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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 US9SY-000330DP (S)

### **JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

#### **1. (S//NF) Personal Information:**

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Shargo Shirz Juwan
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Masum Abdah Muhammad, Masum, Abdu Muhammad Dalu, Bilal, Abu Bilal al-Kurdi, al-Qameshli
- Place of Birth: al-Qamishli, Syria (SY)
- Date of Birth: 1972
- Citizenship: Syria
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SY-000330DP



**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 11 March 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is a member of the Syrian Group comprised of dismantled terrorist cells that escaped Syrian authorities and fled to Afghanistan in 2000. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) Tora Bora Mountain complex in Afghanistan (AF) under the command of Ali Muhammad Abd al-Aziz al-Fakhri, ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212). Detainee is assessed to have received suicide operations training provided by UBL associate Shaykh Issa al-Masri at the Syrian Guesthouse funded by Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), at which currency and document forgery

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operations were also conducted. Detainee is assessed to have attended training at Mustafa Nazar Setmarium's, aka (Abu Musab al-Suri) al-Ghuraba Training Camp in Kabul, AF and is also reported to have been a trainer there. Detainee is assessed to have attended advanced training at an al-Qaida affiliated training camp, and may have received additional training at the training camp in Afghanistan operated by deceased leader of al-Qaida in Iraq (AQIA), Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. **[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DETAINEE IS AVAILABLE IN AN SCI SUPPLEMENT.]** 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 **HIGH** 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 reporting that detainee was a trainer at Abu Musab al-Suri's camp
- Added information of detainee's activities in Tora Bora

#### **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 graduated from high school in 1990 and was self-employed as a fruit and vegetable vendor until 1992. Detainee attended the al-Asad Institute in al-Hasaqa, SY from 1992 through 1993<sup>1</sup> when he joined the Syrian Army. Detainee's military training consisted of crowd and riot control, and some handgun training. Detainee, who held the rank of sergeant and was assigned to the Syrian Police Force in Damascus, SY where he followed enlisted soldiers during large sporting events. Two years later, detainee was transferred to the Dayr al-Zawr region of Syria.<sup>2</sup> Detainee spent his last six months on traffic duty. At the completion of detainee's military service, detainee returned home to Damascus. In Damascus, detainee sold vegetables and peddled batteries and scissors from a suitcase for four years.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 000330 KB 06-14-2002

<sup>2</sup> 000330 302 11-JUN-2002, Analyst Note: Variants of Dayr al-Zawr include Dayr az-Zawr and Derzor.

<sup>3</sup> 000330 302 11-JUN-2002

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**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** In June 2000, at approximately the age of 28, detainee decided to get married. Detainee's roommate, Abu Muhammad, advised detainee to "migrate" to Afghanistan to find a wife.<sup>4</sup> In June 2000,<sup>5</sup> detainee and a Syrian named Khalid traveled to Tehran, Iran (IR), then to the Afghanistan border where they crossed with the assistance of Abd al-Aziz. Detainee and Khalid drove to Kandahar, AF, stayed for one night, and then traveled to Kabul where they met Abd al-Rahman outside the Balkhash Mosque.<sup>6</sup> Detainee was introduced to several other Syrians and stayed at the house of Abu Rubai and Abu Zubair, located near the Pakistani Embassy, for approximately ten to fifteen days.<sup>7</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** Detainee then traveled to Zahedan, IR and worked at a construction site for approximately five months. Detainee returned to Kabul and stayed at a Syrian house belonging to Abu Muath.<sup>8</sup> Detainee stayed at the Syrian Guesthouse for over a year. Also staying at the guesthouse were: Moammer Badawi Dokhan, aka (Abu Abdallah al-Suri), ISN US9SY-000317DP (SY-317), Usama; Ahmed Adnan Muhammad Ajam, aka (Abu Rawda al-Suri), ISN US9SY-000326DP (SY-326), Ali Husein Muhammad Shaaban, ISN US9SY-000327DP (SY-327), and Abd al-Hadi Omar Mahmoud Faraj, aka (Abu Omar al-Suri), ISN US9SY-000329DP (SY-329). Abu Muaz al-Suri, aka (Abdallah al-Shami), ISN US9SY-001454DP (SY-1454, escaped) rented and operated the Syrian Guesthouse.<sup>9</sup> During detainee's stay at the Syrian house, detainee attended religious training offered by Shaykh Issa for three months.<sup>10</sup> SY-1454 escorted detainee to Muhammad Sabri's house in Kabul, and approximately one month later, two Saudis picked detainee up and escorted detainee through Jalalabad, AF to an unoccupied cave in the mountains.<sup>11</sup>

