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Summarized Administrative Review Board Detainee Statement

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 understood.

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 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 Administrative Review Board.

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

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

The Assisting Military Officer read comments made by the Detainee to allegations on the unclassified summary. These comments are listed on Exhibit EC-B.

The Presiding Officer asks the Detainee if he wishes to make a statement and if so will he take the Muslim oath.

The Detainee took the Muslim oath.

Presiding Officer: Mohammed I understand the Assisting Military Officer went over [your responses and] how we could cover some of the answers you had to some of his comments. Mohammed you may begin at this time.

Linguist read response 1 of EC-B to the Detainee. The Detainee gave the following response.

Detainee: All with the help they gave me [at] Tablique, somebody had to accompany me to let me know...to lead me where [I needed] to go and [to] find the headquarters of Tablique. I stayed there at their center. That is all that I have to add.

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Presiding Officer: Could you clear up... what was that in response to?

Assisting Military Officer: Sir, that was in response to the statement – "In response to the statement that an Imam at the Mosque in Taiz, Yemen, the leader of the local Jammāt Tablique..."

Detainee: That is all I have to say, I don't have anything to add on this one. I have another one on another item.

Assisting Military Officer: The other item sir is "In response to the allegation that a senior al Qaida Lieutenant identified him in a photo as having possibly seen him in Afghanistan."

The Detainee requested the response be read to him again. The linguist read response 8 of EC-B to the Detainee. The Detainee gave the following response.

Detainee: I don't know anyone from al Qaida. [I'm] not sure of the one who said he saw me in the photo. I'm not sure my picture was in that photo. The interrogator that showed me that photo.... that picture that we are talking about here.... that picture was taken of me in the prison in Afghanistan, Bagram Prison. They didn't find that picture in his house, the senior of al Qaida. I remember that picture, because I remember what I was wearing at that prison, it is a uniform prison. After I said that to the interrogator they didn't show me that picture anymore.

Linguist: He has something to say about another....

Presiding Officer: Just let us know what he is responding too.

Linguist and Detainee discussing which response he wants to present to the Administrative Review Board.

Linguist: It is in two, three things here; let me find which one he is... exactly when they captured him.

Presiding Officer: If you just translate what he gave you then, hopefully it will be self-explanatory.

Detainee: I don't know the name of the house of where [I was] arrested. [I was] just given the number of the house and I went to visit a friend at that house. That is all that I have.

Presiding Officer: Mohammad does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: Yes.

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Presiding Officer: Did the Assisting Military Officers statements provide the information you wanted us to hear?

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer asked the Assisting Military Officer and the Designated Military Officer if they had any questions for the Detainee. They both state they had no questions for the Detainee.

The Administrative Review Board Members state they have questions for the Detainee.

Administrative Review Board Member's questions:

Board Member: Mohammed, who was the friend you visited at the house you just mentioned?

Detainee: When I was completing my studies at the Salafeia University there were some Yemeni students there too. One of them gave me the name of a friend living in that house.

Board Member: What was the name of the friend living in the house?

Detainee: All I know is his first name. His name is Emad, E - M - A - D.

Board Member: Have you ever heard of Afghanistan?

Detainee: Like what?

Board Member: Do you know [that] Afghanistan is a country? Do you know what was going on there?

Detainee: No.

Board Member: Have you ever had any weapons training of any kind?

Detainee: Never.

Board Member: Do you know any members of al Qaida?

Detainee: No.

Board Member: In one of your statements, you said that if you are released you want to go on to teach elementary school kids. Are you trained as a teacher?

Detainee: What I learned from studying [the] Koran that makes me.... I can teach kids.

Board Member: Do you have any skills?

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Detainee: I know how to play Soccer.

Board Member: I have no further questions. Thank you.

Board Member: Mohammed how long have you been here in GTMO?

Detainee: Maybe 2 years and 4 months.

Board Member: "2 years." Have you heard from any of your family? Have you received any correspondence from your family in the time you've been here?

Detainee: Yes a lot. I receive less than [what] I send. I send a lot [but] I get less.

