Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 215

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

The Detainee accepted taking the Muslim oath.

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 Assisting Military Officer read the AMO Comments from the Enemy Combatant Election Form, Exhibit EC-B.

Assisting Military Officer: The detainee’s ARB initial interview was conducted on 28 November 2005 and lasted one hour and ten minutes. After reviewing the ARB’s purpose and procedures, the Arabic translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence was read to the detainee. The detainee stated he understood the difference between the CSRT and the ARB. When asked if he wanted to attend the ARB, present a written or oral statement, or have the AMO speak on his behalf, the detainee was non-committal, opined he was already prejudged, but requested more time to decide. After the ARB process was thoroughly explained, the detainee stated he would attend and would likely provide both oral and written statements, point-by-point, to the Unclassified Summary of Evidence.
The detainee was cordial, attentive, initially reserved and skeptical of the ARB, but he became more interactive as the interview continued. At the conclusion of the interview, the Arabic translated copy of the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, as well as the detainee writing templates, were provided to the detainee, via his guards. The detainee’s follow-up interview was scheduled for 29 November 2005 and lasted 25 minutes. The detainee provided his written statement, which was then read by the translator to ensure it would be correctly translated to English. The detainee stated he would likely supplement this with oral statements at the ARB. The detainee was cooperative, attentive, and very cordial during the follow-up interview. At the conclusion of the interview, the detainee requested a copy of his written response to the Unclassified Summary of Evidence. This was provided, via his guards.

*The Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1 and DMO-2 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 noted from the Enemy Combatant Election Form that the detainee wanted to respond to each item of information from the Unclassified Summary as it was presented.*

*The Designated Military Officer gave a brief description of the contents of the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1, to the Administrative Review Board.*

Designated Military Officer: The detainee told others that he was going to Afghanistan for the purpose of jihad, specifically to fight with the Taliban against the Northern Alliance.

Detainee: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee stated, the reasons for joining jihad were: his high interests in military training, his desire to serve God and to remove foreigners from his country and other countries in the Middle East.

Detainee: Will the officer read my comments?

Presiding Officer: If you wish.

Detainee: Can he (AMO) please read my comments?

Presiding Officer: AMO please read his comments.

*AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.*
Detainee: As for training and preparing us as Muslims, we are directed to prepare whether if there is a fight or if there isn't a fight. Every Muslim has to be ready to defend his religion, his country, and his family. The whole world trains and gets ready to protect what it has to protect. As for removing foreigners from my country and the Middle East, that is absolutely not true.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee traveled to Afghanistan in late 2000 for the purpose of fighting jihad.

Board Member: Do you want the AMO to respond to each point?

Detainee: Is there a problem if I answer sometimes and I let him answer at other times?

Presiding Officer: No, that is not a problem. It is up to you.

Detainee: Yes, I traveled to Afghanistan, but it was almost approximately at the beginning of 2000.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee voluntarily joined the Taliban to participate in jihad.

Detainee: Let the AMO complete reading everything.

**AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.**

Detainee: Yes, I participated in the fight with the Taliban, but only against the Northern Alliance.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee advised that infantry training was his favorite training evolution because those infantry would be on the front lines where the possibility of dying is greater. Dying on the battlefield would make him a martyr.

**AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.**

Detainee: Yes, this is true and I wish to be a martyr, but the right way. I don't want to be a martyr in the wrong way, like the one who throws himself in a perilous situation (jeopardy).

Designated Military Officer: The detainee trained at the Khaladan Camp.

**AMO read comments the detainee previously stated**

Detainee: Yes, I trained at the Khaladan Camp.
Designated Military Officer: The Khaladan Camp was a six-month course consisting of light weapons training, heavy weapons training, explosives training, topography and tactics.

AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.

Detainee: I was at the Khaladan Camp for four months and it wasn’t six months. I was asked about the training at the Camp, so I told the investigators that there were light weapons, heavy artillery, topography, explosives, and tactics. I didn’t train on them; I only trained on basic (initial) training and artillery at Khaladan.

Board Member: What type of Artillery were you trained on?

