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Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 1094

The Administrative Review Board was called to order.

The Designated Military Officer (DMO) was sworn.

The Board Reporter was sworn.

The Translator was sworn.

The Detainee entered the proceedings.

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

The Administrative Review Board members were sworn.

The Assisting Military Officer was sworn.

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

The Detainee accepted taking the Muslim oath.

The Presiding Officer read the hearing instructions to the Detainee and confirmed that he understood.

The Assisting Military Officer presented the Enemy Combatant Notification Form, Exhibit EC-A, to the Administrative Review Board.

The Assisting Military Officer presented the Enemy Combatant Election Form, Exhibit EC-B, to the Administrative Review Board.

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

Assisting Military Officer: The Detainee's ARB interview was conducted on 07 December 2005, and lasted 28 minutes. After reviewing the ARBs purpose and procedures, the Urdu translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence was read to the Detainee. The Detainee stated he understood the difference between the CSRT and the ARB. When asked if he would like to attend the ARB, present a written or oral statement, or have the AMO speak on his behalf, the Detainee stated he would attend the ARB. The Detainee stated he would speak at the ARB and respond point-by-point to the Unclassified Summary of Evidence. The Detainee was very cooperative, attentive, and cordial throughout the interview. A copy of both the English and Urdu translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence was provided to the Detainee upon his request. The

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Detainee's follow up interviews were conducted on 08 and 09 December 2005. The purpose for the follow-up meeting was to collect documentation that the Detainee wished to present to the ARB as evidence on his behalf. Upon further review of the information the Detainee wished to present to the ARB, the AMO recommended the Detainee provide comments after the entire Unclassified Summary of Evidence was presented. The Detainee requested the AMO read his responses on his behalf.

Additional Comments: The Detainee speaks very good English and fully understands the ARB's purpose and procedures, citing that he has been waiting for this ARB to be held since his lawyer in Washington D.C. had informed him earlier this year of what to expect. The Detainee was concerned and questioned if OARDEC had received the packet of documentation his lawyer had sent in preparation for the ARB. The AMO followed up through the proper channels to confirm the packet was received and notified the Detainee.

The Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibits DMO-1 and, The FBI Redaction Memo DMO- 2 to the Administrative Review Board.

The Detainee chose to respond to the Unclassified Summary of Evidence after it had been read in its entirety.

The Designated Military Officer stated that a copy of these exhibits had been previously distributed to the Assisting Military Officer.

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

Designated Military Officer: (3) The following factors favor continued detention: (3.a) Commitment (3.a.1) In approximately 1999, the Detainee traveled to Kandahar, Afghanistan to meet with Usama Bin Ladin to offer al Qaida the services of his media company.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.2) In the summer of 2000, the Detainee traveled to Afghanistan with a group of men. This group included a terrorist facilitator and men bringing funds to Mullah Omar to support the Taliban.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.3) A senior al Qaida 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's and children's clothing.

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

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

Designated Military Officer: (3.b) Connections/Associations (3.b.1) A senior al Qaida operative stated that the Detainee was a Pakistani businessman who had a relationship with al Qaida.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.2) The Detainee met with a senior al Qaida operative on several occasions.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c) Intent. (3.c.1) During discussions with a senior al Qaida 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 that weapons could be acquired from other countries, such as China.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.2) The Detainee stated to a senior al Qaida operative that nuclear reactors in the United States would be excellent targets for attack.

Designated Military Officer: (3.d) Other Relevant Data. The Detainee was captured in Bangkok, Thailand after he was identified as a high-ranking member of the Anti-Coalition Forces. The Detainee was captured with documents that had significant intelligence information.

Designated Military Officer: (4) The following primary factor favors release or transfer: (4.a) The Detainee traveled to Afghanistan to contribute to the establishment of a school for girls in Kandahar and other cities.

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.

Assisting Military Officer presented witness statements as exhibits EC-C1 – EC-C16 as evidence on behalf of the Detainee. These exhibits had been previously provided to the Designated Military Officer in advance of the Administrative Review Board. The Detainee provided written responses to each allegation listed in the Unclassified Summary of Evidence to the Assisting Military Officer, which are annotated on the Enemy Combatant Election Form. The responses to the allegations were made a part of the record by reference. Additionally, the Detainee chose to present an oral statement to the Administrative Review Board.

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The Detainee made the following statement:

Detainee: The written responses [to the allegations], you have them, correct?

Assisting Military Officer: [To the Detainee] Other than the statements you have already provided in the Enemy Combatant Election Form in regards to the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, do you have any additional comments or statements you would like to make to the Review Board?

Detainee: There are a few things I would like to add.

Assisting Military Officer: I believe at this time, that is what the Review Board would like for you to do. If you have any additional comments or statements, now is your opportunity to do so.

Presiding Officer: Are there any other issues that you would like to just visit with the Review Board about this afternoon? This is your time to make any statement you would like with regards to your case.

Detainee: One thing I would like to clarify. I visited Afghanistan *three* times during the tenure of the Taliban. One of the most difficult issues [facing the country of Afghanistan] was the issue of education for females. I debated with them [the Taliban] a great deal on that issue. Even fourteen hundred years, when Islam started, the preaching of our profit Mohammed. Even he [Mohammed] had an institution for females. I convinced them [the Taliban] on that issue [that females should have education]. They [Taliban] agreed that females should be allowed education and that they would allow me to establish schools [for females] in various parts of the country. That is one part I did not mention in my statement [referring to the written responses to the allegations listed on the Enemy Combatant Election Form].

Presiding Officer: You would like to add by reference, into your statement at this time the following: one of the points you would like for the Review Board to consider is that you traveled to Afghanistan, at your own expense and convinced the Taliban Government to establish schools for the education of women. Is that correct?

Detainee: Yes Sir. The Taliban [government] agreed to this proposal, but the timing was not good for the Taliban at the time I made the proposal. There is a second point I would like to clarify. After the Taliban Government fell and the Northern Alliance established their government, I went back to Afghanistan again. That was the fourth time in my entire life that I had been to Afghanistan. I met with the Northern Alliance Ministers. I told them I had done many studies [of Afghanistan]. I told them that their own industry already exists, but it was obsolete. For example, any machines or hardware they may have had were now obsolete. However, they had the buildings and the infrastructure was there [to begin building up industry].

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I told them [Northern Alliance government] if they leased me those buildings on a long term basis, roughly five to eight years, I would put up industrial units [to help get the economy started]. For example, I wanted to put together an assembly plant for cycles [bikes]. That [a bicycle] is a basic need for that country [Afghanistan]. It's a poor country. The most important thing for each individual is to have a cycle for commuting to work, to get around, etc.

Presiding Officer: Are you referring to a motorcycle or a bicycle?

Detainee: A bicycle. They [Afghanistan] have been importing bicycles from China. I proposed to them [the new government] that I would develop an assembly plant to put bicycles together rather than import them from China. We could import the parts to put the bicycles together rather than import the whole bike. We could then open an assembly plant and create jobs by assembling the cycles in Afghanistan. I told them if we could assemble the bikes in Afghanistan, we could give it our own name, so the people would have a little pride in their work and in their product. After sometime, we could delete the components, very slowly, and then we could turn the assembly plant into a shop that would repair bicycles to maintain jobs.

Presiding Officer: Like a machine shop?

Detainee: Exactly! The new government agreed to it, but the problem was that the new government had not yet established rules and regulations for foreign investments. However, they did agree to my suggestion. I gave them [the new Afghan government] a lot of ideas of putting up industries and creating jobs for the people. For example, assembling the cycles. If a cycle costs \$30.00 to import, I told them I could make it for \$20.00. I told them if you then even just sell it for \$21.00, I still make money. Plus, the government would save \$9.00, you would be able to distribute the cycles around the county, and with the assembly plant in the county, if you needed spare parts for the cycles, they would be right there.

Presiding Officer: The second entry that you would like made in addition to your written statement on the Enemy Combatant Election Form is that you made a proposal to the Afghani transitional government to: long term lease buildings, to establish a cycle assembly plant, and thereafter, a cycle part machine shop, for the purpose of job creation and economic stimulation to the country of Afghanistan. Is that correct?

Detainee: Yes Sir. However, I only mentioned to you Sir one cycle, one idea. There are various units [ideas for industry] that I proposed to them [Afghani government]. For example, making detergent powder. I told them they could import the power and they could do the small packaging themselves. Electrical fans. They don't have electrical fans in Afghanistan. There are numerous small industries, which Afghanistan does not have and they import. I told them many of these small industries they could do in their own country rather than import everything from other countries. I told them many of these small industries could be done right there in their own county with the least amount

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of investment and in the most economical way. That was another point I missed in my written response to the allegations listed in the Unclassified Summary of Evidence.

Presiding Officer: Your points will be noted and added to the Enemy Combatant Election Form.

Detainee: My purpose was not to help Taliban, the Northern Alliance, or the transitional government. My purpose was this: Afghanistan is a poor country and we should help wherever we can, whenever we can. I had no inclination toward the Taliban, the Taliban Government, or the Northern Alliance. I am not a political man. I just wanted to help people. I am not an extremist. I mentioned in my write up [response to allegations noted on the Enemy Combatant Election Form] that my children go to Christian Missionary Schools. Fundamentalists do not send their children to schools like that. You can see from the interrogation reports, the report that is classified, that they [interrogators, the U.S.] have done a lot of investigation about me and put it on the record.

Presiding Officer: Thank you very much for your statement. Do you have any further comments or statements you would like to make before the Review Board asks you some questions?

Detainee: No Sir.

Administrative Review Board Member Questions:

Board Member: Sir, you mentioned it was your third trip to Afghanistan when you traveled to establish schools for girls. Is that correct?

Detainee: That was the first time Sir. [That the Detainee traveled to Afghanistan]

Board Member: The first time, ok. But you did say you had been to Afghanistan three times. Is that correct?

Detainee: Altogether, I traveled to Afghanistan three times.

Board Member: What was the purpose of the other visits you made to Afghanistan?

Detainee: The first time I went to Afghanistan, I went to explore the country and see it with my own eyes. I was afraid, like anyone else, to go to Afghanistan. I was hesitant to travel to Afghanistan. I belonged to an organization called the Council of Welfare Organization. I have already provided a description of this organization in my write up [Enemy Combatant Election Form]. It is a non-profit organization that helps the poor and needy in four areas: Education, Health, Justice, and Food Support. Some of the trustees of the organization proposed that we [that I] should go to Afghanistan and see what kind of condition the country was in. I categorically refused to go [to Afghanistan]. Over a period of time, slowly but surely, they convinced me to travel to Afghanistan.

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They told me other trustees of the organization and the Emir were going, so I should go to.

The organization wanted me to travel to Afghanistan to see the country with my own eyes. They told me I would not be in any danger and there would be no threat to my life. They told me it would be safe for me to visit Afghanistan. So, I traveled to Afghanistan for the first time. I saw that the country was totally ruined. Traveling throughout the country was almost impossible. It was a nightmare to visit Afghanistan that particular time. During that time, during that visit, is when I proposed to them the idea of a school for the education of females.

Board Member: What year was this? What year was it that you wanted to establish this school?

Detainee: That was, you have to excuse my memory Sir, but I believe it was 1999.

Board Member: The Taliban practiced Sharia Law. The Taliban was not going to provide any education for women, as far as I know. Why did you believe that you could talk the Taliban government into building schools for the education of women?

Detainee: Sir, if you please excuse me, but the Sharia Islamic Law does not prohibit the education of women.

Board Member: I mean the Taliban. The Taliban form of Government *did* prohibit the education of women. Is that correct?

