Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 1015

The Administrative Review Board was called to order.

The Designated Military Officer (DMO) was sworn.

The Board Reporter was sworn.

The Translator was sworn.

The Detainee entered the proceedings.

The Presiding Officer announced the convening authority and purpose of the Administrative Review Board proceedings.

The Administrative Review Board members were sworn.

The Assisting Military Officer was sworn.

The Presiding Officer read the hearing instructions to the Detainee and confirmed that he understood.

The Assisting Military Officer presented the Enemy Combatant Notification form, Exhibit EC-A, to the Administrative Review Board.

The Assisting Military Officer presented the Enemy Combatant Election Form, Exhibit EC-B, to the Administrative Review Board.

The Detainee has declined the assistance of the Assisting Military Officer and opted to speak openly to the Administrative Review Board.

The Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1, and DMO-2, other unclassified information to the Administrative Review Board.

The Designated Military Officer stated that a copy of these exhibits had been previously distributed to the Assisting Military Officer and Detainee.

The Presiding Officer opened the Administrative Review Board to the Detainee to present information with the assistance of the Assisting Military Officer.

The Presiding Officer asked the Detainee if he wishes to make a statement under oath. (Muslim oath offered).

The Detainee declined taking the (Muslim) oath.
The Designated Military Officer read the Unclassified Summary of Evidence to the Administrative Review Board.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee stated that he wanted to travel as Tabligh to get to Europe, and then planned to request political asylum when he got to Europe.

Detainee: Did I not correct this point the last time I talked to you (referring to the translator)?

Presiding Officer: We are giving you the opportunity to respond to [all of] this. I can read off your paper, referring to Exhibit EC-B, but you have chosen to speak. If you would like to speak, please do so and respond to the statements, if you want. You can provide us with very important information to help us make a decision, if you choose to.

Detainee: What information...excuse me?

Presiding Officer: Please read the first one again, starting with “The Detainee.”

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee stated that he wanted to travel as Tabligh to get to Europe, and then planned to request political asylum when he got to Europe.

Detainee: I traveled not to join Tabligh, but I traveled by way of Tabligh...as a way to get to Europe, and it was not for political asylum...just humanitarian asylum, just to live there only.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: The Jama'at al Tabligh is a legitimate Islamic missionary organization based in Pakistan and believed to be used as a cover for actions by Islamic extremists.

Detainee: What is my position regarding this information?

Presiding Officer: Do you have anything to add, do you have anything different than this information?

Detainee: I'm asking you, what do I have to do at this point?

Presiding Officer: Nothing, you don't have to respond at all if you choose not to.

Detainee: It's not that I don't...I'm asking you...you fixed this point?

Presiding Officer: Read it once more.
Designated Military Officer: The Jama’at al Tabligh is a legitimate Islamic missionary organization based in Pakistan and believed to be used as a cover for actions by Islamic extremists.

Detainee: What...where am I in terms of all of this?

Presiding Officer: It's a point of commitment, that you traveled as a member of Jama’at al Tabligh and the Jama’at al Tabligh has been used as cover for Islamic extremists.

Detainee: I did not travel as Tabligh. I traveled by myself and I went to the Tabligh center so that I can get to Europe.

Presiding Officer: If I understand your statement correctly. You were never a member of Jama’at al Tabligh. You strictly used them to travel. Is that what your saying?

Detainee: Exactly, yes.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee bribed a guard at the embassy to get a visa to Pakistan, telling them that he was Tabligh.

Detainee: What is America's problem with this point?

Presiding Officer: No problem. We just ask if you have any information. I'm not here to determine [if there is a] problem. I'm here to determine what we will do with you and this piece of information. If you have any comment on it, fine. If you choose not to, fine. We'll move on to the next one.

Detainee: The point is this point. What is wrong with this point? Is there any harm...everywhere there is bribery. So poor me...it's all going to fall on me, that I bribed someone so I could travel.

Presiding Officer: Thank you very much for that information.

Detainee: What is the answer to these words?

Presiding Officer: We are just trying to determine if this is true or not. It's one small piece of information. We don't necessarily put value to it. We are just asking.

Detainee: Go ahead.

Presiding Officer: Thank you, Hussein.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee traveled with $1,500, U.S. dollars, 15,000 Pakistani Rupees, and 2,000 Yemeni Rials.
Detainee: What is the problem?

