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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 US9GZ-010016DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Abu Zubaydah
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, Daud, Malik, Tareq, Hamza Ibrahim Zuhayfa al-Abdi Asiri, Abd al-Aziz al-Numani, Takhi Obed Takhi al-Kantani, Simon the Palestinian
- Place of Birth: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 12 March 1971
- Citizenship: West Bank (WE)
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9GZ-010016DP



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 CD on 8 December 2006.

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 is likely to seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities. Since transfer to JTF-GTMO, detainee has appeared to be cooperative during interviews but may also have been withholding information and employing counter interrogation techniques. Detainee is a senior member of al-Qaida with direct ties to*

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multiple high-ranking terrorists such as Usama Bin Laden (UBL). Detainee has a vast amount of information regarding al-Qaida personnel and operations and is an admitted operational planner, financier and facilitator of international terrorists and their activities. Detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces and was involved in several plans to commit terrorist acts against the US, its interests and allies. Detainee received militant training during the late 1980's, became a trainer at al-Faruq in 1994 then went on to oversee the administration of Khaldan Training Camp in Khowst, AF. Detainee was captured while attempting to establish a "Martyrs' Brigade" in Pakistan whose intention was to attack US and allied targets using remote controlled improvised explosive devices (RCIED).¹ **[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DETAINEE IS AVAILABLE IN AN SCI SUPPLEMENT.]** JTF-GTMO has 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 aliases of detainee: Abd al-Aziz al-Numani,² Takhi Obed Takhi al-Kantani, and Simon the Palestinian³
- Added further reporting identifying detainee as an assessed al-Qaida member, operational planner, trainer and participant in hostilities against the US

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 is of Palestinian decent, but was born in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in 1971. Detainee pursued higher education in India.⁴

¹ Analyst Note: The LT is a National Intelligence Priority Framework (NIPF) Priority 1 Counterterrorism (CT) target. Priority 1 targets include 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, countries that sponsor terrorism, or countries that have state organizations involved in terrorism that pose a clear and immediate danger to US persons or interests. This includes those preparing to employ Weapons of Mass Destruction.

² ➤000111 SIR 18-SEP-2008

³ ➤IIR 7 200 0037 02

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b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee stated he was originally a "bad Muslim" who arrived in Afghanistan in 1990-1991. He was determined to attend militant training because he was inspired by the Palestinian cause. Detainee's family was unhappy with his decision to attend militant training and sent his brother, a doctor in Pakistan (PK), to convince detainee not to become a fighter. Detainee did not change his mind, rather he tried to recruit his brother.⁵ Detainee stated that in 1993, following the first Afghan jihad against the Russians, he decided to dedicate his life to jihad. Detainee noticed that of all the other groups in theater, only al-Qaida remained to continue the jihad struggle. Detainee submitted the requisite paperwork to join al-Qaida and pledge *bayat* (an oath of allegiance) to UBL. Detainee's application to al-Qaida was rejected.⁶

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee received militant training at Khaldan Training Camp in Afghanistan in 1991 or 1992.⁷ At this time, Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212), was in charge of the Khaldan Training Camp. In approximately 1992 or 1993, detainee sustained a head wound from shrapnel while on the front lines.⁸ Detainee stated he had to relearn fundamentals such as walking, talking, and writing; as such, he was therefore considered worthless to al-Qaida. Detainee asked Abu Burhan al-Suri for permission to repeat the Khaldan Camp training. Detainee did not pledge *bayat* to UBL and did not become a full al-Qaida member. Detainee refused to make the pledge unless al-Qaida agreed to stage an attack inside Israel or mount an operation to help free Shaykh Umar Abd al-Rahman aka (the Blind Shaykh).⁹ From May 1998 until mid-2000, detainee ran the Khaldan Guesthouse in Islamabad, PK, changing its location twice before closing permanently. In July or August 2000, detainee departed Pakistan and traveled to Kandahar, AF. In August or September 2000, detainee moved to Kabul, AF. Approximately two weeks after the attack on the USS Cole, detainee met privately with UBL at a special safe house in Jalalabad, AF, in an attempt to get UBL to allow Khaldan Camp to reopen. UBL "lectured" detainee that "it would be better if Khaldan Camp remained closed." Detainee claimed that after Khaldan Camp was officially closed, he could focus on conducting operations including attacks in the US to effect the release of Shaykh Umar Abd al-Rahman and attacks against Israel. In December 2000, detainee departed Kandahar for Karachi, PK, and sent Hassan Ghul to Saudi Arabia in an attempt to raise money for detainee's plans to conduct attacks against Israel. From late