Detainee: Sir, they had no education at the time. They [the Taliban] were not prohibiting the education of women. It was not against the Islamic or the Government Law [to educate women]. When I talked to them [Taliban Government] they told me they were not *ready* yet [to educate women]. That they [the Taliban] were still fighting with the Northern Alliance and they were not ready because women had to move around the country for security reasons. That was the reason they [the Taliban] gave me for not being ready to open schools for women.

Board Member: Basically, the only reason you visited and traveled to Afghanistan was for charitable reasons. Is that correct?

Detainee: Yes Sir. That is exactly right. I traveled to the country of Afghanistan to help the poor and the needy in the areas of health, education, and justice.

Board Member: Concerning the United States intervention into Afghanistan and Iraq, do you consider the United States to be a liberator or an invader?

Detainee: My feelings about this, I differ politically with the United States. I don't know how I would categorize my feelings. I feel that the United States is a member of the Security Council and a member of the United Nations, who have signed the Charter. We

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[as people] should all respect that. United Nations were making a search, and I feel it was not appropriate. I will say this. I never liked Saddam [Hussein]. I think he was a dictator to the extent of being cruel. It is good that he is no longer there [in power]. What I would like to see is for other countries to not interfere with other countries affairs. This is what I feel.

Board Member: Do you consider Afghanistan to be better off now or before the invasion by the United States?

Detainee: Sir, it is much better now at the moment. I feel it is much better now. According to my letters that I have sent to all the congress men and senators of the United States and my letters that I have sent to the President of the United States, that if the United States could come and help this country [referring to Afghanistan] that was the purpose. Sir, with all due apologies, if you read my letter carefully, what I had proposed before [United States Aid to Afghanistan, etc.] is now being done, but at a very expensive cost. The loss of United States lives, the loss of lives at the World Trade Center. What my feelings is, that a high government official in Afghanistan read my letter. I asked him [*him* the high Afghan government official was not referred to by name] what he thought about my letter. He said if politicians had paid attention to my letters [regarding the conditions in Afghanistan and ideas to help the country] more than likely 9/11 would not have happened.

Board Member: I want to stop for just a second. I have that letter right here. What in your letter, what was written in your letter that would have prevented the attacks on the World Trade Center on 11 September 2001? What was in your letter that could have prevented 9/11 from occurring?

Detainee: Sir, I am talking about the development of Afghanistan. What I feel, what I have written in numerous papers, is that terrorism is the base root cause of poverty and unemployment? If the county [Afghanistan] had jobs, if there is on-going development, that deteriorates terrorism. This is what my letters to the politicians said. Development would bring Afghanistan out of the collective poverty.

Board Member: Have you ever met Usama bin Ladin?

Detainee: I have met him twice Sir.

Board Member: When and where did you meet Usama bin Ladin?

Detainee: I met him the first time in Kandahar. I am not exactly sure *where* in Kandahar he was though. I was taken to him in a vehicle during the night. I don't know where about in the city he actually was. I was taken to a place where he [Usama bin Ladin] was. Usama bin Ladin met with about thirteen or fourteen people that night. The second time I met Usama bin Ladin, I was part of a delegation of my religious organization. The Chief of my religious organization was invited by the government to visit Afghanistan. The Chief of my religious organization picked me to accompany him on this trip to

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Afghanistan. During the second meeting with Usama bin Ladin, I did not personally talk with him [Usama bin Ladin]. Only the Emir and the Chief of my religious organization talked to Usama bin Ladin.

Board Member: So, during both meetings, you never talked to Usama bin Ladin?

Detainee: I talked to Usama bin Ladin during my first meeting with him. I did not speak with him during my second meeting with him.

Board Member: During your first meeting with Usama bin Ladin, what did you talk about? What was the purpose of your meeting with him?

Detainee: After my first trip to Afghanistan, I published a small booklet about the conditions of Afghanistan and the agricultural and industrial possibilities that Afghanistan had. That booklet was circulated around the country of Pakistan to the Government and to the people of the community. That booklet was well liked by a political party in Pakistan. The political party decided to form a delegation, consisting of about ninety-eight people, to go to Afghanistan. They wanted me to head the delegation. I headed the delegation. One of the members of the delegation was Muzzal, who was a religious leader in Pakistan. Muzzal runs a Maddarissa, which is an Islamic system for education. He saw me talking to the Pakistani Prime Ministers and presenting them with ideas about industry and consumer ideas. More than likely, he [Muzzal] already had a pre-scheduled meeting with Usama bin Ladin. He asked me if I would be interested in meeting Usama bin Ladin. I told him, "Yes I would be interested," and I went along with him.

I gave him [Muzzal] my business card. I have a business called Universal Broadcasting Limited. My business makes Islamic programs concerning various issues. I requested to him [Usama bin Ladin] that maybe he would consider making Islamic programs with my organization [in English] based on the Quran. He [Usama bin Ladin] said he would think about it.

Board Member: What are your views concerning Usama bin Ladin?

Detainee: I think he is a humble person. I don't think he is capable of doing all the things he claims to be responsible for in the world. I don't think what is happening in the world is all the work of Usama bin Ladin. I think there is someone else who has a hand in it. I don't think Usama bin Ladin is capable of doing all the things he says he does. That is just my personal feeling after meeting him.

Presiding Officer: Who do you think *is* capable of doing all these things, if not him? Do you think he is just a mouthpiece, a figurehead?

Detainee: Sir, if you define the Internet, the Internet is everywhere and nowhere at the same time. Terrorism is everywhere and nowhere. I would consider it in that respect.

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Presiding Officer: Usama bin Ladin does make all these claims. He claims that he is responsible for 9/11...

Detainee: Sir, that is what I was trying to reference. That it is the publicity he [Usama bin Ladin] is getting. That is what I think....

Presiding Officer: It is the publicity that he produced. Usama bin Ladin made the tape [referring to the tape in which UBL claims responsibility for 9/11]. Usama bin Ladin accepted responsibility for and claimed that he masterminded the events of 9/11.

Board Member: My point was this: in 1999 when you met him, Usama bin Ladin had already facilitated terrorist acts against the United States. Usama bin Ladin was a wanted fugitive by the United States government. You knew that at the time you met him, right?

Detainee: I did know that. However, I did not know that he was indicted [on any charges].

Board Member: I did not use the word indict. However, you were going to assist someone who had already conducted acts of terrorism against the United States.

Detainee: Sir, if you look into my organization [Detainee referring to his media company], we do not have facilities to transmit programs. We only produce programs according to, what I feel Islam is. Islam is a religion of peace. The Quran does not condone violence. We were going to write an Islamic program, based on Islam and the Quran and he [Usama bin Ladin] was going to speak on behalf of Universal Broadcasting and teach about Islam and the Quran. The program was designed to try and reduce the gap between the international communities and the Muslim community as much as we can. To make the international community understand as best we could what Islam is all about.

Board Member: Do you believe Usama bin Ladin is a man of peace? Do you think that by producing a program about Islam and the Quran that would make Usama bin Ladin a peaceful man?

Detainee: Sir, I do not know if he is a peaceful man or not.

Presiding Officer: Usama bin Ladin has issued a fatwa against the United States and he is not even a Muslim Cleric. The man issued a fatwa!

Detainee: Sir, Usama bin Ladin is not entitled to issue a fatwa.

Presiding Officer: But he did anyway.

Detainee: I know he did.

Presiding Officer: And people believe him!

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Detainee: I know Sir, but I don't believe that.

Presiding Officer: I know you say that you don't believe in him. But you are saying that Usama bin Ladin is a peaceful man...

Detainee: Sir, I am not saying that Usama bin Ladin is a peaceful man. What I am saying is, *my message* according to the Quran would be one of peace. That is what we [Universal Broadcasting] wanted him to talk about.

Board Member: What are your feelings concerning the attack on the World Trade Center on 11 September 2001?

Detainee: Sir, I have been to the World Trade Center many times. I have taken my children to the World Trade Center. I thought it was one of the many wonders of the world. My own nephew was there. My own blood, they were there! I even talked to Charles Anteby, my business partner, to make sure he was ok. I spoke to my family members. I was just as concerned as anyone could be.

Board Member: Usama bin Ladin was part of that act against the World Trade Center. There are videos of him after the attack where he states how happy he was when the two buildings collapsed. You were helping a man and willing to work with a man who helped facilitate an act of terror against the United States.

Detainee: If you look at it at that angle, I was only trying to do the same thing that networks such as the BBC or CNN were doing.

Board Member: When you were arrested, did they tell you why you were being arrested?

Detainee: No.

Board Member: What were you doing in Bangkok?

Detainee: I am a 50% shareholder in a company called International Merchandise Ltd. That business is a buying agent. My company does not manufacture anything. We do not import or export anything. We are like a commissioning agent. The company facilitates U.S. buyers to buy goods from Pakistan for major U.S stores, such as K-Mart, Wal-Mart, and department stores alike. After 9/11, the company had difficulties in business. Charles [my partner in the company] and I were talking back and forth, trying to make some better arrangements to execute business. Charles Anteby flew from New York to Bangkok and met with many of the major U.S buyers [department store buyers, etc.]. Many major U.S buyers come to the Far East for buying purposes. Charles told me the director of marketing for K-Mart was in Bangkok and that I should come to Bangkok and meet with them. Charles told me it would only take a few days. I told him fine, I would come to Bangkok.

Board Member: Who arrested you?

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Detainee: The U.S. Government.

Board Member: They did not tell you why you were being arrested?

Detainee: No. In my CSRT, I asked that very question [why was I arrested]. I told them that I have never been informed as to why I was arrested.

Board Member: What are your views of Mullah Omar?

Detainee: Mullah Omar was another head of state, I think. I don't know much about him. I have read about him. I read that he was a Freedom Fighter. I read that after he lost one of his eyes and he was injured, he started teaching students in Afghanistan and the northern part of Pakistan. Those students are the ones who eventually became the Taliban Government.

Board Member: Did you ever meet him?

Detainee: I didn't meet him in the sense of a formal meeting. We offered prayer in his mosque. I saw him.

Board Member: If you are transferred back to Pakistan, how do you feel the Pakistani Government will receive you?

Detainee: I think they will welcome me. I think they will welcome me for several reasons. I was living very comfortable in the United States. I had no problems. I got an education. I had a green card. My family was with me. My wife studied at the University in New York. I studied at New York Tech. I was running a good business. I would say divine things in the world led me back to Pakistan. I have contributed to the country of Pakistan in the form of education and health. I have built hospitals. I have built schools. If you compare those schools that I have built, they are compatible to public schools of the United States. In a very poor country, people cannot afford basic needs.

My contribution to my country, in that respect, that is there. I have made great contributions to my country. My contributions have been publicized in the newspapers. I have been told there have been demonstrations for my release. There have been press conferences. There was a press conference on CNN. The New York Times quoted some American business associates of mine. I have put those in my exhibits. The present government in Pakistan right now had sent Military Intelligence Officers to visit me. The President of Pakistan wanted me to join the government as a cabinet member. I did not want to join. I told them that if someone does not respect the basic constitution of the country, I couldn't be a part of it.

Board Member: Is your wife and family in Pakistan right now?

Detainee: Yes Sir.

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Board Member: What are your plans and goals if you are released or transferred?

Detainee: I have had a lot of time to think since I have been detained here [at Guantanamo]. I have been thinking about what has happened to the organization I had back home [referring to the non-profit organization, Counsel of Welfare Organization]. I had a pretty good organization working in the fields of health, education, justice, and food support. I feel this organization still has great potential as a business aspect and in helping the needy and the poor. I think there is still a great possibility this organization can help boost the industry of my area. My country still does not have 100% electricity in the country. About 70% of Pakistan has electricity. But poor areas like farmhouses, etc still do not have basic electricity. The farmer works very hard, but he does not have electricity. I have many ideas and have come up with imaginary designs in my head to help these poor people develop industry in their area.

