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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-000028DP (S)

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

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

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Muazhamza al-Alawi
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Muaz Hamza Ahmad al-Alawi, Muad Hamza al-Alawi al-Said, Moathaz al-Sayed, Arsalan, Abu Hashim al-Said, Abu Maath, Irsлам al-Hashimi, Muaz Hamzah Ahmed Khader al-Alawi
- Place of Birth: Al-Hudaydah, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 1977
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000028DP



**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 8 August 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is an assessed al-Qaida member and an Usama Bin Laden (UBL) bodyguard. Detainee is a veteran jihadist and admitted fighting for the Taliban on the front lines as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade.<sup>1</sup> Detainee participated

<sup>1</sup> 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,

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in armed hostilities against US and Coalition forces on the front lines and in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex in Afghanistan (AF). In addition to basic training, detainee is assessed to have attended several advanced militant training courses at al-Qaida affiliated training camps. Detainee's training included elite hand-to-hand combat training taught by Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka (Silver), aka (Khallad), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014), which was also attended by al-Qaida members slated for the cancelled Southeast Asia 11 September 2001 attacks. Detainee was captured with a group referred to as the Dirty 30, which included UBL bodyguards, an intended 20th 11 September 2001 hijacker, and other participants in YM-10014's elite training. Detainee is listed on an al-Qaida document and he resided at several al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses. Detainee was also identified as one of the managers at an al-Qaida guesthouse in Kandahar. It is assessed detainee was recruited through an al-Qaida associated Salafist network linked to Shaykh Muqbil Bin Hadi al-Wadi. Detainee has demonstrated his hatred for Americans at JTF-GTMO and will likely reestablish ties to al-Qaida and other extremist elements if released. **[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.)

- Updated detainee's account of events
- Added detainee's affiliation to Shaykh Muqbil Bin al-Wadii, aka (Shaykh al-Wadi)
- Added reporting from Arkan Muhammad Ghafil al-Karim, ISN US9IZ-000653DP (IZ-653), indicating detainee stayed at the Ghulam Bacha Guesthouse in Kabul
- Included report from Abd al-Hakim Abd al-Karim Amin Bukhari, ISN US9SA-000493DP (SA-493), that detainee served on UBL's security detail
- Added a report from Ayman Muhammad Ahmad al-Shurfa, ISN US9SA-000331DP (SA-331), stating detainee was a leader of an al-Qaida affiliated guesthouse
- Added detainee's photo identification of Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-100026)

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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.

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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 was born in al-Hudaydah, YM or Jeddah, SA and graduated from the Furqan Institute in Taiz, YM in 1998. Detainee then worked as a teacher at the Azzam Mosque in al-Hudaydah from 1998 until 2001.<sup>2</sup>

**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** Detainee first considered going to Afghanistan while teaching the Koran in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (SA). Detainee's cousin, Safwan al-Ansari, convinced detainee they should go and fight against the Northern Alliance in Afghanistan. Detainee saved money from his teaching job and sold his car to finance the trip. Detainee departed Saudi Arabia and traveled to al-Hudaydah, where Safwan arranged for a meeting with a facilitator named Abu Salehah (assessed to be Abu Salih, aka (Abdul Razzaq Basalih), a well-known al-Qaida facilitator in Yemen and Afghanistan).<sup>3</sup> Abu Salih helped detainee acquire a passport and visa. In June 2001, detainee departed Yemen for Afghanistan in response to the *fatwa* of Shaykh al-Wadi to participate in jihad.<sup>4</sup> Detainee left al-Hudaydah and traveled to Sanaa, Yemen where he booked a flight to Karachi, Pakistan (PK). In Karachi, detainee was taken to an unidentified guesthouse where he stayed for approximately four days before traveling to Quetta, PK.<sup>5</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** Detainee traveled to the al-Ansar Guesthouse in Kandahar, AF, where he left his passport with Abu Khulud and waited approximately six weeks for his cousin Safwan to join him.<sup>6</sup> After staying in several other al-Qaida sponsored

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<sup>2</sup> 000028 KB 07-FEB-2002, TD-314/28762-02, 000028 MFR 03-MAY-2003; Analyst Note: Detainee has provided conflicting information regarding his place of birth and his movements. Detainee claimed that he was born in Jeddah, SA (TD-314/50977-02) and al-Hudaydah, YM (TD-314/28762-02). For additional reporting on the Furqan Institute, see 000031 SIR 17-AUG-2004 and TD-314/50613-01.