⁴ CIR 316/02704-04, TD-314/34080-02, Analyst note: TD-314/51156-01 list detainee as being born circa 1962

⁵ TD-314/54513-05

⁶ TD-314/35529-02

⁷ Analyst Note: Some reporting indicates detainee may have begun training as early as 1998. See TD-314/08211-02 and TD-314/34080-02 for further information

⁸ TD-314/28434-02

⁹ Analyst Note: Shaykh Umar Abd al-Rahman is serving a life sentence in the US for his part in planning the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

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December 2000 until March 2001, detainee lived in Lahore, PK, staying with Dr. Mufakkar Ahmed, a Pakistani associate of detainee's who is a journalist. Dr. Mufakkar provided a room in the news agency, which detainee used as a place to work and sleep. In March 2001, detainee went to Kandahar for approximately one month and met with UBL and Muhammad Atef aka (Abu Hafis al-Masri) to discuss the possibility of conducting an attack in Israel. Detainee returned to Lahore in late March or early April 2001, and stayed at Dr. Mufakkar's news agency. In May 2001, Said al-Kurdi advised detainee that he could obtain Belgian passports. Detainee sent passport photos to al-Kurdi to receive falsified Belgian passports. While in Afghanistan, detainee moved frequently between Kandahar, Kabul, and Jalalabad. By the end of September or early October 2001, detainee traveled to Khowst. Detainee left Khowst around the first week of November and traveled to Kandahar. On approximately 6 December 2001, detainee left Afghanistan, to avoid coalition attacks, and headed to the Zirmit Mountain area. On approximately 4 February 2002, detainee arrived in Lahore. During the first week of March 2002, detainee arrived at the safe house in Faisalabad, PK.¹⁰

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Pakistani authorities conducted raids at two safe houses in Faisalabad on 28 March 2002, arresting more than 30 suspected al-Qaida fighters under the command of GZ-10016 and killing one. At one location, referred to as the Issa Safe House, Pakistani police and intelligence officials arrested at least 15 suspected al-Qaida members.¹¹ At the other safe house, Pakistani officials arrested detainee and at least seven other suspected al-Qaida members and seized manuals, tools, and components consistent with the assembly of explosive detonators. The safe houses were operated by the Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LT) and were part of a network of LT houses and operatives enlisted by detainee after the fall of Kandahar, AF to help al-Qaida's Arab fighters escape Afghanistan.¹² Detainee was shot

¹⁰ TD-314/28434-02 TD-314/34535-02, TD-314/35529-02

¹¹ IIR 6 034 0286 05, 000694 KB 22-JUN-2002, 000695 FM40 24-SEP-2003, Analyst Note: Issa's safe house was also called the Yemeni House and the Crescent Textile Mill house. The following were identified as those arrested on 28 March 2002 at the Issa House: ISNs US9YM-000679DP, US9YM-000680DP, US9YM-000681DP, US9YM-000683DP, US9WE-000684DP, US9YM-000686DP, US9SA-000687DP, US9YM-000688DP, US9YM-000689DP, US9YM-000690DP, US9YM-000691DP, US9YM-000692DP, US9YM-000693DP (deceased), US9LY-000695DP, US9RS-000702DP, and US9YM-000728DP. See IIR 6 034 0979 03, 000684 SIR 14-Oct-2004 and 000695 FM40 24-SEP-2003.

