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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 US9MO-000197DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Ahmad Abdullah al-Wazan
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Younis Abdurrahman Chekkouri, Muhibullah al-Maghribi, Abdul Haq al-Maghribi, Ahmad Abdullah al-Wazan, Khalid Dahani, Abu Mahmud, El-Maati el-Moudaa, Mahmoud al-Maghribi
- Place of Birth: Safi, Morocco (MO)
- Date of Birth: 4 May 1968
- Citizenship: Morocco
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9MO-000197DP



2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in good physical health with no significant medical problems.

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 on 30 August 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: *If released without rehabilitation, close supervision, and means to successfully reintegrate into his society as a law-abiding citizen, it is assessed detainee would probably seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities. Since his transfer to JTF-GTMO detainee has been somewhat compliant with the guard force, but has one incident of threatening to kill a guard. He is non-*

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cooperative with debriefers and withholds information of intelligence value, probably indicating his continued support for Islamic extremism. Detainee co-founded the Moroccan Islamic Fighting Group (GICM) and served as the head of its Military Commission.¹ He formerly oversaw GICM operations in Afghanistan (AF), Syria (SY), and Turkey (TU). Detainee is assessed to have been a close Usama Bin Laden (UBL) associate who played a central role in coordinating mutual support between the GICM and al-Qaida, to include providing GICM fighters to support al-Qaida combat operations in Afghanistan and terrorist attacks Europe. Detainee is assessed to have engaged in hostilities against US and Coalition forces as the GICM senior commander on the Bagram front lines and at Tora Bora, and was captured with other extremist fighters fleeing Tora Bora. Detainee ran the Moroccan Training Camp at the Derunta Training Complex and trained militant fighters in explosive detonators, chemical weapons, and military tactics at the Algerian Guesthouse in Jalalabad, AF, and at Derunta. Detainee has familial ties to the GICM and al-Qaida members, including former JTF-GTMO detainees who have attempted to reconstitute the GICM. Detainee is assessed to be a high risk to who is likely to reaffiliate with the al-Qaida network as a senior commander and resume hostilities upon release. **[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 **MEDIUM** 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.)

- Revised and updated detainee's account of events
- Added JDG incident
- Additional reporting regarding the Tarek Ibnou Ziyad safehouse

4. (U) Detainee's Account of Events:

¹ Analyst Note: Individuals associated with the now dissolved Moroccan Islamic Fighting Group, also known as Groupe Islamique Combattant Marocain (GICM), aka Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group remain a National Intelligence Priorities Framework (NIPF) Counterterrorism (CT) priority 2A target. Priority 3 target are defined as Terrorist/extremist groups, countries that sponsor terrorism, or countries that have state organizations involved in terrorism that have demonstrated both intention and the capability to attack U.S. persons and interests, but are believed to pose somewhat less threat to U.S. interests around the world than Priority 2 groups or countries and are taking action to develop or acquire WMD capability.

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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) In 1988 detainee completed general studies in his home town of Safi, MO. From 1988 to 1990, detainee attended the University of Morocco in Jedida, MO, but failed to graduate. In 1990, detainee decided to go to Afghanistan and take part in extremist activity. He worked for two years at the Islamic World Goodness Committee in Peshawar, Pakistan (PK), as a relief worker. From 1992 to 1993, detainee worked for the Organization for Islamic Relief.² Detainee then attended the Islamic University in Islamabad, PK, from 1994 until 1996, taking a course in the fundamentals of religion. Detainee claimed he was self-employed as a merchant in Damascus, SY, from 1996 until 2001. Detainee had a brother who was who was previously held in custody at JTF-GTMO, Radwan al-Shakouri, ISN US9MO-000499DP (MO-499, transferred).³

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: In 1997, detainee visited Yemen to meet an Algerian named Abdulkadar. In early 1998, at Abdulkadar's recommendation, detainee traveled to Damascus. While in Damascus, detainee attended the Abu Nur Mosque and studied under a religious leader named Mufti Sheikh Keftaro. In 1999, detainee moved to Afghanistan and formed the GICM with Muhammad al-Guerbouzi aka (Abu Issa) to give Moroccans an alternative to being pressed into Taliban or al-Qaida service. Detainee stated that the GICM supported Islamic extremism in Chechnya, but due to travel difficulties, detainee remained in Afghanistan. Detainee further stated that the GICM did not believe in extremist views and promoted life according to the Koran. In 2000, detainee traveled to Turkey and Syria to study theology. Detainee later traveled to Saudi Arabia for pilgrimage and subsequently returned to Syria.⁴