<sup>3</sup> 000028 302 14-APR-2003, 000028 MFR 03-MAY-2003; Analyst Note: Abu Salahah is a probable variant for Abu Salih. For additional information on Abu Salih see IIR 4 201 1908 06.

<sup>4</sup> 000028 KB 07-FEB-2002, 000028 302 14-APR-2003, 000028 MFR 03-MAY-2003; Analyst Note: Detainee is vague about the timeframe of his activities in Afghanistan. Detainee admitted in a subsequent debriefing that he entered Afghanistan in 2000 to participate in jihad and that he received assistance from Abdallah Sawi Wahban al-Tami. For additional information see TD-314-50977-02.

<sup>5</sup> 000028 MFR 14-APR-2003

<sup>6</sup> TD-314/50977-02, 000028 302 14-APR-2003, 000028 MFR 03-MAY-2003; Analyst Note: This guesthouse had several aliases, some of which are al-Nibras, Hajji Habash Guesthouse, al-Ansar Guesthouse, Abu Khulud Guesthouse, al-Zubayr Guesthouse, and Suhaib Guesthouse. This guesthouse was used primarily for Arabs awaiting training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp. For additional information see 1457 SIR 20-OCT-2004, 000167 SIR 26-DEC-2005.

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guesthouses, detainee eventually went to the Khalid Center where he received weapons training on the rocket propelled grenade launcher (RPG). Detainee was already proficient with the AK-47 assault rifle since the age of eight.<sup>7</sup> After training, detainee was sent to fight under the command of IZ-10026 at the Omar Sayf Center in support of Taliban units north of Kabul, AF, for six months.<sup>8</sup> Detainee and his group were then transferred to an area north of Kunduz, AF, near the Tajikistan border. Detainee fled to Khowst, AF, at the outset of the US bombing campaign.<sup>9</sup> Detainee left Khowst in early December 2001 and joined 31 Arabs and three Afghan guides heading toward the Pakistan border.<sup>10</sup>

**5. (U) Capture Information:**

**a. (S//NF)** Detainee was captured by Pakistani forces on 15 December 2001 while attempting to cross the Afghanistan-Pakistan border near Parachinar, PK, after fleeing to UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex. Detainee was captured with the group of 31 other Arab al-Qaida fighters, referred to by US intelligence reporting as the Dirty 30, most of whom are assessed to be UBL bodyguards and other members of UBL's security detail.<sup>11</sup> Pakistani authorities transferred the group to a prison facility in Peshawar, PK, where they were held for 15 days.<sup>12</sup> On 26 December 2001, Pakistani authorities transferred detainee from Peshawar to US custody at the Kandahar Detention Facility.<sup>13</sup>

**b. (S) Property Held:** None

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 16 January 2002

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

- The recruitment of clergy to Afghanistan

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<sup>7</sup> >000028 302 05-MAY-2002

<sup>8</sup> 000028 MFR 03-MAY-2003, 000028 302 14-APR-2003; Analyst Note: Variants of Sayf include Saif and Sayyif. The Omar Sayf Center was a known logistics support site for the 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee stayed at this fighting position for five or six months, but could not remember the names of any associates from the center. In order to complete all the activities he noted, detainee would have had to arrive in Afghanistan earlier than June 2001.

<sup>9</sup> 00028 302 14-APR-2003, 000028 MFR 03-MAY-2003; Analyst Note: Detainee was probably sent to the front lines at Khwaja Ghar, AF, located near Tajikistan.

