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**Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 025**

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

***The Detainee entered the proceedings.***

Presiding Officer: Good morning, sir.

Detainee (*through translator*): Good morning to you.

Presiding Officer: Do you pronounce your name Majeed Abdullah?

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes.

Presiding Officer: Majeed Abdullah?

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes.

Presiding Officer: Well, welcome, sir.

Detainee (*through translator*): Thank you.

***The Presiding Officer announced the convening authority and purpose of the Administrative Review Board proceedings.***

***The Designated Military Officer (DMO) was sworn.***

***The Board Reporter, Translator, Assisting Military Officer (AMO), and Board Members were sworn.***

Translator: He asked if this is the Designated Officer. I said, "Yes." He asked, "Is he for me or for the Board." I said, "For the Board."

Designated Military Officer: That is correct.

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

***The Detainee took the Muslim oath.***

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

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***The Assisting Military Officer presented the Notification of the Decision of the Administrative Review Board 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 ARB interview was conducted on 15 November 2006. After reviewing the ARB's purpose and procedures, the Arabic translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence was read to the Detainee. When asked if he wanted to attend the ARB, present a written or oral statement, or have the AMO speak on his behalf, the Detainee stated he did wish to attend the ARB and present an oral statement. The English and Arabic translated versions of the Unclassified Summary of Evidence were offered to the Detainee, who declined both. The Detainee wore a tan uniform and was smiling, very cooperative, and attentive throughout his interview. The Detainee corrected his first name from Majeed to Majid.

***The Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1, and DMO-2 to DMO-4 to the Administrative Review Board.***

***The Presiding Officer noted from the Enemy Combatant Election Form that the Detainee wished to respond to Unclassified Summary.***

Presiding Officer: The Designated Military Officer will read each factor from the Unclassified Summary. We will then provide you a chance to respond. The board members may ask questions based on your response.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.1) The Detainee stated he was visited approximately one month before Ramadan in 2001 by a person who invited the Detainee to come to his office in Mecca, Saudi Arabia and talked about going to Afghanistan to help the humanitarian aid effort.

Detainee (through translator): Yes, that is true.

Presiding Officer: He visited you in October 2001?

Detainee (through translator): October is Ramadan. I do not know the months.

Presiding Officer: Ramadan started, I believe mid-November of 2001. So, if it is a month prior, it would be October.

Detainee (through translator): Yes, it was a month before Ramadan.

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Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee (*through translator*): I do not know how the western months work.

Presiding Officer: It was after the September 11th, 2001 attacks.

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes, it was after that attack.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.2) The Detainee stated he would travel to Afghanistan and work for al Wafa during the month of Ramadan in 2001. The Detainee stated the person told him to be ready to leave on 17 November 2001 and provided the Detainee with a plane ticket and 2,000 United States Dollars for the Detainee's travel.

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes.

Presiding Officer: Who was this person?

Detainee (*through translator*): It was a person by the name of Muhammed Abdullah. I do not know him, but I met him about two weeks before I left.

Presiding Officer: And you decided to go to Afghanistan in November 2001. Did you not realize that there was fighting going on there and that the U.S. and coalition forces were fighting against the Taliban?

Detainee (*through translator*): That is true. That statement is true. I knew there was fighting at that time, but I needed to go and help the poor and needy people.

Presiding Officer: How do we know you were not going there to support al Qaida or Taliban?

Detainee (*through translator*): How do you want me to prove to you that I did not go to be with al Qaida or Taliban? I took the oath to say the truth.

Presiding Officer: The timing is suspicious.

Detainee (*through translator*): I went at this time because the Afghani people were hurt so they needed some help.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee (*through translator*): If I had anything to do with that and, if I wanted to be with al Qaida or Taliban, I would have gone way before that. You can ask me any

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question you would like and I will answer them truthfully because I want to show you my innocence. At this time, do you not think the Afghani people needs some help?

Presiding Officer: Thank you, sir.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.3) The United States has designated al Wafa on the Terrorist Exclusion List. An organization placed on the list has been found to commit or incite to commit, prepare, plan, or provide material support to further terrorist activity.

Detainee (*through translator*): I did not know that al Wafa was one of those designated terrorist organizations at that time and place.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee (*through translator*): I did not know that until I got here. And, if I knew the name "al Wafa" was that big, then I would not have left home.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.4) The Detainee stated he traveled from Mecca, Saudi Arabia to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and flew from Jeddah to Bahrain. The Detainee then flew from Bahrain to Tehran, Iran. The Detainee took a taxi to the Iranian and Afghanistan border then onward to Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is true.

Presiding Officer: Did you see any fighting while you were traveling to Kandahar?

Translator: To where, sir?

Presiding Officer: On your travel to Kandahar, did you see any fighting?