## 5. (U) Capture Information:

**a. (S//NF)** After the US and Coalition bombing campaign initiated in Kabul, detainee fled to UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee stated three other Syrians joined him in Tora Bora. These Syrians were identified as SY-327, SY-326, SY-329, as well as Usama (not UBL) who was carrying an AK-47 assault rifle.<sup>12</sup> Detainee further stated they were all

<sup>4</sup> 000330 302 11-JUN-2002

<sup>5</sup> TD-314/38995-02, Analyst Note: Detainee reported departure dates as early as May 2000 and as late as July 2000.

<sup>6</sup> TD-314/44247-01, 000330 KB 06-14-2002, 000330 KB 06-14-2002

<sup>7</sup> 000330 KB 06-14-2002, Analyst Note: A variant for Abu Rubai is Abu Rubii.

<sup>8</sup> 000330 FM40 06-SEP-2003, Analyst Note: Variants for Muath include Muaz, Muad, Muadh, Moaz, and Moath.

<sup>9</sup> IIR 6 034 0615 04, Analyst Note: SY-1454 escaped from the Bagram Detention Facility on 10 July 2005. SY-317 and SY-1454 share the alias Abu Abdallah al-Suri. The majority of the reporting on Abu Abdallah al-Suri is assessed to be referring to SY-1454.

<sup>10</sup> IIR 6 034 1179 04, Analyst Note: Variants for Shaykh Issa include Sheikh Essa, Eisa, and Isa.

<sup>11</sup> 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002, Analyst Note: The mountains are assessed to be the Tora Bora Mountains of Afghanistan. Caves in this region have also been reported by detainees as ditch, trench, position, camp and center.

<sup>12</sup> 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002

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issued AK-47s shortly after arrival in Tora Bora.<sup>13</sup> Approximately 13 days later, an Afghan guide escorted the group to a cave where they remained for approximately one and one-half months, and then departed for Pakistan.<sup>14</sup> UBL appointed LY-212 as military commander in Tora Bora. In mid-December 2001, LY-212 arranged for Afghan guides to lead the fighters out of Tora Bora into Pakistan to escape.<sup>15</sup> In late December 2001, Pakistani authorities captured detainee, SY-327, SY-326, and SY-329 as they fled the hostilities in Tora Bora.<sup>16</sup> Pakistani authorities then transferred detainee, SY-327, SY-326, and SY-329 from Kohat, PK, to US custody at the Kandahar Detention Facility on 5 January 2002.<sup>17</sup>

**b. (S) Property Held:**

- Koran
- Miscellaneous items including three small lock keys on a safety pin, a comb, medication, prayer beads, and a photo of an unidentified male

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 10 June 2002**

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

- Possible al-Qaida or Taliban travel facilitator named Amir Husayn Jafar
- Arab and Taliban safe houses in Karaj, IR, as well as Kandahar and Kabul
- Evacuation of Kabul

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** The general timeline detainee has provided is probably reliable; however, detainee is withholding extensive details of his extremist and al-Qaida associations in Syria and Afghanistan. Detainee is also withholding details of his activities and those of his associates. Detainee has not acknowledged associations with other cell members who fled Syria other than those captured with him, and has not acknowledged his membership in the cell. Detainee also denies any militant training in Afghanistan despite his assessed basic and specialized training. Detainee continues to exhibit use of counter interrogation techniques during interrogations. He is superficially compliant, but provides no meaningful intelligence.

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<sup>13</sup> 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004, IIR 6 034 0055 05

<sup>14</sup> 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002

<sup>15</sup> TD-314/14605-04, Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis, Analyst Note: LY-212 is probably in Libyan External Security Organization control in Libya.

