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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 PK9SA-001456DP (S)

### JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

#### 1. (S//NF) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Hassan Ali Bin Attash
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Hassan Muhammad Ali Bin Attash, Amar al-Baluch, al-Mughayrah, al-Muhannad al-Jiddawi, Umayr Bin Attash, Umayr al-Gharib, Umayr, Sayyid Nur, Abd al-Sattar Khan, Hasan Muhammad Saleh al-Dini Umayr
- Place of Birth: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (SA)
- Date of Birth: 1985
- Citizenship: Saudi Arabia
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): PK9SA-001456DP



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 3 August 2007.

b. (S//NF) **Executive Summary:** Detainee is a member of al-Qaida. He traveled to Afghanistan (AF) under the influence of his older brothers, one of whom, Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka (Khallad), aka (Silver), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014), was a senior al-Qaida member. Detainee reportedly swore *bayat* (oath of loyalty) to UBL and was a member of UBL's security detail. Detainee worked closely with senior level al-Qaida

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operatives and admitted having advance knowledge of attack plots. Detainee is a close associate of senior al-Qaida operative and maritime operational planner Abd al-Rahim Hussayn Muhammad al-Nashiri, aka (Mullah Bilal), ISN US9SA-010015DP (SA-10015). Detainee was an al-Qaida safe house operator and admitted attending al-Qaida and Taliban affiliated guesthouses and training camps. Detainee's family has close familial ties with senior level al-Qaida members. 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.)

- Added aliases Abd al-Sattar Khan<sup>1</sup> and Hasan Muhammad Saleh al-Dini Umayr<sup>2</sup>
- Added multiple reports indicating detainee's knowledge of the Strait of Hormuz operation
- Added reported detainee pocket litter not at JTF-GTMO

#### **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 attended approximately eight to nine years of school in Jeddah studying history, geography, English, and other basic courses. Detainee has nine brothers four of whom were active extremists. Hussam, aka (Mohanad), was killed in Kabul, AF while working with the Taliban in 1997. YM-10014 is detained at JTF-GTMO. Abd al-Aziz, aka (Gul Aziz), aka (Abu Barra), is detained in Yemen. Lastly, Hussayn was killed in Kandahar, AF after 11 September 2001. Detainee stated his father, Muhammad Saleh Bin Attash, was imprisoned in Saudi Arabia.<sup>3</sup> Detainee was a Yemeni citizen because his father had Yemeni citizenship.<sup>4</sup>

**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** Detainee first traveled to Afghanistan in approximately 1997 at the request of his older brother Hussam, who was in Afghanistan at

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<sup>1</sup> ➤TD-314/44444-02

<sup>2</sup> ➤001456 07-MAY-2005 BIO 00001

<sup>3</sup> 001456 FM40 26-JUN-2004, 001456 FM40 07-JUN-2004

<sup>4</sup> 001456 FM40 29-SEP-2004

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the time.<sup>5</sup> Detainee stated his older brother YM-10014 also played a major role during his time in Afghanistan.<sup>6</sup> Detainee held a Yemeni passport, so he and his brother Abd al-Aziz traveled from Saudi Arabia to Yemen, where detainee obtained a visa for Pakistan.<sup>7</sup> While in Yemen, detainee and his brother contacted mujahideen facilitator Muhammad al-Munasar, aka (Abu Hamza al-Baidani), who called senior al-Qaida operative Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), and recommended the two be accepted for participation in Afghan militant operations. They traveled to Karachi, PK where GZ-10016 and al-Dhahak al-Tabuki met and took them to al-Khattab's Guesthouse located approximately one hour outside Peshawar, PK. Detainee and Abd al-Aziz then traveled to GZ-10016's guesthouse in Peshawar where they met senior al-Qaida operative Ali Muhammad Abd al- Aziz al-Fakhri, aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-212). Detainee and Abd al-Aziz then traveled to Jalalabad, AF via Torkhum, AF. In Jalalabad, detainee's older brother, Hussam, took detainee and Abd al-Aziz to Najim al-Jihad.<sup>8</sup> Detainee stayed at Najim al-Jihad for a short period of time before his brother Hussam took him to Khaldan Training Camp in Khowst, AF via Kabul.<sup>9</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** Detainee arrived at the Khaldan Camp prior to 30 December 1997, where he began basic training on light and heavy weapons, mortars, hand grenades, land mines, and a three to five week general overview of explosives. Detainee remained at the Khaldan Camp until approximately late May or June 1998, when Hussam returned to retrieve him.<sup>10</sup> After detainee's training at Khaldan, detainee returned to Kabul where he stayed for less than one month. In Kabul, detainee met his brothers YM-10014, Hussam, and Abd al-Aziz. Detainee remained in Kabul for two to three weeks recovering from malaria, when he heard Hussam was killed and YM-10014 lost a leg. Detainee and Abd al-Aziz then traveled to Jalalabad and then on to Peshawar, where they stayed at GZ-10016's house for two nights. GZ-10016 provided the pair with plane tickets from Islamabad, PK to Yemen. Detainee spent several days in Yemen with Abu Hamza al-Baidani's group before continuing on to Saudi Arabia. Detainee spent approximately two to four months with his family in Jeddah before returning to Afghanistan. Detainee then traveled from Saudi Arabia to Kandahar, where he lived in a guesthouse near the airport. From Kandahar, he traveled via Kabul to the Jihad Wahl Camp in Khowst, where he and his