<sup>10</sup> 000028 302 26-JUL-2002, IIR 6 034 0704 02, IIR 6 034 0780 02, 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

<sup>11</sup> Bodyguard Profile INTSUM 23-OCT-2006

<sup>12</sup> 000027 302 18-MAR-2002, 000045 302 19-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0053 05, 000045 MFR 10-APR-2002, IIR 6 034 0304 02

<sup>13</sup> TD-314/00845-02

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**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee is withholding significant details of his activities, associates, facilities, times, and locations in Afghanistan. Detainee's claim that he first traveled to Afghanistan in 2001 is undermined by his own acknowledgment that he obtained his passport in 1998 and his separate claim that Abu Salih helped him obtain his passport before traveling. Detainee also provided an earlier statement to a foreign government service that he traveled to Afghanistan in 2000, with two additional sources reporting seeing detainee in Afghanistan in 1998. Detainee also withheld his training at the al-Faruq, Khaldan, and Mes Aynak training camps in Afghanistan from debriefers. Detainee initially omitted his status as a UBL bodyguard, but has subsequently claimed only involvement with UBL's 55th Arab Brigade and fighting in Kunduz. Detainee continues to use a known cover story used by the other detainees with whom he was captured.

**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 in DoD Control:** Detainee is an assessed al-Qaida member and a UBL bodyguard. Detainee is a veteran jihadist and a fighter in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade who participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces on the front lines and in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. In addition to basic training, detainee attended several advanced militant training courses at al-Qaida affiliated training camps. Detainee's training included an elite hand-to-hand combat training course taught by YM-10014, and probably artillery. Detainee is listed on an al-Qaida document supporting reporting he resided at several al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses, and was identified as one of the managers at an al-Qaida guesthouse in Kandahar. It is assessed detainee was recruited through an al-Qaida associated Salafist network linked to Shaykh Muqbil Bin Hadi al-Wadi. Detainee has threatened to kill US personnel and was identified as someone more disposed than others to conduct terrorist attacks in Yemen.

- (S//NF) Detainee is an al-Qaida member and a UBL bodyguard.<sup>14</sup>
  - (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, US9YM-000252DP (YM-252) stated detainee was a bodyguard for UBL.<sup>15</sup>
  - (S//NF) Al-Qaida operative Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, ISN US9TZ-010012DP (TZ-10012), photo-identified detainee as UBL bodyguard Arsalan. Detainee admitted using the alias Arsalan.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Analyst Note: Security and personal bodyguard was a prestigious position. Bodyguards had closer, more prolonged contact with UBL than other support personnel.

<sup>15</sup> 000252 302 30-MAY-2003

<sup>16</sup> TD-314/55241-05, TD-314/50977-02; Analyst Note: Variants of Arsalan include Ursalan and Irsalan.