I have an idea of designing a bike that will produce electricity and can be stored in a battery. It would be good exercise, plus it would generate enough electricity that you could have basic things like lights, fans, and things like that. I would like to help do things like that for the people if I am released or transferred. I have a lot of good ideas to try and help the poor and needy people and to help get industry started and promote economic growth so people may have basic needs.

I also some have some other businesses that I was running. Two of my businesses have been closed down. My wife wrote me and told me that one of my businesses could probably be revived. The second business I had was with Charles Anteby. I will try to convince Charles to go back into business with me. The business is there just waiting to be reopened. We have the infrastructure, the building, software, telephone lines, and computers. Everything we need to run a successful business. We have the most modern office in Pakistan. I spent almost \$100,000.00 on the computer network alone. If Charles does not want to go back into business with me I will try to find someone else in New York who might want to go into business with me. I would also like to go back to doing charity work. I would like to contribute in that area as well.

My feeling is now, since I have been detained here and have had a lot of time to think, that probably, sometime in the future, if the government of Pakistan wants me to assist and to help the government, I would like to do that. I have a lot of ideas that I think would benefit the country of Pakistan.

Board Member: Those are very lofty goals. Thank you very much.

Board Member: You went into a lot of detail about your business affairs and charity work. I would like for you to describe to me your relationship with your family. How is your relationship with your family?

Detainee: My family relationship is very good.

Board Member: How many children do you have?

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Detainee: I have two sons and two daughters. I have been married for twenty-seven years, with one wife only. It has been quoted everywhere that Muslims have four wives and many many children. There is not such a thing, at least not for me. Even our prophet, in his first life, he never had a second wife, he only had one wife. I have been very happily married. I love my wife very much. She is my best friend.

Board Member: And your children?

Detainee: They are wonderful children. We [referring to Pakistani individuals] have a very different system as compared to the United States system. For example, children are not allowed to be away from home after 9pm. You remember that commercial, "its after 10:00pm, do you know where your children are?" So we don't let the kids go out after 9:00pm [laughing].

Board Member: Where are your children now?

Detainee: Three of my children are in Pakistan. I have one child in New York. My son started a business in New York. Right now the FBI has detained my son who is living in New York. My daughter, she is twenty-two years old. She is working on her Bachelors Degree in MIS, Management Information Systems. My daughter was part of the Convention of software of the Microsoft in Pakistan. My smaller children are going to Christian schools in Karachi, Pakistan.

Presiding Officer: In reviewing your seven page written response, annotated on the Enemy Combatant Election Form, there are a number of coincidences that I would like to talk with you about. I am curious. Is there anything, looking back now, that you would do over again. Are there things you would do differently?

Due to technical difficulties with the tape, the Review Board took a brief recess to remedy the problem. After a brief recess, the Review Board resumed.

Presiding Officer: If you could go back and *not* do something that you had done previously that resulted in your detention at Guantanamo Bay, what would you do differently?

Detainee: I would like to give you a little background on this. Many Muslims were brought into our area of Afghanistan and Pakistan to fight the Russians. This war was internationally propagated, in which this was a Holy War against Islam.

Presiding Officer: A war in which the United States was your ally.

Detainee: Yes, that is correct. All the western countries and the Arab world were finically supporting (with Military support as well) our war against Russia. Those people were brought into the Muslim world to fight the Russians, but they were already troublemakers in their own countries. In Islam, there is no Kingdom ship. That is not allowed. Those people wanted to have a democratic country in their society. They

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[Arabs] were sent to Afghanistan to fight against Russia. They successfully did it [fought against Russia]. After the war, their own countries did not accept these people. They were left homeless. Pakistan was one of those countries that had had problems with India with regards to Kashmir. Pakistan had two or three wars with India. These wars drained both countries economically. With that and the Russian withdrawal, that left Afghans fighting with each other. More than a million people fled from Afghanistan to take refuge in Pakistan. After the Russian withdrawal, the Freedom Fighters, the issue was propagated so much in our area, that freedom fighting became fashionable. Freedom fighting is still fashionable. I would say that a great deal of the Pakistani population side with the Freedom Fighters without knowing their causes.

Presiding Officer: So, are these people essentially "Rebels without a Cause?"

Detainee: After the Russian withdrawal, Pakistani fighters in Afghanistan, they all gravitated toward Kashmir. That kept many military individuals in India very busy. That suited our area as far as Pakistan and China were concerned.

Presiding Officer: China has a dog in that fight as well.

Detainee: Exactly. Well, as far as I know, China was a big economic supporter to those Kashmir Freedom Fighters. The Jihad, which is Freedom Fighting in Islam, in Muslim countries, has also become fashionable in our country. After 9/11, India began objecting, and the United States started pressuring Pakistan not to interfere in India's affairs. So, Pakistan began cleaning up those Freedom Fighters. The region overall has a problem. It is very difficult for any civilian to determine who is who in our country. I am giving you my very honest opinion.

After being detained here [at Guantanamo] I can now realize the difference between the Freedom Fighters and the terrorists. At this point, it is no longer difficult for me to distinguish between and not to associate with people like the people I had been associated with in the past.

Presiding Officer: Are you saying that now, as you sit here today, you have a better understanding and you are better able to discern who the terrorist are and who the Freedom Fighters are?

Detainee: What I feel Sir, is when I think about Pakistan and the people I used to meet and associate with, anybody who is doing good business in Pakistan, they will see in a week, hundreds of people who come to you and visit you at your office at the reference of a friend, family member, etc. It is very common to see many people each day. It is the obligation of every Muslim to give 2 ½ % of your assets in the form of charity to deserving people. Even if I do not make any money in a year, if I have any assets, I must sell them to give my required 2-½ %.

Presiding Officer: What would you do different knowing what you know now?

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Detainee: I would avoid meeting people as much as I used to. I have been trying to educate Freedom Fighters to get jobs. As far as I know, the Freedom Fighters have over 100,000 in manpower. I am trying to educate them to create jobs. The formal Army does not train them.

Presiding Officer: Tell me about your relationship with Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (KSM).

Detainee: I met him after I met Usama bin Ladin. The card [the media business card] I gave to Usama bin Ladin, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed brought that card into my office one day. He said you proposed a program to Usama bin Ladin. What are the details of that program? He was the one who had a lot of knowledge of production, cameras, and equipment. We started a conversation based on that. He introduced himself to me as an agricultural specialist from Afghanistan.

Presiding Officer: When was the last time you saw him?

Detainee: I saw him in July 2002.

Presiding Officer: How would you describe him?

Detainee: After I saw the news coverage on the media, I was just as surprised as anyone else. I did not know he was Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. He introduced himself to me as Mir. I had a copy of his identification card. He appeared to be a basic and humble Muslim man. We prayed together. He came to my office a few times. I offered him a meal and he ate the meal.

Presiding Officer: He was not the person he was telling you he was. Is that correct?

Detainee: That is correct.

Presiding Officer: Are you referring to him [KSM] when you said earlier that you would be more careful of the people you would associate with? Is he one of the people you were talking about that you wished you had never met?

Detainee: Yes Sir. And making programs with Usama bin Ladin, I now know that is something that I would not have liked to get into.

Presiding Officer: Why?

Detainee: Because they cause problems for my organization and me so we should not get into that and associate with Usama bin Ladin and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

Presiding Officer: Do you think making those kinds of programs would cause problems for anyone else other than you and your organization?

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Detainee: These are the controversial people of the world and it would be better for me not to get involved with them. They have been labeled as terrorists. I don't know if they are terrorists or not, but associating with them is bad.

Presiding Officer: Really. I am surprised to hear you say that. You seem like a very well educated and well-read man. None of these people [UBL or KSM] we have been talking about have denied any of their activities.

Detainee: I have a very good friend in Pakistan who can tell your future. If you sit with him he can tell you your past and future. I asked him what he thought about Usama bin Ladin. He told me Usama bin Ladin is publicity hungry. What my feeling is Sir; the media services are the ones who are projecting them [UBL and KSM, terrorists, etc] in such a way that people are becoming paranoid. I think if the media could be controlled, we could probably solve about 50% of the terrorism problem.

Presiding Officer: You must admit these individuals are projecting a little more than just publicity. Flying planes into commercial office buildings, the Pentagon, and the plane that went down in Pennsylvania. That is a little more than projecting publicity.

Detainee: Sir, I agree with you on that point.

Presiding Officer: This is what concerns me. I will be honest with you. I am concerned that you equivocate every time the Review Board asks you to give us an assessment of a known terrorist, a known mass murder. I am concerned about that. You are not making the Review Board feel good. Are we communicating here?

Detainee: I understand that Sir.

Presiding Officer: The Review Board wants you to know what we are thinking. We are not playing hide the ball here.

Detainee: I want to be very honest with you Sir.

Presiding Officer: I know you do. I believe you do. That is why the Review Board is being honest with you.

Detainee: I have asked this question to the Intel team time and time again. If you think the people I was associated with and you have the evidence and the proof that they are terrorist, can I see that proof? The interrogator told me I was asking too much.

Presiding Officer: You don't need that information. That information is out on the public airways. Usama bin Ladin freely admitted it was his plan to attack the World Trade Center. He was overjoyed and happy. He said he could not have anticipated that it was going to be more successful. Those words came out of his own mouth. KSM did the same thing. Mullah Omar did the same thing. All the Review Board is asking you Sir is this: Condemn what they did, condemn what they admitted.

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Detainee: I do condemn them Sir. I condemn who ever carried out those acts. As I am living in Pakistan, what I see and what I read in Pakistan, I have also seen and have heard that they [UBL and KSM] have denied these things.

Presiding Officer: I guess we could talk about apples and oranges. I think you are in a different category in regards to what I was talking about. What my distinguished Board Member here brought up, were some specific events, he asked for your feelings in regards to those events, and I am telling you, your responses are not exactly giving the Review Board a good feeling to release you.

Board Member: Prior to your arrest, do you admit that you associated with known al Qadia operatives?

Detainee: I never knew they were al Qadia operatives.

Board Member: You never had a business relationship with al Qaida?

Detainee: I never had a business relationship with al Qaida. But I did have a business relationship with people whom I am now being told were members of al Qaida.

Board Members: These people wanted to do great harm to the United States of America. As late as 2002, you had associated with these people. That is our concern. Our purpose is to try and stop any future attacks against our nation. What the Review Board is trying to say is this: if you cannot condemn these people for their acts, then the Review Board does not feel very comfortable [releasing or transferring you].

Detainee: I condemn them Sir. I condemn them for these acts. But I have read accounts in Pakistani newspapers and seen on news broadcasts that Usama bin Ladin was actually not responsible for 9/11.

Presiding Officer: Didn't you hear Usama bin Ladin admit it? Usama bin Ladin admitted it. His [video] confession was on every television and on every radio. Usama bin Ladin said he was responsible for the attacks on 9/11. Didn't you hear that?

Detainee: I did not hear that Sir.

Presiding Officer: You have never heard that and you have never seen the video footage of his confession?

Detainee: I have never heard that Usama bin Ladin accepted responsibility for 9/11. I have never heard KSM or Mullah Omar admit it either.

Presiding Officer: That is incredible to me. I am not saying that you are not telling the Review Board the truth, I believe you when you say it, but it is just very incredible. I am just amazed that a man with your education, your world travel, and your background in

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business, that you are that unconnected to mass media and you have never heard or seen Usama bin Ladins confessions.

Detainee: I watch CNN and the BBC.

Presiding Officer: CNN ran the video confession over and over again. It was all the entire world watched for weeks. I cannot tell you how astounded I am that you are telling me your have never heard about Usama bin Ladins confession and claim of responsibility for 9/11.

Detainee: I have never heard that Sir. I am telling you the truth.

Board Member: Do you think Bin Ladin would like to strike the United States again, even harder than he did the first time?

Detainee: Do I believe that Sir?

