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Summarized Sworn Detainee Statement

The Tribunal President read the hearing instructions to the detainee. The detainee confirmed that he understood the process and had no questions.

The Personal Representative provides the Tribunal with the Detainee election form labeled exhibit D-a.

The Recorder presented Exhibit R-1 thru R-2 into evidence and gave a brief description of the contents of the Unclassified Summary of Evidence (Exhibit R-1).

The Recorder confirmed that he had no further unclassified evidence or witnesses and requested a closed Tribunal session to present classified evidence.

Tribunal President: Mohammed Aman, I understand that you requested a number of witnesses for today's hearing. I was informed by your Personal Representative last month about the witnesses you requested. At that time I determined that the witnesses' testimony were relevant and I approved contacting these witnesses. Of the five witnesses, two of them were in Afghanistan. I would like to have you confirm the identification of these two witnesses. The first was General Atiquallah Lodin from Gardez Afghanistan. Is that correct?

Detainee: Originally he was not from Gardez city, but he is a Commander with the Army division.

Tribunal President: OK. The second witness was Haji Gulam Rabani. (The detainee acknowledged affirmatively the second witness identification non-verbally.) I directed the United States government contact the Afghanistan government to locate these witnesses. They were requested at different times. One witness was requested on 22 November [2004] and the other witness was requested on 13 October [2004]. As of today's date the Afghanistan government has not responded to our request. I've determined that it has been a reasonable amount of time for the Afghanistan government to respond to our properly made request. Without cooperation from that government, I am unable to provide testimony today from these witnesses. So I make the ruling that these two witnesses are not reasonably available to you today. The three other witnesses you requested were Abdullah Mujadid, Mohammed Mussa and Ali-Sha. These three witnesses have been contacted and I understand from the personal representative that they have agreed to testify today. I will have the witness testimony provided at a later time in this hearing. First I would like to receive the statement from you, if you have one, regarding the unclassified summary of evidence.

The Detainee did want participate and will present an oral presentation from notes and the Personal Representative will provide a translated copy as an exhibit D-b.

The detainee would like to take the Muslim oath. Recorder administers the Muslim oath.

Detainee: (Reading from his notes.) With all respect this is my statement regarding the accusations I have been charged with, repelling [possibly meaning "regarding"] the allegation

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that I was supporting Taliban and was their functionary officer. It's obvious and clear to everybody that Taliban savagery took power in Afghanistan. During that time I was running my own drug store. Observing their improper behavior, fanaticism, and ignorance made me hate them. In the 1st two and half years of Taliban government I didn't have a job, and I was threatened by Taliban a few times to work for them. On the other hand there were some plotters and conspirators who were trying to put me in trouble, and I wasn't able to leave the country, so finally I was compelled to work in a military subdivision as a functionary officer, which was a very low position job. In that time working for Taliban wasn't illegal, in fact thousands of government officials used to work for them, because Taliban were uneducated. But, despite being unqualified Taliban members and supporters had the privilege of holding higher positions and making lots of money, so I hope you understand the fact that I was a very low level functionary worker with little pay, because I wasn't supporting Taliban. About the allegation of having the membership card of [an] anti-American organization; I used to work for the Communist government in Afghanistan. After the withdrawal of Russian troops, the Communist regime was struggling to survive and most places came under Mujahid's control. All those changes had a negative influence on me. So I emigrated out of the country and received an I.D. card from the organization called Hezb-e Islami (Muslim Party) just to pass the checkpoints of Mujahid and Pakistani police. That wasn't a membership card it was just an I.D. card. At that time, being a member of the Islamic party wasn't a crime, or illegal, in fact, USA was supporting them, but I have never been a member of any Mujahid's group. I hate all of them. After the fall of the Communist regime these Islamic groups looted our national treasury, and they were ransacking people's houses. My own house and drugstore were looted by the members of the Islamic groups, and they returned the empty store to my brother in exchange for money. Being a member of such a cruel and insidious party is a dishonor and shameful act for me. I will never support them. The fact that, after 18 years of service my military rank is so low, while Hezb-e Islami and the rest of Mujahid's organizations were promoting their unqualified people to much higher military ranks is proof that I wasn't connected to them and wasn't supporting them. Today's government in Afghanistan knows all the leaders and council members of Islamic groups. I hope they all will be captured and punished including Taliban. They are the real enemies of our country. The people of Afghanistan have suffered so much, because of their atrocities, cruelties, and that's why they hate them. Hopefully in the upcoming election nobody will vote for those Islamic groups. In regards to witnesses, I would like to say that, the whole time that I have been detained, there should be enough information about me. I am not an unknown national, neither am I from the border area, nor am I from a place out of control of the government. I live in the city of Gardez, which is the capital of Paktia.

