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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-000569DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Zohair Mohammed Said
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Zuhail Abdo Anam Said al-Sharabi, Abu Khalil, Abu al-Bara al-Taizi, Abu Baraa al-Yemeni, al-Barat, Barkat al-Taiz, Imad Muhammad Ali Said, Souhail al-Barra, Anas, Suhayl al-Sharabi, Said Abdallah Salim Hamdani
- Place of Birth: Taiz, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 1977
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000569DP



2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good health with no significant medical problems.

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 CD on 4 September 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: *If released without rehabilitation, close supervision, and means to successfully reintegrate into his society as a law-abiding citizen, it is assessed detainee would immediately seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities at home and abroad. Detainee has expressed physically aggressive behavior and verbal support for extremist activities, and continues to withhold information of intelligence value. Detainee is an admitted member of al-Qaida who swore*

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bayat (oath of allegiance) to Usama Bin Laden (UBL) and was identified by multiple al-Qaida members as a UBL bodyguard. Detainee traveled extensively to reconnoiter and train for his role as a suicide operative in an aborted component of the 11 September 2001 al-Qaida attacks involving the hijacking and destruction of multiple US airliners in Southeast Asia. He made two trips to Afghanistan (AF) for extremist operations; received training at Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) and al-Qaida training camps, including advanced training in commando tactics, and served as an instructor at al-Qaida's al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee served as the director of an al-Qaida guesthouse, fought on the front lines in Afghanistan as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade and participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces.¹ 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 new detainee aliases Souhail al-Barra,² Anas,³ Suhail al-Sharabi,⁴ Ouis,⁵ and Said Abdallah Salim Hamdani⁶
- Revised detainee's admission of traveling to Malaysia to include details and individuals with whom detainee associated

¹ Analyst Note: The 55th Arab Brigade, also referred to in reporting as the al-Qaida Brigade, the Mujahideen Brigade, and the Arab Fighters, served as UBL's primary battle formation supporting Taliban objectives, with UBL participating closely in the command and control of the brigade. Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abdul Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), had primary operational command of the 55th Arab Brigade, serving as UBL's military commander in the field. For additional information see 55th Arab Brigade 01-Feb-1998, FBI 3540-01548-026-0015, DIA CAR 55th Arab Brigade 18-Sep-2001, IIR 2 340 6362 02, 000440 SIR 04-Mar-2004, IIR 6 034 0246 02, IIR 6 034 0252 06, 000078 SIR 14-Oct-2006, and Various ISNs COLISEUM ANS I005-04-0132. The LIFG is a National Intelligence Priorities Framework (NIPF) Priority 1 counterterrorism (CT) target identified with al-Qaida and its Sunni affiliates. Priority 1 targets are defined as issues, opportunities, or threats that rise to, or are expected to rise to, the level of interest of the President, Vice President, DNI, and NSC/HSC Principals and Deputies. This includes terrorist groups that pose a clear and immediate danger to U.S. persons or interests. This includes those preparing to employ Weapons of Mass Destruction.

² ➤000569 302 06-JUN-2003

³ TD-314/41085-02

⁴ TD-314/33185-03

⁵ ➤IIR 6 034 0866 03

⁶ Multiple ISNs Yemeni Delegation 26-Mar-2008

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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 completed twelve years of school in Taiz, YM, finishing in 1997. From 1998 to 1999, he worked at the Sefani plastics manufacturing factory in Helwa, YM.⁷

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: In 1999, detainee traveled to Afghanistan on the advice of his Yemeni friend, Omar al-Dahlee in Taiz. Al-Dahlee, a suspected al-Qaida facilitator, first contacted detainee at the al-Khayr Mosque, his old neighborhood mosque. Detainee knew al-Dahlee had received training under Omar al-Libi at a Libyan camp near Kabul, AF and convinced detainee to travel to Afghanistan for the same training.⁸ Al-Dahlee facilitated detainee's trip to Afghanistan, including making travel and lodging arrangements for the detainee to stay at guesthouses in both Pakistan (PK) and Afghanistan.⁹ Using his passport and visa, detainee traveled from Sanaa, YM, to Karachi, PK, where al-Dahlee met him. Detainee continued on to Quetta, PK where he stayed for three days before crossing the border into Afghanistan and continuing to the Libyan Camp near Kabul.¹⁰