Board Member: Do you believe Usama bin Ladin would still like to do great harm to the United States?

Detainee: I do not know Sir.

The Presiding Officer read the post-Administrative Review Board instructions 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.

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Presiding Officer

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The President

Administrative Review Board

QARDEC, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

REF: YOUR UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY DATED 14 Nov 05.

SUB: REVIEW - MY DETENTION.

Honourable Sir,

With reference to above UNCLASSIFIED Summary my
humble submissions are as follows: -

Name: SAIFULLAH A. PARACHA

Date of Birth: AUG 17, 1947 - PAKISTAN - 58 YEARS.

NATIONALITY: PAKISTANI BY BIRTH.

EDUCATION: GOVERNMENT BOYS SECONDARY SCHOOL KARACHI - HIGH SCHOOL 64

AISHA BAHADURY COLLEGE, KARACHI - TWO YEARS - 1966

KARACHI UNIVERSITY, KARACHI - (B.Sc) HONOUR - 1969

NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECH. NEW YORK (B.S.) SYSTEM (Comp)

With reference to your notice 3(a) 1-2. I visited
Afghanistan 3 times during TALBAN GOVERNMENT. After
Soviet Union withdrawal, warlord started fighting

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with each other and they damaged Afghanistan more than Soviet Union invasion era. TALBAN means student in Afghan language, Mullah Omar was a freedom fighter against Soviet Union, after Soviet withdrawal he became teacher in Quranic education. Mullah Omar with his students started disarming warlord from southern part of Afghanistan and they succeeded to cleanse 95% of Afghanistan. Also declared Poppy growing, trading & processing against Islam. In 1999 I was also searched to visit Afghanistan, Some Trustees of Council of Welware Organisation made me to visit, it was an eye opener visit, Country ~~of~~ totally ruined, no basic infra structure for communication, no phone system, limited power supply, very poor and limited health facilities, very limited education institution no industry and very limited agricultural activity. But I saw no drug and absolutely peace wherever we went in Kandahar, Spinbunkel Kabul area. Pakistan Saudi Arabia and


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United Arab Emirate recognised the TACBAN Government and had establish formal diplomatic relationship. Also I met Pakistan Ambassador in Afghanistan. To visit Afghanistan was neither restricted nor prohibited by Pakistan Government. Since the poverty was all around in Afghanistan even for basic bread there was problem for most people to feed their children and themselves. My second trip was organised by Pakistan Rice Exporter Association, they requested me to lead the delegation consisted of Businessmen, retired Army officers, Industrialists and some government retired officials from all over Pakistan. Most of the people I did not know, if there was a terrorist supporter I have no information, I even don't know if some body met Mullah Omar and contributed funds.

As far as ~~meeting~~ Usama's meeting is concern there was one gentleman MAULANA MAZHAR who offered me to meet USAMA and I went with him.

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I have already provided detail of my meeting to interrogators from time to time. I introduced him and gave my business card of Universal Broadcasting and suggested him for T.V. program recording based on Quran ^{in English} as described in Annex 1 written by Mr. Bukhtar Ahmed, Director program, Universal Broadcasting. One of our speciality in T.V. programs production we have been producing high quality Islamic program and trying to make interesting and marketable around the world. What I feel there ^{are} many similarities in Christianity & Islam which has not been understood properly i.e. we have many common prophets like ABRAHAM, ISAAC, ISHMAEL, JACOB, JOSEPH, MOSES, DAVID, SOLEMON and specially Quran pays lot of respect to Chris and Mary. We, between Christian & Muslim represent 54% of the world population and own 70% of world resources which need to be properly projected among Muslims & Christians.


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Making T.V. programs with USAMA did not material.
So far we have ^{produced} over 300 programs consist of entertain-
ment, documentary, current affair and religious.
One of the program consist of 26 episodes
of well known muslim scholar from
Washington D.C. Mr. Yusuf Estes, one program's
C.D. has been submitted to your Washington
office by my lawyer Mr. Q.T. Hunt for your reference
WRT 3(a) ³⁺⁵ ~~3+5~~, enclose please find Annex A+B
detail of IMA by General Manager of IMA. Where
CHARLE ANTERBY - WHITE - AMERICAN from JEWISH
Community was my 50% partner since 1993,
our business setup is like a commission agent
called buying house on behalf the US buyer
of Garment from Pakistan from manufacturer.
Factory make direct shipment to USA our company
is only to monitor quantity and timely shipment,
F.B.I. has all the detail operation of IMA. In
last 10 years we executed more than \$90,000,000 Dollars,
never prepared, never shipped any explosive.


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As I have stated I or any of our organization
neither exported or imported into Pakistan ^{any material} for
USA or any where in the world, I have no
knowledge on shipping regulation. However
Charles Antebay advised our Karachi office that
it take 2 days longer in the formalities from
US clearance so the factory should ship
goods accordingly. I am sympathetic to post and helpers.

WRT 3(a)4 & 3(b) ⁴⁺² I ~~do~~ ^{do} please find
Annex 3, specially page 3 and 4. I and my son
Usama Paracha did not know their real identity
we were told different names, I had Khalid
Shahid and Ammar Baluchi's Pakistani
identification card ^{copy} and photos ^{on knowledge} in my office.
And try to help to show them area in Karachi
where I live Khalid Shahid was interested
to buy one ^{house} ^{house} where as Ammar Baluchi wanted
to rent one ^{house} to the best of my knowledge and
information they neither bought or rented any property.
Meeting AL-QAIDA not knowingly, I don't know who is who?



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WRT 3(C)1, during US operation in Iraq, people used to discuss with their own point of view, I as remember ^{may have} stated many times that Saddam Hussein is a ruthless dictator if he has any weapon of mass destruction he would ^{not} hesitate to use and ^{it} would be a disaster, now some one quoted that, and what circumstance I don't know. On the issue of WMD a detail interrogation were carried out on me and several POLYGRAPH tests were also carried out which I was told I cleared. You may refer this some time in March-04 in Afghanistan.

WRT 3(C)2, This is first time you brought up, I never discussed, I have no knowledge of US nuclear reactors. It is crazy to think, discuss it is my opinion. Again who said that under what circumstance I don't know. Even I don't know in my life time any body discussed this issue in my presence.


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WRT 3(d) Charles Anteby called me from Bangkok invited me to Thailand to discuss business just for couple of days I was travelling very light only with some ^{business} documents, I would request to see those INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION for which I am not aware of.

WRT 4, I and some like minded Pakistan formed a non-profit organization called Council of Welfare Organisation, in order to help poor and needy people in 4 area, i, EDUCATION, HEALTH, JUSTICE and FOOD SUPPORT. for some detail refer ANNEX - 2 page 2 and 3.

I see and believe there is a UNIVERSAL GOVERNMENT where Lord AL-MIGHTY is a King, we all human being are equal citizen of Universal Government. What ever when ever we can contribute it has a great value in the spiritual world. After Afghanistan visits I felt responsible to find solution for the entire


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Pak-Afghan. First I prepared a booklet to highlight business opportunities, it was also covered in local newspaper in Pakistan. Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry invited its members, Counsel General of Afghanistan, for presentation that booklet, it was very useful and well circulated and received.

I also thought to pursue US Congressmen Senators, Cabinet members and the president of United States, I sent over 550 letters each letter was addressed each Law Maker and other Cabinet Members. Copy enclosed as Annex 4 A. One high official we read this letter complimented that if our politician had paid attention to this letter probably 9/11 might have not happened.

Another letter I sent to ^{US} President Annex 4-B to assist US to coordinate with moderate TALBON for peace - Never received any response.


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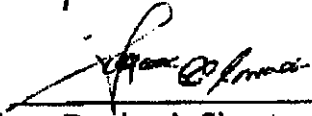
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Another letter I sent to US Ambassador in Pakistan for an interview in order to discuss and clear my and my family position and made many phone calls see Annex 4-c.

It is beyond my imagination why I was arrested in such a uncivilised way whereas I was never hiding on the contrary I offer myself availability any time any where. More ^{over} ~~after~~ I was no where near war zone area and I did not violate local or international law, never kept licensed or unlicensed arms in my custody.

I am in the custody of US since July 06 2003, I never violated rules and regulation of US Army. I am always studying Quran in strict isolation even here in Guantanamo Bay.

I have always been worried about the welfare ^{organisation} which I was heading what is the status, and how I can improve poor man's life in


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Education, Health, Justice and ^{that} could earn
and make honest living in a respectable way.

I feel myself and my family is really
a blessed one I have ^{been} doing very ^{good} business with
U.S. for last 10 years, my partner has always
been very happy and satisfied of our relation-
ship, although Charles belong to Jewish Community
but never felt insecure as a Jew in Pakistan.
As I stated I am student of Holy Quran and
Holy Bible, Quran says killing one human being
is like killing entire humanity, Saving one
human soul is like saving entire humanity,
I believe and practice accordingly.

Annex 5-A, it is a partial list of my immediate
family members and their off-spring in USA. And
Annex 5-B is sworn statement of my nephew
lives in New York, he has highlighted New York
times, Aug 18, 2003 statement Some American business
associate news coverage, for your reference.


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During my captivity I wrote many papers for interrogator, they liked and appreciated it -

i, WAR AGAINST TERRORISM.

ii, Political Problem & Solution for AFGHANISTAN

iii, Economic Development in AFGHANISTAN.

iv, Political & Religious Parties in Pakistan.

v, Solution for KASHMIR BETWEEN INDIA & Pakistan.

vi, MADRASAH SYSTEM (ISLAMIC TEACHING).

vii, UPDATING MADRASAH'S WITH VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

I tried to convey to agents to use wisdom rather than force, it is a basic teaching of Quran & Bible, my education, believe and experience of stay in western countries, I felt comfortable and people around me always felt comfortable also.

I have 2 sons and 2 daughters they all having their education in Christian (Catholic) missionary school in Karachi except Uzair who studies in Parsi Missionary school. All my four children are having best secular education. And they do practice Islam.


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Annex 6-A, B, C, D, E & F are six letters
regarding my references consist of 10 pages

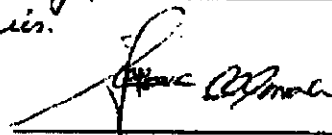
It has been more ^{than} 29 months of my detention
and being kept in ISOLATION. I am an old man
of 58+ years, My CARDIAC, DIABETIC, BLOOD PRESSURE
SKIN DISORDER, URINATING DIFFICULTIES & ULSER, I
am on constant medication, but my biggest
desire is I am home sick. There is an old
English proverb "JUSTICE DELAYED JUSTICE DENIED"
You are a Sole Superpower now if you don't do
justice how can be there otherwise.

According to great Greek philosophers ARISTOTLE
& ~~PLATO~~ ^{PLATO} "EVERY ONE SHOULD GET THEIR DUE JUSTICE"

According to old LATIN say "JUSTICE SHOULD
DONE LET HEAVEN ^{EVEN} FALL"

According to Shakespeare "RIGHT AND WRONG. BETWEEN
WHOSE ENDLESS IS JUSTICE RESIDE"

ALEXANDER the great of Macedonia was a disciple
of ARISTOTLE and was a just king, he died at ^{the} age 33 but
his kingdom lasted for centuries.

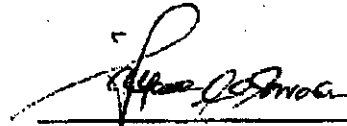

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I request and pray for you early recommendation and implementation and I am ready to give undertaking sworn statement that if I am released, I solemnly swear that if I am release I will not take up arms against the United State or against any force allied with the United States and that I will not aid or assist anyone doing so, I will not aid or assist anyone planning or carrying out any act of terrorism.

GOD BLESS HUMANITY, GOD BLESS OUR MOTHER EARTH.


