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Summarized Detainee Statement

Tribunal President: Sa Ad Al Azmi, you may now present any evidence you have to the Tribunal. You have the assistance of your Personal Representative in doing so. Do you want to present any information to this Tribunal?

Detainee: I do not have anything.

Tribunal President: Do you want to present information to this Tribunal?

Detainee: Like what?

Tribunal President: Okay. You can make a statement under oath or not under oath. Or, you can have your Personal Representative present exhibits on your behalf.

Detainee: The information I gave to the Representative is all I have.

Tribunal President: For the record, Personal Representative, the election form states an oral statement would be given. So that was the intent prior to coming in here?

Personal Representative: Yes. The Detainee said he would give an oral statement. *(Speaking to the Detainee)* I would like to know if the Detainee is still going to do that?

Detainee: Yes, that is true.

Personal Representative: Do you want me to walk you through the points?

Detainee: Yes.

*In response to the allegation 3(a), that the Detainee is associated with Al Qaida:*

Detainee: Should I talk with them about this?

Personal Representative: Yes. You can address this to the Tribunal President, and I will back you up [assist you].

Detainee: I am going to say the same thing I told my Personal Representative. I have no connection with Al Qaida.

Tribunal President: For your benefit, we have not spoken with the Personal Representative. We have not heard this information before.

Personal Representative *(speaking to the Detainee)*: I have heard this before, but this is all new to the Tribunal.

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***In response to the allegation 3(a)(1), that the Detainee lived with and is associated with known members of Al Qaida:***

Detainee: This is an Al Qaida organization. I am not associated with it. I have not lived with any member of them. All accusations are incorrect.

Personal Representative: That pretty much covers 3(a)(1).

***In response to the allegation 3(a)(2), that the Detainee worked for and was affiliated with the Wafa organization in Kabul, Afghanistan for three months:***

Detainee: This is not true. Previously, I did visit that place. My reason for going was to look for a specific person - not the organization of Wafa or any other organization. The purpose of my visit was to find a guy I knew from my hometown. I do not know anyone besides him in Afghanistan, especially those who work for Al Wafa. I did not know anything about the place I went to or worked in. I did not know that Al Wafa was being sought by the American Government. I simply went to a house, and I knew nothing about that place.

Personal Representative: You did not mention about the three months' stay verses a less than one-month stay. What about that?

Detainee: I never worked with Al Wafa. My friend's name that I was working for was Al Zamel; my time with him did not exceed a month. I was only there for three weeks.

***In response to the allegation 3(a)(3), that the Wafa Organization is listed on Executive Order 13224 as an entity that commits or poses a significant risk of committing acts of terrorism:***

Detainee: That organization is in Kabul. But I do not know the area, because I was from outside the area.

***In response to the allegation 3(a)(4), that the Detainee is an Islamic extremist who has participated in extremist activities in Kuwait where he was a member of a group known as the "Takfir Seven:"***

Detainee: This accusation is incorrect. I have not even heard of the word "Takfir Seven."

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Personal Representative: Just to elaborate a bit, this group was a sort of behavioral police for non-Islamic behavior for a woman in Kuwait. There was a woman, and they were accused of harassing her because of non-Islamic behavior.

Detainee: This group is not even available in Kuwait. I do not belong to any one of these organizations in Kuwait. As far as the woman is concerned, this is nothing more than a disagreement or fight. The court took its course. They dismissed the case, and I was found innocent of any activities. Even though they were referred to as "Takfir Seven," there were only six people.

*In response to the allegation 3(a)(5), that the Detainee was arrested with a known member of Al Qaida who owned and ran a Karachi (Pakistan) Al Qaida safe house; and in response to the allegation 3(a)(6), that Pakistani police arrested the Detainee with other foreign fighters at an Al Qaida safe house in Karachi (Pakistan):*

Detainee: I got arrested with a guy, Al Zamel, whom I went to see in Afghanistan. As far as I know, Al Zamel has no ties to Al Qaida or any other organization. The people I was arrested with were civilians. They were not wearing any uniforms. I did not know anybody there except Al Zamel.

