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."]

[When asked by the Tribunal President if he wanted to make a statement, the detainee stated, "yes" and provided his statement after electing to be sworn. The detainee testified essentially as follows]:

Detainee: First, I want to thank the United States government for the opportunity to defend myself. I would also like to thank the Tribunal President for giving me his time and my Personal Representative for his assistance.

I would like to start by addressing how the United States government could classify me as an enemy combatant? I have never carried a weapon. I was not part of or associated with any organization, or under the control of any person. I have never worn a military uniform and I have never been at a military base. I never did any fighting. I was in civilian areas providing help to people.

[Detainee began referring to specific paragraphs in Exhibit R-1, beginning with Paragraph 3.a.1: (In September 2001, Detainee, who is a Saudi National, traveled voluntarily to Afghanistan through known al Qaida routes under the guise that he intended to assist in relief efforts for the Afghani people, a known al Qaida cover story.)]

Detainee: I traveled to Afghanistan in 2001, to provide humanitarian aid to the civilian populace of Afghanistan. My country allows this type of assistance. I am not aware of any other legal way to enter Afghanistan, other than the way I traveled. I used my official documentation as I traveled through airports and crossed borders. I have never lived or slept in a house owned by al Qaida or any other terrorist organization.

[Paragraph 3.a.2, (The Detainee admitted being recruited by Wael Al-Jabri in Saudi Arabia to join Al Wafa, a nongovernmental organization with ties to al Qaida.)]

Detainee: I was never recruited by anyone to work for a terrorist organization. I had asked Wael Al-Jabri how I could help the Afghani refugees? He convinced me to go to Afghanistan. I am a religious person and a good human being. My intent was to help the people in Afghanistan, who didn't have food or shelter during the war. No answer that I left after 11 September when Americans bombed Afghanistan, when I saw it in the media.

[Paragraph 3.a.3, (Detainee admitted working for Al-Wafa while in Afghanistan.)]

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Detainee: No, I didn't.

Personal Representative: There were seven allegations and you only covered six. Did

you miss one by accident?

Detainee: I read them all.

Personal Representative: The one about the computer.

Detainee: I read it.

Summarized Answers in Response to Questions by the Tribunal Members

- Q. You say you distributed money in Afghanistan. Is that correct?
- A. Yes, for civilian refugees.
- Q. How much money did you travel to Afghanistan with?
- A. Sixteen thousand Saudi.
- Q. Where did you get the money?
- A. It was my personal money. I work for a company owned by my father and uncle.
- Q. You traveled around the country giving out money?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Who did you give it to?
- A. To the Afghani refugees. The civilians.
- Q. They would walk by and you would hand them money?
- A. No, I went to their homes.
- Q. You never bought any food and distributed it? You just gave them money?
- A. Yes, only my personal money.
- Q. Did you carry a weapon to protect yourself?
- A. No.

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Q. Were you ever robbed?

A. No.

Q. You say you went to Kabul and from Kabul you distributed the money. Is that correct? A. Yes Q. Do you know where you stayed in Kabul? A. Yes. O. Was it a Taliban house? A. No. Q. Did you ever run across Taliban in your travels in Afghanistan? A. He doesn't know who the Taliban are. All Afghanis look and dress alike. Q. When you came to Afghanistan, you had a Saudi passport? Yes, my own personal passport. Q. Your Visas were up to date? There were no problems with your travel documents? A. Everything was official. Q. When you went to Pakistan, you had no problems getting across the border? A. No, I didn't have any problems. Q. Can you tell me how you traveled from Kabul to Peshawar? A. When the Northern Alliance came to Afghanistan, I went from Kabul to Khost and stayed approximately twelve days. From Khost, I went to Jalalabad, and from

Jalalabad I went to Pakistan. I went to Pakistan through the border and turned myself in

A. So they could take me to the Saudi Embassy. I needed to get a new passport. I left

my passport in Afghanistan when the Northern Alliance arrived.

to the Pakistani officials at Peshawar.

