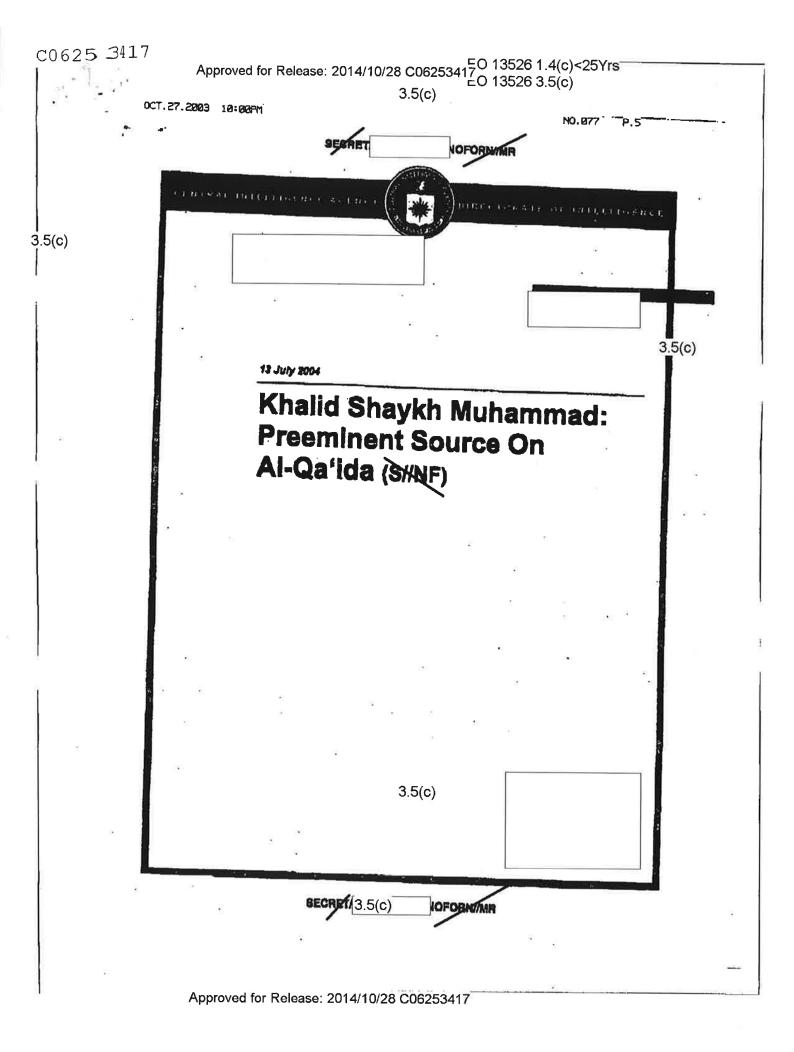


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Khalid Shaykh Muhammad: Preeminant Source On Al-Qa'ida (BMAE)

Key Findings (U)

Since his March 2003 capture, Khalid Shaykh Muhammad (KSM), the driving force behind the 11 September attacks as well as several subsequent plots against US and Western targets worldwide, has become one of the US Government's key sources on al-Qa'ids. As a detaines, he has provided reports that have shed light on al-Qa'ida's strategic dootrine, plots and probable targets, key operatives, and the likely methods for attacks in the US homeland, leading to the disruption of soveral plots against the United States.

Information from KSM has not only dramatically expanded our universe
of knowledge on al-Qa'ida's plots but has provided leads that assisted
directly in the capture of other terrorists, including Jemsah Islamiya
leader Hambali and the "other" shoe bomber, Sajid Badat. (SANF)

KSM steadfastly maintains that his overriding priority was to strike the United States but says that immediately after 11 September he realized that a follow-on attack in the United States would be difficult because of new security measures. As a result, KSM's plots against the US homeland from late 2001 were opportunistic and limited, including a plot to fly a hijacked plane into the tallost building on the US West Coast and a plan to send al-Qa'ida operative and US citizen Jose Padilla to set off hombs in high-rise spartment buildings in a US city.