<sup>16</sup> 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004, TD-314/00964-02

<sup>17</sup> TD-314/00845-02

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**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 assessed to be a member of a Syrian terrorist cell that fled to Afghanistan to escape Syrian authorities. The cell members attended al-Qaida militant training camps and stayed with detainee in a guesthouse reserved exclusively for Syrians at which currency and document forgery was conducted. GZ-10016 supported the guesthouse and detainee is assessed to have received money from GZ-10016 during his stay. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex under the command of LY-212. Detainee is assessed to have received suicide operations training at the Syrian Guesthouse in Kabul. Detainee is assessed to have attended training at the al-Ghuraba Training Camp, is assessed to have attended training at an al-Qaida sponsored training camp, and may have received additional training at the training camp operated by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

- (S//NF) Detainee is a member of a Syrian terrorist cell which relocated to Afghanistan. The cell members escaped Syrian authorities and fled to Afghanistan where they attended training. Detainee stayed in a guesthouse reserved exclusively for Syrians, which was supported by GZ-10016.
  - (S//NF) Syrian authorities dismantled terrorist cells in Damascus and Hamah, SY in 2000, arresting fifteen members of the cells while some cell members, including detainee, escaped. The Syrian Military Intelligence (SMI) stated that those who escaped were believed to have fled to Afghanistan. SMI identified the following individuals who escaped:<sup>18</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee, who the SMI identified as Masum Muhammad, aka (Abu Bilal al-Kurdi). Detainee reported that he departed Syria in June 2000.<sup>19</sup>
    - (S//NF) SY-327, who the SMI identified as Ali Hussayn Shaban, aka (Yaqub). SY-327 stated he traveled to Kandahar and then to Kabul with Muhammad, aka (Muath al-Suri); Ziad, aka (Abdallah al-Suri); and a Syrian Kurd named Qassam al-Kurdi.<sup>20</sup> SY-327 reported he departed Syria in July 2000.<sup>21</sup>
      - ◆ (S//NF) SMI reported SY-327's cell was formerly commanded by Muhammad Yaqub, an Iraqi Kurd. Yaqub had ties to GZ-10016, UBL, and an

<sup>18</sup> TD-314/44247-01, TD-314/48778-01, Analyst Note: For additional information on the terrorist cells and the members see Multiple ISNs FAS GTMO Syrians 30-May-2007

<sup>19</sup> 000330 KB 06-14-2002, TD-314/38995-02

<sup>20</sup> TD-314/38436-02,

<sup>21</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

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Iraqi national named Hilal Abd al-Razzaq Ali,<sup>22</sup> who was captured in Iraq on 10 October 2004 on suspicion of terrorist activity.<sup>23</sup>

- (S//NF) SY-329, who the SMI identified as Abd al-Hadi Umar al-Faraj, aka (Mahdi). SY-329 reported he went to Iran with Abu Kareem and Muhammad Amin. In Iran, SY-329 left Kareem and Amin, and later met Khalid. He stayed at Khalid's house for one month and ten days.<sup>24</sup> (Analyst Note: Abu Kareem and Muhammad Amin are assessed to be the two members mentioned later in this list. Khalid is probably Sulayman Khalid Darwish, noted below.)
- (S//NF) Jihad Ahmad Mustafa Diyah, ISN US9LE-000722DP (LE-722), who the SMI identified as Jihad Ahmad Diab, aka (Abu Wail).
- (S//NF) Sulayman Khalid Darwish, aka (Abu Khalid), aka (Abu azl-Ghadiyah), aka (Abu Hurayrah), aka (Ghassan), aka (Jamal), who was the leader of the Damascus Cell.<sup>25</sup> This is assessed to be detainee's acknowledged travel companion Khalid.
  - ◆ (S//NF) Sulayman Khalid Darwish was the paternal uncle of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.<sup>26</sup> Darwish was a member of the *Shura* (advisory) council of the al-Zarqawi Network, aka (al-Qaida in Iraq).<sup>27</sup> Darwish trained at al-Zarqawi's camp in Herat, AF in 2000 and was an active member of al-Zarqawi's terrorist network as of early October 2004, during which he facilitated travel of Islamic extremists from Syria into Iraq.<sup>28</sup> Darwish had been identified as the fourth ranking man of al-Qaida in Iraq and al-Zarqawi's Chief of External Operations.<sup>29</sup>
- (S//NF) Other members of the cells which escaped included Radwan Abbud Muhammad, aka (Abu Abd al-Karim), Muhammad Amin Mahmud al-Hasan, aka (Abu Bakr), Izz al-Din Abd al-Aziz Khalil, aka (Qassam), who is assessed to be SY-327's acknowledged travel companion Qassam, Ziyad Hasan al-Shayib, aka (Abu Abdallah), who is assessed to be SY-327's acknowledged travel companion Ziad, and Muhammad Uthman al-Shaykh, aka (Maaz), who is assessed to be SY-327's acknowledged travel companion Muhammad.<sup>30</sup>
- (S//NF) Analyst Note: Although he is not included on the SMI list, SY-326 arrived in Afghanistan approximately the same period as other cell members. It is