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<sup>5</sup> 001456 FM40 29-SEP-2004

<sup>6</sup> 001456 FM40 26-JUN-2004

<sup>7</sup> 001456 FM40 29-SEP-2004

<sup>8</sup> TD-314/48022-02, Analyst Note: Variants of Najim al-Jihad include Nejm al-Jihad and Nazim al-Jihad. The Najim al-Jihad compound is reportedly owned by UBL. The compound housed al-Qaida members and their families.

<sup>9</sup> IIR 6 034 0180 06, 001456 FM40 29-SEP-2004

<sup>10</sup> 001456 FM40 29-SEP-2004, Analyst Note: Detainee stated he arrived at Khaldan Camp in late 1997 prior to Ramadan. Ramadan began on 30 December 1997 and ended on 28 January 1998. Detainee stated he remained at Khaldan for five or six months.

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brother, Abd al-Aziz, attended explosives training for approximately three to five months. After this training, detainee traveled between Kabul and the front lines before enrolling at the Islamic School in Khowst. He remained at the Islamic School for less than one year, during which time he heard of the 7 August 1998 US Embassy bombings in East Africa. After leaving school, he traveled between Kandahar, Kabul, and Jalalabad. In early 1999, detainee traveled to Jalalabad, where he joined a large group of North Africans. He attended a few days of an electronics course, but quit because it was taught in English. While in Jalalabad, he attended an Algerian camp called "Daruntah," where he took one week of explosives training. He quit Daruntah and returned to Jalalabad where he served as a "foot soldier" at a location run primarily by Algerians.<sup>11</sup> Detainee then traveled to Kandahar, where he stayed at the airport complex belonging to UBL, who visited at least three times, and spent most of the year 2000 "just hanging out." During this time detainee heard rumors about a "big hit." Around the end of 2000, YM-10014 told detainee to travel to Karachi with SA-10015 because there were rumors that detainee was affiliated with Takfiris and their ideology.<sup>12</sup> In approximately March 2001, detainee traveled to Karachi, lived with SA-10015 and spent most of his time picking up supplies. During this time, detainee was again privy to plans for an attack on US ships using ships purchased in the United Arab Emirates (AE). Detainee wished to be part of the operation, but SA-10015 did not have faith in detainee. Detainee also worked with al-Qaida operative Badr Abd al-Karim al-Sudayri, aka (Abu Hamza al-Zubayr), delivering remote controlled timers for explosives to Quetta, PK.<sup>13</sup>

## 5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) On 11 September 2002, detainee, Basir Nasir Ali al-Marwalah, ISN US9YM-000837 (YM-837), Abd al-Rahim Ghulam Rabbani, ISN US9PK-001460DP (PK-1460), Ahmad Ghulam Rabbani, ISN US9PK-001461DP (PK-1461), and senior al-Qaida operative Ramzi Bin al-Shibh, ISN US9YM-010013DP (YM-10013), were arrested during a series of raids conducted on al-Qaida safe houses in Karachi. Detainee was held in Karachi for three or four days and then taken to Kabul, where he was detained for two or three days. From Kabul detainee stated he was taken to Jordan where he was held with Abdu Ali al-Haji Sharqawi, ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), for approximately one year and four months. Detainee stated that on 8 January 2004 he was moved to Kabul and then to the Bagram Personnel Control Facility.<sup>14</sup>

b. (S) Property Held: None

<sup>11</sup> IIR 6 034 0180 06, TD-314/03630-04, TD-314/48022-02

<sup>12</sup> Analyst Note: References 000905 Takfiri briefing 02-May-2005, and Takfiri Connections in the SOUTHCOM AOR 10-SEP-2004, report Takfiri cells are regarded as some of the most dangerous because of their ability to mix into a society when conducting terrorist operations.

