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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-000041DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Majid Abdu Ahmed
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Majid Mahmud Abdu Ahmad, Al-Zubayr al-Adani, Abu Subair al-Wisabi, Abu Zubayr al-Wasabi, Haidea
- Place of Birth: Burayqah, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 25 June 1980
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000041DP



2. (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in 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 on 21 August 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is a member of al-Qaida and a bodyguard for Usama Bin Laden (UBL). Detainee participated in armed hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Afghanistan and admitted fighting for the Taliban on the front lines against the Northern Alliance for two years. Detainee was captured with a group referred to as the Dirty 30 which included UBL bodyguards and a 20th 11 September 2001 hijacker while escaping hostilities during Operation Enduring Freedom. Detainee received basic militant training, and advanced training including tactics, artillery and explosives. Detainee

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occupied al-Qaida associated facilities and his name and aliases were found on al-Qaida affiliated documents. It is assessed detainee was recruited through an al-Qaida associated Salafist network linked to Shaykh Muqbil Bin Hadi al-Wadi, and is affiliated with a radical Islamist political party in Yemen. Detainee's comments about America, UBL, and his willingness to die for jihad indicate he will pose a significant threat 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 **LOW** threat from a detention perspective
- Of **HIGH** intelligence value

c. (S//NF) Summary of Changes: The following outlines changes to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation. (Changes in this assessment will be annotated by ➤ next to the footnote.)

- Added detainee alias¹
- Added details to detainee's recruitment and travel
- Added changes to evaluation of detainee's account
- Added information on the Duranta Training Camp where detainee probably received advanced militant training.

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 studied at the *Mahd al-Furqan* (al-Furqan Institute) in Taiz, YM.² Detainee first learned of jihad in Afghanistan while studying at the al-Furqan Institute, and decided to go fight for the Taliban. He made several friends at the institute including Malik al-Wahab, Al-Rahim Uthman, and Faruq Ahmad.³ After graduating, detainee moved to Aden, YM where he worked odd jobs. He also paid the Yemeni government 14,000 riyals (approximately \$80 US) to delay his mandatory service in the

¹ ➤ IIR 4 201 2521 04, Analyst Note: Abd al-Hakim Abd al-Karim Amin Bukhari, US9SA-000493DP (SA-493) photo-identified detainee as Haidea. SA-493 claimed both detainee and Samir Naji al-Hassan Muqbil aka (Habib) US9YM-000043DP, (YM-043) were possibly with Soukali at the Kandahar Airport in October 2001. SA-493 stated Soukali served as a bodyguard for UBL during a speech UBL gave at the Nibras Guesthouse (*Madafa*).

² Analyst Note: Variants of Furqan are Farqan and Firqan.

³ ➤ 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

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Yemeni Army.⁴ In Yemen, detainee received training on the AK-47 assault rifle including operation and field stripping.⁵

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: In Aden, detainee attended the Mabir Center, a well known mosque and center for *dawa* (religious mission). There, he studied, taught, and preached the Koran.⁶ Detainee also heard about jihad and the idea of dying for the sake of God at an unidentified mosque in Yemen.⁷ An individual named Yasir Naji, an associate and graduate from the al-Furqan Institute, approached detainee about going to Afghanistan. Detainee wanted to travel to Afghanistan and go directly to the front lines to fight for the Taliban however, detainee needed a *fatwa* (religious decree) before he went, so he telephoned Shaykh Muqbil bin Hadi al-Wadi, a supporter of the Taliban and jihad.⁸ In 1999, Naji provided detainee with money to travel to Afghanistan and purchased detainee's visa and a plane ticket from Sanaa, YM, to Karachi, Pakistan (PK). A Pakistani named Uthman al-Pakistani met detainee when he arrived at the Karachi Airport. After purchasing Afghan clothing, the detainee and Uthman boarded a bus to Quetta, PK. Uthman facilitated detainee's stay at a Taliban guesthouse and detainee's travel onward to Kandahar, AF.⁹