Kindly if you would, in order to earn your trust; you can ask information about me from people with authority like the governor of Paktia, or the commander of the Afghan army in Gardez, or the people's representative. All these people know me, and they can vouch for me. I swear to God, that these accusations about me are false and not true. In my country, as a result of ignorance, bigotry, and conspiracy, prejudiced people have caused these kinds of problems. Ever since the fall of Taliban government, I worked for the current government of Afghanistan, for about a year and a half until I was captured. I don't understand [why], without any cause I was punished, instead of retribution. So I would like your deepest attention in this matter. At the time that I got this card millions of other people got it too, either inside or outside the country. My card is expired and it doesn't mean anything. I deeply support the current

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government of Afghanistan, with the skillful leadership of his Excellency Mr. Karzai, and I will do what ever I can to support him. With all my heart, I support and welcome the presence of the United Nations and the United States' forces in Afghanistan. I hope and God willing that they would support us in establishment of national security. So our poor people are free from the cruelties and atrocities of warlords who for years terrorized people under the name of Talib and Mujahid. In addition I want for the people to live a comfortable life, and the reconstruction of our country. If there were a lack of United Nations and United States forces, there would be a river of blood in our country. I am very appreciative for the help that we get in different areas from our dear friend America. Afghans will never forget the humanitarian help that they get from America. The enemy of America is the enemy of our people, and they don't want our country to prosper and for our people to live in peace. These enemies no longer have a foothold in our country, and people hate them. Nobody will fall for the deception of Talib or Mujahid again. One who was fooled will not be fooled again. I would like your deepest attention in regards to my case so I and my family will not suffer any more. I would ask you to free me so I can go back to my country and serve my people. Also I need some attention in regards to my health; I need a thorough medical treatment, so I can return back to good health, and my problem would be solved regarding to this matter. I would never forget your kindness.

With regards.

The Tribunal President confirms that the detainee has completed his oral statement. The President provides instruction regarding the procedures to be followed with witnesses.

The first witnesses' name is Abdullah Mujadid. There is a brief recess while the witness is seated. The Tribunal President confirms the witness's identification and that he agrees to provide testimony. The Recorder administers the Muslim oath to the witness.

Detainee's Questions to Witness

Q. Do you know me?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Am I a Taliban?

A. No.

Q. Was I supporting the Taliban?

A. No.

Q. Was I a functionary worker in the province of Gardez where there were hundreds and thousands of people like me working for the government?

A. In Afghanistan they are all government workers no matter which government comes there. And he was working for the current government.

Q. Have you ever seen me carrying a weapon?

A. No.

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Q. When there were all kinds of Islamic groups like HIG, and others, have you ever seen me fighting or being an important member of those Islamic groups?

A. No.

Q. The Taliban were fighting in the Northern part of the country. Were there any wars in our city of Gardez?

A. No, there were no wars.

Personal Representatives Questions to Witness.

Q. Did Mohammed Aman work for the Taliban government?

A. As far as I know, Mohammed Aman worked for every government when he was a functionary worker.

Q. What does that mean, functionary worker?

A. It is like you people. You are doing your job for your government. A functionary will do paperwork for their government.

