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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 9lst Avenue, Miami, FL 33172

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN US9YM-000031DP (S)

JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (S) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Mahmud al-Mujahid
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Mahmoud Abd al-Aziz Abd al-Mujahid, Mahmud al-Taizi, Abu Dawud, Dawoud al-Taizi, Mahmoudnabdul Aziz Abdul Wali al-Mujahed, Majid Mahmud, Maqmood Rayhad, Bahrer
- Place of Birth: Taiz, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: August 1980
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000031DP

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 (CD) on 23 August 2007.

b. (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is a member of al-Qaida who served as a bodyguard for Usama Bin Laden (UBL) for one year. Detainee also has familial ties to al-Qaida members including other UBL bodyguards and JTF-GTMO detainees. Detainee traveled to Afghanistan (AF) in late 1999 or early 2000 for jihad, and received militant training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee was present during hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Tora Bora and reportedly has knowledge of planned

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terrorist attacks. Detainee is listed on several al-Qaida documents and 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 is a committed jihadist who received theological training from, and was recruited by, radical Yemeni shaykhs who continue to recruit Yemeni youth to participate in hostilities against US and coalition forces. Detainee's assessed commitment to jihadis supported by his discussions with another JTF-GTMO detainee on methods to conduct suicide during detention. **[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DETAINEE IS AVAILABLE IN AN SCI SUPPLEMENT.]** JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

- A **HIGH** risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies
- A **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective
- Of **HIGH** intelligence value

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

- Updated detainee's prior history, recruitment and travel
- Added detainee's familial ties to al-Qaida members and other JTF-GTMO detainees
- Added detainee's discussion of the methods of conducting suicide within JTF-GTMO
- Removed assessment that Shaykh Mufeed of the Marib Institute was identifiable with Shaykh Husayn Umar Mahfud due to lack of corroborating information

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: Despite failing grades numerous times, detainee obtained his high school diploma at age 22. While attending school, detainee also attended religious instruction in the evening at the Ashrufia mosque. Other than a three-month period in a diaper factory in Taiz, detainee was unable to find employment, and instead began to focus on studying Islam. He continued to study at the Ashrufia mosque in the afternoons, and in the evenings he taught the Koran to children. He was not paid for this work and had no official title at the mosque.[1]

[1] 000031 FM40 08-APR-2005, 000031 302 21-MAR-2002, IIR 6 034 0314 02, 000031 ARB3 TRANSCRIPT FINAL 30-NOV-2007; Analyst Note: Detainee separately stated that he worked for about a year at the diaper

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee studied for three months under Shaykh Abdallah al-Ahdal at the Islamic Institute in Hadramaut, YM, and for nine days under Shaykh Abdallah al-Shaghdari at the Islamic Institute in Marib, YM. Detainee was forced to leave both institutes due to his radical jihadist behavior. Mufeed, assistant to Shaykh Abdallah al-Shaghdari, suggested detainee travel to Afghanistan to teach the Koran. Mufeed introduced detainee to Mukhtar al-Qadassi who, in July 2001, assisted detainee with the purchase of an airline ticket to Afghanistan.[2]

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee traveled from Sanaa, YM to Kandahar, AF via Dubai, United Arab Emirates (AE), Quetta, PK, and Spin Boldak, AF. After one month of teaching at the Majid Omar Mosque, located in a village near Kandahar, detainee traveled to Kabul, AF and taught at a local mosque for approximately five to ten days before returning to the Majid Omar Mosque in September 2001. Detainee learned of the 11 September 2001 attacks shortly after returning to the Majid Omar Mosque. In November 2001, detainee went to teach at the Mouawiah Mosque near Khowst, AF. Detainee taught at the mosque for approximately 40 days before deciding it was time to return to Yemen. Detainee departed for Pakistan by foot.[3]

5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) Detainee was captured by Pakistani forces on 15 December 2001 while attempting to cross the Afghanistan-Pakistan border near Parachinar, PK, after fleeing from hostilities at 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 members of UBL's security detail.[4] Pakistani authorities transferred the group to a prison facility in Peshawar, PK, where they were held for 15 days.[5] Detainee was transferred to US custody on 26 December 2001 and sent to the Kandahar Detention Facility.[6]

b. (S) Property Held:

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factory in Taiz manufacturing disposable diapers (see TD-314/50610-01). Detainee recanted his story at his ARB proceeding.

