TD-314/40311-02

<sup>83</sup> TD-314/57927-04

<sup>84</sup> FBIS EUP20050617950080 17-JUL-2005, >FBIS GMP20060613831007, FBIS EUP20060505950040.

<sup>85</sup> 000252 FM40 01-NOV-2004

<sup>86</sup> TD-314/38436-02, 000327 MFR 18-DEC-2002

<sup>87</sup> IIR 6 034 0968 03, Al Farouq Training Camp Study Mar 04

<sup>88</sup> TD-314/40693-02, TD-314/47683-03; Analyst Note: SY-317 is listed as Mo’ammam Dokhan, SY-326 listed as: Ahmad Ajam Alias, SY-329 listed as: Abdul Hadi Faraj, SY-330 listed as: Massoum Mohammad Abdo. Syrian national Mahmoud Al Mohammad is also listed on these documents and may be an alias for detainee or more probably US9SY-000537DP.

<sup>89</sup> AFGP-2002-600875, Analyst Note: Qassam al-Souri, a variant for al-Suri, is number 16 on the list for Artillery Course Number 2.

<sup>90</sup> AMZ Chronology

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detainee's associate Abu Khalid,<sup>91</sup> who was identified by al-Zarqawi network explosives expert Azmi Abd al-Fatah Yusif al-Jayusi, aka (Abu Mujahid), aka (Abu Shuhayb), as a trainee at the al-Faruq Training Camp and at al-Zarqawi's camp in Herat. Abu Khalid also received specialized training in Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, and Lebanon.<sup>92</sup> Detained al-Zarqawi network associate Abdallah Abd al-Razzaq Muhammad al-Dhabi identified SY-326's alias as participating in training at al-Faruq in 2000 and at al-Zarqawi's training camp before moving to the Syrian compound in Kabul.<sup>93</sup>

- (S//NF) GZ-10016 stated al-Zarqawi was willing to use his network of operatives and trainers to assist al-Qaida. GZ-10016 and al-Zarqawi worked out a plan to smuggle operatives into Israel to conduct operations,<sup>94</sup> and to train Palestinian groups on explosives, poisons, remote-controlled improvised explosive devices (IED), and suicide operations.<sup>95</sup> Al-Zarqawi originally suggested that a special group be formed of men from "al-Sham." (Analyst Note: Al-Sham is the region comprising primarily Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, and Jordan.)<sup>96</sup>

- (S//NF) Detainee,<sup>97</sup> SY-317,<sup>98</sup> SY-326,<sup>99</sup> SY-329,<sup>100</sup> and SY-330<sup>101</sup> have all expressed reservations of being sent back to Syria, citing fear of punishment for their travel to Afghanistan and for being at JTF-GTMO. (Analyst Note: The fear of punishment is more likely due to their terrorist activities within Syria.)

**c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed as a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been compliant and rarely-hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 32 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 3 March 2008, when he was reported to have participated in a mass disturbance. He has four Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 25 January 2004, when he was reported throwing food/water 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, damage to government property, assaults, and possession

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<sup>91</sup> 000330 KB 06-14-2002

<sup>92</sup> TD-314/29746-04, Analyst Note: See SCI addendum for additional information

<sup>93</sup> TD-314/47763-03

<sup>94</sup> TD-314/39473-02

<sup>95</sup> TD-314/39473-02

<sup>96</sup> FBIS GMP20050123000064 23-JAN-2005, TD-314/12972-03

<sup>97</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

<sup>98</sup> 000317 KB 16-FEB-2002

<sup>99</sup> 000326 MFR 08-SEP-2002

<sup>100</sup> 000329 302 16-AUG-2002

<sup>101</sup> 000330 SIR 20-APR-2004

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of food and non-weapon type contraband. On 5 June 2006 detainee was reported to be in possession of a metal like object wrapped in toilet paper. In 2007, he had a total of 14 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and four 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 19 February 2008.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee is associated with the Syrian Group, dismantled terrorist cells that fled Syria to Afghanistan in 2000. While in Afghanistan from 2000 to 2001, detainee is assessed to have attended militant training. Detainee lived as part of the Syrian Group in Kabul for a year and a half. During that time, detainee received instruction from al-Qaida affiliated Shaykh Issa, and is assessed to have received suicide operative training. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex during the campaign against al-Qaida and the Taliban.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee can provide information on his training background, as well as that of the other members of the Syrian Group in Syria, at the Syrian compound in Kabul, at al-Qaida affiliated training camps, at Shaykh Issa's house, and at UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee has additional unacknowledged associates and will be able to speak to their activities as well. Detainee should be able to provide information on the theological and martyrdom training taught by Shaykh Issa.

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

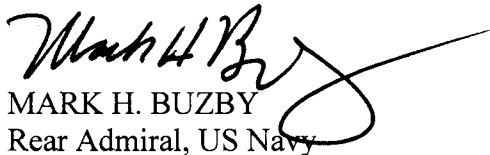
- The Syrian Group and their guesthouse to include SY-1454, Abu Musab al-Suri, Sheikh Issa, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, and other JTF-GTMO detainees.
- Training camps: al-Faruq, al-Zarqawi's camp, and Abu Musab al-Suri's al-Ghuraba camp
- Terrorist cells in Syria
- Future operations and goals

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 29 October 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*.