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**Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 228**

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

*The Designated Military Officer 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 ARB proceedings.*

*The Administrative Review Board members were sworn.*

*The Assisting Military Officer was sworn.*

*The Presiding Officer read the hearing instructions to the Detainee and confirmed that he understood. When asked if he had any questions concerning the Administrative Review Board process, the Detainee indicated he had no questions.*

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

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

*The Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Information, Exhibit DMO-1, and DMO-2 to the Administrative Review Board.*

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

*The Presiding Officer confirmed that a copy had been previously distributed.*

*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.*

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*The Presiding Officer asks the Detainee if he wishes to make a statement and whether he opts to take an oath (a Muslim oath).*

Detainee: Before, I do the oath and I get more charges. I prefer now [that] I don't get the oath.

Presiding Officer: Could you repeat that again please?

Detainee: Before, I did the oath the Islamic oath, and I get more charges now. So I prefer that I don't get the oath now.

Assisting Military Officer: He is referring to the CSRT.

Detainee: Yea, yea. When I go, to [the] CSRT.

Presiding Officer: I understand.

*The Detainee declined taking the (Muslim) oath.*

*The detainee made the following statement:*

Detainee: First thing I want to tell you [is] what happened before [at] the CSRT. We thought it would be a real court [and] that there would be justice. And you will take our talk seriously but after that we discovered it was a fake or [like] a play. That everything [that] come before and they [would] do everything and they write everything that [we] told [them] and any convert and not any convert [but] it was like a play. We all know the Detainees, think that this new Review Board, we believe it's the same thing, believe it is fake or a play or anything. And [that] you decide everything before you listen to us. We all believe that. We all believe that.

I do it for my family and for my children and especial for my daughter; I didn't see her until now, and the most important for my Father and Mother. Because [of] that now I'm here to try to defend myself. Even I believe maybe 100 percent that [it's] real or that I'll go home. I will do my best for my family.

The oath at [the] Tribunal: I come there and I [tried] to defend myself as hard as I could. And there was have three charges only and I defend myself good and clear. Then and [in] this court I get 14 charges. [That's] not double, [that's] double the double. I afraid that now [after] I [have] defended myself I get 150 charges after [this board], I don't know [if] I [have] defend myself or not. I do it for my family

The commitment: I don't know what you mean with the commitment? Is it Islam or what exactly? Is it my beard or my shape or what? When I read it... what [do] you mean exactly? Could you tell me what you mean about commitment?

Presiding Officer: He's asking a question?

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I didn't go to Afghanistan. I go only the [one] time [and] I go to [help] the poor people [the] unprivileged and the kids. I didn't go first two times; they said I go two times, [but its] not true. I only go one time, this time [was] the first [time] in my life.

Connections and Associations: They say I have many connections with al Qaida members. That's not good in the mind because that's something not believe because [you] need evidence. How can I go [for] two months in Afghanistan only and I know the al Qaida members? You didn't catch them, America didn't catch al Qaida member. [If] I was see them, that's not true, not true. I don't know them; I don't know al Qaida. I don't know anyone from the terrorist or any from the organization, normal organization because I am not a politician, I not [a] sheik or someone big [or important] I am only a sports man, [a] player.

About [the] al Wafa organization: This thing is a really stupid thing. Excuse me but I tell you [about this] stupid thing. How can they say I'm [part of] al Wafa and all al Wafa, they are here and the many [are in] jails with me. Here. I saw them and they didn't tell me, I didn't tell them about al Wafa only after I came [to] Cuba, only [here] in Cuba. Not in Afghanistan, not in Kandahar, [only here] in Cuba. Then they say I'm al Wafa, where is the evidence? Who tell that? I challenge anyone that they [can] prove that I'm [an] al Wafa member or anyone of al Wafa [to say that]. They say I'm al Wafa. [You] ask them? Here you have them, take your time, I'm not going anywhere [you] ask them or it's more charges you give me or give that person and you must give the proof of that.

They say my friend, [of my] associates encourage me to go to Afghanistan two times. I didn't go to Afghanistan [two times] only one time. That's not true, that's a lie and if you say that there is someone [who] encouraged me or tell me that I [should] go to Afghanistan to fight and leave my children and leave my car and leave my home and leave my job and leave my wonderful life and say go. I'm children, I'm child, I'm not a child, I'm adult man. I'm thirty; I'm thirty years old, now twenty-three... thirty-two years old. I'm bigger than anyone [who could] carry me or tell me [to] go like the simple and I go. [I] Live my life. Anyone [who] tell about this and I tell you like before, I didn't have [an] arrangement to go to Afghanistan at all. But when I see what happened to the poor guys and the poor people and my emotions take me. I go there because the organizations say, "we don't go there it's a war place." I say "there is no war, but I will go there and give [the] money and come back", simple and easy. After that I didn't tell anyone, I didn't tell this guy [or] this guy I want to go [to] Afghanistan. No, no I say I'll go [and] I go. I'm tough guy I know what I do. No one tell me anything or encourage me to go to fight or to [help the] refugees. I want to go to [help] the poor guys.

