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**Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 691**

***The Administrative Review Board was called to order.***

***The Designated Military Officer (DMO) 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 Administrative Review Board proceedings.***

***The Administrative Review Board members were sworn.***

***The Assisting Military Officer was sworn.***

***The Presiding Officer asked the Detainee if he wishes to make a statement under oath. (Muslim oath offered).***

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

***The Presiding Officer read the hearing instructions to the Detainee and confirmed that he understood.***

***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 Assisting Military Officer read the AMO Comments from the Enemy Combatant Election Form, Exhibit EC-B.***

Assisting Military Officer: The Detainee's initial Administrative Review Board interview occurred on 11 August 2005 and lasted 80 minutes. After a review of the Administrative Review Board's purpose and procedures, the Arabic translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence was read to the Detainee. When the Detainee was asked if he wanted to attend the Administrative Review Board, present a written or oral statement, or have the Assisting Military Officer speak on his behalf, the Detainee stated, "Yes, I will attend and speak on my own behalf." When asked how he wanted to address the allegations or statements, the Detainee indicated that he wanted to respond to each item in [the] Unclassified Summary after it is presented. The Detainee was given a copy of the translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence for his record. The Detainee was polite and cooperative during the interview.

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

*The Designated Military Officer stated that a copy of these exhibits had been previously distributed to the Assisting Military Officer and Detainee.*

*The Presiding Officer noted from the Enemy Combatant Election Form that the detainee wanted to respond to each item of information from the Unclassified Summary as it was presented.*

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

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee met twelve missionaries who encouraged him to become a missionary and go on Tabligh with them.

Detainee: This point is not correct in this context. In my words, this is what happened. The leader of the mosque meets you and introduces you to a group and you go out with them.

Presiding Officer: We understand.

Detainee: That is what is correct, but in terms of having met someone...I have met millions of people.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee went to the al Huda' Mosque, also known as al Da'wa, in the village of al Hudaydah. There he met Sheik Saleh Muqbil, who also encouraged the detainee to go on Tabligh.

Detainee: This is not a village; it is a city, the city of Hudaydah. There is a specific mosque. This is a mosque, not specifically for the Tabligh, anyone can pray in it. There's no problem, but it's from this place that people go out to teach other people. Sheik Muqbil is responsible for this mosque and responsible for the arrangements for the Tabligh.

Designated Military Officer: Some al Qaeda members had joined the al Da'wa al Tabligh religious organization, which was well known for its support to jihadist causes.

Detainee: This is something that I do not know. I don't know that the people of al Tabligh have anything to do with al Qaeda. Most of the people do not know how to read or write. They just want to learn and that's it.

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Designated Military Officer: In October 2001 the Detainee traveled to Pakistan alone. He paid for his own ticket and flew from San'aa to Dubai to Karachi. Two unidentified Pakistani males met the Detainee at the airport.

Detainee: This is true. As for the date, I'm not quite sure how correct it is. I was in Pakistan for five and half months and here for three years. This date implies that I have been here for more than three years or three years in the half. So I think that the date is not correct.

Designated Military Officer: Originally the Detainee said that he had traveled with a group of Yemeni Tablighis and Tablighi representatives in Karachi met the group.

Detainee: I don't think so. It's true that there were people on the plane, who were Tablighi, but in the first place I traveled by myself not with anyone else. There was no group that met them at the airport. No one met them. Two people met me at the airport and took me away, but I didn't see anyone meeting them. The other people I don't even know them in the first place and I don't know if they left by themselves or what happened to them.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee traveled to Lahore and then went to the Raywand Mosque. For two months the Detainee accompanied ten other missionaries, where they traveled from mosque to mosque.

Detainee: It's true after the Emir made all the arrangements and put me together with a group. I did go out with them, so that is correct. As for traveling from mosque to mosque, I did not really travel, it was just going from mosque to mosque, because the distance was very short...like from here to over there. So it wasn't travel per say.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee then joined a different group of 12 missionaries and went with them to Islamabad, where they traveled for two months from mosque to mosque.

Detainee: This is an arrangement made by the Emir, as well. He would put the group together and you would go with them. Same thing in this point, it was not traveling from mosque to mosque. It was just going from mosque to mosque, just like moving from one room to the other here.

Designated Military Officer: The day he returned, the Detainee got his money and passport and traveled to Faisalabad, Pakistan and enrolled at the Salafiyah University.

