Summarized Sworn Detainee Statement

When asked by the Tribunal President if the detainee understood the CSRT process, the Detainee answered, "Yes."

When asked by the Tribunal President if the detainee had any questions concerning the Tribunal process, the Detainee answered, "No."

Tribunal President: Do you wish to make a statement to this Tribunal?

Detainee: I don't really have a statement but if you read the charges I will respond to each one.

Tribunal President: Would you like to make your statement under oath?

Detainee: Yes.

[The detainee was sworn using the Muslim oath.]

Tribunal President: You may proceed, Personal Representative please assist the detainee.

Personal Representative: 3.a. (The detainee was an associate of the Taliban and/or Al-Qaida.)

Detainee: There is no evidence of this statement. The statement suggests that you are giving me a choice between Taliban and Al-Qaida.

Personal Representative: 3.a.1. (The detainee is a Yemen citizen who lived in Saudi Arabia and traveled to Afghanistan via Doha, Qatar, and Karachi, Pakistan. The detainee remained in Afghanistan from May through November 2001.)

Detainee: Yes it is true I lived in Saudi Arabia and traveled through Doha and Karachi Pakistan. I went through Jeddah, Qatar, Karachi and Quetta. I told the interrogators I stayed for either five or six months. I don't think I was there in May. I think I was there in April. You can verify this with the Jeddah airport; I believe it was late April.

Personal Representative: 3.a.2. (The detainee stated that he went to Afghanistan to fight Jihad with the Taliban.)

Detainee: Yes I told them I went from Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan to fight the Jihad with the Taliban. There is nothing wrong with that in our religion. Is it acceptable for the Americans but not for us? This is normal in our religion. To go back to the first point, it says I am with Al-Qaida. I told them many times that I fought with the Taliban.

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Tribunal President: The first statement says Taliban or Al-Qaida. I understand that you say you were part of Taliban.

Personal Representative: 3.b. (The detainee participated in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners.)

Detainee: This is not true. I went to Afghanistan before the Americans. If I wanted to fight the Americans I would have gone there after the Americans arrived. When the Americans came we were told to leave. If we wanted to fight the Americans we would have never surrendered our weapons.

Personal Representative: 3.b.1. (Upon arriving in Afghanistan the detainee traveled immediately to the front where he supported the mujahidin.)

Detainee: As I said before, I went to Afghanistan from Saudi Arabia. From Saudi Arabia to Jeddah, Qatar, Karachi, and then Quetta. We stayed in Quetta for about a month. After Quetta, I went to Kandahar and stayed there for two weeks. I needed little training because I knew how to use the weapon; I learned how to shoot while I was in Saudi Arabia. That is why I went straight to the front line.

Personal Representative: 3.b.2. (The detainee traveled on Taliban aircraft, stayed in Taliban guest housing, and upon arriving at the front line he received a Kalashnikov rifle and ammunition.)

Detainee: Yes, I traveled on Taliban aircraft that is true. Yes, I stayed at the Taliban houses, where was I supposed to stay in the streets? The prior statement said that I went straight to the front line, which is not true. I was on the back line. I wasn't in the front. And of course I received a Kalashnikov rifle that is normal just like everyone else.

Personal Representative: 3.b.3. (The detained delivered supplies to the front lines.)

Detainee: This is not true. As I told the interrogators I was an assistant cook. There was four or five other people that would brings us the supplies.

Personal Representative: 3.b.4. (The detainee was part of a 400-600 man force that surrendered to General Dostum's forces.)

Detainee: This statement is true. When they came in they told us to surrender our weapons to General Dostum. We would then be delivered to the United Nations. This point proves there is no animosity between us and the United States.

Personal Representative: 3.b.5. (The detainee was present during the prison uprising in Mazir-E-Sharif.)

Detainee: That is true.

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Personal Representative: Do you have any final comments you want to make regarding these statements?

Detainee: If I had any animosity toward the United States I would not have surrendered my weapon. I would have stayed there and fought.

Tribunal President: Does this conclude your statement?

Detainee: There are about thirty-five of us here from the north. You can show my picture to them and all the interrogators and they will tell you.

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

Personal Representative: No sir

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

Recorder: No sir.

Tribunal President: Does the board have any questions for the detainee?

Summarized Answers in Response to Questions by the Tribunal Members

- Q. What month was it that you surrendered?
- A. Do you mean our weapons or when we were in Mazir-E-Sharif.
- Q. Weapons.
- A. I think it was during Ramadan.
- Q. Was it at the start of Ramadan or at the end?
- A. It was in the beginning.
- Q. Did you know whom the Taliban was fighting when you joined them?
- A. Mahsood.

Detainee: How can I get myself a lawyer?

Tribunal President: This is not a criminal court. This is an administrative government review of your status as an enemy combatant. It is the first step. If you are not an enemy combatant you would not need to be detained. If you are an enemy combatant there is another board and I will cover that shortly.

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Detainee: I am definitely an enemy combatant. There is no question about that. I am sure that you will find me as an enemy combatant. Nobody has been found to not be an enemy combatant. Everybody has been found to be an enemy combatant. I am certain that I will be found to be an enemy combatant.

Tribunal President: Do you have any other evidence to present to this Tribunal?

Detainee: No.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative do you have any other evidence to present to

this Tribunal?

Personal Representative: No sir

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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Tribunal President