Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 1094

The Administrative Review Board was called to order.

The Detainee entered the proceedings.

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

The Designated Military Officer (DMO) was sworn.

The Translator, Board Reporter, Assisting Military Officer (AMO) and Board Members were sworn.

The Presiding Officer asked the Detainee if he wished to make a statement under oath.

Muslim oath offered.

The Detainee took 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 interview was conducted on 04 Dec 2006. After reviewing the ARB's purpose and procedures, the Urdu and English translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence was read to the detainee. 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 stated he wanted to attend the ARB. The detainee was very cooperative, attentive, and polite throughout the interview. A copy of the English translated Unclassified Summary was provided to the detainee upon his request. The detainee requested the mail container which contained an envelope marked ARB to be returned to him so he could prepare for his ARB. The AMO routed the detainee's request to have the envelope marked ARB returned to him. The AMO was informed that the container contents included hundreds of documents and the envelope could not be located. The AMO was requested to obtain from the detainee the subject and content of the requested documents. On 05 December 2006, a follow-up interview was conducted.
with the detainee. The detainee was asked to provide more specific information on the documents he needed. The AMO explained the difficulty of trying to locate the envelope marked "ARB". The detainee could not provide a specific subject or content of the documents he wanted. The detainee requested a copy of his information he submitted last year to make notes from. These documents were furnished to him. When asked if he wanted to attend his ARB, the detainee stated he would attend the ARB and wished to respond to each statement of information in the Unclassified Summary of Evidence after it is presented.

The Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1, and DMO-2 through DMO-3 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 the 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.

The Designated Military Officer read the following primary factors favoring continued detention of the detainee.

Presiding Officer: Designated Military Officer, please summarize the Unclassified Summary of Evidence.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.1) In approximately 1999, the detainee traveled to Kandahar, Afghanistan to meet with Osama bin Laden and to offer al Qaeda the services of his media company.

Detainee: I have given a written answer in reference to your notice, 3.a.1. I would kindly request that the AMO read it.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: Honorable Members and Presiding Officer, OARDEC, Department of Defense, U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Reference, your notice, dated November 29, 2006. Subject: ARB Session 2006. Honorable sirs and madams, with reference to your above notice, I would like to submit my humble submission as follows: I am a businessman, a citizen of Pakistan. I was born on August 17, 1947, in Pakistan. I have been operating my businesses from Karachi, Pakistan since 1986. Details are as follows: International Merchandise, Private, Limited, chairman, board of directors, partnership with Charles Antebey, an American, white Jewish, a 50% commission agent, buying house, garments from Pakistan for U.S. buyers. Executed about 100,000,000 Dollars from 1993 to 2003. Contributed to U.S. Federal Exchequer of
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approximately 20,000,000 Dollars in duty. Universal Broadcasting, Private, Limited, chairman, board of directors. Television programs, productions, owner of a modern well-equipped studio. I produced more than five hundred programs: religious, current affairs, and entertainment. One hundred percent shareholding by me and my family members. S.S.A. Associates, Private, Limited. Cliftonia chairman, board of director, real estate developer. Three hundred thirty-two apartments at the beach, multi-million dollars. Absom Industries, Limited, (public company quoted in stock exchange), chairman, board of director, major shareholder and underwriter. Industrial unit, manufacturer of bags, worth over 200,000,000 Rupees. Council of Welfare Organization, chairman, board of trustees. Charitable for poor in the field of health, education, justice, and food. These businesses had hundreds of employees in Pakistan, where unemployment was quoted 65%, literacy rate 27% (read and write), Gross National Product, 600 Dollars. Collectively, all four businesses, together, were no less than one of the U.S. Fortune 500 Companies in Pakistan with Pakistan standard. My education: primary school, small, remote village. No electricity, no civic facilities, no classrooms, no furniture, no paper, books, or notebooks. Open air, jute mats on earthy floor. Wooden and metallic slates with bamboo pen ink and lime white stick for black slate. High school, college, and up to university in Karachi University. System Design and System Analyst-New York Institute of Technology. Business career started from New York when Pakistan community was rapidly growing. Pan Am and Pakistan Air had weekly flights from JFK to Karachi. So I started with a travel agency as an ethnic business. I opened other branches in Chicago, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. In 1980, another business, I called Third World Broadcasting, 90 minutes weekly. T.V. programming, recording in local studio in Manhattan and telecasting on Channel 47, WNJU, New Jersey, covering Greater Metropolitan Tri-States (New York, New Jersey, Connecticut) area. Airline (Pakistan), banks, restaurants, were advertisers. A real estate property of 29 garden homes, purchased in Queens, New York. Dawn, weekly newspaper in English for Pakistanis, widely circulated by U.S. posts throughout U.S. A. and Canada. With this background, I would reply now with reference to 3.a.1. Pakistan and Afghanistan had diplomatic relationship during Talibam government and there is no restriction to visit Afghanistan. Pakistan Rice Exporters Association requested me to lend a business delegation. There were many Pakistanis from all over Pakistan in this delegation and most of them were not even known to me. Since I was leading this delegation, I was introduced to all members and there was a well-known religious leader from Karachi. His name was Maulana Mazhar. He was scheduled to meet Osama with his followers.

Presiding Officer: Just for clarification, when you said he was scheduled to meet with Osama, you mean Osama bin Laden?

Detainee: Yes, sir.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: He extended me an invitation to join him in the meeting. I accepted and I was among about 18 people to meet Osama; and it was not an exclusive meeting, but I was among audience in Kandahar. I introduced him to my organization, Universal Broadcasting, and I proposed him to record programs in English.
based on Koranic verses. For example, what does Koran say about Christ (peace be upon him), about Mary, Abraham, Moses? These are common holy personalities between Christians and Muslims. His reply was he will think about it. All major networks like CBS, ABC, NBC, BBC, and CNN, they had been doing with Osama and all kinds people around the world. That is in reference to 3.a.1, sir.

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

Detainee: No, sir.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.2) The detainee traveled to Afghanistan in 2000, with a group of men, which included a terrorist facilitator.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: As I have stated above, I did not know members in the delegation nor did I select people to travel to Afghanistan. I do not know any terrorist facilitator.

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

Detainee: To my recollection, there were about 98 people all together at that delegation. Most of them were not known to me. If the name is indicated to me as to whom the terrorist facilitator was, I can probably add more to it, but I do not know the names of the delegates.

Presiding Officer: For security reasons, we are not allowed to reveal that.

Detainee: I understand that, sir. I am just mentioning that I do not know anybody who was a terrorist facilitator.

Presiding Officer: We note that and we will take that under consideration.

Detainee: Thank you, sir.

Presiding Officer: You are welcome. DMO, please continue.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.3) A senior al Qaeda operative stated the detainee agreed to a plan to use the detainee’s textile business to smuggle explosives into the United States. The plan was to place the explosives in the containers that the detainee used to ship women and children’s clothes.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: International Merchandise, IMG, is a buying house, garments from Pakistan. U.S.A. buys textile garments around the world, and to every country, U.S.A. allocates textile quota. That country auctions quota to garments factories. Then that factory makes that shipment. IMG never manufacture garments, never acquire quota from Government of Pakistan, never exported garments. We were only conducting business on the commission. I have been extensively interrogated and
investigated around the world by and their associates. They also had meeting with on the detail activities of IMG. It will confirm my statement.

