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Summarized Detainee Statement

Tribunal President: Muhammed, you may now present any evidence you have to the Tribunal. And you have the assistance of your Personal Representative in doing so. Do you want to present information to this Tribunal?

Detainee: I don't have any evidence, but some of the statements were not true. The accusations were not true.

Tribunal President: Muhammed, would you like to respond to any of the comments you just heard?

Detainee: Yes. If you can repeat it to me one by one, I can answer you back and reply to each one of them.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, would you like to do that for me please?

Personal Representative: Yes, Ma'am.

Detainee: If you could tell me the first one, and I will answer you for each.

Personal Representative: The Detainee previously informed me that he would like to do his statement under oath. The Muslim oath.

Tribunal President: Recorder, would you please provide the Muslim oath?

**The Detainee was sworn using the Muslim oath and testified to the Tribunal in substance as follows:**

Tribunal President: Muhammed, you may begin with the use of your Personal Representative.

Personal Representative: Paragraph 3-a-1 [from the Unclassified Summary of Evidence], Detainee traveled from his home in Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan via Kuwait and Pakistan in March 2001.

Detainee: Yes, this is true. But the dates that are used are Islamic months to date things. So I am not sure about the dates of travel.

Personal Representative: 3-a-2 [from the Unclassified Summary of Evidence], Detainee received training in the use of the AK-47 and rocket propelled grenades at the Al-Farouq training camp.

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Detainee: Yes, I did go to that camp to train, but I did not train on an RPG. I only trained on the Kalashnikov and a pistol.

Personal Representative: 3-b-1 [from the Unclassified Summary of Evidence], Detainee voluntarily left the training base at Al-Farouq to engage in military operations against the Northern Alliance.

Detainee: That is not true.

Personal Representative: 3-b-2 [from the Unclassified Summary of Evidence], Detainee carried a weapon on the battlefield.

Detainee: That's not true.

Personal Representative: 3-b-3 [from the Unclassified Summary of Evidence], Detainee continued to participate in military operations against United States forces after September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

Detainee: That's not true. When the war started I was sitting at home. I was not there.

Personal Representative: 3-b-4 [from the Unclassified Summary of Evidence], Detainee retreated from the battlefield to Pakistan where he surrendered, as part of a group of thirty individuals, to Pakistani forces.

Detainee: Yes, I did go to Pakistan. But I went from my house, not a battlefield, to Pakistan. I left from my house.

Tribunal President: Does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: Yes, that is it, but I want to say one more thing. When I was in Saudi Arabia I met someone from Chechnya. And I wanted to go to Chechnya. So I went to Afghanistan. This person told me to go there and train for six months. Then after six months, I would be going to Chechnya. And that was my reason for leaving home.

Tribunal President: Does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, do you have any questions for the Detainee?

Personal Representative: No, Ma'am.

Tribunal President: Recorder, do you have any questions for the Detainee?

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Recorder: No, Ma'am.

Tribunal President: Do any Tribunal Members have any questions for the Detainee?

Tribunal Member: Can you tell me where were you when you learned about the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks in the United States?

Detainee: I was in Afghanistan when it happened, and I was in the back lines.

Tribunal Member: When did you leave to go to Pakistan after the training?

Detainee: After the training?

Tribunal Member: Yes.

Detainee: I don't know exactly the date, but it was about six to seven months after the training I left. From the date I went to Afghanistan to the day I left.

Tribunal Member: So did you train for six whole months?

Detainee: No, I only trained for a month and a half.

Tribunal Member: What did you do for the rest of the time you were in Afghanistan?

Detainee: I was in the back lines. I wanted to complete my training on weapons. So I waited in the back lines.

Tribunal Member: So did you leave from the back lines to go to Pakistan?

Detainee: Before the war, I tried to go to Pakistan so I could go back to my country, Saudi Arabia through Kabul. But I had problems getting there. And later, I went from Kabul to Khowst, and from Khowst to Pakistan.

