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Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 971

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 Presiding Officer called for a recess to bring in the detainee. The Reporter was notified to remove his name-tag by the translator.

The Detainee entered the proceedings.

The Presiding Officer called the Administrative Review Board to order and confirmed the correct spelling of the Detainee's name.

Detainee: Stated the name is incorrectly spelled and he corrected the spelling of his name.

The Presiding Officer annotated for the record the detainee's name is misspelled and made a correction.

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 (AMO) was sworn.

The Presiding Officer explained to the detainee that the Designated Military Officer, the reporter, and the translator had been previously sworn, before you entered the room.

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

Detainee asked to what should I swear? Should I swear to say what?

The Presiding Officer explained to the detainee he is promising to tell the truth. You are swearing to God that you will tell the truth; to Allah.

The translator explains to the detainee the meaning of "swearing".

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Detainee: In Islam we swear because we saw that thing, if we don't see that thing or we didn't do that thing, then why would we swear.

Presiding Officer asked one more time, does the detainee want to take a Muslim oath or not?

Detainee: I will swear

The Detainee accepted to take the (Muslim) oath.

Designated Military Officer administered the Muslim Oath.

Detainee: You did not answer my question, you started to swear me.

The Presiding Officer then stated the board would move on. The oath was offered to the detainee and we are now moving on.

Detainee: I will swear on my innocence. That I am innocent, I will swear.

The Presiding Officer stated the board would proceed.

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.

Presiding Officer: Assisting Military Officer please read your comments from the Enemy Combatant Election Form.

Assisting Military Officer: The detainee's Administrative Review Board interview occurred on 23 September 2005, and lasted 39 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, he said he would attend the Administrative Review Board and address statements in the Unclassified Summary of Evidence as each point is presented. The detainee elected to submit five letters from family, and a follow up interview to allow the detainee to bring the letters was conducted on 26 September 2005, and lasted for 5 minutes. The detainee was cooperative and polite throughout both interviews. The detainee was given a copy of the Pashtu translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence.

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The Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1. The Designated Military Officer stated that a copy of these exhibits had been previously distributed to the Assisting Military Officer and Detainee. In addition I am handing the Administrative Review Board the following Unclassified exhibit, DMO-2, a copy of this exhibit has been previously been provided to the Assisting Military Officer and the detainee.

The Presiding Officer annotated that exhibit DMO-1 and 2 had been received.

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.

Detainee: I am not going to answer any questions because of the swearing. You guys decided on your own you not listen to me, why should I listen to you?

Presiding Officer asked the detainee if he would like to swear, yes or no?

Detainee: Anything you would like to do, do it, if you would like me to stay here for 20 years, I will stay here.

Presiding Officer stated he would ask the detainee one more time, would he like to swear, yes or no?

Detainee: If I didn't want to swear, why I swear last time at the CSRT. I will swear on my innocence. I am innocent, I will swear on my innocence. Twenty times I will swear.

The Presiding Officer again asks the detainee, do you want to swear now, yes or no, that's the question?

Translator: Sir, this is the Afghan way, can I....[indicated that he would explain to the detainee the intent of the question].

Presiding Officer: as long as you let me know Yes I am fine with that.

Translator: sure, I am fine with that. I told him that when the Assistant Military Officer had an interview with you, you accepted that you would be asked if you would like to swear, and you said yes because I am innocent. And here you are -- now you are insisting on your own word -- why- and he said "oh, I didn't understand".

Presiding Officer: Okay, let me explain then. This is a very serious process. Many men have sat in that chair right there where you are sitting. Many have been sent home. We look at each and every person one at a time. We're trying to figure out if you are still going to be a threat to the United States and our Allies. If you go under oath it means something to me.

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Detainee: Yes Sir, I will swear, no problem.

Presiding Officer: Very good. Designated Military Officer, we will do it one more time. Please administer the proper oath.

Designated Military Officer administered the Muslim Oath.

Presiding Officer: Sir you may rise if you would like. [Addressed to the detainee]

Detainee: When I understand, I will do anything that you want me to.

Presiding Officer: very well, thank you very much. Would you like to respond to each allegation or just wait and make a response at the end?