Q. Was Mohammed Aman in the military?

A. Yes, he was with the Army.

Q. What was his rank?

A. As far as I know he was a Captain. He was a Captain for the current government until he was captured.

Q. How long did he work for the government?

A. I am twenty-seven years old and I have known him for the past twelve years. He has been working for the government all this time.

Q. Did he ever have another job other than working for the government?

A. He owned a drug store.

Tribunal Members Questions to Witness

Q. Could you describe your background?

A. Yes, I can do that.

Q. Could you tell us specifically what duties you performed and specifically who you worked for?

A. At this time as you can see I am a detainee, but I used to work in a market, a bazaar.

Q. How did you come to know the detainee?

A. The detainee owns a drug store and I have purchased medication from his store and also my house is very close to it and everyday when I passed by I could see him. Gardez is a small city and most people know each other very well.

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Q. Does he own a drug store and work for the government?

A. Yes, his brother and himself ran the drugstore. His brother worked there and after government duty he used to go and work there.

Q. How many years have you known him?

A. Approximately twelve years.

Q. You described his duties with the government as a military functionary. Could you be a little more specific?

A. That was mostly paperwork like filing or making lists of the people or as people submitted petitions he would review them or record them.

Q. As a Captain, was he in charge of other people?

A. I am not aware of that.

Q. In our military a Captain is a reasonably high rank. Is it also in the Taliban government?

A. In Afghanistan, as you know, as you enter the Army and serve a little bit you will get promoted very quickly. I am merely an electrician, myself and after serving with the Army I was recommend to be a Captain so it is not like the United States.

Q. Are you both Captains?

A. Yes I am a Captain as well but I work for security services. I wonder why he served the country for so long and he is still a Captain. It is very easy to get promoted.

Q. Did Mohammed Aman wear a uniform?

A. Sometimes he wore a uniform.

Q. Did he carry a weapon?

A. I never saw him with one.

The second witnesses name is Ali-Sha also known as Said Mohammed Ali-Sha or Dr. Ali-Sha. The second witness is brought in and agrees to provide testimony. The Recorder administers the Muslim oath.

Questions from the Detainee to Witness

Q. Doctor, do you know me?

A. Yes.

Q. Was I a Taliban?

A. No.

Q. Was I supporting the Taliban?

A. Indeed, no. He never shared any kind of Taliban thought. Taliban had totally different opinions about things.

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- Q. Was I working as a low-level functionary worker for the government like thousands of other people?
- A. Yes, in Afghanistan a functionary worker is the lowest level job you can get in the government. The Taliban used to use the educated people for their purposes but it didn't mean that the Taliban liked those people. They needed their help and their education. This man used to get military training during the Communist regime. He used to be an immigrant and I know he also had his own personal business. He was famous as a Captain in that area and when you are known as a Captain in the Communist government according to the Taliban, you are known as a criminal or a bad guy. Taliban killed many Afghans just because of their military ranks and because they had worked for the other government. It was a miracle that he wasn't killed.
- Q. Had you ever heard of me, during the Taliban government, carrying a weapon or fighting against somebody? Please confirm that there wasn't any kind of war in Gardez and that all wars were in the Northern area of the country.
- A. Mr. President, I want to tell you that not only was he not involved in any military action, but that as a functionary [in a] low-level job, the Taliban was suspicious of him. I am not sure if he even mentioned to you that the Taliban was suspicious of him. He had to go through a very long, seven or eight-month investigation with the Taliban. The Taliban was accusing him of doing wrong paperwork or messing up their financial statements and the Taliban believed that whoever is educated is not an honest person, and they will not work for them honestly.
- Q. Doctor, you know that I left Afghanistan and became an immigrant after the Russian withdrawal.
- A. Yes, I think that without even seeing the detainee I said to the Personal Representative while in Camp Three that I was aware that he immigrated to Pakistan in 1988, 1989 or 1990. It was when the Russians were trying to lead our country.
- Q. Doctor, am I a member of HIG?
- A. HIG's membership was very limited. One of their conditions was that they would never accept anyone who used to work for the Communist government as a member. The detainee worked for the Communist government for approximately ten years so there is no way that he would be a member of the HIG. The identification card of that party was had by millions of Afghans. Every local commander or every high-ranking military officer of that party owned a stamp and a card for their party, which they gave to the people. It was not hard at all. They were making these ID cards in Pakistan too. There were people that owned a membership card for a few different parties because of the conditions of the roads and all the checkpoints on the roads. Please do not compare the membership of a political or Islamic party in Afghanistan with the Western world. In our area it was something that people were compelled to be a member of or carry their card. Specially, at that time Hezb-e Islami people were being supported by the United States, and the Hezb-e Islami would be a very powerful party. They thought the future power of Afghanistan would belong to Hezb-e Islami. Just to be on the safe side, many people, even if they were with the other party, would get a card from Hezb-e Islami. Maybe Mohammed Aman was one of those people. It does not prove that he was a member of that party.