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- (S//NF) Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), stated detainee was sometimes seen with other UBL bodyguards. YM-1457 also knew detainee as Arsalan, and added Yemeni facilitator Abu Salih possibly facilitated detainee's travel to Afghanistan in late 1997 or early 1998.<sup>17</sup> (Analyst Note: YM-1457's statements corroborate detainee's admission that Abu Salih helped him get to Afghanistan. YM-1457's reference to 1998 also corroborates the date provided by TZ-10012, who reported detainee trained at a camp in Khowst in 1998.)
- (S//NF) SA-493 reported detainee was a member of the UBL security detail who came to Afghanistan to receive training and participate in jihad. SA-493 added detainee had visited Saudi Arabia and Peshawar, PK.<sup>18</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is a veteran jihadist and a fighter in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade who participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces.
  - (S//NF) Detainee is a veteran jihadist dating from as early as 1999.
    - (S//NF) IZ-653 identified detainee as a fighter on the front lines of Kabul in late 1999 or early 2000.<sup>19</sup>
    - (S//NF) Muhammad Mani Ahmad al-Shalan al-Qahtani, ISN US9SA-000063DP (SA-063), with whom detainee was captured, identified detainee as a veteran fighter in Afghanistan.<sup>20</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces on the front lines and in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex.
    - (S//NF) Detainee photo-identified IZ-10026 as being from the front lines during the period that the detainee fought under the command of Abd al-Salam al-Hadrami.<sup>21</sup> Detainee also acknowledged fighting under the command of IZ-10026.<sup>22</sup> (Analyst Note: Al-Hadrami was one of IZ-10026's sub-commanders. )
    - (S//NF) Detainee admitted a Taliban vehicle transported him and his cousin Safwan al-Ansari to the Khalid Center near Bagram where detainee was issued an AK-47 assault rifle, four magazines, and two grenades.<sup>23</sup> (Analyst Note: The Khalid Center was an artillery center and warehouse for the 55th Arab Brigade. The Khalid Center operated an M43 120mm mortar, a dual multiple rocket launcher (MRL) similar to the BM-21, and an unknown artillery piece.<sup>24</sup>)

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<sup>17</sup> IIR 6 034 0059 05, IIR 6 034 0098 05; Analyst Note: Detainee claims he traveled to Afghanistan in mid-2001 on a passport issued in 1998.

<sup>18</sup> >RFI RESPONSE R-GTMO-0117-07 ISN 493

<sup>19</sup> IIR 6 034 1330 03, 000653 302 11-JUN-2003, 000653 302 25-JUN-2003; Analyst Note: IZ-653 places detainee in Afghanistan over a year before his claimed entry.

<sup>20</sup> IIR 6 034 0847 03, TD-314/50507-03

<sup>21</sup> >IIR 6 034 1359 04

<sup>22</sup> TD-314/50977-02

<sup>23</sup> 000028 302 14-APR-2003

<sup>24</sup> >IIR 2 340 6362 02, IIR 6 034 0088 05

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- (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged fighting at the Omar Sayf Center on the front lines in Khwaja Ghar, AF in late 2001. Detainee stated he was at the center for five to six months and noted many of the people with whom he served were killed by US air strikes.<sup>25</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee's statement confirms that he possesses firsthand knowledge of and, therefore, potential participation in hostilities during Operation Enduring Freedom.)
- (S//NF) YM-252 stated he saw detainee in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex with UBL after the 11 September 2001 attacks, approximately one month before Ramadan.<sup>26</sup> (Analyst Note: Ramadan began on 17 November 2001, placing detainee in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex in mid-October 2001, after the initiation of US military operations in Afghanistan.)
- (S//NF) SA-063 indicated he escaped from Tora Bora with the Dirty 30.<sup>27</sup> According to SA-063, he last saw UBL on 11 December 2001 during the US bombing campaign in Tora Bora when UBL told his men he was leaving.<sup>28</sup> After UBL left Tora Bora, the Dirty 30 was the first organized group to escape Tora Bora for Pakistan.<sup>29</sup>
  - ◆ (S//NF) SA-063 and some of UBL's bodyguards hid in trenches to avoid the bombs and then fled the bombing by crossing into Pakistan where he and others were subsequently apprehended.<sup>30</sup> (Analyst Note: SA-063 has been identified as a 20th hijacker who was unable to gain entry into the US for the 11 September 2001 attacks.)<sup>31</sup>
- (S//NF) In addition to basic training, detainee attended several advanced militant training courses at al-Qaida affiliated training camps.
  - (S//NF) TZ-10012 met detainee in 1998 in a small training camp in Khowst.<sup>32</sup> (Analyst Note: TZ-10012 reported attending al-Qaida's al-Faruq Training Camp when it was located in Khowst during 1998 which is probably the camp at which TZ-10012 saw detainee. Detainee probably received basic training at this time.<sup>33</sup>)
    - (S//NF) YM-252 reported that he and detainee trained together at the al-Faruq Training Camp.<sup>34</sup> (Analyst Note: YM-252 claimed that he traveled to Afghanistan in April 2001 and attended the al-Faruq Training Camp in Kandahar

