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29 January 2008

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-000235DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Said Ahmad Muhammad Abdullah
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Saeed Ahmed Mohammed Abdullah Serem Jarabh, Said al-Sarem, Abd al-Qawi al-Arhawi, Abd al-Qawiyy al-Eritrean, Said al-Sanani, Husayn Abdullah, Ahmad Abdallah Abdallah Said
- Place of Birth: Al-Hudaydah, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 14 May 1978
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000235DP



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

3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF-GTMO previously recommended detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) on 8 June 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is a member of al-Qaida who reportedly swore *bayat* (oath of allegiance) to Usama Bin Laden (UBL), served as a bodyguard, and is listed on an al-Qaida affiliated document. Detainee has threatened to kill US personnel on numerous occasions and it is assessed he will engage in extremist activities against US forces if released. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition

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forces at UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee acknowledged multiple travels to Afghanistan (AF) and small arms training at the al-Qaida Tarnak Farm Training Camp. Detainee is assessed to have received basic militant training and advanced terrorist training such as suicide operations, assassinations and or explosives. Detainee has links to numerous al-Qaida operatives in Yemen and Afghanistan, including some associated with the USS COLE bombing and explosives experts. 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 **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 further information about detainee's militant training and his associates

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's family moved to Yemen from Saudi Arabia during the 1990 Gulf War.¹ Detainee's family owned and operated a jewelry store in Sanaa, YM, and was well-off financially.² Detainee started working part-time in his father's business while still in high school and continued working for his father after graduation.³

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee became more religious in 1992, and was interested in joining the jihad in Chechnya or Kashmir. Detainee consulted Shaykh Muhammad Ibrahim at the Martyrs Mosque in Sanaa, who encouraged detainee's interest, but warned that travel to Chechnya might be extremely difficult. Detainee heeded the advice and subsequently traveled twice to Afghanistan instead. During his first trip in late 2000, detainee claimed he worked for three separate Islamic charities, including the Tajik Refugee Committee. Detainee returned to Afghanistan in August 2001, traveling with money he stole from his father's cash box at the jewelry store. Detainee traveled to Kandahar, AF, via

¹ TD-314/00685-02

² TD-314/28759-02, Analyst Note: Detainee claimed he was born in 1976 in Jeddah, SA; however, the Yemeni Ministry of Interior reported his place of birth was al-Hudaydah, YM. See TD-314/51079-01, 000235 SIR 11-JUN-2004

³ 000235 SIR 11-JUN-2004

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Dubai, United Arab Emirates (AE), Mashhad, Iran (IR), and Herat, AF, to meet Abu Khulud who was from Taiz, YM.⁴

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: In late August 2001, detainee stayed in Abu Khulud's Guesthouse for jihadists in Kandahar.⁵ Detainee attended one week of small arms training at the Abu Ubaydah Camp, aka (Tarnak Farm), near the Kandahar airport. Detainee saw 50 other people at the training facility. He then traveled to Kabul, AF, and stayed for six weeks at the Hamza al-Qaiti Guesthouse. Then detainee stayed at a farmhouse located 20 minutes outside of Jalalabad, AF, where he met an Arab named Abu Muhjin, who was in charge of operations at that location. Abu Muhjin, an al-Qaida member, asked detainee to join al-Qaida, but detainee claimed he declined.⁶ In early November 2001, detainee traveled to Jalalabad and then to the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, arriving in December 2001.⁷

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Detainee fled Afghanistan with a group of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters led by UBL appointed military commander in Tora Bora, Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212). The group crossed the Afghani-Pakistani border in the Nangarhar region in mid-December 2001. Their Pakistani contact convinced them to surrender their weapons and gathered the group in a mosque where Pakistani forces immediately arrested them. Detainee was taken into Pakistani custody and held at the prison in Kohat, PK. Detainee was transferred to US custody on 2 January 2002.⁸

b. (S) Property Held:

- F-91W Casio watch
- 6,000 Pakistani rupees (PKR)⁹
- Miscellaneous personal items including a stick, pills, Timex watch, and prayer beads

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 11 February 2002

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

⁴ TD-314/00685-02, TD-314/28759-02

⁵ Analyst Note: Assessed to be the al-Qaida affiliated Hajji Habash Guesthouse (see 001457 SIR 20-Oct-2004).

