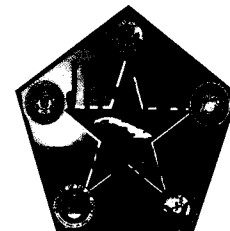




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25 December 2006

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO) for Guantanamo
Detainee, ISN: US9YM-000506DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Mohammed Khalid Salih al-Dhuby
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Khalid Muhammad Salih al-Dhuby, Muhammed Salih al-Thabi
- Place of Birth: Taif, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 1981
- Citizenship: Yemen (YM)
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000506DP



2. (U//FOUO) **Health:** Detainee is in good health.

3. (S//NF) JTF-GTMO Assessment:

a. (S) **Recommendation:** JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Transfer Out of DoD Control (TRO). JTF-GTMO previously assessed detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) with Transfer Language on 6 February 2006.

b. (S//NF) **Executive Summary:** Detainee is assessed to be a probable member of al-Qaida who utilized the al-Qaida travel-network for access to Afghanistan (AF), and to receive militant training. Detainee manned military positions in Tora Bora and probably engaged in hostile activities against coalition forces. Detainee withholds information of intelligence value and has familial ties to extremism. JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

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- A **MEDIUM** 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.)

- (S//NF) JTF-GTMO previously noted a variant of detainee's name was recovered from the hard drive of Khalid Shaykh Muhammad's aka (KSM), ISN US9KU-010024DP (KU-10024). Additional research does not support the assessment that the name recovered was that of detainee, and the reference to this identification has been removed from this assessment.¹

4. (S//NF) 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 lived his entire life in Saudi Arabia, though he claims Yemeni citizenship.² Detainee completed eight years of formal education prior to beginning Koran studies at the Haram al-Makki Mosque in Mecca, SA. Detainee worked various menial jobs at the mosque and local hotels.³

b. (S//NF) **Recruitment and Travel:** While studying at the Haram al-Makki Mosque, detainee met Abu Ali al-Yafi.⁴ Al-Yafi showed detainee videos of fighting and training in Chechnya. Al-Yafi convinced detainee that the Koran stated all Muslims must know how to fight; thus, detainee became excited at the prospect, and decided to travel to Afghanistan for training. Al-Yafi facilitated detainee's travel, including flight arrangements and funds. In early June 2001,⁵ detainee and al-Yafi flew from Jeddah, SA, through the United Arab Emirates (AE) and Pakistan (PK) before arriving in Afghanistan.⁶

¹ ➤ Analyst Note: The material referenced was identified with source document TD 314-13174-03.

² Analyst Note: Detainee's parents were both from Yemen. Saudi law does not automatically grant Saudi citizenship to children of foreign national fathers, even if the child is born in the country.

