

Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 849

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) outh.

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 16 August 2005 and lasted 65 minutes. After a review of the Administrative Review Board's purpose and procedures, the Pashtu 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 want [to] attend and speak to the board." When asked how he wanted to address the allegations or statements, the Detainee indicated that he wanted to answer each allegation or statement 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

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Detainee was polite and cooperative during the interview. The Detainee elected not to submit written comments regarding the Unclassified Summary of Evidence.

The Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1, and DMO-2 to DMO-3, 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: Detainee admitted to being responsible for the 28 August 2002 rocket attack at Jalalabad Airport, which struck close to a team of U.S. Army soldiers.

Detainee: I haven't done this. I haven't done that. If I have done that you can throw me in the river.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee: You're maybe aware that I have answered those questions before in interrogation. You can see that.

Designated Military Officer: Detainee was captured with a Russian artillery officer's compass, a blasting circuit tester and three rocket motors.

Detainee: I didn't have three rockets. I said that already when they asked me [that] question...I will tell them no. If they want me to explain it, so (inaudible)

Presiding Officer: Exchanged pleasantries. The Designated Military Officer will read each of the items on the Unclassified Summary and you will be allowed to respond to each one after it is read. We will then ask questions further on the ones that we have questions on.

Designated Military Officer: Source reporting states the Detainee was pro-Taliban and was the former governor of the Zabul province, during the time the Taliban was in power.

Detainee: Detainee laughs. I am not the government.

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Designated Military Officer: Detained stated he was trained by Shir Jan to fire rockets.

Detaince: No, I haven't.

Designated Military Officer: Detained was witnessed at a training camp south of Kandahar near the Shorandam Mountain. According to the individual who witnessed the Detained at the camp, the Detained was supposed to attend missile training at an Arab training camp.

Detainee: Detainee langks. These are not true.

Designated Military Officer: Reporting states the Detainee was a former Hezb-e Islami Gulbuddin (HIG) commander.

Detainee: No.

Designated Military Officer: Hezb-e Islami Gulbuddin (HIG) has long established ties with Usama Bin Laden. HIG was known to have several terrorist training camps in Afghanistan and was the pioneer in sending mercenary fighter to other Islamic conflicts. The founder of HIG was known to have sheltered Usama Bin Laden after he fled the Sudan. HIG has staged small attacks in its attempt to force U.S. troops to withdraw from Afghanistan.

Detainee: No. I'm hearing those words, which I have never heard in my life. Detainee laughs.

Designated Military Officer: Detainee has been connected to Shir Jan.

Detainee: No, no connections.

Designated Military Officer: Shir Jan is a known anti-American and is responsible for recruitment of operatives in actions against U.S. and coalition forces. Shir Jan was directly involved in the 28 August 2002 rocket attack on Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

Detainee: I don't know Shir Jan and he doesn't know me. So I will talk later on.

Designated Military Officer: Afghan Officials decided to arrest the Detainee when they discovered that he was on the verge of launching another attack.

Detainee: No.

Designated Military Officer: Reporting states the Detainee fought directly against U.S. forces in Jalalabed, Afghanistan and has been with the Taliban for 5-6 years.

Detainee: No.

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Designated Military Officer: While at Guantanamo Bay Naval Station, Cuba, the Detainee has been witnessed by MP's acting as a lookout.

Detainee: Detainee laughs prior to the Designated Military Officer completes the reading of the ellegation. Where, where, what am I doing?

The Presiding Officer has the Designated Military Officer read the allegation again for the Detainse.

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Detainee: I'm not a bird or these things to run away. I haven't done [anything].

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: Detainee has assaulted Guantanamo Bay MP's.

Detainee: Did I attack him?

Presiding Officer: Assault, attack!

Detainee: Look at this. (Detainee refers to his shackles.) How do I attack him, look at

the bottom...(insudible)

Presiding Officer: Sometime during your stay here...

Detainee: I am in a cage. I cannot get out. So say something, which makes sense.

Presiding Officer: We understand. Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: Detainee has participated in riots in the camp at Guantanamo Bay.

Detainee: Detainee laughs. Well, just sew my mouth and take my eyeballs out, then that will be okay. When I'm here, I see somebody I talk to him. I say, "Hi, how are you?" I cannot sit there like this. Detainee closes his eyes and tilts his head to his right shoulder. [Don't] you guys talk to each other. Detainee refers to the Administrative Review Board. Like people talk to each other. I have to talk to some guys over there. So I cannot sit down like this. Once again, the Detainee tilts his head to his right shoulder and closes his eyes.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee: It's not possible.

