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Summarized Detainee Statement

The detainee testified in substance as follows:

Tribunal President: Abdul Rahman, 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 evidence to this Tribunal?

Detainee: I would like for the Personal Representative to do so.

Tribunal President: Okay, Abdul Rahman, would you like to make your statement or answer the questions under oath?

Detainee: I do not wish to take the oath.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, you may begin.

In the following section of the summarized transcript, the Personal Representative reads to the Tribunal the detainee's responses to the allegations found on the Unclassified Summary of Evidence. To put the detainee's responses into context, the allegations from the Unclassified Summary of Evidence are included in italics below just prior to the related response. Any comments made by the detainee or others while the Personal Representative reads the statement are summarized, as well.

Personal Representative: I met with the detainee and went over each one of the pieces of evidence. The detainee asked me to read the evidence and read his response. Then if the Detainee has anything additional to add, then the detainee can add after each point. I will start with the first one.

3.a. The detainee is associated with Al Qaida.

Personal Representative: I don't know anything about Al Qaida. I am not associated with Al Qaida.

1. One of the detainee's known aliases was on a list of captured Al Qaida members discovered on a computer hard drive associated with a senior Al Qaida member.

Personal Representative: I have never used aliases, so the name on the hard drive is not me. This is the first time I have heard of it. After I turned myself in and was detained in Pakistan, there were people taking my picture. I don't know what they did with the picture. I never saw my picture on the Internet, but the interrogator told me it was on the Internet. If it is, I have no idea how it got there. Like I said, I have never used an alias,

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so the name on the hard drive is not me. Would the detainee like to elaborate on any points?

Detainee: No. I have nothing else to say.

2. The detainee traveled from Saudi Arabia through Pakistan, arriving in Kandahar, Afghanistan during July/August 2001.

Personal Representative: I traveled from Saudi Arabia to Bahrain by taxi. Then I traveled to Pakistan by plane. Then I went to Afghanistan via car. I traveled during the end of April, beginning of May. Not July/August.

Detainee: I just wanted to make the correction when I left Pakistan to Afghanistan, it was by car.

Personal Representative: Yes, I said the detainee traveled from Pakistan to Afghanistan via car. Would the detainee like to elaborate on any points?

Detainee: No.

3. The detainee provided monetary support to the Al Haramain Islamic Foundation, a non-governmental organization.

Personal Representative: I have never provided money to the Al Haramain Islamic Foundation. I am not associated with this organization at all. I went to Afghanistan to help the poor people and provide money to them directly. It should be noted, if I was involved with the Al Haramain Foundation and I wanted to go to any of these countries, I would have to get permission from them. Would the detainee like to elaborate on any of those points?

Detainee: I want to reiterate that I had no association with Al Haramain. If I had to leave, I would have to get the permission of the Foundation if I were a member.

4. The Al Haramain Islamic Foundation is on a terrorism blacklist because of "financial, material and logistical support" they provide to the Al Qaida network and other terrorist organizations

Personal Representative: I have no ties with the Al Haramain Foundation. I gave approximately ten thousand Saudi Riyals to the poor people directly. Would the detainee like to elaborate?

Detainee: No.

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5. After the fall of Kabul and Jalalabad, the detainee fled Afghanistan for Pakistan where he was arrested by the Pakistani police and eventually turned over to U.S. forces

Personal Representative: The war began and I wanted to get out of Afghanistan and return home. I turned myself in to Pakistani police. Would the detainee like to elaborate?

Detainee: No.

Personal Representative: Abdul Rahman, does that conclude your statement? Would you like to say anything else?

Detainee: I have nothing else to say, unless you people have any questions for me.

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?

Recorder: Yes, Ma'am. I have two questions. Is your correct name Abdul Rahman Owaid Mohammad Al Juaid?

Detainee: Yes.

Recorder: In point number five, it said, "Detainee fled Afghanistan." How did you flee and by what route?

Detainee: I left Jalalabad toward Pakistan with a guide so I could exit the country. That was the only route that I followed.

Recorder: Thank you. That is all I have, Ma'am.

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

Tribunal Member: Yes, Ma'am. When you left Afghanistan with the guide, do you recall what his name was?

Detainee: I do not know.

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Tribunal Member: Did you pay the guide to get you out of the country?

Detainee: Yes. I paid the guide money to take me out.

Tribunal Member: When you were arrested, did you have any weapons, guns or passports on you?

Detainee: First thing - I was not arrested.

Tribunal Member: Okay, I am sorry. When you turned yourself in.

Detainee: No.

Tribunal Member: How long were you in Afghanistan?

Detainee: Less than five months.

Tribunal Member: You traveled to help the poor people?

Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal Member: What cities in Afghanistan did you travel to?

Detainee: Kandahar, to Kabul, to Jalalabad.

Tribunal Member: Is Arabic the only language you speak?

Detainee: Yes, it is.

Tribunal Member: When you were traveling in Afghanistan with the money for the poor people, did you have a weapon to protect yourself?

Detainee: No.

Tribunal Member: Did you have any type of military training?

Detainee: No, I did not.

Tribunal Member: Did you visit or attend any training camps in Afghanistan?

Detainee: No, I did not.

Tribunal Member: Where did you get the money to distribute to the poor?

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Detainee: It was my money. I collected it while I was in Saudi Arabia.

Tribunal Member: What did you do in Saudi Arabia?

Detainee: I used to go to the mosques and I would ask the Muslims for donations.