<sup>13</sup> 001456 FM40 28-JUN-2004, 001456 FM40 26-JUN-2004, TD-314/03630-04

<sup>14</sup> >001460 FM40 03-JUN-2004, 001456 FM40 07-JUN-2004, TD-314/37098-02, TD-314/58059-05

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- Though not held at JTF-GTMO, the following items were reportedly in detainee's possession at time of capture:
  - One floppy disk containing e-mails to be forwarded by detainee to extremist fighters and their families hiding in al-Qaida safe houses in Karachi<sup>15</sup>

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 19 September 2004

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

- Taliban training in small arms and explosives at Khaldan, Najim al-Jihad, Jihad Wahl, and Daruntah Training Camp
- The construction and distribution of remote explosives devices used in Afghanistan
- Individuals involved with bomb and explosive manufacturing and training, to include information regarding the administration of Taliban camps in Afghanistan

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee appears to provide a consistent account of his activities while in Afghanistan and, when cooperative, has been forthcoming with most of the information requested of him. Detainee has not provided extensive information about his familial ties to extremism or al-Qaida, his associations within al-Qaida, or his knowledge of past or future terrorist plots.

**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 who reportedly swore *bayat* to UBL and was a member of UBL's security detail. Detainee worked closely with senior level al-Qaida operatives. Detainee admitted having knowledge of attack plots and may have insight into the future strategies of al-Qaida and the Taliban. Detainee assisted with the exodus of foreign fighters from Afghanistan after 11 September 2001. Detainee attended several advanced terrorist training camps. Detainee resided in al-Qaida associated locations and guesthouses and was put in charge of renting one such location.. Detainee's family has strong connections to senior level al-Qaida members and extremist activities throughout the Middle East.

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<sup>15</sup> ➤TD-314/28643-03

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- (S//NF) Detainee is a member of al-Qaida who pledged loyalty to UBL and was a member of UBL's security detail. He worked closely with senior-level al-Qaida operatives and was involved in planning al-Qaida operations.
  - (S//NF) Detained al-Qaida operative Ahmad Hakim Fawzan al-Qasim, aka (Abd al-Bari al-Filistini), stated detainee was a member of al-Qaida.<sup>16</sup>
    - (C//REL US, GCTF) Humud Dakhil Humud Said al-Jadani, ISN US9SA-000230DP (SA-230, transferred), stated detainee swore *bayat* to UBL.<sup>17</sup>
  - (S//NF) According to a detained UBL courier and bodyguard, detainee was a member of UBL's security detail.<sup>18</sup>
  - (S//NF) Admitted member of al-Qaida, Ahmad Muhammad Haza al-Darbi, ISN US9SA-000768DP (SA-768), reported detainee was a member of al-Qaida.<sup>19</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee had direct connections to UBL and worked closely with senior level al-Qaida operatives
  - (S//NF) Al-Qaida operative Abu Zubayr al-Haili reported detainee was a close associate of UBL.<sup>20</sup>
  - (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), stated detainee was a confidant of UBL and served as UBL's messenger. PK-1461 reported while in Kandahar, UBL advised detainee to return to Saudi Arabia and complete his formal education.<sup>21</sup>
    - (S//NF) Detainee admitted delivering funds and letters to two commanders in Kandahar for senior al-Qaida operative Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, ISN US9KU-010024DP (KU-10024). The funds were to be used to start a military campaign against the Americans in the Kandahar region. Detainee stated Abu Zubayr al-Haili was the primary liaison between himself and KU-10024.<sup>22</sup>
      - ◆ (S//NF) GZ-10016 thought it was possible detainee was involved in raising funds for al-Qaida because GZ-10016 knew detainee's father was active in that area during the 1990's.<sup>23</sup>
      - ◆ (S//NF) YM-252 reported detainee's father was a UBL bodyguard who collected funds and prepared individuals to travel to Afghanistan.<sup>24</sup> An

