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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 US9SY-000326DP (S)

### **JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

#### **1. (S) Personal Information:**

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Ahmed Adnan Ahjm
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Ahmed Adnan Muhammad Ajam, Abd al-Maiz, Abu Rawdah al-Suri, Anas Bin al-Nafir, Rahman Kangal Shiraz
- Place of Birth: Aleppo, Syria (SY)
- Date of Birth: 1 May 1977
- Citizenship: Syria
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9SY-000326DP



**2. (U//FOUO) Health:** Detainee is in fair 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 15 April 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is assessed to be a member of the Syrian Group, terrorist cells that escaped Syrian authorities and fled to Afghanistan (AF) in late 2000. Detainee is assessed to have participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) Tora Bora Mountain complex under the command of Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri, ISN US9LY-000212 (LY-212). Detainee is assessed to have received suicide operations training at the Syrian Guesthouse funded by Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), at which currency and document

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forgery operations were also conducted. Detainee is assessed to have received money from GZ-10016 during his time in Afghanistan and received basic and advanced training at several al-Qaida affiliated training camps. Detainee attended basic training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp which included pistols, AK-47s, M-16s, rocket-propelled grenades (RPG), and hand grenades. Detainee is listed on al-Qaida documents as receiving the advanced, tactics training course and completed mortar training at the Abu Musab al-Zarqawi training camp in Herat. **[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 information related to detainee's activities in Tora Bora
- Removed SMI identification of detainee as a terrorist cell member due to erroneous name association

#### **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 completed schooling through the ninth grade.<sup>1</sup> Detainee worked as a jeweler and, despite a 9th grade education, worked in the Syrian Air Force as an aid to General Ali Mahmoud in Damascus, SY in approximately 1995 or 1996.<sup>2</sup>

**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** Detainee traveled to Kandahar, AF via Iran (IR) in late 2000 or early 2001. In Kandahar, detainee stayed at Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) legal college for three days.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 000326 INITIAL SCREENING 06-JAN-2002

<sup>2</sup> 000326 SIR 12-APR-2006; Analyst Note: In 000326 MFR 08-SEP-2002, detainee claimed he was an aid to General Ali Mahoud. Detainee was possibly referring to Ministry of Interior Major General Ali Hamoud.

<sup>3</sup> IIR 4 201 5497 07, TD-314/38436-02; Analyst Note: The Legal College is assessed to be the al-Qaida Islamic Studies Institute operated by UBL religious advisor, Abu Hafz al-Mauritani in the Hajji Habash area of Kandahar.

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**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** Detainee then traveled to Kabul and stayed at a Syrian guesthouse for over a year. At the guesthouse, he met Ali Husein Muhammad Shaaban, aka (Yaqub al-Suri), ISN US9SY-000327 (SY-327); Abd al-Hadi Omar Mahmoud Faraj, aka (Abu Omar), ISN US9SY-000329 (SY-329); and Masum Abdah Muhammad, aka (Bilal al-Kurdi), ISN US9SY-000330 (SY-330).<sup>4</sup> Abu Muaz al-Suri, aka (Abdallah al-Shami), ISN US9SY-001454DP (SY-1454, escaped), rented and operated the Syrian guesthouse.<sup>5</sup> Detainee met Shaykh Issa al-Masri who visited the guesthouse to teach the Koran to the Syrians.<sup>6</sup> Detainee worked on and off for a few months for the al-Wafa non-governmental organization (NGO), whose office was located about a 15 minute walk from the Syrian guesthouse in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul.<sup>7</sup>

**5. (U) Capture Information:**

**a. (S//NF)** After the US and Coalition bombing campaign initiated in Kabul, detainee, SY-327, and SY-329 fled to the UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex.<sup>8</sup> SY-330 stated three other Syrians joined him in Tora Bora: detainee, SY-327, SY-329, as well as an individual named Usama, who was carrying an AK-47 assault rifle.<sup>9</sup> SY-330 further stated they were all issued AK-47s shortly after arrival in Tora Bora.<sup>10</sup> Approximately 13 days later, Nur Gul escorted the group to a cave where they remained for approximately one and one-half months, and then departed for Pakistan (PK).<sup>11</sup> In late December 2001, Pakistani authorities captured detainee, SY-327, SY-329, and SY-330 as they fled the hostilities in Tora Bora.<sup>12</sup> Pakistani authorities then transferred detainee, SY-327, SY-329, and SY-330, from Kohat, PK, to US custody at the Kandahar Detention Facility on 5 January 2002.<sup>13</sup>

