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Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 939

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 Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1, (and DMO-2 to DMO-3, other unclass 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.

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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: A. Training. The Detainee was conscripted into the Algerian army for a mandatory term of two years. He received training on the Kalashnikov, grenades and a small pistol.

Presiding Officer: Is that true sir?

Detainee: Yes that's true. Do you want me to reply to this?

Presiding Officer: No, at this point we just need to know if it's true or false.

Detainee: OK.

Designated Military Officer: B. Connections and Associations, the Detainee stayed at the Algerian guesthouse, located in the Hayatabad portion of Peshawar, Pakistan.

Detainee: That's right.

Designated Military Officer: The guesthouse may have been funded by the Maktab al-Khidmat office in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Detainee: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee worked in Peshawar for a Non-governmental Organization (NGO) named Afghan Reconstruction, or ARCON.

Detainee: Yes, that's true.

Designated Military Officer: In 1993, the Detainee worked for the Egyptian Human Relief Organization (EHRO).

Detainee: Yes, that's true.

Designated Military Officer: In May 1994, the Detainee left Afghanistan and traveled to Kenya to work for the African Muslim Agency NGO.

Detainee: There is a mistake here. I didn't leave Afghanistan. I left Pakistan...I was living in Pakistan.

Designated Military Officer: The African Muslim Agency (AMA) is an Islamic NGO with ties to extremist activities.

Detainee: I can't answer this question.

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Presiding Officer: So, you disagree with it or do you just chose not to make any statement at all?

Detainee: I disagree.

Designated Military Officer: In 1994, the Detainee traveled to Afghanistan to work as the office manager of an NGO hospital.

Detainee: That's true.

Designated Military Officer: In 1996, the Detainee resigned from the EHRO and remained unemployed afterward.

Detainee: That's true.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee was arrested with an individual, who worked for several years for a Saudi organization called WAMY.

Detainee: That's true.

Designated Military Officer: The World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY) is an NGO operating in Afghanistan and may be associated with Usama bin Laden and/or al Qaida.

Detainee: I really don't know how to answer it because I never worked with this organization. I don't think so but whether it is or not, I don't know.

Presiding Officer: You have no opinion one way or another?

Detainee: I don't think so but...I don't believe so.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee is associated with Abu Oua'il, a former leader of the International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO) and the information section within the NGO Muslim World League.

Detainee: There's a mistake here...two parts, the first part was right but the second part...I don't know what is the relation between the first and the second.

Presiding Officer: So, you agree that you know this gentleman but his activities are unknown.

Detainee: He used to work in this organization but...

Designated Military Officer: The IIRO is an Islamic NGO with ties to extremist activities.

Detainee: I disagree.

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Designated Military Officer: The Detainee is associated with Abu el Abbas, the former leader of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Detainee: I don't know...I know the guy but I don't know if he was the leader or what...

Presiding Officer: Would you classify or categorize your association? Was he your friend, an acquaintance?

Detainee: He was a business friend.

Presiding Officer: A business associate?

Detainee: A business friend?

Presiding Officer: Friend?

Detainee: Our relations were in business only.

Presiding Officer: Not a personal friendship?

Detainee: No.

Designated Military Officer: Other relevant data, on September 23, 1996, he applied for and was granted status as a United Nations Refugee.

Detainee: That's true.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee was arrested by Pakistani authorities at his residence on 18 July 2002 because his house was a suspected al Qaida safe house.

Detainee: The first part, yes. I was captured in this place but I disagree that my house was an al Qaida house. I will prove it to you from your records.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee had four hundred United States dollars when he was arrested.

Detainee: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: According to a foreign government, the Detainee is a fugitive from Algeria, where he has been wanted since 1993 for belonging to an armed group. The Detainee left Algeria for Pakistan in July 1990 where he worked for the NGO Muslim Aid for Afghan Refugees.

Detainee: The information is mixed up here. Yes, I left Algeria in 1990 but I disagree that I was a fugitive.

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Designated Military Officer: The following primary factors favor release or transfer, the Detainee stated that as a Muslim, he felt that he should go out and do good deeds for other people and found he could best do this by joining a NGO.

