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*The Tribunal President explained the Tribunal process, then asked the Detainee if he understood this process. The Detainee stated the following:*

Detainee: What are you talking about?

Tribunal President: Do you understand why we are here?

Detainee: Yes, I understand why we are here.

Tribunal President: Do you understand that you not have to provide us any statement, but you may if you wish.

Detainee: I told them in the past that I could not bring any witnesses.

Tribunal President: I understand. If at any time during this proceeding if you have any questions, you may ask us.

*The Tribunal President then requested the Detainee Election Form. It was at the time that the Detainee requested an explanation as to what the form meant.*

Detainee: What does this mean when you are talking about the Election Form?

Tribunal President: I'll be happy to tell you. Your Personal Representative has provided us a form, that just tells us that you wish to be here and that you did not have any request for witnesses or documents. This is just administration so we have a complete record of this meeting.

*The Recorder then submits the Unclassified Evidence to the Tribunal (Exhibit R-1), which was previously translated and given to the Detainee. The Recorder then provided a brief description of the general nature of the Unclassified Evidence.*

Detainee: I wish to find out about the last weapon described. I want to know the name of that weapon, the Zukair.

Recorder: All I know is the name of the weapon was Zukair anti-aircraft weapon, that's all I know.

Detainee: I do not know that.

Tribunal President: OK. Later in the proceedings you may be able to provide us any information you wish about all these items a little later. I would like all of this to be read into the record at once, please.

*The Recorder then submitted the remainder of Unclassified Evidence.*

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*The Tribunal President then asked if the Recorder had any witnesses or further evidence. The Recorder then requested a later time to review the Classified Evidence. The Tribunal President then informed the Detainee he could submit any evidence he wished to the Tribunal.*

Detainee: Are you talking about the points you just discussed?

Tribunal President: Yes, I have a few more instructions first. Your Personal Representative may assist you if you wish. Do you want to make a statement to this Tribunal about the Unclassified Evidence?

Detainee: Yes, I want to.

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

Detainee: I don't wish to take the oath. My statement will be true.

Tribunal President: I understand. Thank you. You may proceed.

Detainee: The fact that we have read 13 points, I would like to read them one point at a time so I could address each point.

Tribunal President: I will ask the Personal Representative to assist you in that matter, and the Translator will translate all the information.

Personal Representative: (see 3.a-1.) The Detainee was trained in mountain warfare and weapons training on the Kalishnikov, PK machine gun, 75 and 82 mm heavy artillery, SPG-9 anti-tank weapon, 82 mm mortar, Zukair anti-aircraft weapon, and the RPG launcher at Khalden Camp.

Detainee: I did have the training on all the weapons mentioned with the exception of the Zukair.

Personal Representative (3.a-2) The Detainee delivered an electronic communication machine, possibly a facsimile machine, to Usama Bin Laden at the Al Qaida camp, Jihad Wali.

Detainee: I did not see Bin Laden, nor did I meet him. As far as the facsimile, I wanted to buy that facsimile for myself, and they sent an Afghani with me to buy it. That fax machine was for the Afghani guy. Somebody wanted to sell that fax machine, I showed it to a guy by the name of Abu Atta. He's the only one who has experience, and we wanted to buy it from him. That was not a fax machine, it was for interrogation. Show this machine to the guy Abu Atta, and find out from him if that was a machine that could be used (for interrogation). I took the machine to Abu Atta, and I don't know about him. I went to see this man, Abu Atta, and he told me he was busy. They said I could leave

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the machine there and pick it up tomorrow. When I came back the following day, they told me that machine was not a working machine.

Personal Representative (3.a-3): The detainee corresponded with a senior al Qaida lieutenant concerning the potential closing of Khalden camp.

Detainee: What happened was this. The person in charge of this camp is the Sheik's son. He is in charge of this tribe. The second man in charge was Abu Zubayda. The rest of the trainers, we met there, and they told us we were going to close that camp. They have all the authority to do that, we just simply follow what they have to say.

Personal Representative (3.a-4) The detainee's escape from Afghanistan was facilitated by a senior al Qaida lieutenant.

Detainee: Which al Qaida member are you talking about?

Personal Representative: I don't have that information. I just know he's a senior al Qaida person.

Detainee: I don't have any association with al Qaida, and I don't know anything about that.

Personal Representative (3.a-5): The detainee was provided a Somali passport, because he had no travel documents.

Detainee: I don't have a Somali passport, I don't have a passport, I don't have anything.

Personal Representative (3.a-6): The detainee is associated with senior al Qaida personnel.

Detainee: As I previously told you, I have no knowledge of al Qaida, and I don't know anybody from there. But if you want to say that I'm Muslim and want to make-believe I belong to al Qaida, then that is something different.

Personal Representative (3.a-7): The detainee was captured in a safehouse run by a senior al Qaida lieutenant.

Detainee: As far as that point is concerned, I don't know anything about this house. What I know is that I know Abu Zubayda was the person in charge of that safehouse. He is the person that told me go to that place until he made the traveling arrangements. That's all I have to say regarding that point.

Personal Representative (3.b): The detainee supported hostilities in aid of enemy armed forces.

