Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 513

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 (AMO) was sworn.

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

Detainee: If it is not, go ahead and prepare it please. If I don’t have to then I don’t [want] to.

Presiding Officer: You do not have to so just give me a yes or no answer. It is not required.

Detainee: No.

The Detainee declined 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.

Presiding Officer: Assisting Military Officer please read your comments from the Enemy Combatant Election Form.

Assisting Military Officer: The Detainee’s initial Administrative Review Board interview occurred on 22 September 2003 and lasted for one hour. After a review of the
Administrative Review Board’s purpose and procedures, the Arabic translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence was read to the Detainee. The Detainee retained the Arabic translation of the Unclassified Summary of Evidence in order to prepare a written response. A follow-up interview of sixty-nine minutes occurred on 23 September 2005 to review the Detainee’s written response to the Unclassified Summary of Evidence and prepare the English translation. The Detainee was not ready with his written response, but reviewed the Unclassified Summary of Evidence in more detail. The Detainee was attentive and cooperative throughout both interviews. The Detainee chose to attend the Administrative Review Board and to respond to the items in the Unclassified Summary of Evidence as each item is presented. The Detainee alleged abuse following his capture in Afghanistan. A report of abuse was submitted in accordance with OARDEC memorandum 01/2005 (Rev.2). In additional comments the Detainee said that when the interrogators first asked why he went to Afghanistan, the Detainee said that he went in order to lose weight, but they did not write it down. The Detainee said that he wanted to get married but nobody wanted him because of his weight. So, he went to Afghanistan to lose the weight and attract women. The Detainee mentioned that he had injured his knee during exercise about seven weeks ago. Although medical personnel saw him at that time, the Detainee clinic has been subsequently full. The Detainee said that the swelling in his knee is worse, but he cannot get seen in the clinic.

Detainee: I also said that you (referring to the Assisting Military Officer and linguist) looked at it.

Presiding Officer: That who looked at it?

Detainee: You two (referring to the Assisting Military Officer and the linguist).

Presiding Officer: The Assisting Military Officer and linguist looked at your knee.

Assisting Military Officer: We just noticed it was swollen.

Detainee: And the interrogators also.

The Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1, and the FBI Reduction Memorandum, 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.

The Presiding Officer noted from the Enemy Combatant Election Form that the Detainee chose 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 to assist the Detainee with answering the statements.

Detainee: Should I answer?

Presiding Officer: Yes.

Detainee: Is everything with you (referring to the Assisting Military Officer)? He has my statement.

Presiding Officer: You can answer each item as the Designated Military Officer is reading them. I am sorry but what statement [are you referring to]?

Detainee: It is the same statement I have given to the translator. I will not add anything more to it.

Presiding Officer: The one that is listed on the EC-B. Is that the one he is referring to Assisting Military Officer, the response that he gave you during the interviews?

Assisting Military Officer: Yes sir, unless you (referring to the Detainee) want to read your additional comments.

Presiding Officer: Time out. If you would like to respond to each item as he is going through it we are going to do that now. If you are going to stand with the response that is on the EC-B that is fine too.

Detainee: So, you (referring to the linguist) are not going to read?

Presiding Officer: We can read the response. As you (referring to the Assisting Military Officer) give it, if he would like to respond then he can respond. If he just wants you to read the response that was given here that is fine. We will do that.

Detainee: That would be good. If the Assisting Military Officer can read it then the linguist will translate it back to me.

Designated Military Officer: (3) The following primary factors favor continued detention: (3.a) Commitment (3.a.1) The Detainee saw and responded to posted announcements in mosques that declared a fatwa supporting training for Jihad as a religious duty.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee saw and responded to posted announcements in mosques that declared a fatwa supporting training for Jihad as a religious duty, the Detainee said that this allegation should be combined with the one in (4.c) and that is to recover the Prophet's clothing.
Detainee adds: Yes.

Presiding Officer: Just for clarification if there is something else you want to add, that would be the time, once the [linguist] finishes reading it. Otherwise we are going to go to the next one.

Detainee: The second point will clarify everything.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.2) The Detainee was recruited in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, by Abu Mu'ath, who gave the Detainee an airline ticket to Karachi, Pakistan, 3000 Saudi Riyals ($799 USD) and a passport.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee was recruited in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, by Abu Mu'ath, who gave the Detainee an airline ticket to Karachi, Pakistan, 3000 Saudi Riyals ($799 USD) and a passport the Detainee said that he had his own legal passport. If Abu Mu'ath had given him a passport, it would have been a fake passport, and the passport the Detainee had while traveling was his own legal one.