<sup>16</sup> TD-314/60439-04, paragraph 8; TD-314/57950-04, paragraph 7

<sup>17</sup> IIR 6 034 0029 06, paragraph 6

<sup>18</sup> TD-314/48574-02

<sup>19</sup> ➤ TD-314/37810-02

<sup>20</sup> ➤ TD-314/34080-02, Analyst Note: Abu Zubayr al-Haili was a leading facilitator for al-Qaida fighters coming into AF. He operated the Hajji Habash guesthouse in Kandahar. Abu Zubayr al-Haili, currently in Moroccan custody, is linked to attempts to destroy US and British ships - see IIR 6 034 0838 04.

<sup>21</sup> ➤ 000252 FM40 05-JAN-2005, 0001461 FM40 29-SEP-2004

<sup>22</sup> TD-314/46975-02

<sup>23</sup> TD-314/57979-05

<sup>24</sup> ➤ 000252 FM40 15-MAR-2005

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- unidentified senior al-Qaida operative stated detainee also reported YM-10014 and detainee's father and UBL were close associates.<sup>25</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee made phone calls for SA-10015 and allowed him to use detainee's email account. Detainee stated he was more loyal and committed to SA-10015 than even his own brother, YM-10014. Detainee stated he viewed SA-10015 as a paternal figure.<sup>26</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee stated he met and ran errands for members of a Moroccan al-Qaida cell while in Karachi.<sup>27</sup>
- (S//NF) YM-1457 stated detainee visited Abu Zubayr al-Haili many times in Karachi.<sup>28</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee admitted having knowledge of attack plots and may have insight into the future strategies of al-Qaida and the Taliban.
  - (S//NF) Detainee recalled hearing rumors about an attack prior to the bombing of the USS COLE, but that the rumors only described an upcoming "big hit."<sup>29</sup> (Analyst Note: The USS COLE was attacked on 12 October 2000. Given detainee's close association with USS COLE bombing planner SA-10015, detainee may have unexploited intelligence about this attack.)
  - (S//NF) Detainee stated that in April 2001, at the suggestion and with the financing of UBL, SA-10015 began preparing a terrorist operation against US naval ships and US oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz.<sup>30</sup> Detainee admitted participating in planning an operation in the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf. Detainee had access to the email account used by the operatives responsible for purchasing the ship to be used in the operation.<sup>31</sup>
  - (S//NF) An unidentified senior al-Qaida operative stated UBL told SA-10015 to take detainee with him to Karachi during SA-10015's research for a ship. The al-Qaida operative also reported detainee studied the port of Karachi entrance and exit procedures, and UBL instructed SA-10015 to inform detainee of the general operating plan as UBL deemed it necessary in the course of detainee's work to support the operation.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> TD-314/52240-02

<sup>26</sup> TD-314/37980-02

<sup>27</sup> TD-314/46975-02

<sup>28</sup> 001457 SIR 07-OCT-2004, paragraph D1

<sup>29</sup> TD-314/03630-04

<sup>30</sup> TD-314/38682-02, TD-314/39397-02, Analyst Note: The plan was to disrupt US shipping (see TD-314/25879-03, TD-14/37835-02, IIR 6 044 0037 03, TD-314/47202-02, TD-314/28511-04, IIR 6 034 1003 03, TD-314/13836-03, and IIR 6 034 0005 03). See also IIR 6 044 0035 02 for other reporting on the methodology of the Strait of Hormuz planned operation.