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: In July 2001, detainee returned to Afghanistan with other GICM members to help reorganize and restructure the GICM. Detainee was placed in charge of the Military Commission, which was responsible for GICM military affairs. During his time as Military Commissioner, he made the acquaintance of Mahmoud, the Taliban Minister of Finance. After the US and Coalition forces began attacking Kabul, AF, detainee, his brother MO-499, and several other GICM leaders moved the GICM families to Jalalabad, where they were provided shelter. Detainee stayed in Jalalabad for approximately two months, until the fall of Kabul, and then fled the area with MO-499.⁵ Once they reached

² Analyst Note: The Organization for Islamic Relief is assessed to be the International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO), also known as Hay'at al-Igatha al-Islamiyya al-Alamiyah is a NIPF CT Priority 2 TSE which have demonstrated sustained and active financial support for terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests, or provide witting operational support to Priority 2 terrorist groups.

³ 000197 KB 25-MAY-2002, TD-314/31852-03, IIR 6 034 0352 05,302 000197 12-JUN-2002

⁴ TD-314/31852-03, IIR 6 034 1499 03, IIR 6 034 1248 03

⁵ TD-314/31852-03, Analyst Note: US and Coalition forces captured Kabul on 17 November 2001.

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the Tora Bora area, detainee and his brother separated from a group they had been traveling with and walked for six hours to a village. On 9 December 2001, detainee left his brother behind and headed to Pakistan to meet his wife, who had departed Jalalabad earlier.⁶

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Detainee fled the Tora Bora complex with a group of 84 Arab fighters led by senior al-Qaida commander Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri, aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), US9LY-000212DP (LY-212). In late December 2001, Pakistani forces captured the group near Parachinar, PK, and transported the detained Arab fighters in trucks to a Pakistani prison. During the transfer, some of the prisoners rioted, overturning a truck and killing several guards. Detainee managed to escape during the riot but was later recaptured.⁷ Detainee was transferred to US custody at the Kandahar Detention Center on 1 January 2002.⁸

b. (S) Property Held:

- 2 Airline tickets with date of travel 12 July 2001
- Moroccan passport in the name of El-Maati el-Moudaa
- 2 blank pieces of paper torn from a passport
- Money:
 - 661,500 Afghani (approximately equivalent to \$140 US)
 - 25,685 Pakistani Rupees (approximately equivalent to \$448 US)
 - 500 Saudi Riyals (approximately equivalent to \$133 US)
 - 100 British Pounds Sterling (approximately equivalent to \$144 US)
- Paper in Arabic with the following information: “Ahmed Abdullah-Morocco, 25685 Pakistani 25685
- Pakistani Riyal or Moroccan passport-100 British Pound-705550 Afghani-500 Saudi Riyal. (Analyst Note: Ahmed Abdullah is an alias of detainee)
- Personal identification for El-Maati el-Moudaa, including Consulate Identification Card and driver’s license
- Various personal items, including a beaded necklace, batteries, plastic flashlight, camera strap, prescription information, and a plastic ID holder

c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 1 May 2002

⁶ 000197 KB 11-MAY-2002, TD-314/31852-03

⁷ Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis, IIR 7 739 3396 02, TD-314/14605-04, Analyst Note: There are conflicting reports regarding the timeline of the disturbance on the truck (see SCI SUPPLEMENT).

⁸ 000197 INITIAL SCREENING 01-JAN-2002

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

- Relief operations of the Islamic World Goodness Committee
- Activities of the al-Wafa relief organization and one of its employees, Abu Abdullah
- Individuals associated with the Abu Nur Mosque and other mosques in Damascus

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee's account contains numerous gaps and conflicts with reporting by other sources that detail his long and extensive involvement with the GICM, al-Qaida, and other terrorist groups. Detainee's account of the founding of the GICM in 1999 in Afghanistan conflicts with reporting by other sources that place the event six years earlier in Sudan. While he has admitted he was a founding member of the GICM, he has avoided associating the group or any of his activities with al-Qaida or its anti-US objectives. He has not acknowledged his previous responsibility for GICM operations in Afghanistan since at least 1995, or his responsibility for GICM operations in Syria and Turkey in 1997 and 1998. Contrary to detainee's account, multiple sources have reported that detainee was directly involved in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Afghanistan.