Detainee: It's true that I did take my passport and my money and I did travel to Faisalabad, but I did not register. I just went for a visit...only for one or two hours. I just went for a visit, after that I went home. The visit was just to go look around and then I

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went home...I was sick...I stayed at home. They showed me where it was and during that time period I got caught. So I did not register or anything.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee was a student attending religious studies at the Salafiyah University when Pakistani authorities raided Issa's house.

Detainee: This is not correct.

Presiding Officer: It's consistent with your last statement that you never enrolled.

Designated Military Officer: The Jamia Salafiyah School taught the Sunni school of thought. It taught only religious subjects and is run by the lunar calendar.

Detainee: It use to teach religious subjects, it's true, but on what specifically I'm not aware. All I know is that the Koran and the Hadith stories about the prophet...peace be upon him.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee was identified by another individual who stayed at Issa's house as belonging to the Jama'at al Tabligh.

Detainee: Yes, it's true.

Designated Military Officer: Jama'at al Tabligh is a Pakistan based Islamic missionary organization used as a cover to mask travel and activities of terrorists, including members of al Qaeda.

Detainee: These words I've never heard of until I came here...from you (*military*). What I know of the people is that they don't know how to read or write. They just go and they learn and they go back to their houses. They don't know [the] Koran...they don't know chair...they don't know anything.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee was captured with 300 United States dollars in his possession.

Detainee: This is not correct. When I was captured I had \$700 on me, 650 in American currency...U.S. dollars, 50 U.S. dollars that I had changed into Pakistani rupees and I also had a watch. I had some other things that were at home and the Americans took them...just clothes and other stuff.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee is suspected of being a member of al Qaeda due to his association with the Kandahar, Afghanistan airport.

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Detainee: This is not true in the first place. I did not know Kandahar until they brought us there. They captured us and they took us there. I didn't even know we were in Kandahar until the soldier said, "We are in Kandahar now." So this is all not true.

Designated Military Officer: Another individual said he was the Detainee on the Taliban front lines around late 1999, early 2000.

Detainee: This is not true. My passport proves that I was in Pakistan in late, maybe 2000. I'm not sure of the date exactly, but I know that in 99 I was still in Yemen on a farm. So this is all not true.

Designated Military Officer: A senior al Qaeda Lieutenant said the Detainee spent a lot of time at Hamza al Ghamdi's house in Kabul at the front lines.

Detainee: This is not true. I didn't even go into Afghanistan. I don't even know it.

Designated Military Officer: The Ghamdi guesthouse was used to house all types of people to include newly arrived people, fighters from the front lines, wounded people and Usama bin Laden associates.

Detainee: I don't know Afghanistan. I don't even know this place, so even if you write about it...all of this is not true.

Designated Military Officer: An individual identified the Detainee as being in charge of an unidentified guesthouse in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Detainee: This is also not true. I, again, did not go into Afghanistan in the first place.

Designated Military Officer: Another individual said he saw the Detainee at a guesthouse known as the Arab house, which is located in the Hajji Habash district of Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Detainee: As I have said before, I did not go into Afghanistan. I do not know Afghanistan.

Designated Military Officer: Hajji Habbash guesthouse was for everyone coming to or leaving Afghanistan, especially for those leaving.

Detainee: As I said I did not go into Afghanistan and I do not know this place.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: A senior al Qaeda operational planner thought the Detainee had already completed his training in Kabul by the time he met him in 1999.

Detainee: Just so you [know] that this is all not true. In this point, it says that I had finished my training in 1999. In point 15, *(Another individual said he was the Detainee*

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*on the Taliban front lines around late 1999, early 2000.*), it says that I was in the front lines in 1999 and I told you that I never went to Afghanistan. I don't know Afghanistan, so I don't know where they are getting these words. I don't what it is with the year 1999. Everything is 1999.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. We'll review the timeline when we get to [our] questions. For the record, 15 talks about he was seen at the Taliban front lines late 1999, early 2000...B tab one talks about a planner saw him...thinks that he completed training in 1999. We will review in questions.

Detainee: This is all not true.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. We will continue.

Designated Military Officer: The senior al Qaeda planner next saw the Detainee at Mes Aynak training camp in fall 1999. The Detainee was not a student at Mes Aynak; rather, he served as a carpenter, and was busy constructing structures on the base.

Detainee: So, the first one says that I was on the front lines in 1999. The second one says that I was doing training in 1999. Now this one says I was a carpenter in 1999. This should all prove to you, that this is not true. Even without talking to me, this should show you that the person who wrote this is saying it incorrectly. I think that based on your experience in military affairs and in law, so you should know the difference between true and false. If I told you that I saw you in the market at one o'clock and I saw you at your house at one o'clock and I saw you in the street at one o'clock and I saw you at I don't know where at one o'clock. Is this reasonable?