<sup>25</sup> 000028 302 14-APR-2003, 000028 MFR 03-MAY-2003, 000028 SIR 29-JUN-2003(B)

<sup>26</sup> 000252 302 30-MAY-2003, 000252 302 17-MAR-2003

<sup>27</sup> IIR 6 034 0847 03, 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003

<sup>28</sup> >IIR 6 034 1131 03, 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003

<sup>29</sup> 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003, IIR 6 034 0847 03

<sup>30</sup> TD-314/50461-03

<sup>31</sup> Analyst Note: ISN YM-252 reported "if you were in Tora Bora, you were not innocent, you were there to fight." See: 000252 SIR 31-DEC-2004.

<sup>32</sup> TD 314/55241 05

<sup>33</sup> >Analyst Note: In 1998, al-Faruq was located in Khowst. It was then moved to Lowgar, then Kabul and finally Kandahar.

<sup>34</sup> 000252 302 17-MAR-2003

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shortly after arriving.<sup>35</sup> As detainee acknowledged having previous experience with the AK-47 and was not required to attend training before going to the front lines, detainee's training at al-Faruq during this period possibly served as refresher training for basic militant skills.)

- (S//NF) Detainee admitted receiving RPG training at the Khalid Center.<sup>36</sup> (Analyst Note: As the RPG was taught within the basic course at al-Faruq, and as the Khalid Center was identified as an artillery center, it is more likely detainee received training on the support weapons located at the Khalid center. These weapons included a mortar and MRL.)
- (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida operative YM-10014 stated detainee participated in a 1999 elite hand-to-hand combat training course at the Mes Aynak training camp.<sup>37</sup>
  - (S//NF) YM-10014 noted the close combat course also served as a test for al-Qaida members to determine who was capable of participating in operations. YM-10014 stated UBL requested a detailed report on all course participants after the course was over. The reports contained YM-10014's observations on each of the trainee's religious commitment, morale, obedience, willingness to do whatever he was told, and physical shape. Based on this, UBL then picked some of the class participants for operations.<sup>38</sup>
    - ◆ (S//NF) Analyst Note: Of note, several other members of the Dirty 30 also attended this training. Those detainees (ISNs US9YM-000029DP, US9YM-000037DP, and US9YM-000042DP) received training in preparation for the cancelled Southeast Asia portion of the 11 September 2001 attacks.<sup>39</sup>
  - (S//NF) Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), claimed detainee possibly went to the Khaldan Training Camp in 1999 and noted he and detainee saw each other several times during 2000 and 2001.<sup>40</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee resided at several al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses and was identified as one of the managers at an al-Qaida guesthouse in Kandahar. Detainee is listed on an al-Qaida affiliated document.
  - (S//NF) SA-331 reported detainee as one of the leaders at the al-Ansar aka (al-Zubayr), aka (al-Nibras) Guesthouse who took SA-331's identification information. He gave his passport and valuables to persons at the guesthouse for security reasons.<sup>41</sup>

<sup>35</sup> >000252 302 11-APR-2003

<sup>36</sup> 000028 302 14-APR-2003, IIR 6 034 0913 03

<sup>37</sup> TD-314/33185-03

<sup>38</sup> >TD-314/28511-04, Analyst Note: For additional information on the Mes Aynak combat training course see TD-314/38289-03.

<sup>39</sup> >TD-314/23505-04, TD-314/41093-03, TD-314/43244-03

<sup>40</sup> TD-314/55236-05

<sup>41</sup> >IIR 6 034 0039 03, IIR 6 034 0461 04, Analyst note: Variants of Nibras include Nabras and al-Nebras.