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Designated Military Officer: For the record, sir, the motion the Detainee made was to place his head on his shoulder with his eyes closed.

Presiding Officer: I just want to make sure you understand. You didn't answer exactly what was stated. It says that you participated in riots. It didn't talk about communicating, it says riot. Do you understand what a riot is?

Detainee: What kind of riot can I...catch the soldiers or what [have I] done?

Designated Military Officer: Detainee has been witnessed by Guantanamo Bay MP's practicing his martial arts.

Detainee: See my record in the hospital here. My leg is hurting. The doctor all the time tells me...they give me a massage and everything...He says it is not going to work, until you do the exercise[s] Detainee shows the movement he has been instructed to do by the physician.

Designated Military Officer: Detainee claims their rockets were not powerful enough to kill a chicken, because they were so weak.

Detainee: Detainee laughs prior to the Designated Military Officer completes the statement. Why are you talking to me like this? Just tell me I'm not going to let you go.

Presiding Officer: We'll get to that in a minute.

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 the following statement:

Detainee: The allegations you have against me, I haven't done any of them. So what would be (inaudible)

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

The Assisting Military Officer had no questions for the Detainee.

The Designated Military Officer had the following questions:

Designated Military Officer: DMO exchanges pleasantries. How old are you?

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Detainee: I don't know. Whatever you have [written], that is my age?

Presiding Officer: What we are asking you is not written, do you know how old you are?

Detainee: In our country when we [are] born...it's not like this child is born [on] this date and this date...[we] don't write [anything] down. These thoughts are not there.

These kinds of things are not there.

Presiding Officer: Do you know approximately how many years ago? [Had the Russians already come to Afghanistan?]

Detainee: No, I don't know.

Designated Military Officer: You appear to be a young man. How old were the governors in Afghanistan of the Taliban?

Detainee: Detainee laughs. I don't know how old they [are] suppose to be. These gentlemen when I look at them, I don't know who they are, what they do. How old they are?

Designated Military Officer: Were you ever the governor of Zabul province?

Detainee: No. sir.

Designated Military Officer: Were you ever the governor of any province in Afghanistan?

Detainee: Now wait a minute. You wrote down this and somebody here in Afghanistan is saying, "Look at Nasim, look at the governor!" When you (Americans) brought me here, why didn't you ask the people that I know. In the last trial, there was a lady sitting there...(Detainee refers to the Presiding Officer.)...The same thing...they were just sitting there (Detainee refers to the speciators)...they question[ed] me [on] the same thing[s].

Presiding Officer: They are just [spectators]. They are not involved. Just us. Presiding Officer refers to the Administrative Review Board Penel.

Detainee: I [told] the same story. There was a judge and a reporter and these things. A lady was sitting...like her (Detainee refers to the board reporter.) They asked me if I knew anybody in Cuba [who had] witness[ed me be a] good guy or bad guy. I said, "I don't know anybody in Cuba." So, what are you going to do? Can you send a letter to Afghanistan? Who am I suppose to write? My father is dead. I have two younger brothers...so the children they do not understand what you are talking about. My mother is very old. (Insudible)...understand the rules, or the tradition, which is women do [not] talk to the men. There is my uncle. Americans can go talk to him; he will talk to my mother, the whole village people. They can just try...so they (inaudible) not (inaudible)

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sin to lie. They do not swear because of me. They do sin to testify wrongly, but the rest of them maybe will tell you, who is Nasim? You can ask them, if he was a governor, commander, or whatever he was. They will tell you. In Islam, we don't swear too much, be swear I do wrong we will bust out we will explode. So you can ask them they will not take that oath to say lie. They will send me a letter from the village. You will see it, you will find out who I am. I wrote [a] letter to my brother, Yasin, Aseel and Noo Ali, [my] uncle. My brothers are Yasin and Aseel, [They live] in Jalalabad, Chapelier county [in a] village [called] Shalanah. That's a village in that area.

Designated Military Officer: Let me interrupt you for a minute. I don't think it'll be necessary for us to contact anybody, if that's where you're going?

Presiding Officer: We understand your answer is, you are not...

Detainee: Well, I'm answering your question. I'm (inaudible)

Presiding Officer: I know. We believe...we understand your response that if we go to your village and ask we will find out that you were not a governor or a commander is your answer.

Detainee: I told you earlier and I will tell you again and again.

Presiding Officer: We understand your answer.

Designated Military Officer: I understand that you have taken an oath and in your own words you will bust if you false swear. You have never been a commander in the Hezb-e Islami Gulbuddin, is that correct?