³ IIR 6 034 0686 03

⁴ 000506 KB 06-DEC-2005

⁵ TD-314/46244-02, 000506 SIR EXT 21-JAN-2002

⁶ IIR 6 034 0686 03, 000506 302 15-MAY-2002, 000506 SIR 01-JUL-2004, 000505 SIR 14-SEP-2004

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c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee arrived in Kandahar, AF, and stayed at the Hajji Habash guesthouse owned by al-Qaida operative Abu Zubayr, but managed by Abu Khalud.⁷ At the guesthouse, detainee surrendered his passport and never saw it again.⁸ Detainee studied the Koran for two months while waiting to join a training class. In early August 2001, detainee began six weeks of training at al-Faruq under the tutelage of al-Qaida trainer, Jouhaina Sabah al-Layl.⁹ Training consisted of familiarization with the Kalashnikov, PK (pistol), heavy machine gun, rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) launcher, and hand-to-hand combat techniques. Detainee claimed he never received notice of advanced training opportunities while attending training at al-Faruq though he did report on two nearby training camps and stated he heard explosions coming from the direction of those camps. Detainee claimed no knowledge of the activities conducted at the camps and stated that he was forbidden to attend them. Detainee also denied awareness that al-Faruq belonged to Usama Bin Laden (UBL) claiming he had no knowledge of UBL.¹⁰ During detainee's time at al-Faruq, his brother, Salah Muhammad Salih al-Dhabi, ISN US9SA-000572 (SA-572), visited the camp.¹¹ Detainee denied any knowledge of SA-572's purpose in Afghanistan. In mid-September 2001, detainee's trainer informed detainee that he (detainee) was being transferred to another camp near Jalalabad, AF. Over the next week, detainee and other trainees slept outside the camp and were given no reasons for leaving al-Faruq.¹² Detainee arrived in Jalalabad and was assigned to al-Qaida commander Abu Thabit's camp. The camp was a large farm run by a person named Muhjin al-Taifi.¹³ Detainee was supposed to receive the second phase of his training here, which included navigation, tactics, and artillery.¹⁴ In late October 2001, detainee received a Kalashnikov and 30 rounds of ammunition and was assigned to Abu Thabit's unit defending the area around Toran Mountain in Tora Bora.¹⁵

⁷ 000506 SIR EXT 21-JAN-2002, Analyst Note: Abu Khalud was a known al-Qaida member linked to the guesthouse. A variant of Khalud is Khaloud.

⁸ Analyst Note: This was normal procedure for checking into a guesthouse. Recruits would surrender passports and all valuables for safekeeping while they conducted training or were attached to combat units.

⁹ TD-314/46244-02, Variants for Sabah al-Layl include: Sabah Alil, Sabaa Llail, Saba al-Leyl, Sabaa al-Waile; also refer to IIR 2 340 6120 02, IIR 2 340 6302 02, and 000506 SIR EXT 25-MAR-2002

¹⁰ 000506 302 15-MAY-2002, 000506 SIR 14-SEP-2004, 000506 SIR 01-JUL-2004, IIR 6 034 0686 03

¹¹ IIR 6 105 0106 05, Analyst Note: DNA analysis on detainee and SA-572 indicated that the two were "very likely" to be close biological relatives (i.e. full siblings - brothers).

¹² Analyst Note: Al-Faruq was evacuated due to expected US retaliation for the 9/11 attacks.

¹³ 000506 302 15-MAY-2002, 000506 SIR EXT 25-MAR-2002, Analyst Note: Variants for Muhjin al-Taifi include: Majin al-Taefi, Abu Majin al-Taefi, Abu Mahjin, Abu Mehjen, Abu Mahjan, Abu Mehgan, Abu Muhjan, Abu Mahjen, Abu Muhajan, and Abu Mihjan. Abu Muhjin is aka (Muhjin al-Sharif) aka (Abu Muhjid al-Taifi) aka (Salih Husayn Ali Ahmad) and his true name is believed to be Marwan Muhammad Naman Mujahid; see CIR 316/07159-04. Abu Muhjin is discussed further in Paragraph 7b below.

¹⁴ TD-314/46244-02, 000506 SIR EXT 21-JAN-2002

¹⁵ 000506 302 15-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 0750 03, IIR 2 340 6373 02, IIR 2 340 6384 02

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The coalition bombing campaign intensified against Tora Bora positions, so detainee's unit retreated and fled toward Pakistan.¹⁶

5. (S//NF) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) According to detainee, after Ramadan in 2001,¹⁷ detainee surrendered to Afghan forces after the majority of his traveling party was killed or seriously injured by an explosion.¹⁸ This event probably describes the attack on al-Qaida forces in Tora Bora in mid-December 2001.¹⁹ Detainee managed to make it to a nearby village with others from his group.²⁰ The villagers turned the group over to Afghan Commander Hajji al-Qadir Haq.²¹ Detainee was reportedly transferred to the control of US forces on 18 December 2001.²²

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

c. (S) **Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 5 May 2002

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

- Personnel and training at al-Faruq
- The Zubair safe house in Kandahar
- Al-Qaida recruitment and ingress routes to Afghanistan

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee has provided a logical timeline but he has introduced intelligence gaps and contradictions through the lack of detail in his account of events. Detainee has withheld information concerning guesthouses, safe houses, training facilities, and his specific activities and associates in Afghanistan. Detainee spent two months in Tora Bora, but provides only a vague and benign description of his activities, claiming to have hidden in a cave.