<sup>31</sup> ➤ TD-314/44444-02

<sup>32</sup> ➤ TD-314/11991-03

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- (S//NF) SA-230 and Abd al-Razzaq Abdallah Ibrahim al-Sharikh, ISN US9SA-000067DP (SA-067, transferred), provided corroborating reports indicating detainee expressed knowledge about a ship purchased by al-Qaida to be used to transport weapons, explosives, and possibly uranium purchased from countries along the Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea.<sup>33</sup>
- (S//NF) SA-768 admitted participating in a plot to attack oil tankers in the Straits of Hormuz and off the coast of Yemen. SA-768's role was to buy a boat and load it with two to four tons of explosives in the same fashion as the USS COLE attack. SA-768 further indicated the goal of the attack was to destroy the US economy by shutting down the oil shipping lanes.<sup>34</sup> SA-768 reported detainee contacted him to arrange delivery of funds for the operation.<sup>35</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee thought the ship might be used as a "mother ship" and would deploy smaller vessels located in or on the ship using a crane. Once deployed, the smaller ships would attack US ships. Detainee believed the ship was located in the United Arab Emirates.<sup>36</sup>
  - (S//NF) KU-10024 stated he tasked detainee to deliver remote-control devices to Quetta for senior al-Qaida operative Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq al-Baqi, aka (Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), to use in operations in Afghanistan.<sup>37</sup> During January or February 2002, IZ-10026, commander of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade, was preparing for an insurgency campaign targeting US and Coalition forces in Afghanistan using IEDs.<sup>38</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee stated he worked with al-Qaida operative Hamza al-Zubayr, delivering remote-controlled timers for explosives to Quetta, PK. Detainee reported he met with Zubayr in August 2002 where Zubayr gave detainee a number of timers and 15 explosive circuits to be delivered to senior al-Qaida military commander Ali Ammar Ashur al-Raqiai, aka (Abu Layth al-Libi, deceased). Detainee reported the recipients of the devices were Taliban members.<sup>39</sup> (Analyst Note: The remote-controlled timers were possibly related to the 22 radio-type, remote-detonating devices recovered during the raid in Karachi in which detainee was captured.<sup>40</sup>)
    - (S//NF) Pakistani forces recovered 22 radio-type detonating devices that were discovered in the Tariq Road Safe House, which was one of the other residences raided at the same time as the safe house where detainee was captured. These

<sup>33</sup> IIR 6 034 0056 07, 000067 SIR 03-DEC-2006

<sup>34</sup> IIR 6 044 0034 02, IIR 6 044 0381 03

<sup>35</sup> ➤TD-314/47207-02

<sup>36</sup> TD-314/37835-02

<sup>37</sup> TD-314/11889-03

<sup>38</sup> TD-314/39716-03, TD-314/17060-02, TD-314/30299-03

<sup>39</sup> ➤Hassan Muhammad Salih Bin Attash CAPDATA1, TD-314/03630-04, TD-314/28643-03, Analyst Note: Hamza al-Zubayr is assessed to be deceased al-Qaida operative killed during the capture of the "Karachi Six."

<sup>40</sup> TD-314/37098-02, TD-314/37823-02, TD-314/40307-02

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devices were built inside “Sega” videogame cartridges and were designed for remote activation through use of a cell phone.<sup>41</sup> Also, schematics and programming information for remote detonation devices from a laptop computer hard drive were recovered in the joint safe house raid.<sup>42</sup>

- (S//NF) Detainee stated Abu Layth al-Libi commanded the “southern region” for al-Qaida in Afghanistan, which covered the Khowst Province.<sup>43</sup>
- (S//NF) Detained al-Qaida bomb maker Ahmad Hakim Fawzan al-Qasim, aka (Abu al-Bari al-Filistini), discussed the production of remote control firing devices (RCFDS) and timers for use in improvised explosive devices (IED) targeting US and Coalition forces in Afghanistan. Al-Qasim estimates the two workshops in Karachi produced between 400 to 500 RCFDS, 600 to 700 Casio timers, and 600 to 700 integrated circuit (IC) timers. Other al-Qaida members involved in the workshop include detainee, KU-10024, YM-10014, PK-1460, PK-1461, Abu Hamza al-Zubayr, and Ammar al-Baluchi, ISN US9PK-010018DP (PK-10018). The workshop began production at the end of April or beginning of May 2002. The workshop relocated to a second location due to security concerns in July 2002.<sup>44</sup>
  - (S//NF) SA-768 stated detainee and Salim Ahmad Salim Hamdan, ISN US9YM-000149DP (YM-149), told him “the future tactics of al-Qaida and the Taliban included mass casualties using explosives and kidnappings so the families of the Westerners can suffer, assassination of Western workers in the Middle East, and indoctrination, using the Koran and the Hadith to entice younger mujahideen and females to carry out suicide attacks.”<sup>45</sup>
  - (C//REL TO USA, GCTF) Detainee possesses knowledge of multiple training camps used for preparing insurgents to fight throughout the Middle East. In a conversation with SA-067, detainee described four isolated insurgent camps that trained fighters prior to them engaging in militant operations in Iraq, “Palestine”, and Afghanistan. Detainee added these camps offered basic training and advanced training in explosives.<sup>46</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee reportedly saw Sayf al-Din al-Tunisi at the al-Mattar Airport Complex in Kandahar, in October 2000. Al-Tunisi was isolated from the rest of the operatives. Al-Tunisi was the al-Qaida operative responsible for the 11 April 2002 attack on the al-Ghriba Synagogue in Djerba, Tunisia.<sup>47</sup>