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- Q. Doctor, have you ever seen me carrying a weapon or fighting an actual war or on the frontline of the war zone?
- A. In Pakistan no one could ever carry a weapon. And if he ever came to Afghanistan he probably went to visit his family. At the time of Russians, he used to go to the village to visit his family but when the Mujahedin was in power he never had any contact or connection with any of those parties. He just used to mind his own business and run his own drug store. I have a very good example for you: The people who were connected to either party would become Generals and get promoted to high positions very quickly. But this man in all governments was just a clerk or a functionary low-level worker. Even now we call him Captain although he is getting very close to retiring, but his military rank never changed after all those years of service. I am not sure if he has been a Captain for twenty years.

Questions from Personal Representative to Witness

- Q. How long have you known Mohammed Aman?
- A. We have known each other since childhood. We were in the same class. He probably doesn't remember me but I remember him because I was the best student in the class and I had to know everybody. I was the leader of the class in school.
- Q. What are the different kinds of HIG cards?
- A. There were two categories of people. Some would get identification cards and membership cards. I was written on the card. They were trying to recruit more people by trying to make it look like their party was powerful. That is why they were giving those identification cards very quickly, and a commander or a teacher or someone with a different rank would come and give out these ID cards. Those ID cards really didn't mean anything. Mainly they were taken by people because of the checkpoints and the Pakistani police. Those ID cards said that this person was from Afghanistan.
- Q. Do you know what kind of card did Mohammed Aman had?
- A. I haven't seen his card but I am 100% sure that for people [like] Mohammed Aman there will never be membership cards. He probably had the ID card. In our city, the city of Gardez, there were probably just two or three people who had membership cards. Nobody would see their card but we knew; we just knew that these people belonged to the Hezb-e Islami.

Questions from the Tribunal Members

- Q. Are you a medical doctor?
- A. (the witness nods affirmatively)
- Q. Have you known the detainee all of his life?
- A. In general, yes.
- Q. Did he work for the military of the Taliban?
- A. The Taliban never existed as a legitimate and organized government. They actually didn't have separate organizations. They would send the governor with a few people and all his organization whether it was military or security or whatever. The people that used to work

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for the Army part would be in the frontline in the war zone but the detainee was always in Gardez and was always busy doing paperwork. Gardez has never been a war zone and in fact it was very far from the war zone or front line.

- Q. Was the paperwork to help the military that was in the front line?
- A. No, since Taliban was uneducated, a person with one eye could be a king for the blind people, he was like that for the Taliban since he could read and write very well. They were using him to do some paperwork. It is not that I heard it from someone, I am 100% sure that he was working on financial and administrative paperwork. That is why he was investigated by the Taliban because they thought he purposely messed up on some paperwork.
- Q. What was the nature of the financial work he was doing?
- A. I'll give you an example: If the government of Patkia at that time had a car that needed parts or service, they needed someone to actually write that down and make a list of it. It was like they had spreadsheets where they would write how much gas and mileage the car had used and what service the car needed. They didn't really have anyone to do that.