Presiding Officer: Mr. Zarnuki in a few moments we'll run through the timeline and ask you questions. Thank you very much.

Detainee: As you wish, but the most important thing is that you know that this is all just not true.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. We understand your statement. Next question.

Designated Military Officer: The Aynak has been identified by an individual as being an al Qaeda military training camp.

Detainee: I don't even know this area to tell you whether this is true or not. I don't know this place, in the first place. This Aynak, is this a place, a village, or a city? What is it exactly?

Presiding Officer: Reread it.

Designated Military Officer: The Aynak has been identified by an individual as being an al Qaeda military training camp.

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Detainee: I don't know this area in the first place and I never went to Afghanistan and I don't know anything about these matters.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: According to [a] senior al Qaeda operational planner Walid Muhammad Salih bin Attash, aka Khallad, aka Silver; he first met the Detainee in early 1999 at the al Qaeda village near the Kandahar airport.

Detainee: This is also again in 1999, so review this with the other things that say 1999 and this proves that I do not know this person and I don't know what he has said, but it is not correct. So here in 99 I was in a village, over there in 99 I was in a camp, over here in 99 I was...

Presiding Officer: For the record all four of these places mention 1999. All four are in Afghanistan.

Detainee: All of these places in Afghanistan, I do not know them. I'm just pointing out the dates, so that you know that this is all not true.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee: Just from that side, but in the first place I don't know Afghanistan. I never went into Afghanistan or anything.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee stated, "You killed my brother because he was defending the Koran, and I want to die too, and I want you to kill me."

Detainee: Yes, this is true. We did say this when the guards went in and beat our brother in solitary and they beat him and brought him out of his cell. He was unconscious, he was covered in blood upon blood, and they took him out. When other people saw him being taken out, they said he had been killed. So, yes, we all said this. We would rather have died then to sit there and see this. So, we all got very angry as Muslims. As Muslims we all love each other. So we got angry, because of what they did to our brother, because he was defending the Koran. There was a huge problem in the camp and even our brother was in the hospital for three years paralyzed and he only left very recently and went back to Saudi Arabia. I did say these words and I was in a state of extreme anger, because of what happened to my Muslim brother.

Presiding Officer: Thank you, next. We will get back to this one.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee denies having been on Tablighi in the Lahore area, with any of the men he lived with at Issa's house.

Detainee: I don't know what you mean exactly by I was on a Tablighi in Lahore. What do you mean by this? Issa's house is in Faisalabad and in Lahore I was in a mosque.

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Presiding Officer: We understand Issa's house is in Faisalabad and in Lahore...our question...are any of the men that you were with in Issa's house in Faisalabad, did you travel with them on Tabligh to Lahore?

Detainee: No, I only knew them in that house only.

Presiding Officer: Thank you for answering that question.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee advised that if he were released from United States custody, he would either return to Tabligh or go home to Yemen.

Detainee: It's true. This is true, but now I say if I go to Yemen, I will not go back for Tabligh. If I do wish to participate in Tabligh, I will do it in Yemen and not in Pakistan. This is my decision as of now. If it changes in the future I don't know.

*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.*

*The Detainee made no statement.*

*The Assisting Military Officer had no further evidence to present to the Administrative Review Board.*

*The Assisting Military Officer had no questions for the Detainee.*

*The Designated Military Officer had no questions for the Detainee.*

*Administrative Review Board Member's questions:*

Board Member: Question about the Tabligh? Are you affiliated with any particular Tabligh?

Detainee: Tabligh is not a party. It's basically a group of people, they learn and they leave. So there is no such thing as affiliated or registering your name with them or anything like that.

Board Member: I'm trying to clarify. We refer to the al Da'wa al Tabligh and later we refer to Jama'at al Tabligh?

Detainee: It's the same thing. They can call it Jama'at, which means group. It's an Arabic word. They can also call it Da'wa. They call it Da'wa because they go out and

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they tell people about the Koran and about the religion and they call people to the religion. *Translator explained that Da'wa is an Arabic word and it means what the Detainee just stated.* They call it Jama'at, which means group in Arabic, because they are a group of people who go out and call people to the religion. So it's the same name.

Board Member: Would you be surprised that the Tabligh included al Qaeda members?

