Summarized Administrative Review Board Proceedings

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

The Designated Military Officer (DMO) was sworn.

The Board Reporter was sworn.

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

The ARB members were sworn.

The Assisting Military Officer (AMO) was sworn.

The AMO presented the Enemy Combatant Notification Form (Exhibit EC-a) to the ARB.

The AMO presented the Enemy Combatant Election Form (Exhibit EC-b) to the ARB.

It was noted by the PO that from Exhibit EC-b, the Detainee had chosen not to be present for the ARB proceedings.

The PO confirmed that the AMO 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 the Information was read to the Detainee, that a translator was used during the interview, and that the AMO confirmed that the translator spoke the same language as the Detainee.

The DMO presented the Unclassified Summary of Information (Exhibit DMO-1) to the ARB.

The DMO presented the FBI Redaction Certification (Exhibit DMO-2) and the excerpt from U.S. Department of Homeland Security Terrorist Organization Reference Guide (DMO-3) to the ARB.

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

The ARB members paused briefly to read the Unclassified Summary.

The DMO confirmed that he had no further unclassified information and requested a closed session to present classified information relevant to the disposition of the Detainee.
When asked if the AMO had any information to present on behalf of the Detainee to the ARB, the AMO made the following statement:

AMO: Sir, he didn’t specifically request that I present any information to you but I believe it is worth while for you to hear what he told me during my interview with him, which I have also included on the Enemy Combatant Election Form. When asked why he elected not to attend, the Detainee responded, (and this is a direct quote, sir) “What good will come out of it. I feel nothing good could come out of my attendance so why make the effort. Whatever decision will come out of it; let them make it. The decision has been made a long time ago. God has decided that I will stay here, the decision has been made”. That is all that he told me sir. That was the basis for his reason for not being here. That concludes my comment sir.

The PO confirmed that the DMO had no further unclassified information to present to the ARB and concluded the unclassified session of the ARB.

The PO read the remainder of the ARB process and adjourned the proceedings.

AUTHENTICATION

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

Colonel, USA
Presiding Officer