(The Detainee interjects.)

Detainee: The Taliban did not have a legitimate government. In any kind of other government there is a fixed salary for every worker but in Taliban their money was always in their pockets. They would do whatever they wanted to do with the government money and no one really knew how much money they had. A mechanic would come and say that this part of the car or this service would cost this much. It was supposed to be different branches like the logistics department and the financial department. I used to work for the financial department but the Taliban government was so messed up that they would take the car and spend whatever they wanted to fix the car and never give a report about it. It was a total mess. They never respected any kind of laws, especially [because of] my military rank.

(Tribunal members return to the witness questioning.)

- Q. Earlier you mentioned that the US government supported the Hezb-e Islami party.
- A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Can you give us a timeframe, because the American involvement in Afghanistan has changed over many years. Is that a recent statement? In other words, do you think the Americans are supporting the Hezb-e Islami party currently or five years ago? Can you give us a timeframe?
- A. I was talking about the time when there was a Jihad and Mujahedin were fighting against the Russians. At that time the United States and all the civilized world was supporting Mujahedin and we were thinking that whoever had the most financial and military support, that party probably would have the future of our country in their hands.
- Q. Would having the Hezb-e Islami card during the Taliban regime be bad?
- A. Those parties lost their values and importance at that time so it wasn't a big deal. It was not an important thing to have that card. People would just throw them [away], some people would shred them, some people would keep them but people did not have to carry them in their packages because of fear. I have known Captain but we did not have any common

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benefits to share. He is from different village of Gardez than I am. He is Sunni and I am Shia. I just felt it was my job and I took the oath to tell you the truth, and everything I knew about him. I was chosen to be the representative of the people of Gardez in our grand assembly in the time of President Karzia's government, so I know him very well. I hope my statement will help him who has always been a servant to his own people, and he shouldn't be here.

The Personal Representative reads the third witnesses' statement who is unable to attend due to force protection reasons. The alternate method of testimony was used. The Personal Representative read into the record a transcript of an interview with the witness. This transcript was also as exhibit D-c. The Personal Representative stated that the third witness made a personal promise to tell the truth. The Tribunal President considered a personal promise equivalent to taking an oath.

Personal Representative: (Reading from Exhibit D-c) Interview conducted with Abdullah Mujahid (Detainee #1100) conducted on 14 December 2004.

Q: Do you know Mohammed Aman?

A: Yes. We grew up in the same city of Gardeyz, Afghanistan. Our villages were very close to each other – about 500 meters away. Farsi speakers stick together. I have known him for about 15-16 yrs. He had a drug store in the city. He's very famous and everybody buys their medicine from his store.

Q: Was Mohammed Aman a member of the HIG?

A: What do you mean a member?

Q: Did he carry an HIG ID card?

A: As far as I know he only had the ID card. A HIG member was one who had authority and power and Mohammed Aman was only a low ranking person. It was very normal for AF refugees going to Pakistan to get an ID card just to be safe – it helps you get through checkpoints. That card didn't mean he was a member of HIG. All you had to do was ask and you could get a card.

A: (unsolicited) I just want to say I never saw Mohamed Aman carry a weapon of any kind or in actual fighting.

Q: When did he join the HIG?

A: In the time when the Russians were there. Najibulla was president of AF during the Communist regime.

Q: What did he do for them?

A: You didn't have to do anything in return to get the card.

Q: Did he leave HIG?

A: I don't know.

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Q: Was Mohammed Aman a member of the Taliban?

A: He was a Captain. He used to work for the Communist government, then worked for the Taliban government. That was very common. He was a very low-level worker for the Taliban.

Q: What did he do for the Taliban?

A: He was a low-level worker – mostly paperwork. When they sent soldiers to the war zone, he was making lists and putting pictures on papers – he was a clerk. He was not important.

Q: How long did he work for the Taliban?

A: Taliban was in AF for 5-6 yrs; he worked for them for 2-3 yrs.