Detainee: Obviously, but from what I know these are very humble, poor people. They don't really have anything. If I had known in the beginning that they were any kind of terrorist group or had anything to do with terrorist, I would not have gone to them in the first place. Of course I never would have been preoccupied with them. I never would have gone out with them or anything, but from what I know is that they're a very simple people they don't have anything like that. It's the only group of people that are allowed to go into Tel Aviv, to go into United States, to go into anywhere in the world with no problems.

Board Member: Do you speak the language of the region where you were going in Pakistan?

Detainee: No.

Board Member: You were in Pakistan for five months approximately?

Detainee: Five months in the half. Four months with the Tabligh people and one and half months I was sick at home.

Board Member: How did you get money when you were there?

Detainee: I brought my own money with me from Yemen.

Board Member: Because several people have identified you in Afghanistan, is there something about your appearance now that is significantly different then it was then?

Detainee: Their words are not true in the first place. My passport shows that when I was captured I had been in Pakistan for five and half months and if you had my passport and look at it, it would show you that. I have been here with you for three years. So this is not true. Maybe it was someone else that they saw, if their words are true in the first place.

Presiding Officer: For the record, are you saying that you have never been to Afghanistan, except when you were with U.S. forces...when you were taken to Afghanistan?

Detainee: Yes. When the U.S. forces captured us they took us to Afghanistan. Otherwise, I never knew it. It wasn't the Americans that captured me. It was the Pakistani that captured me and then they sold me to the Americans.

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Presiding Officer: We understand.

Board Member: Your appearance, your physical appearance now is not different than it was at that time, except that you're older?

Detainee: What do you mean? Of course, my appearance has not changed!

Presiding Officer: He's asking because four separate people recognized you in Afghanistan. He's curious to see if your look has changed...why four separate people are saying...why four separate people saw you were in Afghanistan?

Detainee: I really don't know, maybe they tortured them. Maybe it is because they want to show that they have good [as] relationship with Americans, so they just say things like that.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. He's just trying to determine if you look different.

Detainee: I will give you additional information. About 15 years ago, during the gulf war when the Yemenis went from Saudi Arabia...when they went back to Yemen from Saudi Arabia. A lot of these Yemenis that were in Saudi Arabia that returned to Yemen have said that they saw me in Saudi Arabia. I don't know Saudi Arabia. I never went into Saudi Arabia. So appearances are not proof at all. Just so that you know this.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Board Member: What is your date of birth?

Detainee: 1979. In the beginning, I did not know how old I was exactly. I wasn't sure if it was 79 or 77, but when they did an examination and I reviewed the history of my schooling and other things. Then I confirmed that it was 79.

Board Member: You said that the date we have of October 2001, is not the date that you went to Pakistan?

Detainee: I think it's not true, but I'm really not sure.

Presiding Officer: Do you remember was it before or after the attack in the United States in September?

Detainee: I entered Pakistan towards the end of Sha'ban (18 October - 16 November 2001), Islamic calendar, and I stayed for Ramadan (17 November - 15 December 2001), Shawwal (16 December 2001 - 14 January 2002), Dhul-Qi'dah (15 January - 13 February 2002). From Ramadan (17 November 2001 - 15 December 2001) to Muharram (15 March - 13 April 2002) in the Islamic Calendar, which is five and half months. When these attacks were I'm not sure? I don't know if it was before or after...I wasn't following it. I would hear some words, but I wasn't...

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Presiding Officer: You don't remember where you were when you heard about the attacks?

Detainee: I heard about it in Pakistan, but I don't remember if it happened before or after that.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Board Member: Do you speak English?

Detainee: No.

Board Member: A little bit?

Detainee: Just things that I need from the guards.

Board Member: What employment did you do in Yemen?

Detainee: Farmer.

Board Member: Can you tell me about your farm?

Detainee: Just a regular farm. We would plant according to the season...anything that you could profit from like tomatoes. It was just a simple farm. You could not exceed 500 meters.

Board Member: Did you make money from that farm?

Detainee: Of course!

Board Member: How much money did you leave Yemen with?

Detainee: Eight hundred dollars.

Board Member: And you spent then \$100 in five and half months in Pakistan?

Detainee: Yes, because most of the food and the drinks in Tabligh is free. Merchants would help out people from Tabligh...they would give them things like a bag of rice...different contributions. So all your expenses would mostly be things that you needed for yourself. You would buy it from the outside. We didn't really need a lot, particularly in Pakistan you didn't need to spend a lot. In Pakistan, it's just like Yemen; we don't do anything that is forbidden...like chewing khot, or smoking cigarettes or anything that's permitted...so that we spend money on it...so we really didn't need to spend any money at all.