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ANNEX - 1

Mr. Saifullah Paracha

As I know him,

I came to know Mr. Saifullah Paracha when I started shooting video for the TV production company, Universal Broadcasting. Initially I was not his responsibility as his Production Executive, Mr. Akbar, used to deal with him only. It was the year 2000. I had to Lahore and would come to Karachi according to the shooting schedule. Then there was a big gap as the production work was suspended.


In 2001 I was once again asked to direct some plays for the Universal Broadcasting, which was now headed by Mr. Asim Saifi, sister of the plays I directed previously. It was now that I had the chance to meet Mr. Paracha occasionally.

I found that he was a thorough gentleman. We would exchange greetings during the noon prayer whenever I was in the office of Universal Broadcasting. Some times he would lead the prayers in the absence of the regular leader Mr. Hingora. One has to be a Muslim of high order to be able to lead prayers.

He was considerate and would look after the genuine workers. He had the ambition of preaching Islam through scholars of International repute. We had planned to do such programmes on the basis of non-orthodoxy with other religions. The first of the series was to be on The Christ, Hazrat Jesus (Alaihis Salam). The 1st and 2nd meetings of the Christ, PEHU, were to be presented or stated in The Holy Quran and the sayings of our Prophet Mohammed PEHU. The 3rd personality was to be of Hazrat Ismaeel KATU, also known as PEHU, and so on. We were very excited on the idea that we would be doing a service to the peace loving community and would perhaps help minimise the hostilities wide spread in the world due to religious antagonism. But alas it was not to be. I learnt that Mr. Paracha had left the country to attend a business meeting and is missing since then.

I have narrated the above in detail to draw a pen picture of Mr. Paracha the kind of a person he was. It is quite astonishing to learn that he is being associated with any hostility or crime. I found him a man of character, a learned person, doing good business, a man of word having respectable habits.

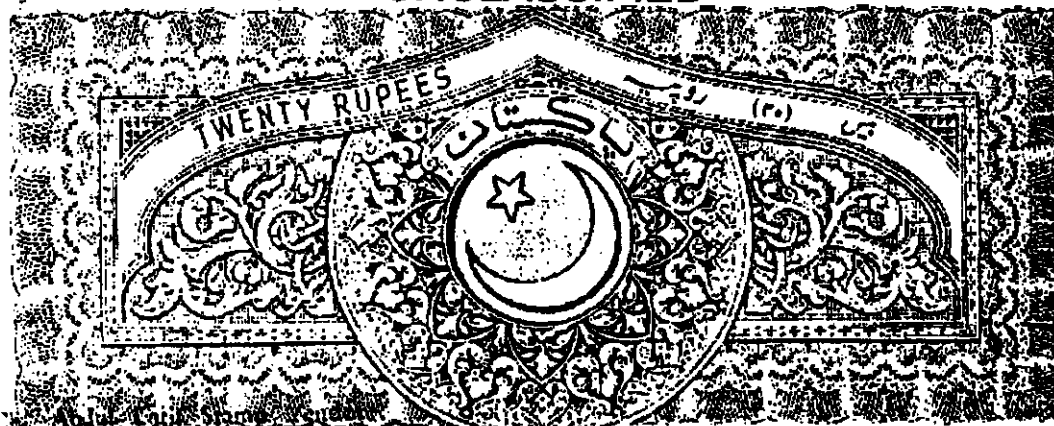
I wish him and his family all the best. May he return soon and be with his family.


Bakhtiar Ahmad
Controller Special Productions (RTD)
Pakistan TV Corporation Ltd
Karachi.

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ANNEX-II-A

SYED ABUL MAHASIN

KARACHI PAKISTAN.

I, Syed Abul Mahasin states under penalty of the perjury laws of the United States of America:

I was associated with Mr. Saifullah A. Paracha in his textile garment export business for several years. I make the following statements of my own personal knowledge and from the books and records kept in the ordinary course of the business. I am competent to swear to these facts.

2. In or around October, 1992, Mr. Saifullah A. Paracha, in association with three American Citizens, Steven Levy, Allan Levy and Charles Anteby, founded a private limited company and later incorporated, on or about Feb. 27, 1993, with Govt. of Pakistan under Companies Ordinance, 1984.
3. Due to some differences between the three American Partners, Allan Levy, Steven Levy and Charles Anteby (Charles is a relative of the other two American Partners), the latter bought the shares from the other two. Thus the company's shares were divided 50% in the name of Charles Anteby and his wife Marissa Anteby and 50% in the name of Saifullah A. Paracha and his family members.



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4. Our company was working as a Buying House and liaisioning between Buyers & Suppliers for completion and execution of orders. We oversaw and followed up from cut to pack on textile garments in suppliers' factories and shipping arrangements.
5. The goods were shipped to Mr. Charles Anseby from Karachi to the United States in the name of International Merchandise Group, New York. Later on the company's name was changed to Chanco Buying Agents, 240 West, 35th Street, Suite # 504, New York, N.Y. 10001, U.S.A.
6. During the years from October 1992 to July 2003 we shipped goods worth the following amount to the United States from Karachi:

| Year | | Value (\$ US) |
|-------------------|---|---------------|
| Oct. to Dec 1992 | = | 1,703,372 |
| 1993 | = | 8,830,939 |
| 1994 | = | 11,701,260 |
| 1995 | = | 8,543,568 |
| 1996 | = | 3,431,483 |
| 1997 | = | 10,771,074 |
| 1998 | = | 11,570,407 |
| 1999 | = | 13,634,919 |
| 2000 | = | 1,654,896 |
| 2001 | = | 8,224,345 |
| 2002 | = | 7,362,956 |
| Jan. to July 2003 | = | 3,467,684 |

7. Our main buyers in the U.S. during the period from 1992 to 2003 were:
 - (1) H.I.S. International
 - (2) Jenna Lane
 - (3) Mister Noah
 - (4) Stargate Apparel
 - (5) Tahiti Apparel
 - (6) Star Kids
 - (7) Star Wear Inc.
 - (8) Haddad Apparel Group
 - (9) Total Impact
 - (10) Van Baalen Pacific
 - (11) No Excuses
 - (12) Parthenon Sports Wear
 - (13) Four Star Apparel Inc.

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- (14) Robert Stock Ltd.
- (15) Kids Head Quarters
- And others.

8. Saifullah Paracha was the Chief Executive of the Company (International Merchandise (Pvt.) Ltd., Karachi.) on the exporting side of this business. In the several years prior to his disappearance in July, 2003 he contributed many millions of dollars of goods to the American economy, as the above figures show.

I declare and affirm under the perjury laws of the United States of America that the above facts are true.

Feb. 8, 2005

Executed February 8, 2005



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ANNEX - II - B

November 03, 2004 .

RE: MR. SAIFULLAH A. PARACHA

Dear Mr. G. T. HUNT

I know Mr. Saifullah A. Paracha, personally for the last 11 years and that include his wife and children. As a family friend I frequently visit his home.

Mr. Paracha is a versatile personality. He is an honest and true Muslim. He never keeps company with Alcohol and other trivialities. Lots of people lined his office every day, including people related to business and social welfare institutions. People used to take advantage of his philanthropy some used to get loans from him and never repaid.

He was involved in several businesses, most of which have been losing concerns. Abson Industries Ltd., Karachi (A Public Limited Company incorporated in Pakistan) was forced to close due to losses. International Merchandise (Pvt.) Ltd. Karachi (a Private Limited Company incorporated in Pakistan) had to cease its business since his disappearance. Universal Broadcasting (Pvt.) Ltd. (A Private Limited Company incorporated in Pakistan) which was producing programmes of Religious and Entertainment was also wound up. S.S. Associates (Pvt.) Ltd., Karachi (A Private Limited Company incorporated in Pakistan) a construction venture has resumed in October, 2004, after an absence of several months.

His financial status is such that there is hardly any cash balance in his account. His own house is under mortgage. Still he would help his friends, even by taking loans. His alleged involvement in terrorist activities is baseless and without foundation. He is under custody of U.S. Army and F.B.I. for the last 17 months, but could not prove anything so far. Otherwise, he should be presented in the Court of law for his crimes (if any), but the Agencies bitterly failed to prove. His letter from Bagram, Kabul, Afghanistan delivered to his wife after lapse of 45 days to 60 days after censor through the courtesy I.C.R.C., Islamabad (Now he is in

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Guantanamo, Cuba), since September, 2004. Being a Muslim, his sympathy with Afghanistan and Iraq does not mean that he is involved in terrorism or supports terrorism. He has never ever seen a live cartridge in his life. For the last 11 years, I have never seen a Security Guard with a Gun posted at his residence (In Defence Housing Authority, every resident has his own Security Guard). In such circumstances, it is absolutely baseless and false to implicate Mr. Saifullah A. Paracha a pious and generous man to be labelled and charged with as a "TERRORIST".

I am narrating below some of the Business and Social Activities of Mr. Saifullah A. Paracha.

1. Mr. Saifullah A. Paracha has been a model Pakistani citizen. I have set out a short description of his activities to illustrate by way of background the nature and conduct of Mr. Saifullah A. Paracha. He has been founder of several successful business interests operating in Karachi & N.W.F.P. These have included business in both propylene bags, Textile Garments, Religious & Entertainment programmes of T.V. and construction of residential apartments.
2. Mr. Saifullah A. Paracha has devoted enormous time, effort and resources in his tireless efforts to further charitable causes. By way of example, Mr. Paracha established, the General Hospital and Maternity Home in Mangowal, Distt. Sargodha. This was a substantial project with the help of Paracha clan which cost in excess of Rs.14 million. The hospital provides medical facilities to the poor and needy people in the deprived and undeveloped village of Mangowal, his birth place.
3. Mr. Paracha also assisted "The Citizen Foundation" (TCF) in establishing an educational institution, opposite the hospital in Mangowal, Distt. Sargodha.

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4. Mr. Paracha's charitable activities have extended to other projects including assisting with the construction of EYE HOSPITAL for the poor by the Layton Rahmatullah Benevolent Trust (L.R.B.T.) in Shahpur, Distt. Sargodha.
5. Mr. Paracha was responsible for the renovation of the GYNAECOLOGICAL Wards in the Civil Hospital, Karachi through Council of Welfare Organisation. This particular project was acknowledged by the Secretary of Health, Govt. of Sindh.
6. Mr. Paracha has covered extensive projects for relief of poverty. These have included feeding some 5000 families struck by famine in Thar and Kohistan. Projects have also comprised building wells and installing hand pumps to benefit 4000 families through PASBAN. Mr. Paracha has also been devoted to assisting with the eradication of the spread of scabbies amongst inmates held at the Central Jail in Karachi and provided ceiling fans for installation in the cells.
7. Mr. Paracha visited Afghanistan from May 12 to 14, 2000 and February 16 to 19, 2001 well before the tragedy, which occurred in America on September 11, 2001.
8. These visits to Afghanistan were in pursuance of efforts to rebuild the economy and assist with developing educational institutions, particularly for the female community. In fact Mr. Paracha led a delegation of 65 Industrialists, Traders, Retired Army Personnel, Social Workers and other individuals from diverse background in order to further these goals. After this trip in February, 2001, the Ummat newspaper carried articles in instalments covering the visit. Even after September 11, 2001, Mr. Paracha efforts to help stimulate industrial growth in Afghanistan continued with the new Government of Mr. Hamid Karzai.

You may draw your own conclusion about Mr. Paracha's character.

Best Regards - MAHASIN

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ANNEX III
Admitted:
D.C. Bar, #89375
(Not in Maryland)
U.S. Tax Court

This communication from an attorney to a potential client is not related to any future confidential communications. Sending it by non-secure means implies no waiver of the privilege for other communications.