Board Member: Did you know about Afghanistan when you lived in Yemen? *Now there is a difficulty here in translation. Did he know about it? Didn't know it, but did he know about Afghanistan?*

Detainee: What I know about Afghanistan is [that it is] a name of a country, as I know Europe, United States, [and] Egypt.

Board Member: Did you know about the conflict in Afghanistan when you went to Pakistan?

Detainee: No. I didn't know.

Board Member: It wasn't in the newspapers in Yemen? It wasn't on the radio in Yemen? It wasn't on the TV in Yemen?

Detainee: [I] never heard anything about Afghanistan.

Board Member: Okay. You said you went to Pakistan to study the Koran, can't you do that in Yemen?

Detainee: I went to Pakistan because my Father advised [me to because] there it's better. Maybe [it's] the same thing we have in Yemen but I don't know. That's what my Dad want[ed].

Board Member: "It's what your Dad wanted." Did it turn out to be better?

Detainee: It was better, but I don't want to go back there. I want to go to Yemen.

Board Member: In Yemen where is the Tablique Jammatt Organization in relationship to the Tablique Jammatt Mosque?

Linguist: You mean the location sir?

Board Member: Yes the location, the physical location.

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Detainee: Maybe there is one or two Mosque belong[ing] to the Jammata Tablique in any city in Yemen. Where I lived in Taiz we have one.

Board Member: So the Tablique Jammata Organization and the Mosque were all one building?

Detainee: Yes.

Board Member: So when you and your Father were praying in the Mosque, there were Tablique Jammata members in the Mosque with you.

Detainee: Yes sir that's right.

Board Member: The picture of you that the interrogator showed you, it was taken when you were in the prison in Bagram?

Detainee: Yes sir.

Board Member: Was that a picture of you?

Detainee: Yes, it was.

Board Member: You said you remembered the number of the house you stayed at [but] you didn't remember the name. Can you tell us what the number was?

Detainee: I forgot the number, it [has] been two years.

Board Member: "[He] forgot the number."

Detainee: I went one time. Do you want me to remember just one time visiting that house?

Board Member: So the night you were arrested you were just with your friend, so there were just two of you arrested?

Detainee: There were a lot of people in that house.

Board Member: "Lot of people in the house." Okay. Do you think there are a lot of people in Afghanistan that look like you?

Detainee: Maybe, maybe not.

Board Member: That is all the questions I have sir. Thank you.

Presiding Officer: I have just a few questions. You mentioned that you stayed at the Mosque for roughly five months and that you learned enough so that you can teach elementary school.

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Detainee: That five months plus I [also] went to Salafeia University. I can teach [the] Koran to somebody else.

Presiding Officer: Can you also tell me about your daily routine at the Mosque when you were there for those five months.

Detainee: When I [would] wakeup I [would] pray. [After praying] I would sit in a circle to read [the] Koran, after one or two hours I [would then] go for breakfast and then there [would be] a break and [then] another circle. [In the] afternoon I [would] pray one more time then [have] lunch and another study [time]. At Four O'clock I would have to pray another time. I [would then] go [to the] lobby and drink tea, [it is in] the same place [where] I lived, [and then I] walk around the place. It is a huge place. After sunset [I would] pray [and then have] supper. There is pray[er] after supper [then a] little class and then [I would] go to bed.

Presiding Officer: The training that takes place... any kind of organized training?

Detainee: I don't know. I didn't see any.

Presiding Officer: As far as going to Pakistan for your training, you said that it was what your Dad wanted. Was that for the training of the Koran because it's... where did your brothers attend school?

Detainee: Some of them [went] to Egypt, some in Iraq [and] some [in] European countries.

Presiding Officer: But he wanted you to go to Pakistan for your training?

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: One last question. Have you ever carried or been given a Kalashnikov Rifle?

Detainee: No.

Presiding Officer: Okay. Thank you.

Board Member: Sir, can I ask one more question?

Presiding Officer: Yes.

Board Member: You still don't remember the number of the house?

Detainee: I went one time, I can't remember. Before I tried [to remember but] I couldn't.

Board Member: Thank you.