Presiding Officer: We are just asking if this is accurate information.

Detainee: I told you this.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee: Your welcome.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee said that he paid a Pakistani to smuggle him to Europe.

Detainee: Dear god. I told you [that information].

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee: What is the problem [with] this?

Presiding Officer: There is no problem much of this is your information. We are just making sure the information is correct. [This] way we can make the best determination.

Detainee: [This is] information that I gave you. Four years and you’re playing with these words with me.

Presiding Officer: We will ask further questions later.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee traveled from Sanaa, Yemen...

Detainee: This word...prisoner or Detainee...I am kidnapped. I am kidnapped. How are you telling me, “prisoner?”

Presiding Officer: I understand from your statement that you consider yourself kidnapped. You have been determined to be an enemy combatant and are currently detained by the United States.

Detainee: I have been kidnapped by the United States. If I had been fighting with you and I got captured on the battlefield...I would tell you, “Yes, I am a fighting prisoner...prisoner of war.” You kidnapped me from a country that doesn’t even have a knife.

Presiding Officer: Hussein, thank you. We will continue to look. Our job today is to determine whether you will be detained or transferred, and these questions are relevant to that piece of information. I understand you have a different [opinion]. That’s why we’re here. That is what we want to find out. That’s why we are here today and spending time with you, so that we can make the best assessment. We understand that you have disagreements and different points on some of this. That is fine. That is why we are here.
today...to discuss that. Translator requested the last information to be repeated. The more you cooperate and the more you tell us, the better decision we will make. I understand that you’re not happy about being here. We are going to try and make the best determination based on the information that he provides.

Detainee: Go ahead.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee traveled from Sanaa, Yemen to Karachi, Pakistan and then on to Lahore, Pakistan. From there he traveled to Mashhad, Iran and Tehran, Iran, where he was arrested.

Detainee: I corrected this point. The first thing, I want to ask is [why does America have a problem with me traveling] from Yemen to Pakistan?

Presiding Officer: There is no problem. We are just making sure the information is correct. It is not illegal to travel.

Detainee: You’re sure that I traveled and you asked my country! I traveled from Yemen to Pakistan. From Pakistan, I traveled to Iran, Tehran, Iran, then to Mashhad. I traveled back to Tehran and was captured.

Presiding Officer: Thank you for that information.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee lived at the Tabligh’s headquarters building in Lahore for two and a half months.

Detainee: Again, what is the problem?

Presiding Officer: There is no problem.

Detainee: All right, if there is no problem...let me go home.

Presiding Officer: There is no problem with that piece of information.

Detainee: What do you want me to do to you now? You’re buying milk from a bird.

Presiding Officer: Hussein, we are trying to look at the evidence...at the unclassified summary. If we can move through these proceedings, we will get to questions and I can answer some more questions that you might have. At this point and time, we are just trying to make sure that some of the facts are accurate. If you have given us some of these facts, we thank you for your forthrightness.

Designated Military Officer: A senior al Qaeda lieutenant recognized the Detainee from a photo.
Detainee: First lieutenant, second lieutenant, third lieutenant...if you want to say something other than this. I mean all of this is [a lie].

Presiding Officer: Thank you. We understand completely.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee was identified as an old "junior" al Qaida member who had been around for some time.

Detainee: So I created al Qaida? I created al Qaida...before I was born...before my parents got married, right?

Presiding Officer: We did not say you created al Qaida. We are here to determine if you were...this statement says at one point you were a "junior" al Qaida member. It did not say you created [al Qaida]. I believe you understood the translation.

Detainee: What do you mean "junior" member of al Qaida? How could you say that? Are you just [saying] information from your head?

Presiding Officer: No. This is information that we have. Were you ever a member of al Qaida?

Detainee: I was never a member of al Qaida or anything else.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee was seen at an al Qaida guesthouse in Afghanistan.

Detainee: When? In prison? When did I enter Afghanistan?

Presiding Officer: We can only go by the unclassified information to hear at this moment and time. If I understand your statement...you were never at an al Qaida guesthouse in Afghanistan?

Detainee: I was in prison. You (Americans) captured me from Iran and you put me in prison. Before this country (Afghanistan) was run by Taliban and this prison was a Taliban prison. So these prisons are still Taliban prisons and you consider them Taliban guesthouses, than that’s fine. What do you consider these prisons?