Presiding Officer: Do you wish to add to that?

Detainee: Sir, I would like to explain further. The United States government has quotas of all the countries in the world where they had textile productions and man-made fiber. Those countries, in return, the government give that textile quota to various factories that manufacture garments. Those factories, along with the visa, issued by U.S.A., make the shipment. We only facilitate American buyers to place orders with the factories, money for quality, money to the shipment. We have never shipped any goods; we have no quota with us. This allegation is absolutely baseless.

Presiding Officer: Do you have an idea why the senior al Qaeda operatives would say such a thing about you?

Detainee: Sir, my feeling is that they, I was told, are with the person that is doing the interrogation. They are in U.S. custody. They were out of U.S.A. boundaries and even GTMO. There were some in other third world countries. I do not know under what conditions they have stated that, what difficulties of interrogations they went through, and they said those things. I do not know. I have two statements from those gentlemen who are in U.S.A. custody taken by the U.S.A. government. From their statements regarding my son, which is also I was unable to meet, I wanted enclosed with my write-up.

Presiding Officer: We will enclose that information in the record. We will consider it.

Detainee: Thank you, sir.

Presiding Officer: To make sure I am clear about this, you are saying that you never had a plan or participated in a plan to smuggle explosives into the United States, and you never had any sort of plan to place explosives in a shipping container?

Detainee: No, sir. We are not in a business of export. We do not export containers; we do not export garments at all. IMG handles over 100,000,000 Dollars and not a single garment that we export ourselves. We are not in the position to do that. This is what I am trying to tell you. On the other hand, the garments or the containers are not received by us. They are received by the customer in the States like K-Mart, Wal-Mart, and J.C. Penny. The goods are shipped out to them directly.

Presiding Officer: We will take the information under consideration when we make our decision.

Detainee: Thank you.

Presiding Officer: You are welcome. Does either board member have any questions?
Member: You said, in that instance, you were only a broker of goods and services, not a warehouse?

Detainee: Exactly. Yes, sir.

Presiding Officer: DMO proceed.

Detainee: Excuse me. We are getting five percent commission on all shipment sent to the United States.

Presiding Officer: Is that a typical commission? Is that a normal commission?

Detainee: It is an agreeable, normal commission between the parties.

Presiding Officer: DMO proceed.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.4) The detainee assisted a senior al Qaeda operative in choosing homes in Karachi, Pakistan to use as safe houses and residences for al Qaeda families.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: Enclosed, please find Attachment 1 and Attachment 2. These statements were submitted by the U.S. government to U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York. Attachment Number 1 is the statement by Ammar al-Baluchi, who is in American custody. He must have been thoroughly investigated under very difficult situation, which clearly says I did not know real identity of Ammar al-Baluchi. I have always denied to all interrogators for the past 41 months any information about Ammar al-Baluchi affiliation with al Qaeda or Taliban. This statement also confirms that I did not know Khalid Sheikh Mohammad’s real identity or his affiliation with al Qaeda or Taliban. Attachment Number 2 is the statement of Majeed Khan, who is in the custody of U.S.A. He must have been extensively interrogated under very difficulty circumstances. He had clearly stated myself and my son, Uzair, had no information about al Qaeda affiliation of Majeed Khan, or Ammar al-Baluchi, and Khalid Sheikh Mohammad. Khalid Sheikh Mohammad introduced himself to me as Mir, with identification card issued by Pakistan government. He claimed to be an agriculturalist, with large land holding in Nawar Shah Country, about 500 miles away from Karachi. His dress was Pakistani, spoke fluently Urdu, which is Pakistani’s national language, ate regular Pakistani food, used to offer regular Muslim prayer. There was no reason not to believe him. He wanted to buy a house in Karachi in my neighborhood where I lived. One day, in his car, I showed him an area where my house is. It is a very common courtesy to help strangers in this kind of need. Similarly, Ammar al-Baluchi claimed to be an agriculturalist from Baluchistan, a province of Pakistan. I also have his identification card of different name issued by Pakistan government. Similarly, he spoke Pakistani language, wearing Pakistani dress, eating manners like Pakistani, and was regularly offering his prayers. I had every reason to believe him. I provided him local
newspaper to select a house to rent in the area where my office was located. To the best of my information, neither Khalid bought any house nor did Ammar rent any place. And I have no knowledge of any al Qaeda family or a safe house.

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

Detainee: Both those two gentlemen were hiding their real, true identity and their connections with al Qaeda. I never knew about it at all. I would like to go to that attachment, which I have already enclosed. That will indicate it also.

Presiding Officer: Do you wish the Assisting Military Officer to read the entire statement or portions of it?

Detainee: Sir, I would like the entire statement to be read. They were also clean-shaven. They had no beard. That also shows that they are not affiliated with al Qaeda.

Presiding Officer: In Pakistan, is it normal for only al Qaeda people to wear a beard?

Detainee: I do not know, sir. It is what I have been seeing on television and reports. The people had labeled al Qaeda the “all-beard man.”

Presiding Officer: I mean, when you met them the first time, not now.

Detainee: I did not get your question, sir.

Presiding Officer: When you met Khalid Sheikh Mohammad, at that time, was it normal for only al Qaeda people to wear a beard in Pakistan?

Detainee: I do know, sir. I am just saying that they had no beard.

Presiding Officer: We do understand the significance of them shaving.

Detainee: What I feel is, in order to hide true identity, sometimes people will do that. This is what I am trying to imply.

Presiding Officer: We understand that and we will consider that when we look at the case.

Detainee: These two statements were taken by the U.S. government. I request they should be as a witness in this session.

Presiding Officer: These documents will be entered as part of the documentary record for this session. They will become a part of your official ARB file.
Detainee: As a witness?

Presiding Officer: As documents presented by these people on your behalf. That is how we are going to consider them.

Detainee: Okay, sir.

Presiding Officer: They will be a part of the official record. We will give them an official identifying label for it. Your request is granted.

Detainee: Thank you, sir.

Presiding Officer: You are welcome.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: Attachment Number 1, statement of Ammar al-Baluchi: the person known to Uzair Paracha as “Mustafa” is reported to have stated as follows: Mustafa met with Saifulla Paracha’s son, Uzair Paracha, a total of four times, all while visiting Saifulla Paracha at Saifullah Paracha’s house.

Presiding Officer: Just for clarification, Uzair Paracha is your son?

Detainee: My son.

Presiding Officer: The person that your son knew as Mustafa is reported to have said the following things?

Detainee. Right. Mustafa is Ammar al-Baluchi. They have a tendency among the people in the Muslim world to have many names, which you must have observed it here also. He was named as Mustafa.

Presiding Officer: We understand.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: Mustafa met with Saifulla Paracha’s son, Uzair Paracha, a total of four times, all while visiting Saifulla Paracha at Saifullah Paracha’s house. Uzair Paracha was totally unwitting of Mustafa’s al Qaeda affiliation or of Mustafa’s intention to use Saifullah Paracha for the broader operational plan involving Majid Khan. Uzair Paracha knows nothing about operations. Neither Mustafa nor Majid Khan indicated to Uzair Paracha at any time that they were mujahedin or al Qaeda. Uzair Paracha did not complete the task involving Majid Khan.