Board Member: Have you ever been to the large Tabligh center in Lahore, Pakistan?

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Detainee: I don't remember. All these things I've forgotten, but I remember that I went to Karachi. I went to the Mecci Mosque in Karachi for two days and from there I went on to Lahore. How long I stayed there...I really don't know the date...I don't know anything. I just remember the main things...the main movements...the main things that I did while I was there.

Board Member: What did you do at the mosque?

Detainee: Just learn, learn and pray and other things.

Board Member: What do you think of Usama bin Laden?

Detainee: I really didn't know much about him. I use to hear a little bit about him. I just use to hear that he was against Jews, because they kill Palestinians. That's what I knew about him and for us as Muslims anyone who defends Muslims can't be bad...he's okay. But whether he's a terrorist or anything like that, I really don't know. I don't know really much. I didn't know much about him until I came here to prison. In fact, when we did hear that he had killed innocent people, we thought that this was something that was not good. If you kill someone who had killed then that is okay, but to kill someone, who is innocent, who was just sitting in their house, that's not good. If you found people, who were just sitting in their home...why [would] you kill them...why do you go to them? A person shouldn't harm a person unless that person has harmed them and that's it. This is my point of view.

Board Member: Have you ever heard of a fatwa against Americans?

Detainee: When I was in Pakistan I didn't hear anything.

Board Member: What about Yemen?

Detainee: No, not even in Yemen. I was in a village anyway. I didn't hear anything like that. Even here I didn't hear any fatwas against Americans, until now I haven't heard.

Board Member: What do you think about the Taliban?

Detainee: I used to think that Taliban was just what the Arabic word means, which means two students in school. That's what I knew about Taliban. When we met Afghanis and stuff like that, they told us that Taliban means a lot of people. Then I knew that Taliban meant a group of people and not just two people, like I thought. From what the Afghanis tell us here, they seem to be good people, they were just students of Shari Allah and that's it.

Board Member: Did you visit any Madrasas in Pakistan?

Detainee: No, just the Salafiyah University for one or two hours.

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Board Member: What do you think about Americans?

Detainee: I didn't really see any...what do you mean...what do I think...from what point of view?

Board Member: You have been in captivity here for three years. What do you think about Americans, if you were to go back to Yemen?

Detainee: If I were to go back to Yemen...if you let me go back to Yemen and just go there and work, leave me alone, just get married and do my job. I don't want anything to even do with Americans. I don't want to see them. I don't want them to see me. Even Yemenis, Yemeni police...I don't want anything to do with that. Even when I was in Yemen I had never seen an American, neither in Yemen nor in Pakistan, only when I came here to prison. We see here on T.V. that the Americans were in Saudi Arabia, but they were doing...what they were like I didn't know anything. My knowledge of them was just from here.

Board Member: Did it upset you that the Americans were in Saudi Arabia?

Detainee: Yes, it's natural, but what were they doing in Saudi Arabia. They said that they were defending them against Iraq. So I didn't really have an opinion. No one use to talk to me about it. The American presence whether it is in Saudi Arabia or Yemen, just like Chinese, Pakistani or Russian...he comes, he stays, he goes back to his country. So there's really nothing to it. So you see your people talk about it a lot, but I wasn't really...I didn't really have a point of view. I didn't really think about it too much. Just talk. So for me it was just like any...my point of view of any other person. Whether it was the Americans, Pakistani, Chinese, [and] Russians. Same thing. This was my point of view in Yemen.

Presiding Officer: You say you've never been to Afghanistan. I just want to make sure not just in 1999 in no year you've been to Afghanistan?

Detainee: Afghanistan, I didn't go to it and I don't know about it. Americans were the ones that brought me to Afghanistan.

Presiding Officer: Issa's house, do you know any of the other people that were there?

Detainee: Do I know them? I knew them in the house.

Presiding Officer: Did you know if any of them were involved with al Qaeda or Taliban?

Detainee: Really when I was there I wasn't interacting with them at all. I had a small room, I was sick in it. I would go to the infirmary and come back to my room. We would eat together and sometimes I would just take my food to my room. The only time I would interact with them was prayer time when we would all pray together. So I don't

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really know about anyone. I don't have any knowledge about anyone nor did I ever sit down with anyone.

Presiding Officer: You were arrested there by the Pakistanis, correct?