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Upon arrival in Kandahar, detainee entered a guesthouse that supported fighters traveling to and from the front lines. Detainee told Abdul Ahad, the owner of the guesthouse, that he was there to fight in Afghanistan and support the Taliban.¹⁰ Detainee had heard that the training in Afghanistan was good, but he wanted to go directly to the front line. Approximately a week later, detainee was taken to a safe house in Kabul where he met Abdul Latif. Abdul Latif told detainee he would be tested on his ability to handle a weapon before he went to fight jihad and join the Taliban. Detainee then met his front line commander Bismullah, who subsequently tested detainee on his proficiency with a weapon, and was satisfied.¹¹

(S//NF) For two years detainee fought on the Taliban front lines north of Kabul against the Northern Alliance. Detainee's duty at the front lines was to protect the front lines from attacks. Armed with an AK-47, three magazines, and two anti-personnel grenades, detainee

⁴ IIR 6 034 0261 02, 000041 SIR 08-JAN-2007, Analyst Note: Based on exchange rate of 31 December 2002.

⁵ 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

⁶ > IIR 6 034 0261 02, Analyst Note: *Dawa* is an Islamic dedication to spread Islam through religious instruction and missionary operations abroad.

⁷ > 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

⁸ 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

⁹ 000041 302 21-AUG-2002, Analyst Note: Uthman al-Pakistani is likely identifiable as Abu Uthman, who provided travel facilitation for multiple JTF-GTMO detainees. For additional information on Abu Uthman, see IIR 2 340 6383 02, IIR 6 034 0855 04, and IIR 6 034 0861 02.

¹⁰ 000041 SIR 23-Aug-2004, Analyst Note: A variant of Ahad is Ahat.

¹¹ 000041 302 21-AUG-2002, Analyst Note: A variant of Bismullah is Bism Allah.

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engaged the enemy two to three times a week during rifle and mortar fire. Detainee also retreated with Taliban forces from the front lines to Kabul when the Northern Alliance overran their positions (approximately early November 2001). Detainee and several fighters left Kabul and traveled to Khowst, AF, where he stayed for approximately 25 days at a Taliban house operated by Abu Basir. Detainee obtained Abu Basir's help in escaping from Afghanistan to Pakistan. In late November or early December 2001, detainee left the safe house with three Afghan guides and shortly thereafter, met three friends from the Furqan Institute. These friends were Uthman Abd al-Rahim Muhammad Uthman, ISN US9YM-000027DP (YM-027); Faruq Ali Ahmad, ISN US9YM-000032DP (YM-032); and Abd al-Malak Abd al-Wahab al-Rahabi, ISN US9YM-000037DP (YM-037).¹² Detainee and his friends were later joined by others fleeing Afghanistan.¹³

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Detainee was captured by Pakistani forces on 15 December while attempting to cross the Afghanistan-Pakistan border near Parachinar, PK after fleeing to UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex. Detainee was captured with a 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.¹⁴ Pakistani authorities transferred the group to a prison facility in Peshawar, PK where they were held for 15 days.¹⁵ On 26 December 2001, Pakistani authorities transferred detainee from Peshawar to US custody at the Kandahar Detention Facility.¹⁶

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:

- Activities and personnel at a religious institute in Yemen known for jihadist recruitment

¹² Analyst Note: Detainee claimed he left the Taliban house during Ramadan, which occurred 17 November thru 16 December 2001.

¹³ 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

¹⁴ Bodyguard Profile INTSUM 23-OCT-2006

¹⁵ 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

¹⁶ TD-314/00845-02

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6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: After several months of recounting a story of traveling to Afghanistan for *dawa* and to teach the Koran, detainee admitted his cover story and related reporting were false. According to Muhammad Yahya Muhsin al-Zaylai, ISN US9SA-000055DP (SA-055, transferred), the Pakistani warden of the prison where detainee's group was initially held informed the group that the best thing they could tell US forces when interrogated was that they were in Afghanistan to teach the Koran and study religion.¹⁷ Detainee also admitted fighting on the front lines for two years. Substantial reporting from multiple sources indicates he was a UBL bodyguard who received basic militant and advanced explosives training. However, detainee has yet to admit his association with UBL or his reported advanced training.