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CIA assesses that KSM has revealed at least the broad outlines of the
set of terrorist attacks upon which he and his ileutenants focused
from about 1999 until his detention four years later. We judge that
KSM has been generally accurate because his information tends to
be consistent, and much of it has been corroborated by fellow
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	×	<b>9</b>		KSM continues to provide fresh information; in recent debriefings, he has identified two photographs of al-Qa'ida operative Issa al-Hindi—who may be involved in the preclection plot—and provided analysis on how al-Qa'ida might conduct attacks in the US homeland.  3.5
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## What KSM Has Told Us (SMAIR)



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Muhammad (KSM), the
driving force behind the
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worldwide, has become,
since his capture in
March 2003, a key
intelligence source for
the US Government on
al-Qa'ida's plots and

personalities. Debrisfings since his detention have yielded ports that have shed light on the plots, capabilities, the identity and location of al-Qa'ida operatives, and affiliated terrorist organizations and networks. He has provided information on al-Qa'ida's strategic doctrine, probable targets, the impact of atricing each target set, and likely methods of attacks inside the United States.

- KSM has also provided in considerable detail the traits and profiles that al-Qa'ida sought in Western operatives after the 11 September attacks, including individuals holding US status, possessing authentic Western travel documents, and being familiar with the West.
- In addition, KSM has given us insight into how al-Qa'ide might conduct surveillance of potential targets in the United States, how it might select targets, and the method of communication used

between operatives and planners.

It will take years to determine definitively all the plots in which KSM was involved and of which he was sware, but our extensive debriefings of various KSM licentenants since early 2003 suggest that he has divulged at least the broad outlines of his natwork's most significant plots against the United States and classwhere in his role as al-Qa'ida's chief of operations outside Afghanistan:

- Striking the United States. Despite KSM's assertion that a post-11 September attack in the United States would be difficult because of more stringent security measures, he has admitted to batching a plot in late 2001 to use Jemaah Islamiya (II) operatives to crush a hijsoked airliner into the tallest building on the US West Coast. From late 2001 until carly 2003, KSM also conceived several low-level plots, including an early 2002 plan to send al-Qa'ida operative and US citizen Jose Padilla to set off bombs in high-rise apartment buildings in an unspecified major US city and an early 2003 plot to employ a network of Pakistanis—including lyman Faris and Majid Khan-to target gas stations, railroad tracks, and the Brooklyn Bridge in New York. KSM has also spoken at length about operative Ja'far al-Tayyar, admitting that al-Qa'tda had tasked al-Tayyar to case specific targets in New York City in 2001.
- Attacks in Asia, Europa, the Middle East. During 2000-2001, KSM plotted attacks against US and other targets in Southeast Asia using al-Qa'ida and II operatives, but after the 11 September attacks he claims that he largely regarded II operatives as a resource for his plots against targets in Europe and

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funding provided by KSM for attacks in general in Southeast Asia.