Detainee: Correct and after that they sold me to the Americans.

Presiding Officer: How big is the village of Hudaydah?

Detainee: I don't know. It's a city, but I don't know about the...how big it is. I just know that it is a big city.

Presiding Officer: What village was your farm in?

Detainee: Al Senaya.

Presiding Officer: Do you have any family members in Yemen? Do you hear from any of your family members in Yemen?

Detainee: They're there. I have them.

Presiding Officer: How many brothers and sisters?

Detainee: Two sisters and two brothers.

Presiding Officer: Have you heard from them at all while you've been here?

Detainee: I got one letter.

Presiding Officer: Do you know anyone...outside of here that you've met at Guantanamo have you met anyone, who has answered jihad against the United States?

Detainee: I live in a village and the city I would never go there, except just to work and come back...

Presiding Officer: But you traveled to Pakistan...

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: You didn't meet anyone in your travels in Pakistan or Dubai or Karachi; any of these places...did you meet anyone?

Detainee: No, I didn't hear about this at all.

Presiding Officer: The people who picked you up at the airport in Karachi. They were not also for Tabligh?

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Detainee: They're Tablighi.

Presiding Officer: Your earlier statement you said, "the other people were picked up by Tablighi not you." You said that you were just picked up by two men.

Detainee: No, we met two people from Tablighi. They took us. I said before that two Tablighis took us and met us. They took us in a car. The owner of the car, if he was Tablighi or not, I don't know. They took us to the Mecci Mosque and then we parted ways.

Presiding Officer: Thank you very much. So your long-term plan is to go back to Yemen and go back to farming.

Detainee: No doubt, unless of course the Americans took the \$700 that I had and invested them and there's a lot of interest on it now than I'll just take that money and go back and get married.

Presiding Officer: That's very unlikely.

Detainee: I think now it should be about 5 or 6 million dollars.

Presiding Officer: Thank you very much.

Detainee: I have some problems I would like to talk about.

Presiding Officer: Please go ahead.

Detainee: I have health problems. First thing, my back, the soldiers in Bagram hurt my back. I've been suffering from it for the past three years and the infirmary refuses to treat me...not to x-ray [anything or me]. My knees also hurt and they didn't do anything for me. They gave me pills...pain relief. The pain would go away for a little bit but then it always comes back. They didn't do any examination or anything. The [third] problem, I had an operation here, at the hospital here, they told me that the numbness would go away in six months. Now, two years later, I still have no feeling over here. *Detainee pointed at his lower right abdomen.* The fourth problem, my eyes have pain. I talked to them about it. They brought me glasses. When the glasses broke I gave it to the guards so they could fix it, it's been two years. They took the glasses, they never brought them back and now I still have pain. Fifth problem, I have this thing on my forehead. It hurts me when I pray and there's pressure on it. I talked to them about it in the first hearing. They took me and they did an examination outside the prison. After three and half months they said they got the results from America that this is a normal ailment, its just blood. I told them well go ahead and operate on it, so they said okay we'll give you an appointment with a surgeon. It has been four months and they [still haven't done] anything. Every time I talk to them about it, they say its okay, its just a small thing, its not a problem and they don't do anything. When I press on it like this (*Detainee raised his index finger and proceeds to poke the bump on the center of his forehead*), or I put

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pressure on it, it hurts me. These are five problems I have and they won't do anything about any of them.

Presiding Officer: Thank you very much. I'll make sure that we'll tell people about all five. I am not a doctor and I will definitely put all this in our report and it will definitely be seen. The information will definitely be seen.

Board Member: I just want to ask whether or not any of these problems occurred while you were here at Guantanamo?

Detainee: All of it, yes.

Board Member: Your back was hurt in Bagram?

Detainee: My back was in Bagram, when the soldiers pushed me off the plane in Bagram. They did it very harshly and they hit my back and it kind of snapped a little bit. Now when I bend over or lean back it hurts. It's right in the middle of my back. Because of the metal in the cell and temperature the pain it hurts more. If I were in Yemen I wouldn't have any of these problems. My only problem in Pakistan; I had some spots but there gone.

Presiding Officer: Do you have any other information for us?

Detainee: No, nothing else.

Presiding Officer: Thank you very much. We'll make sure all five of these are passed forward and hopefully something will get to some resolution.

Detainee: I'm just afraid it will be like the first hearing they took me and did a quick exam and that was it.

Presiding Officer: I am not a medical person. I don't know what they'll do.

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

  
Captain, USN  
Presiding Officer