Detainee: Yes.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee stated he has nothing against Americans and he has no reason to fight against Americans if he is released, because it is against his religion to kill innocents.

Detainee: Yes, that's true...whether they are American or not.

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 Assisting Military Officer read the Detainee Comments from the Enemy Combatant Election Form.

The Detainee made the following statement:

Detainee: In the name Allah, the most merciful, the most gracious. Point number 1, dealing with the training...that's true...yes I was trained by the Algerian army and any Algerian has to do that by force. Anyone who tries to escape or to refuse to do what they call "national duty" will be jailed and put in the army. I had to do it. I don't know why this point is against me. If any one you were called by the government for this duty, you would do it without hesitation.

Presiding Officer: I would point out that in the section...it does not mean that it is a point for you or against you. It is just a fact of your history. This board does not consider that in a positive light or in a negative light, just that it is.

Detainee: Because here it says training...training in the dictionary about terrorism is against the law. I don't understand it.

Presiding Officer: I've explained to you how this board will interpret that information so you need not be worried about that.

Detainee: OK...connections and associations. Number one is OK...I agree with it. I have nothing to anything to say against it. Number two, yes. Number three, also. Number four, also...I agree with it. Number five, as I told you...there is a mistake

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maybe in the information because in that time...1994, I was living in Pakistan. I didn't leave from Afghanistan to Kenya...I left from Pakistan to Kenya.

Presiding Officer: We've made that correction.

Detainee: Thank you. Number six, I (inaudible) because this organization in 1994 was working in thirty-four African countries. The organization was funded by the Kuwaiti nongovernmental organization. It's registered by the Kuwaiti government. If this organization is involved in any [kind] of terrorism or other wrong activities, the Kuwaiti government should be questioned (inaudible) of this organization. I don't think so...In 1994, yes, I traveled to Afghanistan to work...that's right. Number eight, yes, I resigned. Number nine also, yes, that's true...I have nothing to say there. Number ten, I don't think and I don't believe that this organization, WAMY, is associated with...there is some kind of contradiction. If it's associated with Usama bin Laden or al Qaida...as I understand, Usama bin Laden or al Qaida is one thing. Usama bin Laden as I know and everybody knows, is the leader of al Qaida so if this organization is associated with Usama bin Laden [then] it's associated with al Qaida.

Presiding Officer: All right, your opinion is noted for the record. Please proceed.

Detainee: I don't think...I don't believe...cause this organization is a Saudi association. It is registered in the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Saudi Arabia and it is registered with the Pakistani government. [It is also] registered in the Board of Refugees of the United Nations.

Presiding Officer: Sir, just so you are aware, the board is familiar with the registries and the backgrounds of these organizations.

Detainee: I only want to understand...if this committee has a relationship to Usama bin Laden or al Qaida...therefore, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Pakistani government and the United Nations must all be associated. They are allowing them to work...so if they are connected to Usama bin Laden, therefore they should be questioned. I don't defend it but...through registration through the United Nations, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, they know that this committee or organization works for humanitarian aid. I haven't heard the American government officially accuse this organization of being (inaudible).

Presiding Officer: Your comments are noted for the record.

Detainee: This guy...I know him...he used to work, not as a leader...he was working in Northern (inaudible) relief organization. I don't want to comment too much on it.

Presiding Officer: That's fine...whatever your comfortable with. Please proceed.

Detainee: I don't want to waste your time. I'll say the same thing I said previously, there is no proof and the American government cannot accuse officially of doing such. I don't

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defend this organization but this is what I think about them. Thirteen, I had a business relationship with this guy and I don't know whether he used to be or is a leader. I was interrogated many, many times on this point and I told them (inaudible). That's true, number one.

Presiding Officer: Sir, I [would like to] point out that the remainder of the paragraphs you agreed with. Are there any other points you would like to add?

Detainee: Not all of it. I have some points I want to talk about. Yes, I used to be a United Nations refugee and I have nothing to say about that. Number two, yes, I was arrested in this residence in July 18, 2002 but my house was not a safe house for al Qaida.