Detainee: one by one Sir.

Presiding Officer: very well, let me caution you. This is a two-step process. In this part, you respond only to the allegation. After this part is done you are going be given an opportunity to make a statement about what ever you think we should hear. Do you understand that?

Detainee: very well.

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 to assist the Detainee with answering the statements.

Designated Military Officer: The following primary factors favor continued detention: (3.a.1) The detainee claimed that unknown personnel approached him, gave him a Rocket Propelled Grenade launcher and told him that he was part of the ambush against the Americans. He took the Rocket Propelled Grenade launcher. When the detainee learned the Americans were on the way, he threw the Rocket Propelled Grenade launcher in a well and hid in the hole.

Detainee: No. If you have evidence then - witness- then ...

Presiding Officer: then okay, no one ever gave you an RPG.

Detainee: No Sir

Presiding Officer: so you didn't throw an RPG in a well.

Detainee: No

Presiding Officer: did anybody approach you with any kind of weapon?

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Detainee: No Sir, no no

Presiding Officer: so nobody asked you to ambush Americans.

Detainee: No Sir, if you have proof and witnesses that okay but no

Presiding Officer: Well you realize that you said that happened, that's why that's in here in the first place.

Detainee: I didn't say that, these are not true.

Presiding Officer: okay.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.2) The detainee and another individual, upon further questioning, admitted to being part of the ambush, but they were scared and threw their weapons down a well and hid in the hole.

Detainee: No I didn't hide in the well

Presiding Officer: continue

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.3) The detainee was about to get on his tractor when the capturing unit detained him.

Detainee: My tractor was at home and I was away for thirty to forty meters away from my home when I was captured. Like from here to our camp and they can ask the old soldier that was there.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.4) The detainee denied hear about the planned attacks and warnings to clear the village due to the suspected arrival of the Americans.

Detainee: No body left and I didn't kill anybody and I don't know anything.

Designated Military Officer: 3b Connections/Associations (3.b.1) The detainee and another were both apprehended wearing Olive Drab (OD) Green jackets, consistent with the eyewitness accounts of the individuals responsible for the attacks.

Detainee: I did not have the OD jacket. What ever I had at that time, they have it.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.2) The detainee claims no personal knowledge of Abdul Wahid or his relationship with the Taliban. The detainee claims that everything he knows about Wahid is common knowledge among the people of Bah gram district.

Detainee: yes Sir

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Designated Military Officer: 3.c Other Relevant Data (3.c.1) The detainee claimed that he was driving a tractor with another individual when they heard gunfire in the distance.

Detainee: I was not driving my tractor; I was standing next to my house.

Presiding Officer: did you ever hear gunfire when driving your tractor?

Detainee: I heard the firing when the U.S. forces were getting closer to our village.

Presiding Officer: All right, so you did hear gunfire, just not on your tractor.

Detainee: I was sleeping in my bed but it was early in the morning that I heard gunfire.

Presiding Officer: All right, thank you.

Detainee: I did not have my tractor.

Board Member: When you heard the gunfire, was it inside or outside?

Detainee: I was in my house -- I was going to pray, it was the time for praying. I told him in my investigation.

Designated Military officer: (3.c.2) The detainee stated that he and the other individual saw United States military vehicles approaching. He further stated that the linguist working for the United States had previously told him that he should stay clear of the soldiers and to stay out of their way.

Detainee: I don't know the linguist and I don't see anything, I don't know anything.

Designated Military Officer: 4. The following primary factors favor release or transfer: (4.a) The detainee claimed that he was on his way to the bazaar to buy rice, and a filter and oil for his tractor. He was in the company of another individual.

Detainee: Yes Sir

Designated Military Officer: (4.b) The detainee stated that while the other individual was wearing an OD green jacket, he was not. The detainee also denied knowing that these OD jackets were part of the uniform of Taliban fighters.

Detainee: I didn't have my jacket and my friends had jackets.

Presiding Officer: so you had a jacket, you just weren't wearing it?

Detainee: I don't have that kind of OD jacket in my house and I didn't wear it.

Presiding Officer: but you do have a jacket, you just weren't wearing it?