Detainee: Mortars.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee acknowledged that he was sent to the training camp and that he knew whom it was that sent him there.

AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.

Detainee: Yes, I was sent to the Khaladan Camp and I know who sent me.

Board Member: Who sent you?

Detainee: His name is Majid. His nickname is Sareya.

Board Member: Did he have a position with the Taliban?

Detainee: He had knowledge of Afghanistan, he knew the most about the Arabs in Afghanistan. He would go to Saudi Arabia and tell people about Afghanistan. People who wanted to go he would tell them how and where to go.

Board Member: So this person was a recruiter to bring people from Saudi to Afghanistan?

Detainee: He would not go to people and tell them to go. Usually people that wanted to go would go to him and tell them they wanted to go to Afghanistan he would then tell them what to expect.

Board Member: He was a contact in Jeddah that people would go to and he would send them forward.

Detainee: Mecca not Jeddah.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee received training at al Farouq.
AMO read comments the detainee previously stated

Detainee: Yes, I trained and was trained at the al Farouq Camp. I only received a session in Infantry Tactics.

Designated Military Officer: The training at al Farouq was conducted in four phases: small arms, physical training, map reading, topography and explosive device training.

AMO read comments the detainee previously stated

Detainee: The training at al Farouq, like I mentioned to the interrogators, they have cycles or sessions like the rest of the Camps...from basic training, to artillery, topography of maps, and other sessions. But I did not train on these at al Farouq; I only trained on Infantry tactics.

Designated Military Officer: During an interview, the detainee verbally confirmed the types of weapons that he used, possessed or trained on, while he was in Afghanistan.

AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.

Detainee: Yes, I verbally confirmed the types of weapons I trained on and used when I was in Afghanistan. But I only used the Kalashnikov.

Designated Military Officer: While the detainee was in Afghanistan, he was at the front lines. He fought at Mowtin, Gharband.

AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.

Detainee: Yes, when I was in Afghanistan, I was in the line next to the mountains Gharband.

Board Member: How did you get there? You trained at a camp, how were groups organized to go to certain locations and fight whomever you were fighting?

Detainee: You mean the front line.

Board Member: Yes, to move from training to the front. How were you selected to go forward?

Detainee: No one was selected to go to those places. After you finished training if you wanted to go to the front lines then you went to the front lines; if you did not want to go then you do not go. No one ordered or selected us to go there.

Board Member: You just raise your hand and go forward?
Detainee: No, there is a guesthouse you have to go to. When you go to the guesthouse you tell them that you want to go to the line and they provide you with a weapon and tell you where to go.

Board Member: Did you understand why you were fighting? You went forward knowing what the fight was about and whom you were shooting at?

Detainee: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee fought on the front line for approximately nine months and fired his weapon at the Northern Alliance Forces.

*AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.*

Detainee: Yes, I stayed in the line for two years, but I don’t ever remember myself firing at the Northern Alliance.

Board Member: Could you tell me the month and the year that you arrived on the front lines?

Detainee: My problem is I do not remember the times really well.

Board Member: Approximately? Was it cold? Was it warm?

Detainee: Summer and winter passed

Board Member: Was it before September 11, 2001?

Detainee: Before. A long time before.

Board Member: Approximately how long before?

Detainee: Approximately one year and eight months before.

Board Member: Were you doing your training in August of 2000?

Detainee: I do not remember very well; as soon as I came there I went.

Board Member: You do understand our interests in talking to you about September 11th. Can you tell us prior to September 11th who were you fighting and for what?

Detainee: The Northern Alliance. Sareya, Rabani and Sherik.

Board Member: You were fighting them from achieving what?
Detainee: Taliban state is an Islamic state, it is recognized by our government Saudi Arabia. The scholars and scientists told us to fight with the Taliban against those people it was a legitimate fight. It was a just fight.

Board Member: You were fighting to sustain the government that was in place at the time? The Taliban?

Detainee: Yes.

Board Member: You were on the front line after the United States intervened in Afghanistan?