They say that the associate is a leader of [the] Majahiden, Tabligh, in Kuwait and these make money for bin Laden. This legal advisor and friend of bin Laden, this guy is now bigger than bin Laden. Why [do] you search about [for] bin Laden? You have one bigger than bin Laden. The problem... and who is this guy? You know who is this guy. I want to know who, who is....

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Presiding Officer: I don't know personally.

Detainee: Could you give me a name or something... to know who encouraged me and to defend myself to say that's a liar... like to clarify the situation.

Presiding Officer: That information is classified.

Detainee: How can I defend myself [if] I don't know who this guy [is]. My shadow to defend myself, I don't have anything. I must know him... I must defend myself. And who [is] this guy he [must] have rank more than bin Laden. But [this] unknown guy and you charged me that [this] unknown guy, he encouraged me to go to Afghanistan [and] to go to fight and I don't know this guy. How [can] I protect myself. I don't know where they came from... from where they bring this talking. I don't know it's not true, I tell you it's not true.

They say the charge "Intent": They say that I traveled to Afghanistan the second time. I go only one time, this time, there is no second time. After 11 September and the one [that] encouraged me to go to fight. I go to fight to Afghanistan. And I know that all world will after that long time when I thought that they would hit Afghanistan like Kuwait after 7 month, 8 month, 1 year and they didn't. But they say I go to fight. Who am I to fight all the world, who. [To go] from volleyball player to the Rambo, or Superman it [is] not go in the mind, it's unbelievable. From volleyball player to a fighter, I must be a... [Have] seen Rambo movie too much. And [as] for [my] stay in Kandahar I heard... that they say I heard bin Laden speech. What [is] that meaning. [Is] that meaning I saw him or I heard him only? I don't understand from this [statement]. Look for "intent", I ask you, what [does] that mean exactly?

Presiding Officer: You reading that from "Intent"?

Assisting Military Officer: He wants to know about d. [reference to para d. in the Unclassified Summary]. Was he accused of seeing him or just hearing a speech given by him on some media link or was it an actual sighting or just accused of hearing a speech?

Presiding Officer: As you have seen, where it says you stayed in a place where bin Laden was speaking and you heard his speech. The same thing you understand is the same thing I understand here.

Detainee: I don't understand! I'm not understand that mean. [Does] that mean I saw him or only heard him speak or something... I didn't understand.

Presiding Officer: The report said that you were at the place where he was speaking.

Detainee: He was there?

Presiding Officer: That's what I understand.

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Detainee: First thing. How can I [have] saw bin Laden after 11 September? And he twenty, twenty-five million dollars he is [like] a moving bank. How can he let anyone go to see him that [is] unbelievable, trust me. Second. A person like me saw bin Laden or heard bin Laden, [it would be] easier for you Americans to saw him and catch him. How can I see him and... America the biggest country in the world... [I] Didn't see him... that [is] not true, that [is] only a fake. Like I tell you, only if I was like McGuyver. You know McGuyver?

Assisting Military Officer: He's talking about the T.V. show.

Detainee: Yea, McGuyver or James Bond. That's not true, it's all [a] lie and not true. I didn't go to any home in Afghanistan and there is any of... I didn't see any of Arab in Afghanistan. [I] Only see Afghanis and I didn't see any like Arabic and I didn't see Usama bin Laden or any from al Qaida unless I have that Genie Lamp, only in that.

Assisting Military Officer: You may want to explain the significance of the Genie Lamp to the Board.

Detainee: You understand Genie Lamp? I make this *(makes rubbing motion)* and the Genie [goes] up and [asks] me where [would] you [like to] go? I say "bin Laden", exactly like this. Unbelievable. About the Casio watch...

