Summarized Administrative Review Board Detainee Statement

The Presiding Officer read the Hearing Instructions to the Detainee and confirmed that he understood and had no questions.

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

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

The Designated Military Officer presented Exhibit DMO-1, the Unclassified Summary of Information to the Administrative Review Board.

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

The Designated Military Officer confirmed that he had no additional unclassified information to present and requested a closed session to present classified information relevant to the disposition of the Detainee.

The Presiding Officer opened the Administrative Review Board for the Detainee to present information with the assistance of the Assisting Military Officer.

Presiding Officer: At this point in the hearing the Detainee may present information to the Administrative Review Board. Assisting Military Officer, does the Detainee want to present any information to this Administrative Review Board including written statements, oral statements or witness statements prepared on his behalf?

Assisting Military Officer: Yes, sir. The Detainee has elected to present an oral statement to the board.

Presiding Officer: (To the Detainee) Do you want to make your statement under oath? An oath is a promise to tell the truth. We have prepared a Muslim oath if you wish to use it. We do not require an oath.

Detainee: I do not have a problem [taking the oath].

The Detainee takes the Muslim oath.

Presiding Officer: (To the Detainee) You may begin.

Detainee: Regarding number one, the time period that I spend [in Afghanistan] was not from June to December. It was from ...and I don't know exactly the dates in English but as

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I have asked...it appears to be from August to December. Meaning [that] the period of time was three months not six months as it is written in the paper. And I [had] clarified this in the first hearing. Number two, yes, it is true, I traveled to Afghanistan with my own personal funds. That point is true. I didn't need any help and I didn't turn to anyone for help. Number three, my travel to Pakistan after Afghanistan was [to] turn myself in and return to my country. And that proves that I did not want any problems. Number four, correct; this was my path of travel. B.1. Correct; I was trained by the Saudi Arabian General Security service and I did not need training. And that proves that the second point is not correct. The previous point indicates that. C.1. I was in one of the interrogations and he informed me about this point. And he brought with him a list of these names and telephone numbers. He showed me my name and my telephone number and it was not my name and not even my telephone number. I also clarified this in the first hearing. The second point I also clarified...that it was not my name and not my telephone number. Number three, if my uncle really did cause problems in Saudi Arabia, this is something that I do not see as right and this is something wrong and I wish that the Saudi Arabian government would arrest him and give him what he deserves. Number four, it's true, I was in a house in Kandahar for a short period of time. I don't know the name of the house. And as I indicated in point B.1, I did not need training. The 'intent'...this doesn't have a number, D...it's true but it was humanitarian help only. In 'other information', E...

Presiding Officer: On the intent you are saying that it was humanitarian...he helped for the Taliban?

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: Thank you

Detainee: Yes it was services, for example, humanitarian...like any humanitarian help. The intent was not to go and kill. I do not wish to be reckless...to go and have myself get killed. Good. E...what number is the last one?

Presiding Officer: E is 'other relevant data'...the next number is four.

Detainee: I am coming to it...E, but the problem here is 4.C...how is this? I clarified this to the Assisting Military Officer.

Assisting Military Officer: Oh the watch?

Detainee: Four.

Assisting Military Officer: We'll get to it when we get to that [number].

Detainee: OK, E, I bought the watch a long time before I left for Afghanistan. And it is cheap and practical. And I see many, many, many people with this watch. And the AMO can disclose to you what he disclosed to me later on. He told me during the interview that I had a point. Number 4.A., it's true I did say this that I would make up for the

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disappointment and that is correct...and help my brothers and sisters...and get married...and get a good job with the government or some other kind of job. And these are my [goals] for the future and that is what I am looking at. And that is what I wish to do. B, it is true I did say this about my point of view about the Americans. As in every place...and I have friends who are Americans...soldiers, guards that we have here...a lot of them really. Almost all of the ones that work with me in the camp. And I wish to have friends that are Americans. I don't have any problems. I think that is almost all...no there is still the last one. Yes, it is true C., [long] before I left for Afghanistan I bought the watch. That is it. This answers other relevant data. That is what I have. The following primary factors that favor release or transfer...I am willing to sign or affirm on anything that you want so that you could know that I do not pose any threat or anything. That is what I have.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Presiding Officer: (To the Detainee) Does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: Yes,

Presiding Officer: AMO, please provide the information from EC-Bravo that the Detainee had provided to you.

Assisting Military Officer: 3.a.1, the Detainee said that he was in [Afghanistan] for four months between June and December of 2001. Regarding 3.c.3, Detainee asked, "Which uncle?" [During the interview] the linguist explained to me that Arabic has two words that translate to 'uncle.' One is mother's brother and the other is father's brother. The wrong word was used in the Arabic version of the summary. On 4.c, Detainee said that he bought [the] watch years before he left for Afghanistan. [The unclassified] summary said he bought the watch "years before he left Afghanistan."