¹² TD-314/18169-02, IIR 6 034 0911 04, SAP20020408000048 08-APR-2002, SAP20020330000051 30-MAR-2002, 010016 FM40 01-SEP-2005, 010016 FM40 01-SEP-2005b, Analyst Note: The LT is a National Intelligence Priority Framework (NIPF) Priority 1 Counterterrorism (CT) target. Priority 1 targets include 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, countries that sponsor terrorism, or countries that have state organizations involved in terrorism that pose a clear and immediate danger to US persons or interests. This includes those preparing to employ Weapons of Mass Destruction.

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three times while attempting to escape.¹³ Detainee was transferred to US authorities immediately after his arrest and once his condition stabilized, he was transported out of Pakistan.¹⁴

b. (S) Property Held: These items are not held by JTF-GTMO but were reported as being taken from detainee's safe house:¹⁵

- Computers with over three dozen discs
- Telephone sets to include mobile phones
- 16 ID papers to include seven passports, all issued to different persons
- Personal phone book and a torn page from a US published phonebook
- Several pages of what appear to be electronic notes
- Various radio and electronics parts
- Diary
- Eight Notebooks, one blank and seven with what appears to be English and Arabic writing
- Al-Qaida military artillery manual
- Users manual for a voltmeter
- Piece of paper with an Arabic language poem and a guard roster
- Various personal items

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 4 September 2006

d. (S/NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF-GTMO: Detainee was transferred to JTF-GTMO to face prosecution for terrorist activities against the United States.

6. (S/NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee has provided a consistent timeline of his activities. Detainee has admitted to multiple terrorist activities and associations with known terrorists. Detainee continues to deny being a member of al-Qaida. However, multiple sources and other al-Qaida members have identified detainee as an al-Qaida member. Detainee appears to not be fully forthcoming concerning his activities against the US and its interests. Detainee appears to distance himself from anything that might implicate him directly in conducting attacks against the US.

7. (U) Detainee Threat:

¹³ 010016 FBIS CPP20020403000017 03-APR-2002

¹⁴ 010016 FBIS SAP20020408000048 08-APR-2002

¹⁵ 010016 FM40 01-SEP-2005, 010016 FM40 01-SEP-2005b, Various ISNs FBIS SAP20020330000051 30-MAR-2002

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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: *If released without rehabilitation, close supervision, and means to successfully reintegrate into his society as a law abiding citizen, it is assessed detainee is likely to seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities. Since transfer to JTF-GTMO, detainee has appeared to be cooperative during interviews but may also have been withholding information and employing counter interrogation techniques.* Detainee is a senior member of al-Qaida who is directly tied to high-ranking al-Qaida personnel and operations. Detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces and was involved in several plans to commit terrorist acts against the US, its interests and allies. Detainee is an admitted operational planner, financier and facilitator of international terrorists and their activities. Detainee received militant training during the late 1980's, becoming a trainer at al-Faruq in 1994 prior to overseeing the administration of Khaldan Training Camp in Khowst, AF, which trained hundreds of Islamic extremists in terrorist tactics and various forms of paramilitary combat training.

- (S//NF) Detainee is a high-ranking member of al-Qaida who is an admitted operational planner, financier and facilitator of international terrorists and their activities. Detainee participated directly in hostilities against the US and Coalition forces after 9/11 2001.
 - (U) Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, ISN US9KU-010024DP (KU-10024) identified detainee as a senior al-Qaida lieutenant.¹⁶ KU-10024 and detainee each played key roles in facilitating travel for al-Qaida operatives.¹⁷
 - (S//NF) In late January 2002, a senior al-Qaida operative provided details of the al-Qaida organization and listed the detainee as being on the al-Qaida Shura Council in charge of documentation for the organization.¹⁸ Detainee denies he was ever a member of al-Qaida or a member of the Shura Council.¹⁹
 - (S//NF) LY-212 reported that detainee was a consultant to the Shura Council and that detainee was recruited by al-Qaida in 1997 when UBL requested detainee travel from Pakistan to visit him in Afghanistan. Detainee, who by that time had already facilitated the travel of al-Qaida members who returned from Sudan to Afghanistan in 1996, was asked by UBL to continue his work as a travel facilitator for al-Qaida.

