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Summarized 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 need help; I want my Personal Representative to remind me.

[The detainee elected not to be sworn prior to his statement.]

Personal Representative: How do you want me to help you? Do you want me to read what you told me this morning?

Detainee: Yes.

Personal Representative: 3.a.1, (The detainee admitted he traveled to Afghanistan in order to fight in the jihad after reading that the Taliban needed support from Muslims.) The detainee said he didn't travel anywhere except where he had to. He was looking for work in Afghanistan because he couldn't find work in Saudi Arabia. He traveled to Afghanistan because they needed help because they were fighting the Russians. After he read about the Taliban and their need of fellow Muslims he thought he could find work in Afghanistan. And like all religions whether it be Islam, Christians, Judaism, they each help their brothers who are in need. He saw it as his duty to help people who needed it.

Personal Representative: 3.a.2, (The detainee spent ten (10) months with the Taliban prior to being captured.) He did not spend ten months with the Taliban. He stayed on the front lines for only three months in Kabul. And then spent three more months in Konduz. With the travel time and all a total of about 7 months. He was there to help his Muslim brothers and carry out his duties.

Personal Representative: 3.a.3, (The detainee received weapons training at the Al-Farouq training camp for six weeks.) He did not know that Al-Farouq was an Al-Qaida camp until he arrived at Guantanamo. He saw it as a duty to learn how to use a weapon prior to going to the front lines.

Personal Representative: 3.a.4, (The detainee was captured by Northern Alliances forces in mid-November 2001.) He surrendered peacefully to the Northern Alliance forces and he did not have a weapon. He was told he would be turned over to his own country and was detained for about a month and a half. One guard spoke with him about getting his name, address and phone number, so they could contact his family, so he could be returned home. But instead he was turned over to U.S. forces.

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Tribunal President: Do you have anything else you would like to add to that statement?

Detainee: No.

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

Personal Representative: No sir.

Summarized Answers in Response to Questions by the Tribunal Members

Q. You said you traveled to Afghanistan to help Muslim brothers fight the Russians. Do you remember what year that was?

A. No.

Q. You said you were going to fight the Russians in Afghanistan or were you going to go somewhere else?

A. In Afghanistan.

Q. Was it right after the plane crash into the World Trade Center, in New York?

A. Before.

Q. Do you know the Russians left Afghanistan?

A. Some of them are still there. In some places there are still Russians. The Taliban said there were Russians there.

Q. And you went to fight with the Taliban?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you know that the Northern Alliance is Muslim as well?

A. I didn't know the Northern Alliance would be there, I thought it was Russians.

Q. How did you get there?

A. I read on the Internet about the Taliban. I was looking for a job. The page said they need Muslims and their help. So I thought they would have jobs helping Muslims.

Q. Did they help you travel there?

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- A. Some of the Afghans in Saudi Arabia helped us.
- Q. Did you fight with just Afghans or other Arabs?
- A. Only Afghans.
- Q. So, the Afghans paid money and helped you fly to Afghanistan?
- A. No, it was all my money.
- Q. You fought around Kabul with the Taliban?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Who were you fighting?
- A. The Russians there. I wasn't on the line, I was just a guard.
- Q. And then you went to Konduz?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Who were you fighting there?
- A. There are Russians there. And afterwards we were told they were Afghans. I was obligated to guard, I didn't have a choice.
- Q. Did you perform guard duties in Konduz as well?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And at that time it was after the plane crash into the World Trade Center? When you were in Konduz.
- A. I don't remember.
- Q. How long did you train at Al-Farouq?
- A. Six weeks.
- Q. Did you just receive AK-47 and RPG training?
- A. Kalashnikov and handguns.
- Q. Did you receive any other type of training?

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A. No, I never got a chance. After I trained for a month I hurt my back. I received treatment and was out for about a week. I returned and tried to continue my training but couldn't.

Q. When you were captured by the Northern Alliance, were you carrying any weapons?

A. No.

Q. Were you fighting up to the time where you surrendered?

A. Not the whole time, only some of the time. I was only a guard. We only fought once or twice a week.

Q. Were you ordered to surrender by your superiors?

A. No, there was a retreat and everyone left. Because of my back pain I couldn't go. So I surrendered to the Northern Alliance.

Q. What happened to your weapon?

A. Some one took it from me.

Q. One of the Taliban?


A. An Afghan.

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

Detainee: No.

AUTHENTICATION

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


Col, USAF

Tribunal President

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