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: *If released without rehabilitation, close supervision, and means to successfully reintegrate into his society as a law-abiding citizen, it is assessed detainee would probably seek out prior associates and reengage in hostilities and extremist support activities. Since his transfer to JTF-GTMO detainee has been somewhat compliant with the guard force, but has one incident of threatening to kill a guard. He is non-cooperative with debriefers and withholds information of intelligence value, probably indicating his continued support for Islamic extremism.* Detainee co-founded the GICM and served as the head of its Military Commission. He formerly oversaw GICM operations in Afghanistan, Syria, and Turkey. Detainee was probably also an al-Qaida member, and is assessed to have been a close UBL associate who played a central role in coordinating mutual support between the GICM and al-Qaida, to include providing GICM fighters to support al-Qaida combat operations and terrorist attacks in Afghanistan and Europe. Detainee is assessed to have engaged in hostilities against US and Coalition forces as the GICM senior commander on the Bagram front lines and at Tora Bora, and was captured with other extremist fighters fleeing Tora Bora. Detainee was a key player in the coordination of support between the GICM, the Taliban regime, and other North Africa-based extremist groups. Detainee ran the Moroccan Training Camp at the Derunta Training Complex and

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trained militant fighters in explosive detonators, chemical weapons, and military tactics at the Algerian Guesthouse in Jalalabad and at Derunta. Detainee has familial ties to the GICM and al-Qaida, including former JTF-GTMO detainees who have attempted to reconstitute the GICM. Detainee is assessed to be a high risk who is likely to reaffiliate with the al-Qaida network as a senior commander and resume hostilities upon release.

- (S//NF) Detainee was a founder of the GICM and the head of the GICM's Military Commission. He formerly oversaw GICM operations in Afghanistan, Syria, and Turkey.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted he was a co-founder of the GICM, and identified himself as the group's military commander and a member of both the Consultative Council and Executive Council for GICM.⁹
 - (S//NF) A senior Moroccan security official identified detainee as one of the founders of the GICM and the head of the GICM's Military Commission from some time after 1998 until his capture.¹⁰
 - (S//NF) Laacin Ikassrin, ISN US9MO-000072 (MO-072, transferred), stated that he knew detainee and detainee's brother, MO-499, in Afghanistan during the latter part of 2001. MO-072 remarked that detainee was very important and was the military leader of Moroccan fighters in Afghanistan.¹¹ (Analyst Note: MO-072 is likely referring to detainee's position as GICM's Military Commissioner.)
 - (S//NF) The Moroccan government source indicated detainee was responsible for GICM operations in Afghanistan from about 1995 until 1997. In 1997, his responsibilities expanded to include GICM operations in Syria and Turkey as well.¹²
- (S//NF) Detainee was probably also an al-Qaida member, and is assessed to have been a close associate of UBL who played a central role in coordinating mutual support between the GICM and al-Qaida, to include providing GICM fighters to support al-Qaida combat operations and terrorist attacks in Afghanistan and Europe.
 - (S//NF) According to the Moroccan source, the GICM was closely allied with al-Qaida and provided personnel to support al-Qaida operations outside of Morocco, including countries such as Afghanistan. Several senior GICM leaders were also senior members of al-Qaida, who arranged for the training of GICM members at al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan.¹³
 - (S//NF) During the US bombing campaign in late 2001, UBL reportedly met with several GICM leaders, including detainee; Muhammad al-Guerbouzi, aka (Abu Issa); Saad Houssaini, aka (Mustapha); and Abu Issa's sons-in-law Isas and Karim Aoutah,

⁹ IIR 6 034 1499 03, TD-314/31852-03

¹⁰ TD-314/40214-02, TD-314/01036-03, TD-314/01037-03, Analyst Note: The group was founded in 1993 as the Harakat al-Moukatila Salafia al-Maghrib (HASM), but changed its name to GICM in 1995.