Detainee: We never fought them (United States). Our goal our target was the Northern Alliance. We never saw American soldiers. Every one in front of us was Afghan.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee manned anti-aircraft weaponry during combat.

*AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.*

Detainee: This is absolutely not true...about using weapons against airplanes.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee said that when the United States planes flew overhead, his group would not shoot at them. The aircraft flew too fast and too high. The detainee said that the group did fire at United States helicopters and airplanes with the Kalashnikov rifles; however, the aircraft flew too fast and too high.

*AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.*

Detainee: This is absolutely not true. We did not fire any weapons against the American airplanes.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee stated that the most important thing is that he fired his weapon at the enemy during jihad and for that, Allah now looks favorably upon him. The detainee now feels that his duty for fulfilling jihad is complete.

*AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.*

Detainee: I did not fire at anyone and the statement is not true.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee and his unit fought against only the Northern Alliance. His group was Mujahadecen fighters, who were aligned with the Taliban. The detainee said that his unit supported the Taliban, but that he was not a member of the Taliban.

*AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.*
Detainee: Yes, I fought with the Taliban against the Northern Alliance, only. I wasn’t a member of the Taliban.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee met with and received money from Usama bin Laden.

**AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.**

Detainee: This is absolutely not true. I did not meet Usama bin Laden nor get money from him.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee’s name was on a list of probable al Qaida operatives.

**AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.**

Detainee: First, I don’t know what’s this list, but what I know and what I’m sure of is that I’m absolutely not a member of al Qaida... whether an operative or just a member.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee was present at Tora Bora during the United States Air Campaign.

**AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.**

Detainee: Yes, I was in Tora Bora during the United States air campaign, but I never fired at the American airplanes.

Board Member: While you were in Tora Bora and didn’t fire at an American airship, did anyone to the left or right of you fire and if so why did you not fire?

Detainee: There were only five or six of us there. The weapons we had were Kalashnikov and BK. We did not have any anti-aircraft weapons in our possession. The situation/attacks at the time forced us to go to Tora Bora. Our duty was not to shoot at airplanes; we weren’t there to shoot anybody. We even had people there who were resistance. They were against Usama bin Laden, because of the situation we were all forced to be there at the same time.

Board Member: Did you receive instructions to move towards Tora Bora and wait in the position with the five or six individuals or did it just seem like a safe place to go at the time?

Detainee: We didn’t receive any directions to go there or anything like that, but that was the safest place to be at the time, if you wanted to save your life that’s where you went.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee’s name was found on a computer that was associated with al Qaida and was seized during raids with other foreign agency services.
AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.

Detainee: I don't know anything about this subject, but be sure that I'm not from al Qaida or any other group. I don't know how my name got to the computers, if this statement is true.

Board Member: Is Al Sharif a common name or uncommon name?

Detainee: Yes, it is a very common name. It is a family name, a tribal name.

Board Member: I understand.

Designated Military Officer: A senior al Qaida operative recognized the detainee as someone who provided administrative assistance at the guesthouse in Kandahar.

AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.

Detainee: Absolutely not true. I did not give (provide) any administrative assistance in the Kandahar guesthouse.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee acknowledged the hierarchy at the guesthouse that he visited.

AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.

Detainee: Yes, I did visit some of the guesthouses, but I did not ever have any authority.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee worked for two years as a police officer in Mecca, Saudi Arabia and for one year in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.

Detainee: Yes, I worked for the Saudi government in the Hajj forces and holidays. I'm proud of my service to my country and I worked for four years as a soldier, not as an officer.

Board Member: Before you went to Afghanistan were you a police officer? Was there a break where you were unemployed or you went from your position as a police officer straight to Afghanistan?

Detainee: First of all I am not an officer, I'm just enlisted, a soldier.

Board Member: No as a police officer, not a military officer but you were with the police correct?

Detainee: Police yes.
Board Member: As a policeman were you with the police department/agency then left and went straight to Afghanistan or did you leave the police force at sometime and became unemployed? What was the timeline between you being a policeman and going to Afghanistan?

Detainee: I wasn't. I didn't have a job.