[2] 000031 KB 05-FEB-2002, 000031 302 21-MAR-2002

[3] 000031 302 21-MAR-2002, 000031 302 23-MAR-2002

[4] 000031 302 23-MAR-2002, 000041 302 21-AUG-2002, Bodyguard Profile INTSUM 23-OCT-2006, IIR 6 034 0034 05, IIR 6 034 0847 03

[5] 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

[6] TD-314/00845-02

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c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 11 January 2002

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

- Recruitment of young Muslim men in Yemen by factions within Afghanistan

6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Detainee is very deceptive. He admitted lying to his interrogators, yet has provided only vague details regarding his activities in Afghanistan.[8] Prior to this admission of lying, detainee used a common cover story of teaching the Koran to hide his true activities. Detainee was taken into Pakistani custody with a group of 30 Arabs who had escaped together from UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex, including Muhammad Yahya Muhsin al-Zaylai, ISN US9SA-000055DP (SA-055), and Majid Mahmud Abdu Ahmad, ISN US9YM-000041DP (YM-041). According to SA-055, the Pakistani warden of the prison informed the group that the best thing they could tell US forces when they were interrogated was they were in Afghanistan to teach the Koran and for religious studies,[9] similar to detainee's cover story. YM-041 added that the Koran-teaching cover story was false.[10] Other sources identified both detainee and his brother, Riyadh Abd al-Aziz Abd al-Wali al-Mujahid, as UBL bodyguards, contradicting detainee's claimed activities.[11] Mohamedou Ould Salahi, ISN US9MR-000760DP, also reported hearing detainee's religious teaching activities in Afghanistan was a cover story.[12]

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 who was present during hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Tora

[7] [7] Analyst Note: In 000252 302 20-JUN-2003, ISN US9YM-000252DP reported LY-212 gave $100 US bills to all the Arabs in a prison near Parachinar, PK.
[8] 000031 ARB3 TRANSCRIPT FINAL 30-NOV-2007
[9] IIR 6 034 0704 02
[10] 000041 302 21-AUG-2002
[11] IIR 6 105 0013 04, Analyst Note: Detainee's brother Riyadh is married to the sister of Muhammad Ahmad Said al-Adahi, ISN US9YM-000033DP (YM-033) (see 000033 SIR 17-JUL-2002).
[12] IIR 6 034 1262 04

Bora. Detainee reportedly has knowledge of planned terrorist attacks and is listed on al-Qaida documents. Detainee received basic militant training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp. Detainee is a committed jihadist who received theological training and was recruited by radical Islamic clerics who continue to recruit and train Yemeni extremists to fight US forces. Detainee has familial ties to al-Qaida members and JTF-GTMO detainees. Detainee was overheard discussing methods on how to conduct suicide within the camp.

- (S//NF) Detainee is a member of al-Qaida and a UBL bodyguard who was present during hostilities against US and Coalition forces in Tora Bora. Detainee reportedly has knowledge of planned terrorist attacks and is listed on al-Qaida documents.
  - (S//NF) Detainee's name and alias are included on an al-Qaida affiliated document listing names and aliases along with their trust accounts. The document was found during raids against al-Qaida associated safe houses in Pakistan. The document identified the contents of detainee's trust account as a Yemeni passport, ID card, and address book.[13]
    - (S//NF) 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 simply storage compartments, such as envelopes or folders, which 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.)
  - (S//NF) Abd al-Rahman Ahmed Said Abdihi, ISN US9YM-000441DP (YM-441), claimed detainee was knowledgeable about future operations and identified detainee as a UBL bodyguard who always accompanied UBL. YM-441 saw detainee with UBL in Kabul, Kandahar, and al Farouq, and detainee traveled with UBL to Tora Bora. YM-441 described detainee as a good fighter who always carried an AK-47 assault rifle, and stated that detainee knows about future operations.[14] (Analyst Note: "Future operations" is assessed to be a reference to future terrorist operations. Detainee could obtain such information through his constant proximity to UBL.[15])
  - (S//NF) Senior al-Qaida facilitator Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj, aka (Riyadh the Facilitator), ISN PK9YM-001457DP (YM-1457), photo-identified detainee as UBL bodyguard Dawoud al-Taizi. YM-1457 noted detainee joined the UBL guard force

[13] TD-314/40693-02, Number 258; AFGP-2002-905527, Number 258
[14] 000441 302 06-FEB-2003, Analyst Note: For related reporting see TD-315/21305-03.
[15] ➢ Bodyguard Profile INTSUM 23-OCT-2006

shortly after the October 2000 USS COLE bombing. Detainee remained a UBL guard until moving to UBL's Tora Bora Mountain complex in December 2001.[16]

