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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-000045DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Ali A al-Rahizi
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Ali Ahmad Muhammad al-Razihi, Abu al-Lith, Abu al-Fida al-Taizi, Abu Fida al-Haythi, Abu al-Fida al-Khayer, Zubayr, Ali Ahmad Muhammad al-Mazarhai
- Place of Birth: Taiz, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 13 October 1979
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000045DP



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 4 June 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is a member of al-Qaida who was identified as a UBL bodyguard and received basic and advanced training at al-Qaida's al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee possibly supported combat activities on the front lines of Afghanistan (AF), as part of the Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee assisted in the management of al-Qaida supported guesthouses. Detainee was captured with a group of over

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30 al-Qaida members, which included other UBL bodyguards.¹ JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

- A **HIGH** risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies
- A **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective
- Of **MEDIUM** 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 further identifying detainee as a UBL bodyguard
- Added additional reporting concerning detainee's support of al-Qaida run guesthouses
- Updated information on detainee's associates

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 grew up in Taiz and graduated from the Madrassa al-Shab High School. Upon graduation, detainee continued to study the Koran in hopes of teaching the illiterate how to read the Koran themselves.² Detainee worked part-time with his father selling fruits and vegetables, and he relied on his parents for basic needs and financial support.³

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: In 1997, detainee met Ali al-Adani in a discussion group in the al-Dawa Mosque in Taiz. Ali al-Adani was a messenger for Shaykh Muqbil al-Wadi, who often spoke about the plight of the Afghan people and promoted support for jihad at the al-Dawa Mosque.⁴ In 1999, Ali al-Adani approached detainee and asked him to teach the Koran in Afghanistan, offering to pay for detainee's travel and giving him approximately \$450 US. After deciding he wanted to go to Afghanistan, detainee spoke with Shaykh

¹ Analyst Note: The 55th Arab Brigade 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 (Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi), aka (Abd al-Muhyman al-Iraqi), aka (Qutaibah), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), had primary operational command of the brigade, serving as UBL's military commander in the field.

² 000045 302 19-MAY-2002

³ IIR 6 034 0053 05

⁴ Analyst Note: A variant of Adani is Adeni.

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Muqbil al-Wadi, who advised detainee not to participate in jihad. Detainee gave his Yemeni passport to Ali al-Adani a few weeks prior to leaving Yemen. Al-Adani returned the same passport to detainee along with a Pakistani visa. Al Adani also gave him the address to the Bakh Hotel Sadorbaza, near Karachi, Pakistan (PK), and then provided transportation for detainee to the airport in Yemen. Detainee traveled to Karachi and then to Quetta, PK, where he stayed one night at the Daftar Taliban Guesthouse. In Quetta, detainee met Qari Hayatallah, who drove detainee and two unidentified Afghans to a village in Afghanistan, called Shurandam, AF, near Kandahar.⁵

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee spent two years in Shurandam teaching students to read the Koran while working for Qari Hayatallah, who interpreted for him. In late 2001, Qari Hayatallah told detainee about the escalating war in Afghanistan. Qari Hayatallah escorted detainee to a village near Khowst, AF where an Afghan guide was preparing to escort approximately 30 Arab men across the mountains to Pakistan. Detainee joined this group and traveled through the mountains for the next ten days. Detainee claimed he last saw Qari Hayatallah on 12 December 2001.⁶

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 from UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex. Detainee was captured with a group of 30 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.⁷ Pakistani authorities transferred the group to a prison facility in Peshawar, PK where they were held for 15 days.⁸ On 26 December 2001, Pakistani authorities transferred detainee from Peshawar to US custody at the Kandahar Detention Facility, AF.⁹

b. (S) Property Held:

- Money:
 - 1,030 Pakistani Rupees (PKR)¹⁰
 - \$100 US

⁵ IIR 6 034 0053 05; Analyst Note: A variant of Qari Hayatallah is Kari Hayat Allah. Jowzjan is located in north-central Afghanistan.

⁶ IIR 6 034 0053 05, 000045 302 10-JUL-2003

⁷ Bodyguard Profile INTSUM 23-OCT-2006, IIR 6 034 1131 03, IIR 6 034 0847 03, TD-314/50461-03

⁸ 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

⁹ TD-314/00845-02

¹⁰ Analyst Note: Approximately equivalent to \$17 US.