August 17, 2005

Mr. Saifullah Paracha
Detainee, Camp Delta
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Dear Mr. Paracha:

Uzair's lawyers have sent me the enclosed reports. These are two reports of three pages altogether, with no indication who compiled them or the real names or identities of the persons supplying the information. Uzair's lawyers say the reports were given to them by the government under the obligation to give the defense any exculpatory evidence the government may have. Uzair's lawyers filed them with the court (the Southern District of New York) and they are now public documents we may use as we wish.

I already sent copies of these reports to [REDACTED] to pass on to the Administrative Review Board. She cannot tell me if you have already had your ARB hearing or when it will take place. So be sure to show the reports to the Board, and if you have already had your hearing, ask that they reopen to consider them. Please keep in mind my previous generic advice to any and all prisoners: You have a right to remain silent, and to demand counsel at any point in your questioning, and anything you say may be held against you.

When I get down there in September, I hope you can elaborate on the reports, and maybe suggest some ways to corroborate them.

Also enclosed are two recent orders of the appellate court. They are mostly technical and scheduling matters, but I was encouraged by them because they did not dismiss our appeals out of hand as I feared they would.

I see you turn 58 today. I wish you many happy returns of the day -- next year in Karachi.

Yours truly,


Gaillard T. Hunt

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August 15, 2005

VIA FACSIMILE

Mr. G.T. Hunt, Esq.
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Re: United States of America v. Uzair Paracha, 03 Cr. 1197 (SHS)

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Please find enclosed a copy of unclassified summaries of information provided by the government in the above referenced case. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (212) 528-2714.

Respectfully,

Karloff C. Commissiong
Karloff C. Commissiong

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The person known to Uzair Paracha as "Mustafa" is reported to have stated as follows:

- "Mustafa" met with Saifullah Paracha's son, Uzair Paracha, a total of four times, all while visiting Saifullah 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 mujahidin or Al Qaeda. Uzair Paracha did not complete the task involving Majid Khan.
- Saifullah Paracha was unwittingly being used to assist in "Mustafa's" broader plans with Al Qaeda operative Majid Khan. Saifullah Paracha was someone "Mustafa" used for information, but from whom he kept his Al Qaeda connections hidden. 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," 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" were Al Qaeda, but "Mustafa" believed that Saifullah Paracha likely knew that "Mustafa" and "Uzair" were associated with mujahidin 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 the 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.
- 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 mujahidin. 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.

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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 explosives 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 his 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 US and had time to assess Uzair Paracha. He would only give Uzair Paracha a 5-10% suitability assessment, citing the fact that Uzair Paracha had no extremist views and was not really a practicing muslim.
- 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 US authorities to believe that Majid Khan was in the US 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 that 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 Saifullah Paracha, which was taken in the early 1970s. "Uzair" claimed not to recognize the individual in the photo.



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The Honourable George W. Bush (Sr.).
Ex-President,
The White House,
1600, Pennsylvania Ave, NW,
Washington DC. 20500.

CWO/2001.
May 12, 2001.

SUB : AFGHANISTAN / PAKISTAN.

Dear Your Excellency,

I take this opportunity to introduce the "Council of Welfare Organisations". This is a combined organisation of a number of welfare projects, engaged in service to the needy people and mankind for nothing but to get the accord and blessings of God Almighty.

Now, after this brief introduction, I seek your kind indulgence towards the main issue. I have spent a great part of my life, about 15 years in the USA. I have been a student of Political Science and Islamic Studies and have an abode at Karachi - Pakistan.

Sir, Afghanistan, which has a population of about 27 million, and an area of more than 0.65 million square miles is now ruled by the Taliban. They have under their rule about 95% of the whole Afghanistan territory. Not long ago, Afghanistan was a trustworthy ally of the USA and waged a relentless war against a Super Power, U.S.S.R., for more than ten years, as a result of which 1,500,000 of its people gave their lives. In addition to the this huge loss of lives, it suffered tremendously, economically and socially. The industries, agriculture, hospitals, educational institutions, electricity and telephone, roads, water, transport and other systems of amenities were badly ravaged in the war.

Now the present situation due to the war is that a man of this country does not even have the basic requirements to lead an ordinary life. It has become

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a backward country absolutely and appears to be a land thousand years before modern civilisation.

The most regrettable aspect however, is that now the USA which was once its ally, has been in open collaboration with Russia in its aim to crush Afghanistan and take revenge of its past defeat. Is it the kind of REWARD which the people of Afghanistan deserved from their former ally ?

Today, undoubtedly USA is the sole Super Power of our globe. But just ponder over it dispassionately, this status of the USA, which it currently enjoys, how did it GAIN it ? Is it not the fruit of the unparalleled sacrifices of the Afghan people and the Pakistanis ? No person can deny this stark naked reality. To say so, the USA has turned its eyes from its former allies. Pakistan has been kept out completely in oblivion, while the people of Afghanistan have been targeted with untold miseries by imposition of various types of embargoes and restrictions on them, through the UNO and its subsidiary agencies.

I dare to bring to your kind attention some economic factors in this connection. You may recall that there was a "DEFICIT BUDGET OF 225 BILLIONS in the year 1993", which persisted till the year 1997, but in the year 1999 the budget became "SURPLUS BY 115 BILLION DOLLARS". How did this happen ? It was largely after the USA became the SOLE SUPER POWER, then again, it cannot be overlooked that making your country a Super Power became possible due to the unprecedented sacrifices made by the people of Afghanistan, in lives and economically.

In addition to Pakistan, every sincere friend of Afghanistan would like it that Afghanistan should be treated according to the ground realities, prevailing there. Such steps, which might further deteriorate the situation in Afghanistan, will prove equally disastrous and destabilising for the region. These should be avoided by all means and forms, e.g. it has been the earnest endeavour of Russia to alienate the northern neighbouring states.

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Afghanistan against it, and get them lined up for internecine warfares with the Taliban and retard its growth and bleed it to death. Russia has an all out plan for its previous shameful defeat and take sweet revenge.

All sorts of embargoes and restrictions have been imposed on the Taliban government of Afghanistan to destabilise it and to prevent it to achieve its rightful position among the comity of nations. Every type of mean line of action has been set in position for them.

In this context the recent tour of Ahmed Shah Masood becomes another glaring example of animosity against the legitimate government of Afghanistan.

Ahmed Shah Masood who poses himself as a leader of the so-called Northern Alliance against the Taliban government and calls himself Defence Minister of the defunct Rabbani government, was called for a whirlwind tour of Europe, and presented before some elite gatherings there as the last ray of hope for Afghanistan. The European nations ensured him of all possible assistance, monetarily and diplomatically to root out the Taliban from Afghanistan.

On the other hand despite all these provocations and schemes to dislodge them the Taliban have hitherto adopted a very calm and patient posture; despite all the provocations and anti-postures the Taliban have adopted a very positive approach and welcome all such measures, which might help the USA and the western powers to adopt a policy based on ground realities.

As far as Pakistan is concerned, it has adopted a very sensible course i.e. to refrain from any interference within the domestic affairs of the Taliban government. It may be recalled that when Pakistan strongly opposed the demolition of the Buddha statues the Taliban government said :

"PAKISTAN IS OUR GOOD FRIEND BUT NOT OUR MASTER".

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In submitting all these realities before your Excellency, which have rather become a bit lengthy despite my best efforts to put it in brief, I beseech you to view all my submissions in a realistic style. Count on Afghanistan and Pakistan as your sincere friends and assist them in the best possible ways. You can bank on these nations, as reliable friends and allies, during the coming decades and the implied changes which are to take place. They will give you their unflinching support. If no radical change could be possible at this stage, your endeavour will be very much greeted, if atleast for the time being, the restrictions and embargoes imposed upon them are lifted. They were your FRIENDS before and now also they are not your ENEMIES. Only a shift in your outlook is the most befitting thing.

CONCLUSION :

We request your honour :

- That the debt burden on Pakistan of over 36 Billions may kindly be written off, being one of the least developed countries in the world and most loyal and supportive to the U.S.
- The Kashmir problem should be resolved once and for all according to U.N Resolutions, so that the amount we spend on Weaponry be spent on development. Since Pakistan Army professionally one of the best in the world may be utilized in the Middle East as peace keeper.
- That sanctions against Afghanistan should be lifted. Immediate help in Health and Education sectors and assist once in Food support programs on an urgent basis should be given to save the starving nation.

The Afghans will reciprocate and give full support to the U.S against communism, terrorism and controlling drugs.

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We deem it necessary to let you know and make you realise about your obligations. God has rewarded you with the position of political and economic strength in the world through the efforts and contribution of Afghanistan and Pakistan. What we expect from you is to do whatever is in your control and the rest should be left to God Almighty.

God bless you. Best Regards.

Yours Sincerely,
Council of Welfare Organisations.

Saifullah A. Paracha,
Chairman, Board of Trustees.

Copy to : The Honourable George W. Bush,
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CWO/GB/2002.
January 21, 2002.

SUB : AFGHANISTAN

Your Excellency !

I have already mailed you a letter on Sept. 20, 2001. The object of writing this letter is to review the effects on Afghanistan following attack on Oct 07, 2001.

Can the American realize their objectives ? Apparently not, as peace will be difficult to establish in Afghanistan. The Northern Alliance comprises of Uzbeks, Tajiks and Hazaras, who have deep rooted enmities running and are allied under forced circumstances. On the contrary, the Talibans (call you by whatever name) is a reality. Americans will find it very hard to establish peace in Afghanistan, without their support, your economic plans of laying down OIL and GAS pipelines to Pakistan through Afghanistan would be hard to achieve.

The absence of Taliban has already indicated the revival of HEROIN, which is deadly to Humanity. Indications point to growth in illegal weapons. These weapons could be used against locals and foreign people.

The Indians and Russians are supporting the US with their agenda. Iran seems to be with the Allies. Pakistan is already with the Americans. Should you permit, we will put in our efforts to convince moderate TALIBANS to co-operate with you. Such a measure would put an end to the destruction and devastation. Peace can be established, even though it will be a daunting task.

We are aligned to none, neither with Taliban nor the Northern Alliance. We intend to promote your interests and to see Afghanistan prosperous. We want to push behind the destruction of Afghanistan, which has been going on for well over two decades. Innocent lives can be saved. The sooner we get started, the better it would be.

Thanks & Best Regards.

Yours Sincerely,

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Her Excellency Honourable Nancy Powell,
Ambassador of United States,
Blue Area,
Islamabad

Annex-4

Your Excellency

First of all, I introduce myself as a Pakistani Citizen conducting my business and I am a Businessman/Industrialist since more than a decade and dealing in Textile Garments, Construction and T.V. Private Production House etc. I also lived in USA.

My age is 55 years. To carry on my business and to evaluate, train and transfer my expertise, I thought to groom up my son who has completed his MBA (Marketing) from the Institute of Business Administration, Karachi with distinction in the year 2002 and I have inducted him in the following Companies as Director.

1. International Merchandise (Pvt.) Ltd. (Textile Garments)
2. S. S. Associates (Pvt.) Ltd. (Construction of Multi Storeyed Apartments)
3. Universal Broadcasting (Pvt.) Ltd. (T.V. Private Production House)
4. Arty Management (Pvt.) Ltd. (Food Street, Aquarium etc)
5. Universal News Agency. (Print Media)

Our main Buying House for Textile garments is in New York and our Company's President Mr. Charles Anteby and running the office under the name of Chanco Buying Agent, 240 West, 35th Street, Suite # 504, New York, N.Y. 10001, U.S.A.

I have assigned my son Mr. Uzair Paracha to market for the sale of luxurious apartments in Karachi. Being a Marketing Post Graduate, he has accepted this challenge & left for N.Y. in February, 2003.

