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SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW BOARD
PROCEEDINGS FOR ISN 217

The Administrative Review Board (ARB) was called to order.

The Designated Military Officer was sworn.

The Board Reporter was sworn.

The Presiding Officer announced the convening authority and purpose of the ARB proceedings.

The Administrative Review Board members were sworn.

The Assisting Military Officer was sworn.

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.

It was noted by the Presiding Officer that from Exhibit EC-B, the Detainee had chosen not to be present for the Administrative Review Board proceedings.

The Presiding Officer confirmed that the Assisting Military Officer had met with the Detainee and informed him of his rights regarding the proceedings, that the Detainee appeared to understand the process, that the Unclassified Summary of Evidence was read to the Detainee, that a translator was used during the interview, and that the Assisting Military Officer confirmed that the translator spoke the same language as the Detainee.

The Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence (Exhibit DMO-1) to the Administrative Review Board.

The Presiding Officer confirmed that a copy had been previously distributed.

The Designated Military Officer gave a brief description of the contents of Exhibit DMO-1.

The Presiding Officer asked the Designated Military Officer for any further unclassified information.
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.

When asked if the Assisting Military Officer had any information to present on behalf of the Detainee to the Administrative Review Board, the Assisting Military Officer stated that he previously submitted a summary of the interview. The AMO verbally summarized comments made by the detainee during the detainee’s interview and then read the detainee’s written statement.

The Presiding Officer read the remainder of the unclassified portion of the Administrative Review Board proceedings, and then adjourned the proceedings.

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.

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

Colonel, U.S. Army
Presiding Officer
From: [Redacted]
To: Presiding Officer
Via: [Redacted]

Subject: Translation of Detainee’s Verbal Statement regarding Torture made by Abd Al Aziz Sayer Al Shammeri, ISN #217, on 28 Apr 05 to OARDEC Linguist...

During the follow-up interview, the detainee was explaining to the AMO why he was not as proactive and detailed in his responses to the allegations in the ARB process, as he was in the CSRT process. The detainee started explaining his faith in God’s will. He stated that God protected him from torture, fear, chaos and uncertainty and so far God has been with him, so therefore he will leave his fate in God’s hands.

The detainee had previously stated that he did not wish to answer any more questions about the allegations, and the topic he was talking about was unrelated to the unclassified summary. When the detainee saw that the AMO was taking notes periodically while he was talking, he stopped and asked what the AMO was writing down and why he was doing so. When the AMO read back the line that he had written down, “God protected me from torture”, the detainee said, “Don’t misunderstand me. That does not mean there was no torture. We went through some very rough things and a lot of things were done to us.”

He asked the AMO twice to immediately scratch out that line. When the AMO suggested that he should read that statement on the detainee’s behalf and that the detainee could elaborate and explain it, the detainee declined, saying that he preferred for the AMO to scratch out that sentence.
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