<sup>22</sup> TD-314/44247-01, Analyst Note: See SCI addendum for more information.

<sup>23</sup> FBIS EUP20050720100005, Analyst Note: For additional information on Halil see TD-314/32507-04, TD-314/32433-04, TD-314/31551-04 and the SCI addendum.

<sup>24</sup> 000329 302 16-AUG-2002

<sup>25</sup> TD-314/44247-01

<sup>26</sup> TD-314/58064-04, Analyst Note: Al-Zarqawi and Darwish are both reported to be deceased.

<sup>27</sup> TD-314/29746-04, TD-314/39833-05

<sup>28</sup> TD-314/58064-04

<sup>29</sup> TD-314/11275-05

<sup>30</sup> TD-314/44247-01

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- unlikely members of the Syrian terrorist cells would allow SY-326 to live with them for over a year unless he was associated to them prior to his arrival in Afghanistan. The Syrians in Afghanistan were former members of the Darwish Terrorist Cell (led by Ahmad Ibrahim al-Sharif al-Darwish), the Damascus Terrorist Cell, and the Hama Terrorist Cell. As SY-326 is from Aleppo and the majority of the members in the Darwish Terrorist Cell were from Aleppo, SY-326 is assessed to have been a member of that cell prior to fleeing to Afghanistan.<sup>31</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted occupying the Syrian Guesthouse in Kabul, which was affiliated with al-Qaida's terrorist network.<sup>32</sup> (Analyst Note: The Syrian Guesthouse is closely tied to fleeing Syrian cell members and Abu Musab al-Suri.)
    - (S//NF) SY-1454 rented the house in Kabul at which detainee,<sup>33</sup> SY-327,<sup>34</sup> SY-326,<sup>35</sup> SY-329,<sup>36</sup> and Abd al-Nasir Ibn Muhammad Khantumani, ISN US9SY-000307DP (SY-307),<sup>37</sup> stayed for over a year. SY-317 admitted staying at the guesthouse as well.<sup>38</sup> (Analyst Note: SY-317 shares the alias Abdallah al-Shami with Abu Muaz al-Suri.)
    - (S//NF) Abu Musab al-Suri, aka (Mustafa Abd al-Qadir al-Sitt Mariam), aka (Abu Omar Abd al-Hakim), was affiliated with the Syrian Guesthouse in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul and was the head of the Syrian Group.<sup>39</sup> Abd al-Rahman Ahmad Khadr, US9CA-000990DP (CA-990, transferred), when discussing al-Qaida sites in Kabul, reported money and document forgery operations were conducted in the Syrian Guesthouse.<sup>40</sup> Detainee,<sup>41</sup> SY-326,<sup>42</sup> and SY-329<sup>43</sup> reported they left their passports at SY-1454's guesthouse.<sup>44</sup>
      - (S//NF) Analyst Note: The Wazir Akbar Khan area is the former diplomatic district occupied by the Taliban and al-Qaida for quarters and training. The passports may have been left behind due to incomplete alterations at the guesthouse, rendering the passports unsatisfactory for international travel. Regardless of the reason, most detainees were captured without their passport

<sup>31</sup> Analyst Note: Detainee reported his place of birth is Halab, SY. Halab is the Arabic identifier for Aleppo.