Tribunal Member: How much time were you in Pakistan before you heard about the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks?

Detainee: I do not remember the time.

Tribunal Member: But sometime after the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, you went back to Afghanistan?

Detainee: When I left to Pakistan, I did not want to go back.

Tribunal Member: Why didn't you return to your home country?

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Detainee: Because my passport, tickets and everything else were in a storage area somewhere elsewhere. I could not get to them. That is why everything was delayed.

Tribunal Member: And where was that?

Detainee: It was in Kandahar, in a place where it was kept. I was waiting to go back there to get them.

Tribunal Member: Why did you leave them there?

Detainee: It was like an office. Storage to safe keep the documents. They told me I could put them there for safekeeping before I went to the camp.

Tribunal Member: Just a couple of minutes ago you said that when you left Afghanistan, you were leaving to go to your home country and you had no intention of going back to Afghanistan. Why did you leave your passport and other documents in storage?

Detainee: I was arrested by the military and put in prison.

Tribunal Member: Where?

Detainee: On the borderline.

Tribunal Member: But you said your documents were in Kandahar.

Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal Member: Kandahar is not on the border.

Detainee: But they said all the documentation and all the personnel documents were taken from Kandahar and put in Pakistan.

Tribunal Member: Who said that?

Detainee: The person I was staying with in Kabul.

Tribunal Member: Why didn't you go to Chechnya after you left Afghanistan?

Detainee: Cause I quit. I did not want to go back there anymore. I just wanted to go back home.

Tribunal Member: Did you carry a weapon while you were in Afghanistan?

Detainee: At the camp, yes. Everyone had a weapon.

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Tribunal Member: How about after you left the camp?

Detainee: I did not carry my weapon all the time. Only at the camp, at the station.

Tribunal Member: How did you get to Pakistan from Kandahar?

Detainee: I was in Kabul and everyone was living in the house I was staying in. We all went to Khowst, and from Khowst we went to Pakistan.

Tribunal Member: Did you go by yourself or were you traveling with others?

Detainee: I was with others. The people I mentioned before.

Tribunal Member: Were those people armed?

Detainee: No.

Tribunal Member: Were any of the people that you were captured with armed?

Detainee: No.

Tribunal Member: Did you go to Pakistan through Tora Bora?

Detainee: No. From Khowst and then Pakistan.

Tribunal Member: Why did you leave Kabul?

Detainee: I wanted to go to Pakistan. Every person living at the house I was staying in was leaving for Pakistan. So I left with them.

Tribunal Member: Was the United States bombing at the time?

Detainee: There was bombing in Afghanistan, but it was not by us.

Tribunal Member: Did you ever fight against the Northern Alliance?

Detainee: No.

Tribunal Member: Who were the other individuals you were picked up with when you were arrested?

Detainee: The persons?

Tribunal Member: Yes.

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Detainee: I didn't know them personally. I just knew them through the travel and staying at the detention facility.

Tribunal Member: When you addressed the information from the unclassified summary, when asked on exhibit 3-b-3, which says "the Detainee continued to participate in military operations against the United States forces after September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001." You stated you were at home when the war began?

Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal Member: And home was Saudi Arabia?

Detainee: No. It was the house I had in Kabul.

Tribunal Member: And after you said you left Al Farouq. Why did you leave Al Farouq?

Detainee: Because there was a problem between me and the trainer. We had an argument.

Tribunal Member: What is the trainer's name?

Detainee: Abu Haraya.

Tribunal Member: And because of this disagreement, is that why you left?

Detainee: We had problems with each other and I just left.

Tribunal Member: Did you leave by yourself?

Detainee: I left with another person.

Tribunal Member: Who was that?

Detainee: His name was Omar.

Tribunal Member: Was Omar arrested with you?

Detainee: No. Possibly he went back home.

Tribunal President: Did you go to Afghanistan to fight?