⁶ Analyst Note: Variants of Muhjin include Mihjin and Meghen

⁷ IIR 2 340 6179 02, 000235 KB 20-FEB-2002, TD-314/00685-02

⁸ TD-314/00845-02, Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis, IIR 7 739 3396 02, DAB Association of Names to 195 Detainees 29-Dec-2006

⁹ Analyst Note: Approximately equivalent to \$97 US

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- Guesthouses in Afghanistan
- Abu Ubaydah Training Camp, aka (Tarnak Farm)
- Al-Qaida member Abu Muhjin

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee's account is vague and lacks credible details. Detainee omits significant information concerning his training and other activities while in Afghanistan. Detainee's claim he went to Afghanistan the first time to work with non-government organizations (NGO) is a common cover story and is assessed to be false. Detainee admits only to small arms training at Tarnak Farm, which is known for providing advanced explosives and poisons training for chosen jihadists and al-Qaida members. Detainee initially made claims about his activities in Afghanistan, but later tried to refute them. However, reporting from other sources substantiates his original statements. Detainee makes no mention of his reported activities on the front lines and at Tora Bora. Detainee claims he is not a member of al-Qaida, but reporting indicates he has numerous ties to al-Qaida facilities and known al-Qaida members, and is reported to have sworn *bayat* to UBL.

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 who reportedly swore *bayat* to UBL and served as a UBL bodyguard. Detainee's name was included on an al-Qaida affiliated document and he has links to numerous al-Qaida operatives in Yemen and Afghanistan, including some associated with the USS COLE bombing and explosives experts. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces at Tora Bora. Detainee acknowledged receiving small arms training at the al-Qaida Tarnak Farm Training Camp, and is assessed to have received advanced terrorist training. Detainee stayed at al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses. Detainee has expressed his commitment to future acts of aggression against US forces.

- (S//NF) Detainee is a member of al-Qaida.
 - (S//NF) The Yemeni Ministry of Interior Counterterrorism Unit listed detainee as a Yemeni al-Qaida member who had traveled from Yemen to Afghanistan.¹⁰
 - (S//NF) Abd al-Hakim Abd al-Karim Amin Bukhari, ISN US9SA-000493DP (SA-493, transferred), reported detainee was a member of al-Qaida, who he saw at the Kandahar airport camp. SA-493 added detainee swore *bayat* to UBL, and was a UBL bodyguard.¹¹

¹⁰ TD-314/51079-01, paragraph 3b

¹¹ 000493 SIR 01-NOV-2005, 000493 SIR 05-APR-2007, paragraph ISN 067

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- (S//NF) Detainee's name and alias were included on an al-Qaida affiliated document listing individuals and their trust accounts. The document identified the contents of detainee's trust account as a passport and ID card.¹²
 - (S//NF) 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.
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated Abu Khulud kept the passports belonging to recruits for safekeeping.¹³ (Analyst Note: Detainee's details were probably added to the recovered al-Qaida document when he surrendered his passport to Abu Khulud.)
- (S//NF) Detainee has known associations to several al-Qaida members.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted going to Afghanistan to meet Abu Khulud.¹⁴
 - ◆ (S//NF) Abu Khulud is assessed to be Ibrahim Baalawi, aka (Abu Khulud), a Yemen-based recruiter and facilitator linked to numerous JTF-GTMO detainees. Most of Baalawi's recruits trained with al-Qaida for jihad.¹⁵
 - (S//NF) Detainee has an acknowledged association with Bashir al-Shaddadi. Detainee knew al-Shaddadi from his neighborhood in Sanaa.¹⁶ Al-Shaddadi is an al-Qaida recruiter and facilitator arrested for ties to the USS COLE bombing. Al-Shaddadi is associated with or facilitated the travel to Afghanistan for other JTF-GTMO detainees as well.¹⁷
 - (S//NF) The Yemeni Political Security Organization (PSO) reported detainee had associations with other al-Qaida linked individuals including Muhammad Hamdi Muhammad Sadiq al-Adhal, aka (Abu Asim al-Makki); Samburga; and Abd al-Razzaq al-Najjar, aka (Abu Salih al-Yemeni)¹⁸

¹² TD-314/47683-03, number 85; TD-314/40693-02, number 100; AFGP-2002-905527b, number 100; TD-314/42895-02, number 85; and AFGP-2002-603852, number 85.

¹³ IIR 6 034 0038 02

¹⁴ TD-314/28759-02

¹⁵ IIR 6 034 0365 02, IIR 6 034 0861 02, IIR 6 034 0564 02, 000193 302 19-MAY-2002, IIR 2 340 6086 02

¹⁶ TD-314/28759-02, Analyst Note: Detainee denied knowing al-Shaddadi was an al-Qaida member.

¹⁷ 000837 302 29-OCT-2002, 000840 KB 01-NOV-2002, IIR 6 034 0371 03, IIR 6 034 0852 03, IIR 6 034 0059, TRRS-04-01-0650, TD-314/39296-02

¹⁸ TD-314/28759-02, Analyst Note: The PSO did not provide details of the relationships. In TD-314/29314-02, detainee denied knowing these individuals.