Q: Where did he work?

A: In the city of Gardez and an army base (base #3 of Paktia Province).

Q: Why do you think he was brought here?

A: To be honest and frank, it's all a matter of personal animosity. Several detainees have the same story. It has been 25 yrs since a legitimate government was in charge in AF. There is lots of animosity between Pashtuns, Shi-ites, Sunnis, etc. This is mostly a conspiracy of Communists in Paktia. Almost ½ the population in AF was killed and buried...killing in the name of Mujahid.

Q: Is there anything else you want to tell me about Mohammed Aman?

A: He was is army officer and he is educated. He doesn't have anything to do with political parties and he has nothing against the US government. I was a security commander in Paktia province. I never saw or heard anything bad of Mohammed Aman against the US or against the current government. I would see him as I was going to work each day. He would be at his drug store.

The Tribunal President asks the Personal Representative if he had any questions for the Detainee.

Personal Representative's Questions to the Detainee

Q. In some testimony today and in some previous discussions with the other witnesses it has been said that you were a Captain and also a Sergeant. Can you clarify? In your own written testimony given today you will see his name and below it the word Sergeant.

A. In the past years I was a Sergeant for six years and then a Captain.

Translator: (The translator interrupts and provides clarification regarding the written testimony of exhibit D-b. The translator explains that the "Sergeant" rank was as mis-translation with the other linguist, which the translator corrected and expected the Tribunal to have received the correct one. The written testimony should read "Captain." The Tribunal President directed the Personal Represent to correct exhibit D-b accordingly).

(The Detainee continues)

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- A. I earned my rank through proper education and training. Right now there are so many uneducated people that get promoted and get higher ranks.

The Recorder has no Questions for the Detainee.

Tribunal Members' Questions

Q. When were you captured?

A. It has been approximately one and a half years.

Q. Sometime is 2002?

A. It was around May of 2002.

Q. Were you working in your position as a Captain up until the time you were captured?

A. Yes, I was working there. Since I knew that now we had a legitimate government, I was applying for my promotion. I wanted to get my higher rank.

Q. Do you admit having the HIG ID at the time you were arrested?

A. Yes, that card was around somewhere. When I came back from Pakistan it was expired. It didn't mean anything. It was useless. It was just sitting somewhere between my books and stuff. It was like a wedding or a birthday card that you just throw somewhere. Actually I was the one that told them all the truth from the beginning until now. I told them about the Hezb-e Islami, about the Taliban. I told them about the ID card. I never lied.

Q. Can you describe how you split your time between your drug store activities and your activities as a Captain?

A. As I mentioned earlier, in the time of the Taliban there was not an organized, legitimate government. They would just tell us to come in and sign our time cards and go home. With the new government things were getting better but things were still very unorganized. I used to work until noon. After that I would go work at my drug store. The military base was actually looted by Mujahid and they were struggling to fix things over there. The commander of that Army base was an American ally and he promised us that they would rebuild the place and organize everything; we just had to be patient. They wouldn't call everyone to come to work. I was one of the few they wanted to come in and work there. They wanted me to make a list of new people and ID papers. In Afghanistan working until noon is too much work. You have to be a very dedicated person to stay there until noon.

Q. Who was your commander in the base under the new Karzai government?

A. That was Atiquallah Lodin. I think he was a two star general.

Q. Was that person your commander for the last year or so, before you were detained?

A. Yes. General Lodin was the commander of the American campaign in the beginning in the city of Gardez. Then he became the commander of the Army base.