Detainee adds: You should be able to ask the Saudi government or Pakistani government about my passport.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.3) In August 2001, the Detainee traveled from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to Qatar to Karachi, Pakistan to Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee traveled from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to Qatar to Karachi, Pakistan to Kandahar, Afghanistan, the Detainee pointed out that this is only five weeks at most before the September 11th attacks. His passport has the exact date, but he said that he left Saudi Arabia in early August 2001.

Detainee adds: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.4) The Detainee stayed at a safe house in Jalalabad for approximately three to four months.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee stayed at a safe house in Jalalabad for approximately three to four months, the Detainee said that this allegation is contradictory to the previous allegation, in that he was in Afghanistan for one month and ten days before the September 11th attacks.

Detainee adds: Please repeat the answer.

(The linguist repeats the response.)
Detainee adds: Let them (referring to the Board Members) know that those houses do not belong to any Arab or anybody. Those houses were [for] people renting them out to make money off of them. We rented a place to stay.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.5) The Detainee stayed at the Al-Ansar house in Kandahar to await training at Camp al Farouq.

Detainee: It is a repeat of the previous statement. I don’t understand.

Presiding Officer: So, are you saying the same as your previous [response]?

Assisting Military Officer: Let me read the Detainee’s response.

Presiding Officer: Yes, because it reads a little different.

Assisting Military Officer; In response to the allegation that the Detainee stayed at the Al-Ansar house in Kandahar to await training at Camp al Farouq, the Detainee said that he did not know the name of the house. He stayed two or three days at a time at a number of houses. He rented at some places; sometimes he brought food for the owners in exchange for a place to stay. The Detainee said that he has never seen al Farouq camp.

Detainee adds: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.6) The Detainee was fighting Afghan people and the Northern Alliance while at Camp Farouq.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee was fighting Afghan people and the Northern Alliance while at Camp Farouq, the Detainee said that he could not be in two places at once, fighting and training. He asked if the Northern Alliance is the same that he heard of as Massoud’s army.

Detainee adds: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.7) The Detainee stayed at the Abu Mahajin or “Star of the Jihad” guest house in Jalalabad for approximately four to five weeks while waiting to flee Afghanistan in October or November 2001.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee stayed at the Abu Mahajin or “Star of the Jihad” guest house in Jalalabad for approximately four to five weeks while waiting to flee Afghanistan in October or November 2001, the Detainee says that this allegation conflicts with a previous allegation (3.a.4) of three or four months.

Detainee adds: Yes, correct.
Designated Military Officer: (3.b) Training (3.b.1) The Detainee attended basic training at the al Farouq training camp for approximately two months in late summer of 2001.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee attended basic training at the al Farouq training camp for approximately two months in late summer of 2001, the Detainee said that he was not there. He said that the al Farouq camp closed right after the September 11th attacks, and that it was important for him to get the dates right.

Detainee adds: According to what I heard from people, but I did not see it up close. That is what I heard from other people that it was closed.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.2) The Detainee received training on the AK-47 assault rifle, PK machine gun, automatic grenade launcher, the Rocket-Propelled Grenade (RPG) and an unidentified light anti-tank weapon.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee received training on the AK-47 assault rifle, PK machine gun, automatic grenade launcher, the Rocket-Propelled Grenade (RPG) and an unidentified light anti-tank weapon, the Detainee said this was not true.

Detainee adds: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c) Connections/Associations (3.c.1) The Detainee traveled to Quetta, Pakistan, where he met an Afghan man known as Muhammad Rahim, also known as Rakhim Khan. Muhammad Rahim took the Detainee to a Quetta safe house.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee traveled to Quetta, Pakistan, where he met an Afghan man known as Muhammad Rahim, also known as Rakhim Khan. Muhammad Rahim took the Detainee to a Quetta safe house, the Detainee said that this is the first time he saw his name and did not know anyone by that name.

Detainee adds: Exactly.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.2) Muhammad Rahim is an al Qaida leader who was attempting to reestablish al Qaida networks in the Tora Bora region of Afghanistan, where he already controlled hidden ammunition depots. He was also trying to recruit individuals to carry out terror attacks against the Jalalabad airport and Springhar Hotel in Jalalabad.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegations that Muhammad Rahim is an al Qaida leader who was attempting to reestablish al Qaida networks in the Tora Bora region of Afghanistan, where he already controlled hidden ammunition depots. He was also trying to recruit individuals to carry out terror attacks against the Jalalabad airport.