<sup>32</sup> TD-314/38436-02

<sup>33</sup> IIR 6 034 0797 04, 000330 SIR 14-APR-2004, IIR 6 034 0154 04

<sup>34</sup> IIR 6 034 0133 04

<sup>35</sup> IIR 6 034 0187 04, IIR 6 034 0123 04

<sup>36</sup> IIR 6 034 0876 04

<sup>37</sup> IIR 6 034 0557 02

<sup>38</sup> TD-314/37242-02

<sup>39</sup> TD-314/36471-02, IIR 6 034 0281 03

<sup>40</sup> TD-314/20458-02

<sup>41</sup> 000330 302 11-JUN-2002

<sup>42</sup> 000326 FM40 03-SEP-2003

<sup>43</sup> 000329 KB 12-JUN-2002

<sup>44</sup> TD-314/52681-03, Analyst Note: A variant of al-Shami is Ashami and a valid alternate alias for al-Shami is al-Suri.

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with some specifically instructed to leave the passports behind in order to make their positive identification difficult upon capture.<sup>45</sup>

- (S//NF) GZ-10016 identified LE-722 as an expert in passport and document forgery.<sup>46</sup> SMI reported LE-722 was one of the fleeing Syrian terrorist cell members, along with SY-327 and SY-329.<sup>47</sup> (Analyst Note: LE-722 probably provided the guesthouse occupants with forgery training or with forged documentation for their eventual return to Syria. Operational mission training courses usually included document forgery and currency counterfeiting.)
- (S//NF) GZ-10016 admitted he helped fund the Syrian Guesthouse.<sup>48</sup> GZ-10016 reported meeting with detainee at the guesthouse prior to the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks.<sup>49</sup> Both SY-327<sup>50</sup> and SY-329<sup>51</sup> acknowledged receiving money, in addition to the other residents and detainee, while staying at the guesthouse.
- (S//NF) GZ-10016 stated SY-307, an identified explosives expert,<sup>52</sup> was known as Abu Ahmad al-Suri who was with the Abu Musab al-Zarqawi group.<sup>53</sup> The Syrian government classifies SY-307 as a radical terrorist, who received several military courses at al-Qaida camps and fought with UBL forces.<sup>54</sup> (Analyst Note: As noted below, Abdallah Abd al-Razzaq Muhammad al-Dhabi (an al-Zarqawi network associate) reported SY-326's training at the al-Zarqawi camp. Both SY-326 and SY-307's identification at the guesthouse as part of the Syrian Group and their connection to the al-Zarqawi group provides indication of similar membership for detainee and the other Syrians with whom they resided and fought.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee was part of a four-man fire team and is assessed to have seen UBL in Tora Bora.
  - (S//NF) Detainee stated three other Syrians joined him in Tora Bora. Detainee identified the Syrians as SY-327, SY-326, and SY-329, and noted they were accompanied by an individual named Usama,<sup>55</sup> assessed to be Khaled Qasim, aka (Abu Usama al-Adani), aka (Khaled al-Adani), ISN US9YM-000242DP (YM-242).<sup>56</sup>

<sup>45</sup> 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.

<sup>46</sup> TD-314/44247-01, paragraph 5A

<sup>47</sup> TD 314 20999 03

<sup>48</sup> TD-314/36471-02

<sup>49</sup> TD-314/39191-05

<sup>50</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

<sup>51</sup> 000329 SIR 15-APR-2005

<sup>52</sup> TD-314/39191-05

<sup>53</sup> TD-314-24907-02

<sup>54</sup> TD-314/07637-02

<sup>55</sup> 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002, IIR 6 034 0059 05

<sup>56</sup> 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004



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Detainee also stated that he, SY-327, SY-326, and SY-329 occupied two caves in Tora Bora for approximately two months.<sup>57</sup>