Detainee (*through translator*): No.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.5) The Detainee stated he stayed at the al Wafa building in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.6) The Detainee stated he received his first assignments two days after reaching al Wafa. The Detainee stated he distributed sugar, flour, and

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other goods to villages on his first assignment and assisted in the delivery of food to another village seven days later.

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes.

Member: What did you do in your off time between assignments?

Detainee (*through translator*): I never left the building.

Member: So you had two assignments total for delivering food while you were there?

Detainee (*through translator*): That was not the only thing I did. It was more than that. I had an accident with my leg; that was why I stayed in that building for 15 days. For the first two days, I did my work; and the rest of the time, I stayed in the building during Ramadan and then I left to call my family. This statement had been said in my interrogation. When I left, I tried to call my family. I wanted to go and see what was going on in the market. A car drove by and hit me. I told the interrogators that that is what happened to my leg. It was not shrapnel or anything from a bullet. They even saw my leg.

Presiding Officer: Your accident is discussed later in the Unclassified Summary.

Member: My concern is that they spent 2,000 dollars to get you there for what seems like not a lot of work. It does not seem like efficient use of money.

Detainee (*through translator*): I really do not know. They gave me that money. I also paid for an airplane ticket with that money. They told me that, "If you have anything left, you can keep it with you."

Presiding Officer: And you were only planning on being in Afghanistan during Ramadan of 2001 for one month?

Detainee (*through translator*): The person asked me to stay longer, but I told him that I wanted to stay just for the month of Ramadan. I do have my business back in Saudi Arabia. I have two stores.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.7) The Detainee stated he worked distributing food and clothing for al Wafa in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes.

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Designated Military Officer: (3.b) Translation of documents found on the Detainee, when he was captured, suggests he was closely involved with al Qaida and that he was either a trainer or a trainee on an anti-surveillance course.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is not true.

Presiding Officer: Were there documents discovered at the hospital that belonged to you?

Translator: At the hospital?

Presiding Officer: That is what it said. Were there documents discovered?

Detainee (*through translator*): With me, no. They brought me those documents and I declined them. I told them that they were not mine.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.1) The Detainee stated he was hit by a car and taken to a hospital that was taken over by al Qaida. The Detainee stated he told men from al Qaida he was volunteering with al Wafa. The Detainee stated the men initially thought he was Mujahedin and was in Afghanistan to fight with the Taliban.

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes, that is true. They suspected that I was with the Mujahedin.

Member: Why did they suspect you were with the Mujahedin?

Detainee (*through translator*): I really do not know. Actually, originally, they were from the Mujahedin. They thought that I came there to be a jihadist, but I told them that that was not why I came there for.

Member: How did you get from the accident to the hospital?

Detainee (*through translator*): I was unconscious, but I believe the person that carried me was the person that hit me with his car. I am not 100 percent sure, but I believe to God that it was him.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.2) When the Detainee was captured, translation of documents he carried described three anti-surveillance exercises apparently conducted in the area of Qandahar, Afghanistan. The first page was titled "Jihad Group al Qaida Airport Security Course and Anti-Surveillance Program". Other pages consisted of poetry of a violent nature and a farewell note.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is not true.

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Presiding Officer: Can you explain how you were caught with these documents?

Detainee (*through translator*): I would like to ask you a question, sir. How did these documents come to me?

Presiding Officer: I asked you first.

Detainee (*through translator*): Okay. I will answer your question. I deny all of this. I did not have them on me.

Presiding Officer: So these documents did not exist, or were not near you, or belong to you?

Detainee (*through translator*): I do not know where they came from.

Presiding Officer: Do you know if they belong to someone else?

Detainee (*through translator*): Look, I do not know where they came from, but there are many, many things that could come out of this. I showed that and I told the interrogators that, possibly, they found these documents from somebody who had been killed. There were a lot of Mujahedin Arabs that were killed. I am just saying that for example, but I do not know where they came from. Personally, I decline all of this.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.3) The Detainee's name was on a list of names, aliases, and nationalities recovered from a raid of a suspected al Qaida safehouse.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is not true. I saw, during interrogation, that my name was found in this house. I asked the interrogators that I would like to see that list of names because I did not think my name was on that list. I would challenge them because that statement is not true. This is a false accusation.

Member: So you never stayed at an al Qaida safehouse?

Detainee (*through translator*): No.

Presiding Officer: The al Wafa house you stayed at in Kandahar, do you know if any al Qaida members stayed there?

Detainee (*through translator*): There was nobody there. I would like to tell you, sir, that I did not even know something called "al Wafa" or "al Qaida". I did not even know who the people of al Wafa or al Qaida were. I never knew until I came here.