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Detainee: No

Presiding Officer: But not – I mean not an Olive Drab jacket.

Detainee: I don't have --no- I don't own it and I didn't wear it

Presiding Officer: Owns no jacket what so ever; any kind of jacket?

Detainee: They have it – the U.S. soldiers

Presiding Officer: Okay, he was wearing a jacket, just not an Olive Drab jacket.

Detainee: They call it (junji), it's like an over jacket and it's a brown-maroon

Presiding Officer: all right, please continue.

Detainee: They have it there when they captured me they took everything from me.

Designated Military Officer: (4.c) According to the other individual, everyone wears these types of jackets. He also claimed that he and the detainee never used a weapon.

Detainee: Yes Sir

Designated Military Officer: (4.d) The detainee denied any knowledge/involvement in the attacks on United States Forces and has maintained this story since his first interrogation. He also denied the report detailing his admission to United States Forces that he hid weapons in the well and stated he did not have a weapon with him at the time of his arrest.

Detainee: Yes Sir, I never attack United States forces and I didn't have a weapon.

Designated Military Officer: (4.e) The detainee denied ever admitting to any United States personnel that he was a Taliban fighter.

Detainee: I was not a Taliban and I didn't know the Taliban.

Designated Military Officer: This concludes the Unclassified Summary.

Presiding Officer: Do either members of the Board desire more time to review the Unclassified Summary?

Board Members: No

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.

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The Presiding Officer acknowledged the request.

The Assisting Military Officer stated the detainee would like to make an oral statement and submit witness statements on his behalf. Assistant Military Officer submitted exhibits ECC-1 thru ECC-5.

The Assisting Military Officer had no further information to submit on behalf of the Detainee.

The detainee made the following statement:

Detainee: I didn't have weapons at the time of the investigation. The linguist made a mistake or the interrogation guy made a mistake, the interrogator made a mistake, I don't know, but I didn't have any weapons.

I have been here for three (3) years and if there is any evidence, consider that evidence and whatever punishment are there, I will take it or you can give it.

Presiding Officer: We do not punish you. We are here to decide if you should go home or stay here. That's it. You're here right now to convince these three officers that you should go home.

Detainee: You can judge me based on my behavior in the camp.

Presiding Officer: Your behavior had been recorded and is very noteworthy.

Detainee: I was not against the United States I will not be against the United States. I was not against the Government and I will not be against the Government and I am innocent and I am a poor guy.

Presiding Officer: Does that conclude your statement Sir?

Detainee: I am innocent. The last Tribunal I told them I was innocent and they didn't believe me and now I am telling you that I am innocent. You can get information from my village, not from one guy, from others that I am innocent.

Presiding Officer: Does that conclude you statement then?

Detainee: If you have any questions for me Sir, tell me, if not, I am prepared to answer your questions.

The Assisting Military Officer did not have any additional information to submit on behalf of the detainee and did not have any further questions for the detainee.

The Designated Military Officer did not have any further questions for the detainee.

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Administrative Review Board Member's questions:

Board Member: The day you were captured, did you see any Taliban fighters?

Detainee: No Sir.

Board Member: Did you see any Afghan civilians with any weapons?

Detainee: No Sir.

Board Member: Were you walking or driving a vehicle to the bazaar?

Detainee: I came to the bus stop and I was waiting for the bus to come.

Board Member: When captured, how far were you from the ambush site?

Detainee: I don't know where the ambush happened. There was no ambush.

Board Member: Were you hiding when the U.S Forces approached?

Detainee: I was sitting. I was not hiding. You can ask the linguist. We were waiting for the bus to come.

Board Member: When you were captured you were with another individual?

Detainee: Yes.

Board Member: Did the other individual have a weapon?

Detainee: No Sir.

Board Member: What are your feelings concerning the United States intervention into Afghanistan?

Detainee: We were very happy they came in. We were waiting for them to rebuild Afghanistan. We were waiting 20 years for that. Afghanistan was destroyed.

Board Member: Do you support the current Afghan Government under President Karzai?

Detainee: He is a wonderful man and I would like to support him and I would like to work for him.

Board Member: What are your feelings concerning Usama Bin Laden?