¹¹ IIR 6 034 0614 04

¹² TD-314/01037-03, TD-314/19242-05

¹³ TD-314/40214-02, TD-314/01036-03

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- aka (Salem al-Maghribi). UBL provided them financial aid for planning and executing future operations in Morocco.¹⁴
- (S//NF) Arkan Muhammad Ghafil al-Karim, ISN US9IZ-000653DP (IZ-653) told Ali Abdul Motalib Awayd Hassan al-Tayeea, ISN US9IZ-000111DP (IZ-111), that detainee was close to UBL and ran a camp in Kandahar, AF. IZ-653 added that detainee headed the North African group of al-Qaida fighters and had his own weapon, vehicle, and personal bodyguards.¹⁵
 - (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have engaged in hostilities against US and Coalition forces as the GICM senior commander at Bagram and Tora Bora, AF, and captured with other extremist fighters while fleeing from Tora Bora.
 - (S//NF) According to a French government service, detainee and Abu Jaffar al-Jazaieri, aka (Omar Chabani), reportedly fought together at Tora Bora, where Abu Jaffar was reportedly killed in late-2001.¹⁶
 - (S//NF) Abu Jaffar was a senior al-Qaida facilitator affiliated with the Salafist Group for Call and Combat (GSPC), the Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA), and other Islamic extremist groups operating in Europe.¹⁷ He was a principal associate of Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu Zubaydah), US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), who operated guesthouses for extremists traveling to Afghanistan for training at al-Qaida camps near Jalalabad.¹⁸
 - (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), stated detainee was a military leader on the front lines near Bagram and in Tora Bora, and identified him as Moroccan and as the “big Commander” for UBL.¹⁹
 - (S//NF) Binyam Ahmad Muhammad, ISN US9ET-001458DP (ET-1458), stated that he attended training with detainee at the Tarik Camp and fought alongside him and his group on the front lines near Bagram.²⁰ (Analyst Note: ET-1458’s “Tarik

¹⁴ TD-314/01038-03

¹⁵ 000111 FM40 18-AUG-2003

¹⁶ TD-314/19998-02

¹⁷ IIR 6 034 0053 02, Analyst Note: The GSPC announced in 2006 its merger with al-Qaida and is now known as al-Qaida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM). AQIM is an NIPF-CT priority 1 target. Priority 1 targets are defined as terrorist groups, countries that sponsor terrorism or countries that have state organizations involved in terrorism that poses a clear and immediate danger to U.S. persons or interests. The Global Jihad Support Network (GJSN) is composed of individuals, most of them from North Africa, the Levant, or Saudi Arabia, and who reside in those countries or in Europe or South Asia. The network provides various services including logistics and fundraising, and helps move operatives from country to country as needed. The GIA is a Priority 3 target, Terrorist/extremist groups, countries that sponsor terrorism, or countries that have state organizations involved in terrorism that have demonstrated both intention and the capability to attack US persons and interests, but are believed to pose somewhat less threat to US interests around the world than Priority 2 groups or countries; or have demonstrated intention to attack US persons and interests and are taking action to develop or acquire WMD capability.