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee trained for four days with pistols and the AK-47 assault rifle at the Libyan camp.¹¹ For a year and a half after training, detainee stayed at a guesthouse in the Wazir Akbar Khan area in Kabul and made numerous trips to Kandahar, AF to visit other Yemenis who were staying at an unidentified guesthouse. He also visited friends at the front lines.¹² Detainee was subsequently sent to the front line to

⁷ IIR 6 034 0771 02, Analyst Note: Detainee provided a new claimed true name and slightly differing accounts during discussions with the Yemeni delegation. See Multiple ISNs Yemeni Delegation 26-Mar-2008.

⁸ IIR 6 034 0771 02, 000569 MFR 26-AUG-2002, Analyst Note: Variants of Omar include Umar and Ammar, and may be represented as Ahmar. Variants of Dahlee include Dahlei and Dhalai. Omar al-Dahlee is likely a reference to Ammar Abdallah Ali al-Dhalai, variant (Abu Ammar al-Dale), aka (Zubayr), a UBL bodyguard who was killed in a shootout on 11 September 2002 when Pakistani forces raided the Karachi, Pakistan, safe house where he was staying, see 001453 SIR 22-NOV-2004, and TD-314/37833-02. Variants of al-Khayr include al-Khair and al-Kheir. Omar al-Libi is possibly Awad Khalifah Muhammad Abu Bakr Abu Uwayshah al-Barasi, aka (Umar al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000695DP (LY-695). The Libyan camp was likely operated by the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG).
The

⁹ 000569 MFR 26-AUG-2002

¹⁰ IIR 6 034 0771 02

¹¹ IIR 6 034 0771 02

¹² IIR 6 034 0771 02, 000569 KB 04-JUN-2002, Analyst Note: The Wazir Akbar Khan area is former diplomatic district occupied by the Taliban and al-Qaida for quarters and training. For additional information on the Wazir Akbar Khan area, see example reporting in TD-314/44118-04, TD-314/44654-06, IIR 6 034 0401 05, IIR 6 034 0281 03, IIR 6 034 0780 02, TRRS-04-03-1087, 000758 FM40 01-Nov-2002, 000041 302 21-Aug-2002, IIR 6 034 0284 05, TD-314/66073-06, and IIR 6 034 0144 08.

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fight under the command of a Yemeni associate, Abu Salam al-Hadrami.¹³ During this time, detainee traveled to Malaysia (MY) with Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka (Khallad), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014).¹⁴ The purpose of the trip to Malaysia was to accompany YM-10014 to the hospital for his fitting for a prosthetic leg. Approximately the 10th or 20th day of Ramadan 1999, detainee and YM-10014 left Kabul for Kandahar, then traveled to Kuala Lumpur, MY.¹⁵ Detainee and YM-10014 resided at a hospital for 10 to 14 days while YM-10014 was fitted for the prosthetic leg. Detainee and YM-10014 left the hospital and were driven to the home of Yazid Sufaat.¹⁶ The next day, 11 September 2001 hijacker Nawaf al-Hazmi arrived at the home. The next evening, the three of them went to a restaurant where they met another 11 September 2001 hijacker, Khalid al-Mihdhar. A few days later, al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar returned to Saudi Arabia. YM-10014 gave detainee money for his travel expenses and returned to Pakistan and planned to meet detainee later in Afghanistan. Detainee contacted Ahmad Sajuli who assisted detainee in making travel arrangements. Detainee returned to Yemen and visited his family.¹⁷ Unable to obtain employment at the factory where he had previously worked, detainee returned to Afghanistan through Kandahar, staying at a guesthouse operated by Abu Khalud. Detainee then traveled to Kabul, staying at a guesthouse in the Karte Parwan area.¹⁸ Upon the commencement of hostilities with the US, detainee left Kabul and traveled through Kandahar to a safe house in Spin Boldak, AF. After an undetermined amount of time, detainee crossed into Pakistan and continued on to a house in Karachi, staying there for twenty days.¹⁹