Board Member: What were you doing at the time?

Detainee: I had a car and used it as a taxi.

Board Member: Did you have family? Do you have a family?

Detainee: Yes.

Board Member: You were working to provide for your family with a taxi? What were there thoughts about you just leaving and going to Afghanistan to fight?

Detainee: I told them I wanted to go to Pakistan. I didn't tell them jihad or anything because I did not want any problems.

Board Member: Did they not wonder how they were going to support themselves, after you left a paying job to go to a job that did not pay?

Detainee: My father, my brothers all work, they have jobs. My wife, I gave her some money and left her with her family.

Board Member: That was okay.

Detainee: Yeah.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee confirmed that he was a police officer in Saudi Arabia.

*AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.*

Detainee: Not true, I was a soldier not an officer.

Presiding Officer: I think we need to clarify this.

Translator explains the difference to the detainee between a police officer and a policeman.

Detainee: In the Middle East an officer, a police officer has to have a star or has to be an officer. Then we have enlisted police, it's just like being in the Army.
Presiding Officer: Then it’s a translation error. What we mean is a policeman not officer. Not military.

Detainee: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee and two friends were traveling in Afghanistan, going from village to village teaching Islam, when they were pressed into service by the Taliban.

**AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.**

Detainee: Not true, I left Saudi alone for the purpose of jihad with the Taliban government.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee was with a large group of Taliban that surrendered to Northern Alliance Forces.

**AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.**

Detainee: Not true. The Pakistani military arrested me on the Pakistan border.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee’s pocket litter included a Casio Watch, Model F-91W.

**AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.**

Detainee: Yes, I had a watch but I don’t know it’s name or it’s make. All I know is that it’s a watch that tells me the time.

Board Member: Where did you obtain this watch?

Detainee: I bought it, I purchased it.

Board Member: Is it a watch you had with you when you left Afghanistan or Saudi Arabia or did you get it while you were in Afghanistan?

Detainee: I had a watch just like yours, it was not numbered. I lost that watch when I was in Afghanistan so I had to buy another watch.

Designated Military Officer: The Casio Watch, Model F-91W, has been used in bombings that have been linked to al Qaida and radical Islamic terrorist improvised explosive devices.

**AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.**
Detainee: If someone other than me might have used this watch to explode, I did not use it for that and it never came to my mind to use it for that purpose. All I know is that it's a watch like all the watches, it tells time.

Detainee made an additional comment.

Detainee: It is a watch like any other watch.

Board Member: During your training, did you ever see this watch at the training camps?

Detainee: Everyone had a different kind of watch.

Board Member: Did you ever see this watch used as a training tool with explosives?

Detainee: I didn't take that session to know what they used.

Board Member: So you know what I am talking about?

Detainee: I don't know if it's used in any other way but everyone had a different kind of watch, no one has the same.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee was described as a well-respected and competent fighter. Other fighters looked up to him because he attended the tactical training.

*AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.*

Detainee: I took a tactics session... whether if people looked up to me, that is not true.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee said that “the Mujhadeen destroyed Russia and Russia is bigger, stronger than the Americans.” The detainee continued by saying “the Muslims would still hate Americans even if there was no fighting, because Allah and Mohammed said it should be so and that Americans have business with Christians and Jews.”

*AMO read comments the detainee previously stated.*

Detainee: I did not say that Muslims hate Americans and Russia is stronger than you. You are stronger than Russia. This does not matter to me and it doesn’t mean anything to me.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee reported that he had no connection with the al Qaida.

AMO states he has no further comments from the detainee for these points.
Detainee: I wrote the answers for that as well on the last sheet of paper, they were altogether. If you would like me to answer I can answer right now.

**DMO restated point 4a.**

Detainee: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee admitted that he said he was a member of al Qaida because he thought that was what they wanted to hear.

Detainee: I am not from al Qaida.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee said that he heard of the al Farouq Training Camp near Kandahar, Afghanistan, but he never entered Kandahar itself.

Detainee: Yes, I went to Kandahar.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee denied having any knowledge of the attacks in the United States prior to their execution on September 11th.