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

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 14 June 2002

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<sup>4</sup> TD-314/38436-02

<sup>5</sup> IIR 6 034 0615 04; Analyst Note: SY-1454 escaped from the Bagram Detention Facility on 10 July 2005.

<sup>6</sup> 000326 SIR 12-APR-2006; Analyst Note: See Reasons for Continued Detention for information about Shaykh Issa.

<sup>7</sup> 000326 MFR 21-APR-2003

<sup>8</sup> 000326 FM40 02-NOV-2004

<sup>9</sup> 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002; Analyst Note: A variant for Usama is Osama.

<sup>10</sup> 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004; Analyst Note: In IIR 6 034 0055 05, SY-329 corroborated SY-330's statement by stating when he first entered the Tora Bora Mountains of Afghanistan, he was taken to a group of four to five Saudi males who were distributing weapons to all Arabs going through the area.

<sup>11</sup> 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002

<sup>12</sup> 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004, TD-314/00964-02

<sup>13</sup> TD-314/00845-02

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

- Islamic Studies Institute aka (Legal College) in Kandahar
- Terrorists and terrorist facilitators with whom detainee is acquainted

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account:** Detainee has provided very little information regarding his extremist activities during interrogations, and little detail of his associates, activities or movements during a one-year stay in Afghanistan. Much of what he has revealed is difficult to corroborate or has been disproved through other JTF-GTMO detainees and documentation. For instance, detainee claimed to have worked for the al-Wafa NGO for a few months; however, the Afghanistan al-Wafa director failed to recognize detainee.<sup>14</sup> Detainee reportedly received training at Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's training camp in Herat, and al-Faruq Training Camp in Kandahar for basic training and advanced training. Detainee denies fighting US forces but was identified as an armed member of a fire team in Tora Bora.

**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 assessed to be a member of a Syrian terrorist cell which fled to Afghanistan to escape Syrian authorities. The cell members attended al-Qaida militant training camps and, along with detainee, stayed in a guesthouse reserved exclusively for Syrians at which currency and document forgery was conducted. GZ-10016 supported the guesthouse and detainee is assessed to have received money from GZ-10016 during his stay. It is assessed detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex under the command of LY-212. Detainee is assessed to have received suicide operations training at the Syrian Guesthouse in Kabul. Detainee received basic and advanced training at al-Qaida affiliated training camps in Afghanistan. Detainee received mortar training at the Abu Musab al-Zarqawi camp in Herat, and received tactics and basic training at al-Qaida camps. Detainee is an al-Qaida associate and is listed in an al-Qaida affiliated document.

- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be a member of a Syrian terrorist cell which relocated to Afghanistan. The cell members escaped Syrian authorities and fled to Afghanistan where they attended training. Detainee stayed in a guesthouse reserved exclusively for Syrians which was supported by GZ-10016.

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<sup>14</sup> IIR 6 034 0023 04