<sup>41</sup> ➤ TD-314/37098-02, TD-314/40307-02

<sup>42</sup> ➤ TD-314/38215-02

<sup>43</sup> TD-314/37748-02

<sup>44</sup> ➤ TD-314/67976-04, TD-314/55445-04, TD-314/66073-06, Analyst Note: In TD-314/37823-02 and TD-314/12088-03, KU-10024 explains the operation was suggested to increase targets from one hotel to three hotels, and for detainee to relocate and work for Abu Layth al-Libi in Miram Shah, PK.

<sup>45</sup> IIR 6 034 0067 06

<sup>46</sup> IIR 6 034 0024 06

<sup>47</sup> ➤ TD-314/43217-02

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- (S//NF) Detainee possesses extensive knowledge regarding the evacuation of senior level al-Qaida and Taliban members.
  - (S//NF) SA-067 and SA-200 have provided corroborating reports claiming detainee is aware of the locations to which numerous senior level al-Qaida and Taliban members fled. These members include UBL<sup>48</sup>, Jalaluddin Haqqani<sup>49</sup>, al-Qaida's Military Supreme Commander Muhammad Ibrahim Makkawi, aka (Sayf al-Adl), al-Qaida recruiter and facilitator Zubayr al-Haili, and commander of al-Faruq Abu Muhammad al-Masri.<sup>50</sup> Detainee told SA-067 that approximately 250 Arabs and other foreigners were still hiding in Afghanistan, and al-Qaida and Taliban leaders were launching their attacks from Pakistan.<sup>51</sup>
  - (S//NF) An unidentified senior al-Qaida operative stated detainee, YM-10014, KU-10024, GZ-10016, YM-1461, and YM-1457 assisted mujahideen fleeing Afghanistan in late-2001. It is further assessed that these militants traveled onward from Karachi to their destination of choice.<sup>52</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee attended both basic and advanced training at camps affiliated with al-Qaida and the Taliban.
  - (U//FOUO/LES) Detainee stated he spent five or six months at the Khaldan Training Camp, where he received basic training on light and heavy weapons, mortars, hand grenades, land mines, and explosives.<sup>53</sup>
    - (S//NF) SA-768 stated he attended training at the Khaldan Camp with detainee, Abd al-Salam al-Hadrami (a front line al-Qaida commander in Afghanistan), Abd al-Aziz Bin Attash (detainee's brother), Muhammad Akbar (possibly Najeebullah ISN US9PK-001011DP, (PK-1011, transferred), and Bittar al-Yemeni (brother-in-law and close friend of UBL), under LY-212's instruction.<sup>54</sup>
  - (C//REL US,GCTF) Detainee stated he spent three to five months in explosives training at the Jihad Wahl Camp in Khowst.<sup>55</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee stated he attended an electronics training course in Jalalabad.<sup>56</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee stated he attended the Daruntah Training Camp and received one week of explosives training.<sup>57</sup>

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<sup>48</sup> IIR 6 034 0050 07