Detainee: Bin Laden is not a good guy. If he were a good guy I would not be here. Afghanistan was already destroyed and he destroyed more.

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Board Member: Where is your family living now in Afghanistan?

Detainee: In my village Legick (PH)

Board Member: How is your family being supported while you are here?

Detainee: I don't know, I'm here, I don't know.

Board Member: If released how do you plan to support yourself and your family?

Detainee: I am a driver and drive different trucks and I was able to support myself.

Board Member: And you will be able to do that if he goes back?

Detainee: yes, I have to. I don't know anything else to do then. I am just a driver and would like to drive. I've been driving in my truck for twenty years. I was a poor guy and the whole village knows me by my name as a good guy. I never been with the Taliban and I never was a Taliban. I will support my family driving.

Board Member: Do you own a truck; do you own a vehicle?

Detainee: No Sir.

Board Member: So the tractor -

Detainee: That belongs to Salam.

Board Member: You were taking this trip with this individual, who was this individual?

Detainee: My nephew.

Board Member: Does your nephew own this tractor?

Detainee: That's Isad Salam.

Board Member: What was the trip for; where were you going?

Detainee: It was the night of our (?) celebration and the store was getting closed and I was getting stuff for my house and filter and oil for the tractor.

Board Member: So, filter and oil for the tractor that belonged to this gentlemen?

Detainee: Yes Sir.

Board Member: So, do you normally buy the oil, filter, and that kind of things for this gentlemen's vehicle, for his tractor?

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Detainee: Yes Sir.

Board Member: You were walking to this place and you say you stopped at a bus stop, is that true?

Detainee: We were sitting waiting for the car to come. 10 meters away from the street we were sitting there. Waiting for the bus to come. It's a small farm. We were waiting. In the middle of the farm there is a road. We were waiting for the city bus to come in. They got there [American Forces] and they arrested me.

Board Member: So, you were walking to a bus stop, you sat near this bus stop and this is where they arrested you?

Detainee: Yes Sir.

Board Member: When you were arrested did you have anything in your pockets? Did the person you were with have anything in their pockets?

Detainee: I had snuff, nail cutter, tractor key, 600 Pakistan Rupees, and a very small knife. I had a small notebook. I wrote in the notebook that someone owed me 300,000 Afghani. Whatever I had in my pocket, it's in the possession of the United States.

Board Member: And this money was your personal money?

Detainee: The 600 Rupees was my own money. The oil filter and the oil the tractor – the owner has an account with the auto parts guys. What ever I buy they would write down on the owner's credit.

Board Member: So it's normal for you to ride the bus?

Detainee: It's not a bus, it's a taxi.

Board Member: And you so you have never used a weapon?

Detainee: No Sir.

Board Member: Is it not true that your country is very dangerous place?

Detainee: No Sir. Our village is not that dangerous.

Board Member: So, you don't see many weapons at all?

Detainee: I don't know anybody that has weapons.

Board Member: So, the time you have lived in your village, you may have seen a weapon once in a year? Once in two years?

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Detainee: No Sir. Yea, people had weapons at the time of Jihad when they were fighting the Russians. When I was going to the market to buy stuff many people had weapons.

Board Members: So, people are carrying weapons around, you were not afraid for your family for protection to have a weapon around?

Detainee: No Sir. The guy at the checkpoint had weapons and we were not afraid of them.

Board Members: The checkpoint for your village?

Detainee: No Sir. The checkpoint was at the market. We don't have that stuff in our village.

Board Member: So you never put your hand on a weapon, never shot a weapon?

Detainee: No Sir. They ask me if a robber comes or a thief comes in the middle of the night, comes to the house, we don't have anything to find ourselves in the daylight, how someone going to find us in the dark at night. What is he going to steal? We don't have anything they would be able to steal.

Board Member: You have some money in your pockets.

Detainee: 600 dollars, no one is going to steal 600 dollars and come to my house.

Board Member: Rice, oil, and tractors?

Detainee: That wasn't my village.

Board Member: How old was the person that you were with?

Detainee: I don't know.

Board Member: Guess.

Translator: Sir, ask him how old he was when the Soviet Union came in?