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- (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged living with SY-327, SY-329, SY-330 and SY-1454 for about a year in the Syrian Guesthouse in Kabul operated by SY-1454.<sup>15</sup> Detainee, SY-329, and SY-330 all stated the residence was not a true guesthouse, which would be open to anyone, but a house for Syrians only.<sup>16</sup> Abd al-Nasir Ibn Muhammad Khantumani, ISN US9SY-000307DP (SY-307);<sup>17</sup> and Moammar Badawi Dokhan, ISN US9SY-000317DP (SY-317) also admitted staying at the guesthouse.<sup>18</sup>
- (S//NF) According to Syrian government reporting, members of terrorist cells in Syria fled to Afghanistan in 2000 where they attended militant training in al-Qaida training camps. These terrorists were identified as SY-327, SY-329, SY-330, Jihad Ahmed Mustafa Diyab, ISN US9LE-000722DP (LE-722), Ahmad Ibrahim al-Sharif al-Darwish, Abu Khalid (assessed to be Sulayman Khalid al-Darwish; now deceased), and Abu Musab al-Suri aka (Mustafa Abd al-Qadir Sitt Miryam).<sup>19</sup>
  - (S//NF) Analyst Note: Detainee's approximate arrival date in Afghanistan coincides with the reported arrival of other cell members. It is unlikely members of the Syrian terrorist cells would allow detainee to live with them for over a year unless he was associated to them prior to his arrival in Afghanistan. The Syrians in Afghanistan were former members of the Darwish Terrorist Cell (led by Ahmad Ibrahim al-Sharif al-Darwish), the Damascus Terrorist Cell, and the Hama Terrorist Cell. As detainee is from Aleppo and the majority of the members in the Darwish Terrorist Cell were from Aleppo, detainee is assessed to have been a member of that cell prior to fleeing to Afghanistan.<sup>20</sup>
- (S//NF) GZ-10016 admitted he helped fund the Syrian Guesthouse.<sup>21</sup> GZ-10016 reported meeting with SY-330 at the guesthouse prior to the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks.<sup>22</sup> Detainee acknowledged receiving money from SY-1454 in envelopes.<sup>23</sup> (Analyst Note: According to detainee's claimed timeline, he would have been present at the guesthouse during GZ-10016's visit. The money detainee received is assessed to have been provided by GZ-10016.)
- (S//NF) Detainee possibly attended the al-Ghuraba Training Camp, operated by Abu Musab al-Suri. The camp had an association with SY-1454's Guesthouse.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> TD-314/38436-02, IIR 6 034 0615 04

<sup>16</sup> IIR 6 034 0154 04, IIR 6 034 0615 04, IIR 6 034 0797 04

<sup>17</sup> IIR 6 034 0557 02

<sup>18</sup> TD-314/37242-02

<sup>19</sup> TD-314/44247-01; Multiple ISNs FAS GTMO Syrians 30-May-2007

<sup>20</sup> Analyst Note: Detainee reported his place of birth is Halab, SY. Halab is the Arabic identifier for Aleppo.

<sup>21</sup> TD-314/36471-02

<sup>22</sup> TD-314/39191-05

<sup>23</sup> >000326 SIR 08-Jan-2008, 000326 SIR 28-Nov-2007,

<sup>24</sup> TD-314/36471-02, IIR 6 034 0281 03

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- (S//NF) Syrian intelligence reported the cell members traveled to Afghanistan to join a Syrian camp operated by UBL ally, Abu Musab al-Suri.<sup>25</sup> Abu Musab al-Suri was head of the Syrian Group and was involved in the Syrian Guesthouse.<sup>26</sup> Abu Musab al-Suri established the al-Ghuraba camp to train Arabs in electronics and preparation of IEDs.<sup>27</sup> The US State Department's "Rewards for Justice" website stated Abu Musab al-Suri also trained terrorists on the use of toxic materials and chemicals at the al-Ghuraba camp.<sup>28</sup>
- (S//NF) Abu Musab al-Suri was affiliated with the Syrian guesthouse (SY-1454 Guesthouse) in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul. Abu Musab was also identified as the head of the Syrian Group.<sup>29</sup> When discussing al-Qaida sites in Kabul, Abd al-Rahman Ahmed Khadr, US9CA-000990DP (CA-990, transferred), reported money and document forgery operations were conducted in the Syrian Group Guesthouse.<sup>30</sup> Detainee,<sup>31</sup> SY-329,<sup>32</sup> and SY-330<sup>33</sup> reported they left their passports at SY-1454's guesthouse.<sup>34</sup>
  - (S//NF) Analyst Note: The Wazir Akbar Khan area is the former diplomatic district occupied by the Taliban and al-Qaida for quarters and training. The passports may have been left behind due to incomplete alterations at the guesthouse, rendering the passports unsatisfactory for international travel. Regardless of the reason, most detainees were captured without their passport with some specifically instructed to leave the passports behind in order to make their positive identification difficult upon capture.
  - (S//NF) GZ-10016 identified LE-722 as an expert in passport and document forgery.<sup>35</sup> Syrian Military Intelligence (SMI) reported LE-722 was one of the fleeing Syrian terrorist cell members, along with SY-327 and SY-329.<sup>36</sup> (Analyst Note: LE-722 probably provided the guesthouse occupants with forgery training or with forged documentation for their eventual return to Syria. Operational mission training courses usually included document forgery and currency counterfeiting.)