7. (U) Detainee Threat:

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

b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention: Detainee is a member of al-Qaida and a UBL bodyguard. Detainee fought for the Taliban and participated in armed hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Afghanistan. Detainee received basic militant training, and advanced training including explosives. It is assessed detainee was recruited through an al-Qaida associated Salafist network linked to Shaykh Muqbil Bin Hadi al-Wadi, and is affiliated with a radical Islamist political party in Yemen. Detainee's comments about America, UBL, and his willingness to die for jihad indicate he will pose a significant threat if released.

- (S//NF) Detainee is a member of al-Qaida and a former UBL bodyguard.
 - (S//NF) In December 2001, the Yemeni Political Security Organization (PSO) identified detainee as an al-Qaida member and a jihadist believed to be in Afghanistan. The PSO listed detainee as Majid Mahmud Abduh Ahmad al-Wasabi, aka (al-Zubayr al-Adani).¹⁸
 - (S//NF) Detainee's name and alias are included on lists noting al-Qaida members and their trust accounts which were found during raids against al-Qaida associated safe houses in Pakistan. The list identified the contents of detainee's trust account as a Yemeni passport.¹⁹ (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 training, the front lines or abroad.

¹⁷ IIR 6 034 0704 02, IIR 6 034 0780 02

¹⁸ TD-314/49402-01, paragraph UUU; TD-314/00121-02, paragraph N; Analyst Note: A variant for al-Wasabi is al-Wissabi. Variants of Al-Zubayr include Zubair and Abu Zubayr.

¹⁹ TD-314/40693-02, Number 250; AFGP-2002-905527, Number 250

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Trust accounts were simple storage compartments, such as envelopes or folders that were used to secure the individual's personal valuables, including passports and plane tickets, until completion of training or other related activities.)

- (S//NF) Sufian Ahmad Mahmud Abu Zaydan, a Jordanian affiliated with al-Qaida and the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG), stated he met a number of al-Qaida members in Afghanistan in 2000, and identified al-Zubayr al-Adani, assessed to be detainee, as a UBL bodyguard.²⁰
- (S//NF) Al-Qaida operative Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, aka (Haytham al-Kini), aka (Fupi), ISN US9TZ-010012DP (TZ-10012), photo-identified detainee as Abu Zubayr. TZ-10012 stated detainee was a UBL bodyguard in Kandahar before September 2001.²¹ Additionally, TZ-10012 stated he saw detainee about three or four times, the last time being at UBL's *Mujamma Sitta*, aka (Compound Number Six), aka (Mall Six), in Kandahar before 11 September 2001.²²
- (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida operative Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka (Khallad), aka (Silver), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014), identified detainee as Zubayr al-Adani, a UBL bodyguard. YM-10014 noted detainee became a bodyguard before September 2001.²³
- (S//NF) Abdu Ali Sharqawi al-Haji, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), identified detainee as a UBL bodyguard. YM-1457 stated detainee traveled to Afghanistan in late 1999 and became a bodyguard approximately August 2001. YM-1457 admitted he knew all the security members because he assisted them.²⁴
- (S//NF) Salim Ahmed Salim Hamdan, ISN US9YM-000149DP (YM-149), UBL's driver, reported he saw detainee with other UBL security guards in Kabul and Kandahar.²⁵
- (S//NF) Sanad Ali Yislam al-Kazimi, US9YM-001453DP (YM-1453), heard detainee became a UBL bodyguard a month before 11 September 2001.²⁶ (Analyst Note: YM-1453 is an admitted member of al-Qaida and UBL bodyguard who swore

²⁰ TD-314/56673-04, Analyst Note: The LIFG is a National Intelligence Priorities Framework (NIPF) Counterterrorism 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 that pose a clear and immediate danger to U.S. persons or interests. This includes those preparing to employ Weapons of Mass Destruction.

²¹ TD-314/55276-05

²² TD-314/55276-05 Analyst Note: The Mall Six Compound was located near the Kandahar airport. UBL, his wives, their respective families, and security guards and their families resided in the Mall Six Compound. UBL often used the compound for meetings with al-Qaida officials.