Presiding Officer: Perhaps you don't understand the statement...the house was a suspected house but you are disagreeing that it actually was. Is that correct?

Detainee: Yes. I asked many times my interrogators why I was here. This is the main point. I was arrested based on my house being a suspected [safehouse].

Presiding Officer: So, you agree that it was a suspected house but you disagree that it actually was?

Detainee: Yes and I will prove to you from your documents that it is not. I will come back to this point. Number three, yes, I had four hundred US dollars in my pocket when I was arrested. [I also had] four hundred Pakistani rupees but I don't why it is not mentioned here.

Presiding Officer: We will add that fact to the record.

Detainee: Yes, I left Algeria in 1990.

Presiding Officer: [You left in] 1990 not 1993?

Detainee: [It was in] 1990 and here then information is mixed up and there is a conflict in the information. I left Algeria in 1990 and the Algerian crisis started after 1992 and the group started their action against the Algerian government and Algerian people, I believe after 1992 but I am not sure. So if I left Algeria before the crisis started as a refugee from this country two years before something happened.

Presiding Officer: Your additional information is noted on the record. Please continue.

Detainee: How do they attach this information together? At the same time and in the same statement they contradict each other.

Presiding Officer: This board will take your statement into consideration when making its decision.

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Detainee: I don't want to make it too long but this is my summarization.

Presiding Officer: Take as long as you wish.

Detainee: I left Algeria officially in 1990 and I reached Pakistan in about five days after that in the same year and the same month. I was officially registered with the Pakistani government and the Algerian embassy and I left Pakistan only in 1990 to go to Kenya and then I returned to Pakistan in the same year. I didn't leave Pakistan until I was captured here. Except for my work in Afghanistan...I was going and coming back from Afghanistan to Pakistan.

Presiding Officer: Very well.

Detainee: Do you want me to comment on the factors that favor release or transfer?

Presiding Officer: Yes, you indicated that you agree with those two. If you have more that you would like to present, we are here for that.

Detainee: Our religion is against...and if anyone knows the Koran and the translation of the Koran I will tell you to (inaudible) but it will take [too much] time in the translation. In brief, our religion is against killing innocent people whether they are American, Hindu, whoever. It is also against killing animals without reason. Even if the animals [presented a] danger to them...if they kill them it is against the religion. [We can] only butcher them for food...

Presiding Officer: Sir, the board is highly educated in world religions and we do understand that that is a tenet of your religion.

Detainee: Sometimes religions are misinterpreted or mistreated by (inaudible)...that's why there are terrorists doing this. When I say that I am telling you what my beliefs are.

Presiding Officer: Your beliefs are appreciated and noted for the record.

Detainee: At the time that I came to this detention facility I didn't have any problems with any military [people]. I've never insulted any soldier or military person. I've never [spat] at anyone. I've never thrown anything else on them. I've cooperated with the interrogators...unlimited cooperation. I've solved a lot of problems for you in the facility. I am a manager of the room in Camp four. The officials know what I've said. They know...you can verify it with them.

Presiding Officer: The board is aware of your contributions, conduct and behavior and takes notice of them.

Detainee: We don't do that because we are afraid...but that is how we were brought up. I am forty-seven years old and I have chains on my hands. I've never been chained until three years ago when the Americans arrested me. In my whole life I had never entered a

