

**Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 556**

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

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

Presiding Officer: Good morning, sir. Your name is Abdulla, first name unknown?

Detainee (*through translator*): That is my first name.

Presiding Officer: That is your first name. I'll just call you Mr. Abdulla.

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes.

***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.***

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

Detainee (*through translator*): I don't have a problem. Whichever way you like it, I can do it.

Presiding Officer: It's totally up to you. Do you want to take the oath? Yes or no.

Detainee (*through translator*): If you are going to trust me with an oath, then I am going to take an oath.

***After the Designated Military Officer read the Muslim oath, the Detainee chose not to go through with the Muslim oath and, instead, presented and swore to an Islamic oath of his own.***

Detainee (*through translator*): In the name of Allah, I am going to present all my statements truthfully. I am going to tell only the truth.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

***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 19 September 2006. After reviewing the ARB's purposes and procedures, the Uzbek 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 would attend the ARB and wished to respond to each statement of information in the Unclassified Summary of Evidence after it is presented. The Detainee was attentive and cooperative during the interview. A copy of the Uzbek translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence was provided to the Detainee upon his request.

***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 wanted to respond to each item of information from the Unclassified Summary of Evidence as it was presented.***

Presiding Officer: The Designated Military Officer will read each factor from the Unclassified Summary. We will then provide you a chance to respond. Board members may ask you questions based on your response. The Designated Military Officer will read an allegation and you'll be able to respond to that allegation.

Detainee (*through translator*): Okay. Understood.

Presiding Officer: Designated Military Officer, please summarize the Unclassified Summary of Evidence.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.1) The Detainee stated he joined a group of Mujahedin to fight the Soviet invasion.

Detainee (*through translator*): I already gave the complete answer to this question previously. The Russians came into our country with force and I didn't think it was -- well, to defend your country, I think that was an honorable thing to do. The whole nation of Afghanistan actually stood up against; it wasn't just me. I thought that was something honorable for the country. All Afghans participated in that war and, if it is something to

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be punished for, then the whole nation should be punished for that. All I was doing was just defending my own country.

Presiding Officer: The Board understands.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.2) A source stated that the Detainee was a Mujahed.

Detainee (*through translator*): You have to understand the definition of "Mujahed". According to Islam, when you are defending your country, in the name of Islam, that is how you can define the word "Mujahed". You have to separate people who were actually fighting as terrorists. There is a different group of people who were fighting just to defend their country. Terrorist actions are totally different. They would bomb buildings and bring harm to other people. If you are just defending your country, or defending in general, or defending your family, that could be Mujahedin. When Russians invaded Afghanistan, the other countries like America, and Britain, and Germany were helping Afghanistan with weapons, and money, and other sources. If the other countries were helping, then that means they were helping for a good reason.

Presiding Officer: The Board understands. We want to go to the next allegation.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.1) The Detainee stated that he knows how to operate a Kalashnikov rifle, but never received formal training in how to use it. The Detainee stated he never attended any military style training camps, but he did attend a physical fitness camp for six months.

Detainee (*through translator*): I didn't attend any kind of camp while I was in Afghanistan, but there was a special camp in Peshawar, Pakistan. It is not even a special camp. It is just a fitness center, which is open to the whole public. There is nothing special about this place. It is just a fitness center.

Presiding Officer: What was the name of this physical fitness center in Peshawar, Pakistan?

Detainee (*through translator*): Champion, I guess. I already gave them information about that.

Presiding Officer: Okay.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.2) The Detainee stated that while fighting for the Northern Alliance, he used a Kalashnikov rifle but had only witnessed the use of explosives.

Detainee (*through translator*): I did not fight with the Northern Alliance. The only fight I participated in was against the Russians.

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Presiding Officer: Did you witness the use of explosives?

Detainee (*through translator*): I saw explosives, but I didn't see the way they were actually made. I saw them. They're very simple. If you step on them, they will explode. There were lots of them in Afghanistan. They even had them on display for people to look at and identify so they won't step on them when they see them on roads. If you are saying that I was actually working on them, then that is not a true statement. I was with the Mujahed group for a while, but I did not fight against any other alliances, especially the Northern Alliance. I never even mentioned those things.