Presiding Officer: If I can summarize your statement, the only places you were in Afghanistan...[you were] in prison? Is that what you said?

Detainee: By the Americans.

Presiding Officer: Is that your statement. Your statement is the only places you were in Afghanistan are in American prisons?
Detainee: In the first place they kidnapped me from Iran and they took me into Afghanistan. How did I enter Afghanistan? They kidnapped me and they took me to Afghanistan.

Presiding Officer: Thank you and I understand your statement.

Detainee: You’re telling [me] your welcome, thank you and it’s not doing me any good. I’m not going to go here or go here. Everything I hear is thank you.

Presiding Officer: Your clarifying your statements and that is very important. Each time I thank you...it’s because I think we have clarified...so that I understand his statement.

Detainee: It’s just that I’ve heard it many times and it doesn’t do any good.

Presiding Officer: This is the first time; you’ve been before this board.

Detainee: It’s true, but all the Americans that I have sat with, whether it’s the previous board or the interrogators. They all say thank you, you clarified it, and you made it understood.

Presiding Officer: I’m glad you appreciate the Americans good manners.

Detainee: Very happy.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee’s name appeared on a list of 254 Arab nationals who were deported or repatriated from Iran as suspected al Qaida or Taliban members in roughly the December 2001 through February 2002 timeframe.

Detainee: They kidnapped ten people from Iran and took them to Afghanistan. So, how many are you saying?

Presiding Officer: 254.

Detainee: So, that leaves 244. Where did they go? Of course, we are not all Arabs. We were approximately...six Arabs and four non-Arabs...Uzbek and Tajik...two Afghans. So, where’s the rest?

Presiding Officer: I don’t know. We just know that your name appeared on a list of 254 Arab nationals, who were deported as suspected al Qaida. You may have been with only ten, we understand that, but you appeared on a list of 254 Arab nationals, who were deported from Iran as suspected al Qaida or Taliban.

Detainee: They can say whatever...it is all lies. I was in prison. I don’t know...maybe they handed over the rest of them. I was in prison alone. Imprisoned alone to be accurate. So, the last prison I was in, before they put us on the plane...the kidnapped
people...we were ten...nine to be more accurate and one of them was Afghani and they took him in a car before they took him on the plane.

Designated Military Officer: While staying at the Tabligh Center, the Detainee states that he declined recruitment to do missionary work and instead spent his time and money seeking passage to Europe.

Detainee: Who said this...recruitment and all these words? Answer?

Presiding Officer: Perhaps recruitment is a poor word to be used. You declined to join the Tabligh and instead chose to spend your time...

Detainee: Who are they?

Presiding Officer: You said you declined. There is no “they” in this statement. I’ll read it for the record. “While staying at the Tabligh Center, the Detainee states that he declined recruitment to do missionary work and instead spent his time and money seeking passage to Europe.” I believe these are based on your statements. Is this accurate?

Detainee: Go on; go on, I forgot what we were even talking about in the first place. You’re going to keep repeating again, and it’s going to be nighttime and we are going to be reading...

Presiding Officer: Hussein, we have, as much time as you would like to spend, but I want to make sure you understand. [It] is as important to this board...that you understand. If you disagree or tell us that this information is accurate...that’s important.

Detainee: The last part of the statement is correct, but I was waiting to seek passage. Recruitment and not recruitment...and all this stuff...there’s no such thing as recruitment.

Presiding Officer: We understand, thanks.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee stated that he had opportunities to escape from custody in Afghanistan when he was escorted to five different jails, but he didn’t try because he is innocent and trying to escape would have made things worse.

Detainee: You did not talk about this point the last time. Detainee is referring this statement to the translator and Assisting Military Officer.

Presiding Officer: You’ve never had the opportunity to talk about this point before.

Detainee: No, I heard it, but I clarified it before.
Presiding Officer: Okay, do you want to clarify it this time? If not I could read the response you gave last time. Referring to Exhibit EC-R.

Detainee: Read my words.

Presiding Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee stated that he had opportunities to escape from custody in Afghanistan when he was escorted to five different jails, but he didn't try because he is innocent and trying to escape would have made things worse, the Detainee said “he was only in three prisons in Afghanistan, two under Afghan control and one under U.S. control. He said all the prisons seemed to be under U.S. supervision.”