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<sup>25</sup> TD-314/44247-01

<sup>26</sup> TD-314/36471-02, IIR 6 034 0281 03

<sup>27</sup> IIR 6 034 0284 05; TD-314/21668-00; TD-314/12972-03; Analyst Note: A variant of al-Ghuraba is al-Ghoraba.

<sup>28</sup> FBIS GMP20050123000064

<sup>29</sup> TD-314/36471-02, IIR 6 034 0281 03

<sup>30</sup> TD-314/20458-02

<sup>31</sup> 000326 FM40 03-SEP-2003

<sup>32</sup> 000329 KB 12-JUN-2002

<sup>33</sup> 000330 302 11-JUN-2002

<sup>34</sup> TD-314/52681-03; Analyst Note: A variant of al-Shami is Ashami and a valid alternate alias for al-Shami is al-Suri.

<sup>35</sup> >TD-314/44247-01, paragraph 5A

<sup>36</sup> >TD 314 20999 03

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- (S//NF) It is assessed detainee participated in hostilities against US and Coalition forces in UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex.
  - (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged fleeing to Tora Bora as the fighting approached Kabul (November 2001). Detainee traveled to Tora Bora with SY-327 and SY-329 and remained there for one month prior to their capture.<sup>37</sup> Detainee indicated he was sold by the Pakistani's for a bounty paid by the Americans. Detainee also claimed he never saw any al-Qaida members in Tora Bora, he never fought in Afghanistan, and never attended any training camps in Afghanistan.<sup>38</sup> (Analyst Note: While detainee's timeline in Tora Bora is assessed to be fairly accurate, his other claims are assessed to be false and conflict with reporting from other JTF-GTMO detainees and captured al-Qaida documents which have identified him at multiple al-Qaida and extremist training camps and serving in a four man fire team in Tora Bora under the overall command of LY-212.)
  - (S//NF) SY-330 stated three other Syrians joined him in Tora Bora: detainee, SY-327, SY-329; as well as an individual named Usama,<sup>39</sup> assessed to be Khaled Qasim, ISN US9YM-000242DP (YM-242). SY-330 reported they were all subsequently issued AK-47s after their arrival in the Tora Bora Mountains.<sup>40</sup> SY-329 also reported all Arabs were issued AK-47s when they entered Tora Bora.<sup>41</sup>
    - (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeab Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), reported SY-327 was part of a fire team, composed of at least four fighters. One fighter carried extra ammunition for the machine gun, another fighter carried a RPG, and the fourth fighter carried an AK-47. SY-327 carried a heavy machine gun with a bipod, and a 100 round magazine.<sup>42</sup> (Analyst Note: As detainee traveled to Tora Bora with SY-327 and joined SY-330 along with SY-327, the members of the fire team are assessed to be detainee, SY-327, SY-330 and SY-329. YM-252 reported his group, and SY-327's group, both fell under the same commander, Khalid al-Adani who has been identified as YM-242.<sup>43</sup> SY-330 reported detainee arrived in Tora Bora with Usama, assessed to be YM-242 who possesses the alias Abu Usama al-Adani.<sup>44</sup>)

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<sup>37</sup> 000326 SIR 30-Mar-2007, 000326 KB 16-Jun-2002, 000326 FM40 02-Nov-2004

<sup>38</sup> 000326 SIR 12-Apr-2006

<sup>39</sup> 000330 MFR 11-SEP-2002

<sup>40</sup> 000330 SIR 11-NOV-2004; Analyst Note: In IIR 6 034 0055 05, detainee corroborated SY-330's statement by stating when he first entered the Tora Bora Mountains of Afghanistan, he was taken to a group of four to five Saudi males who were distributing weapons to all Arabs going through the area.