Detainee: I was a little boy. When I came here my beard was not that full. A little beard I had, look at my picture. Look [at] it, I've got hair on my hand and my beard is big. The last three years, six months in Bagram and two years and four months here, [where do] you think I was [all] that time. I told you before I'm going...check out...check about me... and your still asking me if [I was a] Hezb-e Islami commander.

Designated Military Officer: Thank you for your answers.

Administrative Review Board Member's questions:

Board Member: Did you know anything about a rocket attack in Jalalabad in August 2002?

Detainee: No, I don't know about...no, I haven't heard this story.

Board Member: You said earlier that when you were arrested you didn't have any rockets?

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Detainee: It's written here you wanted to attack again with a rocket. If you want me to I will explain the whole thing.

Presiding Officer: We will get to that in one moment. His question is when you were arrested the statement read that you had three rockets. Did you have any rockets or rocket parts with you when you were captured?

Detainee: Not in my home, in the garden there were two rockets buried...in the ground.

Presiding Officer: Thank you that's good information. There were two rockets buried in your garden.

Detainee: Shir Jan had buried them in the ground. If you want to I will explain that story.

Board Member: Well, let me ask you about Shir Jan. He buried the rockets in your garden. Shir Jan did. What was your relationship to Shir Jan?

Detainee: You got the question and the statement in the middle...you want me to start over again?

Board Member: How did you know Shir Jan?

Detainee: I haven't seen him and I don't know Shir Jan.

Presiding Officer: You never met Shir Jan. You don't know who he is. Yet, he buried two rockets in your garden?

Detainee: Well, if I start from the middle that story will become complicated. You start...

Presiding Officer: Just answer this. Do you know Shir Jan?

Detainee: No, I don't know Shir Jan.

Presiding Officer: You never met him?

Detaince: I have seen him.

Presiding Officer: Do you know who he is?

Detainee: I don't know who he is.

Presiding Officer: Do you know his reputation?

Detainee: No, I don't know.

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Designated Military Officer: Sir, may I ask one question?

Presiding Officer: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: How do you know Shir Jan buried the rockets in your garden?

Detainee: I was with the commander Lashker Khan. Well, I will start over. I will tell you the whole story. You will understand.

Presiding Officer: Tell us the story. Lets hear the whole story. Tell us the whole story of how the rockets got in your garden.

Detainee: When the (Karzai) government came I was a laborer...a worker. Before, Americans came the situation was very, very bad. I had no job...no labor job, which is I couldn't find a job. One of my cousins told me, your walking around doing nothing. There is a commander [and] his name is Lashker Khan. I will send you [to] him. You will walk with him; around [with] him...he will give you some money. Since we're not...big salary...like any two job and three job. He said he would give you some money. I went to Isaraq County, I spent a month or one [month] and half [there]. He [paid] me six hundred or five hundred Pakistani gadars. It was not my salary it was just like kind of a friendship [thing]...[to] help. That money was not good enough, I [went] back to my home. I was in my home...I don't know what time of the night [it] was. Shir Jan climbed up inside the house. I have two brothers; my wife, my mother...and I have a little boy. He came with a gun and said, "Don't move!" I don't know if it was 11 or 11:30 at night. I didn't have any idea [if] he was from [the] government or [a] thief or who he [was]? In here, everybody has a uniform; people know [who] they are. Detainee refers to the Administrative Review Board. In Afghanistan, everybody has this kind of... With a gun he said, "Don't move!" My younger brother started shouting and crying. He (Shir Jan) said, "Go on, go on!" He had a gun and said, "Go ahead!" I didn't know if he was [with] the government people or people [who] came [to] search, or what he was. My family started crying and shouting. We reached Khandibar. In Khandibar, there was a guy standing...Ghulamali. [Ghulamali said,] "If you leave I will take off your eyes." He was so mean to me. "That's not only you. I will kill your brothers if you leave again." I was trying to tell the story, but he said, "Shut up. Don't talk..." At the end of Khandibar, it is kind of a flat land and there [are] pebbles on it. They said, "Show me Lasher Khan's house?" So when ... back home if anybody [goes] with any commander they call him mujahed, It's like being called [a] soldier. Those people...like MP's, they call soldier, [and] over there they call them mujahed. I told them, so I stayed with them for some nights, but he said, "No, show me his house." (Lasher Khan's house) Power is a very bad thing. In the night, I was so scared I just told them...this side is his house, [which] was really his house. That places was named Khandibar. We took, these people's rocket...we call it ammunition or, or bullet we call them back home. They got the builters and he put some kind of like [powder] and he burned it and he said, "Lets go. Here is a hundred qadar. Don't go with him (Lashker Khan) again. If you go forget