<sup>49</sup> 000067 SIR 24-OCT-2006

<sup>50</sup> IIR 6 034 0357 06

<sup>51</sup> 000067 SIR 07-OCT-2006

<sup>52</sup> TD-314/52240-02, paragraph 7

<sup>53</sup> 001456 FM40 29-SEP-2004

<sup>54</sup> TD-314/36888-03, paragraph 7, item M

<sup>55</sup> IIR 6 034 0180 06

<sup>56</sup> TD-314/03630-04

<sup>57</sup> TD-314/03630-04

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- (S//NF) Detainee stayed at the Kandahar airport complex belonging to UBL and spent most of 2000 “just hanging out.”<sup>58</sup> (Analyst Note: The Kandahar airport complex was known more as a training camp than as a location for rest and relaxation.)
  - (C//REL US,GCTF) SA-230 stated he first met detainee at the airport training camp in 2000. SA-230 added detainee was a genius in using electronics to build and ignite explosives.<sup>59</sup>
- (S//NF) According to Ahmad Hakim Fawzan al-Qasim, in early-2002, detainee attended a special course on remote-controlled firing devices taught by a Pakistani electrical engineer named Dr. Muhammad Ahmad, aka (“The Professor”). This training was arranged by senior al-Qaida operative Sayf al-Adl.<sup>60</sup> (Analyst Note: Ahmad was member of the Pakistani extremist group Harakat ul-Mujahidin (HUM), who had been a mujahid during the Soviet-Afghan war, and had made electronics components for use in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Kashmir since the mid-1990s.)
  - (S//NF) Detained al-Qaida associate Sharif al-Masri reported detainee was designing remote controlled devices for IEDs for use against Coalition forces in Afghanistan. Al-Masri stated detainee was among three others designated by Sayf al-Adl for learning these designs from “the Professor.” Al-Masri commented, prior to this course, al-Qaida did not have remote firing capability.<sup>61</sup>
  - (C//REL US,GCTF) Detainee reported explosive devices made after 11 September 2001 were most likely to be used against US forces in Afghanistan.<sup>62</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee resided in al-Qaida associated locations and guesthouses and was put in charge of renting one such location.
  - (S//NF) Detainee stayed with GZ-10016 on his initial entry into and exit from Pakistan.<sup>63</sup>
    - (S//NF) GZ-10016 stated he first met detainee in mid-1997 when detainee resided in his guesthouse in Peshawar.<sup>64</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee admitted residing at the Najim al-Jihad compound in Jalalabad.<sup>65</sup>
    - (S//NF) According to Omar Ahmad Khadr, ISN US9CA-000766DP (CA-766), UBL’s compound in Jalalabad was called Najim al-Jihad.<sup>66</sup> The compound was reportedly UBL’s preferred residence.<sup>67</sup>

<sup>58</sup> 001456 FM40 28-JUN-2004, TD-314/03630-04

<sup>59</sup> IIR 6 034 0029 06

<sup>60</sup> TD-314/60439-04, TD-314/57950-04

<sup>61</sup> ➤ TD-314/53636-04, TD-314/56232-04

<sup>62</sup> ➤ IIR 6 034 0089 05

<sup>63</sup> TD-314/48022-02

<sup>64</sup> TD-314/57979-05

<sup>65</sup> TD-314/48022-02

<sup>66</sup> IIR 6 034 0264 03

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- (S//NF) Detainee admitted residing in a Quetta guesthouse operated by al-Qaida operative Yaqub al-Baluchi, aka (Abu Talha al-Baluchi). Detainee further admitted family members of al-Qaida deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri and al-Qaida military chief Muhammad Atif, aka (Abu Hafs al-Masri), were in the house while he was living in the residence.<sup>68</sup>
- (S//NF) According to a senior al-Qaida operative, detainee was with a group residing in a house rented by PK-1461 in Karachi. After the group departed, the house was given to YM-1457.<sup>69</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee, PK-1460, PK-1461, and YM-10013 were arrested together during raids on an al-Qaida safe house in Karachi.<sup>70</sup>
- (S//NF) PK-1461 reported detainee was one of many facilitators in who assisted al-Qaida Arabs traveling out of Karachi.<sup>71</sup>
- (S//NF) YM-252 stated detainee facilitated operations at various Taliban and al-Qaida guesthouses in Pakistan.<sup>72</sup>
  - (S//NF) According to PK-1460, detainee used to complain to KU-10024 about wanting something to do. KU-10024 eventually decided to have detainee rent a safe house for al-Qaida members using the Pakistani name Sayyid Nur. KU-10024 obtained a Pakistani National Identity Card for detainee in this name.<sup>73</sup> (Analyst Note: This is the house where detainee, PK-1460, PK-1461, and YM-10013 were arrested.)
- (S//NF) Detainee's has close familial ties with senior level al-Qaida members.
  - (S//NF) Detainee's father, Muhammad Saleh Bin Attash, was a supporter of UBL.
    - (S//NF) According to YM-10014, detainee's father was a long time friend of UBL, and there was a strong connection between the two families.<sup>74</sup>
    - (S//NF) According to an associate of UBL, who was in Yemeni custody as of 25 September 2001, detainee's father advocated jihadist causes for youths and assisted them in traveling to and training in Afghanistan. The UBL associate also stated that funds donated by detainee's father might have been collected through charity and other donations from sympathizers in Saudi Arabia.<sup>75</sup>
    - (S//NF) According to al-Qaida facilitator Ahmad Ibrahim Abu Hasana, aka (Abu Muaz al-Jiddawi), detainee's father was considered one of the most