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- (S//NF) Probably related, SA-063 reported detainee served as *imam* (prayer leader) at the Kandahar guesthouse because he was well versed in the Koran and had memorized it.<sup>42</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted he stayed at the al-Ansar Guesthouse in Kandahar. Detainee reported that this guesthouse was a waypoint and support center for Arabs transitioning to and from training camps in the Kandahar area.<sup>43</sup> GZ-10016 corroborated detainee's statement noting he saw detainee a number of times at the al-Zubayr Guesthouse in Kandahar.<sup>44</sup>
- (S//NF) Sanad Ali Yislam al-Kazimi, ISN US9YM-001453DP (YM-1453), stayed with detainee in Kandahar and saw him at the al-Qaida Kandahar airport compound.<sup>45</sup>
- (S//NF) YM-1457 remarked detainee knew Afghanistan well and was "all over the place," moving around and visiting guesthouses, rarely staying in one place for very long.<sup>46</sup> YM-10014 also said detainee spent three to four years with the mujahideen in Afghanistan, but usually no more than a few months in any one place. According to YM-10014, detainee was well-liked and came and went at will.<sup>47</sup>
- (S//NF) Rida Fadhil al-Walili, ISN US9EG-000663DP (EG-663, transferred), reported detainee opened the al-Qaiti Guesthouse in Kabul which was mostly frequented by Yemenis visitors.<sup>48</sup> Detainee denied ever being at the al-Qaiti Guesthouse.<sup>49</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee stated he stayed at the al-Khat Guesthouse in Kabul, operated by Abu Anas al-Shamali.<sup>50</sup> (Analyst Note: *Al-Khat* is Arabic for The Line; a guesthouse servicing the fighters from the front lines. The Azzam Guesthouse in Kabul provided support to front line fighters and was reportedly operated by Abu Anas.<sup>51</sup> The Azzam Guesthouse is assessed to be detainee's claimed al-Khat Guesthouse. Abu Anas al-Shamali is assessed to be Ali Hamza Ahmed Suleiman al-Bahlul, aka (Abu Anas), ISN US9YM-000039DP (YM-039), a guesthouse operator

<sup>42</sup> IIR 6 034 0847 03, 000063 SIR 16-APR-2003

<sup>43</sup> IIR 6 034 0968 03

<sup>44</sup> TD-314/24151-02

<sup>45</sup> 001453 SIR 03-NOV-2004

<sup>46</sup> IIR 6 034 0059 05

<sup>47</sup> TD-314/33185-03, Analyst Note: According to YM-10014's timeline of detainee's presence in Afghanistan, "three or four years" places the detainee in Afghanistan as early as 1997. The assertion by YM-1457 that the detainee knew Afghanistan well and was "all over the place" would suggest the detainee had spent considerable time in Afghanistan, but no other reporting confirms such an early arrival.

<sup>48</sup> TD-314/25881-02, Analyst Note: Alternately the Khat Guesthouse may be the Karti Barwan aka (Number Nine), aka (Number Ten), aka (Ghulan Faheem). See 000587 SIR 17-DEC-2003, IIR 6 034 0312 05, IIR 6 034 0051.