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about you, I will kill your brothers!" I didn't take the money, but he gave it to me anyway. I don't remember if I put that money in my pocket or not. When I came back my mother was crying, my brother was crying and he (Detainee's brother) said, "What was going on?" I told [them] the whole story. I didn't realize who he (Shir Jan) [was], otherwise he [would not have been able [to] take me to that place. [I told them,] "Tomorrow, we['ll] try to find out, who [that] guy [was and] why he was here." They (Detainee's mother and brother) [thought about it for a while], [the night] became evening [of the next day]. In the evening, we were sitting [and] eating. Somebody knock[ed on] the door. When I opened the door...I thought some friend of mine or somebody [I knew was at the door], but when I looked it was Shir Jan. I told him, "Why [did] you come [here] again." Now I understand he's not going to take me anymore. He said, "In your garden I buried two rockets. Take that hundred qadar." My mother came out and my brothers. "Well, what is going on?" I said, "The same man is come again." They said, "Why don't you go to the county and inform him...go tell them." My mother sent my young brothers. The county office is very close to our house. So to send them to tell them there is a guy has been ... is coming in my house. When they heard the talking, which was we were going to inform the government or county office, they just run away. I asked them to stay...if you are thieves or so...the government people will come, but he run. They skipped. When my brother went to the county, they said, "Not now. We will come tomorrow morning." Tomorrow morning I was waiting...to stay at home for them to come and talk to me, but until ten o'clock nobody come. Well, our house is close to the bus station. I saw him there with the clinic. I saw him ... table. I saw him sitting in the hotel across the clinic. I came back home and I talked to my family and they said that the guy is sitting there. The soldier didn't show up, so what to do? We cannot capture the guy. We don't have the power, so they will come. In the evening the county soldier show up. I told them the whole story, the rockets were buried in my garden and these things...the whole story I told them. They said, "Lets go and dig up the rockets." They pull out two rockets. "Lets go!" I said, "Where you take me to?" "Lets go!" I told them, "Talk to me, that was the story." He said, "No. Lets go!" They brought me to Jaialabad and then they gave me to some security commander or something. The county...the commander...beat me like animal, that's why my leg is still hurting. Too much...beat me, beat me. I asked him, "When you are beating me ask me question...what you want?" I'm very happy with Americans, because they want to find out what's going on and back there they don't want to find out they just want to beat you. Then he took me to your American soldiers. I spent six months in Bagram. In Bagram, I told them, "Jalalabad is not to far from Kabul. Go there and ask, who I am. If I was guilty, I'll kill myself right there in front of your eyes!" When I gave you somebody I tried to make him like a very bad guy to make sure that you know. The guy who gave me to the Americans was saying anything he wanted to show me as a very, very bad guy with a bad reputation. So then you told me...they came to...they brought me to Cuba and then [in] Cuba they ask me, "Are you Hezb-e Islami member?" That was my story...if I had done anything I'm a criminal. You were telling me...your looking out...this is...

Presiding Officer: We understand. Thank you. Few more questions...thank you very much, Mr. Nasim. Anymore questions?

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Board Member: Do you understand English?

Detainee: Since my life is with a soldier I [taught] him...pee pee, bread, water, cold

water.

Board Member: Thank you I don't have any further questions.

Board Member: Mr. Nasim did you spend all your life in Afghanistan?

Detainee: Yes, sir.

Board Member: Did you live under the Taliban for a period of time?

Detainee: You mean with them or lived there?

Board Member: Lived there, during that time?

Detainee: I was living in my home.

Board Member: What do you think of the Taliban?

Detainee: I have no idea. I haven't sit with them. I haven't talked to them. I don't know. It's like a government. Somebody tell me about your government, I'm thinking I don't know what is it? That's the government...who I have to ask?

Board Member: Did you like the Taliban?

Detaince: I am a laborer and I like those governments, which give me job. Your government, when they came, there was a lot of jobs found in Afghanistan. Beans and cooking oil and these things they have helping us...they have been giving us. A lot of help they did with us.

Board Member: Did the Taliban ever give you a job?

Detainee: The Taliban time there was no job. What I'm supposed to do with Taliban job?

Board Member: You've been in captivity here for three years?

Detainee: Approximately, I'm thinking two years and four months in here. I haven't counted one by one, but two and four months here...we cannot count one, two, three...I spent around six months in Bagram, Afghanistan in captivity and two years and four months here.