Detainee: Yes, I do not know anything about it.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee denied knowledge of any rumors or plans of future attacks on the United States or the United States interests.

Detainee: Do not have any ideas or anything about it.

Designated Military Officer: The detainee was queried regarding any knowledge or planning of internal uprisings at the Guantanamo Detention Facility, with negative results.

Detainee: I don’t understand the question; please clarify.

Presiding Officer: You were asked if you heard of any planning of uprisings here in Guantanamo and you said you did not know of any plans.

Detainee: Yes, the interrogator is correct.

*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 Presiding Officer opened the Administrative Review Board to the Detainee to present information with the assistance of the Assisting Military Officer.*
The Presiding Officer had the Assisting Military Officer read the Detainee Comments from the Enemy Combatant Election Form, Exhibit EC-B.

**The Assisting Military Officer read the Detainee Comments from the Enemy Combatant Election form.**

Assisting Military Officer: During the initial interview, the detainee at first declined to attend his ARB and stated the problem was his experience with the CSRT, "I attended (the CSRT), but they said I was an EC (Enemy Combatant)... it doesn’t matter." The detainee then opined on the ARB, "It’s a play. There are no positive results, so it doesn’t matter if I attend or don’t attend." After the AMO again explained the differences between the CSRT and the ARB, as well as the positive results from previous ARBs, the detainee acknowledged by stating, "Yes, I will try." During the follow-up interview, the AMO asked if he finished the written statement. The detainee replied, "Yes... Thank God, I was able to finish it" and then commented, "I stayed up to one o'clock." The detainee had no further comments nor asked any questions.

Detainee: You even recorded that?

Presiding Officer: We all have late nights preparing for things at times, so yes we understand. Does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: Up to now I have not spoken about everything.

Presiding Officer: Do you wish to make an oral statement?

Detainee: What do you mean by statement?

Board Member: Anything you want to say.

Detainee: I want to clarify to you why I do not pose a threat, in addition to the statement.

Presiding Officer: Do you wish to add anything to that?

Detainee: Can the AMO read it or do you want me to?

AMO: There was another statement that he prepared.

Presiding Officer: My apologies, please read it.

**The Assisting Military Officer made a statement on the Detainee’s behalf. The Detainee concurred.**

I lived and experienced in my life, I was convinced about things and for being deeply enthusiastic and ignorance (lack of knowledge) to help me understand correctly. I found myself mistaken, incorrect, wrong, and my mistakes were clear to me in which I did not...
know that the jihad I was in is wrong and that me going to Afghanistan needed patience and the correct understanding. I didn’t know my actions were wrong, but after coming here and reading some religious books, I took a long period of time thinking about what happened and what I had done. After thinking for long, my wrongful doing was apparent to me and now I’m determined not to make this mistake again. All I hope for is to return to my country and to start a new life and a new future. I will forget the past and leave it behind my back. What was in the past has ended. I live a new life with my daughter my wife, and my family. I will build a new future and I will look for a job and start my life from now. I assure you that I don’t pose a threat on the American government or the American people. I was never at any time a member of al Qaida and I don’t have any association (connection) to them from distance or from near. I don’t know about attacks or their plans, not in the past nor in the present. I’m careful about my country’s interest and all humanities.

Detainee additionally added comments.