²³ TD-314/36120-03

²⁴ IIR 6 034 0059 05, IIR 6 034 0098 05

²⁵ IIR 6 034 0453 02

²⁶ IIR 6 034 0124 05

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- bayat* (oath of allegiance) to UBL. Although not identified as a specific prerequisite for bodyguard duties, detainee probably swore *bayat* to UBL.)
- (S//NF) Detainee participated in armed hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Afghanistan.
 - (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida operative YM-10014 stated the last time he saw detainee was in Tora Bora during the retreat. (Analyst Note: The retreat refers to the escape of al-Qaida affiliated forces from US and Coalition forces in mid-December 2001.)²⁷
 - (S//NF) Muhammad Mani Ahmad al-Shalan al-Qahtani, ISN US9SA-000063DP (SA-063), stated he escaped with detainee's group out of Tora Bora to Pakistan.²⁸ SA-063 was captured along with the other members of the Dirty 30. 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.²⁹ After UBL left Tora Bora, the Dirty 30 was the first organized group to escape Tora Bora for Pakistan.³⁰
 - (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.³¹ (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.)³²
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted he spent approximately two years armed with an AK-47 on the front lines in Afghanistan. On the front lines, detainee fought in jihad in support of the Taliban against the Northern Alliance.³³
 - (S//NF) An Arabic language document reported detainee arrived in Afghanistan on 27 October 1999, and spent four months at the front lines, starting in April or May 2000.³⁴ Detainee's supervisor gave him a positive rating for his performance on the battlefield, but indicated he was traveling to Yemen. (Analyst Note: Based on these dates, this battlefield time would have ended approximately August 2000, when detainee reportedly took an artillery course. Detainee possibly returned to Yemen and again to Afghanistan prior to his capture.)

²⁷ TD-314/36120-03

²⁸ IIR 6 034 0847 03, 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003

²⁹ >IIR 6 034 1131 03, 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003

³⁰ 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003, IIR 6 034 0847 03

³¹ TD-314/50461-03

³² 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.

³³ 000041 302 21-AUG-2002, 000041 FM40 18-AUG-2004

³⁴ AFGP-2002-901078, Analyst Note: Dates in the document are given based on the hijra calendar. The document states detainee arrived in Afghanistan on 17 Rajab 1420 (Sep/Oct 1999), and detainee's front line activities began during the month of Muhharam 1421, which equates to April or May 2000.

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- (S//NF) Discussing his support to the Taliban, detainee stated he had access to rocket propelled grenades and shot people in the head and then cut off their heads. Detainee also expressed his support for the 11 September 2001 attacks.³⁵
- (S//NF) Detainee received basic militant and advanced training including explosives. Detainee also stayed at al-Qaida associated facilities.
 - (S//NF) TZ-10012 stated he first saw detainee at the al-Faruq Camp in Khowst in 1999 when detainee received basic training.³⁶ YM-1457 also reported detainee attended the al-Faruq Training Camp.³⁷
 - (S//NF) A variant of detainee's alias, Abu al-Zubayr al-Wisabi, was found on an al-Faruq training application. Detainee acknowledged after training he intended to engage in jihad and work with the group.³⁸ (Analyst Note: "Work with the group" was an item affirmed by detainee with a check mark. As the group operating the camp is assessed to be al-Qaida, detainee intended to join al-Qaida upon completion of training.)
 - (S//NF) A variant of detainee's alias, al-Zubayr al-Adani, was listed on an Arabic language document denoting attendance at three training courses. The document stated detainee completed basic training during Rajab (probably November 1999). It also noted detainee attended a tactics course during the month of Shawwal (approximately February 2000), and an artillery course during the month of Jumada-al-Awwal (approximately August 2000).³⁹
 - (C) In two letters dated 12 November 2000, Abdul Wakil al-Ansari wrote to Shaykh Abu Khabab asking him to accept al-Zubayr al-Adani for training.⁴⁰ (Analyst Note: One of the letters was found in a cave at Tora Bora. The other was found at the Duranta Training Camp. Shaykh Abu Khabab is assessed to be senior al-Qaida poison and explosives expert, Midhat Mursi al-Sayyid Umar, aka (Abu Khabab al-Masri), who taught explosives training at Duranta. The letters indicates detainee, aka (al-Zubayr al-Adani), received explosives training.)⁴¹

