

**Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 702**

*The Administrative Review Board was called to order.*

*The Detainee entered the proceedings.*

*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. (Muslim oath offered).*

*The Detainee declined 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 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 20 June 2006. After reviewing the ARB's purpose and procedures, the Russian translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence was read to the detainee. When first asked if he wanted to attend the ARB, present a written or oral statement, or have the AMO speak on his behalf, the detainee declined and stated he would not attend the ARB. At the end of the interview, he changed his mind and stated that he wanted to attend the ARB, that he wanted to speak directly to the board, and that he did not want to present a written statement. The detainee was attentive during the interview. Copies of both the English and Russian translated Unclassified Summary of evidence were provided to the detainee, who accepted the Russian translation.

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

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*The Designated Military Officer stated that a copy of these exhibits had been previously distributed to the Assisting Military Officer and Detainee.*

*The Presiding Officer noted from the Enemy Combatant Election Form that the detainee wanted to respond to each item of information from the Unclassified Summary as it was presented.*

*The Designated Military Officer gave a brief description of the contents of the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1, to the Administrative Review Board.*

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.1) The detainee served as a conscript in the Russian Military from 1986 to 1988 and then continued to serve voluntarily until 1996.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.2) The detainee turned to Islam while he was still serving in the Russian Army.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.3) In March 2000 the detainee decided to go to Afghanistan because believers there lived according to the laws of the Shariat.

Detainee: *(through translator)* That item is not correct. I have to tell you what actually pushed me to leave Russia at that time. I would like for you to have some patience, because this will be a long story. After I accepted Islam, or turned to Islam, during the Russian Army. I do apologize because it takes me awhile to get my words together, because I did not have the time to prepare for this.

Presiding Officer: Well, there will be another opportunity in this proceeding if you would like to make a statement then.

Detainee: *(through translator)* So, can I just continue with this item?

Presiding Officer: Yes you can.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Just for you to understand; in the Russian Army I did not have any problems during my service. I was actually honored several times by all kinds of presents by the generals and from the government. Even before I turned to Islam I had never used alcohol. That was a main character I had during the Army; unlike other soldiers and officers who were constantly using alcohol and that was a reason for them not to excel. I was a good example for others. As an example, my pictures were always on the board on the walls. I'm not sure if you use this kind of thing in the American Army, but this is how it was in order to give someone honor -- was to put their pictures on the wall. I have also received honor by the government by capturing the illegal border crossing. My last place was to serve in Tajikistan, which is my homeland. I was

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supplying food. I was in the food supply market. When I received that department it was in very bad shape. All of my work over there was in excellent shape. When the commission in Moscow came to check, they said it was the best in all of the Army's. The General was a very good military general. He treated me very good and presented me with a watch. So I just wanted to let you know that I did not have any problems while I was serving. The problems started when I turned to Islam. For other enlisted soldiers they also turned to Islam at that time. Since the Russian Army needed food and support, that was a problem to provide. I was trying to raise the issue so they would prepare different kinds of food for the soldiers. They denied it because they did not want the extra problems. I had to initiate this myself and provide for the soldiers some kind of food other than pork; hoping for something like chicken but it had to be undercover. Since they are Muslims they must pray five times a day. That was also a problem. I was trying to rise, since they would be missing work, I was trying to give them a little bit of time to pray. Because of the situation, there were always a lot of conflicts between me and others. So it was a very nerve racking situation. That was the first case in the Russian Army where somebody actually tried to provide different foods, because of the religion issues that were coming up for the first time. In the Russian Army there is a KGB and in our department it was very illegal. The officer did not have much work at that time and there was the war in Chechnya. The officer who was serving over there had high suspicions, but at some point they visited him very often. Since we were not friends he was suspicious and he started asking himself, what does he need from me? One time he gave me an address and he told me when you visit the city to just go by the address and you will see him talking and he will understand that it was the controversy. I did not go to that address. He understood that I was avoiding him and was keeping my distance from him. One day he told that there was somebody coming from the capital, from Tajikistan where there is a KGB member that wanted to talk to me. I thought they would probably want to recruit me and that they wanted to recruit me to the KGB, so I started being against the Muslims. One day I was going to get the provisions for the food and I saw them coming towards me and I told my soldier to hurry up, that we had to leave. When they saw me running away or driving away, they turned around and went back to the building. One day I had to leave my house around seven o'clock. I left my house to get groceries and I saw a car outside with two people inside. When I came back with my groceries I saw one of those KGB members that used to work with us. I asked myself what he could possibly be doing in this place. So close to my house because he lives far away. I went back to my house and changed back to my uniform, military uniform and left my house again. The officer from the car approached me and showed me his ID. He was with the KGB. He told me that he wanted me to ride with him to the KGB office to talk with him over there. He talked to me and was asking me a lot of questions about the Muslims and was pressuring me to talk. According to the Russian law, he could not detain me and because of that our conversation did not work out and I left. At that time in the Army, in his unit there were some problems. One officer was drunk and he beat up one of those officer soldiers. When I found out, I was very angry and I came back home and I talked to my mom. Then my mom went to the store and she came back with one person. That person was the mayor of the city, like a congressman of the city to the