Presiding Officer: Okay. Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.3) During the raid of the Detainee's location, 19 English-language manuals were discovered. The manuals covered the manufacture of improvised explosives and detailed explanations of the manufacture of poisons.

Detainee (*through translator*): I was a guest at Musa's house. At that time, when I was staying there as a guest, they had a raid on his house and those items were found. I am not sure if that is a true statement. Pakistani authorities actually came to arrest Musa, the owner of that house and, because I was in his house at that time, they also arrested me. I was only a guest in his house. I stayed there for two days. On the third night during my stay there, they captured us. I didn't even know what he had inside his house. I never asked questions.

Presiding Officer: Do you know why they went there to arrest Musa, your friend?

Detainee (*through translator*): I heard that they were actually after Musa, but I didn't know the real reason for that. I just guessed maybe because he had too many people in his house coming and going. Also, Pakistani authorities were after foreigners and questioning them. That is just my guess.

Presiding Officer: Okay. Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.4) The Detainee stated the Pakistani authorities accused him of being an explosives expert, who smuggled explosives from Tora Bora. The Detainee's hands were tested for explosive residue and the test result was positive.

Detainee (*through translator*): In the Tora Bora mountains, Afghanistan, before entering the country, I was imprisoned in Pakistan. I was in a prison for about a month before they released me. When I was released, all those Imams and everything in Tora Bora, Afghanistan were already over, so how could I possibly have participated?

Presiding Officer: So you deny being an expert and smuggling people into Tora Bora? You deny that?

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Detainee (*through translator*): Yes, it is a wrong statement. If you think logically, I was in a prison at that time, so I would not be able to participate.

Presiding Officer: You were only in prison for 30 days. This does not have a date on it, so you could have smuggled explosives into Tora Bora before you were arrested.

Detainee (*through translator*): Actually, at that time, I was in prison. They were all saying that it was a duty to fight in Tora Bora but, since I was in prison at that time, there was no way.

Presiding Officer: We understand. You denied that allegation. Can you explain about the explosives residue on your hands?

Detainee (*through translator*): After the Russians left the country in 1992, I have never touched any kind of explosives or participated in anything. I didn't have any reason for handling those kinds of things after 1992. I know myself very well, so I am telling you the truth that I didn't touch it.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.5) An al Qaida Detainee identified the Detainee and said he took basic training at the Khalden camp in Afghanistan in 1998.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is a wrong statement. Like I said, after 1992, I didn't participate in any kind of fighting or anything. During that time, I was just working and doing my job as a regular citizen and I didn't participate in kind of fighting. It's a very wrong statement.

Presiding Officer: Mr. Abdulla, you deny attending the Khalden camp?

Detainee (*through translator*): I have never heard of that kind camp and I have never been there.

Presiding Officer: Okay. Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.1) The Detainee stated that he was arrested by Pakistani police because Arabs had previously occupied the house.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is true. My friend, Musa, came from Afghanistan and he bought this house in Pakistan with his family and he occupied it with his family. The Pakistani authorities thought that Arabs were still living in this house. The first time that they captured us, they actually came looking for Arabs, but they found out that Arabs did not live in this house anymore.

Presiding Officer: I thought they were coming to capture Musa.

Detainee (*through translator*): The first time I was captured in the Peshawar mountains, in Islamabad, before Imatubbha bought this house, Arabs used to live in it. Whoever lived in this house had been captured but, after they had been released, they actually ran away or fled the country. And when Imatubbha came to the country, he was looking for a house and he bought this house. He did not know that, previously, Arabs used to live in that house.

Presiding Officer: Excuse me. You are now saying that the reason the house was raided by Pakistani authorities was because they were looking for previous owners, who were Arabs. Earlier, you said they went there to arrest your friend, Musa. There is a contradiction here.

Detainee (*through translator*): That was the second time, when they came to look for Musa. You are right, but that was the second time. Even right now, I told you previously that they came to look for Musa and they got me also.

