

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 AMO then presented Exhibit EC-B, the Enemy Combatant Election Form to the Administrative Review Board.

Presiding Officer: I note for the record that in the first comments you crossed out the last line, which reads, he never met Osama El Hashimi.

Assisting Military Officer: Yes sir. In the pre-meeting here it came up that he did in fact meet him and we removed it from that Exhibit.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

The Designated Military Officer presented Exhibits DMO-1, the Unclassified Summary of Information and DMO-2, the FBI Redaction Certification 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 ARB.

The Designated Military Officer confirmed that he had no additional unclassified information to present.

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

Presiding Officer: The Detainee may now 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: Sir, the Detainee would like for me to speak on his behalf and reserves the right to make an oral statement depending upon the questioning.

Presiding Officer: Please present what you have at this time.

Assisting Military Officer: Yes sir, it is included in EC-B the detainee requests us to provide a copy of the summary of evidence translated in Arabic, we did so. In response to the connection with Osama El Hashimi he stated that he was merely one of three that worked shifts at a phone booth. The booth attendants collected fees for those that use the long distance connected line.

Regarding the statement that he was issued a Kalishnikov AK-47 with ammunition. The Detainee stated that he was never at Abu Al Ayna. He also stated he did not know of any martyr list.

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In response to the allegation that he had stayed at the Algerian House in Jalalabad and met Abu Jaffar, the Detainee stated he was never in Jalalabad and he has never met Abu Jaffar.

In response to the statement that he stayed at a Taliban safe house, he agreed he was staying at the house but had never met any fighters. He stated he was at the house for less than two weeks.

In response to the accusation that he was traveling with Taliban fighters in a convoy, the Detainee stated there was no other way out of the city.

Regarding the statement that he had received weapons training; the Detainee stated he did not understand what was happening around him. He stated that someone had fooled him into service.

The Detainee offered a story how a Plummer had left a wrench and socket in his cell following work and rather than fighting with the guards he called them over and immediately, to ensure there were no bad feelings.

He closed the meeting with this statement. If released I will go home to my family, I will get married and start a family of my own. If I am released I will never leave outside the borders of my city. I will find a job and contribute to my family. I do not hate the U.S.; I will not be a threat. Release me and you will see. No further statements from the interview sir.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

The Presiding Officer asks the Detainee if he wishes to make a statement.

Detainee: I will never be a threat to the United States, what would I have to say.

If you wish to make a statement, do you want to make it under oath, and if so will you take the Muslim oath. The Detainee declines taking the Muslim oath.

Presiding Officer: Abdullah do you wish to make any further comments other than the one you just did, prior to me asking if you wanted to take an oath.

Detainee: Right now in this room I cannot tell you how he is going to add to my statement if you let me go. But if you let me go, you will find out that I will never be a threat to the United States. The story about the Plummer was that the Plummer left his tools and I gave them back. That is the evidence that I will be good.

Presiding Officer: Abdullah, does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: I don't have anything extra to add.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. Did the Assisting Military Officer provide the information you wanted us to hear?

Detainee: Yes.

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

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Assisting Military Officer: No sir.

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

Designated Military Officer: No sir, I do not.

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

Board Member: Yes sir, I have two questions.

Board Member: Yes sir.

Board Members Questions to the Detainee:

Q. When you stayed in the rest house in Kabul for 4 to 5 months, what did you do during that time?

A. I ate, slept and went for training and came back.

Q. Who tricked you into service?

A. I mentioned his name during the interrogation.

Q. Do you know what his name is?

A. All I know is that his name is Abraham.

Q. Abdullah, do you know the name of the training camp that you trained at outside of Kabul?

A. I wasn't in a training camp; it was just a little house

Q. Did it have a name?

A. It maybe had a name, but I don't know.

Q. Let me follow up on that. You said that for the 4 or 5 months you were in Kabul when you stayed there we asked what you did, you stated you went for training. So where did you go for training?

A. I mentioned that during the interrogation. I know how to get there; I just followed to where I got my training.

Q. How far away from the house that you were staying at was that?

A. I cannot tell. I'm scared to say something and then you prove it not.

Q. Is that where you received training on the Kalishnikov and the PK Machine Gun?

A. Yes.

Q. Abdullah, do you know Abu Musab al Zarqawi?

A. No.

Q. Do you know Abu Zubaydah?

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A. No.

Q. You said when you stayed in the guesthouse that Taliban Safe House in Konduz, you did not meet any fighters. Did you meet any other people in the safe house and if so with whom did you meet?

A. I didn't have any relations with nobody.

Q. Were there other people in the safe house?

A. Approximately yes.

Q. Approximately yes, but you didn't meet any of them?

A. I saw them around but I didn't talk to them.

Q. Approximately how many other people were in the safe house?

A. I don't know.

Q. Can you tell us more about the Jinki Fortress uprising, your story, how you got involved in that.

A. Do you want the whole story?

Q. Just your story.

A. I was inside and there was shooting, I stayed sitting in one place until the problem was over.

Q. Were you injured in any way?

A. Yes.

Q. What injury did you sustain?

A. In my left leg.

Q. You were shot in your left leg?

A. I don't know. Something hit my leg.

Q. Did it require medical attention?

A. Yes, after the problem was over they took me to the hospital. By the Red Cross.

Q. Abdullah you have indicated you don't believe the United States is an enemy to Islam. Is the United States an enemy to you in any way?

A. No it's not.

Q. Do you have any idea of what you plan to do if you are returned to your home country, in terms of employment? What do you plan to do for a job?

A. God knows.

Q. Do you have any training of any kind to help you get a job?

A. No.

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Presiding Officer: I have one question. In your Enemy Combatant Election Form, I want to verify that you did meet Osama El Hashimi?

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. No other questions?

Board Members: No sir.

Presiding Officer: Assistant Military Officer do you have any other information that the Detainee wants to present?

Assisting Military Officer: No sir, I do not.

The Presiding Officer reads the post-Administrative 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.



Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Presiding Officer

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