¹³ 000569 302 17-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: A variant of Hadrami is Hathrami. Abu Salam al-Hadrami is assessed to be Abd al-Salam al-Hadrami, a recruiter and 55th Arab Brigade commander who reported directly to IZ-10026 (see IIR 6 034 0227 02, IIR 2 340 6400 02, IIR 2 340 6089 02).

¹⁴ 000569 302 06-JUN-2003

¹⁵ Analyst Note: Detainee traveled to Malaysia approximately between 18 December and 28 December 1999.

¹⁶ >Analyst Note: Yazid Sufaat was one of al-Qaida's anthrax researchers in Afghanistan who also had ties to the 11 September 2001 attacks. Sufaat is a Jemmah Islamiyah (JI) member and an associate of JI leader Riduan Bin Isomuddin, aka (Hambali), ISN US9ID-010019DP. Sufaat was arrested in Malaysia for providing accommodations for two of the 11 September 2001 hijackers during a 2000 meeting in Kuala Lumpur. Sufaat also gave a letter of reference and \$35,000 US to convicted terrorist Zaccarias Moussoui. IIR 6 034 0620 03, IIR 6 895 0138 02, AMEMBASSY Kuala Lumpur 00182 30-Jan-2002, SECSTATE 163246 27-Aug-2002, TD-314/49283-05, IIR 6 034 0143 04, TD-314/49025-04, Analyst Note: The JI is an NIPF Priority 2 CT Target, defined as issues, opportunities, or threats that rise to, or are expected to rise to, the level of interest of the Combatant Commanders or DNI EXCOM Principals, not already identified as Priority 1. This includes terrorist groups that have demonstrated both intention and capability to attack US persons or interests.

¹⁷ >000569 302 09-JUN-2003, Analyst Note: Bin Abd Rahman Sajuli was a Malaysian citizen who was involved in escorting and assisting UBL operative and American Airlines Flight 77 suspected hijacker Khalid al-Mihdhar, aka (Khalid al-Midhar), and his associates during their visit to Kuala Lumpur in January 2000. Detainee admitted using a false name to return to Afghanistan.

¹⁸ IIR 6 034 0771 02, IIR 4 201 2534 04, 000569 302 12-JUN-2003, Analyst Note: Abu Khalud operated the al-Qaida Haji Habbash Guesthouse in Kandahar. See DAB Guesthouse Administration 14-Apr-2008 and 0001457 SIR 20-Oct-2004.

¹⁹ IIR 6 034 0771 02

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5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) On 7 February 2002, Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISID) officials raided a Karachi safe house operated by Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), capturing detainee, YM-1457, and 15 other al-Qaida fighters. Detainee was turned over to US forces on 27 February 2002.²⁰

- **(S) Property Held:** None

b. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 5 May 2002

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

- Personnel and activities associated with the Islamic Arabic center in Kabul
- Safe houses in Wazir Akbar Khan neighborhood in Kabul

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee's account is only partially truthful. Detainee attempts to minimize his involvement and hide details of his true activities. He has attempted to employ a cover story and changed his account frequently. Detainee has concealed his role as a UBL body guard, his reason for traveling to Malaysia, and his reported activities at UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee has not acknowledged returning to Yemen, as identified in other reporting, approximately four months prior to the 11 September 2001 attacks for a possible attack against US interests. Detainee continues to withhold information of intelligence value indicating continuing support to extremism.