<sup>49</sup> 000028 302 04-NOV-2002

<sup>50</sup> TD-314/50977-02, 000028 302 04-NOV-2002, 00028 302 14-APR-2003

<sup>51</sup> 000839 SIR 22-APR-2004

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- with whom detainee was captured. Like detainee, YM-039 reported Abu Salih facilitated his trip to Afghanistan.<sup>52)</sup>
- (S) Assessed al-Qaida member Mohammed Rafil Arkan, ISN US9IZ-000653DP (IZ-653), stated he saw detainee at the Khana Gulam Bacha Guesthouse in Kabul. IZ-653 stated the Khana Gulam Bacha Guesthouse in Kabul was an al-Qaida sponsored house overseen by IZ-10026.<sup>53</sup>
  - (S//NF) YM-252 stated he first met detainee in Karachi, PK, where the two men stayed in a house for three days.<sup>54</sup> Detainee reported he stayed at an unidentified guesthouse in Karachi before traveling to Quetta, where he stayed at the Taliban guesthouse.<sup>55</sup> (Analyst Note: The Taliban guesthouse in Quetta is assessed to be the Daftar Taliban Guesthouse, a transition facility for fighters entering Afghanistan to attend training and fight on the front lines against the Northern Alliance.)
  - (S//NF) Detainee's name and alias are included on a list of al-Qaida members and their trust accounts found during raids against al-Qaida associated safe houses in Pakistan.<sup>56</sup> (Analyst Note: 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, which 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) It is assessed detainee was recruited through an al-Qaida associated Salafist network linked to Shaykh Muqbil Bin Hadi al-Wadi (deceased).
    - (S//NF) Detainee admitted attending the al-Furqan Institute and traveling to Afghanistan in response to the *fatwa* of Shaykh al-Wadi. Detainee admitted visiting Shaykh al-Wadi who assisted detainee with his travels to Afghanistan.<sup>57</sup> (Analyst Note: Shaykh al-Wadi was the founder of the al-Dimaj Institute, and was affiliated with the al-Furqan Institute.)<sup>58</sup>
      - (S//NF) Shaykh Muqbil Bin Hadi al-Wadi was the founder of the *al-Salafiyah* (Salafist) Movement in Yemen and operated a number of institutions such as the Dimaj Center. Numerous JTF-GTMO detainees, including identified UBL

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<sup>52</sup> >IIR 6 034 0220 03; Analyst Note: A variant of Anas is Annas.

<sup>53</sup> >000653 FM40 06-AUG-2003, 000028 HANDNOTE 14-APR-2003

<sup>54</sup> 000252 302 17-MAR-2003

<sup>55</sup> 000028 302 14-APR-2003, 000028 MFR 14-APR-2003

<sup>56</sup> TD-314/40693-02 number 79, written as Darweesh Hamza Khedr, aka (Arselan), nationality: Yemen, Trust Account Number 256.123, has possession of a Yemeni passport, ID card, wallet, and photographs. In TD-314/47683-03, number 73, was written as Darwish Hamza Arsalan, trust number: 256-123, contents of trust: ID card, passport, wallet, and photos.

<sup>57</sup> >000028 KB 07-FEB-2002, 000028 302 15-AUG-2002

<sup>58</sup> TD-314/28801-02, IIR 6 034 1286 03

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bodyguards, attended the Dimaj Center, or were associated to Shaykh al-Wadi or to the al-Khayr Mosque.<sup>59</sup> 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.<sup>60</sup>

- (S//NF) Assessed al-Qaida members Uthman Abd al-Rahim Muhammad Uthman, ISN US9YM-000027DP, (YM-027), Faruq Ali Ahmed, ISN US9YM-000032DP, (YM-032), Majid Mahmud Abdu Ahmad, ISN US9YM-000041DP, (YM-041), and Abd al-Malak Abd al-Wahab al-Rahbi, ISN US9YM-000037DP, (YM-037) also attended the al-Furqan Institute, and were all later captured with detainee coming out of UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex.<sup>61</sup> According to the Yemeni PSO, the al-Furqan Institute served as a meeting and recruiting ground for jihadists in Yemen. Many Yemeni al-Qaida members have ties to the al-Furqan Institute, including those involved in the attack on the USS COLE.<sup>62</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee has threatened to kill US personnel and was identified as someone more disposed than others to conduct terrorist attacks in Yemen.
  - (S//NF) Detainee has expressed hostile intent toward US personnel while in US custody, threatening to kill US personnel on several occasions. On 15 January 2003, detainee made a threat to kill a US debriefer upon his release.<sup>63</sup> On 11 June 2003, detainee told the guards he wanted them to come into his cell so he could kill them.<sup>64</sup> On 13 December 2005, detainee expressed a desire to kill a doctor when a corpsman passed on a message detainee did not like.<sup>65</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee was assessed to have been identified by a senior, trusted associate of UBL as one of several Yemenis who might be inclined to carry out terrorist attacks in Yemen in response to US military operations.<sup>66</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct:** (U) Detainee is assessed as a **HIGH** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been non-compliant and hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 106 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 3 March 2008, when he was reported refusing to follow guards instructions in returning an extra T-Shirt. He has two Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for