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- Miscellaneous personal items, including a photo, wallet, book, several pieces of paper containing Arabic writing, a piece of cardboard with the word “Turkistani” written on it, three sheets of cardboard with Arabic writing, and two booklets containing Arabic writing
- Two identification cards with Arabic writing
- One Yemeni passport, number 295285

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 11 January 2002

d. (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF-GTMO: Detainee’s file does not indicate why he was sent to JTF-GTMO.

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee’s Account: Detainee’s account is highly questionable and incomplete. Recent interrogation reports indicate detainee refuses to answer questions pertaining to his previous account of events. Detainee’s story is contradicted by numerous reports from previous and current JTF-GTMO detainees. Detainee was taken into Pakistani custody with a group of 30 Arabs who had escaped together from Tora Bora, including Muhammad Yahya Muhsin al-Zaylai, ISN US9SA-000055DP (SA-055, transferred), and Majid Mahmud Abdu Ahmad, ISN US9YM-000041DP (YM-041). According to SA-055, the Pakistani warden of the prison informed the group that the best thing they could tell US forces when they were interrogated was they were in Afghanistan to teach the Koran and for religious studies.¹¹ YM-041 added that the Koran-teaching cover story was false.¹²

7. (U) Detainee Threat:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies.

b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention: Detainee is a member of al-Qaida identified as a UBL bodyguard who received basic and advanced training at an al-Qaida supported training facility. Detainee probably supported combat activities on the front lines of Afghanistan as part of the 55th Arab Brigade against the Northern Alliance prior to the initiation of US combat operations. Detainee assisted in the management of al-Qaida supported guesthouses.

- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a member of al-Qaida who operated as a UBL bodyguard and received basic and advanced training at an al-Qaida training facility.

¹¹ IIR 6 034 0704 02

¹² 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

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- (S//NF) Richard Dean Belmar, ISN US9UK-000817DP (UK-817, transferred) identified detainee and stated that he was high up in the al-Qaida organization and that he had seen detainee at al-Faruq Training Camp with UBL acting as his bodyguard during at least one of UBL's visits there.¹³
- (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), photo-identified detainee as a UBL bodyguard on three separate occasions.¹⁴
- (S//NF) Detainee was captured with a group of 30 Arab fighters, which included UBL bodyguards and al-Qaida operatives. Muhammad Mani Ahmed Ali Shallan al-Qahtani, ISN US9SA-000063DP (SA-063), who was captured with detainee, initially identified detainee as a UBL bodyguard. However, SA-063 subsequently retracted the claim.¹⁵ (Analyst Note: SA-063 has been referred to as the "20th hijacker" for his planned role in the 11 September 2001 attacks. Although SA-063 retracted his claim, detainee's capture with the Dirty 30 indicates direct association with individuals who were highly trusted within al-Qaida.)
- (S) According to Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj, aka ("Riyadh the Facilitator"), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), detainee went to Afghanistan in late 1999 and attended basic training at al-Faruq, and then attended an advanced training class for instructors. YM-1457 did not think detainee completed the instructor's course.¹⁶
- (C//REL TO USA, GCTF) Sanad Ali Yislam al-Kazimi, ISN PK9YM-001453DP (YM-1453), reported detainee attended basic training at al-Faruq in May 2000 and was in the Teknek group led by Hamza al-Zubair.¹⁷ (Analyst Note: Al-Zubair was killed during a raid on a Karachi guest house where he reportedly was running a cell in preparation for future terrorist attacks. Those individuals captured during the firefight were given the pseudonym "the Karachi Six.")
- (S//NF) A variant of detainee's alias, Abu al-Fidaa al-Taazi, was found on a document issued by the Office of Mujahideen Affairs listing militants scheduled to receive "Security Course No. 4" training in March 2001.¹⁸ (Analyst Note: The document does not provide details about the curriculum for this course.)
- (S//NF) Detainee's alias, Abu al-Fida al-Taizi, was found on a training application form, indicating detainee had signed up for basic instruction and that detainee arrived in Afghanistan in May or June of an unspecified year. Detainee listed on the form that he had basic, tactical, and artillery training. Detainee did not