Q. Why did you turn yourself in?

- Q. Did you lose your passport when you went to Afghanistan? I thought you said you had it? (Or Pakistan, I'm sorry).
- A. Yes, I left it in Kabul.
- Q. Did you have enough money to buy a plane ticket back from Pakistan to Saudi Arabia?
- A. Yes
- Q. When you told the Pakistani police that you had lost your passport, was that when they decided to arrest you?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Why do you think your name was on the hard drive of an al Qaida leader?
- A. I didn't read my response to that allegation. Thank you for reminding me. When I was taken by the Pakistani police, myself and other prisoners were asked to provide our names, addresses, and phone numbers. One officer told us he would contact our families to let them know we were okay, and advise them of our situation. After I provided the information, they took my picture. Later, other individual's names and photos were posted on the internet and in newspapers. The Pakistani police either gave or sold the information. I never personally provided my name or number to anyone in al Qaida. Al Qaida tries to mix up our religion. I hope you will look at my life in Saudi Arabia, and understand who I was. I was a civilian who worked in my fathers company. I am married and have a daughter. Because I wanted a stable life, I would never be involved with any terrorist organization.
- Q. You were in Saudi Arabia when the World Trade Centers in New York were attacked?
- A. Yes, I saw it in the media.
- Q. How long after that, was it you decided to travel to Afghanistan?
- A. After the Americans attacked Afghanistan. 10 October.
- Q. You didn't travel to Afghanistan until October?
- A. No, I didn't.

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

Detainee: I never said I worked for the Al-Wafa organization. The interpreter either made a mistake with the translation, or someone provided the investigators with the wrong information. After I traveled to Afghanistan, I couldn't find the Afghani refugee camps. I was invited to the humanitarian aid organization known as Al Wafa, to help the poor. I went to their office in Kabul, and I was shown the location of the camps. I have never heard that Al-Wafa was a terrorist organization. I have, however, seen them provide food to the poor refugees. I never worked for Al-Wafa.

[Paragraph 3.a.4, (Detainee observed that the leader of the Al-Wafa office in Kabul, Afghanistan, known as Abdul Aziz, carried a Kalashnikov rifle, as did several of other Al-Wafa workers located there.)]

Detainee: According to my knowledge, the weapon carried by Abdul Aziz was an official weapon and he had a license to carry it. The weapons were used to protect the food and supplies from being taken by thieves. I felt it was appropriate for them to protect themselves from thieves, and it was allowed in that country.

[Paragraph 3.a.5, (The Detainee stated that he fled Kabul, Afghanistan when the town fell to the Northern Alliance forces.)]

Detainee: I decided to leave Kabul to protect myself.

[Paragraph 3.a.7, (Detainee surrendered to Pakistani authorities in Peshawar, Pakistan in late 2001 and was later transferred to the custody of U.S. forces on January 3, 2002.)]

Detainee: I voluntarily went to the Pakistani police in the beginning of December 2001, not 2002. I went there because I wanted help getting to the Saudi Embassy. I needed to return my country and obtain official paperwork so that I could return to Afghanistan. Before I was able accomplish that, I was detained and given to the American forces.

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

Personal Representative: Yes sir, I do.

Personal Representative to Detainee: During the short time you were in Afghanistan, were you ever able to provide help to the Afghani people?

Detainee: Yes.

Personal Representative: What type of aid did he provide?

Detainee: My personal money.

Personal Representative: Did you help distribute food?

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Detainee: I don't have any witnesses, but in my country everyone could be a witness on my behalf. If you give me a chance to provide witnesses, I will.

Tribunal President: If after this Tribunal you are determined to be an enemy combatant, you will have an opportunity to get statements from witnesses and present them to another board that will meet.

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

A. No, sir,

AUTHENTICATION

I certify the material contained in this transcript is a true and accurate summary of the testimony given during the proceedings.

Tribunal President

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