¹⁸ TD-314/19998-02, IIR 6 832 0132 02, IIR 6 853 0137 02, IIR 6 034 0265 05, IIR 2 340 6384 02

¹⁹ 000252 FM40 05-JAN-2005, 000252 FM40 26-SEP-2006

²⁰ 001458 FM40 29-OCT-2004

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- camp” was probably a reference to the Tarek Ibnou Ziyad Safe House, where detainee was the director. This safe house has also been referred to as a training camp.²¹⁾
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have fled the Tora Bora complex as a member of the large group of fighters led by senior al-Qaida member and trainer LY-212.²²⁾
 - (S//NF) Detainee played a central role in coordinating support between the GICM, the Taliban regime, and other North Africa-based extremist groups.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted he developed a relationship with an individual named Mahmoud, whom detainee described as the Taliban Minister of Finance. Detainee received a letter of recommendation from Mahmoud, allowing the GICM to solicit funds in support of the Taliban cause. This enabled detainee to obtain equipment for the GICM, including tents, blankets, rations, and various small arms.²³⁾
 - (S//NF) The Taliban provided GICM members with infrastructure and logistics support. Additionally, the Taliban helped facilitate the travel of GICM members into, out of, and around Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Taliban also provided training camps and *madrassas* (schools) near Kabul and Jalalabad.²⁴⁾
 - (S//NF) The Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) provided operational and training support to GICM personnel in Afghanistan in the 1990s.²⁵⁾ LIFG member Awad Khalifah Muhammad Abu Bakr Abu Uwayshah al-Barasi, ISN US9LY-000695DP (LY-695), stated that in late-1996, the LIFG and the GICM attempted to form an alliance to share resources and personnel. Detainee, GICM member Salem al-Maghribi, and senior LIFG and al-Qaida operative Layth Ibrahim Abd al-Fatah Farah, aka (Abu Layth al-Libi), were the major proponents of such an alliance. In 1998, the alliance failed, leading to a rift between the two groups.²⁶⁾
 - (S//NF) Nasir al-Maghribi, a known LIFG member, claimed he saw detainee at the Libyan Guesthouse in Jalalabad in the summer of 1998.²⁷⁾ (Analyst Note: It

²¹⁾ TD-314/01038-03, TD-314/01024-03

²²⁾ Withdrawal from Tora Bora Analysis, IIR 7 739 3396 02, TD-314/14605-04

²³⁾ TD-314/31852-03, Analyst Note: Detainee identified this individual only as Mahmoud, the Minister of Finance. This is probably a reference to Mullah Ahmad Jan Ahmadi, aka (Mahmoud), the former Taliban Minister of Water and Energy and close personal assistant to Taliban supreme leader Mullah Omah Mohammad. Ahmadi reportedly worked with former Taliban Minister of Finance Mullah Abdul Wasi Agha Jan Mutasim as a liaison between the Taliban and al-Qaida (see TD-314/48741-05). Ahmadi was still actively involved in Taliban recruiting and operations as of early 2006 (see TD-314/05723-06).

²⁴⁾ TD-314/01038-03

²⁵⁾ TD-314/01038-03, Analyst Note: The LIFG is a NIPF-CT Priority 1 Target. Priority 1 targets are defined as issues, opportunities, or threats that rise to, or are expected to rise to, the level of interest of the President, Vice President, DNI, and NSC/HSC Principals and Deputies. This includes terrorist groups, countries that sponsor terrorism, or countries that have state organizations involved in terrorism that pose a clear and immediate danger to U.S. persons or interests. This includes those preparing to employ Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD).

²⁶⁾ IIR 6 034 0060 05

²⁷⁾ TD-314/64105-03

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is possible that detainee maintained relations with LIFG following the failed alliance.)

- (S//NF) Detainee was a trainer in explosive detonators, chemical weapons, and military tactics at the Moroccan Training Camp at the Derunta Training Complex and at the Algerian Guesthouse in Jalalabad.
 - (S//NF) GZ-10016 identified detainee as a member of the Moroccan group in Peshawar and an instructor who trained Moroccans in remote-controlled explosives. GZ-10016 stated detainee was also close to the Algerians and the Tunisians.²⁸ (Analyst Note: The Tunisian Combatant Group (TCG) Guesthouse was adjacent to the Algerian Guesthouse in Jalalabad. Some TCG members received explosives training at the Algerian Guesthouse.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee ran the Moroccan camp at the Derunta Training Complex.
 - (S//NF) Abdulli Feghoul, ISN US9AG-000292DP (AG-292), stated that detainee was a camp commander during his training at Derunta. The Derunta Training Complex consisted of several training camps, including the Abu Khabbab Camp, the Moroccan Camp, the Algerian Camp, and the VIP Camp.²⁹
 - (C//REL TO USA AND GCTF) Humud Dakhil Humud Said al-Jadani, ISN US9SA-000230DP, (SA-230, transferred) photo-identified detainee as Abdul Haq al-Maghribi, an individual who was experienced with explosives and improvised explosive devices (IEDs).³⁰
 - (S//NF) LY-695 reported that detainee was in charge of the Moroccan Camp in Derunta.³¹
 - (S//NF) ET-1458 stated that in late May 2001, Abu Jaffar introduced him to detainee at the Algerian Guesthouse in Jalalabad. Detainee allegedly ran the entire training program for the Algerian Camp in Derunta. ET-1458 traveled to the Derunta complex with detainee in detainee's personal taxi. ET-1458 added that he was placed in a small training group while the rest of the people in the training camp were being trained by detainee in guerrilla warfare, to include breaching city buildings and other urban tactics.³²
 - (S//NF) Ali Abu Zeraa, a senior LIFG leader and al-Qaida associate, instructed LIFG extremists to move to Morocco to initiate attacks against civilian targets to destabilize the Moroccan government. Detainee ran the camp in which two of these primary bombers were trained in the use of explosives.³³