Detainee: No. I would not fight Muslims.

Tribunal President: Did you go to fight the Northern Alliance or its coalition partners?

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Detainee: No, they are Muslims and I would not fight them.

Tribunal President: Explain to me why you needed the training at the Al Farouq training camp?

Detainee: Like I mentioned before and I am saying this under oath and swearing to God, I went there and I did not even know where I was going. I was told by someone to go train there and I was hoping to go to Chechnya. So I went there to get some training and go to Chechnya. I did not know what I was doing at the time.

Tribunal President: Could you have received military training on the same weapons in Saudi Arabia?

Detainee: I don't think so.

Tribunal President: How did you know who to meet in Afghanistan to take you to the training camp?

Detainee: The person that told me prepared everything for me. He made the calls and he had someone there waiting for me to take me there.

Tribunal President: Who is that person?

Detainee: The person who was in Chechnya before. He was in Saudi Arabia.

Tribunal President: What is the person's name.

Detainee: His name was Saleh.

Tribunal President: Spell that for me.

Translator: S-A-L-E-H.

Tribunal President: Is that a first name or last name?

Detainee: That is his first name.

Tribunal President: Do you know the last name?

Detainee: Tribal name, his last name is Saleh Al Harbi.

Tribunal President: What arrangements did Saleh Al Harbi make for you?

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Detainee: He made a phone call from Riyadh to another person in Afghanistan and he told him I will send you this person.

Tribunal President: Did he arrange for your travel?

Detainee: No, I paid for it.

Tribunal President: How did you travel to Afghanistan?

Detainee: Like I mentioned before, I traveled by airplane from Saudi Arabia to Kuwait and from Kuwait to Pakistan.

Tribunal President: And then from Pakistan to Afghanistan?

Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal President: How did you travel from Pakistan to Afghanistan?

Detainee: By car.

Tribunal President: Did you drive the car or did you have someone to drive you?

Detainee: No, it was another driver. Everything was prepared for me.

Tribunal President: How did you support yourself while you were in Afghanistan?

Detainee: Like normal. Everything was simple.

Tribunal President: Did you pay for anything involved in your trip? How did you eat while you were in Afghanistan? Did you have to pay for the hotels or guesthouses?

Detainee: I went to a guesthouse because it had food and shelter.

Tribunal President: Was it free or did you have to pay?

Detainee: Free. It was free.

Tribunal President: Did you know anyone in Afghanistan?

Detainee: No.

Tribunal President: Did you join the Taliban or Al Qaida while you were in Afghanistan?

Detainee: No.



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Tribunal President: Were any of the people you met in Afghanistan soldiers or fighters?

Detainee: No.

Tribunal President: You didn't meet any soldiers or fighters in the Al Farouq training camp?

Detainee: They were all like me. They were training.

Tribunal President: So the people that trained you at the Al Farouq training camp, were they soldiers or were they just trainers?

Detainee: We could not tell if they were military because they all had Afghani wear - Afghani clothing.

Tribunal President: Did you see any fighting in Afghanistan on your way to Pakistan?

Detainee: No.

Tribunal President: Any of the Tribunal Members have any more questions?

Tribunal Members: No, Ma'am.

Tribunal President: Muhammed, do you have any other evidence to present to this Tribunal?

Detainee: No.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, do you have any other evidence or does the Detainee have any previously approved witnesses to present to the Tribunal?

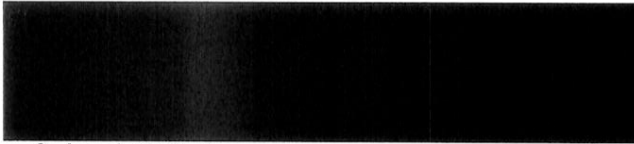
Personal Representative: No, Ma'am.

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Tribunal President: All evidence having been provided to this Tribunal, this concludes this Tribunal session.

**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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