Tribunal Member: What made you decide to go to Afghanistan to give money to the poor?

Detainee: I heard about the poor and needy people there and everywhere else. So I wanted to see it for myself.

Tribunal Member: Who helped you make the arrangements to go to Afghanistan?

Detainee: I did it myself, individually.

Tribunal Member: When you left Afghanistan and turned yourself in to Pakistan authorities, did you go through the Tora Bora mountains?

Detainee: I did not know.

Tribunal Member: Did not, or did know?

Detainee: I did not know.

Tribunal Member: Were there many other people leaving with you?

Detainee: No. I was by myself.

Tribunal Member: Did you see any fighters along the way?

Detainee: I did not see any fighters, but on the border I did see some people, and I do not know whether they were fighters or not.

Tribunal Member: Were these people carrying weapons?

Detainee: No, they weren't.

Tribunal President: Did you handle any weapons while you were in Afghanistan for any reason?

Detainee: No, I did not.

Tribunal President: Was there any fighting going on before you left Saudi Arabia to go to Afghanistan?

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Detainee: I do not know.

Tribunal President: While you were in Afghanistan, was there any fighting going on?

Detainee: I don't know that either.

Tribunal President: None of the places that you were staying, there was not any fighting going on?

Detainee: No, there was not any fighting. If there was fighting, I would not have gone.

Tribunal President: Did the U.S. start bombing Afghanistan while you were there?

Detainee: I heard about the bombing on the radio. I did not see anything.

Tribunal President: Where did you stay in Kandahar?

Detainee: I stayed with an Arabic guy in Kandahar.

Tribunal President: Was that in a hotel or guesthouse?

Detainee: Somebody I met in Pakistan, I went with him to Afghanistan.

Tribunal President: What is that person's name?

Detainee: Abu Omar Al Tabie.

Tribunal Member: How did you know this man?

Detainee: I met him at the airport.

Tribunal President: Did you know him before you were in the airport?

Detainee: No, I met him there.

Tribunal President: Why would you leave with a man you just met?

Detainee: The man was with his family, and they were talking about going together. So I just asked the man if I could go with him, and he said fine.

Tribunal President: Where did you stay when you were in Kabul?

Detainee: With an Afghani guy who spoke Arabic.

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Tribunal President: Who was this guy?

Detainee: I stayed with that guy and his name is Mohammed Raheim.

Tribunal President: Where was this? In a guesthouse or hotel?

Detainee: This guy Abu Omar knew him. That is how I found out about him.

Tribunal President: Where did you stay?

Detainee: In Muhammed's house.

Tribunal President: Where did you stay in Jalalabad?

Detainee: I was with another guy. His name was Abdel Raheim.

Tribunal President: How did you meet Abdel Raheim?

Detainee: I did not go alone. I went with other people.

Tribunal President: Where did you meet?

Detainee: I went to Abdel Raheim's house.

Tribunal President: How did you know where to go to meet him?

Detainee: The guy named Muhammed Raheim took me to Abdel Raheim. I stayed with these people when I wanted to go from one city to another. So I would ask the people I stayed with where I should go next and who would be there.

Tribunal President: You met Abdel Raheim in Jalalabad, and where did you stay?

Detainee: I stayed at Abdel Raheim's house.

Tribunal President: Did you know anyone else in Afghanistan?

Detainee: That is all I knew.

Tribunal President: Earlier, one of the Tribunal Members asked what did you do in Saudi Arabia before you left. I am not sure if I understood your answer. How did you earn a living in Saudi Arabia?

Detainee: I was a student.

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Tribunal President: You said you had some money of your own. How did you earn the money?

Detainee: I used to go to the mosques and ask the Muslim people for money.

Tribunal President: The Muslim people in the mosques gave you money?

Detainee: Not only to me, but to anyone that needed help.

Tribunal President: And then you turned around and gave the money to the poor people in Afghanistan?

Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal President: How much money did you take to Afghanistan with you?

Detainee: Ten Thousand Saudi Riyals.

Tribunal President: Did you get paid to do that?

Detainee: No, it was an individual effort.

Tribunal President: Why did you turn yourself in to the Pakistani police or Government?

Detainee: I wanted to go back to Saudi Arabia. I did not have any money. That is why I turned myself over.

Tribunal President: Did you have a Saudi Arabia passport?

Detainee: Yes, I did. But not when I turned myself over.

Tribunal President: You did not have a passport or visa at that time?

Detainee: I did not have my passport or any money.

Tribunal President: What happened to your passport?

Detainee: I left it in Kabul.

Tribunal President: Did you leave it with someone?

Detainee: I left it at Muhammed Raheim's house.

Tribunal President: Was that on purpose or by accident?

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Detainee: I left it there with the rest of my personal belongings.

Tribunal President: Was Muhammed Raheim going to keep it for you and send it to you later?

Detainee: No. Muhammed Raheim was with me. But Muhammed Raheim said he was going to go back and get my passport.

Tribunal President: Who was going to go back?

Detainee: We used to go to Jalalabad for three or four days. Then we would go back to Muhammed Raheim's house. I never traveled by myself, except with this man because I did not speak the language.

Tribunal President: But you were leaving Afghanistan for Pakistan; why did you not take your passport with you?

Detainee: Kabul fell when I was in Jalalabad.

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

Tribunal Members: No, Ma'am.

Tribunal President: Abdul Rahman, 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 unclassified 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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