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- ◆ (S//NF) Analyst Note: Al-Makki is a suspect in the October 2000 USS COLE attack.¹⁹ Sambusa is probably Muhammad Salih Bahlul, the cousin of Ali Hamza Ahmed Sulieman al-Bahlul, ISN US9YM-000039DP (YM-039).²⁰ Najjar facilitated YM-039's travel to Afghanistan.²¹ Al-Najjar was an al-Qaida recruiter and facilitator in Sanaa, YM, along with detainee's associate, al-Shaddadi.²²
- (S//NF) SA-493 identified detainee as an associate of Hamza al-Jawfi and explosives expert Abd al-Nasir Ibn Muhammad Khantumani, ISN US9SY-000307DP (SY-307). SA-493 reported al-Jawfi was an al-Qaida member and close friend and confidant of UBL.²³
 - (S//NF) Al-Jawfi was a member of the al-Qaida *Shura* Council (a governing body), an explosives trainer at al-Qaida's al-Faruq Training Camp, and one of UBL's principal weapons suppliers.²⁴ As of late 2007, Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) reported al-Jawfi was still active in Waziristan, PK.²⁵
- (S//NF) Al-Qaida senior operative Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), stated he thought he saw detainee in either Kabul or Kandahar.²⁶
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces.
 - (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), reported detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces at Tora Bora, where he was a machine gunner assigned to the Talud Group. YM-252 also stated detainee was a fighter on the front lines against the Northern Alliance and noted detainee was from Saudi Arabia.²⁷ (Analyst Note: The Talud Group is assessed to be the forces under the command of Humud Dakhil Humud Said al-Jadani, aka (Talut), US9SA-000230DP (SA-230, transferred).)
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have received basic and advanced terrorist training at al-Qaida training camps.
 - (S//NF) SA-493 reported detainee received suicide training similar to that received by the 11 September 2001 hijackers.²⁸

¹⁹ TD-314/05363-02

²⁰ TD-314/29314-02

²¹ TD-314/36996-02

²² TD-314/26730-05

²³ >IIR 6 034 0013 06, 000493 SIR 05-Apr-2007

²⁴ TD-314/82496-06, TD-314/56540-05, TD-314/62097-06

²⁵ >TD-314/62275-07

²⁶ TD-314/24346-02

²⁷ IIR 6 034 1255 04, IIR 6 034 1427 03, IIR 6 034 1172 03, Analyst Note: A variant of Talud is Talut.

²⁸ 000493 SIR 01-APR-2005, Analyst Note: SA-493 reported other detainees also had this training.

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- (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged receiving training at Tarnak Farm.²⁹ Detainee's pistol training is assessed to be a component of a larger, advanced course such as assassination, and is possibly the training reported by SA-493.³⁰
 - (S//NF) LY-212 reported the Tarnak Farm facility housed an al-Qaida poisons and explosives training laboratory and offered only advanced operational training. In order for one to attend the Tarnak Farm facility, they had to meet certain criteria. These included completion of basic training at al-Faruq (machine guns, AK-47 assault rifle, PK machine gun, explosives familiarity, pistols, field skills such as ambushes, ten day course on topography to ensure all trainees could read maps), letter of recommendation from head of al-Faruq camp, and a pledge from trainee to complete the entire training course.³¹ (Analyst Comment: Detainee's claim of being at Tarnak Farm for only five days receiving training on pistols is not entirely credible. It is doubtful that detainee would receive simply pistol training at Tarnak Farm and it is doubtful that detainee only received five days of training.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have received explosives training. Detainee associated with explosives expert SY-307 and explosives trainer Hamza al-Jawfi,³² attended a camp known to conduct explosives training,³³ and was captured with two watches including a Casio model F-91W.
 - (U//FOUO) The possession of a Casio F-91W model watch (or the silver-color version of this model, the A159W), is an indicator of al-Qaida training in the manufacture of improvised explosive devices (IEDs). A JTF-GTMO detainee identified the Casio watch as "the sign of al-Qaida, [which] uses the watch to make bombs." The Casio was known to be given to the students at al-Qaida bomb-making training courses in Afghanistan, at which the students received instruction in the preparation of timing devices using the watch. Approximately one-third of the JTF-GTMO detainees who were captured with these models of watches have known connections to explosives, either having attended explosives training, having association with a facility where IEDs were made or where explosives training was given, or having association with a person identified as an explosives expert.³⁴
- (S//NF) YM-252 stated detainee attended the al-Faruq Training Camp near Kandahar, and graduated one to two weeks prior to YM-252. YM-252 further stated detainee received training on pistol, AK-47 assault rifle, hand grenades, PK machine