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	which he met with a broad range of Islamic extremists from around the world, has made him a		*
	key source of information on memerous al On ide	<ul> <li>Next, KSM—when explicitly queried on the issue—identified Hambeli's brother, 'Abd al-Hadi,</li> </ul>	
	operatives and other mujahidin. He has provided intelligence that has led directly to the capture of	as a prospective successor to Hamball. Although we were previously aware of 'Abd al-Hadi, KSM's	
	operatives or fleshed out our understanding of the activities of important detainses, which in turn	allegation of his importance prioritized and	
2 0 .	assisted in the debriatings of these individuals.	expedited his capture. Information from multiple detainees, including KSM, narrowed down 'Abd	4.4(-)
5	<ul> <li>Most recently, for example, KSM provided a</li> </ul>	al-Hadi's location, and he was captured	1.4(c)
	critical boost to afforts to locate abusine al-On ide	in September 2003.	11
2.5(a)	operative less al-Hindi—who may be involved in al-Qa'ida's reported effort to attack the United	<ul> <li>Bringing the story full circle, 'Abd al-Hadi identified a cell of II operatives—some of them</li> </ul>	
3.5(c)	States before the Presidential election—by identifying two of his photographs.	pilots whom Hambali had sent to Karachi for	
		possible al-Qa'ida operations. When confronted with his brother's revelations, Hambali admitted	
	Similarly, information that KSM provided to us on Majid Khan in	that he was grooming members of the cell for US	
	the spring of 2003 was the crucial	operations—at the beliest of KSM—probably as part of KSM's plot to fly hijacked planes into the	2.5(-)
(¥)	first link in the chain that led us to the capture of prominent JI leader	tallest building on the US West Coast.	3.5(c)
	and al-Qa'ida associate Hambali	(4)	
	in August 2003 and more than a dozen Southeast Asian operatives	Leads KSM provided in November 2003 led directly to the arrest of Sajid Badat in the UK; KSM had	
	elated for amaics against the US homeland. KSM told us about Khan's role in	volumeered the existence of Badat-whom he knew	
	delivering \$50,000 in December 2002 to operatives	as "Issa al-Pakistani"—as the operative who was slated to launch a simultaneous shoo-bomb attack	
		with Richard Reid in December 2001.	
	<ul> <li>In an example of how information from one detained can be used in debriefing enotion detained</li> </ul>	· Using the intelligence from KSM on Badat,	
	in a "building-block" process. Khan-who had	debriefers queried Ammar al-Baluchi, who provided additional information about the UK	
8	been detained in Pakistan in early 2003—was confronted with KSM's information about the	operativa.	
	money and acknowledged that he delivered the money to an operative named "Zubair." Khan also		1.4(
	provided Zubair's physical description and contact		
	number. Besed on that information, Zubair was captured in June 2003.		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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1.4(c)	KSM's Information Seems Credible (SAE)  KSM has recented little of the information he has provided, and the bulk of his reporting—such as on the Heathrow plot and operatives targeted for missions against the United States after 11 September—has been consistent with or corroborated by reporting from other detainers	How KEM Compares With Other High-Value Detainces (S/NF)  KEM and fellow senior detaince Zayn al-'Abidin Abu Zubeydah are the brightest "atars" among the high- value detainces (HVDs), surpassing by far the other high-value detainces in terms of quantity and quality of intelligence information. Together they account for over half of the HVDs' reporting output  a of lune 2004. In addition to the volume of their reporting, KSM and Abu Zubaydah have been pivotal sources	1.4(c)
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	Shortly after his capture, KSM probably was willing to divulge limited information on the Heathrow plot becomes key Heathrow plotter Remail Bin al-Shibh had been detained about six months earlier. Nevertheless, KSM withheld details about the evolution of the operation until confronted with reporting from two other operatives knowledgeable concerning the plot—Khallad Bin 'Attests and KSM's nephew Armar al-Baluchi—who were caught two months after KSM.  KSM also provided much more specific information on al-Qa'ida's operational activities with JI and the identities of JI operatives only after he was confronted by detailed questions derived from the debriefings of JI leader and al-Qa'ida associate	A second tier of al-Qa'ida HVDa, such as Hassan Gind, KSM's nophew Ammer, USS Cole plotter Khallad Bin 'Attanh, and II leader Hamball, have also been very useful as sources, but none of them have the breadth and depth of information of KSM and Abu Zubaydah. (SAQF)  But Probably Still Retains Important Information (SAMF)  we assess that KSM still is withholding	1.4(c)
.4(c)	Hambali, who was detained in August 2003.	eignificant information, such as:  • US-Based Plots. KSM alleges that al-Qa'ida has neither active operatives or alcoper cells in the United States, claiming ignorance of such items as the US sip codes in his notebook, and denying the existence of "Haji Adam," who Abu Zubsydah insists served as a deep-cover operative for KSM since the early 1990s. He also says that he was never in direct contact wift individuals in the United States, and he has provided only minimal information about his Mustim contacts in the United States while a student here.	1.4
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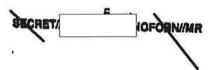
- e Plots in the Arabian Peninsula and South Asia.