¹³ ➤ IIR 4 201 1522 05, Bodyguard Profile 23-OCT-2006

¹⁴ ➤ 000252 SIR 24-JUL-2007, 000252 SIR 31-AUG-2007, 000252 FM40 26-SEP-2006

¹⁵ IIR 6 034 0847 03, 000063 SIR 22-APR-2003

¹⁶ IIR 6 034 0059 05

¹⁷ IIR 6 034 0124 05

¹⁸ AFGP-2002-600875

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- list a particular operation he had been involved in, but stated he was familiarized with combat.¹⁹ (Analyst Note: The year is probably 2000.)
- (S//NF) Detainee probably supported combat activities on the front lines of northern Afghanistan.
 - (S//REL TO USA, GCTF) Mohammed Ali Abdullah Mohammed Bwazir, ISN US9YM-000440DP (YM-440), reported a fighter using detainee's alias traveled with a group of six fighters from Kabul to Mazar-e-Sharif in March 2001. Also among the six fighters were Zubayr al-Libi and Hamza al-Adani.²⁰
 - (S//NF) Muhammad Abd Allah Mansur al-Futuri, ISN USYM-00194DP (YM-194, transferred), reported a Zuhair al-Libi was killed on the front lines of northern Afghanistan.²¹ Several detainees have identified an individual known as Hamza al-Adani as a trainer at al-Faruq who had fought on the front lines in northern Afghanistan.²²
 - (S//NF) According to YM-1457, detainee stayed at a guesthouse on the front lines and moved back to Kandahar between May and July 2001.²³
 - (S//NF) Abdul Zahir, ISN US9AF-000753DP (AF-753), identified detainee as being present in northern Kabul with assessed UBL bodyguard Muhammad Rajab Sadiq Abu Ghanim, ISN US9YM-000044DP (YM-044).²⁴ AF-753 did not elaborate on detainee's relationship with YM-044, and later retracted the claim of even knowing YM-044.²⁵ (Analyst note: However, YM-044 was a UBL bodyguard who was captured with detainee, indicating that an association between them did exist.)
 - (S//NF) A document seized in a joint raid with the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate that led to the capture of Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, ISN US9KU-010024DP (KU-10024), on 1 March 2003, identified an individual using detainee's name among militants killed in northern Afghanistan.²⁶ (Analyst Note: It is unclear why detainee's name was on the list of killed. However, such lists were not always accurate reports of who actually died. Also, the practice of assuming the alias of a dead comrade was not uncommon and was sometimes done to honor a fallen comrade.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee assisted in managing al-Qaida operated guesthouses.²⁷

¹⁹ >AFGP-2002-901078, Analyst Note: This form, known as a Military Form 15, was used to determine military competence or level when applying for training.

²⁰ IIR 6 034 0965 04; Analyst Note: Taloqan is located in northeastern Afghanistan near the Tajikistan border.

²¹ TD-314/26592-02

²² TD-314/52813-06, IIR 6 034 0837 02, IIR 6 034 0318 02(b)

²³ IIR 6 034 0059 05

²⁴ 000753 302 31-OCT-2002

²⁵ 000753 302 30-JUN-2003

²⁶ TD-314/17125-03

²⁷ Analyst Note: The al-Nibras Guesthouse was also known as the Hajji Habash guesthouse, the Zubair Guesthouse, and the al-Ansar Guesthouse. It was a stopping off point on the way to and from the al-Faruq Training Camp and the front lines.