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capital. I told him about that situation and he told me that he was going to try to help me out. Then he left to the capital of Kazam. He sent me a huge package with the documents. There were a lot of articles from the newspapers and magazines about the Russian Army and about the famous women in the Russian Army. There was a rule to only recruit Christians in the Russian Army. There were a lot of pictures about rituals of Christians before they start to eat their food. I asked myself how come there are many privileges for Christians in the Russian Army, but not any for the Muslims. After that in our city there is a national party and I attended one of their sessions and I asked for their help. I had told them about the situation. In each session there is usually a member of the KGB. The next morning they went and told my command that I participated with that party session. After that I started to have problems with my command. The congressman of Kazam had a speech in front of the president of Tajikistan. On that board, there was a minister, the military minister of his unit.

Presiding Officer: Let me interject here. I understand that you face religious repression within the Russian Army. May we move to your decision to go to Afghanistan because believers lived there according to the laws of the Shariat?

Detainee: *(through translator)* I just wanted to get through to what actually lead me to leave my unit.

Presiding Officer: I believe we are getting the complete picture.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Well, that session of the party that he attended had his picture over there and the issue that brought up at that session could be the proof for you, if you tried to actually retrieve those steno graphics letters from that party. That could be the proof for you to understand what happened. When that conflict actually arrives his commander told him it would be better for you if you resigned. He said he did not want any problems with the KGB. According to the Russian Law, as long as I am wearing my rank insignias, neither the KGB nor the militia can mess with me. As soon as I resign they will mess with me. Before that I was asking the international party for a foreign passport in order to go to the hajj. At first they actually gave me permission, but ended up having problems so they denied it. So at that point my thoughts were if I resign they are going to strip me of my ranks and I am going to end up in KGB and second of all, I did not have any prospects to flee anywhere. That was the only way and the easiest way for me to do at that point so I decided to go to Tajikistan then on to Afghanistan. I did not have a foreign passport and I did not have any finances to go to the other places like Europe; that was the only place I could choose at that point.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.4) The detainee decided to leave his wife and son and travel to Afghanistan and Pakistan to pursue living in a pure Muslim state.

Detainee: *(through translator)* The main goal was to leave the country at first and it did not matter where; later to think about some Muslim country.

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Designated Military Officer: (3.b.1) The detainee attended Islamic Movement in Uzbekistan, a basic training camp called Akadem Gorodok, in a village near Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

Detainee: *(through translator)* That is not true. It is located not very far from the capital, outside of the city near by there were military personnel. It does not make sense to have training with military unit, Tajikistan close by; it does not make any sense. I did not talk about that. It might be the wrong translation. It is very easy to prove if you have any connections in Tajikistan so, you can figure it out.

Board Member: For clarification then, is the problem with statement the location or is it the training itself? Did you attend training and not just in that location or is it the training and location together?

Detainee: *(through translator)* It used to be a resort during the Soviet Union. There were one story cabins and there is a road and few of the houses were occupied by the Chechnya's, military units. It does not make any sense to have training right in front of the government's military unit.

Board Member: Did you go to the Islamic Movement training in Uzbekistan regardless of the location? I am trying to understand what is wrong with the statement.

Detainee: *(through translator)* I believe the way it is written in your statement where it says in Uzbekistan and it is actually supposed to be Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan. So it is not in Uzbekistan. I came to Dushant, which is the capital of Tajikistan. I went to a hotel and asked where the position of Tajikistan is? They were located in the room in the hotel. When I told them I want to actually go to Afghanistan they sent me to that place before I can go.