*Linguist indicates that the Detainee will be talking about e., Other Relevant Data [from Unclassified Summary].*

They captured me with [a] Casio watch, for [an] explosive or something. They say that, not me. And there is many of [the] Detainees [and] they have different watches from Casio. I think... don't blame me if I wear it, don't blame me. Blame Casio watch or [the] Casio Company who makes this kind of watch. Or blame the government, they allowed the sell [of] this watch and [its] in [the] markets. All over the world, it's [a] normal watch it's [a] good watch. Strange [that] you blame me that I have this watch [and] you make me Enemy Combatant from this watch. And this same watch that four Chaplains [that] were here and they have the same watch. Chaplain. You make only me [an] Enemy Combatant. You leave them alone without any charges because they was, were wearing this watch. It's okay for them to wear [it, but] not okay for me wear it, they have the right and I don't have the right [to wear the watch]. The watch is in the market everywhere, everywhere. Go to my country and [you will see] Casio anywhere, anywhere you [go and you] will see the same watch. And after that they say I wear it because I'm al Qaida and I want to make explosives. That's not true. If I really want to make explosives [with] this watch I would throw it away before you capture me. That's reasonable or what [do] you think.

Presiding Officer: Let me explain so you understand something here. During the CSRT you were considered to be an Enemy Combatant. Our job here is to ascertain if you will continue to be an Enemy Combatant and to make a determination if you should be

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released or continue to be detained. So you're asking us a lot of questions that determination was already made. Our job is to see your status as of this time. Do you understand?

Detainee: I ask [because] I want [to] defend myself. You understand? I want [to] defend myself. [Should] I continue or what?

Presiding Officer: Please continue. I want to hear from you.

Assisting Military Officer: The thing on 2... the aliases on a captured hard drive from al Qaida member.

Detainee: 2 and 3 and 4 and 5 and 6; 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are [the] numbers. You know now I am more famous than bin Laden. Everyone have my name and picture and everything and even country! They say [I have] the nickname I don't know. Could you tell what the nickname is?

*Linguist indicates that the Detainee is referring to his aliases.*

Detainee: They say I [have a] nickname, I don't know until now what my nickname. Don't have it?

Presiding Officer: That is all classified information.

Detainee: My nickname and I don't know what the nickname [is]. I didn't see the picture they didn't show me, the interrogator [didn't show me] the picture. [is] that my picture [is] that not my picture. That's my nickname, and that's not my nickname. That's my name, and that's not my name. I cannot defend myself without this thing. It's unbelievable. What my name and what my picture, do they going to do with it? Ask them why they took my picture and my name, don't ask me; ask them, they have it. You must tell them why [do] you have it. Especially now I'm famous [more than] before [on] the National Team, now [I'm] more famous [as] that Volleyball Player Terrorist, Terrorist Volleyball Player. More famous now and it's easy to get my picture [and] my name they [could] gave me any nickname - easy, too much. Because I'm [in] Cuba, all over the world they think I'm a terrorist. I will make, I will make, I'll make... movie don't make this... Hollywood doesn't make this [kind of] movie. Like I tell you I cannot defend myself in this because I don't have the nickname, I don't have the name, I don't have the picture to see if it's my picture or not. So we'll leave it. Now we come to the point. The real point, I make with my Assisting Military Officer; we make good conversation me and my lawyer.

Assisting Military Officer: I told him that I wasn't his lawyer.

Detainee: He told me there is no lawyer, but I call him my lawyer, American lawyer. Of course you have everything about me in Cuba, and before Cuba in my country. You have in my file, everything about me. I'm [a] person that doesn't like any [kind of] trouble.

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[I] Don't like any problems with anyone or any kind [of] mess. If I see any problem or something I will go away from this problem. You know here (Cuba), I don't make any [kind of] problem; I never make any problem with anyone, any detainees or any MP's. I don't like this; I always stay away from the problem. I try to help anyone who needs help, from translating or anything from calling medical for my brother detainees. And like they love me and respect me and I love them and respect them and I have wonderful relationship with them. I don't have any problem with the MPs since I came here and they respect me. You have my file, if I see anything wrong or something (*gives example*) like I find a spoon or something, that [is] not legal here because they have rules. If I found any spoon or something I give [it] to them, anything sharp or something I give this thing [to them]. I don't like to break the rules I only want to leave, [to get] away from trouble. And this not only [in] Cuba or Kandabar, [or] even my country, when I was young boy in the school I like to be [a] good student [in] behavior you know. I like my teachers and I don't [like to] have any problems. I don't like [to] break the rules anywhere, even for cars. Traffic law or any laws in my country, I don't like to break it.

Detainee: Can I have some water?

Assisting Military Officer: He'd like to see if he could get a cup of water?

Presiding Officer: Sure we can get him some. We will take a short break.