As he has just sell two Apartments worth of US\$ 70,000/- and send the remittance through proper banking channel. All of a sudden FBI entered the office and nabbed and asked him to accompany them without assigning any rhyme or reason and was detained in illegal confinement without any cause or crime. He is neither presented in any court of law. If he is a guilty, we shall extend full cooperation with the Authorities concerned, if not he should be released immediately, keeping in mind his educational back ground and business activities.

It may not be out of place to mention here that the Government & People of Pakistan are best friend of-USA. Keep this image alive. Also I would like to request for an appointment to meet and clear my and my families position.

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The brief circumstances stated above, you are requested to intervene and relieve him from solitary confinement.

I am enclosing his graduation profile, brochure & his business cards for your kind perusal.

With profound regards.

Yours Sincerely,

SAIFULLAH PARACHA
CHAIRMAN

FARHAT S. PARACHA
MOTHER

Enclosures :

- 1) MBA Graduate Profile.
- 2) Cliftonia Brochure.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF NEW YORK

MOHAMMED T PARACHA, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a nephew of Saifullah Paracha and I am competent to make this affidavit by reason of my personal observation, family repute, and my knowledge of the Paracha family.

2. Saifullah Paracha had eight brothers and sisters. Four of these are now living in America and one lived here until his recent death:

Razia Paracha
Attaullah Paracha
Ismatullah Paracha
Qaisar Iqbal
Mumtaz Paracha (who passed away January 2005)

3. Two of these brothers have taken United States citizenship:

Attaullah Paracha
Ismatullah Paracha

4. Together these brothers and sisters produced many children. Among these cousins, I believe the following to be native-born U.S. citizens:

Imran Paracha
Uzma Paracha
Khadija Paracha
Osman Paracha
Omar Paracha

5. I am a naturalized U.S. citizen. I believe the following among these cousins also to be naturalized U.S. citizens:

Saifdar Paracha
Khawar Paracha
Tunaia Iqbal

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Afzal Paracha
Mohammed T Paracha

6. I believe about twenty of my cousins to be lawfully living in the United States.
7. Many of Saifullah Paracha's brothers and sisters have grandchildren. Many of the grandchildren are United States citizens.
8. Therefore in terms of family connections Saifullah Paracha is as much or more American than Pakistani. Five of his eight siblings chose to live in America, and two of them took American citizenship. About twenty of his nieces and nephews live in America, some of them, like myself, as United States citizens. If more information on family connections is needed I will be glad to supply it.



MOHAMMED T PARACHA

Sworn to before me this ^{8th} day of February, 2005.



Notary public.

SANDRA DAJESUM
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01066031022
Qualified in Westchester County
Commission Expires December 27, 2005

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF New York

[REDACTED] being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I live at **[REDACTED]**. I have lived in New York since the age of 3. I graduated from NYU Stern School of Business, and currently serve as President of Software Company in the Empire State Building. I am competent to make this affidavit. I make this affidavit to assist the Combatant Status Review Tribunal in ascertaining that my uncle, SAIFULLAH PARACHA, is not and has never been an enemy combatant.
2. My Company based in New York also has an office in Karachi, Pakistan. My business requires that I go to Pakistan about three or four times a year. The main Pakistan office of my company, Verticity Pvt Ltd., is at Ansum Estate Shah-re Faisal, Karachi Pakistan. SAIFULLAH PARACHA's office is also in that building. I do not recall that I ever visited Pakistan without seeing and talking to Saifullah Paracha.
3. When I visited Pakistan I generally stayed with my relatives, and talked with numerous friends and associates in Karachi. I therefore am well-informed about Saifullah's reputation in the community where he lived and worked.
4. SAIFULLAH PARACHA has a well-established reputation for peaceable ness. The people I have talked to simply do not believe that he is involved with terrorism or has supported terrorism.
5. On September 11th, 2001, I was right in front of the WTC when the first building collapsed. I was literally inches from losing my life. As debris was falling down and hitting people, most people began to panic and start stampeding, thus many people lost their lives due to that. With my own eyes I saw people holding hands and jumping out of the window of the 80+ floors.
6. I have discussed the events of September 11th with my uncle, and he was completely against what happened. He expressed sorrow and compassion for people who lost their lives, and agreed that nothing justifies killing innocent people as Bin Laden did that day. My uncle was into saving and helping people. He spent his time in charity work, building a hospital in the poorest areas of Pakistan. He also worked with building schools in the poorest area of Pakistan, which is the Northwest Frontier. This area is next to

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Afghanistan, with which it shares a very porous border. If my uncle crossed into Afghanistan it would have been in connection with this charitable work.

7. Typical of the views people express about SAIFULLAH PARACHA are these:

From an article in The New York Times, August 18, 2003, by David Rhodes:

"He very clearly knew I was Jewish," the [Saifullah] Paracha's business partner [Charles Anteby] wrote in a recent e-mail message to co-workers that was released by the family. "We had friendly talks on religion and he never has shown any animosity at all to Jewish people or to America. The opposite — he spoke very highly of America."

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"I was shocked and scared by the allegations and find them very hard to believe," wrote the businessman. He ended the message by referring to his longtime business partner by his nickname. "Saif is my friend," the American businessman wrote. "And he knows it."

On the web site <http://www.freoparachas.org>, where we have a petition to free SAIFULLAH PARACHA, Rabia Asmiz, number 82 of 147 signatures, wrote:

He has been like a father to me ever since my father died. He is not capable of doing anything wrong. Please God let him come back to us.

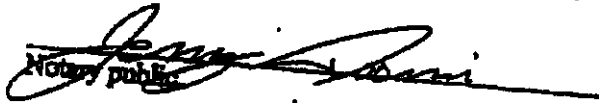
8. SAIFULLAH PARACHA's charitable activities, coupled with his outgoing personality, necessarily brought him in contact with a wide variety of people with a wide variety of views. Given the political atmosphere in Pakistan and Afghanistan today, it is impossible that none of these people would be sympathetic to terrorism. There is no way anyone can live and do business in Pakistan and Afghanistan without coming in contact with some persons who at least verbally support terrorism. It is therefore essential that no court or tribunal infer any guilt by association from any such contacts.

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9. Far from being guilty because of his associations, if any, with persons who may be supportive of terrorism, SAIFULLAH PARACHA is among the decent, anti-terrorist Pakistanis who the United States should be supporting and cultivating as a moderating influence.

[REDACTED]

Sworn to before me this 11th day of November, 2004.


Notary public

JERRY PASINI
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01PA6108612
Qualified in QUEENS County
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To Whom It May Concern:

Although my acquaintance with Mr. Saifullah Paracha does not date back into a distant past, however, his magnetic personality and his thorough gentlemanliness made us feel like long time friends. We met only a few times, but perhaps, because of the commonality of interests and the concern to make our world, as far as possible, free of hatred, made us come very close to each other.

I am a retired Squadron Leader of Pakistan Air Force and also served the Pakistani Inter Services Intelligence agency for a number of years. My association with Afghanistan and its Jihad against the invading forces of the former Soviet Union dates back to the early eighties. The Jihad of Afghanistan against the occupying forces of Soviet Union brought me in close contact with all the major elements who were involved in resisting this aggression. For some, like America, it was a political decision and for others it was a religious duty to safeguard the honor of a Muslim nation.

Soon after the former Soviet Union was forced to pull out of Afghanistan, unfortunately, due to various reasons, the forces that fought collectively and so relentlessly against the Soviet Union, started fighting amongst themselves. This was a very sorry situation, especially, for people who wanted to see Afghanistan as a free country ruled by its own people. I, as one who had gained respect and trust from a majority of the Afghan segments due to my long association with the Afghan Jihad was instrumental in brokering the accord between these warring factions, this accord is popularly known as Islamabad Accord. Again during the early nineties I worked very closely with Mr. Paul Manafort, the well known lobbyist who now holds a very important position in the present US Administration, to broker a settlement of the dispute between the then Sudanese Government and United States of America.

Again, in the aftermath of the tragic happenings of September 11, 2001, I was more eager to see that a negotiated settlement is worked out between the American Government and Taliban. It was my trust with Taliban that made me an acceptable conduit for them to negotiate with the Mr. Mansor Ijaz and Mr. James Woolsey (the former CIA director) for a possible settlement of the differences between the American Government and Taliban.

Like Mr. Paracha, probably, it has always been my endeavor to try to bridge and fill in the gaps between two contesting parties. This commonality of approach was probably one more reason for us to come so close to each other in so short span of time.

During the course of our discussions on various issues, I was much impressed by Mr. Paracha's emphasis on the human consideration in Islam, especially, being a busy businessman, a person tends to adopt a materialistic approach to life, but it was not so in the case of Mr. Paracha. His concern to redress the sufferings of the ailing humanity around him was praiseworthy as he could always find time for such charitable endeavors despite being involved in diversified businesses; he owned a Production House for

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television entertainment programs and documentaries, a buying house for the export of garments to USA, a huge polypropylene factory and construction projects.

In his eagerness to contribute to humanitarian projects he traveled to various places and met people from a cross section of society. I found him always willing and ready to meet and talk to people wherever such humanitarian project was necessary. This interaction, whose sole agenda was to alleviate the sufferings of the poor and people afflicted by international conflicts, may have brought Mr. Paracha in contact with people labeled as terrorists. However, I will want to make this fact very clear that nor I, neither any of his other acquaintances, have the slightest of doubt in the peace loving nature of Mr. Paracha. None of the people that know Mr. Paracha can ever even imagine associating Mr. Paracha with any activity having negative dimension to it. He probably met Usama once and may have also met some of the leaders of Taliban. But this interaction was not so noteworthy in those days as many charities and charitable people visited Afghanistan to help the downtrodden people of that country. He did criticize American policies but was always concerned at the widening gulf between the west and the east, especially between the Muslims and the American Government. He wanted to come up with a way to bridge this widening gulf, through his television documentaries, etc., to avoid any catastrophic happening.

He was known, amongst his friends, as one following Islamic way of life but he was also criticized for his interest-based borrowings from banks for his businesses. Mr. Paracha possessed a very mild personality, as he did not even force his wife and daughter to wear Hijab, a covering for women prescribed by Islam. He did not even mind dealing with a Jewish businessman, Mr. Charles Anteby and actually felt very comfortable taking him as his partner in his buying house.

I really wish that people like Mr. Paracha are not made victim of the campaign against terrorism. We should be careful not to throw people on the other side of the wall, people who can be instrumental in finding ways to bring the Muslims and the American government closer together to address the reasons for this increasing gulf between them.

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Khawaja Naveed Ahmed

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Dated: 12.11.2009

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It is certified that Mr. Seifallah Faracha is known to me for last three years. He is a businessman of good repute. To the best of my knowledge, he bears good moral character. I have been told that he has been detained in Kabul for last about sixteen months.

[Handwritten signature]

(Khawaja Naveed Ahmed)
Advocate

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Samin Khan

Mr. G.T. Hunt,
Attorney-at-Law,
8909 Grant Street,
Bethesda, Maryland 20817
USA.

November 14, 2001

Subject: Saifullah Paracha Case

Dear Mr. Hunt,

I am writing this letter to you as a senior lawyer who is a Barrister-at-Law of the famous Lincoln's Inn, London (1954) and a Master of Law from the Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas (1956) and a Master of Comparative Law from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1957).

It may be of interest for you to know that two of my former students are judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan including the present Chief Justice of Pakistan.

It may be of further interest to you to know that I have addressed the US Senate Committee on Afghanistan (1976) and I am now known for international negotiations. Mr. Saifullah Paracha is known to me both in my capacity as a lawyer and my being a well known personality of India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. He came first to see me several years back with a gentleman whose family is a well known business family of Pakistan.

