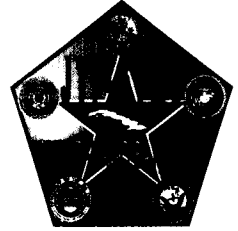




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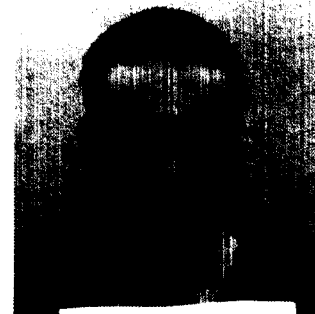
MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue, Miami, FL 33172.

SUBJECT: Update Recommendation to Transfer to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: US9KZ-000526DP (S)

JTF GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (FOUO) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Khanif, Yaqub Abu
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Aytugan Bakbergenovich Abykhanov; Abahanov, Yakub; Abu Hanu, Yakub Bakbergenovich; Abahanov, Yakub Bakbergin Oghlu
- Place of Birth: Semeya Oblast, Kazakhstan (KZ)
- Date of Birth: 1 January 1977
- Citizenship: Kazakhstan
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9KZ-000526DP



2. (FOUO) Health: Medical officials at the detention clinic list detainee in “good health.” The Psychiatric staff is still treating him for psychosis and his prognosis is “fair” with continued treatment. He often complains of chest pains, which he claims is caused by his medication. Detainee has been evaluated for his chest pains and no special care has been directed.

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

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends detainee be Transferred to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD).

b. (S//NF) Summary: It is assessed that detainee is a member of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan’s (IMU) and affiliated with the Al-Qaida global terrorist network. Detainee

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was recruited by one of the IMU top operatives in Uzbekistan (UZ), Furkat Yusupov. Yusupov was recently arrested while in possession of 10 homemade bombs and was sentenced to 18 years in prison for conducting terrorist operations in Tashkent, UZ. Since detainee was recruited by Yusupov, he should be considered a member of the IMU. Captured along with two other detainees, none of them has provided much information concerning terrorist elements in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan (AF). Resistant during interviews, detainee may have received some counter-interrogation training from the IMU and/or the Taliban. It appears that detainee traveled to Afghanistan for military training in support of the Taliban. Most of the information provided by detainee and his Uzbek traveling companions is contradictory. Detainee received Taliban-sponsored combatant training, admitted to fighting as a member of the Taliban against US and coalition forces, and it is highly likely detainee also received some type of Islamic extremist indoctrination by members of either the IMU or other terrorist organizations. JTF GTMO has determined detainee poses a medium risk, as he may possibly pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

4. (S//NF) Detainee Background Summary: Unless otherwise noted, the following paragraphs are based solely on detainee's statements.

a. (S) Prior History: Detainee joined the Kazakhstan Army in 1995 and was stationed at the Karaghandra Oblast base, Unit 6505. He was trained in the use of a Kalashnikov rifle and his duties included communications and base guard. Discharged in 1997, detainee returned to Semeya, KZ, where he farmed and tended the neighborhood sheep until 2000.

b. (S) Recruitment and Travel: Although raised as a Sunni Muslim, detainee did not begin to practice and study Islam until a few years ago. In August 2000, two Tajik nationals, Abdullah and Farhat, aka Rahmatullah, entered detainee's mosque in Semeya recruited detainee to travel to Afghanistan to study the Koran and truly learn Islam. (Analyst Note: It is assessed that detainee actually was recruited at Shelek village, Almaty Oblast, KZ, contrary to what detainee has stated). They advised detainee that the leader of the Afghanistan government (detainee later learned this was the Taliban), Mullah Omar, would provide a better life. On 9 April 2001, detainee, his sister, Risjan, her children, Hamza and Ibrahim, detainee's great-grandmother, Abdullah and Farhat departed Semeya via an airplane to Karachi, Pakistan (PK). Detainee had \$10,000 in U.S. currency from the sale of his home and personal savings. They stayed one night in Karachi, PK and then took a train to Islamabad, PK. The next day they took a bus to Kandahar, AF. When questioned about the unusual route to Kandahar, detainee stated Farhat and Abdullah decided the travel itinerary. Detainee had never been to Afghanistan or Pakistan, so he was not familiar with the travel routes.

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Detainee and his group stayed in Kandahar for approximately one month. Detainee paid for the hotel room for everyone, about 10,000 in Afghani currency. During this stay, detainee attended a mosque, studied the Koran and learned how to pray. Detainee began to run short on money and told Farhat and Abdullah he could no longer afford the hotel room. Farhat and Abdullah said they should all go to Kabul because the government (Taliban) would be able to house them and give detainee a job. After arriving in Kabul, detainee, his family, Abdullah and Farhat were provided a home in the Charai Kamber district. Detainee remained unemployed, studying the Koran full time and attending a mosque. He could not recall the name of the mosque; only that it was very small. Within a few months, Abdullah and Farhat left the home and detainee does not know where they went. In August/September 2001, detainee began working as a cook in a restaurant that was somehow affiliated with the Taliban. His immediate supervisor was Yahan.