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 an admitted member of al-Qaida. Detainee was designated, trained, and prepared to carry out a suicide operation in

²⁰ IIR 6 034 0926 02, IIR 6 034 0777 02, 000565 302 15-MAY-2002, 000565 KB 12-MAY-2002, 000565 HANDNOTE 27-FEB-2002, 000565 INITIAL SCREENING 27-FEB-2002 Analyst Note: The following detainees were also captured with detainee: YM-1457, YM-564, SA-566, KU-568 (transferred), SA-565, YM-570, KU-571 (transferred), SA-572, RS-573 (transferred), YM-574, YM-575, YM-576, YM-578, AF-579, and PK-581 (transferred). Detainee has refused to discuss the specifics of his capture, see 000569 FM40 29-Apr-2004, and his capture data is compiled from the reporting of others with whom he was captured.

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Southeast Asia. *If released without rehabilitation, close supervision, and means to successfully reintegrate into his society as a law-abiding citizen, it is assessed detainee would immediately seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities at home and abroad. Detainee has expressed physically aggressive behavior and verbal support for extremist activities, and has not been cooperative, continuing to withhold information of intelligence value.* He attended special training to become a UBL bodyguard. Detainee was an instructor at an al-Qaida training facility, and the *emir* (leader) of a prominent al-Qaida guesthouse. Detainee admitted fighting on the front lines in Afghanistan, and is assessed to have been a member of the 55th Arab Brigade who participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces.

- (S//NF) Detainee is an admitted member of al-Qaida who al-Qaida leaders and other JTF-GTMO detainees identified as a UBL bodyguard who swore *bayat*.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted he was a member of al-Qaida and offered to sign a statement to that effect.²¹
 - (S//NF) Multiple al-Qaida operatives photo-identified detainee as a UBL bodyguard, including YM-1457; YM-10014; Hassan Muhammad Ali Bin Attash, PK9SA-001456DP (SA-1456); former UBL bodyguards Ahmad Khalfan Ghailani, ISN US9TZ-010012DP (TZ-10012); and Sanad Yislam al-Kasimi, ISN US9YM-001453DP (YM-1453).²² Ramzi Bin al-Shibh US9YM-010013DP (YM-10013) and YM-10014 identified detainee as one of the al-Qaida members who swore *bayat* to UBL.²³
 - (S//NF) Humud Dakhil al-Jadani, ISN US9SA-000230DP (SA-230), photo-identified detainee as a UBL bodyguard and a trained assassin named Zuhail al-Shanabi.²⁴
 - (S//NF) Tariq Mahmood Ahmad al-Sawah, ISN US9EG-000535DP (EG-535), photo-identified detainee as Abu Bira and stated detainee was one of UBL's drivers.²⁵
 - (S//NF) A variant of detainee's alias, Abu Bara al-Sanaani, is listed on an al-Qaida document entitled "Asra.doc" recovered from a hard drive associated with senior al-Qaida operative Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, ISN US9KU-010024 (KU-10024). The file was a listing of captured extremist fighters.²⁶

²¹ 000569 302 12-JUN-2003

²² IIR 6 034 0059 05, IIR 6 034 0058 05, TD-314/33185-03, TD-314/28511-04, TD-314/53467-04, TD-314/55560-05, 001453 SIR 03-NOV-2004

²³ TD-314/33185-03, TD-314/28511-04, TD-314/53467-04, TD-314/41085-02, 000569 302 17-JUN-2003

²⁴ 000230 SIR 08-SEP-2006, Analyst Note: A variant of Zuhail is Zuhail and the name is a variant of detainee's alias.

²⁵ 000535 MFR 23-MAY-2003, Analyst Note: A variant of Abu al-Bara is Abu Bira.