*Short break is taken.*

Detainee: About making dangerous on America or Allies. Tell [me] how can I make any threaten [against] America or any country, that's weird. When I heard this, I laugh. Who am I to have a dangerous in [to be a danger to] America or anyone? You make me Tarzan. You know Tarzan? I am only a man who wants to live his life only. How can I... I'm only a man that wants to live my life and want to stay with my children and my family. I am only a player of volleyball; National Team; Kuwaiti Player. You say that I will be dangerous on America. Who am I to be dangerous on countries or biggest country in the world? That really unbelievable, I am only like I tell you, I am [a] sports man, not a sheik or politician or a thinking man. I'm a normal man; I want only [to] live my life. Don't look to me that I'm a giant or a... I'm a normal man. Don't make me bigger than what I am. I'm [a] normal human being, I no danger on a ship, make me danger on a human being? That real unbelievable, I am normal man like I tell you. I'm a sports man, I have wonderful life [and a] beautiful life. I want to live it. I have 4 children, beautiful children. The oldest one when I leave from Kuwait was 3 ½ years old. I love my children and I care about them and I think about them day and night. Especially my daughter, I didn't see her until now. That's enough to make her suffer for the biggest [and] worst criminal in the world. That really suffer that only this time this point. I want my children, I want [to] play with them, I want to hug them, [and] I want to raise them [and] I want to go back to them. I want to stay with my family and keep away from all the people, I don't want [any] trouble I don't want anything.

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But I have the best family in the world they are waiting for me. The most important thing I have [is] my Father and Mother. You don't know how much I love them and how much they love me. You know I care about them and they care about me. Now they need me more than before, I was [the] only [one] who served them and do what they want. I want to go back to serve them and too care about them. I want to get them on my head I want to carry them. I want to make them rest, they need me and I need them, we all need each other. I want to go and see what they need; they are old, too much old. My Father I think [is] in [his] eighties or nineties, he is very old and they need me really need me. They suffer, suffer about me and because they suffer about me I suffer too much about them especially when the letters [come]. When I see them and the TV I know [what] they face [and] they suffer [and] I really feel suffer about them. And this point another suffer for a human being, big suffer. You don't understand the feeling [that] we are here living, because you stay in your home [and] you have your children [and] you have your family. We feel what happened we feel the suffering. So big suffer to me away from [my] family and [my] children, big suffer. Much like if you stay in [a] prison near [your] home and they visit you. We stay 6 months until that, 2 months, 3 months or 6 months maybe or many times longer time, time to reach an end from the family. But another suffer.

About my sister's children: I am now before I got captured I was their Father, because they're Father is separated from them [and] they are living with me. I care about them; I go to many things [for them]. Like [I] do what they need and like I am now a Father for them. They [are] waiting for me to help them and the study and the raising and everything. Now they are from 10 to 14 years old. Now they need more, they need me more because they are being bigger and they [now becoming] adults. They need me to learn them and to stay with them. You know that [this is a] dangerous part of their life for them. There must be one [to] stay with them, a man, and they need me, they need me to stay with them.

You know I have [a] wonderful life. I have my brothers and we love each other and we stay with each other [during] happiness and sadness. We standing [by] each other and we care about each other. I don't think that [this happens] in the other families, I have wonderful family. My aunts and uncles we care about each other we love each other we help each other and have wonderful life, a wonderful life.

About my job: I have a wonderful job, I have my salary [which is] big enough for me and enough for my family, all [of] my family. Beautiful job, on the job we all love each other, care about each other on the job. Understand each other, I don't have any problems [with] my friend in the job. Even my neighbors and my friends, if you ask them they will tell you, how we care about each other. They respect me, I respect them, [and] I don't have any problem. Any problem, I will go away from it.

Even about the National Team, my team and the National Team. I am famous. I have my fans. I have my people, I have my supervisors [and] my friend the players and the team, the National Team. The same, we love each other, we care about each other and we understand each other. I don't have any problem with anyone, if you go and ask

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them. I like to serve my country through the play I like to raise my country name (it's an expression "to raise your country name" is to bring pride to your country). We bring championship [from] outside my country and inside my country. I like to serve my country. My pictures in the newspapers and the TV and my name everywhere you know. That mean I have a wonderful life, who have life like this only [a] few people. How can I destroy it? I have a beautiful house a beautiful car and everything I want, I get it. How after this life [can] I leave it like this and go to die or to fight or to anything. I tell you before it's only my emotion and I try to go out, and my emotion take me to the poor guys. Before what happened everywhere the war I wasn't see anything because I was only player. I don't care about the, I don't care about the politics I don't care about anything only to play and to make it.

