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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. NALLEY, REGIONAL DIRECTOR
NORTH CENTRAL REGION

/s/
FROM: Les Smith, Chief

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Redesignation from a CMU AREF, Yassin, Reg. No. 12778-052

The Warden at USP Marion has submitted a recommendation to redesignate inmate
Aref from the Communications Management Unit program.

The CTU does not concur with this recommendation, and recommends inmate Aref
remain in the CMU program at this time.

Representatives on the National Joint
Terrorism Task Force (NJTF) have recommended

Inmate Aref was recommended and approved for placement in a CMU based on his
current offense of conviction for Providing Material Support & Resources to a Foreign
Terrorist Organization, & Providing Material Support & Resources in Furtherance of a
Terrorist Offense. The offense conduct included significant communication, association
and assistance to Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), a group which has been designated as a
foreign terrorist organization. Inmate Aref was also identified as
the founder of the terrorist organization Ansar al Islam (an FTO); the Islamic Movement

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In Kurdistan; Islamic Central, Irbil, Iraq; Libyan Islamic Fighting Group. an FTO which is affiliated with al Qaeda. Information indicates inmate Aref was also connected to [redacted] and his charity Help the Needy. [redacted] was convicted of multiple counts of money laundering, fraud, and evading Iraqi sanctions, and was tied to terrorists through this charity. Information included that Aref's name and former telephone number were found in 3 different suspected Ansar-al-Islam camps in Iraq. Call records indicate inmate Aref called the office of the Islamic Movement in Kurdistan in Damascus, Syria, repeatedly between November 1999 and October 2001. Inmate Aref has been associated with [redacted] both known with terrorist sympathies.

Inmate Aref is an IN custody inmate with LOW security level. He has the CMC assignment of Threat to Government Official, and the STG assignments of:

[redacted] He is a Care 1 / Care 1-MH inmate.

While in the CMU program at both THA CMU and MAR CMU, inmate Aref has not incurred any incident reports relating to communications, nor has any information been discovered which would indicate attempts to circumvent communication monitoring procedures.

A check with outside law enforcement agencies through BOP representatives on the NJTTF has indicated [redacted]

If approved for redesignation despite the noted objections, it is recommended inmate Aref be re-designated to USP Marion GP for no less than 6 months, as a step-down process from the CMU, as outlined in current CMU procedures.