²⁶ TD-314/13174-03

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- (S//NF) Detainee admitted he accepted recruitment to travel to Afghanistan at the al-Khayr Mosque by Omar al-Dahlee, an al-Qaida member and suspected facilitator.²⁷
 - (S//NF) The al-Khayr Mosque is a well known Salafist support facility associated with Shaykh al-Wadi who provided support to UBL, al-Qaida, and the Taliban.²⁸ Numerous JTF-GTMO detainees, including identified UBL bodyguards, attended the Dimaj Center, or were associated to Shaykh al-Wadi or to the al-Khayr Mosque.²⁹ Shaykh Muqbil Bin Hadi al-Wadi (deceased) was the founder of the al-Salafiyah (Salafist) Movement in Yemen and operated a number of institutions such as the Dimaj Center.³⁰
- (S//NF) Detainee's student identification card and airplane ticket for February 2000 were recovered during the capture of Salem Ahmad Salem Hamdan, ISN US9YM-000149 (YM-149, transferred).³¹ YM-149 is a member of al-Qaida and UBL bodyguard.³² (Analyst Note: Detainee provided a name similar to that of YM-149, Said Abdallah Salim Hamdani, as his own to the Yemeni Delegation.³³)
- (S//NF) In December 2001, the Yemeni Political Security Organization (PSO) identified detainee as a jihadist who was issued a Yemeni passport in 1997 and was believed to be in Afghanistan.³⁴
- (S//NF) Detainee was designated as a suicide operative and trained for an aborted al-Qaida operation in Southeast Asia to hijack US airliners and crash them into US military facilities in Asia. Detainee reportedly returned to Yemen for a possible attack against US interests.
 - (S//NF) In 1999, detainee and six other al-Qaida members and UBL bodyguards were designated as suicide operatives in the attacks, which were originally intended to occur simultaneously with those in the US on 11 September 2001. UBL cancelled the Southeast Asia part of the operation because UBL did not want it to interfere with the planned 11 September 2001 attacks.³⁵
 - (S//NF) According to senior al-Qaida operative YM-10014, UBL planned to use Yemenis and Saudis who could not obtain visas to the US for the Southeast

²⁷ 000569 SIR 26-AUG-2002, IIR 6 034 0837 02, 000029 Yemen Times 21-JUL-2000, Analyst Note: The al-Khayr Mosque served as a transit point, shelter, and fund raising center for Islamic combatant volunteers.

²⁸ TD-314/09388-98, IIR 4 201 0997 08, IIR 6 034 0046 03, IIR 6 034 0408 02, 000040 302 18-AUG-2002, IIR 6 034 0391 02, 000434 302 12-JUN-2002, 000569 MFR 26-AUG-2002, Analyst Note: Variants of Dimaj include Dumaj and Damaj.

²⁹ 000040 302 01-APR-2002,

³⁰ 000029 SIR 01-APR-2002, 000029 Yemen Times 21-JUL-2000, DIMAJ Institute Expansion INTSUM 01-JUN 2005, TD-314/12546-01, Wahhabism vs. Terrorism

³¹ > IIR 4 201 2534 04, IIR 7 739 0408 02

³² TD-314/22849-05, TD-314/24907-02

³³ Multiple ISNs Yemeni Delegation 26-Mar-2008

³⁴ TD 314/00121-02 Item A3, Analyst Note: Detainee's passport number is 00135125 issued on 26 February 1997.

³⁵ TD-314/43244-03, TD-314/23505-04, TD 314/08809-04, TD-314/24679-04, 000569 302 06-JUN-2003

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Asia portion of the plot since they could easily travel to Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and South Korea.³⁶ YM-10014 added several of the individuals selected for the operation swore *bayat* to UBL after completing training at the al-Qaida Mes Aynak al-Faruq Training Camp near Kabul.³⁷

○ (S//NF) Responding to UBL's direction, detainee and YM-10014 traveled to Southeast Asia as part of the pre-planning for the hijacking plot. They gathered information about the security practices and defensive postures for US air carriers. In February 2000, YM-10014 briefed UBL and KU-10024 on their findings.³⁸ When detainee and YM-10014 arrived in Malaysia, they stayed at the home of Riduan Bin Isomuddin, aka (Hambali), ISN US9ID-010019DP (ID-10019), the leader of al-Qaida in Southeast Asia.³⁹