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- (S//NF) YM-252 stated detainee was responsible for helping run the al-Nibras Guesthouse. YM-252 described the al-Nibras guesthouse as a favorite of UBL's.²⁸
 - (S//NF) YM-252 also stated detainee "looked like" the owner of the Jamila al-Yamani guesthouse, which was used to house new recruits. YM-252 said detainee would take new recruits to the market for personal needs, because new recruits were not allowed to go to the market on their own.²⁹
 - (S//NF) UK-817 stated that the detainee was present at the small *mudafah* (guesthouse) in Kandahar.³⁰ (Analyst Note: This description of this guesthouse as small would probably support the detainee being present at the Jamila al-Yamani guesthouse. It is possible that the detainee had some hand in managing both of the above mentioned guesthouses.)
- (S//NF) According to YM-1457, detainee moved from a guest house on the front lines to Kandahar in mid-2001 to assist Zubair al-Haili, aka (Badr Abd al-Karim al-Sudayri), in running the Hajji Habash Guesthouse, aka (al-Nibras Guesthouse). YM-1457 stated detainee had no specific job, but would help out by running errands and doing administrative duties.³¹ (Analyst Note: Zubayr al-Haili was last known to be detained by a foreign country. Al-Haili was also connected with a number of the 9/11 hijackers.)
 - (S//NF) YM-1457 stated that detainee was asked to stay at the guest house on the front line because he was good at calligraphy.³² (Analyst Note: Supports that detainee assisted in management duties at two separate guesthouses.)
 - (S//NF) SA-063 stated he saw detainee multiple times at the Kandahar guesthouse.³³
 - (S//NF) Zubayr al-Haili aka (Badr Abd al-Karim al-Sudayri), was an al-Qaida facilitator who provided money, false passports, and clothing to the al-Qaida members at the guesthouse in Kandahar.³⁴ According to GZ-10016, this individual (detainee) was sent to him seeking money to get married in early 2001. GZ-10016 gave him approximately \$2,000 US and never saw him again.³⁵
- (S//NF) Shawki Awad Balzuhair, aka (Abu Malik), ISN US9YM-000838DP (YM-838), stated a person using the name Abu al-Fida was commanding the al-Nibras Guesthouse in June 2001, when YM-838 stayed there.³⁶ Additionally, YM-

²⁸ ➤000252 FM40 31-MAY-2005, 00252 FM40 5-JAN-2005 (part two of two)

²⁹ ➤000252 SIR 24-JUL-2007

³⁰ ➤ IIR 4 201 1522 05

³¹ IIR 6 034 0059 05

³² IIR 6 034 0059 05

³³ IIR 6 034 0847 03

³⁴ ➤IIR 6 034 0337 06, 001457 FM40 17-JUN-2004, Analyst Note: On 10 June 2002, Moroccan Internal Intelligence Service (DGST) officers arrested Zubair al-Haili in Casablanca

³⁵ ➤TD-314/37232-05

³⁶ TD-314/39082-02

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1453 photo-identified detainee as the person who was in charge of the al-Nibras Guesthouse.³⁷ (Analyst Note: YM-1453 did not specify the timeframe when he saw detainee at al-Nibras. Detainee may have temporarily run the guesthouse in Zubair al-Haili's absence.)

○ (S) Abd al-Rahman Ahmed Said Abdihi, ISN US9YM-000441DP (YM-441), reported Abu Hafs and Abu Fida managed the Arab Center in Kandahar prior to YM-441's trip to al-Faruq, which occurred in June 2001.³⁸ (Analyst Note: The Arab Center is assessed to be the al-Nibras Guesthouse.)

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed as a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been mostly compliant and non-hostile to the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 39 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 5 April 2008, when he flooded his cell. He has no Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions and camp rules, inappropriate use of bodily fluids, unauthorized communications, damage to government property, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of 14 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and five so far in 2008.

8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **MEDIUM** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 16 April 2007.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee was in Afghanistan for two years prior to his capture. Detainee resided at al-Qaida guesthouses, training camps, and in front line positions. Detainee was captured with approximately 30 others, many of whom were former UBL bodyguards and al-Qaida members.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee's placement as a guesthouse manager and along the front lines puts him in a unique position to be able to provide information on militants and al-Qaida fighters who traveled to and from the al-Faruq Training Camp and the front lines. Detainee's instructor training probably gave detainee special access to higher level al-Qaida associates and unique knowledge concerning al-Faruq.

³⁷ 001453 FM40 14-JUN-2004

³⁸ IIR 6 034 0391 02, Analyst Note: Abu Hafs is assessed to be Abu Hafs al-Mauritania, who was in charge of the Islamic Studies Center, which was tied to the Hajji Habash guesthouse (see 001457 SIR 20 OCT 2004). Abu Fida is assessed to be the detainee.

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

- Kandahar guesthouse, management, leadership
- Al-Faruq Training Camp, training activities, and personnel
- Locations and command structure of the front lines
- UBL
- Other JTF-GTMO detainees

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