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and Springhar Hotel in Jalalabad, the Detainee asked how could this man be responsible for this depot and be at all these other places? There are no planes flying back and forth between these places.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.3) The Detainee saw Usama bin Laden at the Al-Ansar safe house and al Farouq Training Camp.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee saw Usama Bin Laden at the Al-Ansar safe house and al Farouq Training Camp, the Detainee said that he has only seen Usama Bin Laden on television.

Detainee adds: Correct statement.

Designated Military Officer: (3.d) Other Relevant Data (3.d.1) The Detainee was present in the Tora Bora region and surrendered there to Afghan Forces.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee was present in the Tora Bora region and surrendered there to Afghan Forces, the Detainee asked how could he have been in this place and training somewhere else?

Detainee adds: Sweet.

Designated Military Officer: (3.d.2) The Detainee had in his possession, at the time of surrender, $2,000 USD, a Kalashnikov rifle and three full magazines of ammunition.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee had in his possession, at the time of surrender, $2,000 USD, a Kalashnikov rifle and three full magazines of ammunition, the Detainee said that he did not even have a slingshot.

Detainee adds: Beautiful.

Designated Military Officer: (4) The following primary factors favor release or transfer (4.a) The Detainee claims he was responding to a fatwa that requires all Muslims to train and be prepared to defend Islam at any time. He intended to return home after learning of the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegations that the Detainee claims he was responding to a fatwa that requires all Muslims to train and be prepared to defend Islam at any time. He intended to return home after learning of the attacks of September 11, 2001, the Detainee said that this point is the same as for the first commitment point in that neither point is true.

Detainee adds: Correct.
Designated Military Officer: (4.b) The Detainee states that he does not have any association with al Qaida and never heard anything about al Qaida at Camp Farouq until after the war started.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee said that he does not have any association with al Qaida and never heard anything about al Qaida at Camp Farouq until after the war started, the Detainee said that this is true. He never heard of al Qaida until he came to Cuba.

Detainee adds: Very nice.

Designated Military Officer: (4.c) The Detainee states that his initial report of training at al Farouq was just telling the interrogators what they wanted to hear, and the truth is he was attempting to retrieve the clothing of the Prophet Mohammed from a shrine in Afghanistan with financial backing from a prominent Saudi Arabian businessman.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee states that his initial report of training at al Farouq was just telling the interrogators what they wanted to hear, and the truth is he was attempting to retrieve the clothing of the Prophet Mohammed from a shrine in Afghanistan with financial backing from a prominent Saudi Arabian businessman, the Detainee said that this is the truth that he told the interrogators.

Detainee adds: Yes and Gods prayers upon him (referring to Prophet Mohammed).

Designated Military Officer: (4.d) The Detainee denies taking the al Qaida oath while at Camp Farouq.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the allegation that the Detainee denies taking the al Qaida oath while at Camp Farouq, the Detainee said that he has never seen Usama Bin Laden and never swore an oath at Camp Farouq.

Detainee adds: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (4.e) The Detainee denies having any knowledge of the attacks in the U.S. prior to their execution on September 11th, 2001. The Detainee also denied knowledge of any rumors or plans of future attacks on the U.S. or U.S. interests.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to the statement that the Detainee denies having any knowledge of the attacks in the U.S. prior to their execution on September 11th, 2001. The Detainee also denied knowledge of any rumors or plans of future attacks on the U.S. or U.S. interests; the Detainee said this was all true.

Detainee adds: It is all true.

Detainee: Are we going to go into the classified portion?
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.

Presiding Officer: Assisting Military Officer does the Detainee want to present any information to this Administrative Review Board including a written statement, oral statement, witness statements prepared on his behalf, or for you to speak on his behalf?

Assisting Military Officer: Yes sir. The Detainee has a written statement that I think he would like to read.

Presiding Officer: At this time, this is when we would have read your [comments] (referring to the Assisting Military Officer additional comments), but since you already read them we will dispense with that. You may begin your statement.

The Detainee made the following statement:

(The linguist read the following from a piece of paper given to her from the Detainee:)

Linguist: In reply to the Unclassified Summary.

Detainee: I have already replied to the Unclassified Summary.