Then he later on expressed a desire to record a TV interview of mine on my role in Afghanistan which was conducted by three experts on International Relations and I saw the very next year he again wanted me to record another TV interview of mine on Afghanistan. Subsequently he developed an interest in Afghanistan and tried to do business in Afghanistan and also made some harmless religious recordings for Kabul TV. But he did not take part in anything sinister or against International Law or even natural law. He is a mildly religious person but since he has studied and lived in the West for a long time he is not a fanatic in any sense of the word but a very reasonable person who could listen and appreciate the other person's point of view.

But as regards his trip to Hong Kong although he had told me about his differences with his American partner, he did not tell me about the trip. Saifullah Paracha is a perfect gentleman, a family man, a fine synthesis of the East and the West and used to help the poor and the needy.

After his arrest many prominent businessmen because of my prominent nationalistic and internationalist asked me to take interest in the matter and so I became interested in the well-being and survival of his family and I found the family which I had never met before, a true product of Islamic humanism.

If you want any other information about him please feel free to send me an e-mail or write at the above address.

I finally wish you success in the matter.

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,

Samin Khan
Barrister-at-Law

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From: [REDACTED]
To: <citysoft@citysoft.com.pk>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2004 12:52 PM
Subject: Attn: Mrs. Saifullah Paracha

This is [REDACTED] and I am the nephew of Saifullah A. Paracha. I have known Mr. Saifullah Paracha since childhood and my closest interaction with him had been during my employment in International Merchandise Group as a Manager Computer Operations of which Saifullah Paracha is the CEO.

During my interaction with Mr. Paracha I had come to know him more personally. Along with managing his company he was also involved in humanitarian work that included operating Council of Welfare Organizations (a non profit organization) and helping the Paracha community to progress that included building a hospital in our village Mangowal.

Most if not all of the company employees turned to Saifullah Paracha with personal or financial assistance and he had always helped the employees directly or in-directly of the company with honest suggestions and financial assistance if needed.

In short, I have seen him as a man of principles and always helps the needy.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
s/o [REDACTED] (late)

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2004

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My first meeting with Mr. Saifullah Paracha was arranged by Sardar Ashraf in October, 2002. Despite the fact that my association with him spans over a very short span of time, however, I learnt quite a bit from him. We worked as partners on the Food Street project, for which prequalification was requested by the City Government of Karachi. I was instrumental in working out a deal for him whereby he acquired 80% shares in the high rise apartment project called Cliftonia.

I am very much impressed by the balance that Mr. Paracha maintains in religion and his daily routines of life. He is a very loving person and gave me valuable advice in my personal as well as businesses affairs. I found him as a very calculated person who always very meticulously looked at the pros and cons of a particular project before making up his mind. I never found him failing in his commitments. Mr. Paracha was very careful in his interactions with his associates and took extreme care that his actions do not hurt others. Whenever I saw him giving financial assistance to anybody he always instructed me not to disclose it to anybody.

During my association with Mr. Paracha, I found him to be an extremely nice man and I consider such type of people as the blessing of God to mankind. He is a loving and a faithful friend, a person who had a unique friendly and immensely loving relationship with his family, always taking extreme care that his children may grow up to be useful members of the society and at the same time have a clear understanding of their religion.

I personally feel that the tragic happening of 8th July, 2004 when he was allegedly taken away by FBI, is an extreme injustice perpetrated on a noble person like Mr. Paracha. I sincerely pray to God that his family comes out of this ordeal at the earliest.

[Statement of Mr. Sher Afzal,
received by email by G. T. Hunt November 19, 2004]

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[English translation of the statement by journalist Mr. Haroon Rasheed, re Saifullah Paracha. This translation was received by Gaillard T. Hunt on November 18, 2004, as a Word attachment on an email from Mrs. [REDACTED]]

The body language of a person depicts his character. Three years back when I met Mr. Saifullah Paracha for the first time, I had an immediate impression that he is a compassionate and a loving person. He offered to enter into a contract with me for his Universal Broadcasting production house, which produced Current Affairs, entertainment and religious programs. Due to some reasons I could not accept his offer, however, I was immensely moved by his sincerity to his work and self-esteem, which is so rare in this subcontinent where inferiority complex is so rampantly widespread.

Our association continued and each meeting that I had with him made me like and respect him all the more. Despite being a reasonably well off man, I found him to be a very cordial and straightforward person. He is very soft spoken and possesses a very congenial personality, un-quarrelsome and never looking down upon others.

Although I am a journalist by profession but a major portion of my life is spent pondering on some major and basic issues concerning human character. For example, how do humans acquire certain traits in their personality and the factors that affect the process of human thought and action, and how are they negatively or positively transformed.

Human behavior and history have always been my areas of interest. Likewise, Mr. Paracha was also very interested in these subjects, which made us come close to each other all the more. I found him to be ever willing to help the suffering humanity. And we so often debated the reasons for the downfall of Muslims.

We, as humans, possess certain positive, and at the same time, certain negative traits in our personality. Genes, impressions that we take from our immediate family and the surroundings, as well as the type of education that we acquire, transform and highlight certain traits in a personality. A positive and good person is one who loves people in general and despises selfishness. One who keeps striving to suppress his negative and augment the positive traits. In Islam we call it self-purification. This process is a never-ending process. Worshipping the Almighty and helping his creations are two cardinal principles of this process of self-purification, and this can only happen if a person ceases to despise and look down upon others. The last prophet of God, Muhammad, may the peace and blessings of God be upon him (PBUH), described this in two words, Al-Deen Al-Naseeha, (Religion is "to be the well wisher of all human beings"). Mr. Paracha is one of those persons who so closely fit into this definition. Although we never found him bragging about his charitable projects and he never told us about them, however, we came to know through others that he set up various schools, other educational institutions and hospitals in the District of Sargodha, from where he started his life as an orphan. He contributed for the renovation of one of the largest hospitals of Karachi. We came to know, after he was taken away by FBI, allegedly, that he was supporting many families financially.

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He is very much different from the religious fanatics. Religious fanatics don't make TV entertainment programs and they enforce their opinion on others, whereas Mr. Paracha did not even force his wife and daughter to wear Hijab. He did not even ever criticize those who did not pray the compulsory Muslim prayers. To the contrary he believed in practicing himself what he advocated and was always busy in his welfare activities. He believed in compassion, self-restraint and healthy exchange of views and lead people by example, not through force.

I always saw him showing respect, love and open-mindedness to non-Muslims and foreigners. He is very firm in his belief that Muhammad, may the blessings and peace be on him (PBUH), is the last messenger of God, and Quran is the last message of God, revealed to mankind through Muhammad, PBUH. He believed that Muhammad, PBUH, completed the mission of Jesus, peace be upon him, and Mosca, peace be upon him, and that Quran actually completed and interpreted clearly and comprehensively the message of Jesus, peace be upon him, and Mosca, peace be upon him which actually is the prescribed way of life for us.

Like Pakistan he was interested in Afghanistan too, where he saw poverty and destruction due to war. He helped the devastated Aghans through his charitable projects and took deep interest in the experiment of Islamic governance in Afghanistan. Like all of us, he also believed that Taliban had no experience of governance and that their interpretation on certain issues was too rigid and opinionated. However, he was much impressed by Taliban's simple way of life and firmness in their belief; he was never opinionated and never expressed extremist ideas.

One of the reasons of our close association was that we both were more inclined towards Sufism in contrast to Taliban's rigid and extremist approach. We both liked the Sufi's approach more who despised the sin and not the sinner. Who hate the wrong rather than the wrongdoer. We used to visit one of the noted Sufis of Pakistan, Professor Ahmed Rafique Akhtar. He was one of the many people whom I introduced to Professor Ahmed Rafique Akhtar who has a following of thousands of followers from the western countries who revere him and take guidance from him.

Mr. Paracha never thought of the American society as an ideal society but at the same time I never saw him rejecting or despising it. To the contrary he mingled with Americans quite comfortably and never had any mental reservations in doing so. Apart from the rare extremist, all good Muslims are like that. He, who sticks to his belief, and respects the belief of others.

He experienced and learnt a lot during his youthful days in the United States. Like many educated Muslims, he wanted to see the development and institution of the various organs of governance in Pakistan. He wanted Pakistan to have an autonomous judiciary, a pluralistic society where people agree to disagree, and the strengthening of democratic institutions, as he saw them being so successfully experimented and implemented in the US and other West European countries. I always felt that he wished Pakistan to have an

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Islamic Social setup established on democratic foundations, where the media, press and the Judiciary is completely free and where people rise above prejudices and live as per their likes and preferences.

I find myself totally unable to accept the fact that he is being labeled as an accomplice of a terrorist. It's a serious misunderstanding, a grave mistake and only those who are extremist and very opinionated themselves can commit such a mistake in their assessment of Mr. Paracha's personality, these are the people who think of every Muslim, who prays five times and has a beard, as a terrorist. Wars bring with them a flood of misunderstandings and unfounded apprehensions and it is a fact that the greatest victim in a war is truth. I know for sure that Mr. Paracha has been a victim of a serious misunderstanding and if any court of law ever investigates his case impartially it will definitely find him as one possessing a noble character for whom Jesus, peace be on him, said that such people make this world a wonderfully interesting place, people who are the essence of life.

One of the basic instincts of mankind, which man has yet not been able suppress, is the urge to dominate. This instinct can be found on an individual, Societal or national level. A Society or nation may become afflicted with this negative instinct and the degree of this affliction is at times directly proportional with the supremacy of its power on others. This urge to dominate others, has been the reason that this world of ours has, unfortunately, always had a Nation with hegemonistic aspirations. At one time it was Great Britain, then the Soviet Union and now it's the United States of America. We understand that the New World Order started by senior Bush is actually a manifestation of the same urge to dominate others, which has resulted in the ugly reaction in many Muslim countries. We see Muslims being so mercilessly massacred in Chechnya, Palestine, Kashmir, Iraq and Afghanistan. In Iraq and Afghanistan there is a direct involvement of US in the injustices being perpetrated, whereas in Palestine it supports the aggression of Israel. We see that the US very conveniently ignores the injustices being done to the people of Kashmir and Chechnya. This is our point of view and the way we see things, we agree that the US government has a right to have their own interpretation of the situation, however, this difference of opinion should appeal to human logic, US should not stick to its interpretation on the basis of brute force at its disposal. When, on the behest of US administration, people like Mr. Paracha are kidnapped and taken to Guantanamo Bay, and in doing so, all legal formalities are ignored, what reaction US should expect in return. If Mr. Paracha has committed any crime then it should be very easy to convict him through a court of law. Is it proper to suspect a person of a crime and then kidnap him and condemn him to a deserted island of Guantanamo Bay, without any legal proceedings? Any court of law will agree that no justice can prevail through tyranny and force. When justice and fair play is compromised and suppression of the weak becomes a norm on the basis of power, it manifests itself in the form of unwelcome reactions that we so commonly see nowadays.

As a journalist, I have spent more than 20 years of my life looking at the various dimensions of the Afghanistan issue. Although I am not a jurist myself, however, if the

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court permits, I will be glad to put before the court, very clearly and elaborately, how I see the Afghan situation provided justice is intended, and I believe that it is.

Sir, I have no doubt in the fact and want to state this with full vehemence that only justice and fair play can guarantee peace and bring tranquility in this world. Nations that have differing standards for dealing with the 'powerfuls' and the 'weak' are eventually themselves destroyed.

"Why do they hate us?" is a very common question that many Americans ask these days. Sir, this is because the present American Administration has miserably failed in equitably dealing with the oppressed and suppressed nations. In some cases it has perpetrated the worst of crimes against the best among us and Mr. Paracha is one of those best human beings who I have been able to interact with, in my life spanning more than half a century. After committing such a crime, how can the American Administration expect any good from the Almighty who sees everything and is omnipotent. He is the one Almighty who brings to naught the forces of power and tyranny. The Almighty in his The Last Testament, Quran, which certifies the Old and the New Testaments, says that His wrath falls on a nation when it starts feeling too high of itself.

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