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prison. I've never been taken to a police station...ever...[not while] I was in Algerian...until I was thirty-two years old...or during my residency in Pakistan for twelve years. We believe in good and evil. We know that God will give to whoever is good and whoever is bad God will give to also. In my whole life I never thought of killing and I've never killed anyone. We've been brought up to do good and to help people. The reason for my leaving Algeria and going to Pakistan was to help others...people who were suffering and are still suffering today. Sometimes a person is in a situation where it is not appropriate for them to be. I was arrested in Pakistan and I have nothing to do with terrorism. If I had any relationship...close or far...to the terrorists no one would be able to arrest me. I'm against any kind of terror. Good? I want to go back to the point I mentioned before. "Other relevant data"...this point states 'a suspected person'...the person in front of you now was arrested in a house suspected of al Qaida. That is what the interrogator said. The Pakistani intelligence was saying that the house was suspected also. The same interrogator came to me and brought me a map, a satellite [image] and he asked me to show him where the house was and I did. The house consisted of two rooms, one bathroom and a kitchen. Those two rooms were for me, my wife and four children. In America usually every child has his own room. I was at that house...one room was for me and my wife and the other room was for my four children. If the house were for al Qaida, where would al Qaida sit? Good? That was the main accusation [as to] why I was arrested. My neighbor, which is mentioned here [that] I was arrested with him in the same house...this accusation was not [brought] against him. My neighbor who lived with me...he wasn't accused of this. So if the house was suspected, why was I the only one accused of this? We all stayed at that same house. Either everyone in the house should be suspected or it should not be suspected at all. In this one (referring to his Unclassified Summary of Evidence) it says that the house was suspected...here (referring to his neighbor's Unclassified Summary of Evidence) the information is not there. In the tribunal I was given the same accusation and he didn't get the same accusation and we both lived in the same house. I say that some of the information here is not correct. Some of the information is contradictory.

Presiding Officer: Sir, to the best of your knowledge have you corrected and put on the record the discrepancies?

Detainee: Yes, that was the main [reason as to why] I was arrested and I've been here more than three years now...for that reason. I'm suffering...my wife is suffering...my children are suffering...my parents. I didn't do anything against you.

Presiding Officer: Sir, we do have some questions that we would like to ask you and if you would like to make a statement after that or during, you would be welcome and encouraged to do so...I point this out because you have made these statements a couple of times already and I'd like to get to the next portion where we can ask you some questions.

Detainee: According to me, I consider this a very important (inaudible). They judged me to be an enemy combatant and I was never an enemy combatant. I was arrested in my

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house...I was never (inaudible). If you can let me say...I know I have summarized a lot of my statement...so I can concentrate on this point.

Presiding Officer: Sir, we'd like to ask you some questions...

Detainee: OK, go ahead.

Presiding Officer: So at this point I'd like you to tell me [if] we can conclude this part of the statement.

Detainee: This is my only chance...if you could let me elaborate some more on this point...it's not a problem if it's after the question.

Presiding Officer: Yes, we'll come back to it.

The Presiding Officer had the Assisting Military Officer read the Detainee Comments from the Enemy Combatant Election Form, Exhibit EC-B.

Assisting Military Officer: The Detainee's ARB interview occurred on 15 August 2005 and lasted for forty-five minutes. After a review of the ARB's purpose and procedures, the Arabic translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence was read to the Detainee. When asked if he would like to attend the ARB, the Detainee stated he wishes to attend, and to speak openly with the board members. The Detainee prefers to respond to the Unclassified Summary of Evidence after each allegation is read during the ARB. He also wishes to give his oral statement. The Detainee elected not to have the Assisting Military Officer submit a written statement on his behalf. The Detainee was cooperative and very polite during interview. The Detainee elected to have the English and Arabic translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence for future review.

The Designated Military Officer had the following questions for the Detainee.

Designated Military Officer: Can you describe the type of activities that you did when you were a member of the NGOs?

Detainee: Which one?

Designated Military Officer: There were several...if you could give us an idea of sort of things you would do as a member?

Detainee: I worked in two. The first one I was the supervisor in a training school...teaching how to sew...carpentry...technical work. The second one...as mentioned here, I used to be a hospital administrator. The other one, which is in Kenya...I went to Kenya to work but unfortunately I had problems with my passport so I didn't [get to] work. I stayed there for about two months and I came back.

Administrative Review Board Member's questions:

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Board Member: Did you own the house that you were arrested in?

Detainee: I was renting.

Board Member: Who owned the house?

Detainee: A Pakistani guy named Ismael.

Board Member: What are your feelings towards al Qaida?

Detainee: Before them or others like them...before they entered with all those problems with the United States...I personally do not agree with them.

Board Member: What are the beliefs of the Muslim Brotherhood?

