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Summarized Detainee Statement

Tribunal President: Muhammad, you made a request to us for witnesses. Your request was for the witnesses to be any of the members or group of people who were arrested at the same time you were. We identified there were 14 people arrested at the same time you were. Although we did determine your request was relevant, we did not think it was reasonable to try and bring in 14 witnesses. So we asked you to identify 2 witnesses that would testify that you were a student studying in Pakistan. You indicated that you would identify 2 witnesses, but I understand that there is one witness here for you. Personal Representative, would you please explain why there is only one witness?

Personal Representative: Two witnesses were identified and one of them declined to participate.

Tribunal President: Muhammad, we will have the opportunity to hear from your witness after we hear from you. Muhammad, you may now present any evidence you have to the Tribunal. And you have the assistance of your Personal Representative in doing so. Do you want to present any information to this Tribunal?

Detainee: Yes, I do.

The Detainee was sworn using the Muslim oath and testified to the Tribunal in substance as follows:

Detainee: You indicated that I was associated with Al Qaida. How do you know this? Just because I am a Yemeni citizen, you accuse me of being an Al Qaida member or associated with Al Qaida. There are so many Yemenis that live in the States, are they Al Qaida as well? The fact that I went to Pakistan to study during the fight does not make me an Al Qaida member or associated with Al Qaida. I was there for a short while. I was there for less than a few hours. I went there to visit then leave. I was living on campus at the university I was attending. You spoke about the fact that someone saw me and thought I could possibly be a member of or associated with Al Qaida. I don't even know anybody. This is the first time I have heard of Al Qaida, in this prison. Do you have anything else to say?

Personal Representative: I would like to hear your reasons for going to Pakistan.

Detainee: I went there to learn the Koran.

Personal Representative: You said you were only at the place a few hours. Was this the house that you were captured at?

Detainee: All I knew was there were Yemeni people there.

Personal Representative: You went there for a visit?

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Detainee: Yes, just to visit.

Personal Representative: That is all I have for now.

Detainee: You believe anyone that gives you any information. What if that person made a mistake? Maybe that person looked at me and confused me with someone else. If you bring that same individual here that identified me as a member, or maybe saw me with somebody, that person probably does not even know me. I do not know Afghanistan. The only time I was there was when they took me to prison there. The Americans took me to Afghanistan. That is all I've got.

Tribunal President: Does the Recorder have any witnesses to present?

Recorder: No, Ma'am.

Tribunal President: Does the Recorder have any further evidence?

Recorder: No, Ma'am.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, do you have any other questions for the Detainee?

Personal Representative: No, Ma'am.

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

Recorder: No, Ma'am.

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

Tribunal Member: Yes, Ma'am. What was the name of the school you were studying at?

Detainee: The name of it is Salafi University in Faisalabad.

Tribunal Member: When did you enroll or begin studies?

Detainee: Four months prior to my capture, I was enrolled.

Tribunal Member: What were you studying? What was your primary area of study?

Detainee: The Koran.

Tribunal Member: How did you travel from Yemen to Pakistan?

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Detainee: My father got me my passport, visa, and paid for my plane ticket.

Tribunal Member: Did you go straight from Yemen to Pakistan?

Detainee: Yes, I went directly. I stopped in the United Arab Emirates for one hour.

Tribunal Member: How did you pay for your studies?

Detainee: My father paid my tuition, but the living arrangements were all free.

Tribunal Member: Did you live on campus?

Detainee: Yes, I did.

Tribunal Member: Have you received any grades or transcripts from school yet?

Detainee: No, I was supposed to take a test, but it was not done.

Tribunal Member: Do you speak any English?

Detainee: Close to none.

Tribunal Member: Did you know any of the other people that were arrested with you?

Detainee: There were a few that went to the same university.

Tribunal Member: Were they friends of yours?

Detainee: Yes, they were.

Tribunal Member: How far away was the university from Karachi?

Detainee: The university was in one city and the other one was another city. This was too far.

Tribunal Member: Was it many kilometers away?

Detainee: I don't know how many kilometers, but by plane it takes an hour and a half.

Tribunal Member: The place where you were arrested, was it close to the university?

Detainee: Yes, it was.

Tribunal Member: I am not familiar with the university. Can you tell me how big it was? How many people attended?

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Detainee: There were two parts to it. One part had a mosque in it. The other part had all the dorms and rooms to live in. There was a wall surrounding the whole area.

Tribunal Member: So how many people attended the university?

Detainee: 150 to 200 people.

Tribunal Member: Did any of your friends that were arrested with you - did any of them have any type of military training?

Detainee: I do not know.

Tribunal Member: Have you had any type of military training?

Detainee: No, I do not.