Detainee: I just want to say something very simple. Like I mentioned in my statement before, back then my family was all the encouragement that I had. I never thought that I was going to be wrong nor did I think what I was doing was wrong. I never thoroughly thought through the whole thing I never thought of it as being wrong. I did not have the right knowledge concerning this subject all the knowledge I received came from watching videos about jihad and that’s where my encouragement came from. After coming here and reading all these books from the Egyptian sheiks or scholars about jihad I found out a lot of the jihad is not correct every time. Not every jihad is correct. The jihad is supposed to distance the problems from the Muslims not to put them in problems and hurt them, it is supposed to do the opposite. They are supposed to help the Muslims not put them in bad situations. Jihad is a duty like any other duty, but it’s a religious duty. If the jihad brings problems to Muslims this case the jihad is not allowed because he is bringing problems to the Muslims. Due to the mistakes people in Afghanistan have done they put the Muslim country in danger and millions of people’s lives were put in jeopardy because of their mistakes. If I knew the consequences what the results would have been from my actions of me going to Afghanistan I would not have done it. You all know all human beings/people make mistakes. We have a saying a proverb in Arabic if you make a mistake and learn from it, it is okay, but if you make a mistake and you continue to make that mistake there is something wrong with that. After reading those scholarly books I know now for sure that I will not bring any harm to any person, any Muslims way and I will think about my actions, I will not bring any hurt, or pain, or problems to any person, or to any Muslims. As for my life here in prison I have been here for four years and I thanks be to God the four years I have been here I have never caused any problems. I have never thrown number one or number two at the soldiers. Thanks be to God I have never brought any harm or done anything wrong towards the soldiers. My female interrogator, her name is [redacted] every time I ask for anything, I always ask respectfully using please and thank you. I always get the same respect back and the same with the military. I promise you and I assure you that I do not
pose a threat to you or to anybody. My goal/plan is to build a new life with my family. I have nothing else.

_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: In your statement did you state that you still wanted to be a martyr?

Detainee: That was in the past. I do not want to be a martyr. Why would I want to be a martyr based on a mistake? If someone wants to be a martyr it should be for the right reason.

Board Member: Explain the difference between the right way and the wrong way to be a martyr.

Detainee: The right way of doing it is when an enemy invades or attacks your country, attacks your family, your people and your citizens.

Board Member: Do you consider the United States to be an invader by them going into Iraq and Afghanistan?

Detainee: Pertaining to the United States that has to do with them and the al Qaida not us. The United States did not enter Afghanistan without a reason. The United States had to defend themselves after what happened with the attacks. That’s why they went there to defend themselves they had to do what they did.

Board Member: Do you consider the United States an invader nation by going into Iraq?

Detainee: I don’t have anything to do with the politics or the political issues.

Board Member: We are just trying to get something straight. You said that jihad is justified if the country invades. I am not sure whether you meant a Muslim country. The United States did intervene in Iraq do you consider the United States an invader of a Muslim country?

Detainee: When I first heard the United States entered Iraq, this is what I wished for. I wished the United States would go into Iraq and finish Saddam because you know what he did. He doesn’t care. Honestly he deserved what he got; he hurt people.

Board Member: What are your views concerning the individuals that flew the aircraft into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.
Detainee: Honestly I say this is 100% wrong. We have a book here called Al Qaida Strategical Explosion, Explosion of Al Qaida and it clarifies all the negative things those attacks have caused. Killing children and women, causing destruction of property and lives, it explains everything.

Board Member: How many training camps were you trained in?

Detainee: In three. I trained in two and the third one I only entered and I left.

Board Member: So you attended three camps? How many months of training did you receive?

Detainee: The Khaladan camp was for four months. In al Farouq an entire month and Darwanda I entered one day and the second day I had typhoid and malaria so I left right away.

Board Member: What were you going to train on at that last camp?

Detainee: Poison.

Board Member: What was the purpose of that training? Why did you want to learn about poison?

Detainee: I was a very uneducated person so when someone told me there was a training and this was the type of training they were giving, let’s go do it. I said okay let’s go do it, so I did it because of my lack of education.

Board Member: Do you know what they would have used you for? A poison attack where? Who?

Detainee: No one has authority over another. Any person entering that kind of training did it on their own. I personally entered training. No one forced me to enter, I did it myself.

Board Member: What are your views on Usama bin Laden?

Detainee: In what way?

Board Member: Is he a good man a bad man? What he has done is right or wrong?

Detainee: I can just say that this person is Muslim; no one can say that he is not. He is Muslim but that does not mean he does not make mistakes. He is a Muslim person that worships God but his actions I believe are wrong. The proof is, 47 Muslim scholars or scientists said again that what he did was wrong. We do not follow Usama bin Laden, we follow our scholars. All our religious scientists and scholars said that Usama bin Laden’s actions were wrong. Those 47 scientists/scholars’ statements are in that book about al
Qaida tactics, al Qaida explosions. I have read the statements myself. I support what our scholars and scientists say when they say the actions of this person were wrong.