- (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), reported SY-327 was part of a fire team composed of at least four fighters. One fighter carried extra ammunition for the machine gun, another fighter carried a RPG, and the fourth fighter carried an AK-47. SY-327 carried a heavy machine gun with a bipod and a 100 round magazine.<sup>58</sup> YM-252 also reported his group and SY-327's group both fell under the command of YM-242.<sup>59</sup> (Analyst Note: As SY-327 and SY-326 traveled together to Tora Bora, they joined the other members of the fire team assessed to be detainee and SY-329.)
- (S//NF) YM-242 admitted he was at the Abd al-Aziz Center in Tora Bora<sup>60</sup> and reported UBL visited his position one night to encourage the men.<sup>61</sup> (Analyst Note: YM-252 and YM-242's comments indicate detainee would have been present for UBL's visit as well, as detainee has not been associated with any other fighting positions in Tora Bora.)
- (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged they were all issued AK-47s by YM-242 after their arrival in the Tora Bora Mountains.<sup>62</sup> SY-327 stated he was taken to a group of Saudi males who were distributing weapons to all Arabs in the Tora Bora Mountains,<sup>63</sup> and admitted occupying a prepared position armed with an AK-47.<sup>64</sup> SY-329 also reported all Arabs were issued AK-47s when they entered Tora Bora.<sup>65</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have received suicide operations training at the Syrian Guesthouse in Kabul.
  - (S//NF) Detainee,<sup>66</sup> SY-327,<sup>67</sup> SY-326,<sup>68</sup> and SY-329<sup>69</sup> all reported studying under UBL-associate Shaykh Issa.<sup>70</sup> Detainee admitted he and SY-326 studied together at Shaykh Issa's Hanafi religious school.<sup>71</sup> (Analyst Note: These Syrian detainees minimize the importance of their contact with Shaykh Issa. However, due

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<sup>57</sup> 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002

<sup>58</sup> >000252 FM40 01-NOV-2004

<sup>59</sup> >000252 FM40 15-Mar-2005, 000252 FM40 31-May-2005(a)

<sup>60</sup> 000242 MFR 09-MAY-2002, TD-314/00928-02

<sup>61</sup> >IIR 6 034 0731 03, 000242 302 13-MAY-2002

<sup>62</sup> 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004

<sup>63</sup> IIR 6 034 0055 05

<sup>64</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

<sup>65</sup> IIR 6 034 0055 05

<sup>66</sup> 000330 302 11-JUN-2002

<sup>67</sup> 000327 MFR 18-DEC-2002

<sup>68</sup> 000326 SIR 01-JUL-2004

<sup>69</sup> IIR 6 034 0876 04, IIR 6 034 0876 04

<sup>70</sup> IIR 6 034 0278 03, 000766 SIR 05-NOV-2002, IIR 6 034 0501 03

<sup>71</sup> 000330 MFR 20-JUN-2002

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to the fact they were in the Syrian Guesthouse for over a year, they probably completed Shaykh Issa's training. This is supported by the fact that suicide training reportedly required over a year to complete.)

- (S//NF) Shaykh Issa was an Arab scholar and was part of the al-Qaida network. Some of his religious training included the "right to kill all non-believers", as well as how to deal with captured Muslim opponents.<sup>72</sup> Training occurred two to three times a week for about three months.<sup>73</sup> Shaykh Issa provided a two week training session for the Syrians and other Arabs who trained at UBL-sponsored camps. This training was considered part of the final preparation undertaken by the trainees.<sup>74</sup>
- (S//NF) Shaykh Issa provided final approval for the training of suicide operatives. The operational mission training courses included explosives, poisons, document forgery, currency counterfeiting, disguise, and training in Western lifestyle. Throughout the one-year sessions, progress reports were sent to Shaykh Issa, UBL, and the trainee's sponsor. Upon completion of training, the trainee was required to spend an additional two weeks with Shaykh Issa and swear an oath to UBL, after which the operative would be deployed on his mission.<sup>75</sup>
- (S//NF) After studying with Shaykh Issa, it was common practice for trainees to go to the front lines to fight.<sup>76</sup> According to Fahd Umar Abd al-Majid al-Umari al-Sharif, ISN US9SA-000215DP (SA-215), there was a Syrian camp on the front line of Kabul.<sup>77</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have received advanced training at an al-Qaida affiliated training camp, attended training at Abu Musab al-Suri's al-Ghuraba Training Camp, and may have received additional training at the camp operated by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Detainee is also reported to have been a trainer at Abu Musab al-Suri's camp.
  - (S//NF) SY-326<sup>78</sup> identified detainee's alias Bilal al-Kurdi, acknowledged by detainee,<sup>79</sup> on an al-Qaida affiliated document listing personnel scheduled to attend a training course labeled "Sniper Course Number 1."<sup>80</sup> (Analyst Note: Based on detainee's attendance at an advanced course, it is assessed detainee previously attended basic militant training.)