<sup>41</sup> IIR 6 034 0055 05

<sup>42</sup> >000252 FM40 01-NOV-2004

<sup>43</sup> >000252 FM40 15-Mar-2005, 000252 FM40 31-May-2005(a),

<sup>44</sup> >IIR 6 034 0059 05

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- (S//NF) YM-242 admitted that he was at the Abdul Aziz Center in Tora Bora,<sup>45</sup> and reported UBL visited his position one night to encourage the men.<sup>46</sup> (Analyst Note: YM-252 and YM-242's comments indicate detainee would have been present for UBL's visit as well, as detainee has not been associated with any other fighting positions in Tora Bora.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed have received suicide operations training at the Syrian Guesthouse in Kabul.
  - (S//NF) Detainee,<sup>47</sup> SY-329,<sup>48</sup> SY-327,<sup>49</sup> and SY-330<sup>50</sup> all reported studying with Shaykh Issa al-Masri, an associate of UBL.<sup>51</sup> SY-329 admitted spending two weeks at the Shaykh Issa's home in Kabul receiving religious training.<sup>52</sup> (Analyst Note: These Syrian detainees minimize the importance of their contact with Shaykh Issa. However, due to the fact that they were in the Syrian Guesthouse for over a year, they probably completed Shaykh Issa's training. This is further supported by the fact that suicide training reportedly required over a year to complete.)
    - (S//NF) Detainee also stated he studied with Fakar Hanafi, who he identified as aka (Shaykh Issa).<sup>53</sup> SY-330 reported he and detainee studied at the Hanafi Religious School under Mullah Issa.<sup>54</sup> (Analyst Note: Detainee probably stated he studied Fiqh Hanafi, Hanafi jurisprudence, with Shaykh Issa. There are four schools of Sunni Islam: Hanafi (followed by the Taliban and considered to be the strictest of the four), Maliki, Hanbali, and Shafii.)<sup>55</sup>
    - (S//NF) Shaykh Issa was an Arab scholar and was part of the al-Qaida network. Some of his religious training included the "right to kill all non-believers," like Americans, as well as how to deal with captured Muslim opponents.<sup>56</sup> Training occurred two to three times a week for about three months.<sup>57</sup> Shaykh Issa provided a two-week training session for Syrians and

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<sup>45</sup> 000242 MFR 09-MAY-2002, TD-314/00928-02

<sup>46</sup> >IIR 6 034 0731 03, 000242 302 13-MAY-2002

<sup>47</sup> 000326 SIR 01-JUL-2004

<sup>48</sup> 000329 302 16-AUG-2002

<sup>49</sup> 000327 MFR 18-DEC-2002

<sup>50</sup> IIR 6 034 1179 04

<sup>51</sup> IIR 6 034 0278 03, 000766 SIR 05-NOV-2002, IIR 6 034 0501 03, 000329 SIR 20-JAN-2005; Analyst Note: SY-329 claimed Shaykh Issa's house was on the property behind the main house where detainee and other students stayed. Variants of Issa include Essa, Eisa, and Isa.

<sup>52</sup> IIR 6 034 0055 05

<sup>53</sup> >000326 Initial Screening 06-Jan-2002

<sup>54</sup> >000330 MFR 20-Jun-2002

<sup>55</sup> >IIR 6 034 1094 04, IIR 2 216 6031 02

<sup>56</sup> IIR 6 034 0278 03, 000766 SIR 05-NOV-2002, IIR 6 034 0501 03

<sup>57</sup> IIR 6 034 1179 04

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other Arabs who trained at UBL-sponsored camps. This training was considered part of the final preparation undertaken by the trainees.<sup>58</sup>

- (S//NF) Shaykh Issa provided final approval for the training of suicide operatives. The operational mission training courses included explosives, poisons, document forgery, currency counterfeiting, disguise, and training in Western lifestyle topics. Throughout the one-year sessions, progress reports were sent to Shaykh Issa, UBL and the trainee's sponsor. Upon completion of training, the trainee was required to spend an additional two weeks with Shaykh Issa and swear an oath to UBL, after which the operative would be deployed on his mission.<sup>59</sup>