Board Member: Do you know what you will do to support yourself and your family if you are released?

Detainee: Yes.

Board Member: What's your plan?

Detainee: I divorced my wife. The most important thing to me is to be married and support my daughter and go to my country to find a job.

Board Member: From the time you were in Saudi Arabia and you knew you were going to be going to Afghanistan via Pakistan to fight, how were you able to sustain yourself? Who paid you to move from point A to point B and going to Afghanistan to attend these camps? Who coordinates that?

Detainee: Myself.

Board Member: You paid your own way?

Detainee: Yes, through Sarea. The money was my own.

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Board Member: Who are the authors? Just to clarify. Were the authors from Saudi Arabia or is he from Morocco?

Detainee: Egypt. The publisher is from Saudi Arabia El Elbrichan.

Presiding Officer: This is informative for us as well.

Detainee: Thanks be to God. Thank you.

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

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**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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نعد الذي يمثل طالبات. نقلت جميع المساعدة، ومشروعاً.

3-6-1263، بلجسسة للتدريب، وذكرت أننا كمسلمين، مسلمين بالعديد، سواءً كان قائل
قتلهم أوليهم في سبيله. ويجب على المسلم تزويده مساعدةً عمليةً، مهماً،
وأبلغ عن أهمية كسب يوم يستراعه ما يجب عليه دائمًا، وأما الزوار.
الأساسية، المبديء، ومن الشرطة، مهني صحيحة، بسٍ.

3-8-1263 تحضر، إلى أن يأتي في عام 1263، ولكن في أولي تشريعة.

2-6-1263 نحن مساعدته في مساعدة لامع.

2-8-1263 كنت في مساعدة، لم تلبث أن أمضى عشرة، ولم ينتظرون أنت، وقد استطع، أن يُgetMessage
للموجودين في المصلحة، ولم يكن سهلاً، أن يُgetMessage، وفقاً، وجلاء، والشرطة، والمشية
والتعبر. احترفين، والعلاقات، والمكتبات، ولم يُgetMessage، ولم تربى.

2-9-1264 نحن نحن، برسائلي، لم تكن، ولكن، أن يكون。

2-9-1264 نحن، نحن، في مساعدة، وموضع، وعندما يطرأ، مع مساعدة، إخاء مشقة.
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تم تقديم الملفات الخاصة للمحققين، وتحديد مجموعات مختلفة من المصالحات.

لم يتم تقديم المعلومات إلا على ترتيب المحامين.

تم تقسيم الملفات على عدة أجزاء، والتي تم تصنيفها بشكل خاص.

تم تقديم المعلومات لكبار المسؤولين، ولكنهم لم يذكروا أي أشياء أخرى تمامًا.

تم تقديم بعض البيانات إلى المسؤولين، ولكنها لم تكن متعلقة بأي مخالفات.

تم استخدام هدف محدد لاستخدام سلامة ضرير للظاهر.

لا يمكن استخدام هدف محدد للسلامة ضد الظاهرة.

تم خلق نظام جديد للتحكم في سلامة الم妮ا أجدلكية.

تم تطبيق على القانون والأنظمة المعنية.

تم تطبيق النظام السابق ضد المصالح السيامية فقط، ولم يكن مستوفيا في النظام السابق.

غير صالح بالنسبة للنظام السابق، ولم يبق له شكل إطلاق على النظام السابق.

لا يمكن استخدامه في النظام السابق، ولكن النتيجة لا تظهر وعموداً يشكلون أشياء ليست

عشوائيات والبيئة، ولا يمكن استخدامه في النظام السابق.

تم استخدام النظام السابق في النظام السابق، ولكن النتيجة لا تظهر وعموداً يشكلون أشياء ليست

على النظام السابق المبيعات والباعة.

تم تقديم系統 في النظام السابق، ولكن النتيجة لا تظهر وعموداً يشكلون أشياء ليست

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