  KSM has stated that he laoked detailed knowledge of plotting in Saudi Arabia because he delegated decisionmaking authority to cell leaders there, but not long after his capture, he was able to provide a detailed list of the leaders and members of four cells in the Kingdom. Likewise, despite living in Pakistan from late 2001 until his capture, KSM has provided only limited information on Pakistani militants who, since 11 September, have increasingly switched from promoting local causes to focusing on hitting US and other Western targets in Pakistan and the Pensian Cuif.
- e Plots in East Africa. KSM has expressed general innoviedge of planning by al-Qa'ids operative Fazul Muhammad (a.k.a. Harun) to stage stracks against US or Israeli targets in either Kenya or Tanzania. His statements about working before his detention to ship explosives to Harun suggests, however, that he very likely knows more about Harun's plotting than has is letting on. In one case, KSM provided new information on operational discussions he had with Harun only after being presented with a captured operational proposal written by Harun.

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* In addition to Ramsi Yousef, another five relatives of KSM are serrorists, the most notable of whom are nephew 'Ali 'Abd al-Aziz 'Ali (a.k.a. 'Ammer), a key facilitator for the 11 September attacks  1.4(C)  * After graduating from A&T in 1986 with a degree in mechanical engineering. KSM said that he traveled to Afghanistan to participate in the fighting against the Soviet Army there. He stated that most of his time in Afghanistan during this period was directed to support work in the fighting against the Soviet Army there. He stated that most of his time in Afghanistan during this period was directed to support work in the fighting against the Soviet Army there.	*
KSM's limited and negative experiences in the United States—which included a brief jall stay because of unpaid bills—almost certainly helped propel him on his path to become a terrorist. KSM stated in his jailhouse autobiography that, while attending North Carolina A&T State University, he focused on his studies and associated primarily with fellow Islamist students from the Middle Bast.  KSM also has identified the terrorist activities of his nephew Ramal Yousef, along with his anger at the US Government's support of Israel, as playing a pivotal role in his decision to engage in terrorism against the United States. In 1992, KSM says he provided about \$1,000 to halp fund Yousef's bombing of the World Trade Center, adding that he was impressed by the sase with which his nephew was able to operate in the United States.	
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He then joined Yousef in the Philippines in 1994 to plan the "Bojinka" plot—the simultaneous bombings of a dozum US-flagged commercial airliners over the Pacific.

- After the Bojinka plot was disrupted and Yousef was caught in early 1995, KSM escaped but was subsequently indicated in the United States for his role in the plot and went into hiding.
- Years later, a detained associate reported that KSM showed him a photograph of Yousef in handcuffs, and said, "This is the man I am fighting and dying for." The associate further noted that KSM pledged to find a way to free his nephew from US custody. (34)

While preparing the Bolinka plot, Yousef and KSM also discussed the idea of using planes as missiles to strike targets in the United States, including the White House and the Central Intelligence Agency. KSM says that, in 1996, he expended the idea of using planes as missiles by conceiving of a plot of hijacking ten airliners to strike simultaneously turness on both coasts of the United States.

KSM traveled to Afghanistan in the mid-1990s to gain the support of Usama Bin Ladin and thereby hopefully obtain the resources necessary to realize the operation. The al-Qa'ida leader at first domutred but changed his mind in late 1999 and provided KSM operatives and funding for a scaled-down version of his hijacking operation. This planning culminated in the 11 September attacks.

 Before September 2001, KSM was neither a formal member of al-Qa'ida nor a member of its leadership council, but in addition to managing the 11 September operation, he headed



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al-Qa'ida's Media Committee and oversaw offerts during 2000-2001 to work with East Asian Jemuch Islamiya (II) operatives to isunch terrorist attacks in Southeast Asia against US and Israeli targets.

 KSM has stated that he intentionally did not swear bay ah (a pledge of loyelty) to Bin Ladin until after September 2001 so that he could have ignored a decision by the al-Qa'ida leadership to cancel the 11 September attacks.

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After late 2001, the collapse of the Taliban regime, the dispensal of al-Qa'ida's leadership, and the pressige associated with engineering the 11 September attacks combined to propel KSM into the role of operations chief for al-Qa'ida around the world.

• RSM stated that he had planned a second wave of hijacking stracks even before September 2001 but shifted his sim from the United States to the United Kingdom because of the United States' post-11 September security posture and the British Government's strong support for Washington's global war on terror.

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