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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

JTF GTMO-CG

31 May 2003

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

SUBJECT: (S) Transfer Recommendation for Guantanamo Detainee, Mohammed Omar, ISN: US9PK-000540DP

1. (S) **Personal Information:** Mohammed Omar is a Pakistani national born in 1986 (age 16) in Larkana, Miru Khan, Sind Province, Pakistan. A bone density scan was performed on 540. The preliminary findings indicate that detainee is 19 years old +/- 15 months. This means that when he was in-processed in Guantanamo Bay, June 2002, the youngest he could have been was 16 years and 9 months. Another very significant factor is that his long bone growth plates are fully mature indicating he is an adult, anatomically. The forensic radiologist at Walter Reed will verify this finding in the near future. Detainee has been diagnosed with latent tuberculosis but is otherwise in good health.

2. (FOUO) **Detention Information:** While subject detainee was studying in a religious school located in Shahdadhkhot, Pakistan, he met another student named Hussain. Hussain talked to detainee about running away to Afghanistan to receive combat training. Detainee understood this to be hand to hand combat training as he had seen in movies. Detainee believes a jihad is when a person travels to a foreign land and is separated from his family, and while Hussain had mentioned the Taliban it was not a major issue discussed. The two men left Shahdadhkhot in the morning with 500 Pakistani rupees. Both detainee and Hussain took buses to Quetta, Pakistan where they stayed for ten days to two weeks waiting for Taliban guidance in entering Afghanistan. Hussain fled on the morning of departure, but detainee continued with four other Pakistanis that were also staying in Quetta. Detainee then traveled to Kandahar where the Balochis took him to a small area known as "Commando," also known as Tarnak Farms where he stayed for approximately one week. Detainee could not communicate with the people in this area because he does not speak Pashtu. After waiting a week, detainee requested training and was flown to Mazar-E Sharif to receive it. Upon arrival, detainee was taken to a two-story building, surrounded by a wall with a gate, with an interior garden. Detainee was then taken to Faryab where he continued to await training. No training was conducted due to two weeks of constant, heavy air bombardment of the area.

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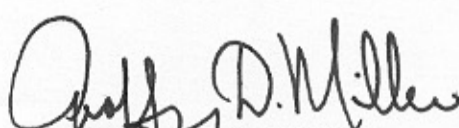
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Detainee decided to flee the area and hoped to return to Pakistan. Detainee took a ride with a vehicle full of Taliban members fleeing the area. A group offered to provide food to the passengers, corralled them into a three-wall area, and imprisoned them in Golran. Detainee was transferred to a large prison in Herat a few days later. Detainee remained imprisoned for two months in a large hall-like room. U.S. Forces arrived and transported all prisoners by truck to another area of the city. Detainee was under U.S. Forces control for three to five months in Kandahar before being transported to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Detainee was subsequently transported to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba on or about 11 June 2002 because of his knowledge of a training camp (Tarnak Farms) located outside Kandahar city limits. Detainee has been cooperative, but Joint Task Force Guantanamo considers the information obtained from and about him as neither valuable nor tactically exploitable.

3. (S) **Assessment:** Based on current information, detainee ISN: US9PK-000540DP is assessed as being neither affiliated with al-Qaida nor a Taliban leader. Moreover, based on the detainee folder, the knowledgeability brief, and subsequent interrogations by JTF Guantanamo, the results of which are available on the JTF Guantanamo detainee database, the detainee has no further intelligence value to the United States and will not be seen for further intelligence purposes. Subject detainee has not expressed thoughts of violence or made threats toward the U.S. or its allies during interrogations or in the course of his detention. Based on the above, detainee does not pose a future threat to the U.S. or its interests.

4. (S) **Recommendation:** In view of the foregoing, I recommend subject detainee be considered for release or transfer to the control of another government for continued detention.

5. (C) **Coordination:** JTF Guantanamo notified the Criminal Investigative Task Force of this recommendation on 28 April 2003.


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