- (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeeb Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), reported detainee was a bodyguard for UBL. YM-252 saw detainee with UBL on three occasions in Kandahar, al-Faruq Training Camp and UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex. YM-252 believed detainee was one of UBL's closest bodyguards because every time he saw UBL, detainee was close by.[17]
- (S//NF) Muhammad Mani Ahmad al-Shalan al-Qahtani, ISN US9SA-000063DP (SA-063), confirmed detainee was a UBL bodyguard. SA-063 reported seeing detainee at a Kandahar guesthouse and at UBL's Tora Bora Mountain Complex, and noted he always saw detainee with UBL.[18] SA-063 stated he escaped Tora Bora to Pakistan with the group with which detainee was captured, the Dirty 30.[19] 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.[20] After UBL left Tora Bora, the Dirty 30 was the first organized group to escape Tora Bora for Pakistan.[21]
  - (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.[22] (Analyst Note: SA-063 has been identified as a committed hijacker who was unable to gain entry into the US for the 11 September 2001 attacks.)[23]
- (S//NF) Salim Ahmed Salim Hamdan, ISN US9YM-000149DP (YM-149), photo-identified detainee as a UBL bodyguard. YM-149 saw detainee numerous times with UBL in October and November 2001 in Kabul, Khowst, and Jalalabad.[24]
- (S//NF) Sanad Ali Yislam al-Kazimi, ISN US9YM-001453DP (YM-1453) heard detainee was a bodyguard.[25]
- (S//NF) Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, ISN US9TZ-010012DP (TZ-10012), stated detainee was the *emir* (leader) of a guesthouse at the airport village in Kandahar.[26] (Analyst Note: This probably is the Mall Six compound in Kandahar, which was located near the airport. This compound housed UBL, his multiple wives and

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[16] IIR 6 034 0059 05, IIR 6 105 0013 04
[17] 000252 302 17-MAR-2003, 000252 SIR 16-MAR-2005
[18] IIR 6 034 0847 03
[19] IIR 6 034 0847 03, 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003
[20] ➢IIR 6 034 1131 03, 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003
[21] 000063 SIR 14-APR-2003, IIR 6 034 0847 03
[22] TD-314/50461-03
[23] 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.
[24] IIR 4 201 3840 05, IIR 6 034 0453 02
[25] IIR 6 034 0124 05
[26] TD-314/55241-05

families, other high-ranking al-Qaida members, and UBL's security personnel and their families.)

- (S//NF) Detainee received basic militant training at the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp.
  - (S//NF) Detainee's alias, Daoud al-Tazzi, was found on a roster of students in the al-Qaida basic course, with a graduation date of 10 September 2000.[27] Detainee's name and alias were also found on an application for training recovered by US forces during a raid in Kandahar.
  - (S//NF) Supporting the above documents, other JTF-GTMO detainee's have placed detainee in Afghanistan and at the al-Faruq Training Camp during 2000, over a year earlier than detainee admitted traveling.
    - (S//NF) YM-1453 acknowledged he saw detainee at al-Faruq Training Camp in May or June 2000.[28]
    - (S//NF) YM-1457 stated detainee traveled to Afghanistan in late 1999 or early 2000 and attended the al-Faruq Training Camp. YM-1457 also noted detainee was friends with UBL bodyguard Uthman Abd al-Rahim Muhammad Uthman, ISN US9YM-000027DP (YM-027).[29]
    - (S//NF) YM-441 believed detainee arrived in Afghanistan a year and a half prior to YM-441 and stated detainee fought on the Bagram front lines prior to being selected for UBL's security detail.[30] (Analyst Note: YM-441 claimed to have arrived in Afghanistan in June 2001, putting detainee's arrival in Afghanistan in early 2000.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is a committed jihadist who received theological training and was recruited by radical Islamic clerics who continue to recruit and train Yemeni extremists to fight US forces.
  - (FOUO//LES) Detainee stated many clerics in Yemen supported UBL's jihad against the US and, despite not having detailed knowledge of the Koran, detainee was able to initiate an understanding and belief in jihad.[31]
  - (S//NF) Detainee stated he studied for three months under Shaykh Abdallah al-Ahdal at the Islamic Institute in Hadramout.[32]
    - (S//NF) Shaykh Abdallah al-Ahdal is assessed to be Shaykh Abdullah Faysal al-Ahdal, who was one of 26 Yemeni Muslim scholars who in 2004 signed a document urging youth to support the resistance in Iraq.[33] In July 2005, Shaykh

[27] IIR 7 739 3014 02, Analyst Note: A variant of Dawoud al-Taizi is Daoud al-Tazzi.
[28] IIR 6 034 0124 05
[29] IIR 6 034 0059 05, IIR 6 105 0013 04
[30] 000441 302 06-FEB-2003
[31] ➢000031 FM40 25-APR-2005
[32] IIR 6 034 0314 02, TD-314/50610-01
[33] TD-314/02710-05, TD-314/01942-05, TD-314/71519-04

al-Ahdal was involved in the recruitment and training of Yemeni youths to fight against US forces in Iraq. Prior to being sent to Iraq, the youths were indoctrinated into the radical Salafi sect of Islam, instilled with a profound hatred toward the West, and trained in martial arts in remote villages north of al-Mukalla, in the Hadramout region of Yemen.[34]