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Detainee: Where?

Tribunal President: I would suggest that the Personal Representative read the next point, which is more specific.

Personal Representative (3.b-1): The detainee was the "70<sup>th</sup> Taliban Commander."

Detainee: Again, I don't know anything about Taliban. I never carried arms with them. I don't know nothing about Taliban. I am not even convinced of the Taliban, so how do you associate me with the Taliban?

Personal Representative(3.b-2): The detainee was involved with the Khalden camp in order to train individuals who wished to prepare to fight with the Taliban.

Detainee: The Khalden camp is a place to get training. It has nothing to do with al Qaida. People come over to that camp, train for about a month to a month and a half, then they go back to their hometown. When the person gets the training and leaves the Khalden camp, he leaves the camp for their country, and he changes his mind about the whole thing. God gives them responsibility to fight, we cannot just prevent them from doing that.

Personal Representative (3.b-3): The detainee worked as a weapons instructor on the use of the AK-47, PK and RPG at the Khalden camp.

Detainee: All I trained on was the Kalishnikov, the light weapons. I trained for a period of three months only. That three months training depends on who attended the camp. Sometimes they come, sometimes they don't. That's all I did.

Tribunal President: I'd like to clarify that point that implied he was a teacher to others of these weapons.

Detainee: As I told you, yes I did train the people. For a period of three months...sometimes they come, sometimes they don't. I'd like to clear something for you. I'm not the only trainer there, there were other trainers as well. Not everybody that comes to the camp is trained by me.

Personal Representative (3.b-4): The Detainee provided logistics support at the Khalden training camp.

Detainee: I wish some clarification on b-4.

Tribunal President: What did you not understand?

Detainee: How is it that I provided logistics to the other people? Who are the other people, who are you referring to?

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Tribunal President: Generic or general logistic support to the whole camp. This could mean providing food, providing shelter, providing weapons, clothes. Logistics is a term that is very general.

Detainee: I want to tell you something.

Tribunal President: Please.

Detainee: I used to bring the rice, and all the required food, vegetables. That's all I was doing. Sugar and other things, I would get for cost, take it to the camp or somewhere else.

Personal Representative (3.b-5): The detainee was frequently left in charge of the Khalden camp, because he was judged to be good with the people and could handle all aspects of the camp.

Detainee: As far as the camp, I did not manage it until the son of the sheik, and others with more seniority than me, who were there before me, before the Jihad. These people running that house, they ran it for a period of 5 months in his absence. And that five months could be divided among three different people that were there. That is the period of time that I spent in that house.

Personal Representative (3.b-6): The detainee stated he was in charge of the Khalden camp when the director was absent.

Detainee: I have just addressed that. Whenever the manager, was not managing it, he could select someone to manage it.

Tribunal President: Muhammed, does this conclude your statement?

Detainee: Yes.

***The Tribunal President then asked the Recorder, Personal Representative and Tribunal Members if they had any further questions. One Tribunal Member then asked the following:***

Board Member: Just had one clarifying question. At one point you said you don't know anything about the Taliban, and you're not even convinced of the Taliban. What do you mean by that?

Detainee: I am not convinced with their cause or with the Taliban.

Board Member: You're not convinced they even exist, or what?

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Detainee: Everything that you want to do in life, you want to be convinced of what you're doing. When it comes to the Taliban, even scientists go against each other. Everybody sees it a different way. I am not convinced of the fighting, all I just came over there for was preparation, that's it.

Board Member: Was Abu Zubayda your boss, or just your friend?

Detainee: I don't know Abu Zubayda until the last times I was in that house. I know somebody was running this, but I don't know whether it was Abu Zubayda or anybody else. All I know is he is the son of the sheik or the head of that tribe.

Board Member: Abu Zubayda is the head or son of the sheik?

Detainee: No, the son of that sheik is somebody different.

Board Member: Thanks. That's all the questions I have.

Tribunal President: I have a question. Did you ever get a Somali passport?

Detainee: I don't have one.

Tribunal President: Did you ever have one while you were in Afghanistan?

Detainee: I didn't even have one before. I had a Sudanese passport. I don't have any other documentation.

Tribunal President: OK. I'd like you to clarify the purpose of the Khalden camp; and I understand it's a training camp for military equipment. I would like to know what organization founded, paid for and advertised the camp. Why is it there?

Detainee: As I told you before, this camp I don't know anything about it. All I know it is run by big man, the sheik. And in his own way, he gets support from different people. He can contact the people that get trained there, and tell them that the camp is running into certain circumstances, that they need some money or some kind of support. Whoever has money and can help, please provide us with that money.

Tribunal President: Why did you go to the camp and become a teacher?

Detainee: I did not go over there to train; I went there to get training myself.

Tribunal President: OK. For what reason, why did you go get trained?

Detainee: It is my duty as a Muslim to learn.

Tribunal President: OK, thank you. I understand.

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*Tribunal President then asked if the board had any further questions, and asked the Detainee if he had any more evidence for the Tribunal.*

Detainee: No, I do not have any other evidence.

*The Tribunal President explained the remainder of the Tribunal process to the Detainee and adjourned the open session.*

**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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