Detainee: I would like to give a little background of Majid Khan. Majid Khan is 26 years old. I met him in Karachi. He claimed that he was in Baltimore for many years, almost 15, 20 years. He and his mother, with his family, they migrated into Pakistan. They have taken a political asylum there. He was educated in Baltimore, he studied in Baltimore and he worked in Baltimore. He went to Pakistan. He reapplied to the U.S.
immigration, in which he wanted my son to collect it and send it to him for his reentry. That was the task given to my son.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: Saifullah Paracha was unwittingly being used to assist in Mustafa’s broader plan with al Qaeda operative, Majid Khan. Saifullah Paracha was someone Mustafa used for information, but from whom he kept his al Qaeda connections hidden.

Detainee: This is precisely what I was telling you, sir. It was his own statement that he was hiding his personality. The U.S.A. has investigated and they put it in writing.

Presiding Officer: We understand that this statement says what al-Baluchi said.

Detainee: Exactly, sir.

Presiding Officer: All of this is al-Baluchi’s statement?

Detainee: Yes, sir.

Presiding Officer: Not a U.S. government statement?

Detainee: No, it was taken by U. S. government. It is a true statement from al- Baluchi, taken by U.S. government in that respect. I did not make it up.

Presiding Officer: I understand that. The statement is al-Baluchi’s statement?

Detainee: Exactly, sir.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: There were no operations discussions between Mustafa and Saifullah Paracha. Mustafa intentionally used cover stories and distorted truths to mask his particular interests with Saifullah Paracha during their discussions, although Saifullah Paracha had a long-standing relationship with Uzair.

Detainee: Uzair is referred to Khalid Sheikh.

Presiding Officer: He is not your son?

Detainee: He is not my son.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: Saifullah Paracha did not know Uzair’s true identity or any other name for Uzair. Mustafa did not believe that Saifullah Paracha was aware that he and Uzair was al Qaeda, but Mustafa believed that Saifullah Paracha likely knew that Mustafa and Uzair were associated with mujahedin and could be associated with the Taliban or al Qaeda. Saifullah Paracha did not know that Uzair was affiliated with al Qaeda until the worldwide publicity of Uzair’s arrest. Mustafa showed Saifullah Paracha a famous picture of Uzair after Uzair’s capture and Saifullah Paracha was surprised to
learn that Uzair was as important a man as he was. At the time of Uzair’s arrest, Saifullah Paracha probably knew of Mustafa’s al Qaeda affiliation.

Detainee: Excuse me, sir. At that time, I wrote a letter to Miss Nancy Ball, an ambassador in Pakistan in Islam-abad. I requested her for an interview, which was later sent to New York to FBI. They advised the ambassador in Pakistan to avoid any meeting with me in Pakistan. That was already submitted of our meeting in 2005.

Presiding Officer: We have those documents.

Detainee: Thank you, sir.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: Because Saifullah Paracha had never been properly vetted, he was never tasked by al Qaeda, i.e., Uzair or Mustafa, to do anything for them. Saifullah Paracha was only a businessman, who was sympathetic to the mujahedin. Saifullah Paracha has no relation to this business, i.e., al Qaeda. Mustafa was not aware how Uzair knew Saifullah Paracha or if Saifullah Paracha had ever met UBL.

Presiding Officer: Just so I understand, this statement of al-Baluchi says you likely did know that these people were mujahidin; that is what it says outright in this statement.

Detainee: He said that I possibly knew that they were mujahedin.

Presiding Officer: He said “likely”, actually. Did you?

Detainee: I would like to give a little historically background. In the 70's, when the Russians invaded Afghanistan, a lot of resistance came from Pakistan. Pakistan had a military regime at the time headed by General Zia-ul-Haq. He resisted, and while in the States, President Carter was president at the White House. The only thing that U.S.A. responded at that time by his security advisor, Mr. Brzezinski, that they did take the blame, but then again, he stepped against them. Pakistan was the only country, at that time, fighting against Russians. They started organizing mujahedin and declared as a holy war. It was then after President Carter, President Reagan, and President Bush, Sr. were elected. They took it seriously. They assisted Pakistan and Muslim countries. It was widely publicized among the Muslim countries as a holy war. A lot of Muslims all around the world joined Pakistan and Afghanistan to fight that war. After the withdrawal of Russia, they were all not agreed into their countries. They became homeless and familyless. I do have sympathy for them. They were in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Pakistan and Afghanistan has a very large border. It is almost 1,000 miles opened and regulated. The Pakistanis and Afghans are very similar to each other. We are the same people. The language is almost the same. There is no restriction. There is a regular transportation system without any visa or passport that traveled between the two countries. I have sympathy for those mujahedins, not as a terrorist mujahedin.

Presiding Officer: So that we are clear about the context of this document, about what time would this be that you were meeting with al-Baluchi?
Detainee: The best of my recollection, it was 2001 and 2002.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. Is that all you wish to say regarding this document?

Detainee: Yes, sir.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: Attachment Number 1: Statement of Majeed Khan. Majid Khan is reported to have stated as follows: He did not know of any funding or investment Mustafa gave to Saifullah Paracha. He had no knowledge of Saifullah Paracha’s company, the plan to smuggle chemicals or explosive via the Parachas, or other resources that might be attractive to al Qaeda. No compensation was given to Saifullah Paracha in return for Saifullah Paracha arranging for Uzair Paracha to assist Majid Khan with Majid Khan’s immigration matters. He had no al Qaeda contacts in the United States. None of the contacts were aware of his gas station attack plan or any other actions he might have taken on behalf of al Qaeda. He assessed Uzair Paracha was willing to help a fellow Muslim at his father’s request and that Majid Khan knew of no other motivation for Uzair Paracha’s assistance. He did not assess Uzair Paracha as being suitable for any other assistance to al Qaeda besides helping with Majid Khan’s documents at the time. Uzair Paracha volunteered that he wanted to spread Islam through media. He thought Uzair Paracha was a good person, who was willing to help and that Majid Khan might have been interested in recruiting Uzair Paracha once Majid Khan returned to the U.S. and had time to assess Uzair Paracha. He would only give Uzair Paracha a five to ten percent suitability assessment, citing the fact that Uzair Paracha had no extremist views and was not really a practicing Muslim.

Detainee: This is about my son, sir.

Presiding Officer: We understand.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: Uzair Paracha was to go to the post office, pretend that he, Uzair Paracha, was Majid Khan, and give the post office a change of address for Khan. Uzair Paracha was to deposit money in Majid Khan’s account and, later, call the INS to inquire about the travel document. All of this was to be done to lead U.S. authorities to believe that Majid Khan was in the U.S. when he was actually in Pakistan. To his knowledge, Uzair Paracha did none of these things. If Uzair Paracha claimed that Majid Khan sent something to Uzair Paracha, Uzair Paracha would be lying in making a statement. Mustafa was known either as Habib or Moin to the Parachas. It has been reported that the person known to Uzair Paracha as Uzair was shown a photograph of Saifulla Paracha, which was taken in the early 1970s. Uzair claimed not to recognize the individual in the photo.

Presiding Officer: Do you wish to add to this statement?

Detainee: No, sir.
Presiding Officer: If I understand this statement correctly, Saifullah, most of it is about your son.