²⁸ TD-314/45342-03, TD-314/24346-02 Item F

²⁹ 000292 KB 20-FEB-2002, Derunta Camp FM40 07-MAR-2005

³⁰ 000230 SIR 22-OCT-2005

³¹ IIR 6 034 0060 05

³² IIR 6 034 0120 05

³³ TD-314/39932-02

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- (S//NF) Detainee served as the director of the Tarek Ibnou Ziyad Safe House near Jalalabad, where Moroccan trainees stayed while training at the Derunta complex.³⁴
- (S//NF) A foreign government service identified detainee as a chemical and electronics specialist who was responsible for providing training between late 2000 and September 2001 on the use of electronic components for fabricating explosive devices at the Algerian Guesthouse in Jalalabad run by Abu Jaffar. Detainee served as the deputy of the guesthouse and was in direct contact with GZ-10016.³⁵
 - (S//NF) According to French government reporting, Mourad Benchellali, ISN US9FR-000161DP (FR-161, transferred), stated that in July 2001, detainee taught a course on the use of electronic components in explosive devices to Mesut Sen, ISN US9BE-000296DP (BE-296, transferred), and an unknown Algerian at the Algerian Guesthouse in Jalalabad.³⁶
 - (S//NF) The French government reported that detainee provided explosives training to convicted terrorist Nizar Trabelsi at the Algerian Guesthouse.³⁷ Trabelsi is serving a 10-year prison sentence in Belgium for his role within a Belgium-based cell that was planning a suicide bombing attack targeting US forces at the Kleine Brogel Air Base in Belgium. Trabelsi was also linked to a plot to attack the US Embassy in Paris.³⁸
- (S//NF) Brahim Yadel, ISN US9FR-000371DP (FR-371, transferred), stated he received electronic detonation training from detainee at Abu Jaffar's guesthouse in Jalalabad from January to March 2001.³⁹
- (S//NF) Detainee has familial ties to the GICM, al-Qaida, and terrorist cells around the world, including former JTF-GTMO detainees who have attempted to reconstitute the GICM and join with al-Qaida forces in Iraq to fight US and Coalition forces. (Analyst Note: Based on these ties, along with detainee's history, detainee is assessed to be a high risk to reaffiliate with the al-Qaida network and resume hostilities upon release.)
 - (S//NF) In late 2001, detainee's brother-in-law, Nourddine Nafia, a senior GICM leader and fellow founder of the group, said that the GICM was actively planning to attack US interests in Morocco. GICM leadership contacted established al-Qaida operatives in Morocco to discuss the bombing of the US Embassy in Casablanca, a tourist complex, and members of the city's Jewish community.⁴⁰

³⁴ TD-314/01024-03

³⁵ TD-314/19998-02

³⁶ TD-314/06092-02

³⁷ TD-314/19998-02

³⁸ IIR 1 663 2212 06, IIR 6 807 0090 04, IIR 6 807 0082 03, AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS 09-JUNE-2004