¹⁶ IIR 6 034 0686 03, 000506 SIR EXT 25-MAR-2002

¹⁷ Analyst Note: Ramadan 2001 was from 17 November to 16 December 2001.

¹⁸ 000502 KB 06-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: Detainee and TS-502 share the same capture events.

¹⁹ Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis

²⁰ IIR 6 034 0893 04

²¹ IIR 7 738 0070 02, TD-314-28731-02, 000506 302 15-MAY-2002, 000506MFR 07-MAY-2002, IIR 6 034 1332 03, IIR 6 034 0893 04, IIR 6 034 1480 03, Analyst Note: In January 2002, Hamid Karzai appointed Qadir as Kandahar Province Governor. Qadir was assassinated on 29 July 2002 by HIG operatives.

²² IIR 6 034 0686 03

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7. (S//NF) **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 assessed to be a probable member of al-Qaida who utilized its travel network for access to Afghanistan and to receive militant training. Detainee manned military positions in Tora Bora and probably engaged in hostile activities against Coalition forces. Detainee has familial ties to extremism.

- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a probable member of al-Qaida who trained at and occupied al-Qaida facilities in Afghanistan.
 - (S//NF) Detainee was recruited through the al-Qaida network. Abu Ali al-Yafi recruited and facilitated detainee's travel to Afghanistan.²³ (Analyst Note: Abu Ali al-Yafi is the alias for al-Qaida and Taliban recruiter Marwan Jarwan²⁴ who is linked to several other JTF-GTMO detainees. Al-Yafim, a veteran of the Chechen and Afghan conflicts used videos and stories to persuade young men to pursue militant action in support of Islam. Al-Yafi was reportedly killed during a coalition raid in Kandahar.²⁵)
 - (S//NF) Detainee received approximately one and a half months of training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Camp under Jouhaina Sabah al-Layl. Training consisted of familiarization with the Kalashnikov, PK (pistol), heavy machine gun, RPG, and hand-to-hand combat techniques.²⁶ (Analyst Note: Al-Layl, a senior weapons trainer, worked directly for senior al-Qaida operatives Abd al-Qadus and Muhammad al-Masri.²⁷) Detainee believed he was to receive the second phase of his training consisting of navigation, tactics, and artillery in Tora Bora.²⁸
 - (S//NF) Detainee claimed he stayed at the Hajji Habash guesthouse aka (Zubair's Guesthouse)²⁹ for three months.³⁰ The Hajji Habash guesthouse served as an administration facility for newly arrived recruits bound for the al-Faruq training

²³ 000506 KB 06-DEC-2005, TD-314/46244-02, 000506 SIR EXT 21-JAN-2002, IIR 6 034 0686 03, 000506 302 15-MAY-2002, 000506 SIR 01-JUL-2004, 000506 SIR 14-SEP-2004, Analyst Note: A variant of Yafi is Jafi.
²⁴ IIR 6 034 0109 02

²⁵ IIR 6 034 0686 03, TD/314-17125-03

²⁶ TD-314/46244-02, IIR 2 340 6120 02, IIR 2 340 6302 02, 000506 SIR EXT 25-MAR-2002

²⁷ IIR 2 340 6120 02, IIR 6 034 0741 02, IIR 2 340 6302 02, Analyst Note: Both Qadus and Masri had significant roles as al-Qaida commanders in the Tora Bora.