³⁵ >JDG INTREP dated 25-Jul-2004

³⁶ TD-314/55276-05

³⁷ IIR 6 034 0059 05

³⁸ AFGP-2002-800437

³⁹ AFGP-2002-901078, pg 13

⁴⁰ IIR 7 739 3081 03, IIR 7 739 3250 02, Analyst Note: The date is listed as hijra 14/8/1421. For additional information regarding Abu Khabab, see IIR 6 034 0233 02, IIR 6 034 0037 02, IIR 6 901 0124 03. Abdul Wakil al-Ansari is possibly identifiable with Abdul Wakil, whom several detainees have described as second-in-command to Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), in Afghanistan, and who took command of al-Qaida forces in Kabul when UBL sent IZ-10026 to command forces in northern Afghanistan. Abdul Wakil was also reportedly a trainer who taught tactics and leadership courses. Abdul was reportedly killed in Afghanistan (see IIR 6 034 0328 05, IIR 6 034 0020 06, IIR 6 034 0339 06, IIR 6 034 0263 03, IIR 6 034 0773 04).

⁴¹ > Analyst Note: The Duranta Training Camp provided al-Qaida and Taliban trainees with a large, dedicated training complex. Facilities included places for weapons and explosives training, athletic fields, classrooms,

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- (S//NF) SA-063 reported seeing detainee at the Kandahar guesthouse by himself. SA-063 was captured with detainee.⁴² (Analyst Note: The Kandahar guesthouse is assessed to be the Hajji Habash aka (Nibras) Guesthouse.)
- (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 stated he traveled to Afghanistan after first speaking with Shaykh Muqbil al-Wadi in order to receive a *fatwa* authorizing his participation in jihad.⁴³
 - (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 other identified UBL bodyguards, attended the Dimaj Center, or were associated to Shaykh al-Wadi or to the al-Khayr Mosque.⁴⁴ 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.⁴⁵
 - (S//NF) Detainee, YM-027, YM-032, and YM-037 all studied at the Furqan Institute in Yemen. In December 2001, they escaped from Tora Bora together and were arrested in Pakistan.⁴⁶ (Analyst Note: According to the Yemeni Political Security Organization (PSO), the Furqan Institute was used as a meeting and recruiting ground by jihadists in Yemen. Many Yemeni al-Qaida members have links to the Furqan Institute, specifically a number of the al-Qaida members involved in the attack on the USS COLE.⁴⁷)
 - (S//NF) Detainee identified his recruiter as Yasir Naji,⁴⁸ who had also graduated from the al-Furqan Institute. Yasir Naji is probably identifiable with

mosques, tent or barracks areas, and administrative support buildings. See Multiple_ISNs_FAS_Duranta_Camp_16-Jan-2006.

⁴² TD-314/50507-03, IIR 6 034 0847 03

⁴³ 000041 SIR 23-AUG-2004, 000041 SIR 08-JUL-2004, 000041 302 21-AUG-2002, DIMAJ INSTITUTE EXPANSION - INTSUM - JUN 2005

⁴⁴ 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

⁴⁵ 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: Other JTF-GTMO detainees identified as UBL bodyguards were also affiliated with Shaykh al-Wadi, the al-Khayr Mosque, or the Dimaj Institute. Variants of Dimaj include Dumaj and Damaj.

⁴⁶ 000032 302 26-MAY-2002, Analyst Note: Reporting from YM-037: IIR 6 034 0862 02, IIR 6 034 0259 02; reporting from YM-027: IIR 6 034 0266 03, IIR 6 034 0046 03; Reporting from YM-041: 000041 302 21-AUG-2002, 000041 SIR 18-JAN-2007; IIR 6 034 0847 03, 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003, IIR 6 034 0059 05, 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

⁴⁷ TD-314/26614-02

⁴⁸ 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

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Yasir Naji Said Ismael, an al-Qaida member reported by the PSO as being present in Afghanistan in December 2001.⁴⁹