▪ (S//NF) SA-1456 also reported detainee traveled to Malaysia with YM-10014.⁴⁰

▪ (S//NF) YM-10014 reported two months before 11 September 2001, KU-10024 took several UBL bodyguards to teach them English and American culture. The trainees including detainee, Muhammad Ahmad Abdallah al-Ansi, ISN US9YM-000029DP (YM-029); Abd al-Makik Abd al-Wahab al-Rahbi, ISN US9YM-000037DP (YM-037); Abd al-Rahman Shalbi Isa Uwaydah, ISN US9SA-000042DP (SA-042); Abu Hafs al-Kuwaiti; and Abu Musab al-Hashidi.⁴¹ (Analyst Note: These detainees are assessed to be members of the Southeast Asia plot.)

◆ (S//NF) YM-10014 reported that he, detainee, and 11 September 2001 hijacker Nawaf al-Hazmi received English language training in Karachi in mid-December 1999, as well as training in reading airline timetables and how to function in Western cities.⁴² Detainee claimed he met Nawaf al-Hazmi for the first time in Malaysia.⁴³

◆ (S//NF) When shown a photograph of detainee in the company of several individuals associated with the 11 September 2001 attacks, detainee denied knowledge of the photograph and alleged it had been manufactured by the US government.⁴⁴ (Analyst Note: The photograph, in FBI possession, confirms detainee's associations of with those individuals.)

³⁶ TD-314/43244-03, TD-314/23505-04

³⁷ TD-314/28511-04

³⁸ TD-314/30453-03, TD-314/44688-03, TD-314/41093-03

³⁹ IIR 6 034 1394 03, IIR 4 201 2561 04, IIR 6 887 0018 03

⁴⁰ IIR 6 034 0058 05

⁴¹ >TD-314/33185-03

⁴² TD 314/44688-03

⁴³ >000569 302 09-JUN-2003

⁴⁴ >000569 302 31-Mar-2003

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- ◆ (S//NF) According to the Israeli Directorate of Military Intelligence, UBL gave permission in 1999 for KU-10024 to establish a special training program in Karachi to begin preparations for terrorist attacks like those that subsequently occurred on 11 September 2001.⁴⁵ (Analyst Note: The special training program is probably related to the training reported by YM-10014.)
 - (S//NF) An al-Qaida associated document listed detainee's alias in an expedited training request to enroll him in an explosives course in preparation for a special mission.⁴⁶
 - (U//FOUO) Abd al-Rahim Husayn Muhammad al-Nashiri, aka (Bilal), ISN US9SA-010015DP (SA-10015), reported detainee was originally designated to work in the United Arab Emirates, but SA-10015 sent detainee to Yemen instead. Detainee traveled to Yemen then to the United Arab Emirates where detainee met with YM-10014. SA-10015 stated he gave detainee money and sent detainee back to Yemen "where there were Americans and to do work there." SA-10015 clarified "work" meant "jihad work." SA-10015 further reported although he did not provide detainee with a specific task, SA-10015 pointed out to detainee there was an American Embassy in Yemen and detainee could attack it if he wished. SA-10015 reported this occurred approximately four months before the 11 September 2001 attacks.⁴⁷
 - (S//NF) Detainee maintains his support for extremism and if released, would reengage in hostilities.
 - (S//NF) In past reporting, detainee stated if he died in segregation (apart from general detainee population), he would be a martyr and the longer he remained in segregation, the more strength and resolve he has to reach that end. Detainee stated all decisions were already made by God.⁴⁸ Detainee stated, "US is going down."⁴⁹
 - (S//NF) Detainee has accused the US of torturing other detainees and would cause "big problems" because of that.⁵⁰ (Analyst Note: Al-Qaida teaches its members to falsely claim torture to invalidate intelligence information obtained. Detainee's use of the false claim of torture in this instance is to validate his future hostile actions against US personnel.)⁵¹
 - (S//NF) Detainee assaulted JTF-GTMO guard force personnel on several instances.⁵² On another occasion, detainee acknowledged he was threatening guards.⁵³