Detainee: Yes, sir. Most of it is about my son, but it is also about me from time to time.

Presiding Officer: It says that Majid Khan did not know anything about a plan involving your company to smuggle chemicals or explosives.

Detainee: Exactly, sir.

Presiding Officer: It is saying that, as far as Majid Khan knows, there was no compensation given to you for the help that your son was giving to Majid Khan.

Detainee: Exactly, sir. Thank you.

Presiding Officer: You are welcome. Does that conclude that point on 3.a.4?

Detainee: Yes, sir.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.5) The detainee provided shipping regulations regarding the United States to a senior al Qaeda operative. The detainee was sympathetic to the extremist cause.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: In IMG, I was chairman, living in Pakistan and also conducting other businesses. I am not aware of any shipping regulation of United States at all. The only thing I remember was that, after 9/11, ships were taking two extra days because of U.S. authority's inspection. This information was given to our office in Karachi by Charles Anteby from New York, which we conveyed to all concerned factories. I do not even know who had this information from me or our staff in Pakistan. With reference to extremist cause, I do not know what extremist cause is, but I am very sympathetic to poor, helpless, and to just cause.

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

Detainee: I have been in Pakistan for quite some time. I have been in the hospitals. I have been to the schools for the poor and helped people in justice and food support. I feel that I am fighting against terrorism in another way to give education to people and providing health facilities to the healthy society.

Presiding Officer: We do understand that the commitment to help the poor is as much a part of your society as it is of ours. We do understand that.

Detainee: I did not get your question, sir.
Presiding Officer: It was not a question. It was a statement saying that we do understand that what you have done has been charitable work to help the poor. We understand that it is a very important thing for your society at large as well.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.1) The detainee claimed he put 200,000 United States Dollars into a falsified bank account for a senior al Qaeda operative for investment purposes.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: Pakistan got its independence in 1947, has 140,000,000 population. It is a developing country. Its position is similar to Israel among Arab countries with India.

Detainee: What I am trying to explain to you, sir, is that Pakistan is not accepted by India. They feel that it was a holy cause, the whole country. Pakistani, of the Indian Muslims, is divided into two. They have not accepted us until now as an independent country. The U.S.A. has been supporting Pakistan on that account. Pakistan's security has been secured with the help of the United States in that region. Pakistan has been supported with the United States also on that.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: I have some more for that also, sir. Since '47, Pakistan and India had three major wars. Infrastructure is not developed properly. It is a cash-culture country. Banks were nationalized in early 1970s. Denationalization process has started. Private banks are allowed to operate. Corporate banking is popular. Consumer banking has also started, but public do not have money to deposit. Our companies' accounts are with a new bank near our office called Metropolitan Bank. All our employees' accounts are already in this bank. We have 10,000,000 Rupees running credit line with bank. Bank always tries to oblige us. In return, we have been promoting this bank among relatives, friends, and business associates. Khalid Sheikh wanted to open an account in this bank. All formalities were duly fulfilled and he established an account under his name, to the best of my information. There was no false motive about his account. As I remember, he deposited about 20,000 U.S. Dollars in his account. I am not aware of any investment of 20,000 U.S. Dollars.

Presiding Officer: When you say “Khalid Sheikh”, you mean Khalid Sheikh Mohammad?

Detainee: Yes, sir. It was known to me as “Mir” at that time. Khalid Sheikh Mohammad is now known by that name here.

Presiding Officer: At the time, you still did not know that name?

Detainee: I did not know it.

Presiding Officer: You still just knew him as “Mir”? Detainee: Yes, sir.

Presiding Officer: Do any of the members have a question?
Member: I understand you remembered a deposit of 20,000 Dollars into the account?

Detainee: Khalid Sheikh Mohammad deposited 20,000 Dollars.

Member: You write that, "I am not aware of any investment of 20,000 Dollar"?

Detainee: Yes, I do not know if he made any investments or not. I do not know.

Board Member: So he just put money in, but you do not know if any money went out?

Detainee: No, I do not.

Board Member: Thank you.

Presiding Officer: Is that all that you wish to say on that point?

Detainee: Yes, sir. What I tried to emphasize is that our country is a developing country. There is a parallel economy of cash and a bank documented economy. The cash economy is quite effectively working. The banks are not used. The consumer banking has not been there; now, it is coming up slowly, but it is still very far away. The banks like to have account holders. For example, in Pakistan, internet banking is not known for opening an account through internet. Usually, accounts are opened through offices in Pakistan. In reference to us, he opened an account in the bank.

Presiding Officer: How did he come to you to ask for the reference?

Detainee: Initially, when I met Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan, I proposed to him to record some of the TV programs. I gave him my card. That card was sent to Khalid Sheikh in Pakistan. He came to see me on that account and inquired about me and my organization. We discussed about the equipment and how to record. It was the first of doing that and then 9/11 happened. Ammar al-Baluchi was introduced to me by Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. Majid Khan was introduced to me by Ammar al-Baluchi.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.2) The detainee’s production studio produced al Qaeda videos. The detainee had a large network of contacts that was given to him by Osama bin Laden to acquire videos from al Qaeda.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: Our studio is well equipped. We make our programs. We rent out the studio on 8-hour shift basis. We rent out cameras and other equipment for outdoor recording. Once Ammar al-Baluchi wanted to test and try our studio and equipment recorded some discussion program, which we allowed. I have no knowledge of any video of al Qaeda or I do not have any network, nor did Osama give me any information on videos.
Presiding Officer: Do you wish to comment further on that point?

Detainee: No, sir. The only thing I want to mention is that, this thing that I started in New York as Third World Broadcasting, we had a studio in Manhattan that we rented to record our programs. It is the same basis that I started a studio in Pakistan. We were making our own programs in the studio and we were renting shifts and equipments. It is a part of the business. It is very common in the States, but very unique in Pakistan. In Pakistan, it is controlled by the government. The T.V. production, the telecasting, and the cable network are starting all around the world. The private companies are coming up. Our company is probably one of the first to enter into the production and making T.V. programs in Pakistan.

Presiding Officer: At the time that al-Baluchi asked about using your studio, at that time, did you know of any affiliation that he had with al Qaeda?

Detainee: No, sir.

Presiding Officer: You knew, in general, by that time, about al Qaeda. Is that a fair statement?

Detainee: The first time I heard of al Qaeda was by President Bush after 9/11. I never heard it before.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.3) The detainee’s son is in the custody of the United States being held in New York.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: My son has been sentenced by U.S. District Court for 30 years. I have no comments on this issue until the appeal’s judgment.

Presiding Officer: We will respect that. We have no questions for you on that point.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.1) During discussions with a senior al Qaeda operative about the pending war in Iraq, the detainee displayed strong anti-United States sentiment. The detainee commented that nuclear weapons should be used against the United States troops because thousands could be killed at once. The detainee suggested the weapons could be acquired from other countries, such as China.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: After my first visit to Afghanistan, I diagnosed the problem and thought of a solution. I prepared a detailed letter addressed to all U.S. congressmen, senators, cabinet members, President, and senior President Bush. My request was to pay attention to Pakistan and Afghanistan in economic and political assistance. And I also proposed to use Pakistan army in the Middle East as peacekeeping force. In the past, it was done in Somalia. In this proposal, I was thinking for American army’s safety and putting Pakistan army at risk. I have already submitted this letter. On the nuclear issue, a polygraph test was taken on me in about March 2004 in Afghanistan and I was told I cleared that test. On the contrary, an interrogator from the
FBI, I was told his name [redacted] in April, May, June 2004 in Afghanistan. He told me that U.S.A. should use nuclear weapon in bordering city of Afghanistan called Quetta, Pakistan, to destroy where mujahedeen are coming. My reply to him was that U.S. is a responsible country. It does not worry me, but the problem of India and Pakistan is very serious, but these countries are nuclear power. I cannot think any human soul suffer that agony of nuclear death. I deny that statement.

