

Summarized Unsworn Detainee Statement

My Personal Representative read the accusations to me previously, and I mentioned to him that they were all false. The accusations made toward me were from another Detainee. We had an argument and he threatened to make accusations toward me to cause problems. I would like to ask if there is any logical evidence to prove the accusations made against me.

The Tribunal President stated that only unclassified evidence is available at this time. No other evidence has been seen and our minds will remain open to make a determination of the Detainee's enemy combatant status. The Tribunal President advised the Detainee it was his opportunity to tell the Tribunal his story against the accusations.

The Personal Representative asked the Detainee if he would like to tell his story as he did in the interview, addressing the Unclassified Summary point by point.

OK. I do not have anything against that.

The Tribunal President asked if the Detainee would do this with the assistance of the Personal Representative.

The Personal Representative advised that the Translator will read each point and the Detainee will address it. The only point the Detainee agrees with is 3a(1). This point states that he traveled to Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan via Pakistan to teach the Koran to non-Arabs. The Detainee agrees this is a true statement, and he will address the other points.

Yes, that is the only one.

The Personal Representative advises to start with point number two of the Unclassified Summary.

- 3(a)(2) The Detainee was identified as having special mission training (explosives, assassinations, etc) and possessed a computer disc showing this training.

That is not true.

- 3(a)(3) The Detainee was identified as being in a group of 30 Usama Bin Laden bodyguards and drivers captured by the Pakistani military while fleeing Afghanistan

That is not true.

The Personal Representative asked the Detainee if he would like to elaborate on that point.

Do you want to explain or do you want me to explain?

The Personal Representative states it is the decision of the Detainee.

Like I mentioned before to my Personal Representative, the person that I had an argument with in the detention facility stated that he would make up accusations against me to cause problems. He made up all the accusations.

- 3(a)(4) **The group of 30 were told the best thing they could tell US Forces when interrogated was they were in Afghanistan to teach the Koran.**

That is not true.

- 3(b)(1) **The Detainee was identified as the Emir of a group of 10-15 fighters guarding a river crossing leading to the Tora Bora Camp.**

That is not true.

- 3(b)(2) **The Detainee was identified as firing a weapon while at a guard post between Tora Bora and Jalalabad.**

That is not true.

The Tribunal President asks the Detainee is there is anything else he would like to add to his statement.

There is nothing else I would like to add.

Questions by the Tribunal Members

Q: What is the name of the Detainee who accuses you?

A: Muhammad (Basardah), he was held next to me. There was an argument between us.

Q: What was the argument about?

A: He was mentally unstable and was on medication. We would argue because he would spill water in my cell.

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- Q: You told him to stop spilling the water and he responded by threatening you with accusations?
- A: Yes.
- Q: How long ago did this occur?
- A: About a year and a half to two years. About a year and a half.
- Q: Is he still located next to you or near you in the cells?
- A: No, he was transferred a long time ago.
- Q: Is there any one else that might have accused you of doing these things?
- A: I don't think so.
- Q: Did you go to Afghanistan?
- A: Yes.
- Q: What made you go?
- A: I went to Afghanistan to teach the Koran in the Khost (phonetic) area.
- Q: You are a native of Saudi Arabia?
- A: Yes.
- Q: Did you go by yourself or with a group of people?
- A: Alone.
- Q: How did you know how to get where you were going?
- A: I met my friend in Mecca, Muhammad Halid, and he gave me a number to contact another guy named Muhammad to get in touch with him about going to a school called Dali Dalen (inaudible).
- Q: These people told you how to travel from Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan?
- A: Yes, I asked Mohammad Halid and he told me how to travel from Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan.
- Q: How was your trip financed?