Tribunal Member: When you were arrested with your friends, did any of you have any weapons with you? Were any weapons in the house?

Detainee: I did not see any weapons.

Tribunal Member: Were there any weapons there that you may not have seen?

Detainee: I don't believe so. I only spent a few hours there.

Tribunal Member: How many people lived in the house where you were arrested?

Detainee: Between 14 and 18 people.

Tribunal Member: What did the people who lived in that house do?

Detainee: I do not know. I was only there for a few hours. I just sat with the Yemeni people and I was talking with them. They were asking me about what was going on in Yemen.

Tribunal Member: On the unclassified summary, the house was referred to as the "Crescent Mill Guesthouse." Do you know why it was called that?

Detainee: This is the first time I have heard that name. I do not know why. I have never heard this name before until this Tribunal.

Tribunal Member: Have you ever been to Afghanistan?

Detainee: I had never gone there until I was taken to the prison by the Americans.

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Tribunal Member: How long were you going to study in Pakistan?

Detainee: One year.

Tribunal Member: You mentioned your living arrangements were free. Why were your arrangements free?

Detainee: The people who ran the university were operating a charity. They assisted poor people and tried to help out.

Tribunal Member: Were you ever a member of Al Qaida?

Detainee: No. Never. I only heard of Al Qaida here in Guantanamo.

Tribunal Member: Did you do anything at all that might have helped people in Afghanistan?

Detainee: No, I did not.

Tribunal Member: While you were in school, did you have any other jobs or tasks around campus? Did you work in the kitchen? Did you help a charity around there?

Detainee: No. There was none.

Tribunal President: Whom did you visit at the guesthouse in Faisalabad, at the Crescent Mill?

Detainee: One of my friends came over and said he had a house where I could come and stay. His name was Emad.

Tribunal President: Where did you know Emad from?

Detainee: I met him at the university.

Tribunal President: Was Emad staying at the Crescent Mill?

Detainee: He lived there, and he moved back and forth between the Crescent Mill and the university.

Tribunal President: You were invited by Emad to visit?

Detainee: Emad was the one who invited me over.

Tribunal President: Was Emad arrested with you?

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Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal President: Were you arrested at the Crescent Mill while you were visiting?

Detainee: Yes, I was there.

Tribunal President: Did you ever spend the night at the Crescent Mill?

Detainee: Yes, I did.

Tribunal President: How many times?

Detainee: It was only one time. When I got there.

Tribunal President: So the night that you were arrested, were you spending the night?

Detainee: Yes, the same night I was arrested.

Tribunal President: What time were you arrested?

Detainee: About two o'clock in the morning, the following day.

Tribunal President: Did you share a room while you were there spending the night?

Detainee: I was there along with Emad and some others.

Tribunal President: All in one room?

Detainee: We all were in the same room. There were other rooms there as well.

Tribunal President: Did you know the people in the room with you?

Detainee: Of all the people in the room, the only one I remember is Emad.

Tribunal President: Who arrested you at the guesthouse?

Detainee: The Pakistani police.

Tribunal President: Why did you choose to go to Pakistan for school?

Detainee: My father advised me to go there.

Tribunal President: Did you go to Pakistan by yourself? Did you go with friends or other students?

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Detainee: There were many people on the plane with me.

Tribunal President: Were they friends of yours? Were you traveling with a companion?

Detainee: I was in a group of people.

Tribunal President: Did they all go to the university?

Detainee: No.

Tribunal President: How many people were arrested with you?

Detainee: 14 people.

Tribunal President: Did you know all 14 people before you were arrested?

Detainee: No, but we had supper together.

Tribunal President: Do you know if any of those people were members of the Taliban or Al Qaida?

Detainee: No, I do not know.

Tribunal President: Any of the Tribunal Members have any other questions?

Tribunal Member: You have asked for a witness this afternoon. Is this witness one of the people that were arrested with you?

Detainee: Yes, he is. I have not seen the witness. There were mistakes made in the past, but according to the Representative, he is the one.

Tribunal Member: Is this person Emad?

Personal Representative: No, Sir.

Tribunal Member: Personal Representative, what is the name of the witness?

Personal Representative: I only have the ISN.

Tribunal Member: Detainee, do you know the name of the witness?

Detainee: I do. His name is Alah.

Tribunal Member: How do you know the witness?

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Detainee: He was with me in prison in Pakistan.

Tribunal Member: Did you know the witness before you were arrested?

Detainee: No, I did not.

Tribunal Member: So is the witness your friend now?

Detainee: Yes, he is.

Tribunal Member: What can we expect the witness to say about what happened?

Detainee: He probably will tell you everything he knows about me.

Tribunal President: Muhammad, do you have any other evidence to present to the Tribunal?