¹⁶ >TD-314/16528-05

¹⁷ 9-11 commission report

¹⁸ TD-314/04491-02

¹⁹ TD-314/38684-02

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Detainee agreed to do so. Detainee specifically assisted al-Qaida members in acquiring false passports and visas.²⁰

- (S//NF) Detainee has intimate knowledge of al-Qaida's use of a document committee for forging documents such as identification cards, visas, and passports.²¹ Detainee explained he would forge certificates that certified successful completion of high school for submission to Pakistani universities so militants could attend universities. Detainee forged medical documents for militants injured in fighting. Such documents would attest the person had suffered torture in his home country. The person could then submit this document to a European country or the United Nations (UN) to apply for political asylum or humanitarian aid.²²
- (S//NF) Tariq Mahmud Ahmad al-Sawah, ISN US9EG-000535DP (EG-535) stated KU-10024 was a close associate of detainee.²³
- (S//NF) In 1995, detainee approached Abu Ali al-Kholi²⁴ with his idea of implementing multiple remotely-executed attacks in the United States.²⁵ Detainee said UBL had approved his plan.²⁶
- (S//NF) Between September and November 2000, detainee was awaiting to discuss a general operational concept with UBL to attack a US electrical power grid. They had discussed the possibility of using computer hacking to perpetrate terrorist activities. Detainee had considered, for example, whether computer hacking could destabilize the electrical power grid of a major city or tamper with financial institutions.²⁷
- (S) LY-212 identified detainee as the passport and logistics officer for al-Qaida. LY-212 also stated that detainee was involved in planning the USS COLE bombing and an attack against the American Embassy in Yemen.²⁸
- (S//NF) LY-212 stated that detainee sent Qatari (QA) national, Mohammad Rashid Du'ad al-Owhali to receive training at Khaldan Camp. Owhali carried a recommendation letter from detainee to LY-212 requesting training with detainee noting Owhali was "a special case." After Owhali received his training LY-212 met

²⁰ TD-314/08211-02

²¹ TD-314/19729-03

²² TD-314/48843-05

²³ >000535 SIR 04-NOV-2006

²⁴ Analyst Note: Al-Kholi is an Egyptian member of al-Qaida who frequently traveled between Peshawar, PK and Sudan. Al-Kholi is an electronic engineer.

²⁵ TD-314/34535-02

²⁶ TD-314/17625-02

²⁷ TD-314/26057-02

²⁸ IIR 2 340 6203 02, Analyst Note: A variant of Ali Muhammad Abdall Aziz al-Fakhri is Ali Muhammed Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri.

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Owahli in mid-July 1998 in Kandahar during which time LY-212 noticed that Owahli was clean-shaven; an indication that he was preparing to travel outside Afghanistan.²⁹