c. (S) Training and Activities: Detainee states that he spent two years in the Kazakhstan Army from 1995 to 1997. He trained on the Kalashnikov rifle, then worked as a guard, and then later in a liaison office, in a Kazakhstan prison located in Kargandan, KZ. He worked as a farmer and grocer between 1997 and 2000. Detainee lived in a house provided by the Taliban in the Charai Kamber district of Kabul, AF before and during the civil war in Afghanistan and worked as a cook for the Taliban. A provincial Taliban commander named Saif Rahman gave the house to detainee. Detainee lived in this house with his mother, sister and two nephews. Detainee also says that he attended training at Karabakh military camp for the Taliban, at an unspecified date, where he would be woken up at 0600 hours for a run and, after the running, they would have classes on wrestling and hand to hand combat. Detainee also learned how to disassemble and assemble the AK-47 and how to shoot the AK-47 and RPGs. There were Chechens, Uzbeks, and Afghans at this training camp. Detainee admitted to fighting as a member of the Taliban in a mixed Uzbek/Afghan unit under the command of Gul Rahman.

d. (S//NF) Capture Information: Detainee was at his house in Kabul when Commander Topan arrested him during Ramadan 2001 (17 November – 16 December 2001). He was transferred from a Kabul jail, to Bagram, and then to Kandahar, where he was placed in the custody of the US military. After the US bombing began in Kabul, detainee had enough money to send his family back to Semeya. He is unaware if they made it back. Detainee advised he was unaware of the September 11 attacks on the United States until he was questioned about them in Kandahar. He was saddened to hear so many innocent people were killed and the perpetrators were not true Muslims. Detainee expressed an interest in cooperating with the United States in any manner he could.

e. (S) Transferred to JTF GTMO: 19 June 2002

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

- General information on hostilities in Kandahar and Kabul obtained during his stay in those cities
- Routes of ingress/egress for jihadists from Kazakhstan to Afghanistan
- Jihadist recruitment practices within Kazakhstan
- Islamic extremist recruiters in Kazakhstan

5. (S//NF) Detainee Threat:

a. (S) Assessment: It has been determined detainee poses a MEDIUM risk, as he is may possibly pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

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

- (S//NF) It has been assessed detainee is a member of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) and affiliated with the Al-Qaida global terrorist network. Additionally, detainee received at least basic extremist military training while in Afghanistan and fought as a member of the Taliban.
 - Detainee claims the United Islamic Front for the Salvation of Afghanistan (UIFSA) captured him because they had learned detainee and US9KZ-000521 had resettled in Afghanistan under Taliban sponsorship and the Taliban Government had lent their house in Kabul to the family.
 - Although detainee had categorically denied ever fighting with the Taliban during previous interviews, in an interview on 25 January 2003, detainee admitted fighting as a member of the Taliban. He was in a mixed Uzbek/Afghan unit under the command of Gul Rahman.
- (S//NF) Detainee claimed he was recruited by Islamic extremist Furkat (Parkat) Yusupov, a member of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, in Shelek village in the Almaty Oblast and not at a mosque in Semey Oblast.
 - (U) Furkat Yusupov was arrested on 29 March 2004 for trying to bring ten homemade explosive devices into Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan (UZ). This activity was connected to March 2004 terrorist attacks that left 22 dead and over 30 wounded in Tashkent and Bukhara. (Analyst note: The IMU is a Tier 1 Terrorist Target, which is defined as terrorist groups, especially those with state support, that have demonstrated the intention and the capability to attack US persons or interests.)

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- (S//NF) The Uzbek Supreme Court convicted Furkat Kasimovich Yusupov of plotting terrorist attacks in Tashkent and Bukhara Provinces, UZ. Furkat received an 18 year sentence.

c. (S) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee's overall behavior has been passive aggressive and his conduct at times is non-compliant. He has verbally assaulted guards and simulated shooting a weapon at guards.

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

a. (S//NF) Assessment: JTF-GTMO has determined that this detainee is of LOW intelligence value.

- Due to detainee's proximity, associations and activities, detainee is likely to possess information on Taliban and IMU members and recruiting efforts with Uzbekistan and Afghanistan. Additionally, he is likely to have information on how IMU members provided jihadist support to the Taliban after being trained in Islamic Extremist Camps located in Afghanistan.

b. (S) Areas of Potential Exploitation:

- Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan
 - Members within the following provinces
 - Tashkent
 - Bukhara
 - Knowledge of terrorist operations with these two provinces
 - Taliban members near Kabul
 - How Taliban provided support to IMU members
 - How IMU supported Taliban
 - Coordinated recruitment efforts from IMU and Taliban
 - Islamic Extremist military training for IMU members in Afghanistan

c. Current Collection Potential:

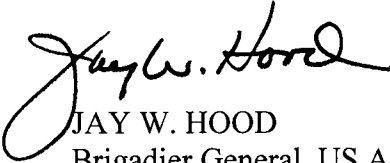
- Currently, the detainee has the potential of answering the following:
 - Potentially can answer 0 Priority 1 Requirements
 - Potentially can answer 0 Priority 2 Requirements
 - Potentially can answer 0 Priority 3 Requirements
 - Has 0 total outstanding SDRs and EVALs

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- Potentially can answer 0 AHRs
- Potentially can answer 0 TSCRs

7. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 24 February 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.



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