Presiding Officer: The board will take a brief recess.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.2) Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan basic training consisted of battle drills, tactics, infantry weapons training, orienteering, survival training, mines and explosives familiarization, physical training and first aid.

Detainee: *(through translator)* There is a possibility from what I heard but I did not attend it myself.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.3) The detainee spent two weeks at the Islamic Movement in Uzbekistan basic training.

Detainee: *(through translator)* I was not inside the camp but I was near the camp. Then tragic stranded me to the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan. You will have to understand the picture how I ended up being with the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan. My main goal was to go to Tajikistan and then from Tajikistan go to Afghanistan or to other

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Muslim country. When I went to Tajikistan they held me in an Akadem Gorodok. Not only that place but some other places too. Then they were waiting for some transportation to transport us to Afghanistan. Because I was late before, there was one part where people were transported to Afghanistan by buses. The government of Tajikistan was helping out with all the refugees from other countries and special privileges from Uzbekistan to send them to Afghanistan so that was the governments. In those buses there were not only the members of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, there were a lot of civilians, young people and lots of family people with kids and those who wanted to send their kids to study abroad.

Board Member: As far as the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, were you a member and if so what any role if any role did you have with the organization?

Detainee: *(through translator)* First of all no, he was not a member of that organization. Just because the Tajikistan government was transporting all the members into Afghanistan; anybody who actually wanted to go to Afghanistan, that was the only way for them to get there. So, like I said there were civilian families with kids and if they wanted to send their kids to study abroad they were there also. So, Tajiks sent me over to Uzbek so with their help I could end up in Afghanistan.

Board Member: So what he is saying then he was really utilizing this organization as a refugee to flee to wherever he wanted to go.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes, I heard about the existence of the organization only in Tajikistan. The person that transported a lot of people through the bus; there were a lot of buses. I was waiting for the next transportation which would be a helicopter. For some clarification, since I was leaving among the IMU members, they were trying to check my background but I was to belong to KGB or some other organizations like that. From my understanding that in order to be member of IMU you would have to have a high reference in order to be there and I was like a stranger. I have told him that I was serving in Russian Army and they were suspicious because they do not like people who serve in army. It took awhile until they had the transportation for us and I was running out of patience and I was trying to actually leave them, but they would not let me leave because they took my passport away and because his guess is that he saw too much that is why they would not let him leave. I knew they were watching me and they were trying to put some people around me so he heard them talking and analyzing him; when the transportation, the helicopter comes to go to Afghanistan. You have to understand that if they did not check your background then they will not train you. That is why they held me close by the camp, but not inside the camp as I talked to my interrogator. They used me as an extra laborer and I could tell you exactly which places I was fixing electricity and where I was installing. If that job still exists, I could show you exactly which kind of job I did; what kind of tools I used at that time so you will understand exactly what my mission was over there.

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Designated Military Officer: (3.b.4) The detainee heard about recruitment for al Farouq training camp, so he went there to find out how the Arabs trained.

Detainee: *(through translator)* That is not correct. I have been detained in Pakistan and then sent to Bagram. Before they captured me I had a radio; just to listen to the news. I heard that there were Russian airplanes landing in Bagram. The Russians are helping Afghans with medications. After I had been held in capture in Pakistan they sent me to Bagram. In Bagram I was interrogated by the CIA. Before he start talking he said if you do not have anything significant in his background, then you could be released. That kind of stuck in my mind what he said. I know I would not be very much interest for the CIA and I could be released. I also told them what I had already heard that Russian planes were landing in Bagram and they could actually send me to Russia. I did not want to go back to Russia, like I already told you my story. The only way I saw not being sent back to Russia was to make up stories on myself, that I am a significant person. Driven by the fear, I decided to make up the stories about myself and I heard that their sending very significant people to Cuba. A representative from Red Cross told me that the living conditions in Cuba are very good. I started to weigh my options, whether I would like to go to Cuba where they have very good conditions and maybe the human rights or go back to Russia where I would have to end up eating pork and not that is why I chose this way and why I ended up being here. Even before I heard in America that some people deliberately in the winter time break the windows of department stores just to end up in jail in the winter time for three or four months. Also, about the Geneva Convention, I read an article about the Geneva Convention. I read how they treat prisoners, so I weighed my options and chose my way to Cuba.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.5) The al Farouq training camp was funded by al Qaida and therefore was more advanced then the other camps in Afghanistan.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Well, like I told you I was not in al Farouq, so there is no point in talking about it.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.6) The detainee received basic weapons training and physical fitness training while at al Farouq.