Detainee: I have given you all my statements.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, do you have any other evidence or does the Detainee have any previously approved witnesses to present to this Tribunal?

Personal Representative: Yes, Ma'am. I have two follow-up questions for the Detainee.

Tribunal President: Okay.

Personal Representative: When you went to the college, did you register? Is there a written record of your attendance?

Detainee: Yes, there is.

Personal Representative: When your father advised you to go, is it a custom in Islamic countries to do as your father tells you?

Detainee: Yes.

Personal Representative: Madam President, I have no further evidence, but the Detainee does have one witness.

Alah Ali Bin Ali, appeared as a witness for the Detainee, was sworn using the Muslim oath and testified in substance as follows:

Tribunal President: Would you like to make a statement on the record for your friend, Muhammad?

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Witness: He was a student at the Salafi University.

Tribunal President: Are you saying Muhammad was a student?

Witness: I was referring to Muhammad.

Tribunal President: Do you understand the process and the reason you are here?

Witness: Yes, I do.

Tribunal President: Is there anything else you would like to say?

Witness: Anything I know, I will state it. If not, I will say nothing.

Tribunal President: Are you waiting for us to ask you questions, or is there a statement you would like to make?

Witness: Please ask me.

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

Personal Representative: I do not, but the Detainee would like to ask questions.

Tribunal President: I'll allow the Detainee to ask questions in one moment. Recorder, do you have any questions for the witness?

Recorder: No, Ma'am.

Tribunal President: Muhammad, would you like to ask questions of the witness?

Detainee: Do you know if I am a member of Al Qaida or if I am associated with Al Qaida?

Witness: All I know is all the people in the house were students.

Tribunal President: Muhammad, do you have any other questions for the witness?

Detainee: That is all I have got.

Tribunal President: Any of the Tribunal Members have any questions for the witness?

Tribunal Member: Yes, Ma'am. Alah, where did you meet Muhammad?

Witness: I met him in the house.

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Tribunal Member: Why were you at that house?

Witness: I wanted to go to the university but I could not.

Tribunal Member: Why were you at the house on the day you were arrested?

Witness: I went there because I found out some people going to the university were there. I went there to meet with them. I could not go to the university. I stayed at the house until the time I was arrested.

Tribunal Member: How many times did you visit the house before?

Witness: Once.

Tribunal Member: Once before, or was that the only time?

Witness: That was the only time.

Tribunal Member: Were there any weapons in the house?

Witness: No.

Tribunal Member: Do you know why the house is called the Crescent Mill Guesthouse?

Witness: This is my first time hearing that name.

Tribunal Member: Who did you know at that house?

Witness: I knew all the people that were there.

Tribunal Member: Where were they all students?

Witness: In the same university.

Tribunal Member: How many of them were Muhammad's friends?

Witness: All who were studying with him.

Tribunal Member: Muhammad was friends with all the people in the house?

Witness: Not all of them.

Tribunal Member: How many?

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Witness: 4 or 5.

Tribunal Member: Did you talk to Muhammad at the house that day?

Witness: No. He came on the last day, and it was a short visit.

Tribunal Member: Did Muhammad live at the house?

Witness: Just the day he was arrested.

Tribunal Member: Who was Muhammad visiting at the house?

Witness: He went to see the 4 or 5 friends he knew.

Tribunal Member: What were those friend's names?

Witness: I forgot the names, but I probably could identify them through pictures.

Tribunal Member: Have you been to Afghanistan before?

Witness: No.

Tribunal Member: Have you ever had any type of military training?

Witness: No.

Tribunal Member: What were you doing in Pakistan?

Witness: I was there to study.

Tribunal Member: Where were you studying?

Witness: At the university about the Koran.

Tribunal Member: Which University?

Witness: Salafi University.

Tribunal Member: But you said a few minutes ago you went to the house to visit these people because you could not go to the university. I don't understand.

Witness: I went to the house so I could go to study at the Salafi University. I could not attend the university because I ran out of money. I sat there with the rest of the people until I was arrested.

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Tribunal Member: How long had you not been going to the university?

Witness: I never went there.

Tribunal Member: So, what were you doing in Pakistan?

Witness: I went to study, but I ran out of money. I just stayed in the house until I was arrested.

Tribunal Member: How long were you in the house?

Witness: Three to three-and-a-half months.

Tribunal Member: A few minutes ago, you said this was the only time you visited that house. I don't understand.

Witness: I simply got there, I ran out of money so I could not go to the university. I just sat there.

Tribunal Member: Who paid for your food and other things?

Witness: The house belonged to the university and that was free.

Tribunal Member: If it was free, why couldn't you afford to go to the university?

Witness: It was my first time traveling outside of my country. I did not know how to manage my money. I ended up spending my money.

Tribunal Member: But if it was free to stay in the university, why did you need money?