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<sup>67</sup> IIR 2 340 6222 02

<sup>68</sup> TD-314/44392-02

<sup>69</sup> TD-314/10133-03

<sup>70</sup> 001460 FM40 03-JUN-2004

<sup>71</sup> ➤TD-314/38434-02

<sup>72</sup> 000252 FM40 05-JAN-2005

<sup>73</sup> TD-314/42217-02

<sup>74</sup> TD-314/35058-03

<sup>75</sup> IIR 5 391 0011 01

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- prominent representatives of UBL in Saudi Arabia. Al-Jiddawi further stated detainee's father maintained a close personal relationship with UBL.<sup>76</sup>
- (S//NF) YM-10014 stated senior al-Qaida operative LY-212 was like a father to most of the Bin Attash boys and was very close to their mother.<sup>77</sup>
  - (S//NF) YM-10014 stated the entire family, with the exception of detainee's mother, sisters, and youngest brother, had participated in jihad.<sup>78</sup>
  - (C//REL TO USA, GCTF) SA-230 reported detainee and his brothers traveled with multiple senior level al-Qaida members to include Ayman al-Zawahiri.<sup>79</sup>
  - (S//NF) YM-10014 reported detainee knew Jaffar al-Tayyar, aka (Adnan al-Shukrijumah). Jaffar al-Tayyar translated English to Arabic during detainee's explosives course under Dr. Muhammad Ahmad.<sup>80</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed as a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been sometimes compliant and rarely hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 64 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 17 May 2008, when he failed to follow guard instructions. He has one Report of Disciplinary Infraction for assault in 4 March 2006, when he spat 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, exposure of sexual organs for gratification, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. On 16 May 2008, he was found in possession of a potential weapon in the form of a sharpened metal clip. In 2007, he had a total of 22 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and seven 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 20 June 2008.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee has strong familial connections to al-Qaida and many extremist individuals. Detainee, especially through his family, had wide access to senior al-Qaida members, including UBL. He traveled to many training camps and guesthouses in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and possibly elsewhere. He obtained advanced

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<sup>76</sup> TD-314/50720-02

<sup>77</sup> TD-314/32262-03

<sup>78</sup> TD-314/32262-03

<sup>79</sup> IIR 6 034 0284 06

<sup>80</sup> ➤TD-314/31593-03, TD-314/62319-04

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training at multiple locations, particularly in explosives. He associated with known al-Qaida members and was aware of terrorist operational planning.

**c. (S//NF) Areas of Potential Exploitation:** Detainee has vast information of great intelligence value. His familial connections to al-Qaida, his presence among al-Qaida leaders, and his involvement in planning offer a wealth of information into the tactics, techniques, and procedures of al-Qaida. Detainee probably has information on unexecuted operations that could be conducted by the organization in the future. Detainee has information on his familial ties and involvement with al-Qaida.

- Al-Qaida
  - UBL
  - Al-Qaida leadership, facilitators, and operatives to include: UBL, Zawahiri, Sayf al-Adl, Abu Hafs al-Masri, KU-10024, PK-10018, GZ-10016, SA-10015, YM-10014, YM-10013, PK-1460, and SA-768
  - Tactics, techniques, and procedures
  - Long term goals and strategies
  - Capabilities and limitations
  - Training facilities
  - Safe houses and guest houses
- Bin Attash family
- Terrorism targets, activities, and related facilities
- Foreign fighter facilitator Abu Ahmad
- Terrorist biographical and psychological information
- IEDs
- Terrorist recruitment of juveniles (levied HUMINT collection requirement)
- Information on Yusif Dakhil Network
- Saudi Arabia area stability

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 18 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*.