Detainee: *(through translator)* It also has to be eliminated. The information I gave to interrogators were all according to stories I heard while working in Afghanistan. Everything I heard from other people I just told to the interrogators. I was a military person and I served in the army for ten years. Do you not think I would get training in Uzbekistan and in other places even here? Plus in Russian Army, according to all the training I received I should be a general by now. Plus, they check my background and they did not trust me. There is one more fact, one more person has been captured and we are from the same region. He used to be here, but he was handed back to Russia. This person I'm only talking from rumors that I have heard. That person used to be involved in the mosque in Chechnya. Then he let Chechnya and came back. After that he was captured by KGB. He did not participate in anything; he was just traveling. He has been

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released from jail, not exactly jail but the KGB. After that he fled to Afghanistan. The people who were in Chechnya ended up being against him when they saw him. There is information there that the person fled from Chechnya because he was a member of the KGB. Then if you talk to us; both of us were from the same city and he was suspicious of being a member of the KGB and I was serving in the Russian Army; so that was also why people were suspicious. After that, that person was headed to Taliban and Taliban detained him. When American forces were relieving people he was released from the jail. IMU were asking questions about that person from me. I told that person back in Chechnya that I do not have any close contacts with that person. I told them the exact same story.

Board Member: Was he feared that if released that he will go back to Russia?

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes

Board Member: By telling us that he gave false information to the investigators and if we come to the conclusion that this is true; that he did not do these things and he would be released, most likely he could end up back in Russia. What does he think of that?

Detainee: *(through translator)* There is one interrogator in Bagram and his name was [REDACTED]. He told me that if there was no significant interest in you that you would be sent back to Russia. He released some information that could be helpful. But in my opinion, I thought those things would be of interest to the CIA. They told me that they were sending me to Cuba and he was going to be interrogated according to that piece of paper they sent with him; but it was mistaken and at that point they thought I was captured with that list of paper. When the Russian delegation came, they showed him that list of paper to him. Now they were probably thinking that I was trying to pass some secret information to the Americans.

Board Member: My point was, if in fact we believe him now what would he do if he is released back to his home country?

Detainee: *(through translator)* I will most likely end up in jail because the Russian delegations came and told me that people like you should be killed and be buried in pigskin. More likely those other suspicions were reported and you might be able to listen to them and how they threatened me.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.7) The detainee attended the camp at al Farouq for one month with 60 to 70 students and was present at the camp on 11 September 2001.

Detainee: *(through translator)* That item should also be eliminated since it all relates to each other.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.8) The detainee found out that there would be lessons on making explosive mixtures in the Kara Karga region. Since it was boring in Bagram,

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Afghanistan, and there wasn't anything to do, he decided to go out of curiosity. The lessons lasted for approximately two weeks, until the Americans started bombing and everyone headed to Pakistan.

Detainee: *(through translator)* I heard that story from one person. When I was leaving the IMU like I told you all kinds of jobs around. One person, well I have a good friend right here. One person ask me to copy a notebook about explosives and he wanted it done it good handwriting. Since he did not have good handwriting and did not know how to draw the pictures, he asked me. I was writing, copying the notebook and while I was doing one for him I made one for myself. It was just pure curiosity because it was telling you how to make explosives from coffee grinds and stuff like that.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.9) Training at Kara Karga included how to make a formula bomb. Students were taught how to make explosives out of common items such as fertilizer and ammonia.

Detainee: *(through translator)* I do not remember exactly since it has been four years. But approximately from those simple things they were making explosives.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.10) Instruction at Kara Karga also included lessons on how to make poisons that could be inhaled, swallowed, or absorbed through the skin. Poisons were made then tested on rabbits. While the rabbits got sick none of the students died.

Detainee: *(through translator)* A little clarification from what I have heard. They have been testing them not on the students but the rabbits. I just want to clarify on what I have heard that yes, they tested on rabbits but even when testing on the rabbits the rabbits did not die.

Board Member: So I understand and the board understands this is again something he heard that he provided to the interrogators as a way of giving them what he thought they wanted to hear so that he could come to Cuba?