Presiding Officer: So this situation is when you were arrested and incarcerated for 28 days? Is that with this situation? So this was the first time you were arrested?

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes. Yes, that is what it was.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is what I meant when I was telling that they were looking for Arabs.

Presiding Officer: The Board understands.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.2) The Detainee became acquainted with two Arabs while attending Jamiah Asri Madrassa. The Detainee was introduced to the passport maker, who offered to provide the Detainee with a counterfeit passport. The Detainee borrowed 700 United States Dollars to purchase the passport.

Detainee (*through translator*): Well, pretty much everything in this statement is true, except that, when I was in Jamiah Asri Madrassa, there were not two Arabs; there was only one Arab that I met; his name was Musa. Musa introduced me to the person, who actually makes forged passports. I borrowed 700 American Dollars from Imatubbha. That is a true statement.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.3) A source stated that the Detainee had an appointment to purchase a forged passport with the name of Ali Uzd Amir.

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Detainee (*through translator*): I did buy a passport for 500 American Dollars, but I don't remember what name was written on it.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.4) The Detainee said he purchased a passport with the name Ali or Urqhan from a source for 500 United States Dollars.

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

Presiding Officer: And the purpose for purchasing this passport, where were you planning to travel to?

Detainee (*through translator*): I wanted to go to Turkey just to work over there.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.5) An individual who used his home to exchange forged documentation stated he hosted the Detainee in his house.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is true. That's pretty much true, but Musa was using his house for those kinds of purposes. The way I see it, Musa was a very ordinary person, but people used to just tell others, especially on foreigners when they come to the country, that they are doing something. He was a very ordinary person and just living his life with his family. He didn't work; his brother was supporting him. I didn't see him doing anything wrong at that time.

Presiding Officer: If he was just an ordinary person, how do you explain the manuals in the home that showed how to manufacturer improvised explosive devices and how to manufacture poison?

Detainee (*through translator*): That was my impression. I didn't see what he was doing. Lots of people were captured, up to 1,500, but most of them had been released. When they investigated the cases and they found out that those people were innocent, they were released. It was a mistake to capture them in the first place, so they were released. They realized that those people were captured by false information. So whoever does not hear a lot, they would actually try to give some false information about you and sell you to the government.

Presiding Officer: Mr. Abdulla, let's get back to these explosive and poison manuals. How many people lived at that house?

Detainee (*through translator*): It was just his immediate family, and his sister, and her daughter.

Presiding Officer: So the manuals either belonged to you or they belonged to Musa.

Detainee (*through translator*): I am not going to justify him. If something was found in his house, there's a possibility, but the way I see it, he was just an ordinary person.

Presiding Officer: So it is a possibility that those manuals belonged to your friend, Musa?

Detainee (*through translator*): Of course. Nobody will drop it from the sky to his house, so it probably belonged to Musa if it was found. There's a possibility that it belonged to Musa, but I didn't have anything to do with that because I didn't see what he was doing. The way I see it, he was just a regular person. It's too hard for me to believe that Musa is that kind of person. If those are just accusations, if you didn't see those papers, then I don't believe that.

Presiding Officer: This allegation that was just read, "An individual who used his home to exchange forged documentation stated he hosted the Detainee in his house," is that Musa or is that someone else?

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

Presiding Officer: So Musa was involved in forged documents?

Detainee (*through translator*): Well, like I said previously, he wasn't participating himself. He wasn't actually doing the passports, but his friend, Abdul Latif al Turki, was the one who was doing that.

Presiding Officer: Okay. Thank you.

Detainee (*through translator*): He was not doing that, but he introduced me to that person.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.6) The Detainee stated that, just prior to his capture, he met the host of the house that he was captured in. The Detainee stated that the host does not know him well.

Detainee (*through translator*): Well, that is pretty much a true statement. I met him just a little bit prior to my capture. He was just a regular friend. So that's pretty much a true statement.

Presiding Officer: So we are talking about Musa?

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes, Musa again.



Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.7) A source introduced the Detainee to the passport maker, and the Detainee stated he had never met the passport maker prior to purchasing the passport.

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes. I didn't see him. I never met him prior to that. That is a true statement.

Presiding Officer: Who introduced you to the passport maker?

Detainee (*through translator*): Musa did.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.8) The Detainee stated that, two days after receiving the passport, the police raided the homeowner's residence where he was apprehended.

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

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.9) Pakistan authorities raided the house, where the Detainee was located, looking for an explosives expert named Abdul Latif al Turki.

Detainee (*through translator*): When the Pakistani authorities came to raid the house looking for Abdul Latif al Turki, they actually captured me as him, but that is not true because my name is not Abdul Latif al Turki.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.10) The Detainee stated that the Pakistani authorities may have arrested him because the name of the explosives expert was printed on his passport.

Detainee (*through translator*): When I received my passport, I looked at it, but I didn't even know that Abdul Latif al Turki's name was on it. I didn't even look through the passport very well but, at that time, when I received it, I memorized a few things.

Presiding Officer: I think the next allegation will explain this further.

Detainee (*through translator*): I did not even notice what was written on the passport. I didn't know that Abdul Latif al Turki's name was on it.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.11) The Detainee stated he did not read the passport. The Detainee stated that he was coached on what to say in case officials questioned the

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Detainee during his travels. The Detainee could not recall what he was told about the passport.

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

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.12) The Detainee stated that the Pakistani authorities were looking for the passport maker.

Detainee (*through translator*): Yes. I mentioned on interrogations that there is a possibility that Pakistani authorities are actually looking for that person.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.13) A source stated the Detainee was at the Khana Gulam Bacha guesthouse in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Detainee (*through translator*): We talked previously about that. They told me that that guesthouse belonged to Taliban. I didn't go specifically to that guesthouse for a specific reason, but when you are traveling and you want to stay overnight somewhere and you see a hotel, you will probably stop by and have a nice meal and rest for the night. If you like the place and they have good food over there, you don't ask them if it belongs to Taliban or to other organizations. I didn't have any kind of association with Taliban.

Presiding Officer: But you did stay at this guesthouse?

Detainee (*through translator*): Well, I didn't know the name of the guesthouse. I never heard about the name of the guesthouse, but if I stopped by somewhere to just rest or to have a meal and stay overnight, there is a possibility that I stayed at that place. There is a possibility that it was just a rest area for travelers. There is a possibility that I stopped by over there just for a meal and rest. If it really belonged to Taliban, I didn't even know that and I didn't have any idea because I never associated with Taliban.

Presiding Officer: The Board understands.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.14) A source identified the Detainee and said he saw the Detainee several times at the al Ansar guesthouse in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is a wrong statement. I have never been to that kind of guesthouse. Like I said, after 1992, I never participated in any kind of activities and I have never been in that house. It is a wrong statement.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.15) An al Qaida operative stated that the Detainee was a Turkish Mujahedin travel facilitator that brought Mujahedin from Turkey to a guesthouse in Pakistan.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is a wrong statement. It does not have any base on it.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.16) A known al Qaida member claimed that the Detainee was at the Nebras guesthouse. The known al Qaida member stated that the Detainee was either Taliban or al Qaida in hiding.

Detainee (*through translator*): Going back to item number 15, you have to explain to me, if I was that kind of person, who was actually transferring Mujahedin from Turkey to Pakistan, I should have had my own place. I should have had my own place to have people temporarily and lead them somewhere. That is a very, very wrong statement.

Presiding Officer: Have you concluded with 16?

Detainee (*through translator*): No, that was about 15.

Presiding Officer: I know, but are you concluded with 16? Does he (DMO) need to read it again?

Detainee (*through translator*): That is a wrong statement.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Detainee (*through translator*): Like I said previously, I never associated with neither Taliban or al Qaida.

Designated Military Officer: (3.d.1) The Detainee was likely the commander of the Margun al Qaida camp in 1997 and reportedly an explosives expert.

Detainee (*through translator*): That is a wrong statement. That is just a wrong accusation. You cannot just accuse somebody.