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- A: I had some money and money also came from Muhammad.
- Q: Where were you employed in Saudi Arabia prior to going to Afghanistan?
- A: I was a student in a science academy.
- Q: You were able to save enough money to pay for the trip?
- A: Yes.
- Q: Most students don't have money while attending school.
- A: I had money.
- Q: What was your plan for teaching the Koran?
- A: I was teaching the Koran to children at a mosque while in Saudi Arabia. It was a good job, I made good money and I enjoyed doing it.
- Q: How did you do your teaching when you arrived in Afghanistan?
- A: I went to the village of Khost (phonetic), and met with Muhammad the Afghani, as the village belongs to him. He was going to tell me how to start. There was a Mosque in the village. The mosque was called the Mosque of Imam of Halibra. There were students there and Muhammad told me to teach them.
- Q: Did you stay in one place or move around and teach in different places?
- A: I stayed in one place.
- Q: How long where you there?
- A: About four months.
- Q: What caused you to leave the area?
- A: When the American forces attacked Afghanistan, I decided to leave.
- Q: Can you tell us the route you took to leave Afghanistan?
- A: I went from Khost village to Niransha road, which is a border road. I took that.
- Q: How long did it take you to get to the border?

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- A: About four days.
- Q: Did you travel by yourself or with other people?
- A: I traveled alone. I took the roads that the Afghanistan refugees were taking.
- Q: You just followed the refugees?
- A: Yes.
- Q: How were you captured?
- A: When I got to the Pakistani border, there was a checkpoint. That is where I was arrested.
- Q: Why did they arrest you instead of allowing you pass?
- A: Because I am Arab and not Afghani.
- Q: Did you have a passport with you?
- A: I had a passport when I was traveling.
- Q: What happened to it?
- A: I was walking along one of the roads at night and it fell into a river.
- Q: You did not have the passport when the Pakistani guards captured you?
- A: I did not have a passport. I suggested to the security to call or contact the Saudi Embassy to get my official paperwork because I lost it.
- Q: They did not do this?
- A: When I went to prison, I was able to meet with someone from the Embassy.
- Q: Did they help you?
- A: I asked for official paperwork in order to return to Saudi Arabia, but they said they would have to work with the government to get some official paperwork.
- Q: This was a Saudi representative that told you this?
- A: Yes, a representative from the Saudi Embassy.

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- Q: Did he do any of the things he said he would do?
- A: He did not; the Pakistani forces turned us over to the American forces in Kandahar.
- Q: This seems unusual, because if the Saudi representative had intervened for you, you would have gone home instead of coming here.
- A: I was looked at as a dollar sign. Therefore, I was turned over to the American forces for an amount of money before the Saudi representative did anything.
- Q: Did you have anything else with you when you were captured?
- A: I only had some money.
- Q: Did you have any weapons with you?
- A: No.
- Q: You didn't carry weapons for protection?
- A: No.
- Q: We have heard that Afghanistan is a dangerous place and almost everyone carries weapons.
- A: Correct. When I taught in the mosque, the people of the mosque protected me. They had weapons.
- Q: How long have you been detained in the camp?
- A: I don't know exactly, about three years.
- Q: How did you know about the need to teach the Koran in Afghanistan?
- A: The education level of the Afghans is very low, so they needed someone to educate them. Someone from Saudi Arabia who goes to Afghanistan has value.
- Q: How many people do you know from Saudi Arabia that did the same thing as you?
- A: I don't know others.
- Q: Did you have friends or students that did the same as you?

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- A: I know some people that went to Afghanistan for teaching purposes. They told me about the teaching opportunities and would help me go to Afghanistan.
- Q: If there was such a great need, it seems many people would go there.
- A: Muhammad told me a lot of people were going there to teach.
- Q: But you didn't know anyone that went there to teach?
- A: I didn't meet them, but I heard about them.
- Q: Have you had any military training on weapons or anything of that nature?
- A: No.
- Q: People around the village had weapons and would protect you?
- A: Yes.
- Q: Did they ever want you to help protect others?
- A: They never suggested it.
- Q: All you had to do was teach the Koran?
- A: I was teaching the Koran. They never spoke to me about carrying weapons.
- Q: Did you have to do anything else other than teach the Koran in order to pay for your room and board?
- A: No.
- Q: How long were you a student?
- A: I studied from middle school thru high school.
- Q: That was the science academy?
- A: Yes.
- Q: How long were you at the Science Academy?
- A: About a year.
- Q: What courses were taught at the Academy?

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A: Social Sciences.

Q: How long were you in the village?

A: Four months.

Q: Did people know you very well?

A: While teaching, I began to know a lot of the children.

Q: And their parents?

A: No, I do not know their families or parents.

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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