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.1) The detainee then was transferred to the location of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan in the central Tajikistan Taldar Ravine District.

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

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.2) The Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan is designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization. During Operation Enduring Freedom, the Counter-Terrorism Coalition has captured, killed, and dispersed many of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan militants who were fighting with the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Detainee: *(through translator)* No comments, that is information for you.

Board Member: Prior to him reading this did he have any knowledge that the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan might be listed as a foreign terrorist organization?

Detainee: *(through translator)* No, because I only heard about the organization only when I was in Uzbekistan. I did not here about it when I was in Russia.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.3) The detainee left the Islamic Movement in Uzbekistan due to poor living conditions and what he perceived as the Islamic Movement in Uzbekistan's anti-Islamic ideas and a mistrust of the detainee.

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

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.4) The detainee stayed at the Tablighi Islamic Center in Lahore, Pakistan from January 2002 to March 2002.

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

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.5) The detainee was identified at the Salafist University and as being a member of the Tablighi Organization.

Detainee: *(through translator)* It is not exactly correct. I was not a member of the Tablighi organization because I did not have a passport and I did not have any financial support I had to leave that place. So I was not a member.

Board Member: Could he tell us what the Tablighi organization is?

Detainee: *(through translator)* That is an open organization which is not prohibited by the government of Pakistan. These organizations are in Europe and other countries; and do not have anything to do with the military, it is just Islamic organization. I believe you have it in America. It is just a home to Islam, a religious organization, to distribute the Koran and teach people how to pray.

Board Member: Could he tell us what, if anything he did while he was there what role he may have been involved with while he was there. Did they ask him to do work or anything like that?

Detainee: *(through translator)* In Afghanistan people give him a suggestion since he did not have a passport and did not have any financial support for himself. They told him there was a refugee camp in Lahore. It is like a missionary organization who tries to recruit people in Islam that is how it is. Whoever can afford it, they even go abroad to foreign countries. Those who do not have a lot of money, usually travel inside in Pakistan and go to the mosque and try to recruit people in Islam.

Board Member: He sought assistance and aid from the organization because he had no way of supporting himself?

Detainee: *(through translator)* They have a very good way of supporting people, foreign people and you can go to three or four times a day and they have a place for you to live. You can take a shower and if they see you are a poor person they will support you financially. My initial work was to drive around in the cities with ten other people in the bus and we just stop by other places and I could not even talk because I did not speak either Urdu or English. People in Pakistan feel sorry for the Muslims who came from Afghanistan and they try to help them anyway they can.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.6) On 12 March 2002, the detainee traveled by van from Lahore, Pakistan to an al Qaida safe house where Abu Zubaydah lived in Faisalabad, Pakistan.

Detainee: *(through translator)* It is not exactly correct, I was also in Lahore. I had been there for awhile and often there were visits from the police and I did not think it was safe to stay there. In Pakistan, that was where I was with the Tablighi and they told me that it was not a very good place for you to stay here, that you have to move on. They drove me by the bus, to one of those bus places. I did not know that was an al Qaida safe house and I did not know anything about al Qaida. When I was captured I was told that this was the house of Abu Zubaydah but I did not see Abu Zubaydah in that house. I believe he was captured at some other place.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.7) The detainee was arrested in late March 2002 as the Crescent Mills, Faisalabad, Pakistan safe house with a number of suspected al Qaida members.

Detainee: *(through translator)* The interrogators wrote down this item and I can not either defend myself or prove myself for them to be proven wrong. It was a two story house and had a lot of fence around it. I was under the impression that the family was actually helping the refugees from Afghanistan. I knew the Pakistan's were helping a lot to refugees.

Board Member: What you are saying is that you did not know anyone in that house was connected with al Qaida?

Detainee: *(through translator)* No, I did not no.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.8) The detainee did not meet Usama bin Laden personally, but was forced to attend his speeches on politics and religion even though he did not understand the language.

Detainee: *(through translator)* This item should be eliminated. It does not make sense, since I was not in Farouq. One more clarification while I am here that I never heard that

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in Farouq that there were any Russians. There is also small proof if there were not any Russians how can I possibly be there. They did not train any Russians.

Designated Military Officer: (3.d.1) The detainee is familiar with the history of Afghanistan and believes that things became much better for the true Muslim nature of life after the Taliban came to power.