Then 11 September, it been the biggest media, something [that] make you look [at] what happen. That take me... I heard that 8 million refugees and poor people they cannot go out from Iran and they cannot go inside from the war. That emotion takes me. How I can live this life and go to terrorists or make any danger about anyone. I cannot see anyone no matter who that person is. If I see him get pain, I get pain. Even one [who] insult me or something and he get pain, I get pain about it. I don't like [to see a] human being suffer. How I can destroy this man life or his family life or destroy his home or destroy everything. How can I destroy human beings they raised themselves and they suffer for the life to be in a good life. Then I can come like this and destroy everything. I don't agree with that. I don't like that. I don't like to [hurt] innocent people or anyone [to] die or [to] suffer or anything or destroy any place or home anything. How I can come and make a fear to anyone like he's in his business, I'm in my business [and] I come and attack him or something. That is really criminal and I don't like it, I don't agree with it and I don't like who carry it or support it or anything. What happen to innocent people in American or outside America or anywhere in the world I don't like this. We are human beings we [are] here to live a life we not here to destroy a life or anything.

Like I tell you I have a marvelous life. You know if anyone makes a bad thing God will punish him and [in] this life before the afterlife. If I do anything bad God will punish me. How can I destroy my life, he will punish if not now [then] after. How can I destroy my life? How can I destroy my children, my family, [and] my beautiful life. I don't agree. I don't like [to] destroy my life, I [don't] like to destroy anyone life. It doesn't matter American people or European people or Arab people or Asia or anyone in the world. I don't like, I don't agree. I hate the terrorist thing. Like I tell you I don't like to be a terrorist or something I only want to live my life, only that. And live with my family and leave all the people alone and stay with my family and I don't want God to punish me. If you think I go outside and make problem to anyone or something that not my type, I'm fear of God too much, make a bad thing, bring you bad thing. Good thing, bring you good thing. If you hurt people God will send people [to] hurt you. If you be a criminal and punish people or something or hate any people, God will bring people and do the same with you, that [is] what I believe.

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And about if they release me: Like I tell you I have a beautiful life, I want to live with my family away from anyone. I will stay alone and I want to rest, have a big rest. After that I want to find a job to live. If I lose my old job I want [to] find another job. And if I don't lose it, it will be good. I want to live my normal life. I want to [have a] normal life, I don't want to get to any organization to any terrorist people, not terrorist, to any criminal people not criminal I don't, I want to live my life only, only that. I want to go [back to] another time, back to my team [the] National Team, play again and bring championships. I like to serve my country, Kuwait. Try to make the name high through the championships. I want to go like I tell you [to] play with my children, see my children. Go to my family and see my family and my Father and Mother before they die. I [would] like to see them before they die [because] they both [are] old, too much old.

About the information they say about, I don't have any information more, now it [has been] four year, four years of interrogations. I think they take all what I have [in] my mind. They take it all. I don't have any more information to give. Even [after] four years, if a donkey with us here [even] he will talk after four years. Long time, long time to interrogate even you don't have anything it will go from your mind. Long time and they have everything and I don't have any information more to give. Four years not something easy, that what I have, that everything I have.

And about [the] US or American people: Why you think that we all hate Americans. What happen I don't have anything about this? I don't have any connection [I don't know] anything about what happen 11 September, after or before I don't have anything with it. We are human beings and I see the Americans here, the soldier American. They are normal human beings. They're [are] some of them bad, some of them good normal human beings. Not people come from Mars or aliens or something. We are human beings; we do not hate here in Cuba, we are in this life here to live. This must be love and care you know. The problem [is] that you all think we want to kill and want to do it. That's not true, that's not true. We are not [here] to destroy life; especially you Americans think that [and] for me that's not true. I don't have anything against you [and] you don't have anything against me. What happen [is] what happen we leave [it in] the past away. What happened, I don't have anything inside, I am here [for] four years without anything. What happen it's gone, now another life. We are here men of today; we want to make life; we want to continue life. I tell you, we want to make a life a good life. That technology anything else, cars, computers, we don't want to get to the past. We want to continue and make more beautiful life, better and better and better, and with the children to a good life. But I know that you don't believe me; you don't believe me that I don't have anything against Americans or anything else. You think I am a big terrorist, I tell you that [is] not true [and] I'm [a] normal human being. All my life [I'm a] sports guy, not a terrorist guy, all my life [I'm a] person who love [and] care about the human beings. You find it, you ask in Kuwait or anywhere in the world [where] I traveled [with] the National Team you ask the people about me. You [will] find [out] who I am.