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Presiding Officer: No other questions?

Board Member: I do have one more. Who paid for the training in Pakistan?

Detainee: We don't say training we say study.

Board Member: Okay. Who paid for the study?

Detainee: There is no tuition at this place where I went [to] study [the] Koran. It [was] free.

Board Member: So the food and the place to live is free too?

Detainee: Everything. [It] was like a charity.

Board Member: How long does this training normally last.... or the schooling there... the studying normally last?

Detainee: It depends on the individuals.

Board Member: Okay, thank you.

Presiding Officer: One more question. Your Father had provided you with a visa for three months but you stayed for five. What did your family think was going on for that extra two months? Weren't they expecting you home after three months?

Detainee: I found out that three months wasn't enough and I thought after I finished my studies I would go back my family.

Presiding Officer: Your Dad who gave you a visa for three months... there's just no communication there to let him know your staying. I'm wondering... you are gone for three months or he understands you are gone for three months but then for you not to show up for an extra two months.

Detainee: I called them all the time on [the] telephone.

Presiding Officer: All right, thank you. Assisting Military Officer is there any other information the Detainee wants to present?

Assisting Military Officer: No sir.

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

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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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Re: ARB Hearing for Mohammed Mohammed Hassen, ISN 681

Dear Members of the Board:

I am an attorney representing Mohammed Mohammed Hassen in habeas corpus proceedings in federal court in the District of Columbia. I respectfully submit this letter in support of Mohammed's release from detention at Guantánamo Bay. Over the past few months, I have met with Mohammed a number of times and have grown to know him quite well. I am convinced that he poses no danger to the United States or anyone else.

I recognize that this hearing will not revisit the CSRT panel's determination that Mohammed is an "enemy combatant." I believe, however, that any decision concerning Mohammed's future "dangerousness" should be reached only after the panel considers how slight and unreliable the evidence of his "enemy combatant" status is. In addition, I note that the federal judge presiding over Mohammed's habeas petition has held that the CSRT proceedings in his case were unconstitutional and violated due process of law.