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<sup>72</sup> IIR 6 034 0278 03, 000766 SIR 05-NOV-2002, IIR 6 034 0501 03

<sup>73</sup> IIR 6 034 1179 04

<sup>74</sup> IIR 6 034 0876 04

<sup>75</sup> TD-314/18017-02

<sup>76</sup> IIR 6 034 0501 03

<sup>77</sup> IIR 6 034 0284 05

<sup>78</sup> 000326 SIR 10-DEC-2003

<sup>79</sup> IIR 6 034 1219 04

<sup>80</sup> AFGP-2002-800321, page 32

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- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have attended training at Abu Musab al-Suri's al-Ghuraba Training Camp in Afghanistan. SMI noted the escaped Syrian cell members joined a Syrian camp in Afghanistan run by UBL associate Abu Musab al-Suri<sup>81</sup> and attended an al-Qaida training camp.<sup>82</sup> Abu Musab al-Suri is an al-Qaida associate, mujahideen trainer, and Islamic theorist with a long history of supporting Islamic extremism.<sup>83</sup>
  - (S//NF) Abu Musab al-Suri established a camp to train Arabs. The camp, named al-Ghuraba (the foreigners) Training Camp, was located near Kabul. The camp taught electronic networking and preparation of remote controlled explosive devices.<sup>84</sup>
  - (S//NF) SY-327 stated he received training on the AK-47 from Khalid at SY-1454's Syrian Guesthouse.<sup>85</sup> GZ-10016 stated Abu Khalid al-Suri (detainee's travel companion and SY-327's associate Khalid) was a very good friend of Abu Musab al-Suri. Abu Khalid al-Suri was a pistol trainer at Abu Musab al-Suri's camp,<sup>86</sup> and also coordinated al-Jazeera media interviews with UBL.<sup>87</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee and other members of the Syrian Group probably received training at the al-Ghuraba Camp, and not at the guesthouse as claimed by SY-327.)
  - (S//NF) Between December 2001 and October 2005, Abu Musab al-Suri worked on the "strategic and military design of the future jihad." This design included the use of weapons of mass destruction such as nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, and dirty bombs. Abu Musab al-Suri was reportedly captured in October 2005 and transferred to Syria.<sup>88</sup>
  - (S//NF) Abd al-Rahim Abd al-Razzaq Janko, ISN US9SY-000489DP (SY-489), reported detainee was a trainer at Abu Musab al-Suri's camp in Kabul. SY-489 also reported UBL sent people to be trained at al-Suri's camp.<sup>89</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee possibly received training from Abu Musab al-Zarqawi along with other Syrian detainees and terrorist cell members.
  - (S//NF) Al-Zarqawi established a training camp in Herat for Jordanian, Palestinian, and Syrian fighters in 2000.<sup>90</sup> Detainee traveled to Afghanistan with

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<sup>81</sup> TD-314/44247-01

<sup>82</sup> TD-314/48778-01

<sup>83</sup> S-4J2-2410-0243-05

<sup>84</sup> IIR 6 034 0284 05, TD-314/21668-00, TD-314/12972-03

<sup>85</sup> 000327 MFR 07-MAR-2002, 000327 MFR 16-AUG-2002

<sup>86</sup> TD-314/40311-02

<sup>87</sup> TD-314/57927-04

<sup>88</sup> FBIS EUP20050617950080 17-JUL-2005, FBIS GMP20060613831007, FBIS EUP20060505950040.