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Like I tell you from beginning I do this only for my family and my Father and Mother especially and the daughter I didn't see her until now. Really I want to go back to my family. Even I don't believe that this fake or not, I don't know [if] this Tribunal, this Board fake or not. But like I tell you, I do my best. But I'm afraid that after we finish this Board you'll bring me a thousand and eight hundred charges. That you bring more and more and more. I tell you I'm not dangerous. I'm not criminal. I didn't fight American, [I] didn't fight anyone person in the world. I didn't carry a gun. I didn't support any of bad or terrorist organization. I didn't encourage, applaud, I didn't anything. I don't agree about the terrorist thing. I don't agree about any criminal thing. That what I have.

Presiding Officer: Does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: Yes.

***The AMO had the following questions:***

Assisting Military Officer: I would like to know if he could detail where he went in Afghanistan. What cities he went to, to clarify that question.

Detainee: They say I went to Kandahar. That's not true. I go like I tell you from Herat from Herat I go to Jalalabad. I didn't go to any home or something I didn't go to anywhere. I didn't go to Kandahar that's a lie.

Assisting Military Officer: I have no further questions.

***The DMO had no further questions for the Detainee.***

***Administrative Review Board Member's questions:***

Board Member: Yes sir I do. The first question: All the time you spent between Herat and Jalalabad where did you stay if it wasn't in houses. Where there hotels or did you have acquaintances there that you would stay with?

Detainee: No, No. Move car. I'm not have my dissident to waste the driver. I rent driver like a moving... and he stay in restaurant or stay in place to sleep that his decide. I only from Herat go to Jalalabad travel, only travel. Not stay or hearing anything.

Board Member: During the time you that you were in Afghanistan where did you typically sleep at night?

Detainee: When I go, the person with me I [would] stay in his home. Afghani person, I stay in his home. When we went to Jalalabad I stay in another person's home. Home, home, Afghanis home only see Afghani I didn't see an Arab.

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Board Member: Was it people that you already knew or was it people you just happened upon?

Detainee: No, no, no. First time I see them in my life.

Board Member: My second question is, when exactly did you travel from Kuwait through Iran to Afghanistan? Do you know an exact date?

Detainee: No I don't know. I cannot remember. I know after what happened 11 September, after maybe 10 days, 9 days, 11, 12, I don't remember.

Board Member: What made you decide to go right after September 11<sup>th</sup>? Was it the events surrounding September 11<sup>th</sup> that motivated you to go?

Detainee: Because I heard about [the] refugees and about the poor people. Eight million, I heard about them in the newspaper and the radio and the TV. They cannot go outside Iran they shut the border for Afghani. And they cannot go back because they think it's going [to be a] war, they between Iraq and the border from Iran, between Iran and Herat. I go to [a] charity organization, I tell them take this hundred Dinar go to the refugees and they say, "We cannot go." [I] Say "why, they dying." They say "no war zone" or something. [I] Say "what war zone." Soon be like Desert Storm; soon be after 6, 7 months or 8 will not be. I heard that America will not hit Afghanistan [unless there] different talks.

Then I stay in my home I feel that I have everything. I feel what if [it was] my children [that] was the poor guys. What if it was my Father and Mother? What if I was there and shaking from the cold and no eating, staying [in a] place like that. Like I say I have marvelous life, everything I have. I say normal; my emotions get me I say I go to the poor people emotions take me. I go to Afghanistan I go from Iran to Afghanistan. That was happen.

Board Member: Did you not know about the refugee situation in Afghanistan until September 11<sup>th</sup> or did you know about it prior to that?

Detainee: Yea, yea, I didn't know about any refugees in Afghanistan. I don't know where the poor people [where at]. I don't know because I give [to] the charity organization. If I want to give... to God [to] forgive me or something I give money to or anything [like] food to [the] charity organization [and] they do their junk. But in this I know where the poor people [are at] and they say no. My emotion get me.

Board Member: Why did you choose to go to Afghanistan as opposed to other poor Muslim countries?

Detainee: Because no one go there to help them. I tell you the charity organization they refused to go there. Many of the charities refused to go there because [of] the war. I say, "There is no war. Don't be afraid, no war. Go and give them comfort." But they say

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"No." Because of that I go first time, I go to the charity organization I tell them this the money. Go to poor people give [to] them. I stay in my home and I stay in my job. The evidence that I want to go back to my country, [is that] I take a vacation because I don't want to lose my job. I don't lose for my job okay; I will go because if you go there to fight that mean you will never come back. I didn't do this I want to come back. I don't want to fight or give any organization, terrorist or not terrorist I only want to give [to the] poor people.

Board Member: How does the injury on your hand affect your ability to play volleyball?