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Presiding Officer: Well, in paragraph 3.a.5, you said that you did stay at the al Wafa building in Kandahar.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is true.

Presiding Officer: I was asking if you knew of other al Qaida that stayed in that building.

Detainee (*through translator*): No, sir.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee (*through translator*): I just want to mention to you, sir, that I did not know that al Wafa was one of those organizations on the terrorist list. I just thought it was just an Islamic humanitarian organization; that was why I went there. I am a Muslim so I wanted to help the Muslim people.

Member: Was anybody else in the al Wafa house with you?

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes. There were two people.

Member: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.e) Handwritten documents found on the Detainee, when captured, discussed jihad, terrorism, and martyrdom.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is not true. That is false.

Designated Military Officer: (4.a) The Detainee stated he wants to go home to Makkah, Saudi Arabia, never leave, and have a family. The Detainee stated he has dreams of expanding the family business selling cloths and fabric.

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes, that is true.

Designated Military Officer: (4.b) The Detainee denied ownership of the al Qaida documents found in his possession.

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (4.c) The Detainee stated he would like to provide a statement so that the reviewers of his file will understand that he wants to change his life for the better.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is true.

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Presiding Officer: You will be given an opportunity to give an oral statement today before we conclude.

Detainee (*through translator*): Thank you.

Presiding Officer:

***The members did not desire more time to review the Unclassified Summary.***

***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 did not have further exhibits to be presented on behalf of the Detainee, but stated that the Detainee would like to make an oral statement.***

***The Detainee made the following statement:***

Detainee (*through translator*): This is regarding my future outside. I mentioned this in my interrogation and I wrote a big statement about my plans and my dreams on the outside world. I will repeat it here with you. With God's willing, if I do leave here, I will go back to Mecca. We have two fabric stores in Mecca. My dream is to build that business and expand it bigger and bigger. I would like to get involved with a wife. I am at an older age now and I am afraid that the time will pass me by. I would like to live a peaceful and quiet life that has nothing to do with the Americans or anybody else. I swear to God I am telling the truth. I am saying this statement from the bottom of my heart. I do not want to live outside of Mecca. But, if my age allows me, then I will go to Taif, another city. Just to summarize what I said, I would like to live a peaceful life.

Presiding Officer: Sir, does that conclude your statement?

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

***The Assisting Military Officer did not have any questions for the Detainee.***

***The Designated Military Officer did not have any questions for the Detainee.***

***The Administrative Review Board Members had the following questions for the Detainee.***

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Member: If you were transferred to your home in Saudi Arabia, how will your country accept you?

Detainee (*through translator*): I wish that they would open their arms for me.

Member: So you do not fear your safety?

Detainee (*through translator*): No. I do not have any issues about safety.

Member: Who is running your stores while you are here at Guantanamo?

Detainee (*through translator*): I would like to explain about the stores a little bit. There is just one store for my father and my uncle. My uncle is older than my father. After continuing, they expanded to two stores. They are both under my uncle's name. Everything is under my uncle's name, but they are both involved with the business. My father passed away and my uncle became in charge of both stores. I have an older brother and two younger brothers. We used to sit around one of the stores. At this time, my older brother is running one of the stores under the supervision of my uncle.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Member: Have you received any combat or military training at all?

Detainee (*through translator*): No.

Member: Have you ever worked for the Taliban or al Qaida in any capacity?

Detainee (*through translator*): No.

Presiding Officer: What do you feel about the Taliban form of government?

Detainee (*through translator*): Look, I cannot talk about Afghanistan because there are inside problems amongst themselves. But the Taliban is a Muslim government and Masud is also a Muslim. They are both Muslims, but I do not lean towards one or the other. We hear it in the news, but I hope that bloodshed stops because they are both Muslims and hopefully one of them will be in charge. But, if you are asking me how I feel about it, it is a Muslim government. That is the opinion of a lot of Saudi Arabia, including the scholars.

Presiding Officer: Do you believe Afghanistan would be better off under an Islamic state with a democratic form of government under Karzai?

Detainee (*through translator*): Karzai is a Muslim person and, under a Muslim government, it will be better because the Muslim religion is not very complicated, but not under terrorist Islamic that kills people.

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Presiding Officer: So what is your opinion of bin Laden?

Detainee (*through translator*): I am one of those against Usama bin Laden here. I swear to God that is what I told the interrogators. Usama bin Laden has a lot of people against him. I am one of those people that are against Usama bin Laden's doings because his actions and doings do not represent the Muslim people.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. Are you in contact with your family and your uncle?

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes, I do send them letters.

Presiding Officer: Thank you very much. Thank you for your answers.

Detainee (*through translator*): Thank you very much, sir. I just want to say, sir, I hope that justice will be served in this. With God's willing, hopefully, I will not be here for another year.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

***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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