Presiding Officer: Do you have further comment on this statement?

Detainee: At several times, I requested to the AMO two days ago that the letter I sent to all congressmen, senators, Presidents, and the cabinet members, already submitted in the ARB session in 2005, if I could have a copy of that. We can go through that letter as we did for Ammar al-Baluchi and Majeed Khan. In conclusion, I proposed to the U.S. government and the lawmakers to pay attention to Pakistan and Afghanistan and that they needed immediate attention, it was before 9/11. One of the proposals was if Pakistan army can be utilized for peace-keeping in the Middle Eastern countries in place of the U.S. army; I was trying to save Americans' lives in that process. My proposal was in writing and it is all documented. In contrary, if somebody says that I was wishing or using a statement against United States army or personnel, that is wrong; I deny that statement. A similar thing happened in Somalia, during President Bill Clinton, where U.S. forces were replaced by Pakistan army. They did peace-keeping there. I was not proposing something out of the air. The President and Pakistan always walked together with U.S.A. in this kind of affair.

Member: Do you remember the date of the letter that you sent to the members and the President of the United States?

Detainee: I do not remember the exact date, but it was quite earlier than 9/11, about almost a year, right after President Bush took his oath.

Member: Around January 2001?

Detainee: Sir, I would not comment that date, but you have a copy of that letter in your record. There is a date that is already on there. It is a very detailed letter. It is four pages. I went through the old process of mujahedeen and the American assistance in Afghanistan. I mentioned the whole affair in a positive way.

Presiding Officer: We will take that letter, along with all the other documents that you have submitted, for our consideration.

Detainee: Thank you.

Presiding Officer: You are welcome.
Designated Military Officer: (3.c.2) Sources identified with the detainee as a high-ranking member of anti-coalition forces. The detainee was captured with documents that contained significant intelligence information.

Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: As I had already indicated, that I am a businessman, do business and trying to help my country in schools, hospitals, justice, and food support. In this connection after extensive interrogation by Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Miss Janelle Miller and DOD representatives met me on December 20, 2004, and told me that I never funded Taliban or al Qaeda and I am not a threat to American and American interest in the world. Last year in ARB session, I wanted to see those significant intelligence documents. Still, I am waiting. The only thing I can think of is my Casio electronic diary, which was, many times, investigated by various agents. If there are any questions, I am ready to reply.

Detainee: I have an electronic diary. I have about 3,000 names and various information regarding India in it. Pakistan has nuclear weapons and military and aircrafts. I kept it for my immediate references. If that day, according to the allegation, which has been put on me that I was carrying, cannot be classified, it is all unclassified. I was never shown any of those documents and asked any questions in this session or the session before this. I do not know what the significant documents actually mean unless it is shown to me. I was visiting Bangkok when I was arrested. I was on government business visiting a K-Mart. I was a light traveler. I only had a hand bag with me and walked out of the airport; I was captured from there. I did not have many documents with me either.

Presiding Officer: Can you tell us what you had on that Casio?

Detainee: Sir, I had 3,000 names and addresses of all my friends and relatives around the world. I even have vital phone numbers: Pakistan President, Pakistan Prime Minister, who was known to me in Pakistan. The ministers and the mayors were my friends. They visited me in my home. I had all their numbers. I do not know what significance of those documents. The documents of the diary do not click with me at all. My feeling is that, the only thing which extensively one-by-one, is that I was asked by the interrogator for each entry. I replied to every one of them and they were satisfied.

Presiding Officer: Were there any other sorts of records besides names and phone numbers in this Casio?

Detainee: Only the information that I read in the newspaper or magazine that I would enter into it. It was for my memory. Nothing was specific.

Designated Military Officer: (4.a) The detainee claimed that he only wanted to use Osama bin Laden as a voice for his company to help Christians and Muslims understand each other better. The detainee stated he had no intention of letting Osama bin Laden use his media company as a voice for terrorism.
Assisting Military Officer [for EC]: One of our specialties in T.V. program production is religious programs. We have been trying to make it interesting with a positive message. A well-known scholar from Washington, D.C., Mr. Yousef Estals, visited Karachi, Pakistan. We recorded 26 programs in English. These programs were telecasted in Europe and North America. They were very popular among the Muslim community. I conducted this program. One CD was submitted to the ARB board during 2005 session, specifically on the issue of terrorism. I requested the Board to view this CD for their own judgment. Another scholar from Britain, Mr. Kat Steven, now known as Mr. Yousef Islam, we were in the planning stage to record programs in London or New York with British or American audiences. All our programs were non-controversial and non-comparative to other religions. Furthermore, a Pakistan delegation from a government visited me here and stated Pakistan government is ready to accept me, so I have no problems to go back to Pakistan and join my family and restart my businesses and do charitable work. I further state that, if I am released, I will never take up arms against U.S. or its allied forces anywhere in the world nor I will associate myself to any individual or group of people in arms conflicts with U.S. and allied forces. I hope and pray for positive recommendation and my release from there to Pakistan. Thank you for this opportunity for this session. Signed, Saifullah Paracha.

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

Detainee: No, sir.

Designated Military Officer: (4.b) A primary reason for one of the detainee’s trips to Afghanistan was to contribute to the establishment of a school for girls.

Detainee: I have one of the organizations that I mentioned in my write-up, Council of Welfare Organization (CWO). We have 70 schools in the poor area of the undeveloped area where we are giving a family an education to their children. We have classrooms, furniture, fans, electricity, and a library as good as any developed country’s school. I was deprived when I was a child for a good education. I have done almost 70 schools in that area where I was educated. In 1956, my mother died. She was an unknown diabetic. She went into a coma. It took us seven days to get a doctor from town to our village. By the time the doctor reached us, she expired. With the help of our communities, we are a business community in Pakistan. We have already established a hospital in our village where we have 24-hour doctors in emergency rooms, a few operation tables, a gurney ward, and male and female wards. The live-in doctors are there. This is what I have done. In our area, there is a common eye disease because of the bare nutrition. Before I was captured, we had an opening ceremony set up of an eye hospital in our area. I reacquired the land by one of the family members in our project community. One hundred thousand Pounds were contributed from London for one of our project communities. It was reported by my wife that the hospital had been completed. Several patients were visiting every day for the eye disease. I have done the contribution in society as much as I had the sources and time to do that.
Presiding Officer: We do understand that and understand that you have made very large contributions to your society because of your business success.

Member question: Regarding your trip to Afghanistan and the establishment of a girls' school, was it during the Taliban regime or afterwards?

Detainee: It was during Taliban. When I went to Afghanistan, we went to look for schools. We saw the Madrassa system in Afghanistan; it was very popular. Are you familiar with the Madrassa system?