<sup>59</sup> DIMAJ Institute Expansion INTSUM 01-JUN 2005, 000045 302 19-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0304 02, TD-314/12546-01, TD-314/28801-02, Wahhabism vs. Terrorism

<sup>60</sup> TD-314/09388-98, IIR 4 201 0997 08, IIR 6 034 0046 03, IIR 6 034 0408 02, 000040 302 18-AUG-2002, 000040 302 01-APR-2002, IIR 6 034 0391 02, 000434 302 12-JUN-2002, 000569 MFR 26-AUG-2002, TD-314/33185-03, TD-314/28511-04, TD-314/53467-04, Analyst Note: Variants of Dimaj include Dumaj and Damaj.

<sup>61</sup> IIR 6 034 0862 02, IIR 6 034 0259 02, IIR 6 034 0046 03, TD-314/50613-01, TD-314/28801-02, IIR 6 034 0266 03

<sup>62</sup> TD-314/26614-02

<sup>63</sup> 000028 302 15-JAN-2003

<sup>64</sup> JDG Incident 000028 dated 11-JUN-2003

<sup>65</sup> JDG Incident 000028 dated 13-DEC-2005

<sup>66</sup> IIR 5 391 0001 02; Analyst Note: The associate identified the name Irsilan al-Hashimi, assessed to be detainee.

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assault with the most recent occurring on 31 January 2004, when he was reported throwing food /water 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 64 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 29 February 2008.

**b. (S/NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee was identified by multiple al-Qaida members as a UBL bodyguard who associated with other UBL bodyguards. Detainee's status as a UBL bodyguard afforded him access to al-Qaida leadership, including details regarding their activities, associates, and possibly planned activities. He was present on the front lines in Taloqan and at UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex, and multiple reports identified him as being in Afghanistan as early as 1997. Detainee was identified as having attended various al-Qaida affiliated training camps and staying at multiple al-Qaida guesthouses and safe houses, which included the al-Zubayr guesthouse in Kandahar, guesthouses in Kabul, and safe houses in Karachi.

**c. (S/NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee's position within al-Qaida, especially his position as a bodyguard to UBL, afforded the detainee access to information which has yet to be exploited. Detainee's considerable training and related activities reflect an extended presence and progression within the ranks of al-Qaida over the period of several years. This extended period would have provided detainee with considerable knowledge of al-Qaida personnel, training, and various extremist associated facilities. Detainee was a veteran of armed combat and should be able to provide information on terrorist-related logistics, as well as tactics used to evade US and Coalition forces. Detainee can provide intelligence on al-Qaida members, Taliban fighters, Islamic extremists, and other JTF-GTMO detainees with whom he was captured. Detainee's assessed ties to UBL, as well as details on his activities during that period, have yet to be revealed or exploited.

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

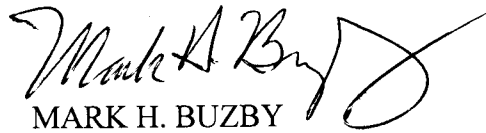
- Khalid al-Habib, the chief of internal operations of the military wing for al-Qaida
- Prior terrorist operations in the CENTCOM AOR
- UBL bodyguards and security detail members, including current JTF-GTMO detainees

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- Detainee's relationship to UBL
- UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex
- UBL's 55th Arab Brigade
- al-Qaida sponsored training camps and associated facilities including al-Faruq, Khaldan, and Mes Aynak.
- Jihadist facilitators in Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, and Pakistan

**9. (S) EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 16 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*.