⁴⁵ >IIR 6 849 0491 04

⁴⁶ IIR 6 105 0287 06

⁴⁷ >IIR 4 201 0530 08

⁴⁸ >000569 302 23-APR-2003

⁴⁹ >000569 JDG INTREP 09-AUG-2006 21:07:00

⁵⁰ >000569 JDG INTREP 25-OCT-2008 07:25:00

⁵¹ >Extremist Counter-Interrogation 19-Aug-2005

⁵² >000569 JDG INTREP 28-Jul-2007 23:14:00, 000569 JDG INTREP 14-AUG-2008 16:56:00, 000569 JDG INTREP 04-NOV-2008 10:31:00, 000569 JDG INTREP 07-NOV-2008 23:14:00

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- (S//NF) Detainee received advanced training at al-Qaida training camps, served as an instructor, and served as an *emir* of an al-Qaida guesthouse.
 - (S//NF) In September 1999, detainee attended a special commando course at the Mes Aynak Training Camp. The course included shooting and hand-to-hand combat. It was provided to anyone nominated for special missions and to all UBL bodyguards.⁵⁴ After completing the course, the class traveled to Kandahar and visited UBL who lectured them on operational details of the East Africa bombings.⁵⁵
 - (S//NF) Ahmad Muhammad Haza al-Darbi, ISN US9SA-000768DP (SA-768), an instructor at al-Qaida's al-Faruq Training Camp, identified an individual with detainee's alias as one of the instructors at al-Faruq in 1999.⁵⁶
 - (S//NF) TZ-10012 reported first seeing detainee at the al-Faruq Training Camp in 1998.⁵⁷ TZ-10012 reported between 1999 and 2000, detainee attended the same weapons course as TZ-10012 at al-Faruq.⁵⁸
 - (S//NF) YM-10013 knew detainee and reported detainee ran the al-Nibras Guesthouse in Kandahar where YM-10013 stayed during a January 2001 visit to brief UBL on the progress of the training for the 11 September 2001 hijackers. When YM-10013 arrived at the guesthouse, detainee greeted him and contacted UBL to notify him that YM-10013 had arrived.⁵⁹
 - (S//NF) A senior UBL associate identified detainee as the *emir* of reception at "the Kandahar guesthouse."⁶⁰ (Analyst Note: This is assessed to be a reference to the al-Nibras Guesthouse.)
 - (S//NF) Saad Bin Nasser Ibn Muqbil al-Azani, US9YM-000575DP (YM-575), photo identified detainee as Khalil from Yemen who was arrested with YM-575 at the Karachi Guesthouse.⁶¹
 - (S//NF) Abd al-Zaher, ISN US9AF-000753DP (AF-753), reported detainee resided at the Ashara Guesthouse (Guesthouse 10) operated by IZ-10026 in Kabul for over a year and a half, supporting detainee's own account.⁶²
 - (S//NF) Detainee claimed in 1999 he received training with pistols and the AK-47 assault rifle at the Libyan camp near Kabul.⁶³ (Analyst Note: The Libyan camp near Kabul is assessed to be by a training camp operated by the LIFG.)⁶⁴

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⁵⁴ IIR 4 201 2560 04, IIR 4 201 2561 04, TD-314/38289-03, IIR 4 201 0192 08