Presiding Officer: [For] clarification, they left out the word 'for.' He (the AMO) is including it and we understand what it is you want us to be able to understand...that you bought it before you left for Afghanistan.

Assisting Military Officer: Detainee cannot recall the name of the store in Saudi Arabia where he bought the watch.

Detainee: Because its [from] years before but I know that it is from the same city that I live in...because [they] are plentiful in every place. I have a slight addition...you can investigate, I'm sure, that the soldiers, the guards have papers regarding my behavior...whether I was cooperative and I don't have any problem with any soldier as the AMO told me, I have a score of one in terms of cooperation and this is what proves that I don't have any problems (the Detainee grabs his white scrub top). And you can also ask the soldiers about me...so that is what I wish to clarify so that it would be more helpful.

Presiding Officer: OK, anything else?

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Detainee: Until now, no, nothing else.

Presiding Officer: Did the Assisting Military Officers' statement provide the information

that you wanted us to hear?

Detainee: When?

Presiding Officer: Well, after reading that and what you had, is everything provided to us

that you wanted us to be able to hear?

Detainee: Yes, yes.

Presiding Officer: Did you want to present that (the paper the Detainee read from) or is

that just for your notes?

Detainee: No, this was so that I could remember what I wanted to say.

Presiding Officer: That's fine.

Detainee: Thank you.

Presiding Officer: Just so I have it correct (reading from the Enemy Combatant Election Form 3.a.1)...the Detainee stated he was in Afghanistan for four months in between...it says here June and December but I think you said August to December.

Detainee: Yes, four months approximately (in Afghanistan).

Presiding Officer: Assigned Military Officer, do you have any questions for the Detainee?

Assigned Military Officer: If I could ask one question. What kind of job would you have if you were released?

Detainee: First, I will go back to the job I was doing before. I wish to return to my old [job] and if I didn't have the chance then I will look for any other job. That is what I will do. I will not sit and not work.

Assisting Military Officer: I do not have any more questions.

Presiding Officer: Designated Military Officer, do you have any questions for the Detainee?

Designated Military Officer: Yes, sir. I have one question. I need some clarification on statement 3.A.1. It states "Detainee stated he traveled to Afghanistan for Jihad." Is this true?

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Detainee: Jihad includes many different meanings and that is what is in Islam...there is the fighting...there is helping your parents...helping yourself...personal Jihad...Jihad as in helping other people. That is it.

Designated Military Officer: And you were doing Jihad to help other people?

Detainee: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: Ok, that is all I have.

Presiding Officer: Do any Administrative Review Board members have any questions for the Detainee?

Board Members: Yes, sir.

Ouestions for the Detainee:

Board Member: With statement 3.A.1, it goes on to say, after Jihad that you fought with the Taliban.

Detainee: That is not correct and that is what I wrote over here (referring to the notes he brought with him) that I did not fight with the Taliban.

Board Member: I understand. Here it says that you fought with the Taliban. That isn't true?

Detainee: Yes. That is true, what I wrote is true.

Board Member: Did you ever have a weapon in your hand when you were in Afghanistan?

Detainee: Yes.

Board Member: When?

Detainee: In Kabul for a period of approximately four days.

Board Member: Did you have ammunition for that weapon?

Detainee: [It was a] complete weapon with a magazine and everything.

Board Member: Could you tell us some of the detail surrounding your capture on the border?

Detainee: I was going to Pakistan to turn myself over to the embassy or any place through which I could go to my country, like the Pakistani government or something like that. So

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the day I got to Pakistan, I met some people from the Pakistani government. They captured me. I told them I wished to go to Saudi Arabia. They took me to a prison in Pakistan and I told them I wish[ed] to go to Saudi Arabia in the prison. So one night they took me to Kandahar.

Board Member: Were you alone?

Detainee: No I [was with] a big group. I met them on the border. There were four of them with me but on the border, when they captured me...the Pakistanis...they had also captured a big group of people at this time.

Board Member: Were they Pakistani police or Army? Could you tell?

Detainee: No, I don't know if it was police or what.

Board Member: Do you have any other family members that are members of al Qaida?

Detainee: You told me my uncle was.

Board Member: Any others, besides your uncle?

Detainee: My mother's brothers' son...he went to Afghanistan and I stayed with his mother. My intent was also to bring him from Afghanistan back to Saudi Arabia. And I didn't find him.

Board Member: That is all? Any other al Qaida member in your family?

Detainee: I don't know that they are member of al Qaida.

Board Member: Do you remember how much the Casio watch cost you?

Detainee: Yes, approximately forty-five riyal. That [has been the] price for years. It hasn't changed.

Board Member: OK. What job did you have before?

Detainee: I was a traffic policeman in Saudi Arabia for approximately nine months.

Board Member: You have a good English accent.

Detainee: (Laughing) I know that Americans have a lot compliments. I know your compliments.

