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Summarized Detainee Statement

When asked by the Tribunal President if he understood the CSRT Process, the Detainee answered, "yes."

[The Tribunal President requested a short recess to have a loud noise outside the Tribunal room squelched.]

After electing not to take an oath, the Detainee made the following statement with respect to the allegations on the Unclassified Summary of Evidence:

In regards to number one, [which reads, "The Detainee arrived in Afghanistan from Yemen via Pakistan."] I traveled officially from Yemen to Pakistan. I had an official passport from the government. I was given the visa by Pakistan to go from Yemen to Pakistan.

Number two, [which reads, "The Detainee traveled to Afghanistan for military training to prepare to fight."] I didn't travel to prepare for the fight. I went there to get married and for a change of environment.

Number four, [which reads, "The Detainee provided general information about an Al Wafa office in Kabul."] I had no relationship with Al Wafa or any other organization. To prove I have no relationship with the Al Wafa organization, the interrogators told me the President of Al Wafa is here at this prison. Go and ask him if I had any relationship with the organization or if I worked for them.

Number eight, [which reads, "The Detainee received mortar training while serving in the back lines."] I never received any mortar training. When I was in the Kandahar prison, the interrogator hit my arm and told me I received training in mortars. As he was hitting me, I kept telling him, no I didn't receive training. I was crying and finally I told him I did receive the training. My hands were tied behind my back and my knees were on the ground and my head was bleeding. I was in a lot of pain, so I said I had the training. At that point, with all my suffering, if he had asked me if I was Usama Bin Ladin, I would have said yes.

Regarding 3.b, [which reads, "The Detainee participated in military operations against the coalition."] Two, three, four, and five are all related to the same thing. I had never been to Tora Bora. It is true I was injured in the American raid in Afghanistan, but it wasn't in Tora Bora. I had nothing to do with Tora Bora, and no one from here or anywhere else can tell me I was there.

What is my crime? Because of the United States, my hand is handicapped. I can't work. I can't do anything because of my hand. Am I an enemy of the United States? I never knew any Americans until I came to this prison. Americans should know who their real enemies are. What is my crime for being here for three years? That is all I would like to say.

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Questions to Detainee by Tribunal Members

Q: You speak Arabic, correct?

A: Yes.

Q: You went to Pakistan for a wife?

A: Yes, I did.

Q: They speak Pashtu in Pakistan, correct?

A: I don't know.

Q: You didn't answer allegations in section a, numbers 3, 5, 6 and 7. Are those true?

A: I'd rather keep silent.

Q: You say the President of Al Wafa is here. If you know that, what is his name?

A: I don't know.

Q: How did you pay for your trip from Yemen to Pakistan?

Detainee: Am I free to answer or not?

Tribunal President: Yes.

Detainee: I already talked about this before.

Tribunal President: We are not privileged to any of the information that you may have given to interrogators. We need to have answers to these questions to make an appropriate decision.

Detainee: I can't answer.

Tribunal President: Are you willing to answer any other questions?

Detainee: I am complaining and holding the United States responsible for what happened to my arm. They threw things and shot at anyone that was on the ground. First, they have to know who was fighting them and who wasn't, not just bombarding and throwing bombs at everyone on the ground.

Tribunal President: Does that conclude your statement?

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Detainee: Yes, that is it.

Tribunal President: Would you like to answer some questions?

Detainee: No, I don't want to.

AUTHENTICATION

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



Colonel, U.S. Army
Tribunal President