⁵⁵ >IIR 5 391 0010 01

⁵⁶ TD-314/38227-03

⁵⁷ TD-314/55560-05

⁵⁸ >IIR 4 201 1693 08

⁵⁹ TD-314/38347-02

⁶⁰ IIR 5 391 0011 01, paragraph F

⁶¹ 000575 302 13-JUL-2002

⁶² >IIR 6 034 0866 03

⁶³ IIR 6 034 0771 02

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- (S//NF) Detainee was an al-Qaida fighter on the front lines in Afghanistan as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade, and participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted he was sent to the front line to fight with a Yemeni named Abd al-Salam al-Hadrami.⁶⁵ Al-Hadrami was an al-Qaida commander within the 55th Arab Brigade. Al-Hadrami was reportedly killed on the Khwaja Ghar battle lines north of Taloqan, AF when his position was attacked in a US air strike in early November 2001.⁶⁶
 - (S//NF) Detainee stated he performed guard duty with Saarih and Mihwar at the front line. When he arrived in Kabul, he stayed at the Karte Parwan Guesthouse and, after two weeks, went to the front line. He stated he traveled back and forth from the front line to the guesthouse.⁶⁷
 - (U//FOUO) IZ-10026 recognized a photo of detainee as someone IZ-10026 knew from the frontlines in Afghanistan.⁶⁸
 - (S//NF) YM-10014 stated detainee was in a group of approximately 50 Arabs fleeing from Kabul to Kandahar in the face of the US bombing campaign.⁶⁹ Hail Aziz Ahmad al-Maythali, ISN US9YM-000840 (YM-840), an assessed al-Qaida operative, said detainee was part of a group that fled Kabul to Gardiz, AF. After encountering Northern Alliance forces loyal to Pacha Khan Zadran, the group went to Khowst, AF, where they waited to cross the border in Bannu, PK.⁷⁰

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been non-compliant and hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 77 reports of disciplinary infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 14 July 2008, when he refused his reservation appointment. He has 15 Reports of disciplinary infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 18 December 2007, when he spat 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, unauthorized communications, damage to government property, attempted assaults, assaults, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of 23 reports of disciplinary infraction and four so far in 2008.

⁶⁴ >IIR 6 034 0047 05, TD-314-64893-03, GMP20021212000066 12-DEC-2002, 0000569 302 17-May-2002, 000695 SIR 15-OCT-2004

⁶⁵ 000569 302 17-MAY-2002

⁶⁶ IIR 6 034 0227 02, IIR 2 340 6400 02, IIR 2 340 6089 02

⁶⁷ 000569 302 12-JUN-2003

⁶⁸ >IIR 4 201 2868 08

⁶⁹ TD-314/29878-03

⁷⁰ TD-314/39012-02

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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 24 September 2007

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: As a member of al-Qaida, detainee had frequent interaction with and access to other al-Qaida members during his considerable tenure in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Because of his loyalty and training, detainee was selected for a suicide mission that required preparation and attendance at meetings with other senior al-Qaida operatives. Detainee's service as a UBL bodyguard provided him knowledge of security procedures and brought him into contact with other al-Qaida operatives. Detainee's tenure as *emir* of an al-Qaida guesthouse in Afghanistan and visits to al-Qaida safe houses in Pakistan provided him with knowledge of their logistics and operations. Detainee's travels to Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Malaysia placed him in contact with al-Qaida facilitators and gave him knowledge of al-Qaida terrorist planning.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee has significant information about al-Qaida members, planning, and operations. Detainee was involved in special suicide training and can probably provide information that would aid the US in recognizing al-Qaida suicide operatives. Detainee likely has knowledge that could help locate the remaining member of the aborted Southeast Asia component of the 11 September 2001 attacks, who is possibly still at large. Detainee has information about UBL and his security procedures, as well as his associates and their activities. Detainee can provide information about al-Qaida-associated guesthouses and safe houses, as well as recruiting in Yemen. It is assessed that detainee continues to withhold information of intelligence value.

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

- Al-Qaida senior leaders and operatives, including UBL, KU-10024, YM-10014, YM-10013, and Omar al-Dahlee
- Al-Qaida terrorist operations, suicide operations, planning, pre-mission training, and logistics
- Al-Qaida training, especially the al-Faruq Training Camp and the advanced training conducted at the Mes Aynak Training Camp
- Al-Qaida security practices and procedures
- UBL bodyguards
- UBL's 55th Arab Brigade
- Terrorist travel facilitators

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 23 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*.