Board Member: When was the last time you saw your uncle?

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Detainee: In Saudi Arabia.

Board Member: When?

Detainee: Ramadan. Approximately.

Board Member: What year?

Detainee: 1420, (Islamic calendar) [9 December 1999, Ramadan] approximately.

Board Member: Was that right before you went to Afghanistan?

Detainee: A long time before.

Board Member: Did you have a close relationship with your uncle?

Detainee: No, not close and I talked about this...not close. First of all, I lived far away

from him and really it was rare that I saw him.

Board Member: So your uncle did not have a great influence in your life?

Detainee: No, not at all.

Board Member: I know you were trained as a police officer. Do you have any other skills

...any other training?

Detainee: No, not at all. I have athletic skills.

Board Member: I know you have already been asked what you want to do when you go back to Saudi Arabia... I am interested in the skills that you have to help you find a job.

What type of job do you want to do using the skills that you already have?

Detainee: My service with the Saudi Arabian General Security Service, that can help me

be a security guard...if I was not accepted to return to my old job.

Presiding Officer: Following up on that, your old job was as a traffic policeman for

approximately nine months?

Detainee: Traffic police, not an officer. There is officer and enlisted. I was not an officer,

soldier, not officer.

Presiding Officer: In the U.S. you have military and you have local policeman. Were you

a policeman or a military [member]?

Detainee: No, I was a traffic policeman.

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Presiding Officer: That's fine. The Sandi Arabian General Security Service, is that the police force you are talking about because I am getting confused or is that a military organization?

Detainee: No, the Saudi Arabian General Security Service is the police. The military is different from that

Presiding Officer: OK...and you have no military training?

Detainee: No, just a policeman from the security service.

Presiding Officer: Can you give a brief description of what types of 'unit tactics' [training you received]?

Detainee: I asked him (the AMO) before "What are unit tactics?"

Assisting Military Officer: I told him it was methods about how we do things.

Detainee: He (the AMO) tactics like for example, how to hold your weapon...how to use your weapon and I told him, yes, things like that?

Presiding Officer: That is not the kind of unit tactics I was thinking about when they used that terminology.

Detainee: I want you to clarify to [me the] mean[ing] what unit tactics are. I don't understand what tactics are. For example, I learned how to ride a motorcycle, is that considered tactics?

Presiding Officer: (Laughing) Not really.

Detainee: (Laughing) I am sorry really.

Presiding Officer: Self defense...how to enter or exit a building to protect yourself or to get somebody out. Those kinds of things.

Detainee: No, no...never those things.

Presiding Officer: You were a traffic cop?

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: Yes, I know what that is. That I understand.

Detainee: (Laughing) The only tactics [I learned were] pull over to the side driver...

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Presiding Officer: (Laughing) Thank you...OK, Detainee was at all Farouq training camp and you said that that was a lie and your previous point indicates that. I am not sure how that indicates anything. Were you or weren't you at all Farouq training camp?

Detainee: No, I was not.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. You said [that] in previous reports you pointed out to the interrogators that it was not your name on their list nor was it your phone number.

Detainee: Yes, that is true. He brought me a paper with a list of names and phone numbers and he pointed and said, "this is your name and this is your phone number" so I said "no." And then the interrogator told me "thank God, thank God that you clarified this point!"

Presiding Officer: Do you remember when that interrogation might have taken place? [Do you recall] the approximate year?

Detainee: I've been here three years...this is very difficult but...lets say a year or more ago.

Presiding Officer: It will make it easier for me if I go back to look for it.

Detainee: I hope that you do return to this particular interrogation and I also clarified this in the first hearing. If you go to the cameras and the recordings you might find it.

Presiding Officer: Are you referring to the Tribunals?

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: OK, thank you. The mother's brothers' son...is that the uncle we are referring to [as] the terrorist?

Detainee: My mother's sisters' son.

Presiding Officer: Is that your uncle that we are referring to as the terrorist?

Detainee: No, no. That is not her husband.

Presiding Officer: And in 3.C. 4, it mentions that you were in a guest house in Kandahar that was used by fighters heading to al Farouq training camp and by Usama bin Laden. Did you meet Usama bin Laden?

Detainee: I wasn't there in the first place. I don't know what this name is. I was in a house in Kandahar but I don't know the name. I didn't see Usama bin Laden or anything.

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Presiding Officer: You mentioned you are going to try and go back to the job you had before.

Detainee: I wish to do so.

Presiding Officer: Did you leave that in good terms that you will be able to go back to it?

Detainee: Yes. I have a question. When am I going to get the results?

Presiding Officer: I will go over that (when the Administrative Review Board instructions

are read).

The Designated Military Officer and the Assigned Military Officer have no other information to present to this Administrative Review Board.

The Presiding Officer reads the post Administrative Review Board instructions to the Detainee and adjourns the open session of the Board.

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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Administrative Review Board Presiding Officer

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