- (S//NF) YM-1453 reported detainee initially intended to travel to Chechnya for jihad.⁵⁰ At least one other JTF-GTMO detainee who attended the al-Furqan Institute, Yasin Qassem Muhammad Ismail, ISN US9YM-000522DP (YM-522), also planned to go to Chechnya; however, he was instructed to go to Afghanistan first to receive training.⁵¹ (Analyst Note: Detainee and YM-522 were both at the al-Furqan Institute in 1999. The second Chechen war began in fall 1999, and likely inspired detainee's decision to participate in jihad.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is a member of the radical Yemeni Islamic Reform Party. On detainee's training application, detainee noted he was a member of the Islamic Reform Party, assessed to be the Islah Party.⁵²
 - (U) The Islamic Reform Party's military branch is headed by Shaykh Abd al-Majid al-Zindani, who fought alongside UBL against the Soviets in Afghanistan. The party provided shelter to fighters returning from Afghanistan and encouraged them to settle in Yemen. The party is opposed to Yemeni government's granting of military facilities to the US Navy. The Department of the Treasury listed Al-Zindani as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist for support to terrorism.⁵³
- (S//NF) Detainee's comments about America, UBL, and his willingness to die for jihad indicate he will pose a significant threat if released.
 - (S//NF) Detainee admitted he initially wanted to go to Afghanistan to be killed in jihad.⁵⁴
 - (S//NF) In 2002, detainee said he hated America and Americans.⁵⁵
 - (S//NF) In 2004, detainee, stated, "All Americans are infidels and they will go to hell... Muslim Americans are not true Muslims and would go to hell as well... UBL is a Shaykh and commander of all Muslims. He is a good Muslim and fights against the unbelievers... God will torture the Americans because they are corrupt... The attacks on America on 11 September 2001 were very small in scale...He [sic] wishes for greater destruction and torture to fall upon Americans."⁵⁶

⁴⁹ TD-314/49402-01, TD-314/00121-02

⁵⁰ 001453 SIR 03-NOV-2004

⁵¹ IIR 6 034 0694 03, IIR 6 034 0851 04

⁵² IIR 6 105 0694 06, AFGP-2002-800437; Analyst Note: Detainee was listed with the alias Zubayr al-Wasabi.

Islah, aka (al-Islah), is an NIPF Priority 3 Terrorist Support Entity (TSE). Priority 3 TSEs are defined as those having demonstrated intent and willingness to provide financial support to terrorist organizations willing to attack U.S. persons or interests, or provide witting operational support to Priority 1-2 terrorist groups.

⁵³ FBIS GMP20001101000234

⁵⁴ 000041 302 21-AUG-2002

⁵⁵ 000041 FM40 18-AUG-2004

⁵⁶ 000041 FM40 02-FEB-2004

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c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a **LOW** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been compliant and rarely-hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 17 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 19 November 2007, when he was talking to another detainee while being escorted. He has three Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 18 December 2005, when he struck a detainee in the eye. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, threatening guards, and possession of non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of three Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and none 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 28 January 2008.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee's basic militant and explosives training and access to al-Qaida associated facilities provided him knowledge of training curriculum, security practices, and key facilitators. Detainee's admitted time on the front lines provided him with battlefield tactics and movement, as well as routes of ingress and egress to and from Afghanistan. Detainee's reported service as a UBL bodyguard provided him with security practices for top al-Qaida leadership. Detainee's recruitment in Yemen provided detainee with details on key al-Qaida recruiters and facilitators.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee is a veteran jihadist who participated in armed hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Afghanistan. Detainee was a UBL bodyguard and is familiar with high level al-Qaida personnel security. Detainee has received basic militant and advanced explosives training and is knowledgeable on al-Qaida militant training curriculum and guesthouse and safe house security practices. Detainee is familiar with ingress and egress routes and facilitators in and out of Afghanistan. Detainee is knowledgeable on al-Qaida recruiters and facilitators in Yemen.

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

- UBL and UBL bodyguards
- Al-Qaida training camps and courses, members, missions, logistics
- Personnel affiliated with fighting on the Kabul front lines and in Tora Bora
- Extremists and radical Islamists affiliated with al-Qaida and its global terrorist network, including Abu Basir, Uthman al-Pakistani, and Yasir Naji
- Recruitment and facilitation of fighters in Yemen
 - Shaykh Muqbil al-Wadi and associates

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 - Detainees requirements for militant training
 - Terrorist biographical/psychological information
 - Terrorism radicalization factors

9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 11 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*.