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- Q. Earlier in the hearing I heard the use of the terms "HIG" and "Hezb-e Islami." I'd like to clarify. Are you a member of the Hezb-e Islami Gulbuddin organization?
- A. Hezb-e Islami belongs to Gulbuddin. They are the same party. Hezb-e Islami Gulbuddin means "Muslim Party of Gulbuddin." HIG and Hezb-e Islami are the same. Personally I didn't know Gulbuddin, I went there by accident and got a card from that party.
- Q. Did you ever attend any meetings of any organized groups of Hezb-e Islami?
- A. No, just during the time of the Russian war. I used to come to my area, which is Zurmat, just to see my family. I never fought. I never attended any meetings with anybody.
- Q. Did you travel outside of the country or any other places for supplies or merchandise associated with your business?
- A. No, in our country things were a little bit different. There are some people who work for commission so they would bring medication from Iran and they would sell it to us. Some people would bring medication or other products from Pakistan and some wholesalers would bring products from Kabul and sell it to us for commission. The people with lots of money would bring medicine from Peshawar, Pakistan.

The Detainee requests that more detailed medical attention be given to his condition, as the medication he is receiving is not completely helping (referring to the condition of his legs). The Tribunal President notes the request and will notify the responsible agency.

The Personal Representative has no further evidence to present to the Tribunal.

The Tribunal President explains the remainder of the Tribunal process to the detainee and adjourns the Tribunal.

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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With all respect:

This is my statement regarding the accusations I have been charged with.

- 1) Repelling of allegation that I was supporting Taliban and was their functionary officer:

It's obvious and clear to everybody that Taliban savagery took the power in Afghanistan, in that time I was running my own drug store. Observing their improper behavior, fanaticism, and ignorance made me hate them.

In the 1st two and half years of Taliban government I didn't have a job, I was threatened by Taliban a few times to work for them. On the other hand there were some plotters and conspirators who were trying to put me in trouble, and I wasn't able to leave the country, so finally I was compelled to work in a military subdivision as a functionary officer, which was a very low position job. In that time working for Taliban wasn't illegal, in fact thousands of government officials used to work for them, because Taliban were uneducated. But, despite of being unqualified Taliban members and supporters had the privilege of holding higher positions and making lots of money, so I hope you understand the fact that I was a very low level functionary worker with little pay, because I wasn't supporting Taliban.

- 2) About the allegation of having the membership card of anti-American organization:

I used to work for communist government in Afghanistan. After the withdrawal of Russian troops, communist regime was struggling to survive and most places came under Mujahedin's control. All those changes had a negative influence on me. So I immigrated out of country and received an I.D. card from the organization called Hezbe

Islami (Muslim Party) just to pass the check points of Mujahedins and Pakistani police. That wasn't a membership card it was just an I.D. card. In that time, being a member of Islamic party wasn't a crime, or illegal, in fact, USA was supporting them, but I never been a member of any Mujahedin's group. I hate all of them. After the fall of the communist regime these Islamic groups looted our national treasury, they were ransacking people's houses my own house and drug store was looted by the members of the Islamic groups and they returned the empty store to my brother in exchange for money.

Being a member of such a cruel and insidious party is a dishonor and shameful act for me. I will never support them. The fact that, after 18 years of service my military rank is so low, while hazbe Islami and the rest of Mujahedin's organizations were promoting their unqualified people to much higher military ranks is the proof that I wasn't connected to them and wasn't supporting them.

Today's government in Afghanistan knows all the leaders and council members of Islamic groups. I hope they all will be captured and punished including Taliban. They are the real enemies of our country.

The people of Afghanistan have suffered so much, because of their atrocities, cruelties, and that's why they hate them. Hopefully in the upcoming election nobody will vote for those Islamic groups.

In regards to witnesses I would like to say that, the whole time that I have been detained, there should be enough information about me. I am not an unknown national, neither, I am from the border area, nor I am from a place out of control of the government. I live in the city of Gardez which is the capital of Paktia.

Kindly if you would, in order to earn your trust; you can ask information about me from people with authority like the governor of Paktia, or the commander of the Afghan army in Gardez, or people's representative. All these people know me and they can vogue for me.

I swear to God, that these accusations about me are false and not true. In my country as a result of ignorance, bigotry, and conspiracy prejudice people have caused these kinds of problems. Ever since the fall of Taliban government, I worked for the current government of Afghanistan, which is about a year and a half until I was captured. I don't understand without any cause I was punished instead of retribution. so I would like your deepest attention in this matter, At the time that I got this card millions of other people got it too, either inside or outside the country. My card is expired and it doesn't mean anything.