³⁹ IIR 6 034 1376 04, IIR 6 034 0229 02

⁴⁰ TD-314/31852-03, TD-314/38134-02

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- (S//NF) Another brother of detainee, Yassine Chekkouri, is an al-Qaida facilitator. He tasked Nafia with collecting funds and recruiting members. Nafia's phone number was found in Peshawar offices of groups linked to UBL.⁴¹
 - (S//NF) During a major operation against Italian-based al-Qaida cells, Italian security forces arrested Yassine in November 2001. Italian authorities identified Yassine as a loyal henchman of UBL, who was in charge of passports, money laundering and counterfeiting for the Islamic Cultural Institute (ICI) located in Milan, Italy.⁴² (Analyst Note: The ICI was a major hub of active recruitment and facilitation of extremists for various al-Qaida-affiliated elements.)
- (S//NF) Detainee's brother, MO-499; Mohammed Mizouz, US9MO-000294DP, (MO-294, transferred); Ibrahim Bin Shakaran, US9MO-000587DP, (MO-587, transferred); Ahmed Zemmouri, the brother of Mousa Zemmouri, US9BE-000270DP, (BE-270, transferred); Mohamed Rha, BE-270's nephew; and Khalid Azig were arrested on 11 November 2005 during a raid of MO-294's home in Morocco. The raid was conducted in response to intelligence indicating the former JTF-GTMO detainees intended to reconstitute the GICM. Once reactivated, the members planned to meet up with the GSPC in Algeria for training and then continue on to Iraq to fight Coalition forces.⁴³
- (S//NF) In January 2004, detainee stated "that if the Block NCO went to Iraq he would kill him."⁴⁴

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed as a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been compliant and non-hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 22 reports of disciplinary infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 16 July 2008, when he was found in possession of contraband. He has one report of disciplinary infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 23 January 2004, when he threw milk 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, 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 six Reports of disciplinary infraction and one so far in 2008.

8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

⁴¹ FBIS EUP20031119000095, FBIS EUP20040907000481

⁴² TD-314/38134-02, TD-314/30103-02, FBIS EUP20011210000375, FBIS EUP20011201000022

⁴³ TD-314/71435-05, TD-314/63590-05

⁴⁴ >JDG Incident January 2004

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a. (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **HIGH** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 18 October 2008.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee was a founding member of the GICM, headed its Military Commission, and previously oversaw GICM operations in Afghanistan, Turkey, and Syria. His associations with extremist groups and activities in Afghanistan date back to 1990. He helped establish a Moroccan guesthouse and trained extremists in explosives and chemical weapons at the Derunta Training Complex and at the Algerian Guesthouse in Jalalabad. Detainee played a central role in coordinating mutual support between GICM, al-Qaida, the Taliban, and other extremist groups, including LIFG, GIA, GSPC, and the TCG. Detainee was involved in hostilities against US and Coalition forces, and he fled from Tora Bora with LY-212's group. Detainee's family members who are directly connected to terrorist groups.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Given the magnitude and duration of detainee's involvement with extremist organizations, the level and number of his connections, as well as additional input from sensitive reporting, detainee is assessed to be of HIGH intelligence value. Detainee was a direct associate of UBL and has information about al-Qaida senior leaders, Taliban leaders, and leaders of other extremist groups operating in Afghanistan, North Africa, Europe, and the Levant. He has comprehensive knowledge of GICM operations dating back to the group's formation in 1993, including operations that were in the planning stages at the time he was captured. Detainee may have had foreknowledge of planned terrorist attacks targeting US and allied interests in Europe and North Africa. Detainee has extensive information about the explosive and chemical weapons training conducted at the Derunta Training Complex the Algerian Guesthouse in Jalalabad, and other sites in Afghanistan, and probably has insight into the missions trainees were preparing to conduct.

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

- Al-Qaida senior leaders, including UBL, Abu Jaffar al-Jazairi, Abu Khabbab, Mustafa al-Maghrabi, Abu Suleiman, GZ-10016, and LY-212
- Terrorist attacks in Europe and North Africa, including the foiled TCG plots to attack the US Embassy in Paris and the Kleine Brogel Air Base in Belgium, the 2003 Casablanca bombing, and the 2004 Madrid bombings
- Al-Qaida and Taliban support to the GICM and other extremist groups
- GICM leadership, logistics, personnel, training, and operations, especially operations in Afghanistan, Syria, and Turkey
- GICM support to al-Qaida and the Taliban

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- Evacuation of GICM members from Afghanistan and future plans of GICM operatives who remain at large
- Current and future activities of former associates transferred from JTF-GTMO
- Other North African extremist groups (GIA, AQIM, LIFG, and TCG), leadership, organization, personnel, training, alliances, past operations
- Terrorist use of explosives and improvised chemical weapons

9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 23 November 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*.