Detainee: The employees of the first two prisons were Afghans and the one in Bagram was under [American] control…[it] had American employees, [as well]. I did not go to five different prisons, but I left five different times from prison to go to the hospital. There was no one except for a guard who was sitting over there and I could have [gotten] out…the street was in front of me.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee states that he is innocent, has told the truth, and has never been involved with anything criminal, and this could be verified with his government.

Detainee: You have my government.

Presiding Officer: I'm not sure I understand what you mean?

Detainee: My government is with you.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee: What thank you?

Presiding Officer: I don’t know what you mean…your government was with us? Is this statement correct? I’ll read your statement again.

Detainee: You don’t have to read it again. I understand.

Presiding Officer: Okay, is this statement accurate…that you’ve always told the truth and you have never been involved with anything criminal?

Detainee: Yes, it’s true. The last part if you can read it.

Presiding Officer: “…could be verified with his government.”

Detainee: My government is with you. Now you ask the same question.
Presiding Officer: Your government did not provide any information. I understand your statement...you've never done anything criminal.

Detainee: What do you mean they did not provide information? My government didn't provide you with information?

Presiding Officer: At this time, with the unclassified portion, we are just talking about statements that were made. This was your statement. We just want to make sure that this is accurate. Hussein, this is based on your statement. We are reading your statement.

Detainee: My government, these days especially, they are here with you. In light of the past four years, you've been searching and the Red Cross is searching and I gave you information. What do you want?

Presiding Officer: We want to know if this statement is true. You made this statement in the past. We just want to make sure that this is how you feel.

Detainee: When?

Presiding Officer: Do you feel that you are innocent, you've told the truth, and that you have never been involved in any criminal behavior?

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee: How long do you plan on keeping me here?

Presiding Officer: That'll be determined by...not by me...and we will get to that in a few minutes. I will discuss the process more.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee claims not to have had any military training and not to have met any individuals involved with al Qaida during the period of his detention in Iran or Afghanistan.

Detainee: What do I say? I did not train. If I wanted to train, I would have trained in Yemen. We have the weapons in Yemen.

Presiding Officer: We are not accusing you. We are reciting your statement.

Detainee: You're not saying anything, but your accusing us.

Presiding Officer: We are strictly asking if this is the statement...you have claimed that you have had not had any military training and not to have met any individuals involved with al Qaida during the period of your detention in Iran or Afghanistan. Is this true?

Detainee: True.
The Designated Military Officer confirmed that he had no further unclassified information and requested a closed session to present classified information relevant to the disposition of the Detainee.

The Presiding Officer acknowledged the request.

The Assisting Military Officer made the following comments:

Assisting Military Officer: The Detainee’s Administrative Review Board interview occurred on 22 July 2005 and lasted 105 minutes. After a review of the Administrative Review Board’s purpose and procedures, the Arabic translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence was read to the Detainee. When the Detainee was asked if he wanted to attend the Administrative Review Board, he stated that he would attend “the play” and present an oral statement to address the Unclassified Summary of Evidence. He said he did not want the Assisting Military Officer to present any comments to the Administrative Review Board members. The Detainee was polite throughout the interview. The Detainee was provided a copy of the Arabic translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence for review.

Detainee: What comments would you have to present?

Presiding Officer: The statement he (Assisting Military Officer) is [saying]...some Detainees prefer to have the Assisting Military Officer to answer the questions, some like yourself answer them themselves. He is saying that you chose to respond yourself. He was just making it clear for the record that it was your choice. Hussein, do you have any further statements? Is there anything else you would like to say?

The Detainee made the following statement:

Detainee: I told you and you couldn’t answer. What should I say? I asked you and you say that you don’t know.

Presiding Officer: Is there anything else you would like to tell us concerning anything we discussed today or any further information you would like us to consider?

Detainee: What can I add? What can I say...that I am innocent? You know I’m innocent, just like you know that you’re sitting on that chair, but you’re not going to either...advance or hold back my case. You’re just going to move it on to the next person, so that they can look at it. You say that it’s a board, but it’s a military court.

Presiding Officer: We are an administrative review board with military officers that will make a recommendation to a designated civilian official.

Detainee: A review of what?

Presiding Officer: We will describe all that in a few moments.
Detainee: When? Like the first hearing...or the first court, to be correct!

Presiding Officer: The first one I believe to be a tribunal with a different focus. This is a different process.

Detainee: What do you wish to clarify?