Board Member: Was he about your [referring to detainee] age?

Detainee: He is younger than me, ten years younger.

Board Member: And he is related to you?

Detainee: My nephew.

Board Member: On which side? How so? How is he related to you?

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Translator: I can tell you that. From his brothers side. In Pashtu we have specific words.

Board Member: So when he uses the word nephew, he means paternal. When did you first see him [referring to the nephew] on the day you were arrested?

Translator: The day he was captured, when did he first see his nephew?

Board Member: Yes.

Detainee: I was praying. After I finished my prayer I walked to him and we were sitting and talking waiting for the car.

Board Member: What time did you get up that morning?

Detainee: I don't know when.

Board Member: Sun up? Was it still dark?

Detainee: Before prayer in the morning, I know it was before the sun was rising.

Board Member: And was it then that you heard the gunfire, when you were still in bed?

Detainee: When I woke up and came out of my house, the firing started. I didn't go anywhere.

Board Member: And was it close by or way in the distance?

Detainee: It was about the distance between here [referring to the board review room] to camp number 4 [referring to the detention facility].

Board Member: Did you have breakfast that morning?

Detainee: No Sir. I was going to pray.

Board Member: You just prayed. Did you have coffee, tea, a piece of cheese, anything for breakfast?

Detainee: We didn't have sugar to put into our tea.

Board Member: What did you do next? What did you do after you prayed?

Detainee: After prayer I came back and had my tea. I was at home. In the afternoon, they captured me.

Board Member: You had your tea, right?

Detainee: Yes Sir.

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Board Member: Then what did you do?

Detainee: I was just sitting in my home.

Board Member: How long had you known that you needed oil and a filter for the tractor?

Translator: For the oil change he [referring to the detainee] he puts the stick into the engine and then takes it out and if the color changes to black he changes the oil. But the good thing about his tractor is that he adds oil to the engine everyday.

Board Member: Did you decide that day to go to the bazaar? Did you decide to go to the bazaar when you woke up in the morning? Did you know the day before that you were going to the bazaar the next day?

Translator: The detainee explained to me that he changes the oil in the tractor every two weeks.

Detainee: If we work on the tractor too many hours then we change both filters on the tractor instead of just one.

Board Member: My question still remains. When did you decide to go to the bazaar?

Detainee: I was going to the bazaar because of the Eed. The Eed is a celebration where everyone has to have something at least at their house when someone comes to say congratulations. That is why I went to the bazaar.

Board Member: You had planned to do this for a long time in the future. Is that right?

Detainee: Yes Sir. There was only one day left before the Eed. After the Eed, for four or five days all the stores are closed.

Board Member: I am going to take this one step at a time. You went to bed the night before knowing you had to go to the bazaar the next day. Correct?

Detainee: Yes Sir. That was the last day before the Eed.

Board Member: Could you have gone the next day?

Translator: The next day was the Eed Sir. It would be to late.

Board Member: The next day was to late. So this was [referring to the eve before the Eed] the last day you could go? You woke up that morning and while you were still in bed you heard gunfire. Correct?

Detainee: I was on the way to the Mosque when I heard gunfire.

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Board Member: I am confused. Earlier you told me that you heard gunfire while you were still in bed, early in the morning before you prayed.

Detainee: When I was in my house inside the room I didn't hear anything. When I came outside I heard the gunfire.

Board Member: This was early in the morning?

Detainee: It was early in the morning. The bullets were coming inside the house.

Board Member: Bullets came inside your house?

Detainee: I didn't see the bullets. The bullets were in the air.

Board Member: You could hear bullets going through the air over your head?

Detainee: Yes Sir.

Board Member: That is quite an exciting morning.

Detainee: We were surprised too. We didn't know you guys [American Forces] were coming. The airplane was flying overhead.

Board Member: So then you had tea, correct?

Detainee: Yes Sir.

Board Member: Did you have a mid day meal? Did you have lunch yet?

Detainee: Yes Sir.

Presiding Officer: So then you had lunch, how long after your mid day meal did you go to the bus stop?

Detainee: Maybe one and a half or two hours.

Presiding Officer: And then you heard more gunfire on your way to the bus stop.