Member: No, sir.

Detainee: Madrassa system is in a section of a mosque. The children would come and they there taught how to read Koran, basically; that is called Madrassa. The former school system was destroyed. It did not exist in Afghanistan during the war of Russia and the Civil War. I proposed it to the Taliban. When we went to the hospital, there was the shortage of nurses and female doctors. I convinced them that the Mohammad's, peace be upon them, in Mecca and Medina. His wife used to teach females in the mosque. They understood and allowed me to build a school in Afghanistan on the basis of that convincing statement. We were in the process of building a school. They said, "We would like you to build 28 schools in each province we have." I said, "We do not have the sources at the moment." Then we agreed to five: four in East Garden and one in Kabul. The Taliban was not organized at all. They had no bureaucracy working at all; no documentations. The first meeting, we discussed. The second meeting, I said, "We need official permission to do all that work. We need a piece of land where we can build a school." This is what we discussed that last time. That was a very frustrated thing. We were trying to help them. It did not materialize. I visited the Northern Alliance Government and the present governor, Hamid Karzai, after the Taliban. I went to Afghanistan. I wanted to make an investment in the industrialization in Afghanistan. When I took the delegation, I saw there was potential in basic industries like assembling bicycles. It is a very popular thing in Afghanistan because of the poverty. People liked to have bicycles as a convenience to move around. They were imported from China. I had a visa. I went to China and grabbed imported bicycles and imported parts. There were a lot of industries that were closed down in Afghanistan. It had a civil infrastructure, but they had equipment. You hardly need any equipment to assemble cycles. So if we have put 50 or 70 units in any premises of industrial, I had discussed this with the president of the regime and they were willing to give us those industries that were shut down on a five or 10-year pay-back. They said they were working on a procedure. They did not have any set of procedures to disinvest their existing unit to give away. It was not materialized.

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 Assisting Military Officer presented Exhibit EC-1 to the Administrative Review Board on behalf of the Detainee. The Assisting Military Officer noted that he had previously provided the exhibit to the Designated Military Officer.

The Presiding Officer noted for the record that Exhibit EC-1 was the same document that the Assisting Military Officer read to the Administrative Review Board previously.

The Detainee stated that he would like to ask a few questions. The Detainee's questions follow:

Detainee: One of my questions is that I am a citizen of Pakistan. I was visiting Bangkok. Previously, I asked at a CSRT meeting, “Why have I been captured and why am I in this condition?” They told me that I was not in the right forum. There will be a forum where I would be able to ask these questions. Can I have an answer to these questions, sir?

Presiding Officer: The purpose of this Board is to assess two things: one is what your level of threat to the United States or its allies. The other is your intelligence value. So that question is outside the limits of what this Board is permitted to consider.

Detainee: Another question is my attorney is in Washington, Mr. G. T. Hunt. He sent me the Secretary of Defense write-up on the ARB session. In that ARB session, I have seen the specimen of the Unclassified Summary, which was given to me. In the end, it says, the hearing will be conducted on such a date. When the Summary was given to me, no date was mentioned at all. It is a deviation from your own in terms of Defense Secretary’s directives and documents given to me.

Presiding Officer: We will go back and take a look at that document and see what the originally document says. I do not have it in front of me now so I cannot compare them.

Detainee: Another thing in the documents of the Unclassified Summary, which was given to me, it says that a comprehensive time would be given to me to pursue my case. One of the things that I requested from the AMO was the documents that were taken from me from my cell on June 10 by the authorities. I wanted to go through some of the documents and prepare the answer. I requested to the AMO I need more days to write the answer properly to give answer to all charges because it is very important to me. It was not given to me at that time.

Presiding Officer: Those documents were taken. You were on Cell Block Alpha at that time, I believe; is that correct?

Detainee: I do not know, sir, but somebody took it on the 10th after the suicidal attempts.

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Presiding Officer: Exactly. That was my point. The day following the suicides, which was June 10th, the entire cell block was evacuated. As a crime scene, it was sealed off. The entire contents of those boxes were taken by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service as evidence of the crime scene. We are aware that they got the documents and we cannot get them back for this hearing. What I would like to offer to you is that you tell this board what those documents said and we will accept that statement as if you had handed me the document and the document says exactly what you say to me now.

Detainee: The two things I have mentioned already: one is that letter that I have indicated. I do not remember the date, but it is a four or five-page letter. Then there is a letter that I had addressed to the ambassador, Nancy Ball, in Pakistan. I had requested a time for an interview with her or any appropriate official in Pakistan and to tell my position. These are the things that are important in this session.

Presiding Officer: Is that the letter to Ambassador Ball that you mentioned earlier?

Detainee: Yes, sir.

Presiding Officer: We understand what you want us to understand about those letters. When we consider your case, we will take it as if the letters are exactly as you say they are if we had them in front of us.

Detainee: When I went through the Secretary of Defense's procedures and the ARB session, it said that, after the session for 14 days, I should be determined of the outcome of the session. Would that be possible?

Presiding Officer: At this time, we do not have any information about how long it would take for the determination on your case. As you know from last year, there was a period of time that elapsed. I can tell you that you will be informed in a timely manner and that we certainly will not hold that information back once we get it. We will let you know when we know.

Detainee: Another key of your decision: one is to release me and one is to handle Pakistan some conditions. Will those conditions be given to me beforehand? What are those conditions?

Presiding Officer: In fact, the entire Department of Defense does not negotiate those conditions. That is not a part of our job. That is something in the U.S. State Department.

Detainee: I know, sir. I am not a commodity, I am a human being.

Presiding Officer: I understand.

Detainee: It is about me. I should be given some detail of what conditions are there. Why should I be treated as a commodity and handed over to somebody of conditions without my knowledge.
Presiding Officer: You can appreciate the security question that is in there. The question what to become of you is a question if you were to be transferred. That is a question to be worked out between the Department of State and your government in Pakistan. That is not something that I can speak to.

Detainee: Sir, I am not saying for you to say anything. What I am saying is that, while the conditions are being negotiated and agreed, will I be given details of it?

Presiding Officer: You will be given the details after the transfer.

Detainee: That is like a commodity, sir.

Presiding Officer: I would say it is not like a commodity. There is no purchase involved. It is a matter of transfer of custody. You can see very well how that would happen often among governments.

Detainee: Another question, sir, there are many detainees released. They have not attended ARB sessions and there were recommendations against their release. They are release. What is the significance of ARB then?

Presiding Officer: Regarding ARB recommendations, one way or the other, that is not information that they know. They may say they know it, but they do not know that.

Detainee: Sir, they have been given a letter that Washington has determined for them to stay here and they will be here next year. When will they be transferred to their countries?

Presiding Officer: Again, that is something that is beyond the scope of this Board. We are doing the assessment for the designated civilian official. He makes his decision and that is completely beyond our hands. We are the recommending Board, but that decision goes among our superiors. I know you understand enough to know about militaries in any country that decisions made by superiors are made on their own. What they do is not something we know about.

Detainee: I know, sir, but your decision is not a military decision. Your decision is a criminal decision, a decision that you have taken an oath.

Presiding Officer: This is an Administrative Board. This is not a criminal proceeding. This is not a court. This is simply an administrative hearing. It does not function as a court of law.

Detainee: Sir, this is very confusing to my mind.