Presiding Officer: If there's anything additional you wish to tell us.

Detainee: I said when are you going to say [something]?

Presiding Officer: We will ask you questions in a few moments. Shall we move to questions? Hussein, for the record, I just want to understand that this concludes your statement at this time?

Detainee: Yes.

The Assisting Military Officer had no further questions for the Detainee.

The Designated Military Officer had no further questions for the Detainee.

Administrative Review Board Member's questions:

Board Member: Hussein, why did you want to travel to Europe?

Detainee: Do you know what Yemen is like?

Board Member: Were you going to work there?

Detainee: Live, work, get married.

Board Member: What country were you going to?

Detainee: Any country [in] Europe, not specific. Questions...you have them...always, always the same questions and the same answer.

Board Member: Did you know someone, who lived there?

Detainee: No, not at all.

Board Member: Do you know whether the Jama’at al Tabligh has facilities in Europe?

Detainee: No. I just knew that they traveled to every country, as you know, as well.

Board Member: Was it your understanding that you had to travel to Lahore, Pakistan in order to travel to Europe?
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Detainee: Why did I travel with Jama’at al Tabligh or the Tabligh center? You know more than I do about Tabligh. If I know the address, you know what’s in the envelope.

Presiding Officer: We are asking if it was your understanding that you had to go through Lahore, Pakistan, in order to travel to Europe for Jama’at al Tabligh.

Detainee: This is the location that people travel to various locations from.

Board Member: From Lahore, what does Jama’at al Tabligh do in order to get you to Europe?

Detainee: Jama’at al Tabligh travel from the Tabligh center to Europe. Not just Europe specifically. It travels all over the world you know that more than I do.

Board Member: Did you have to do anything for them to earn that travel?

Detainee: No, I was not forced to do anything.

Board Member: Hussein, do you speak any English?

Detainee: No

Board Member: A little English?


Board Member: Can you tell me about your family?

Detainee: Like what? Not any names of the women. No names.

Board Member: Just generally about your family?

Detainee: You ask and I’ll answer.

Board Member: What does your father do?

Detainee: My dad was in the military.

Board Member: Any brothers and sisters?

Detainee: I have brothers and sisters.

Board Member: Do they...have they contacted you?

Detainee: Do you give me any messages, so that they can send me any messages?

Presiding Officer: He strictly asked if you have received anything.
Detainee: Four years and you didn’t give me any messages by way of the military.

Board Member: What did you do in Yemen?

Detainee: I was studying and working.

Board Member: What were you studying?

Detainee: I was studying in high school. I finished high school and I was at home.

Board Member: Did you work?

Detainee: Of course!

Board Member: What did you do?

Detainee: I worked in many things. I worked in the market. I bought and sold things. I worked in construction and building. I worked in carpentry.

Board Member: Is that what you would do if you returned?

Detainee: My last job was in a factory.

Board Member: What kind of factory?

Detainee: In Aiden (Yemen).

Board Member: Can you tell me, if you don’t want [to] that’s okay...

Detainee: I don’t have a problem, ask.

Board Member: Why didn’t you join Jama’at al Tabligh?

Detainee: I’m not from Jama’at al Tabligh in the first place and I don’t have anything in order to be with Tabligh. Jama’at al Tabligh is like the vehicle that I came with here from over there. To me it’s that way.

Board Member: You agree with the organization?

Detainee: Agree with what?

Board Member: What they believe?

Detainee: I’m a Muslim. What do you think I’m an infidel? We’re Muslims, that’s the way we think. Every person, who is Muslim, believes that. What do you mean?

Board Member: You answered my question, thank you.
Detainee: No, please explain your question.

Board Member: No, you did. You answered my question.

Detainee: Please clarify your question.

Board Member: Did you attend any training while you were staying at the center?

Detainee: What training?

Board Member: Any training?

Detainee: No, I did not attend any training.

Board Member: Did you have to pay to stay there?

Detainee: No, it's an open place.

Board Member: Have you ever traveled outside of Yemen before this trip?

Detainee: I was asked this question before, more than once. The last time I was asked this question...not this last time...in the past few months when I was asked this question, I provided them with...they had a paper with them from the passport office and they had copies and they knew dates of travel...and so I did not travel anywhere and they knew that.

Board Member: What were you going to do in Europe? Did you have plans to work?

Detainee: Same question that was asked by this person (referring to the other Board Member), but I will answer. I wanted to live in Europe and get married in Europe. Is that wrong?

