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**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 still want to present information to this Tribunal?

Detainee: To what?

Tribunal President: Any statement on your behalf concerning the unclassified evidence or any information that you want us to be aware of.

Detainee: The fact that the Derunta camp is run by Al-Qaida, that is not correct.

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

Detainee: Yes.

[The Detainee was sworn using the Muslim oath.]

Tribunal President: Thank you, you may begin.

Detainee: It is true that I trained for twenty-eight days. I trained on the Kalashnikov and fired about ten shots. With a pistol I fired just a few shots, maybe five or six. The RPG, I only saw it I did not train on it. The training camp was small so there were only six or seven people that trained on the RPG.

Personal Representative: If he would like, I can read the statements.

Detainee: Yes.

Personal Representative: 3.a.1. (The Detainee is a Tunisian national who traveled to Italy then to Afghanistan where he received training at the Derunta military camp.)

Detainee: Yes, that is correct.

Personal Representative: 3.a.2. (Derunta is an Al-Qaida military training camp.)

Detainee: No, that is not correct.

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Personal Representative: We have already talked about number three. 3.a.3. (The Detainee spent twenty-eight days at the camp where he participated in Kalashnikov rifle, pistol, RPG, and grenade training.)

Personal Representative: 3.a.4. (The Detainee fought with Al-Qaida in the mountains of Tora Bora.)

Detainee: No, I did not fight.

Tribunal President: Does this conclude your statement?

Detainee: This training camp is not associated with Al-Qaida. The proof to this is the Taliban shut down all the training camps in Derunta. The training camp I trained in is associated with the Islamic mujahadin. They were against the Taliban and fighting the Russians. They were the ones running this camp and were not associated with anyone. The man running it told me as soon as I got there that they were not associated with anyone or any regime. The Taliban closed these camps so the people training there would have to go and train in camps with Bin Laden and Al-Qaida in Kandahar. I trained in 1997 at the beginning of the Taliban. About the issue with Tora Bora; I did not go there, Tora Bora is a village. The only way for me to go to Pakistan was through that village and the mountains of Tora Bora. There were Arabs in the mountains but I wasn't there. I just walked through there to get to Pakistan. That's it.

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: If we may, the Tribunal Members have some questions.

Detainee: Yes.

**Summarized Answers in Response to Questions by the Tribunal Members**

Q. When did you go from Tunisia to Italy to Afghanistan?

A. 1989.

Q. For what purpose did you go?

A. To work in Italy.

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Q. How long did you stay in Italy?

A. From 1989 to 1990. And then I went to (inaudible). Then I returned in 1990 until 1997.

Q. Was the main reason you went to Italy to find work?

A. Yes.

Q. So you stayed in Italy until 1997 and then you went to Afghanistan?

A. Yes.

Q. Why did you choose to go to Afghanistan at that time?

A. I did not decide. I was working with drugs and using drugs. There was a restaurant beneath a mosque and I would go there to eat because it had Arabic food. I met a Tunisian man there and his name was Abu Abdullah. He encouraged me to start praying. I continued to pray and started observing the religion. I stayed there for about three months and then he gave me money and a ticket and told me to go to Afghanistan.

Q. To start your life over?

A. Partly, I just didn't know anything at that time because of my drug use. I think he had some problems with Tunisia. He told that there were no people with beards and no people wearing veils in Tunisia. People were not praying and things like that.

Q. That is the reason he said you shouldn't go back there?

A. Don't go back there?

Q. Abu Abdullah said don't go back to Tunisia because the people were not properly observant to Islam?

A. No, because the government forbids having a beard and the veil and the praying.

Q. So he advised you that you should not go back to Tunisia or were there other reasons why you did not want to go back?

A. At that time?

Q. Yes.

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- A. Because I was using drugs. It would have been a problem for me to stay there for seven years and then go back to Tunisia with no money or nothing.
- Q. So, around 1997 or 1998 you went from Italy to Afghanistan?
- A. 1997.
- Q. Where did you go and what did you do?
- A. When I first got there I went to Islamabad. A Tunisian man named Saif met me at the airport and took me to Peshawar. I stayed there about a month. I was clean-shaven at time and I was able to grow a beard within that month. Then I went into Afghanistan and stayed for about a month in a house. He then took me to the Derunta camp.
- Q. So we are still in the 1998 time frame?
- A. 1997 or 1998.
- Q. Did you have any military training before you went to that camp?
- A. No.
- Q. Why did you go to that camp at that time?
- A. I didn't go there, the Tunisian man took me there.
- Q. Why did he say you needed to go there?
- A. To train.
- Q. For what in particular?
- A. He told me that in our religion this is something that you should do. You should train.
- Q. In case of a conflict coming up?
- A. Maybe, in our religion, that is how it is. For example, someone that works in the Army in his country, why is he in the Army?
- Q. Because he is volunteering to train and be prepared. Is that the right answer for you also?
- A. Just about.