Detainee: *(through translator)* I am not familiar with the history of Afghanistan. I do not know where that came from. I have told what I have heard about the Taliban to my interrogator. I never met Taliban, but what I heard from Uzbek's and from other people, I heard that they actually support refugees; they provide food and lodging for them.

Designated Military Officer: (3.d.2) The detainee is a religious person that would fight for Islam.

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

Designated Military Officer: (3.d.3) When confronted by investigators who believed he was fighting in Afghanistan, the detainee stated that he may have been involved but here are some things in life that are so important that you must protect them at all cost.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Not exactly correct. When the interrogators asked me did you go to Afghanistan for the military reason, to fight? I told him if that was my intention then I would have gone to Chechnya. I did not know Arabic or other languages. It is not much clearer I do not remember saying that.

Designated Military Officer: (3.d.4) The detainee refuses to say anything about his fellow detainees because they are fellow Muslims that have given him their last piece of bread even though they were starving.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes, that is correct. If you want me to clarify I can talk about it.

Designated Military Officer: (3.d.5) The detainee has made numerous controversial statements to investigators including threatening to hit an investigator.

Detainee: *(through translator)* That is not correct. I had one conflict with the interrogator; when she told me while I was detained here your wife was having fun over there and I could not hold myself and I just splashed the water into her face.

Designated Military Officer: (3.e.1) The detainee claimed that if he had wanted to fight he would have gone to Chechnya where it was closer and everybody speaks Russian.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Like I just told you before, when you ask me do I want to go fight, I told him I would go to Chechnya instead.

Designated Military Officer: (3.e.2) The detainee has a loathing distaste for the Russian Government whom he considers to be the mafia.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (3.e.3) The detainee does not want to go back to Russia. He wants to live in a nice country among Muslims. Once settled there he would bring his family to be with him.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (3.e.4) The detainee is not pleased with the United States because of their lack of action in Chechnya to protest the Russian's genocide of Muslims.

Detainee: *(through translator)* I told this story, my opinion about the story I heard about the resistance activities back in Afghanistan. As an honest citizen, I just told him my opinion. If you want I can clarify.

Board Member: Is what he is trying to tell us that he would prefer that the United States come to the aid of the Chechnya people? Is that what he would have preferred?

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes, because I heard delegations from Chechnya used to come to America and Costa Rica and have a good relationships with those countries, but after what happened in Afghanistan, they changed their views.

Designated Military Officer: (3.e.5) The detainee said that the United States is supporting the Northern Alliance Fighters who are killing innocent people.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (3.e.6) The detainee has offered to exchange information about criminal activity for United States or European citizenship.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes.

Board Member: Has he provided any information or attempted to provide any information? Do the interrogators in hopes of working out such a situation?

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes, I did.

Board Member: Does he continue to cooperate with them?

Detainee: *(through translator)* Not at this moment.

Designated Military Officer: (4.a) The detainee claims no knowledge of al Qaida or Taliban personalities or network.

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Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (4.b) The detainee denied having any knowledge of the attacks in the United States prior to their execution on 11 September 2001 and denied knowledge of any rumors or plans of future attacks.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (4.c) The detainee recognizes the United States policies of freedom of religion and does not oppose the United States Government.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes.

Designated Military Officer: (4.d) The detainee claims that he did not go to Afghanistan to fight.

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes.

Presiding Officer: You said a number of times that you do not speak Arabic or Pashto or Udo. What language did you use to talk to people as you moved around?

Detainee: *(through translator)* Lots of Russians, lots of Uzbek and Tajiks speak Russian since it was all understood. In Lahore, there was about five or six English words that would come together. In here I work with the Army.

***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 stated that he had no additional comments.***

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

Detainee: *(through translator)* I just want to let you know that I am not an enemy of the United States, because pretty much everybody in Russia they love Americans. I love to read American books I just read David Moore and I love to watch American movies. Way back, I used to wish to serve in the American Army. I do not have any animosities against the Americans. Just the certain conflicts we use to have with the MPs in our cells, but I believe that is a different aspect. I guess there is always a different point of view, of who is right and who is wrong. I am not going to discuss that; it will take a long time.

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Presiding Officer: Does this conclude your statement?

Detainee: *(through translator)* Yes.

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

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

*Administrative Review Board Member's had no further questions for the Detainee.*

*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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