- (S//NF) After the 1998 attack on the US Embassy in Kenya, LY-212 recognized Qwhali's photograph in the newspaper connecting him to the East Africa bombing. Subsequently, LY-212 learned directly from detainee that Owahli was a hero of the attacks in Africa.³⁰ (Analyst Note: Owahli is currently incarcerated in the US for his involvement in the 1998 attack on the US Embassy in Kenya. Owahli was a passenger in the bomb-delivery truck driven by jihadists Mohammed Ali, aka Azzam al-Owahli. Azzam had prepared for their martyrdom in what was supposed to be a suicide bombing. Owahli, however, fled the scene of the bombing when the attack diverged from the original plan. He was subsequently arrested and brought to the US on 27 August 1998.³¹)
- (C//NF) Djamel Beghal, who was sentenced to 10 years in jail for attempting to bomb the US embassy in Paris, France, stated in March 2001, detainee ordered Beghal to travel to Kandahar and informed Beghal of UBL's wish to attack the US embassy and the US cultural center in Paris.³²
- (S//NF) After the 11 September 2001 attacks, UBL asked detainee and LY-212, to organize the defense of Khowst. By the end of September or early October 2001, detainee said he had gone to Khowst with LY-212 and ten other personnel from Khaldan. Upon arrival in Khowst, they organized approximately 70 Arab fighters and an unidentified number of Taliban to defend the city. Detainee stated they all expected to defeat the United States in the same manner that the Soviets were defeated.³³
- (S//NF) In January 2002, Detainee was in a safe house near the city of Miram Shah, PK. At this safe house, detainee was inquiring about selecting a small group of fighters to return to Khowst to resume the ground war against US forces.³⁴
- (S//NF) On 7 February 2002, detainee spoke with Jose Padilla, ISN US0US-010008DP (US-10008) and Binyam Ahmad Mohammad, ISN US9ET001458DP (ET-1458), regarding their plan to create a dirty bomb and conduct an attack inside the United States. Detainee agreed to sponsor this plan.³⁵
- (S//NF) In early 2002, detainee sent Jose US-10008 to see KU-10024 to discuss future operations in the US. KU-10024 directed US-10008 to travel to Chicago, Illinois to rent two apartments in high rise buildings which utilized natural gas for cooking and/or heating. KU-10024 explained to US-10008 a method to cause a

²⁹ TD-314/01811-02

³⁰ TD-314/01811-02

³¹ TD-314/01811-02

³² IIR 1 663 2212 06

³³ TD-314/28434-02

³⁴ >IIR 7 718 0115 03

³⁵ TD-314/28434-02, IIR 7 718 0092 03,

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- natural gas explosion which would cause the building to collapse.³⁶ (Analyst Note: It is probable that KU-10024 did not think that US-10008 had the ability to make a dirty bomb, but saw US-10008 as a target of opportunity to carry out a much simpler operation with potential for extraordinary loss of life and collateral damage. It is possible others also may have been tasked to carry out this plan.)
- (S//NF) Detainee was captured while attempting to establish a “Martyrs’ Brigade” in Pakistan. Detainee stated he created the “Martyrs Brigade”, a unit conceived to conduct attacks against US and Coalition targets employing remotely detonated explosives activated by Pakistan based triggermen using cell phones.³⁷
 - (S//NF) Detainee is an admitted operational planner, financier and facilitator of international terrorists and their activities.
 - (S//NF) Detainee supplied several thousand dollars to al-Qaida commander Abu Musab al-Zarqawi (deceased) for an operation detainee wanted to conduct involving the Palestinian territories. Detainee needed al-Zarqawi's assistance because al-Zarqawi had associates who would be useful as smugglers.³⁸
 - (S//NF) Detainee plotted with Abu Samih,³⁹ a former deputy to Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri, to attack Jewish and Israeli targets in Morocco. At the time, detainee also approached Abu Samih and al-Zawahiri with a proposal to attack Israeli targets in Egypt.⁴⁰
 - (S//NF) Detainee requested Abu Dhahhak to ask Abu Ammar, a fundraiser for the Wafa Humanitarian Organization, to raise \$100,000 US for detainee's future operations against Israel.⁴¹
 - (S//NF) Detainee raised \$50,000 US to conduct an attack on the Israeli embassy in Egypt, but decided to give the money to UBL. Detainee specified to UBL that the money was to be used to fund attacks against Israeli targets.⁴²
 - (S//NF) Luay al-Saqa⁴³ and detainee met with UBL and proposed an operation to attack a ship coming into port in Antalya, Turkey.⁴⁴
 - (S//NF) Detainee provided a list of targets for which al-Qaida and its affiliates had planned terrorist attacks. This list includes the White House, US embassies, US

³⁶ TD-314/38760-02

³⁷ >TD-314/03502-03, TD-314/33836-02, TD-314/17440-02, TD-314/17625-02

³⁸ TD-314/31060-04

³⁹ Analyst Note: Believed to be Abu Samah al-Masri. Variants of Samih include Samah and Sameh.