Presiding Officer: I regret the confusion.

Detainee: Thank you.
Presiding Officer: You are welcome. I will state that it is clear from your attendance that you take this seriously. From your preparation, you have put a lot of work into preparing these documents for us. Your behavior today has been very respectful. It is clear that you take this seriously and we appreciate that.

Detainee: Thank you, sir. I requested the AMO for a journal for me to write properly, but I was told that would not be possible.

Presiding Officer: That is correct.

Detainee: Thank you, sir.

The Detainee had no further questions.

The Assisting Military Officer had no addition information to present for the Detainee.

The Assisting Military Officer had no questions for the Detainee.

The Designated Military Officer had no questions for the Detainee.

The Administrative Review Board had no questions for the Detainee.

The Presiding Officer read the post-Administrative Review Board instructions to the detainee and adjourned the open session of the Administration 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.
Honourable Members and Presiding Officer
OAR DEC, Department of Defence,
US Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Subject: ARB Session 2006.

Honourable Sirs/Madams:

With reference to your above notice, I would like to submit my humble submission as follows:

I am a businessman, citizen of Pakistan, was born on August 17, 1947 in Pakistan. I have been operating my businesses from Karachi, Pakistan, since 1986, details are as follows:

International Merchandise (Pvt) Ltd, Chairman, Board of Directors Partnership with Charles Anit a, American, White, Jewish, 50% Commission Agent - Buying Home - Garments from Pakistan for US Buyers Executed about US$100,000,000 (Hundred Million) from 1993-2003 Contributed to US Federal Exchequer approximately US$20,000,000 in def.

Universal Broadcasting (Pvt) Ltd, Chairman, Board of Directors Television programmes production, owner of a modern well equipped studio. Produced more than 500 five hundred programmes (Religious, Current affairs and Entertainment). 100% share holding by me and my family members.

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S.S.A. Associates (Pvt) Ltd. "CLEMENTIA" Chairman BDP.
Real Estate developer (332 Apartment at the Beach), Multi-Million $.
Abhin Industries Ltd (Public Company quoted in Stock Exchange)
Chairman, Board of Directors, major share holder & underwrite.
Industrial Unit, Manufacturer of Bags. Worth over Pak rupee 200,000,000-00
Council of Welfare Organization, Chairman, Board of Trustees.
Charitable for poor in the field of Health, Education, Justice & Food.
These businesses had hundreds of employees in Pakistan, where
unemployment was quoted 65%, Literacy rate 27 %, (read & write), GNP
$600. Collectively all four businesses together were no less then one of the US
Fortune 500 Companies in Pakistan, with Pakistan standard.

My Education: Primary school, small remote village no elec-
tricity, no civic facilities. No class rooms, no furniture, no paper
books or note books, Open air jute mat, on earthy floor. Wooden
Metalic slates with bamboo pen ink & lime white stick for blackboard.

High School, College & upto University in Karachi University

Business career started from New York, when Pakistani
community was rapidly growing. Pan Am and Pakistan Air had
weekly flights from JFK to Karachi. So I started with a

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Travel Agency as an ethnic business, I opened other branches in Chicago, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

In 1980, another business I started called Third World Broadcasting, 90-minute weekly TV program, recording in local studios in Manhattan and Telecasting on Channel 47 WNJT, N.J. covering Greater Metropolitan Tri-State (N.Y., N.J., Connecticut) area. Airlines (Pakistani), Banks, restaurants were advertised.

A Real Estate property of 29 Garden Houses, purchased in Queens, New York.

Dawn - weekly newspaper in English for Pakistanis widely circulated by US post throughout USA & Canada.

With this background, I would reply now with reference to 3(a). 1. Pakistan and Afghanistan had diplomatic relationship during Taliban Government and there are no restrictions to visit Afghanistan. Pakistan Rice Exporters' Association requested me to lead a business delegation there were many Pakistanis from all over Pakistan in this delegation and most of them were not even known to me. Since I was leading this delegation I was introduced to all members and there was a well known religious leader from Kandahar, his name was Maulana MAZHAR, he was scheduled to USAMA with his followers.
he extended me an invitation to join him in the meeting. I accepted and I was among about 18 people to meet Usama and it was not an exclusive meeting but I was among audience in Kandahar. I introduced him my organization Universal Broadcasting and I proposed him to record programs in English based on Quranic verses, for example what does Quran say about Christ (PBH), about Mary, Abraham, Moses. These are common holy personalities between Christians and Muslim. His reply was he will think about it. All major network like CBS, ABC, NBC, BBC and CNN, they have been doing with Usama and all kind people around the world.

With reference to 3(a) 2. As I have stated above I did not know members of the Delegation, nor I selected people to travel to Afghanistan, I don't know any terrorist facilitator.

With reference to 3(a) 3. International Merchandising (IMC) is a buying house. Garments from Pakistan, USA buys textile garments around the world and every country allocates Textile Quota. That auction route to Garment factories. Then that factory makes that shipment. IMC never manufactured Garment, never acquired Garment from Government of Pakistan, never exported Garments. We were

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only conducting business on the commission. I have been extensively interrogated and investigated around the world by Mr. Thomas Fitzgibbon, Miss Janelle Miller and their associates. They also had a meeting with Charles Antley on the detail activities of IMC. It will confirm my statement.

With reference to 3(a)(4), Enclosed please find Attachments #1 and Attachment #2. These statements were submitted by US Government to US District Court, Southern District of New York. Attachment #1 is the statement by Ammar Al-Baluchi, who is in American custody, he must have been thoroughly investigated under very difficult situations, which clearly says I did not know real identity of Ammar Al-Baluchi. I have always denied to all interrogators for last 41 month any information about Ammar al-Baluchi affiliation with Al-Qaeda or Taliban.

This statement also confirms that I did not know Khalid Shaikh Mohammad real identity or his affiliation with Al-Qaeda or Taliban. Attachment #2 is the statement of Majeed Khan, who is in the custody of USA. He must have been extensively interrogated under very difficult circumstances. He had clearly stated myself and my son Uzair had no information about Al-Qaeda affiliation of Majeed Khan or Ammar Al-Baluchi and Khalid Shaikh Mohammad.

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Khalid Mohammad Shaikh introduced himself to me as Mr with identification card issued by Pakistan Government; he claimed to be an agriculturist with large land holding in Nawar Shahr up-country about 500 miles away from Karachi. His dress was Pakistan; spoke fluently URDU (Pakistan's national language) ate regular Pakistan food, used to offer regular Muslim prayer, there was no reason not to believe him; he wanted to buy a house in Karachi in my neighborhood where I live, one day in his car I showed them area where my house is. It is a very common courtesy to help strangers in this kind of need. Similarly Ammar Al-Baluchi claimed to be an agriculturist from Baluchistan (a province of Pakistan). I also have his identification card of different name issued by Pakistan Government, similarly he spoke Pakistan language wearing Pakistan dress, eating manners like Pakistan and was regular offering his prayers. I had every reason to believe living I provided him local newspaper to select a house to rent in the area where my office was located. To the best of my information neither Khalid bought any house nor Ammar rented any place. And I have no knowledge of any Al-Qaida family or a safe house.