- (S//NF) In October and November 2006, YM-441 wrote letters to Shaykh al-Ahdal discussing a *fatwa* (religious edict) that al-Ahdal had previously issued regarding the detainees' relationships with lawyers while in detention at JTF-GTMO.[35]

  - (S//NF) Detainee admitted he studied at the Islamic Institute in Marib, which is assessed to be the al-Huda Center operated by Shaykh Abdullah al-Shaghdari, a radical Islamic cleric who is suspected of having ties to al-Qaida.[36]

- (S//NF) Detainee has familial ties to al-Qaida members and JTF-GTMO detainees.
  - (S//NF) YM-1457 stated detainee's brother, veteran UBL bodyguard Riyadh Abdul Aziz aka (Riyadh al-Mujahid), aka (Mussad Abdullah), brought detainee into the UBL guard force.[37] YM-1453 also identified detainee's brother as a bodyguard.[38]
  - (S//NF) Detainee is related to Muhammad Ahmad Said al-Adahi, ISN US9YM-000033DP (YM-033), and Abdul Muhammad Ahmad Nassir al-Muhajari, ISN US9YM-000728DP (YM-728), by marriage. YM-033 admitted his sister, Amani, is married to detainee's brother, Riyadh.39 YM-033 also admitted his other sister, Hala, is married to YM-728.40 The Yemeni Political Security Organization (PSO) reported YM-033's sisters were the spouses of al-Qaida members.[41]

- (S//NF) Ali Abdul Motalib Awayd Hassan al-Tayeea, ISN US9IZ-000111DP overheard detainee discussing methods of conducting suicide in detention at JTF-GTMO. Such methods included having several detainees cause a distraction such as covering their windows. This prompts a reaction from the guard force which is required to investigate and correct such activities by the detainees. This distraction would give another "detainee enough time to successfully hang himself."[42] (Analyst Note: Detainee's

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[34] IIR 5 399 8023 05, TD-314/64973-04
[35] IIR 6 034 0145 07, IIR 6 034 0327 07
[36] TD-314/05668-05, IIR 6 034 0314 02
[37] IIR 6 034 0059 05, IIR 6 105 0013 04
[38] IIR 6 034 0124 05
[39] ➢000033 SIR 16-AUG-2005, 000033 302 16-AUG-2002, 000033 302 08-SEP-2002, 000033 SIR 15-JAN-2006, Analyst Note: A variant of Mahmud Riyadh is Maqmood Rayhad.
[40] ➢000033 SIR 21-FEB-2005, 000033 SIR 05-AUG-2005, 000033 SIR 16-AUG-2005, Analyst Note: A variant of Muhajiri is Muhajry.
[41] ➢TD-314/50575-01
[42] ➢000111 SIR 06-JUN-2007

comments indicate he views his detention as a continuance of jihad against US forces, and suicide of a detainee would therefore be justifiable under the guise of martyrdom.)

c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a **MEDIUM** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been compliant and rarely hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 38 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 8 October 2007, when he urinated on the recreation yard. He has eight Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 4 March 2007, when he spit on a guard. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, inappropriate use of bodily fluids, 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 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 19 January 2008.

b. (S//NF) Placement and Access: Multiple individuals have identified detainee as a UBL bodyguard and have placed detainee with UBL at several al-Qaida associated locations in Afghanistan. During the year that detainee was a UBL bodyguard, detainee had access to planning, operations, training, and senior personnel within al-Qaida. Detainee was also identified as being the *emir* at a guesthouse in Kandahar, which was probably located on UBL's Mall Six compound. Detainee possibly had access to additional information through familial ties, as detainee's brother Riyadh was also a UBL bodyguard and had been in Afghanistan since 1997. Detainee trained at al-Faruq Training Camp and probably fought on the frontlines in Bagram.

c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: Detainee has significant unexploited intelligence about UBL bodyguard tactics, techniques, and procedures. Detainee can provide information on other al-Qaida members and operations. Detainee should be able to provide additional information on his brother's placement within al-Qaida. Detainee can provide general information on jihadist recruitment in Yemen, and specific information on Shaykh Abdullah al-Ahdal and Shaykh al-Shaghdari.

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

- Detainee's relationship to UBL
- Details of other bodyguards, fighters, and al-Qaida members, including those currently detained by JTF-GTMO

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- Detainee's position as *emir* of a Kandahar guesthouse
- Terrorist biographical and psychological information

9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 1 October 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*.