⁴⁰ TD-314/28147-03

⁴¹ TD-314/46361-02 Analyst Note: Al-Wafa Humanitarian Organization aka (Wafa al-Igatha al-Islamia) is a National Intelligence Priorities Framework (NIPF) Counterterrorism (CT) Priority 3 Terrorist Support Entity (TSE). Priority 3 TSE have demonstrated intent and willingness to provide financial support to terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests, or provide witting operational support to Priority 1-2 terrorist groups

⁴² TD-314/42605-02

⁴³ Analyst Note: As of 12 August 2005, Lu'ay Muhammad Hajj Bakr al-Saqa aka (Luay al-Saqa) aka (ala-al-Din) was in the custody of the Turkish National Police (TNP).

⁴⁴ TD-314/48888-05, Possible Maritime Attack Planning Uncovered In Antalya, Turkey 11 Aug 2005.

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ships, a US base in Turkey, a building that rests on pillars in Canada, nightclubs or discos in the Philippines or Thailand, that were owned or frequented by Americans; banks in US; US symbols (e.g.. the Statue of Liberty, major hanging bridges, the UN building), kidnapping tourists in Asia; US military bases; US residence complexes in Saudi Arabia, and US centers in Bosnia.⁴⁵

S//NF) Detainee facilitated the procurement of hundreds of obtained fraudulent passports and other documents for militants and al-Qaida.⁴⁶

- (S//NF) Moazzam Begg, ISN US9UK-000558DP, (UK-558, transferred), stated detainee provided false passports, identification, and arranged transportation for people from safe houses in Karachi to Afghanistan.⁴⁷

- Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026)(S//NF) In 2001, a foreign military intelligence service stated detainee was part of UBL's inner circle, a special representative and financial courier in the Middle East, and served as a courier to European countries. According to various reports, detainee's responsibilities also included terrorist recruiting among Palestinians, organization of special training for Palestinian recruits, and planning and conducting terrorist acts in the Near East.⁴⁹

- (S//NF) Convicted planner of the Millennium Bombing Plot, Ahmed Ressay stated, "There is no one to whom Abu Zubaydah (detainee) must report in terms of a superior; (detainee) is *emir*." From Ressay's perspective, detainee was equal to and not subordinate to UBL. Ressay stated detainee was an associate of UBL, coordinated and cooperated with UBL in the conduct of training and trainee movements between detainee's camps and UBL's camps.⁵⁰

- (U) Ressay told the FBI that he conceived the idea to attack the Los Angeles International Airport himself but that detainee encouraged him and helped facilitate the operation. Ressay also said that in 1998 detainee was planning his own US attack.⁵¹

- (C//NF) Ahmed Ressay stated detainee requested that Ressay send back stolen Canadian passports for use by operatives plotting attacks in the US.⁵²

⁴⁵ TD-314/43187-02

⁴⁶ IIR 6 105 1859 06, IIR 6 034 0446 03, TD-314/47089-06, TD-314/44842-06, TD-314/31770-06, TD-314/27627-06, TD-314/52609-05, TD-314/59101-05, CIR 316/10363-06, Analyst Note: Hundreds of fraudulent passports are linked to the detainee.

⁴⁷ IIR 2 340 6740 02, IIR 6 034 0581 03

⁴⁸ >IIR 6 034 0390 08

⁴⁹ >IIR 7 200 0037 02

⁵⁰ >RESSAM 302 23-May-2001, Analyst Note: Ressay was arrested at the Canadian Border and US Border on 14 December 1999 for attempting to smuggle 100lbs of explosives into the US. A member of a terrorist cell in Montreal, Canada, he was indicted and convicted of participation in the LAX portion of the Millennium Bombing Plot. He was sentenced to 22 years.