Board Member: What do you think about the Americans now?

Detainee: Detainee laughs. What I'm supposed to think...these people are sitting here?

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Board Member: I want you to be honest and tell me what you think of Americans?

Detainee: That question is higher than my level. You should ask these questions to an educated guy. I cannot even read or write. We are happy for that...they gave us beans and cooking oil. That's all I can say. They come to the county and bring to everybody...three cans of cooking oil, beans and sugar. They are happy about it. I see some pictures and these things. They deliver some food in Afghanistan. That's what I'm happy about.

Board Member: So you're happy that the Americans are in Afghanistan?

Detainee: Yes. At least if I go back, I will have a job to do some...

Board Member: Thank you.

Presiding Officer: I just have a few questions, very few...some just to clarify. Are Shir Jan and Lasher Khan the same person?

Detainee: Shir Jan is a different guy, Lasher Khan is a commander. In this government...Karzai.

Presiding Officer: Thank you, just wanted to clarify. At one point, I thought he...You've never fired a rocket.

Detainee: In my life, I haven't done it.

Presiding Officer: Have you ever fired a gun?

Detainee: I was in the county of Isaraq with Lasher Khan. Our system is like...if somebody beat you or do something to you, you write petition and take it to the county and then the county bring the other guy to the...I was a soldier, taking the letters to the other side to show up. They gave me a gun and then I put the gun on the shoulder...the rifle. I have to go with a gun.

Presiding Officer: Did you ever fire the gun? Were you ever trained on it?

Detainee: No.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. How's your family doing? Have you heard from your family at all?

Detainee: The last request came and told us it was written we were fine, don't worry. They will write anyway they are fine. They can't write me to say we have this problem. My brothers there is a job. I will bring that letters...

Presiding Officer: What are your plans if you go back to Afghanistan?

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Detainee: I have been here three years. When I go over there I will start working. There is nothing to eat in my house. When I eat here this food. I remember my brothers that they are eating only a piece of dry bread. It's very good here. Ladies can work, in our country...in our place, ladies can't work. Well, the young brothers somebody tell us to dig the foundation for the house, for the rocks build the foundation. If they find this they will do it, otherwise they have no job.

Presiding Officer: You need to understand, Mr. Nasim. If you go back, you cannot have weapons. You cannot have rockets. You cannot be involved with anti-U.S. activities.

Detainee: Before that in the radio there was an announcer. She was saying, "Live in America." All the time we were wondering what is "live in America." When you are there, we are happy about you guys.

Presiding Officer: Thank you very much. I'm happy to see you're in a tan uniform. That means that overall you've been okay. You need to continue, as long as you are here, I don't know how long you will be here, but you need to continue to make sure that you behave well here in Guantanamo.

Detainee: The soldiers are like our neighbors...so like give me some water, give me some this...we're laughing with them...we talk with them. When they say, "He is like this or that." I haven't heard...

Presiding Officer: Okay. Thank you that's just very important that you behave well. Thank you very much for your forthrightness and all the information that you have provided it will be very helpful.

Detainee: When you have been treating me like this. That's a good people.

Presiding Officer: We understand about your tooth problem and we'll make sure they know about your tooth problem.

Detainee: When I'm talking to you the whole thing is hurting. Don't get mad at me. If you have some pills or something...

Presiding Officer: We don't. I am not a doctor.

Detainee: If somebody give me one...

Presiding Officer: We will make sure these guards know and be careful what you eat.

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

Detainee: Even next year I came it will be the same talking like last time. They have talked to me last time...like same thing.

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Presiding Officer: This is a different board and last year they were just trying to determine if you were a combatant. This is a very different board and the outcome is different.

Detainee: In your place there was a lady. Detainee refers to the Presiding Officer. She said the same thing.

Presiding Officer: Last year's board was just to determine whether or not you had been involved in combat. This year's board is very different and our determination will be whether you are still a threat to the United States. Last year just determined if you'd been a combatant. This one is to determine if you're still a threat.

Detainee: My life I've never been...

Presiding Officer: That is our job to see if you're still a threat and we make a recommendation to Washington D.C. and you will be notified in a period of time. We are determining if you are still a threat.

Detaince: The people in Washington have the same idea that you have. Whatever you write they will see it and they will (inaudible)...

Presiding Officer: That is not for me to determine.

Detainee: If you write down your recommendation, if you write good...they will do good. If you write bad things they will do the same thing...

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.

AUTHENTICATION

I certify the material contained in this transcript is a true and accurate summary of the testimosy given during the proceedings.

Captain, USN Presiding Officer

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