- (S//NF) After studying with Sheikh Issa, it was common practice for trainees to go to the front line to fight.<sup>60</sup> According to Fahd Umar Abd al Majid al Sharif, ISN US9SA-000215DP (SA-215), there was a Syrian camp on the front line of Kabul.<sup>61</sup>

- (S//NF) Detainee received basic and advanced training at al-Qaida affiliated training camps in Afghanistan.

- (S//NF) Abdallah Abd al-Razzaq Muhammad al-Dhabi, a member of the al-Zarqawi Network, reported detainee attended al-Faruq and al-Zarqawi's training camps. In late 2000, Al-Dhabi met two Syrians, Abu Rawdah (detainee) and Jumah, at the Arab Guesthouse in Kandahar; the Syrians had traveled together to Afghanistan. According to al-Dhabi, the three traveled to Kabul seeking Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. They returned to Kandahar and attended al-Faruq Training Camp for six weeks. At al-Faruq, they received instruction on small arms including pistols, AK-47s, M-16s, and hand and rocket-propelled grenades (RPG).<sup>62</sup> (Analyst Note: The Arab Guesthouse is assessed to be the al-Faruq associated Hajji Habash Guesthouse.)

- (S//NF) Following their training at al-Faruq, detainee, al-Dhabi and Jumah, traveled to Herat and spoke with Mullah Abd al-Manan, ISN US9AF-001592DP (AF-1592), who directed them to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's camp.<sup>63</sup> Al-Dhabi claimed the three attended a mortar training course given by Muwaffaq Ali Ahmad al-Adwan aka (Abu Anas) aka (Jafar), who was an explosives trainer at al-Zarqawi's camp.<sup>64</sup> (Analyst Note: Mortar training is an advanced training course.)

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<sup>58</sup> IIR 6 034 0876 04

<sup>59</sup> TD-314/18017-02

<sup>60</sup> IIR 6 034 0501 03

<sup>61</sup> IIR 6 034 0284 05

<sup>62</sup> TD-314/47763-03, TD-314/48844-03; Analyst Note: The al-Faruq commander was Abu Muhammad al-Masri. A variant of Jumah is Juma.

<sup>63</sup> Analyst Note: AF-1592 provided protection to al-Zarqawi's group in Herat. See TD-314/61389-04.

<sup>64</sup> TD-314/48844-03; Analyst Note: Al-Zarqawi established a training camp near Herat in 2000, on the Afghan border with Iran, for Jordanian, Palestinian, and Syrian fighters. The camp continued to operate until 2001.

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- (S//NF) Detainee's alias, Abu Rawdah al-Suri, is listed on a class roster for the Tactics Course Number 2 in March 2001. Detainee confirmed it was his alias on the list.<sup>65</sup> (Analyst Note: Tactics was an advanced training course.)
- (S//NF) SY-327 stated he received training on the AK-47 from Khalid at SY-1454's house.<sup>66</sup> (Analyst Note: Khalid likely provided training to other Syrians staying at the Syrian guesthouse as well, including detainee although it is unlikely he would require basic AK-47 training following training at al-Faruq.)
  - (S//NF) GZ-10016 claimed Abu Khalid al-Suri was a very good friend of Abu Musab al-Suri and was a pistol trainer at Abu Musab al-Suri's training camp.<sup>67</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is an al-Qaida associate and is listed in an al-Qaida affiliated document.
  - (S//NF) Detainee acknowledged staying at UBL's legal college in Kandahar.<sup>68</sup> (Analyst Note: The "legal college" is assessed to be the Islamic Studies Institute located across the street from the Hajji Habash Guesthouse in Kandahar. The Islamic Studies Institute was an al-Qaida facility operated by UBL's religious advisor Abu Hafs al-Mauritani.<sup>69</sup>)
    - (S//NF) The Hajji Habash Guesthouse was an administrative processing point for fighters en route to training camps in Kandahar and the front lines in Kabul.<sup>70</sup>
    - (S//NF) Variations of detainee's name and alias were found on a document recovered from raids on suspected al-Qaida guesthouses in Pakistan. This list identifies the contents of detainee's trust account as a passport, ID cards, and photographs.<sup>71</sup> (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 the front lines or abroad. Trust accounts, also referred to as safety boxes or safety deposit boxes, were simple storage compartments such as envelopes or folders that guesthouse administrators used to secure the individual's personal valuables, such as passports and plane tickets. These items were entrusted to the guesthouse until completion of training or other activity.)