²⁹ IIR 6 034 1255 04, IIR 2 340 6179 02

³⁰ >IIR 6 034 1196 03, CITF INTSUM Terrorist Related Facilities 11-Sep-2002

³¹ >TD-314/06145-02

³² IIR 6 034 0013 06

³³ IIR 6 034 1255 04

³⁴ For additional details see 000174 SIR 29-Dec-2006, 000002 MFR 24-APR-2002, Casio Watch Electronic Analysis Report 19-Aug-2004, Casio Watches and Relationship to Detainees 20-Apr-2006

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- gun, 25km march, fighting techniques and explosives.³⁵ YM-252 attended training at al-Faruq in April 2001.³⁶ (Analyst Note: This places detainee in Afghanistan more than four months earlier than detainee claimed for his second trip.)
- (S//NF) Detainee stayed at al-Qaida associated facilities.
 - (S//NF) Detainee stayed at Abu Khulud's Guesthouse, aka (Hajji Habash), aka (al-Nibras), in Kandahar. (Analyst Note: The Hajji Habash Guesthouse was a known al-Qaida transit point for processing al-Faruq Training Camp recruits or fighters en route the front lines.)³⁷
 - (S//NF) Detainee stayed at an unnamed guesthouse for Arab jihadists. A Yemeni named Abd al-Malik operated the guesthouse, which provided a resting place for al-Qaida recruits on their way to the Tarnak Farm Training Camp.³⁸
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted staying at the Hamza al-Qaiti Guesthouse in Kabul, named for the Yemeni al-Qaida facilitator who ran it.³⁹
 - (S//NF) Detainee stayed at a house run by Abu Muhjin outside of Jalalabad which was used by al-Qaida members fleeing to Pakistan.⁴⁰ (Analyst Note: Abu Muhjin is assessed to be Abu Muhjin al-Taifi, an al-Qaida commander reportedly killed in Tora Bora.⁴¹)
 - (S//NF) Detainee remains committed to jihad and has made threatening statements against US forces. Detainee may have a history of jihadist combat.
 - (S//NF) Detainee has expressed support for insurgents in Iraq and threatened to kill guard force personnel on numerous occasions.⁴²
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated he could not guarantee that he would not attack the US if released.⁴³ Detainee claimed the Koran allows the killing of non-Muslims.⁴⁴
 - (S//NF) YM-493 stated detainee will return to jihad when he leaves JTF-GTMO.⁴⁵
 - (S//NF) Detainee's alias includes the name al-Eritrean. Detainee is not from Eritrea; however, detainee's selection of al-Eritrean as an element of his alias may indicate he previously traveled to Eritrea to participate in jihadist combat.⁴⁶)

³⁵ >000252 SIR 24-NOV-2004

³⁶ 000252 302 17-MAR-2003, 000252 302 02-APR-2003

³⁷ 001457 FM40 15-JUN-2004, 000235 KB 20-FEB-2002

³⁸ IIR 6 034 0038 02

³⁹ TD-314/00685-02, IIR 6 034 0059 05, TD-314/49984-02

⁴⁰ IIR 6 034 0038 02

⁴¹ TD-314/33185-03, IIR 6 034 0564 03

⁴² >INTREP reports dated: 30-Aug-2007, 10-Feb-2007, 16-May-2006, 26-Aug-2004, 18-Aug-2004, 12-Jan-2004, 22-Aug-2003

⁴³ 000235 302 08-SEP-2002

⁴⁴ 000235 FM40 26-MAR-2004

⁴⁵ 000493 SIR 05-APR-2007

⁴⁶ >AFGP-2002-905527, Analyst Note: A Sudanese-backed jihadist movement was active in Eritrea in the late 1990s

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c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been mostly-compliant and rarely-hostile toward the guard force and staff. He currently has 88 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 16 January 2008, when he was in possession of toilet paper with written messages on it. He has nine Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 2 October 2004, when he hit a guard. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, attempted assault, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, threatening guards, damage to government property, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of 20 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and one so far in 2008.

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 27 December 2007.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:

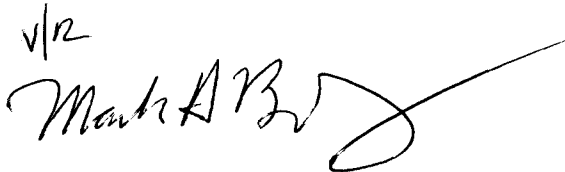
d. (S//NF) Areas of Potential Exploitation:

- Al-Qaida members, logistics, facilitators and finances
- Training camps and special courses taught in Afghanistan
- Tora Bora logistics, personnel, and mission
- Jihadist recruitment methods in Yemen and Afghanistan
- Extremist operatives and facilitators in Yemen

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 20 September 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*.