<sup>89</sup> >000489 SIR 25-OCT-2007

<sup>90</sup> AMZ Chronology

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Abu Khalid,<sup>91</sup> who was identified by al-Zarqawi network explosives expert Azmi Abd al-Fatah Yusif al-Jayusi, aka (Abu Mujahid), aka (Abu Shuhayb), as a trainee at the al-Faruq Training Camp and at al-Zarqawi's camp in Herat. Abu Khalid also received specialized training in Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, and Lebanon.<sup>92</sup> Detained al-Zarqawi network associate Abdallah Abd al-Razzaq Muhammad al-Dhabi identified SY-326's alias as participating in training at al-Faruq in 2000 and at al-Zarqawi's training camp before moving to the Syrian compound in Kabul.<sup>93</sup>

- (S//NF) Detainee is an al-Qaida associate and is listed in an al-Qaida affiliated document.
  - (S//NF) Detainee's name was discovered on a document that listed 324 Arabic names, aliases, and nationalities recovered from raids against suspected al-Qaida safe houses in Karachi, PK. The contents of detainee's trust account were listed as a Syrian passport and service booklet. Detainee's associates Moammar Badawi Dokhan, ISN US9SY-000317DP (SY-317), SY-326, SY-327, and SY-329 were also listed on the document.<sup>97</sup>
  - (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 that 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,<sup>98</sup> SY-327,<sup>99</sup> SY-317,<sup>100</sup> SY-326,<sup>101</sup> and SY-329<sup>102</sup> have all expressed reservations of being sent back to Syria, citing fear of punishment for their travel to Afghanistan and for being at JTF-GTMO. Detainee admitted that when first questioned by US forces in January 2002 in Bagram, AF he falsely claimed to be an Iraqi Kurd because he was afraid of being sent back to Syria.<sup>103</sup>

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<sup>91</sup> 000330 KB 06-14-2002

<sup>92</sup> TD-314/29746-04, Analyst Note: See SCI addendum for additional information.

<sup>93</sup> TD-314/47763-03

<sup>94</sup> TD-314/39473-02

<sup>95</sup> TD-314/39473-02

<sup>96</sup> FBIS GMP20050123000064 23-JAN-2005, TD-314/12972-03

<sup>97</sup> TD-314/40693-02, TD-314-47683-03

<sup>98</sup> 000330 SIR 20-APR-2004

<sup>99</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

<sup>100</sup> 000317 KB 16-FEB-2002

<sup>101</sup> 000326 MFR 08-SEP-2002

<sup>102</sup> 000329 302 16-AUG-2002

<sup>103</sup> >IIR 6 034 1219 04

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**c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed as a **HIGH** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been generally noncompliant and sometimes hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 43 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 19 March 2008, when he threatened the guard force. He has six Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 30 April 2007, when he threw bodily fluids 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, assaults, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of five Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and two so far in 2008.

**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 26 March 2008.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee is associated with the Syrian Group, dismantled terrorist cells that fled Syria to Afghanistan in 2000. While in Afghanistan from 2000 to 2001, detainee is assessed to have attended militant training. Detainee lived as part of the Syrian Group in Kabul for a year and a half. During that time, detainee received instruction from al-Qaida affiliated Shaykh Issa, and is assessed to have received suicide operative training. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex during the campaign against al-Qaida and the Taliban.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee can provide information on his training background, as well as that of the other members of the Syrian Group in Syria, at the Syrian compound in Kabul, at al-Qaida affiliated training camps, at Shaykh Issa's house, and at UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee has unacknowledged associates and will be able to speak to their activities. Detainee should be able to provide information on the theological and martyrdom training taught by Shaykh Issa.

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

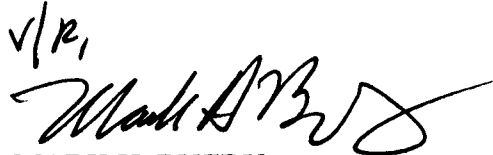
- The Syrian Group and their guesthouse to include SY-1454, Abu Musab al-Suri, Sheikh Issa, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, and other JTF-GTMO detainees.
- Training camps: Al-Faruq, al-Zarqawi's camp, and Abu Musab al-Suri's al-Ghuraba camp
- Terrorist cells in Syria

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- Future operations in the Levant region
- Terrorist biographical / psychological information
- Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)

9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 26 October 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*.