²⁸ TD-314/46244-02, 000506 SIR EXT 21-JAN-2002

²⁹ 001457 SIR 20 OCT 2004

³⁰ IIR 6 034 0686 03

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camp.³¹ (Analyst Note: A three month wait for a training class at al-Faruq is assessed to be excessive. Detainee may claim this excessive time period to hide other activities including completion of training.)

- (S//NF) Al-Qaida facilitator Zubayr al-Haili was the Hajji Habash Guesthouse administrator.³² Zubayr reportedly had prior knowledge of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks and is linked to attempts to destroy US and British ships in the Straits of Gibraltar. Zubayr was reportedly convicted in Morocco in 2003.³³
- (S//NF) Detainee occupied al-Qaida positions in the Tora Bora Mountains in support of hostilities against coalition forces.
 - (S//NF) Al-Qaida member Abu Thabit commanded detainee's unit, which was responsible for defending Toran Mountain in Tora Bora. Abu Thabit also ran a camp which supported and defended retreating Taliban and al-Qaida forces.³⁴
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted receiving a Kalashnikov and 30 rounds of ammunition and being assigned to Abu Thabit's unit defending the area around Toran Mountain.³⁵
 - Assessed al-Qaida member Mohammed Nasir Yahya Kazaz, ISN US9YM-000509 (YM-509), verified detainee carried a Kalashnikov and reported that detainee used a Yemeni passport. (Analyst Note: Detainee stated he last saw his passport at the Hajji Habash Guesthouse, but neither YM-509 nor detainee identifies each other from the house, indicating detainee may have had his passport in Tora Bora.)³⁶
 - Detainee reported serving under Abu Muhjin in Tora Bora.³⁷ Abu Muhjin was Marwan Muhammad Naman Mujahid.³⁸ Abu Muhjin al-Taifi was known to be in Tora Bora where he served as a messenger for UBL and was reportedly killed while walking with UBL.³⁹

³¹ IIR 6 034 0459 02, IIR 4 201 2565 04

³² IIR 6 034 0580 04, IIR 6 034 0838 04

³³ JTSM Ghost Detainee Report 25-Sep-2006

³⁴ 000506 302 15-MAY-2002, 000506 SIR EXT 25-MAR-2002, IIR 2 340 6334 02, Analyst Note: A series of sixteen or seventeen rear-echelon camps were established to support and defend retreating Taliban and al-Qaida terrorist forces. Camps were named after their commander except for Camp Toranna, which was led by Abd al-Qadus. For more information on Abu Thabit see IIR 6 034 0924 02.

³⁵ 000506 302 15-MAY-2002 Analyst Note: Toran Mountain also contained a tunnel-like cave which was used as a staging area for those individuals getting ready to leave Afghanistan. Variants of Qadus include Qaddus, Qadous, Qadoos, and Kadoos. Abd al-Qadus, the former commander of al-Faruq Camp, was in charge of the Toran tunnel. See IIR 6 034 0750 03, IIR 2 340 6373 02, and IIR 2 340 6384 02

³⁶ 000509 MFR 21-May-2002

³⁷ 000506 302 15-MAY-2002, 000506 SIR EXT 25-MAR-2002

³⁸ CIR 316/07159-04

³⁹ TRRS-04-03-0907, IIR 6 034 0265 05, Analyst Note: The exact details of Abu Muhjin's death and the proximity to UBL at the time have not been verified.