(The linguist read the following from a piece of paper given to her from the Detainee:)

Linguist: The Detainee’s behavior in the detention facility.

Detainee: You can go back and check my files about all of my behavior information in the detention facility.

(The linguist read the following from a piece of paper given to her from the Detainee:)

Linguist: Explain or clarify why you are not a threat to the United States and its allies.

Detainee: This issue was included in many points. First, [I] am very well known in my neighborhood with my people about my good behavior. Second, [I] have never entered any police station before. Third, [I] am very well known to help others. Fourth, [I] have tried very hard to be a refugee to the United States, but I had bad luck and that did not happen. Unfortunately that did not happen. Fifth, the most important goal to me and the closest thing to my heart is for everyone to be happy and for everyone around me to be
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happy and satisfied and I want to be a part of that happiness. Sixth, I have been detained here for four years and I treated all of the guards very nicely, especially the female guards. I loved treating them nicely all the time. Thank God I made you (referring to the Board Members) smile. Thanks be to God that I made you smile. Hopefully I will be innocent of all of this.

(The linguist read the following from a piece of paper given to her from the Detainee)

Linguist: Why should I no longer be detained?

Detainee: First, they never stated any allegation against me...they never proved any allegation against me. Second, all of the evidence against me does not have any fact in them or are not proven to be facts. Third, if the United States wants to really be democratic, or if they allege democracy, then all of this that is happening here is unjust alleged democracy. Fourth, what the United States did here by hiding us from the view or people's eyes, from the media, this is an action done by mobs run by Jews. Fifth, in summary there is no reason to detain me at all. If there is any reason to detain me here they can present those reasons to the court and the court should judge me. But, the United States, unfortunately, does not have any reasons to detain me here...but for their selfishness, they are trying to keep me here for no reason at all. The United States does not like people telling her that you have done this and you have done that. Unfortunately all of these actions of the United States will make the United States feel very guilty for their foolish acts.

(The linguist read the following from a piece of paper given to her from the Detainee)

Linguist: Do you have any questions for the board?

Detainee: The only question I have for the board, and the question almost asks of its self, [is to] please stop this joke, this unfortunate...just stop this mockery. Thank you.

Presiding Officer: Does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: Did you wish to present your statement or did you just use it for reading?

Detainee: If you want it you can have it or write it down, but I want it because it may benefit me one day. You can have a copy of it and give me the original back. Whatever you find appropriate you can do.

Presiding Officer: Assistant Military Officer go ahead and make a copy of it and we will wait until you are done with that so we can give it back to him and verify that [the Detainee] is getting everything back.
Assisting Military Officer: Are we going to take a recess?

Presiding Officer: We are just going to take a moment while you go out and make a copy. That way I can confirm that he gets everything back.

Detainee: Do you (referring to the Designated Military Officer) want to put all of those allegations against me?

Presiding Officer: The Designated Military Officer just represents the U.S. in presenting the information that we have gathered.

Detainee: I thought he (referring to the Designated Military Officer) was the one that made me wear these clothes.

Presiding Officer: No.

The Assisting Military Officer presented the Detainee statement, Exhibit EC-C, to the Administrative Review Board.

Presiding Officer: [Detainee] just confirm that he gave you everything back and this is exactly what you want presented.

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: There is one spot on here that says Detainee's signature.

Assisting Military Officer: (Request that the Detainee signs Exhibit EC-C and the Detainee complies.)

Presiding Officer: We will just need to make sure OL-7 confirms the translation. Does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: I want to know about the other session that the [Designated Military Officer] requested with the board. Am I going to be present or is it just enough for the Assisting Military Officer to be there?

Presiding Officer: The Classified Session that you are referring to that the Designated Military Officer requested is information that other governments have provided and the Board does not have the authority to change the decision to allow you to sit in on that, so the Assisting Military Officer will be present to represent you.

Detainee: Am I going to be notified about the session afterwards?

Presiding Officer: The Classified Session? No, you do not have access to that information.

Detainee: I trust my Assisting Military Officer.
The Assisting Military Officer had no questions for the Detainee.

The Designated Military Officer had no questions for the Detainee.

Administrative Review Board Member’s questions:

Board Member: How long were you in Afghanistan?

Detainee: I mentioned it before.

Board Member: Four months?

Detainee: It shows that you were not listening to what I was saying.

Board Member: Refresh my memory.

Detainee: I would like my Assisting Military Officer to speak on behalf of me to answer these questions.

Board Member: He does not know the answer.