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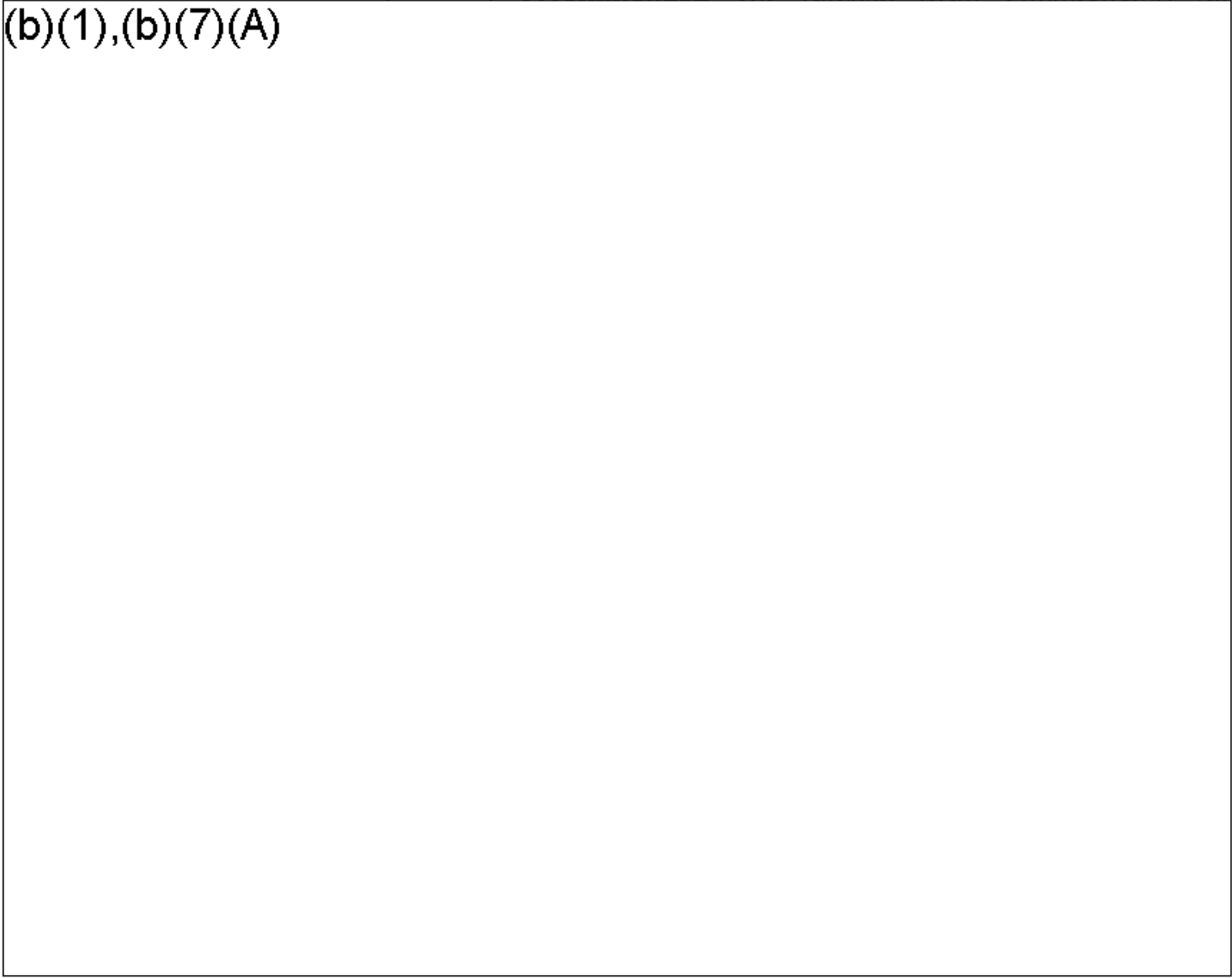
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There is not a shred more evidence of Mohammed's enemy combatant status in the record presented to the CSRT panel. It is therefore no surprise to learn that Mohammed has been *repeatedly* recommended for release from Guantánamo by

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Under these circumstances, it should be clear that Mohammed poses no threat to anyone and that he can be released from Guantánamo without jeopardizing American safety.

Mohammed's deepest desire is to return home to his large and supportive family in Taiz, Yemen. His is a family that places a tremendous value on education. With his family's assistance, Mohammed would like to follow in the footsteps of his oldest brothers, all of whom have graduated from university with advanced degrees. His oldest brother, for example, is a graduate of Ein Shams University in Egypt, and holds a B.A. and M.A. in medical studies; the last Mohammed heard, he was working to complete his Ph.D. Another brother works in Sana'a, the capital of Yemen, as an engineer. A third graduated from university in Sana'a, having studied Arabic language. Mohammed has told me he would like to attend university to study literature, with his goal upon graduation to find work as an elementary school teacher. And, as with so

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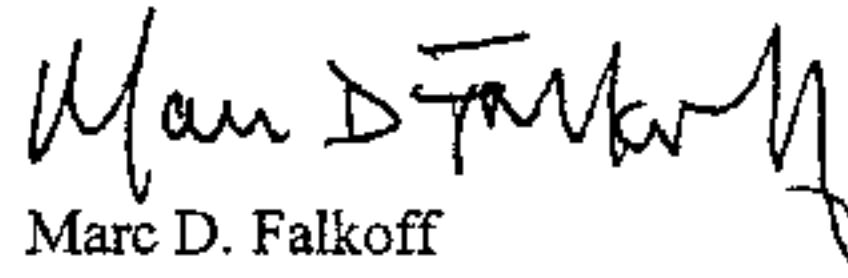
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many of the young men at Guantánamo, he desperately longs to marry and start a family of his own.

Mohammed harbors no ill will toward the United States or its citizens. He is a young man who wants nothing more than to leave this terrible chapter of his life behind him and start anew. He is a gentle and thoughtful man – a man whom I now consider a friend – and I respectfully request that the Board recommend his release and to his family in Yemen.

Sincerely yours,


Marc D. Falkoff

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