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<sup>65</sup> IIR 6 034 0360 04; Various ISNs AFGP-2002-800321 31-JAN-2002, page 24, listed with variant spelling Abu Rawda al-Souri; Analyst Note: Variants of Abu Rawda al-Souri include Abu Rawdah al-Suri, Abu Rowda al-Souri and Abu Rouda al-Suri.

<sup>66</sup> 000327 MFR 07-MAR-2002, 000327 MFR 16-AUG-2002

<sup>67</sup> TD-314/40311-02, CIR-316-17879-05; Analyst Note: Khalid is aka (Abu Khalid al-Shami) aka (Muhammad Abdul Qadir) aka (Muhammad Bahiah).

<sup>68</sup> TD-314/38436-02

<sup>69</sup> IIR 6 034 1094 04; TD-314/28084-02; Analyst Note: The Islamic Studies Institute was also called the Jamaat Lughat al-Arabiya (Arabic Language Academy), the Makhad Madrassa, the Sharia Institute, the Mahad, Mahad Taleem al-Arabiyya (Institute of Arabic Instruction), and the Islamic Institute of Kandahar.

<sup>70</sup> TD-314/14620-03

<sup>71</sup> TD-314/40693-02, paragraph 29; TD-314/42895-02, paragraph 28; TD-314/47683-03, paragraph 28

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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 non-hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 24 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 23 January 2008, when he pushed water from his cell onto tier. He has one Report of Disciplinary Infraction for assault occurring on 26 December 2005, when he threw his milk carton at a guard. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, damage to government property, attempted assaults, assaults and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of eight Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and three 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 10 January 2008.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee is assessed to be associated with the Syrian Group, dismantled terrorist cells that fled Syria to Afghanistan in 2000. While in Afghanistan from 2000 to 2001, detainee is assessed to have attended militant training at al-Qaida's al-Faruq Training Camp, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's training camp in Herat, and Abu Musab al-Suri's al-Ghuraba Training Camp in Kabul. Detainee lived as part of the Syrian Group in Kabul for a year and a half. During that time, detainee received instruction from al-Qaida affiliated Shaykh Issa, and is assessed to have received suicide operative training. Detainee was also placed at the Hajji Habash Guesthouse, on the front lines of Kabul and in the UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex during the US and Coalition campaign against the Taliban and al-Qaida.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee can provide information on his training background, as well as that of the other members of the Syrian Group, in Syria, Iran, and Afghanistan. Detainee probably can provide significant intelligence on Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and Abu Musab al-Suri and the training they provided, as well as information on other militants who attended the training. Detainee can provide information on the Syrian Group and their connections and affiliations with al-Qaida, the Taliban and possibly other militant groups.

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<sup>72</sup> 000326 MFR 08-SEP-2002

<sup>73</sup> 000307 SIR 01-MAY-2003

<sup>74</sup> 000317 KB 16-FEB-2002

<sup>75</sup> 000327 302 16-JUN-2002

<sup>76</sup> 000329 302 16-AUG-2002

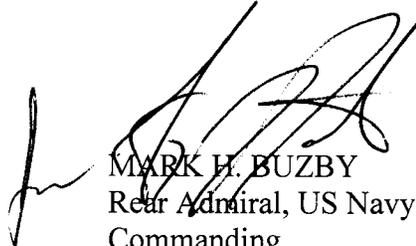
<sup>77</sup> 000330 SIR 20-APR-2004

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9. (S) **EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 20 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.



MARK H. BUZBY  
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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*.