Detainee: I came in the month you mentioned, August, before September and that is when I came.

Board Member: When did you leave?

Detainee: I am not sure exactly, not in the beginning, but maybe the 7th or 8th of August. You can [find out] by my passport.

Board Member: When were you captured?

Detainee: On the 29th of Ramadan.

Board Member: Linguist, can you tell us when that was.

Linguist: It changes from...

Board Member: I got it. Who was the prominent Saudi Arabian businessman that sponsored your trip? What was his name?

Detainee: I can't tell you because it has to do with me. It is an easy question, but I don't think it needs to be answered.

Board Member: You don't think it would be helpful if he would send some...

Detainee: It is a special kind of thing between him and me and I don't want to harm him in anyway.
Board Member: Why would that harm him?

Detainee: Because it is the clothes of the prophet and it is considered to be historical artifacts and it is not legal or allowed to do that kind of work.

Board Member: I don’t have anything else.

Detainee: Are you convinced though?

Board Member: I am convinced!

Board Member: Where is this shrine in Afghanistan that has the prophet’s clothes?

Detainee: The big mosque in Kundahar. Even a Mullah Omar has taken the clothes with him when he ran off. You cannot find them.

Board Member: I am not interested in finding them. We know you did not have a slingshot when you were captured, but did you have $2000 USD and a Kalashnikov on you when you were captured?

Detainee: No. I had more. What would I do with just $2000? I did not go there to buy Pepsi. I went there to buy a big, valuable, historical artifact so I had to pay this guy to take me there, this guy, I had to pay a lot of people [to] take me places. Do you know how much the clothes of the prophet are worth? Do you have any idea?

Board Member: No, I don’t, but I could imagine.

Detainee: If I was able to bring those clothes, to get my hands on them, I would be more popular than Michael Jackson.

Board Member: Where were you captured?

Detainee: I was arrested in Jalalabad.

Board Member: How long were you in Jalalabad? Was it for 3 weeks or 3 months?

Detainee: What do you think?

Board Member: I have no idea I am asking a question.

Detainee: I did not stay any longer than 2 weeks in Jalalabad.

Board Member: When you read your statement you said that you were well known. Is that back in Saudi Arabia?
Detainee: I am known if you ask about me. You can tell who is good or who is bad. You can ask the police, the neighbors; if someone is so-so they know and if someone is a good person they know. Plus, I live in the city and I did not live in the village.

Board Member: Are you well known in the city?

Detainee: Yes, I am known, but I behave very well. I give people advice. I am known for that.

Board Member: Could you get any police or any authorities to write a letter on your behalf and send it here? Have you tried to do that?

Detainee: I have tried. I have sent 70-80 letters, but the military would not cooperate with me to send them. They tell me that I have letters, but I don't know why they don't give me my mail. I want you to help me with this issue.

Board Member: We do let the media into this prison too. They have been here many times. We are not hiding this operation from the world. The world knows what is going on here.

Detainee: Lately. Lately I know, but before I don't think so. I disagree with you. But, a disagreement in an opinion does not mean that...

Board Member: It is no big deal.

Presiding Officer: What training did you receive at al Farouq? You said what you did not receive, but what training did you receive?

Detainee: I did not go to al Farouq to get any training.

Presiding Officer: Okay. You said it was wrong to...it says here that you were attempting to retrieve the clothing of the Prophet Mohammed, but now you say that is not legal?

Detainee: Yes, it is not legal.

Presiding Officer: So, this was an illegal act that you were going to engage in?

Detainee: It was the chance of a lifetime.

Presiding Officer: You said that you had more than $2000 USD on you when you were captured or surrendered, but you did not say how much.

Detainee: Think about how much money I would have had on me. In your opinion [how much money did I have on me]? Work with me. Just think about how much money I would need. Predict...
Presiding Officer: I can't imagine so I am not going to guess.

Detainee: It is not important.

Presiding Officer: Do you have a lawyer at all because you made some comments?

Detainee: No and thank God.

Presiding Officer: You made some comments that led me to believe that you might have had one. That is why I am asking.

Detainee: If I am innocent I don't need a lawyer. Usually the guilty person needs a lawyer. Is there another session?

Presiding Officer: There will be a classified session as we spoke about earlier.

Detainee: When will I be given results?

Presiding Officer: I am going to cover that.

Detainee: Are you going to cover that now?

Presiding Officer: Yes.

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.

[Signature]

Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Presiding Officer