Personal Representative: In essence, I just led the Detainee through what we talked about in the interviews, and this was his side of the story.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, we let you dive in a little too soon. Did the Detainee wish to make this statement under oath or not under oath?

Personal Representative: No. The Detainee said not under oath.

Detainee: I do not wish to make a swearing of the statement. However, if the court would prove me innocent, I am willing to swear.

Tribunal President: It is strictly up to you - whether you wish to swear or not swear.

Detainee: I was told that by the Representative.

Tribunal President: So, you know it is your choice. We need to know whether you wish to do so now or not?

Detainee: If you will let me go, I will swear.

Tribunal President: Okay. Whether you swear or not will have some bearing, but we cannot tell you that simply by swearing you will be released.

Detainee: I already know this, but at this present time I am not going to swear.

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Tribunal President: That's fine. That's all we needed to know.

Recorder: Mr. President, for the record, would you like me to re-summarize the evidence?

Tribunal President: No, we are fine right now. Thank you. Personal Representative, do you have any other questions for the Detainee?

Personal Representative: No, Sir. We have covered what I told him we would cover in the meetings.

Tribunal President: Recorder, do you have any questions for the Detainee?

Recorder: No.

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

Tribunal Member: May I see the exhibits for a second, Sir.

Tribunal President: Sure.

Tribunal Member: Yes, Sir, I have a question. In regard to the summary we just went over with the Personal Representative, specifically points five and six where it discussed the Al Qaida safe house and how you were captured or arrested - you do not have to answer if you chose not to: Why were you there, and what were you doing with those people?

Detainee: I was asked that question previously, and I told them I only knew one individual. That person is Al Zamel. And that was it.

Tribunal Member: I understand that, but why did you go to that location?

Detainee: I was traveling. I wanted to go back to my family. I was told in that house there was somebody there in that house that spoke the same language, Urdu. I went there so I could buy a ticket. That was the only reason I went there.

Tribunal Member: I am asking these questions because the Tribunal has not seen any evidence. We are trying to build facts. Thank you.

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Tribunal President *(to the Detainee)*: Understand, you do not have to answer any questions.

Detainee: I understand that. All these questions are normal questions to me.

Tribunal President: Very good.

Tribunal Member: I'd like to start, if I may, by asking the Recorder one question about Exhibit "R-18." These are the questions for the Detainee's family?

Recorder: That is correct, Sir.

Tribunal Member: Do we know who answered these questions?

Recorder: No, I do not.

Tribunal Member: Have these questions and answers been shown to the Personal Representative?

Recorder: Yes.

Tribunal Member: There is a question in here that appears to have been answered by the Detainee's family. The question is, "Was Al Azmi associated with any type of non-Governmental organization, specifically AL WAFA while in Kuwait?" The answer by his family is, "He did work in AL WAFA charitable organization while in Kabul for a very short time." Is that correct?

Detainee: Are you saying Al Azmi or Al Zamel?

Tribunal Member: Al Azmi.

Detainee: Al Azmi?

Tribunal Member: Is that your friend?

Detainee: No, that is me. Al Azmi is me.

Tribunal Member: So, in this exhibit, your family said you worked for AL WAFA.

Detainee: Who in my family made that remark?

Tribunal Member: I do not know, but is the remark correct?

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Detainee: No. Nobody from my family even knew that I was traveling to Afghanistan.

Tribunal Member: Okay, I have no further questions.

Tribunal President: Sa Ad Al Azmi, do you have any other evidence to present to this Tribunal?

Detainee: At the present time, no.

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

Personal Representative: No, Sir.

Tribunal President: Recorder, do you have any final evidence or question for the Tribunal?


Recorder: Yes. One question, when going to the safe house: Whom did you meet at the safe house?

Detainee: I met my friend, whose name is Al Zamel. There were some other people there, but I did not know them. They were of different nationalities.

Tribunal President: All 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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Tribunal President

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