Designated Military Officer: (3.d.2) The Detainee stated he was not at Tora Bora. The Detainee claimed he was in Pakistan at the Islamic school throughout this time period.

Detainee (*through translator*): I was in prison at that time.

Designated Military Officer: (3.d.3) The Detainee stated he was not at Tora Bora. The Detainee stated that the Pakistan authorities had previously arrested him and held him in

detention at that time. The Detainee claims he was released after the battle of Tora Bora had ceased.

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

Designated Military Officer: (3.d.4) Six passports were found at the Detainee's capture location. The Detainee claimed he was unaware of their existence.

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

Designated Military Officer: (4) The Detainee said, if he were released, he would like to be released to a country where there is peace and he would have the ability to obtain a job to make ends meet, such as Canada, Turkey, Germany, or America.

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

***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 Assisting Military Officer stated that he had no additional comments or documents on behalf of the Detainee.***

***The Detainee was asked if he would like to make an oral statement to the Administrative Review Board.***

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

Detainee (*through translator*): This is the third time I am participating in a Board. This is my third Board. Every time I say my statements, they are actually turning them around and adding more accusations against me. The majority of those statements are very wrong. When I was in Peshawar, Pakistan, I was detained for 28 days. There were three people over there, me, Imatubbha, and Abdul Bakhid. They got information from all three of us and, after they investigated and found out everything were true, they actually released us. The reason they released us was because they checked all the information we gave them and they investigated everything. They went to those places, found out where we lived, they talked to the people and, when they found out everything was true, they released us. Even before the second Board, I gave a lot of information about my place, where I have been, what I was doing, and where I lived. I gave them Abdul Latif's name. I asked them to go to that place to talk to that person and ask him information about me and he will tell them exactly what kind of person I am. All these problems will be endless until somebody goes to this place and ask the people there as to what kind of person I am. Only after that will you get the true information about me. The truth will

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come out after that and all these problems will be over. If you didn't even try to contact those people and ask them about me, these problems will never end. Whatever I tell you, you can take it either way. You can trust me or you cannot trust me. You can ask me lots of questions and I will tell you everything I know but, until you actually talk to somebody else outside about these problems, you are not going to trust me or live with that thought. I spent four and a half years here and I have been in very bad conditions. I never associated with any of the other groups and I do not have any harm towards you. In four and a half years, you lose a lot. You lose your health, get stressed out, lose your family. In four and a half years or five years, if you are not released from here, you will not be the same person. It is not right justice when you are not looking after a person's health and his benefits and only looking after your own benefits. Everybody looks at America as a country of justice, human rights, treating people right. I believe that I had been detained for no reason. I never even talked anything against America at that time. I was just a regular person. I don't see any reason for you to detain me here. I gave a lot of information about where I came from and even my parents' address, my father's name and everything, but it seems like nobody actually went to those places to check. As far as I know, the purpose of this Board is to determine continue detention or to release me from here and that is a really huge thing for me. If you really want to find out the truth about me, then somebody has to go and check all the sources, which I provided you, names and addresses of people back in my country. Somebody has to go there and actually check and talk with them. After that, all these things might be over. You have almost up to 20 accusations against me, but I believe all of them are wrong statements. You don't have any evidence to prove them. I can also get any kind of accusation and say on somebody. There are only a few items that are true. About the passport, maybe a couple of items are true, but saying that I was associated with Taliban or al Qaida, that I was a terrorist, all those allegations are completely not true. I believe I have been detained for no reason for so many years and I would like to ask you to have justice. I am asking for my rights and you have to try to resolve my case. I got very stressed out and I am losing my health. I fear about what is going on with my family over there, my father, and other members of the family. I don't understand why I should live in this kind of condition here. I want to ask and request for my rights and ask you to resolve all these problems for me.

Presiding Officer: Thank you, sir. Does that conclude your statement?

Detainee (*through translator*): That's all. I hope you understand me.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

***The Assisting Military Officer did not have further exhibits or information to be presented on behalf of the Detainee to the Administrative Review Board.***

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

***The Designated Military Officer had the following questions for the Detainee:***

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Designated Military Officer: Mr. Abdulla, what languages are you able to read and write?