Board Member: No. Did you plan on going to school?

Detainee: No, I did not want to study. I just wanted to work.

Presiding Officer: Hussein, why do you think you were deported from Iran?

Detainee: I was kidnapped.

Presiding Officer: You were kidnapped, but if I understand it correctly you were in an Iranian jail? Am I correct?

Detainee: Jails in Iran. The Iranian Mafia!

Presiding Officer: The Iranian Mafia deported you?
Detainee: The government of Iran.

Presiding Officer: The government of Iran deported him?

Detainee: Yes. They didn’t deport me. They kidnapped me and sent me or to be more accurate they relieved themselves of me. Maybe it was because of your threats of nuclear action.

Presiding Officer: Do you know why the Iranian government considered you to be a member of al Qaida or Taliban?

Detainee: They did not think that. They are not stupid Iran. They [were] stupid to bring themselves into a problem with Usama bin Laden. If we were from al Qaida, Iran would not have given us up.

Presiding Officer: The nine people you came to Afghanistan with, do you know if any of those nine were involved in Taliban or al Qaida? Or were they all like you?

Detainee: I don’t know.

Presiding Officer: During your travels to Lahore or any of the places you traveled as part of the Jama’at al Tablígh, did you associate with anyone or meet with anyone, who you knew to be a member of al Qaida?

Detainee: I don’t know. I do not think so. I did not suspect. I don’t know anyone like that. I just kept to myself.

Presiding Officer: Do you support the beliefs of al Qaida and do you know of them?

Detainee: I do not support anyone’s ideas. I am with myself. I don’t have anything to do with anyone.

Presiding Officer: What are your future plans, Hussein? If we do release you, what do you intend to do?

Detainee: I was asked this before in the first interrogation. The first day I came to Afghanistan...the first month past and I was still in prison. Not in prison but in the graves and then I was transported [for] interrogations. The interrogator was an American, who spoke the Arabic [language] very well and he had a woman and three guards. I was forced...without any chains and he told me, “You are innocent and you are going to go home very soon...so what is your plans? What are your ideas for the future?” That was the first. The days past and the months past, other interrogators came to me and they asked me the same question. I was transported to Bagram, the last prison in Afghanistan, and I was asked the same question several times. Then...no, then I was kidnapped and brought to Bagram to be correct. I was asked the same question in several interrogations...no actually in all the interrogations. Then I came here. You kidnapped...
me and brought me here. Now for three years...in every interrogation you asked me the same question. In the hearing before you...same question...and the answer was...I will go home and get married, but I tell you...I don’t have any plans of getting out, because there is no getting out.

Presiding Officer: I realize you have been asked this question before and sometimes people have changes. We just want to know if your time here...you may have a different plan for when you get out.

Detainee: Why would it change? Why...you destroyed everything...you took everything. You want me to lie to you and tell you I’m going to go work. Where am I going to work? Tell me.

Presiding Officer: I don’t know. We were just asking the question.

Detainee: I knew you were going to say, “I don’t know.”

Presiding Officer: It was up to you. Hussein, we were asking a question...what [are] your plans? How do you intend to live when you leave here? I note by the color your wearing, tan, that you have been very helpful while you have been here. So we were trying to determine that if you go back what your intentions are? You are asked this question each time, because this is very important to us.

Detainee: Okay, give me my money and make up for the days that you took away from me...compensation and I’ll go and I’ll get married and I’ll work. I’m just talking out of air. There is no work.

Presiding Officer: Are you intending to go back to Yemen or are you intending to go to Europe?

Detainee: Yemen

Presiding Officer: No idea what you will do for a job in Yemen?

Detainee: Is there any work?

Presiding Officer: I don’t know. Do you intend to travel with Jama’at al Tabligh?

Detainee: That’s it. I’m not going to travel. I just want to go home. Give us our money and give us compensation. Let us go home and get married and live.

*The Presiding Officer read the post-Administrative Review Board instructions to the Detainee and adjourned the open session of the Administrative Review Board.*

*The Presiding Officer opened the classified portion of the session.*
The Presiding Officer adjourned the classified portion of the session and the Administrative Review Board was closed for deliberation and voting.

AUTHENTICATION

I certify the material contained in this transcript is a true and accurate summary of the testimony given during the proceedings.

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Captain, USN
Presiding Officer