Detainee: They are people...I'm not one of the members of that organization. They are Muslim people who believe in democracy. They work towards democracy. They are against any kind of military work...any kind of military action...they work through the government and through the law. You can go to the Internet and gather some information. If you have any other questions...I can answer it.

Board Member: You were captured with four hundred dollars. How did you obtain that money and what was the purpose of having it?

Detainee: Good question. I worked in Afghanistan in 1996. I used to get paid in US dollars and I saved money. On that day when I was captured I took the money and me and my wife and kids went to the market to buy some gifts because we had planned to go back to our country because the schools in Pakistan at that time were closed. Unfortunately, the forces came to our home and they destroyed everything. That's why I had the four hundred dollars in my pocket and I don't think and I don't believe that four hundred dollars is kind of (inaudible) to have it.

Board Member: Was it common to be paid in US dollars?

Detainee: No, I don't believe so.

Board Member: What size were the notes?

Detainee: Hundred dollars.

Board Member: So you had four one hundred dollar bills?

Detainee: Yes.

Board Member: There's little information between 1997 and 2002. Briefly, where were you living and what were you doing?

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Detainee: I was living in Pakistan in the same house between 1994 until I was captured. Between 1996 until the date I was captured, I used to be a United Nations refugee and I was jobless except I had a small business.

Board Member: Where is your family now?

Detainee: I think they are in Algeria now.

Board Member: If you were released, is that where you would go to live with your family?

Detainee: Yes, where [else] would I go? I'd go home...I have my kids to look after...wife...parents.

Board Member: What would you do to support them?

Detainee: I will find a good job like I used to [have] before.

Board Member: What is your education level?

Detainee: I studied until high school.

Board Member: Last thing, you do not believe you are a fugitive in Algeria?

Detainee: No, I don't believe so...if I believed that why would I go back to Algeria?

Board Member: So if you returned to Algeria, you do not believe you would be arrested?

Detainee: Now, that's another question. Anyone who was in Cuba, [don't] you think they will be interrogated by the government? At least they would interrogate me but I don't believe I would be in jail for a long time. I'd be arrested maybe for a short period to be questioned.

Board Member: Do you consider the Egyptian government and the Algerian government to be good Muslim governments or would you like to see things change?

Detainee: I don't know why you are asking me about the Egyptian government...I am Algerian. I can tell you about the Algerian government. I don't know about the Egyptian government. I've been in jail for three years...I don't know whether they are good or not. The Algerian government is not like this government or...it's not an example of a good government but it's a third world government basically. It's not a favorite government...but we do not have anything [else].

Board Member: In terms of when you lived in Algeria and the time you spent in Egypt, would you consider the government conservative Muslim or less than conservative Muslim?

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Detainee: Can you say it again, please?

Board Member: The time you spent in Algeria, did you consider the government very conservative...in terms of Muslim faith or less than conservative?

Detainee: Sorry...you mentioned Egypt so I couldn't understand the (inaudible)...I will repeat again, the Algerian government is not a good example...it's not the best but it is what we have.

Board Member: Again, my question is do you consider the Algerian government Muslim faith conservative or liberal? In comparison to the Muslim faith, some are more conservative and some are not so conservative about their faith...where do you put Algeria? Is that good or bad?

Detainee: I'll give you an example of the two...it's better than the Saudi government. We have freedom. We have democracy. We have other political parties. All of the Algerian people are Christians or Muslims.

Board Muslim: So, you consider this a better government than Saudi Arabia...

Detainee: Yes...yes...better than the Saudi government but there is a spoiled government office. There is some corruption in the government.

Board Member: You said that your faith has good and evil; do you consider US citizens mostly good people?

Detainee: Of course. I have nothing against the American government...or the American people. I used to work for them for many years. I do believe that the American people are very good people that's why I have no problems with the MP's and I had no problems when I used to work with them in Algeria. I definitely believe that the American people are fighting for freedom and (inaudible) for democracy...but if they knew our position here, for sure they wouldn't like for us to be in this position.

Board Member: Do you think that Muslims that change their faith are good people or evil people? If I am a Muslim and I say I want to become Hindu or Christian...does that make me a good person or an evil person in your mind?