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- (S//NF) UBL's 55th Arab Brigade member Arkan Muhammad Ghafil al-Karim, ISN US9IZ-000653 (IZ-653), photo-identified detainee as being in a group that was captured in Tora Bora and transported to a prison in Kabul, AF.⁴⁰ (Analyst Note: This group was reportedly captured with a significant amount of foreign money, to include 10,000 Spanish Pesos, \$5,000 USD, and an unknown amount of German Marks and Pakistani Rupees. Group members attempted to hide the money in the hollow legs of their prison beds.⁴¹ Detainee's links to the money are unknown.)
- (S//NF) Detainee's brothers are also affiliated with extremism.
 - (S//NF) Detainee saw his brother SA-572 at the al-Faruq training camp.⁴² SA-572 was a close associate with al-Qaida operative Zubayr al-Haili, having met him in approximately 1999 in Kabul, and lived with Zubayr for approximately one year.⁴³ On 7 February 2002, SA-572 was captured at an al-Qaida safe house in Karachi, PK, with senior al-Qaida facilitator Abdu Ali al-Hajj Sharqawi aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457).⁴⁴ (Analyst Note: Though detainee admits to having a brother with SA-572's name who detainee saw in Afghanistan, detainee has denied, as late as April 2006, knowing SA-572.⁴⁵ DNA testing has confirmed detainee and SA-572 are likely to be full brothers (sharing both mother and father).⁴⁶
 - (S//NF) As of late July 2002, the Yemeni Political Security Organization (PSO) held detainee's youngest brother, Ahmad al-Dhuby, in custody for alleged links to terrorism and extremism. It is unknown if al-Dhuby is still in custody.⁴⁷
 - (S//NF) Analyst Note: The noted familial ties to extremism may indicate additional ties originating from detainee's immediate family. As such, detainee's family would be assessed to serve in a supportive function to detainee's reengagement with extremist elements, should he be released.

c. (U//FOUO) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed as a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been compliant and rarely hostile toward the guard force and staff. Detainee currently has 3 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction

⁴⁰ IIR 6 034 1332 03

⁴¹ 000653 MFR 28-Apr-2003, Analyst Note: Other members of the group included: US9MO-000244DP, US9MO-000499DP, US9SA-000501DP, US9TS-000502DP, US9SA-000505DP, US9YM-000508DP, US9SA-000513DP, US9SA-000516DP, and US9KU-000551DP.

⁴² 000506 302 15-MAY-2002

⁴³ 000572 FM40 19-Jul-2004

⁴⁴ IIR 2 340 6330 02

⁴⁵ 000506 SIR 07 Apr 2006

⁴⁶ IIR 6 105 0106 05

⁴⁷ TD 314/30682 02, Analyst Note: Detainee stated that his brother Ahmad had moved to Yemen in 1999, but claimed that he had no information on Ahmad's activities in Yemen. A variant of Dhuby is Dhube. See IIR 6 034 0686 03.

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listed in DIMS, with the most recent occurring on 28 October 2006, when he attempted to assault a guard while participating in a mass disturbance. Other incidents for which detainee has been disciplined include failure to follow instructions and camp rules and possession of food type contraband. Detainee has no Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault in 2006.

8. (S//NF) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **MEDIUM** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 20 June 2006.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: After detainee was recruited, he traveled to Afghanistan, where he stayed in the al-Qaida affiliated Hajji Habash guesthouse. Detainee had direct access to residents and training conducted in the al-Qaida al-Faruq training camp. During detainee's attempted escape through Tora Bora, he had contact with al-Qaida military leadership and occupied defensive fighting positions under their command. Detainee has familial links to extremism. Detainee was reportedly captured with a group which carried a large sum of money.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee has provided minimal reportable intelligence and is routinely non-cooperative. His relationships with his older brother, SA-572, and younger brother, Ahmad require further investigation, especially with respect to their collective ties to al-Qaida in Afghanistan and other countries. Detainee has information on al-Qaida guesthouses including managers, operations, and especially other residents. Detainee can provide first-hand information on the events that occurred during his time in Jalalabad and Tora Bora including actual hostilities, leadership, and activities of other personnel. Corroborated reporting regarding the relatively large quantity of money at the time of detainee's capture may tie him to al-Qaida's financial network.

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

- Al-Qaida's Saudi Arabia recruitment network
- Al-Faruq and Hajji Habash guesthouse
- Tora Bora
- Detainee's familial links to extremism
- Money – source and intended use

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 29 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.



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