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With reference to 3(a). In IMC I was Chairman, living in Pakistan and also conducting other businesses. I am not aware of any shipping regulation of United States at all. They only thing I remember that after 9/11, ships were taking two extra days, because US authority’s inspection. This information was given to our office in Karachi by Charles Antesby from New York, which we conveyed to all concern for times. I even don’t know who had this information from me or our staff in Pakistan.

With refer to extremist cause, I do not know what extremist cause is, but I am very sympathetic to poor, helpless and to just cause.

With reference to 3(b). Pakistan got its independence in 1947, has 140 million population, it is a developing country, its position is similar to Israel among Arab countries with India. Since 47 Pakistan and India had 3 major wars, infrastructure is not developed properly. It is a Cash Culture Country. Banks were nationalised in early 1970’s. De-Nationalisation process has started, private bank are allowed to operate. Corporate banking is popular, consumer banking has started, but public don’t have money to deposit. Our companies accounts are with a new bank near our office called Metropolitan Bank, all our employees accounts are

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already in this bank. We have 10,000,000 running credit line with bank, bank always try to oblige us. In return we have been promoting this bank among relatives, friends and business associates. Khalid Sheikhah wanted to open an account in this bank and all formalities were duly fulfilled and he established an account under his name. To the best of my information there was no false motive about this account as I remember he deposited about $20,000.00 in his account. I am not aware of any investment of US$20,000.00.

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With reference to 3(c)2. As I have already indicated that I am a businessman, do business and trying to help my country in Schools, Hospital, Justice and food support. In this connection after extensive interrogation by Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Miss Janelle Miller and DOD representatives met me on Dec 20, 2006 and told me that I never funded the Bin or Al-Qaeda and I am not a threat to American and American interest in the world. Last year in ARB session, I wanted to see those significant intelligence documents, still I am waiting. The only thing I can think of is my e-mail electronic diary which was many times investigated by various agencies, if there are any questions, I am ready to reply.

With reference to 4(a). One of our specialties in TV production is Religious programs, we have been trying to make it interesting with positive message. A well-known scholar from Washington DC, Mr. Young, visited Karachi Pakistan. We recorded 26 programs in English, these programs were telecasted in Europe and North America, they were very popular among
Muslim community. I conducted this program, one C.D. was submitted to ARB board during 2005 session, especially on the issue of terrorism. I request board to view this C.D. for their own judgement. Another scholar from Britain Mr. Kalyn now known as Mr. Youssuf Islam, we were in the in the planning stage to record program in London or New York with British or American audience. All our programs were non-controversial and non-competitive to other religion.

Furthermore a Pakistani delegation from Government visited me here and stated Pakistan Government is ready to accept me, so I have no problem to go back to Pakistan and join my family and re-start my business, and do charity work.

I further state that if I am released, I will never take up arms against US or its allied forces anywhere in the world, nor I will associate myself to any individual or group of people in arms conflict with US and allied forces.

I hope and pray for positive recommendation and my release from here to Pakistan.

Thank you for this opportunity for the session.

[Signature]  Dec 07, 2006

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The persons known to Usair Paracha as "Mustafa" is reported to have named as follows:

- "Mustafa" met with Safiullah Paracha's son, Usair Paracha, on four occasions, all while visiting Safiullah Paracha at Safiullah Paracha's house.

- Usair Paracha was totally unaware of "Mustafa" and Al Qaeda affiliation, or of "Mustafa"'s intention to use Safiullah Paracha for any broader operational plans involving Mujahideen. Usair Paracha knew nothing about operations. Neither "Mustafa" nor Majid Khan told Usair Paracha at any time they were mujahideen or Al Qaeda. Usair Paracha did not complete the task involving Mujahid Khan.

- Safiullah Paracha was unwillingly being used to assist in "Mustafa"'s broader plans with Al Qaeda against Majid Khan. Safiullah Paracha was someone "Mustafa" used for information, but from whom he kept his Al Qaeda connections hidden. There were no operational discussions between "Mustafa" and Safiullah Paracha. "Mustafa" intentionally used cover stories and distorted truths to mask his particular interests with Safiullah Paracha during their discussions.

- Although Safiullah Paracha had a long-standing relationship with "Usair," Safiullah Paracha did not know "Usair's" true identity, or any other name for "Usair." "Mustafa" did not believe that Safiullah Paracha was aware that he and "Usair" were Al Qaeda, but "Mustafa" believed that Safiullah Paracha likely knew that "Mustafa" and "Usair" were associated with mujahideen and could be associated with the Taliban or Al Qaeda. Safiullah Paracha did not know that "Usair" was affiliated with Al Qaeda until the worldwide publicity of "Usair's" arrests. Mustafa showed Safiullah Paracha the famous picture of "Usair" after "Usair's" arrest and Safiullah Paracha was surprised to learn that "Usair" was an important man as he was. At the time of "Usair's" arrests, Safiullah Paracha probably knew of "Mustafa"'s Al Qaeda affiliation.

- Because Safiullah Paracha had never been properly vetted, he was never tasked by Al Qaeda (i.e., "Usair" or "Mustafa") to do anything for them. Safiullah Paracha was only a business contact who was sympathetic to the mujahideen. Safiullah Paracha has no relation to this business, i.e., Al Qaeda.

- "Mustafa" was not aware how "Usair" knew Safiullah Paracha, or if Safiullah Paracha had ever met UBL.
Majid Khan is reported to have stated as follows:

- He did not know of any funding or investment "Mustafa" gave to Sadek Khan's company.

- He had no knowledge of Sadek Khan's company, the plan to smuggle chemicals or explosives via the Paracha, or other resources that might be attractive to Al Qaeda.

- No compensation was given to Sadek Khan in return for Sadek Khan's assistance arranging for Usair Paracha to meet Majid Khan with Majid Khan's immigration materials.

- He had no Al Qaeda contacts in the United States.

- None of his contacts were aware of his gas station attack plan or any other actions he might have taken on behalf of Al Qaeda.

- He assumed Usair Paracha was willing to help a fellow Muslim at his father's request, and that Majid Khan knew of no other motivation for Usair Paracha's assistance. He did not assume Usair Paracha was being unstable for any other reason to Al Qaeda besides helping with Majid Khan's documents at the time. Usair Paracha volunteered that he wanted to spread Islam through needle.

- He thought Usair Paracha was a good person who was willing to help and that Majid Khan might have been interested in needing Usair Paracha once Majid Khan returned to the US and had time to access Usair Paracha. He would only give Usair Paracha a 5-15% kickback's percentage, citing the fact that Usair Paracha had no entrenched views and was not really a practicing Muslim.

- Usair Paracha was to go to the post office, pretend that he (Usair Paracha) was Majid Khan, and give the post office a change of address for Khan. Usair Paracha was to deposit money in Majid Khan's account, and then sell the IRS to whom to keep about the travel document. All of this was to be done to lead US authorities to believe that Majid Khan was in the US when he was actually in Pakistan. To his knowledge, Usair Paracha did none of these things.

- If Usair Paracha claimed that Majid Khan sent something to Usair Paracha, Usair Paracha would be lying in making that statement.

- "Mustafa" was known either as Habib or Moein to the Parachas.

It has been reported that the person known to Usair Paracha as "Usair" was shown a photograph of Sadek Khan, which was taken in the early 1970s. "Usair" claimed not to recognize the individual in the photo.