Detainee (*through translator*): Like I said previously, I never attended school but, when I was in the madrassa, I learned a little bit of Farsi and Arabic. While I was here, I learned a little bit Uzbek from the Uzbek brothers. Prior to this, I didn't know how to read. That's all.

Designated Military Officer: Thank you.

***The Administrative Review Board members had the following questions for the Detainee:***

Member: Mr. Abdulla, do you know where your family is and can you tell us a little bit about your family?

Detainee (*through translator*): They should be in Afghanistan, either in Faryab or Takhar. The last time I spoke with my father, they were in Takhar.

Member: Are you married and how many other people are in your family, brothers and sisters?

Detainee (*through translator*): I have two younger brothers.

Member: Okay. One last question. You did make a statement and agreed with earlier that, if the decision of the Designated Official is to transfer or release you, you would like to go to another country and not go back to Afghanistan. Why do you not want to go back to Afghanistan?

Detainee (*through translator*): Even when I was in Afghanistan, I was actually trying to go somewhere overseas to work; that was the reason I was trying to make a passport. You know about the situation in Afghanistan. For about 30 years, there has been war. There is no possibility of work and making good money and getting married. It all requires money, so that's why you have to find some other places to go and have a comfortable way of living. In Afghanistan, it is very hard to find a job. Even if you find a job, the pay is so little it is just enough to support yourself. Lots of Afghans actually are actually trying to leave the country and go somewhere else like the countries I had just referred to. That's the same reason why I want to go somewhere else to make a good living. I am now 35 years old and I would like to get married. Even in Pakistan, it is hard for foreigners to live there because the Pakistani government would not let you work over there freely. So living in Pakistan or Afghanistan is not very good. You probably knew that. So if you want to have a good living, you have to actually get away from those countries. There are good people and bad people. For some people, in order to get money, they do stealing and those kind of things, but that's not for me. That's the only reason, so I can have a good living and make good money. That was my request from

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you, if there is a possibility. In Afghanistan, I believe it is still dangerous. There is still a war going on, so it is not going to be a good place to live.

Member: Thank you very much for your answers and taking the time to come to the Board today.

Presiding Officer: Abdulla, you stated that you define a Mujahedin as somebody who defends his country against aggression. The U.S. intervention in Afghanistan, do you consider the United States an aggressor?

Detainee (*through translator*): The way I see it, Americans actually came to help Afghanistan. If Afghanistan was a nice place to live, I never would have tried to leave the country. I would have thought to join and help the Americans to get the country on the right. Like I said, when Russians invaded Afghanistan, everybody was actually against that and they were trying to fight and defend our country.

Presiding Officer: You mentioned you have very little or no education. If you are released or transferred, do you have any occupation skills that you could use to support yourself and your family?

Detainee (*through translator*): Well, I have some skills to find any kind of job probably. I am not trying to be a leader or anything, like a corporate leader, but any kind of little job would be nice for me. I am always ready to pick up any kind of job or where I would be able to do that. Every little thing. I am not trying to get into the corporate world.

Presiding Officer: Okay. Understand. If you know someone at your home that can provide relevant information on your behalf, there are procedures for you to have that information sent here.

Detainee (*through translator*): I wanted to go to Turkey because I have an uncle over there in Turkey, so that's why I was trying to make a passport to go to Turkey and stay with him and work with him.

Translator: I guess he didn't understand the question.

Detainee (*through translator*): Like I told you previously, in Pakistan, there is Abdul Latif. I also gave them the full address of Hussein Jon. There are a few people in Afghanistan like Haji Jamshiit, and Pidam Kol, and also my father. You can have full information about me from those people. There is one place in Pakistan named Shaam Shiitu; that's a refugee camp for Afghans. They have an office over there. If there's a possibility to ask about me from that office, they will tell you what kind of person I am.

Presiding Officer: Okay. Thank you.

Presiding Officer: I appreciate your appearance here today.

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*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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