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- Q. Did the Taliban approve of your presence in the country?
- A. The Taliban was not the country and couldn't approve or not approve. Afghanistan is a jungle. There is no law or anything.
- Q. So you didn't ask for anybody's approval to go to the camp? You just went with the man that led you there?
- A. Yes, I didn't know anything.
- Q. So after your training at the Derunta camp what did you do after that?
- A. I wanted to return to Italy because I had a round trip ticket.
- Q. Did you return or did you remain in Afghanistan?
- A. No, I left Afghanistan.
- Q. And you went back to Italy or somewhere else?
- A. No, I stayed in Pakistan.
- Q. You had a round trip ticket - did you ever go back to Italy or you just didn't do it?
- A. No I did not return.
- Q. If you had a round trip ticket, why did you choose not to return?
- A. Saif took me to a house, and two of my Libyan brothers were there and they advised me not to go back. They told me to stay here so I was away from the drugs and the problems.
- Q. And you accepted their advice?
- A. Yes.
- Q. We are in 1998 now and you are in Pakistan and what did you do while you were in Pakistan at that time?
- A. The Libyans had a store where they sold several Arabic things like honey. So I just stayed with them there.
- Q. Did you work in the store with them?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. How long did you do that?
- A. Until 2000 when I got married.
- Q. In Pakistan?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Was there a time then when you returned to Afghanistan?
- A. In 2000.
- Q. After you got married?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What was the reason you decided to go back?
- A. When the current President of Pakistan came into power he started rounding up Arabs and returning them to their countries. I was afraid he would turn me over to Tunisia. So I went to Afghanistan because there is no law or anything.
- Q. So you went to Afghanistan and left your Pakistani wife behind?
- A. No, she was with me.
- Q. So your intent was to move to Afghanistan and stay there because it was more secure for you?
- A. Yes.
- Q. So we are still in 2000 and you and your wife are going to Afghanistan. Where did you go in Afghanistan?
- A. Jalalabad.
- Q. Were you able to find work there?
- A. No, there is no work in Afghanistan. You can be an independent merchant if you want.
- Q. How were you able to survive then?
- A. I would send an Afghani man to Pakistan to buy honey. He would bring it back and I would sell it in little containers.

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- Q. That was enough to for you and your wife to survive?
- A. In Afghanistan it is normal. The cost of living is very low. I wasn't living in a palace, I was living normally.
- Q. Where you ever bothered or harassed by anybody in the Afghan government because you were not Afghan?
- A. No.
- Q. Of course at that time, Afghanistan is in the middle of their civil war. When did you first become aware that they were in the middle of a war?
- A. From the minute I entered in 1997. The fighting was in Kabul, not in Jalalabad.
- Q. So you weren't concerned for your safety or your wife's safety?
- A. No, because I knew there was nothing going on in Jalalabad.
- Q. Did the Taliban ever approach you and ask you to do things for them?
- A. No.
- Q. Even though they needed every able body man they could get?
- A. That is not true.
- Q. When was it that you decided that you needed to leave Jalalabad?
- A. When the problems with America started.
- Q. And the war advanced to the city of Jalalabad?
- A. Not in the city, in the mountains far away.
- Q. And you decided at some point to try to return to Pakistan?
- A. Yes.
- Q. But the same President was still there and you said before that he was rounding up Arabs and sending them back to their home countries. So were you still afraid that might happen?
- A. It's better than getting killed.

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- Q. So please explain how it was that you were captured.
- A. My wife's brother came to me and said you and my sister should return to Pakistan. I told him to take his sister to Pakistan and then come back and I will give you everything that we have in the house. Then I will go by myself through the mountains. I couldn't go through the main road because I am an Arab. That way, when he entered Pakistan with all these household goods there would be no problem. I would just walk through the mountains. When Jalalabad was captured I heard that a lot of Arabs had been killed there. So everyone escaped. That was during the month of Ramadan. So we went to a village. I stayed there for about ten days when the head of the village came to me. He told us we had to leave because it was possible that the Americans would bomb the village if they knew Arabs were there. So they took us to the village of Tora Bora and we stayed about twenty days. We were told to stay there until they could find an Afghani guide to show us the way. The sixth night a man came and took us. We started walking with this man through the valleys where we were bombed. A lot of people were killed and I was injured. I surrendered the next morning to the Afghans. They took me to Jalalabad and then to Kabul and then to Bagram, and Kandahar to Cuba.
- Q. So you never made it back to Pakistan?
- A. No.
- Q. Who were the Afghans that you surrendered to?
- A. The new government.
- Q. So, if we understand correctly, you did your training a long time ago in the camp. Nobody tried to make you fight in the war and you didn't volunteer to fight in the war.
- A. Yes, who would I fight?
- Q. I thought perhaps the Taliban would want you to help them fight against the Northern Alliance.
- A. No. I heard that they never forced anybody to fight.
- Q. Are you part of any group of people that is sympathetic to the Taliban or the Al-Qaida?
- A. No, what do I have to do with the Taliban or Al-Qaida?



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Tribunal President: Do you have any other information to present to this Tribunal?  
Anything that you would like to make known to us?

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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