Witness: So I could buy clothes and books. Other expenses.

Tribunal Member: How long had you been in Pakistan?

Witness: Five to six months.

Tribunal Member: Where did you come from?

Witness: Yemen.

Tribunal Member: How did you pay for your trip to Pakistan?

Witness: My family paid for my visa and my tickets.

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Tribunal Member: Why didn't you go back home once you ran out of money?

Witness: That was my first time I traveled and my visa expired. I did not know how to do things the proper way. I was afraid to go to the airport, if they found out my visa expired. I did not know what was going on or where to go. So because of all those problems, I went back and stayed at the house.

Tribunal Member: Alah, what time were you arrested?

Witness: One or two o'clock. I don't remember exactly, but around that time.

Tribunal Member: Was that at night, or during the day?

Witness: In the night.

Tribunal President: You met Muhammad at the house?

Witness: Yes.

Tribunal President: Muhammad was only there for one night?

Witness: Yes.

Tribunal President: How did you get to know Muhammad? Was it after you were arrested?

Witness: Yes, we were in the prison together. When we were in prison, we were grouped together.

Tribunal President: Were you grouped together in the prison?

Witness: Yes, we were a group, but in separate rooms. There were some prisons where the whole group was all together in the room.

Tribunal President: Did you know any of the people in the house before you started to live there?

Witness: No, they all came after me.

Tribunal President: Did you know any of the people that were living at the house when you first arrived?

Witness: There was one. Maybe between one and three.

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Tribunal President: How did you know to go to that house?

Witness: There was a Pakistani guy named Issa. He told me about it.

Tribunal President: Who was Issa to you?

Witness: He was a Pakistani guy in the house. When I got there, Issa was already in the house. Issa received me and welcomed me into the house.

Tribunal President: Did Issa approach you about living in the house?

Witness: No. I went to the house. Issa was there and he welcomed me.

Tribunal President: How did you know to go to that house?

Witness: Some people told me about that house.

Tribunal President: Were these people students? Were they soldiers or fighters?

Witness: I met the people at the airport.

Tribunal President: Did the people at the airport approach you, or did you approach them?

Witness: As soon as I got there, I saw some Arabic-speaking people. So I approached them and talked to them. They asked me why I was going to Pakistan, and I told them I had heard of the university and I wanted to check it out to see if I could go there. These were the same people that took me to the house.

Tribunal President: Since you were not going to the university, what did you plan to do?

Witness: I wanted to go to the Yemeni Embassy so they could figure out a way to get me back to Yemen. That was the last thing I did before I got arrested.

Tribunal President: Were you arrested at the embassy or the guesthouse?

Witness: At the house.

Tribunal President: When did you go to the embassy?

Witness: I was planning on going to the embassy but I did not go. It was an idea, but before I could implement that idea, I got arrested.

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Tribunal President: How many people were living in the house with you?

Witness: I don't know exactly, but probably between fifteen and sixteen.

Tribunal President: You indicated there were other people in the house besides Yemenis?

Witness: Initially when I went to the house, there were some Saudis. But I never got to know them or even bothered with them.

Tribunal President: Did the Saudis move out of the house?

Witness: Two or three days after I arrived, the Saudis left.

Tribunal President: After the Saudis left, did someone else move in?

Witness: There were other people that arrived at the house. All the other people came after me, and they lived in the same house.

Tribunal President: So there was a mixture of nationalities? Pakistanis? Yemenis?

Witness: Yes, it was a mixture.

Tribunal President: You said they were all students. Did they all go to the same university?

Witness: The majority of them were students.

Tribunal President: Did they all go to the same university?

Witness: The majority of them went to the Salafi University.

Tribunal President: Do any of the other Tribunal Members have any other questions?

Tribunal Members: No, Ma'am.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, do you have any additional questions?

Personal Representative: No, Ma'am. I do not.

Witness: Is the Personal Representative mine or Muhammad's?

Tribunal President: The Personal Representative is Muhammad's. Muhammad asked you to come here as a witness for his Tribunal.

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Witness: Why don't I have a Personal Representative for myself?

Tribunal President: This is not your Tribunal. I do not know if you have had a Tribunal or if you will have one in the future, but you will have a Personal Representative assigned to you.

Witness: All these questions and this Tribunal is not for me?

Tribunal President: That is true. We thought that you could help us in determining if Muhammad was a student at the university and you did answer that question. Recorder, do you have any questions for the witness?

Recorder: No, Ma'am.

Tribunal President: Muhammad, would you like to ask or say anything else to the witness?

Detainee: There is nothing else.

The witness is excused and escorted out of the Tribunal hearing room.

Tribunal President: All evidence having been provided to this Tribunal, this concludes the 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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