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JTF GTMO-CG

6 December 2003

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

SUBJECT: (S) Update of Recommendation for Guantanamo Detainee, Karam Hamis Said Hamza, ISN: US9YM-000586DP

1. (S) **Personal Information:** Karam Hamis Said Hamza is a Yemeni national born in 1970 (age 33) in Drub, Yemen. He has been diagnosed with latent Tuberculosis and has been treated for Gum disease, but is otherwise in good health.
2. (S) **Detention Information:** Same as previously stated.
3. (S) **Reasons for Detention:** Detainee is a criminal who was jailed in Yemen for attempting to kill the governor of his province, which he stated he did "just for the heck of it". Detainee claims he escaped prison while being transferred to a minimum-security facility and he may still be a wanted in Yemen for this crime. Detainee was asked a series of questions concerning his attitude toward the U.S. during which the detainee stated that he speculated that Usama Bin Laden attacked the U.S. because the U.S. was killing Palestinians. Detainee further stated that the "U.S. always comes to the rescue when the Palestinians kill Israelis," and described the relationship between Israel and the U.S by saying "they are exactly the same," and further stated that any Arab would say the same thing about the relationship between Israel and the U.S. Detainee continues to express his commitment to Jihad during interrogations. Moreover, an associate of the detainee's, a drug dealer named "Mohammed" has been identified through reporting as being a supporter of the Taliban. Mohammed and his criminal group have reportedly provided transportation, equipment and funding to the Taliban, who in turn protected him and supported his narcotics business. The detainee has been identified as a member of this group.

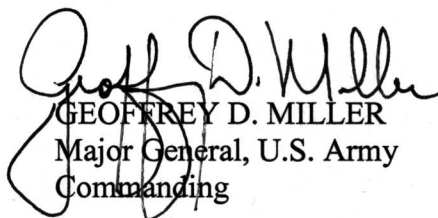
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4. (S) **Prior Assessment:** Detainee had been identified by another detainee (ISN: US9YM-000252) as having been a trainee at the Al Farouq training camp and part of an Arab group fighting the Northern Alliance where his alias was "The Murderer." After further investigation it has been determined that this was a misidentification and in fact the detainee is known as "Karama the Hashish dealer" which substantiates other reporting concerning this detainee and some of the detainee's own statements.
5. (S) **New Assessment:** Based on information collected and available to Joint Task Force Guantanamo as of 3 December 2003, detainee ISN: US9YM-000586DP is assessed as not being a member of Al-Qaida or a Taliban leader. Moreover, based on the detainee's folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the detainee is of intelligence value to the United States. Based on the above, detainee poses a medium threat to the U.S., its interests or its allies.
6. (S) **Recommendation:** In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be considered for transfer to the control of another government for continued detention.
7. (C) **Coordination:** JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 2 December 2003. JTF GTMO and CITF agree on the threat of this detainee.


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