Detainee: I get suffer too much for this. You know it's the only problem I have when I make the block. You know the block? When he hit, I make the block and it hit my hand I will feel dizzy, sometime I throw-up. Then what I do, I put bandage [on] my hand, and try to make it harder, harder. It's not coming normal until now, it's not normal. If its good spike, hard spike I feel really [a lot of] pain, but I be patient that only what I have, because I spike [with] my right hand, this left hand. That only that problem and I really suffer about this.

Board Member: I'm kind of an athlete too and I think your telling the truth.

Detainee: What you play?

Board Member: Karate, Martial Arts.

Detainee: No, no I'm away from martial arts.

Board Member: One of the things that were in the Unclassified Summary it said in 2000 you traveled to Afghanistan and attended a training course at a Libyan training camp. Did you do that? Do you know anything about that?

Detainee: I don't know from where they bring this story.

Board Member: Did you run into any Libyans while you were in Afghanistan?

Detainee: No, no. I didn't go to Afghanistan this year, I go to Pakistan something... my personal issue. I didn't go to Afghanistan. I didn't go there.

Board Member: Okay, you didn't go in 2000, but you went later?

Detainee: Afghanistan I didn't go. I go only one time, this time only.

Board Member: Okay, all right, thank you.

Detainee: Because I tell you, what happened to me [it is] hard [for me] to carry a gun or [if I] see like a bomb, what happened this to me (*shows left hand*) I have many nightmares and it [really] affected me a lot and hurt me a lot?

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Board Member: I understand, thank you.

Presiding Officer: Lets go back a little bit. You said you had \$15,000 dollars in your possession right after September 11<sup>th</sup>. Why so much money in cash?

Detainee: I have sometimes you are human being you see something, if you have like \$20,000 dollars in your pocket or you have \$20,000 dollars. I challenge you if you are really [a] human being not a good human or something. Anyone [may] come to you and they cry [even] if you don't know him [and they] come to you and cry and beg you like this (*makes begging motion*) and you have the ability to give him, you will give him that immediately. Think. God will give me another, especially [when you] do [a] good thing, that [is] what happened to me. It's a big money for me; it's a big money for me. I keep it in my home and I keep some in the bank. This when I feel it, I say I go and I give them. Because I know God give me this money, God give me this life and he can take it away from me like this (*snaps fingers*). What God give me that I don't give the [to] people, why? He can take it away from me. Like now you are Colonel, God can make you a poor, beggar, all of us. He can make [you] like this (*makes begging motion*), anyone, anyone. God give, God take. If you have this belief, and if you give, God will give more. This come, God didn't give me more but Thank God.

Presiding Officer: Did someone come and ask for help?

Detainee: No.

Presiding Officer: Why in US currency?

Detainee: Every time I go, everywhere I go through the National Team, I go to Asia, to Europe, to Arab countries, anywhere we only take US. Because US everywhere in the world so we go. I cannot take Kuwaiti. I don't know if they have Afghani [or] what they take, but I know US go. Because I'm National Team I go all over the world. Even I go to Korea, Thailand, Bulgaria, Hungary, Lebanon, [and] Egypt everywhere, even Iran, everywhere US. So I take only US.

Presiding Officer: Do you normally keep that kind of cash on hand all the time?

Detainee: US or normal?

Linguist: Do you mean the amount sir?

Presiding Officer: Normal. The amount.

Detainee: Like I tell you [in] my country because what happen when Saddam Hussein when he come. Because when he invades Kuwait all the Banks shut down and we don't have anything to live [on]. Now I make for the future. I put some money in the home and some in the bank. If any thief, come [into] my home and steal my money, I have some in the bank. If anything shut down in the bank or Saddam Hussein come or

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something, I have [money in] my home. Before I [got] married, I don't have children [and] I don't care. But now I have a family. I care about them, I must think about them.

Presiding Officer: What was your salary? How much of that \$15,000 that you had how long did it take you to acquire it?

Detainee: My salary [is] about \$3,200, \$300, I don't know exactly.

Presiding Officer: A month, a week, what?

Detainee: A month, [I made in] a month \$3,000 [and] \$200 dollars like this, without taxes.

Presiding Officer: Doing what specifically?

Detainee: I'm like a supervisor, a supervisor of the water. I see the pipes, I see the engineers making the pipe or something. I see [if] it's good or not. I write it's good or not. That's my job, for all of Kuwait, because we are small country.

Presiding Officer: When you took that money and you left. What about your family? What did they think about you...?

Detainee: Of course, I didn't tell my Father and Mother. Because they know it's dangerous for me but I didn't know that it's not dangerous for me. I'm adult man, I go where I [want] go. I have my money, normal. [If] I want to go to Eskimo, I go, [if] I want to [go] there anywhere, [if] I want go to anywhere I go. If it's not legal I will go. In Kuwait in the passport, they didn't say don't go in this country [or] this country, [or] this country. I have many countries to go, everywhere.