⁵¹ 9-11 commission report

⁵² IIR 1 663 2212 06

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- (S//NF) Detainee stated it was easy to obtain misplaced or stolen passports from any country, usually obtaining passports from people in the target country who were sympathetic to the cause, then altering the passports to suit the intended traveler.⁵³
- (S//NF) Detainee met with and provided refuge for UBL on multiple occasions after the 11 September 2001 attacks.⁵⁴
 - (U//FOUO) In February 2007, detainee admitted that he expressed his support of the 11 September 2001 attacks against the US during a meeting with UBL, KU-10024, and IZ-10026;⁵⁵
 - (S//NF) During approximately December 1999, several high-level terrorists came to detainee's Khaldan guest house. Among them were KU-10024, Khallad Bin Attash, ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014); and Fahad Mahdi Ahmad Hamdan al-Hassan al-Shehri.⁵⁶
 - (S//NF) Detainee met with senior al-Qaida lieutenant Ayman al-Zawahiri as well as deceased al-Qaida lieutenants Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and Mohammad Atef.⁵⁷
- (S//NF) Detainee received militant training during the late 1980's, becoming a trainer himself prior to overseeing the administration of Khaldan Training Camp in Khowst, AF.⁵⁸
 - (S//NF) LY-212 reported that between 1988 and 1989, detainee was a trainee at a training camp in Khaldan, AF, along with LY-212 where the pair initially met. Sometime during 1992 and 1993, following the Afghan jihad against the former Soviet Union, detainee moved to Peshawar where he lived and worked at Bayt al-Shuhada' aka the Martyrs' House. Detainee worked there until 1994 as a travel facilitator for mujahidin entering and exiting Afghanistan. Specifically, he provided them with false passports and visas. In 1994, detainee was invited by Egyptian extremist Abu Dugana al-Almani to join him at the al-Faruq camp where he trained Tajiks for approximately seven to eight months.⁵⁹
 - (S//NF) Ahmed Ressay stated detainee was the overall leader of Khaldan and Derunta Training Camps, though each camp had a separate leader present at the camp.⁶⁰

⁵³ TD-314/71386-05, TD-314/67291-05, TD-314/59101-05, TD-314/72830-05, TD-314/48843-05, TD-314/07633-06

⁵⁴ TD-314/64229-03

⁵⁵ >IIR 4 201 0145 08

⁵⁶ TD-314/28434-02, Analyst Note: Christopher Bin Salem, aka Fahad Mahdi Ahmad Hamdan al-Hassan al-Shehri, had been a Saudi foreign fighter with a long career fighting alongside al-Qaida in Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Bosnia, and Iraq. As of late August 2006, Iraq coalition forces had arrested, detained, and debriefed him.

⁵⁷ TD-314/28434-02; TD-314/10895-04.

⁵⁸ IIR 6 105 1859 06

⁵⁹ TD-314/08211-02

⁶⁰ >RESSAM 302 23-May-2001

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- (S//NF) Detainee and LY-212 operated the Khaldan Training Camp in Khowst. Detainee took charge of the Khaldan Camp in 1994.⁶¹ A referral from detainee was needed for entry to the camp. Detainee oversaw the guesthouse and financial arrangements in Pakistan related to the camp.⁶² Detainee ran the camp with the assistance of LY-212 until mid-2000, when it was closed by the Taliban.⁶³ LY-212 received \$1,600 US per month from detainee for running Khaldan camp.⁶⁴
 - (S//NF) Although the camp was predominately for military tactics and training, in 1995, detainee set up religious training as part of the regular camp program.⁶⁵
- (S//NF) Detainee administered Camp Nine, located near Kabul, AF, with courses specifically designed for the Tajiks, so they would be prepared to fight on the Tajikistan frontlines against the Soviets. These courses were advanced military courses and included topics such as assassinations and explosives.⁶⁶
- (U//FOUO) Detainee stated IZ-10026, and Abu Muslim and Jabran Said Bin Wazir al-Qahtani, ISN US9SA-000696DP (SA-696), discussed electronics training in remote controlled improvised explosives (RCIED). It was understood that the training would take place in Pakistan and then IZ-10026 would return to Afghanistan to train Afghans on how to build and/or use the devices.⁶⁷
- (S//NF) Detainee stated he tasked Ubayda al-Jazairi, believed to be ISN US9AG-000694DP (AG-694), to conduct RCIED training at the safe house in Faisalabad.⁶⁸
- (S//NF) Detainee recommended Abu Hamza (deceased) for additional explosives training outside Kabul.⁶⁹
- (U//FOUO) A terrorist training manual was published, entitled "The Security Encyclopedia" Was written and published by the Research and Media Division of the Abu Zubaydah Center for Mujahidin Services. It was compiled by detainee and edited after his capture.⁷⁰
- (S) In 1994, Palestinian radical Anwar Adnan Mohamed Salah, aka Shaykh Salah, went to Pakistan to work with detainee funneling recruits to terrorist training camps in Afghanistan.⁷¹