Detainee: No, just one fire, the airplane fired one rocket. It was a very big bomb and a very big airplane.

Presiding Officer: All right; and so at about one thirty or an hour to an hour and a half after lunch, that's when you meet your nephew for the first time that day, is that correct?

Detainee: No Sir, I didn't see him and that was the first time I saw him at the bus stop.

Presiding Officer: Are you a little disappointed at your nephew?

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Detainee: No I'm not.

Presiding Officer: You read this document didn't you? This is the Unclassified Summary; you've had this read to you and you had a translated copy. Did you not read that your nephew said that you were part of the ambush? And that you threw your rocket propelled grenade and rifle down a hole.

Detainee: my nephew didn't say that.

Presiding Officer: You are sure of that. He told us that it was his nephew; the man he was with.

Translator: His nephew said that he was part of the ambush?

Presiding Officer: It says that it was the gentleman that you were with. You told us it was your nephew.

Detainee: No, my nephew never would say that and he didn't say that.

Presiding Officer: You are sure of that.

Detainee: Yes Sir.

Presiding Officer: I am pretty sure that you are sitting hear today because the gentleman you were with told the American Forces that you had a rocket propelled grenade that you threw down a well.

Detainee: My nephew did not say that. I didn't have that - how would my nephew say that?

Presiding Officer: And that you were part of an ambush.

Detainee: I was not part of the ambush.

Presiding Officer: And that you hid in a hole.

Detainee: And I didn't have an RPG rocket.

Presiding Officer: They didn't just go pick you up. It cost a lot of money to fly back and forth to Afghanistan from Guantanamo Bay. My question remains, wouldn't you be a little disappointed with the gentleman that said you were doing that? That's why you and I met.

Detainee: My nephew would not say that. I don't blame you, you guys brought us by the name of Taliban and to arrest al Qaida and stuff like that but before you brought me here you should ask and investigate there from my village.

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Presiding Officer: You understand my confusion then?

Detainee: You investigate, I am not a Taliban.

Presiding Officer: I read the letters from you family and friends. I believe they think you are a very good man. That's why I am dismayed, I am shocked. Was there someone else at the bus stop that would have told these horrible lies about you?

Detainee: No, they didn't give a chance to my villagers to ask if I am an innocent guy and we were innocent, they just picked us up and brought us right away, until they got the news, it was too late by then.

Presiding Officer: Is it possible that your nephew was involved with this before he met up with you that day? Is that possible Sir?

Detainee: No Sir, my nephew is a very good innocent guy and his father and his mother, his parents are passed away and he's a poor guy. And he's a day laborer.

Presiding Officer: I have no further questions; do any of the Board members have any follow up questions they would like to ask?

Board member: Let's clarify one thing, was he inside of his house or outside his house when he heard the gunfire?

Detainee: Inside the house, I didn't hear. When I came outside the house, I heard it.

Board member: Thank you

Board member: Your contention is that these statements are lies or were mistranslation or were given by somebody that was your enemy, is that your contention about the statements about you being involved in this activity – and your nephew?

Detainee: I don't have any person in my village, I trust my nephew that he would not give that kind of statement.

Board member: so again, this is made up by somebody or –

Detainee: Anyone make that up, I don't know. I don't know any one of these kind of stuff. If you have proof and witnesses then (inaudible). If you can bring me from my village to here then you are able to ask questions about me from my village people.

Board member: That's very true and it's also true that the statements that we have come from reliable sources.

Detainee: No Sir. You believe me or other sources.

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Board Member: So that's your contention, is that the sources we received are made up or are lies, that is your contention, correct?

Detainee: If you believe me Sir, I am not against the United States Forces I am not against the Coalition, I'm not against the Government, and I am not against anybody. That's my belief, and that's who I am. But, if you believe anybody or these sources, then why do you ask me and why do you bring me here?

Presiding Officer: Well, the source is you and your nephew. You are the only sources we have.

Detainee: My nephew he said that, well then that's ok.

Presiding Officer: But you are saying that it is not true?

Detainee: None of them are true and they are false, and I am an innocent guy.

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.


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Presiding Officer

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