Presiding Officer: When you took that amount of money with you, what did your family survive on?

Detainee: I have other money in the bank.

Presiding Officer: So they know to go to the bank and get it.

Detainee: Yea, I give them my card, they have everything. Because [during the] short time when I go [with] the National Team, 2 month, normal, I give them everything. Short time only I think 5 or 6 days, take 12 maybe 13 days, short time. But the problem I stuck there that the problem only. Or 100 Dinar, 200 Dinar able to fix their life that time, normal, they don't need anything, cause I have everything in my home from food, everything.

Presiding Officer: So other than your Mother and Father, your wife and your children knew you were going?

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Detainee: My children not talking.

Presiding Officer: But your wife knew you were going?

Detainee: Yea, yea, yea... I tell them I would go, normal.

Presiding Officer: What was her reaction?

Detainee: She afraid. So I tell her no, no... not afraid, normal, because I go to and come back.

Presiding Officer: Where you concerned about them, their well being while you were gone?

Detainee: They have everything. Of course I concerned about them but they have everything and I [am] concerned about them, yea, of course. That is not big deal, like big deal, because I try before for 2 month, many times and nothing happen then. They have my brothers; my Father and Mother care about them and the family. She has her brother and Mother and Father, we have family, beautiful family we care about each other we care. Problem in this situation I concerned, too much concerned now because I'm [in] Cuba. Always I think about them.

Presiding Officer: Tell me a little bit more about the Casio watch you talked about before. Is that type of watch the most common where you're from or what? Is that the only type of watch you could get?

Detainee: I was before I take the normal watch, like this (*points to Assisting Military Officers watch*). I like this type of watch, *analog*. I like this analog; I have many of this [type of] watch. When I see one from the people [that] wear the Casio watch, I like it. Where you from get it? From the Casio, okay I go out and buy it, normal. I don't know about it before, but when I see someone from where I visit what to do during the playtime bring like this a good thing I say normal thing. No big deal. In Kuwait, famous, it's famous, anyone to get from this type, from this type, from this type, from this type.

Presiding Officer: Okay, thanks. What do you plan to do in the event you are released from here? What are your plans for the future?

Detainee: Like I tell you, I want first thing to get with my family and see my family and stay with my family. If I get there I will stay with them and care about them and raise them. After that if I get [a] little bit [of a] rest I will find a job. If I have the old job I will continue the job. If I don't have it [and] I lose my job I [will] find another job. To continue my life and I like to go back to my player, to my team, my National Team. Like I tell you to play another time to bring championships like this. I really want to go to back [to] my family, to stay with them, to raise them, to care about them, my sister's children, even the same. They don't have a Father; I'm their Father, to raise them, to stay with them, to look [for] what they need. They need me.

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Presiding Officer: You think your still a good player?

Detainee: Yea, I think so. Because we don't have... now here I'm in Cuba... very famous. Maybe don't... I don't [know if you] hear about me or not, but I am very famous. No one play against me because only I spike hard. Like I tell him (*indicating the Assisting Military Officer*) don't have a good setter [here], because of that I want to go back to have a good setter to spike good. That really....

Presiding Officer: I have one last question for you. What do you think about Usama bin Laden?

Detainee: This guy he brings for you and for me the trouble. You are here and I am here from Usama bin Laden. I don't agree [with] what he [is] doing. I don't... I hate what he [is] doing. Innocent people or something or not innocent people killing, I hate killing. He's now like Saddam Hussein, he brings only trouble [to] people. [What] I think about him [is] that he's not good person.

***The Presiding Officer reads the post-Administrative Board instruction to the Detainee the Detainee has additional questions.***

Detainee: There is question, when you give me the answer?

Presiding Officer: What we will do is, we will make a recommendation to the Designated Civilian Official in Washington D.C. At this point, I cannot tell you how long it will take. It is an administrative process it could take a week, a month, a year, I don't know. I hope it wouldn't be a year but the time it would take is uncertain.

Detainee: I hope that it will be everything good. I hope that another time... and I hope that would be, that there wouldn't be another time. Another time, don't bring me more charges, and don't make me friend of bin Laden, after that you make me friend of Saddam Hussein, Hitler and Mussolini. Then you say I the friend, the closer friend of the Devil. I hope that everything will be good and we finish this and everyone go to his home.

Presiding Officer: You through?

Detainee: Yea.

***The Presiding Officer concludes reading the post-Administrative Board instructions to the Detainee and adjourned the open session of the 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.***

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*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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