I deeply support the current government of Afghanistan, with the skilful leadership of his Excellency Mr. Karzai, and I will do what ever I can to support him.

With all my heart, I support and welcome the presence of United Nation and the United States' forces in Afghanistan. I hope and God willing that they would support us in

establishment of national security. So our poor people are free from the cruelties and atrocities of warlords whom for years terrorized people under the name of Talib and Mojahid. In addition I want for the people to live a comfortable life and the reconstruction of our country. If there is a lack of the United Nation and United States' forces there would be a river of blood in our country. I am very appreciative for the help that we get in deferent areas from our deer friend America. Afghans will never forget the humanitarian help that they get from America. Enemy of America is the enemy of our people, and they don't want our country to prosper and for our people to live in peace. These enemies no longer have a foot hold in our country, and people hate them. Nobody will fall for the deception of Talib or Mojahid again. One who was fooled will not be fooled again.

I would like your deepest attention in regards to my case so I and my family will not suffer any more. I would ask you to free me so I can go back to my country and serve my people. Also I would need some attention in regards to my health, I need a through medical treatment, so I can return back to good health, and my problem would be solved regarding to this matter. I would never forget your kindness.

With regards,

Mohammad Amon

~~Sergeant~~ CAPTAIN

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PR100

Interview conducted with Abdullah Mujahid (1100) conducted on 14 Dec 2004.

Q: Do you know Mohammed Aman?

A: Yes. We grew up in the same city of Gardeyz AF. Our villages were very close to each other – about 500 m away. Farsi speakers stick together. I have known him for about 15-16 yrs. He had a drug store in the city. He's very famous and everybody buys their medicine from his store.

Q: Was Mohammed Aman a member of the HIG?

A: What do you mean a member?

Q: Did he carry an HIG ID card?

A: As far as I know he only had the ID card. A HIG member was one who had authority and power and Mohammed Aman was only a low ranking person. It was very normal for AF refugees going to PK to get an ID card just to be safe – it helps you get through checkpoints. That card didn't mean he was a member of HIG. All you had to do was ask and you could get a card.

A: (unsolicited) I just want to say I never saw Mohamed Aman carry a weapon of any kind or in actual fighting.

Q: When did he join the HIG?

A: In the time when the Russians were there. Najeebulla was president of AF during the Communist regime.

Q: What did he do for them?

A: You didn't have to do anything in return to get the card.

Q: Did he leave HIG?

A: I don't know.

Q: Was Mohammed Aman a member of the Taliban?

A: He was a Captain. He used to work for the Communist gov't, then he worked for the Taliban gov't. That was very common. He was a very low-level worker for the Taliban.

Q: What did he do for the Taliban?

A: He was a low-level worker – mostly paperwork. When they sent soldiers to the war zone, he was making lists and putting pictures on papers – he was a clerk. He was not important.

Q: How long did he work for the Taliban?

A: Taliban was in AF for 5-6 yrs; he worked for them for 2-3 yrs.

Q: Where did he work?

A: In the city of Gardeyz and an army base (base #3 of Paktia Province).

Q: Why do you think he was brought here?

A: To be honest and frank, it's all a matter of personal animosity. Several detainees have the same story. It has been 25 yrs since a legitimate gov't was in charge in AF. There is lots of animosity between Pashtuns, Shias, Sunnis, etc. This is mostly a conspiracy of Communists in Paktia. Almost ½ the population in AF was killed and buried...killing in the name of Mujahid.

Q: Is there anything else you want to tell me about Mohammed Aman?

A: He was is army officer and he is educated. He doesn't have anything to do with political parties and he has nothing against the US gov't. I was a security commander in Paktia province. I never saw or heard anything bad of Mohammed Aman against the US or against the current gov't. I would see him as I was going to work each day. He would be at his drug store.