Detainee: That's up to you if you want to be a Muslim or not a Muslim. Our religion is not a forceful religion. You can stay in the religion or leave.

Board Member: Do you consider that person good or evil because they did that?

Detainee: [It] depends on how he treats other people. If he treats other people [well], then it doesn't matter if he is Muslim or not Muslim.

Board Member: Do you consider Jewish people good people or evil people?

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Detainee: The Jews and [the] Christians are people of the Holy Book...Islam is not against Jews or Christians. It's the opposite; the closest people to use are the Jews and the Christians. The proof is...if you can eat the sacrifices of animals that are butcher...we can eat sacrifices from a Jewish person or a Christian with no hesitation. The Muslims eat kosher food...

Board Member: Do you consider Jewish people good or evil?

Detainee: It's like any other [person], if they are good people, they are good. If they are bad people they are bad. We are not against Jews, Christianity or another religion. In Algeria, where we are at we have a lot of Jews that have lived there for hundreds or years with no problems.

Board Member: Do you consider Usama bin Laden a good person or an evil person?

Detainee: Personally, I do not know him but the things that he does are not good things. It is against the Islamic religion.

Board Member: So, you believe he is not a good Muslim because of the things that you've heard that he has done?

Detainee: There is a difference between a good Muslim and a bad Muslim. You cannot tell [how a person is] by their religion; it is their action against the religion...is their action a good action or a bad action? You can judge a person by their action.

Board Member: So, based on his action, do you consider his actions good then?

Detainee: If a [person] is doing good things he is a good person. If he is doing bad things, he is a bad person...whether he is Muslim or not.

Board Member: My question originally was based on what you've heard that he has done...do you consider him good or evil?

Detainee: The things he has done are not good. He has done bad things against innocent people...not just against Americans...but he has done a lot of bad things against Afghanis and Muslims in Afghanistan.

Board Member: Would you be willing to help the US and its' allies capture Usama bin Laden if you could?

Detainee: In the past government or in the future.

Board Member: Currently.

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Detainee: It's a strange question but I will answer. Honestly, I do not know where this man is but if I was in Algeria and I saw him there, I would report it to the Algerian government. I would tell them.

Board Member: Same question about al Qaida. If you knew people were in al Qaida [would you be willing to help the US and its' allies capture them]?

Detainee: Sure, I would report al Qaida.

Presiding Officer: Did you ever visit the Pakistan embassy in either Afghanistan or Pakistan?

Detainee: Algeria has no embassy in Afghanistan...but it has an embassy in Pakistan. I visited it many times.

Presiding Officer: Do you remember the name of someone you spoke with there?

Detainee: I spoke to many people...the embassy has been there for many years.

Presiding Officer: Do you remember anyone who worked there?

Detainee: I met the (inaudible) the embassy (inaudible) in 1990...I met the consul [general] at that time...they only have one.

Presiding Officer: Did you have to sign in when you went and left?

Detainee: In 1992 they had a big register...yes, I think at that time we had to sign in.

Presiding Officer: Do you recall signing in?

Detainee: I really do not remember very well.

Presiding Officer: The reason I am asking is if there was a warrant for your arrest, and you visited the Algerian embassy...that's Algerian soil...and I am wondering why they didn't arrest you.

Detainee: I do not think there was any warrant...I used to sit with all of them...even the intelligence officer.

Presiding Officer: Were you a registered Algerian national at the embassy?

Detainee: Yes...yes...I have the card and I was registered...yes.

Designated Military Officer: Sir, I'd like to ask one question. You mentioned you lived in a two bedroom house...one bedroom was for you and your wife and one was for your kids. You mentioned that your friend also lived there. Do you mean that this was one house or was it a duplex with his family living there?

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Detainee: That's a very good question. The house was divided in two portions...as you can say...the lower portion and the upper portion...he was living in the upper portion and I was living in the lower portion.

Presiding Officer: Is there any other information you would like to present?

Detainee: I do not have anything [else].

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.

AUTHENTICATION

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


Colonel, USA
Presiding Officer

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