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From: Tahamuttan, Mohammed Abdullah

To: Presiding Officer

Via: Assisting Military Officer

Subject: Translation of Detainee's Written Statement Submitted by Tahamuttan, Mahammed Abdullah ISN #684, on 19 Dec 05 by OARDEC Linguist OL-3.

The detainee submitted the following statement:

I left my country to go to Jordan, and there I got a visa to Pakistan from Jam'at al Tabligh, and my intention was to move to Pakistan permanently to live there and study Islam because of the deteriorating situation in terms of safety in Palestine. Because of the problems, I hated living in Palestine and didn't want to live there any more. So when I went to Pakistan and I stayed at the al Tabligh Center in Pakistan for four months. Within these four months, I got to know some Afghanistani. They knew my story, so they invited me to visit Afghanistan. They told me that life in Afghanistan would be better for you than life in Pakistan, so I accepted their invitation. After the four months with the Tabligh, we head to Quetta from Lahore, and there we went to a religious school, so the sponsor of the school, an old man, when he found out I was Arab, he got angry with the people with me for bring me there because I was a Arab and the Americans were fighting and looking for Arabs and Taliban in Afghanistan. So there was no security of stability in Afghanistan at the time and I know I would not be safe there. So I returned to Quetta from Lahore. From Lahore, I wanted to return to the Tabligh Center in Raward. So one Pakistani, when they knew I was Arab and did not speak Urdu, offered to let me stay at his house and he would take me to the center. So I went to his house and stayed with him for two days. And so he knew my story in detail, why I came to PK and why I left Palestine. He told me that he knew some Arab students living in a house near by and told me they would help you with studying here. I thought I would visit them, but intended on eventually returning to the Tabligh Center. On the third day, we went to see the Arab students. They received us and were hospitable, so they knew I was Palestani and that I came to PK for studying. So at that time I decided to return to the Tabligh Center. I saw there was no use in staying with them. So on that night the PK police came and they had American armed civilian with them. So they entered our house at night and they arrested us. Since then, I've been with the Americans. I say this with all honesty. I have no issues with the Americans. I have nothing against them. I don't want to fight them or anyone else. They tell me you were arrested at an al Queda guesthouse. Well, up until now, no one has told me (from the people I was captured with) that this was an al Quada guesthouse or that it had any thing to do with al Quada. So if I knew that was an al Quada guesthouse, I never would have stayed there, and up until this moment I finally believe it was not an al Quada guesthouse. That is the summary of my story. So you have on right to pose any accusations against me. These allegations about the Jam'at allegations, yes I did say that. I was with them. So what does American want with me now after four years when I have not posed any problems to them? I don't think of posing any threat or problem to them in the future. Sometimes the interrogations talk to me about returning to Palestine. I refuse this adamantly because I did not leave Palestine just so I could return to it. So the U.S. has no right to force me to go back to

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Palestine when I did not cause any problems for them. So I told the truth before. I would like to return to an Arab country where I could live my life in peace and where there are no problems between people or groups. So that is all what I think of in terms of what I will do after prison, to live somewhere safe where I could find a job and live in peace away from all problems. And if I have said anything incriminating, it is because of the stressful psychological conditions I have endured in this prison. And I don't have any affiliation or loyalty to any group that fights the U.S. or Israel or their allies. That is all I have from the moment I left Palestine up until now. And from this moment until the end of my life, I have no intention of causing problem for them or anyone else.