⁶¹ TD-314/72830-05, TD-314/02537-06

⁶² TD-314/07487-06, TD-314/50266-05

⁶³ TD-314/52609-05

⁶⁴ TD-314/65017-06

⁶⁵ TD-314-54513-05

⁶⁶ TD-314/46791-05

⁶⁷ 001458 FM40 28-JUL-2004

⁶⁸ TD-314/18041-02, TD-314/18008-04, TD-314/17440-02, TD-314/17060-02

⁶⁹ TD-314/25629-06

⁷⁰ IIR 6 089 0037 06, ISGZ-2005-003838 19-JUN-2005

⁷¹ Spain - An Active Front In The War On Terror 15-Sep-2005

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- (S//NF) Detainee believed he may have smuggled Muhammad Hamid al-Qarani, ISN US9CD-000269DP (CD-269), across the border of Afghanistan in 2000-2001.⁷²
- (S//NF) Detainee facilitated Algerian extremist Ahmed Ressam's trip to Afghanistan for training.⁷³
- (S//NF) Husayn Muhammad Ahmad al-Tawri said he was able to arrange contact between the leader of the Jordan al-Qaida cell and detainee. The purpose of this contact was to send the cell members to Afghanistan to receive military training. The cell members would then return to Jordan to carry out planned operations.⁷⁴
- (S//NF) Detainee had contact with three Turkish travel facilitators when he was involved with the Khaldan camp, was facilitated travel for extremists from Turkey to detainee's guesthouse in Pakistan. Detainee then facilitated the travel of the extremists from the guesthouse in Pakistan to Khaldan Camp.⁷⁵

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee's overall behavior has been moderately compliant. He currently has 4 reports of disciplinary infractions listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 2 February 2008, when he failed to follow guard instructions to eat his meal after missing his 9th consecutive meal. All of the detainee's disciplinary infractions involve meal refusals. Detainee is currently residing in Alpha Tier, Camp 7 and is in a compliant detainee status.

8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **HIGH** intelligence value. Due to detainee's HVD status, detainee has yet to be interviewed.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee was part of UBL's inner circle. He had access to multiple al-Qaida leaders and was present during multiple operational meetings. Detainee maintained a close relationship to high ranking al-Qaida leaders. Detainee worked directly with al-Qaida, and was trusted enough to provide a safe haven for UBL after the 11 September 2001 attacks.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee has provided a wealth of information on terrorist organizations. He has provided intelligence on their operations and leadership. Detainee continues to be a valuable source of intelligence for operations still occurring today.

⁷² TD-314/51279-05

⁷³ TD-314/28434-02, TD-314/02220-03

⁷⁴ TD-314/63041-05

⁷⁵ TD-314/58795-05, Analyst Note: The three Turkish travel facilitators are identified as Luay al-Saqa, Abdullah Muhammad Khan, ISN US9AF-000556DP (AF-556, transferred), and Abu Anas al-Kurdi.

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

- Al-Qaida senior leaders and operatives
- Al-Qaida training, especially the Khaldan Training Camp
- Al-Qaida operations, including suicide operations, planning, pre-mission training, and logistics and financial activities
- Capabilities, plans, intentions and current disposition of terrorist groups operating in the CENTCOM AOR

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 13 July 2008 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*.