



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JOINT TASK FORCE GTMO
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
APO AE 09360

JTF GTMO-CG

05 December 2002

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

SUBJECT: Transfer Recommendation for GTMO Detainee, Dirat Vakhitov, ISN US9RS-00492DP

1. (S) **Personal Information:** Dirat Vakhitov is a Russian national born in 1977 (age 25) in Naberyozhnyj, Russia. Detainee has latent tuberculosis and has been treated for posttraumatic stress disorder, but is otherwise in good health.



2. (FOUO) **Detention Information:** On 29 December 1999, subject detainee departed Naberyozhyj, Russia, and traveled by train to Qurghonteppa, Tajikistan, and later to the border city of Imam Sab, Afghanistan. Soon afterwards, detainee was arrested by the Taliban on suspicion of espionage, and incarcerated at the Sarpuza prison complex in Kandahar. Detainee was subsequently transferred to U.S. forces, and transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, where he arrived on 13 June 2002. Detainee was transferred to the Guantanamo Bay detention facility based on his possible knowledge of an American citizen killed at the Sarpuza prison complex while he was there. The detainee has been cooperative, but JTF GTMO considers the information obtained from and about him as not valuable or tactically exploitable.

3. (S) **Assessment:** Based on current information, detainee ISN: US9RS-00492DP is assessed as neither affiliated with al-Qaida nor as being a Taliban leader. Moreover, based on the detainee folder, the knowledgeability brief (KB), and subsequent interrogations by JTF GTMO, the results of which are available on the JTF GTMO detainee database, the detainee has no further intelligence value to the United States and will not be seen for further intelligence purposes. Because of the Russian government's agreement to incarcerate this detainee upon his transfer, and provided that he remains incarcerated under the control of the Russian government, the detainee poses no future threat to the U.S. or its allies. In addition, the Russian government has agreed to share with the United States all intelligence derived from this detainee in the future.

4. (S) **Recommendation:** In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be considered for transfer to the control of the Russian government. During a visit to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba,

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from 14 to 19 November 2002, Russian Intelligence officers interrogated ISN: US9RS-00492DP and stated that their government would accept custody of ISN: US9RS-00492DP if released by the U.S. government.

5. (C) **Coordination:** JTF GTMO notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 4 December 2002.

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