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The Presiding Officer read the hearing instructions to the Detainee and confirmed that the Detainee understood the process.

ne Assisting Military Officer presented Exhibit EC-A, the Enemy Combatant Notification Form to the Administrative Review Board

The Assisting Military Officer presented Exhibit EC-B, the Enemy Combatant Election Form to the Administrative Review Board

The Designated Military Officer presented Exhibit DMO-1, the Unclassified Summary of Evidence to the Administrative Review Board and Exhibit DMO-2, the FBI Redaction Certification*

The Designated Military Officer began to give a brief description of the contents of Exhibit DMO-1, the Unclassified Summary of Evidence to the Administrative Review Board

Designated Military Officer: 3.a. Prior to his arrival in Afghanistan, Detainee admits hearing Sheiks call for Muslims to take up the Jihad in Afghanistan.

Presiding Officer: Designated Military Officer, one moment please. He may have questions as we go through this since he did not provide that much information on the EC-a/b so I'm going to interject at certain points.

Designated Military Officer: Okay sir.

Presiding Officer: If I miss one of the stops just ask him (referring to the Detainee) to stop me. I have four spots where I think he's going to want to comment, if he has a comment ask him to stop me (speaking to the Translator).

Detainee: Should I swear now?

Presiding Officer: Actually, yes I will do that; simply because anything he says then will be sworn to.

The Presiding Officer explained the meaning and purpose of taking the oath to the Detainee,

The Designated Military Officer administered the Muslim oath to the Detainee.

Detainee: If I have something to say about the information can I say it?

Presiding Officer Yes.

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The Designated Military Officer continued to read the Unclassified Summary of Evidence.

S.a.2 The Detainee stated it was his "duty" to travel to Afghanistan and fight with the Taliban forces who were fighting against the Northern Alliance.

Detainee: When I went to Afghanistan it wasn't in my will to go and fight for the Taliban- I went there to visit my brother. My brother called me from Afghanistan and tried to get to me to come to Afghanistan. He was talking to me about the Taliban but I didn't listen to him. But he came to me with sympathy because he likes me a lot and I like him a lot; my dad had passed away months before that I missed my brother and I wanted to be with him. He said if I didn't want to come and fight with the Taliban, I could come and stay with him for four months. He said that if I wanted to go and fight with the Taliban, I would do that longer. The main reason was my brother, not the Taliban or the Northern Alliance. The most important thing was my brother. It doesn't make any difference to me who is the Taliban or who is the Northern Alliance.

3.O.3. Upon his arrival in Quetta, Pakistan, the Detainee entered a taxi and asked to be taken to the "Taliban Building," where he spent the night with other Arabs.

The Detainee stated that he wanted to go back and address the first bullet of the summary.

3a. 1. Prior to his arrival in Afghanistan, Detainee admits hearing Sheiks call for Muslims to take up the Jihad in Afghanistan.

Detainee: Me and others would listen to the radio stations for the Sheiks and they were talking about tearing down one of the statues mere. I go to the mosque and I listen as others listen but he was talking about going to destroying one of the statues. When I was listening to these speeches, I could have went right away after listening to them but I didn't My brother tried many times to bring me to Afghanistan. When he said just come over for four months and just sit with me; I agreed to go.

3, a. 3, Upon his arrival in Quetta, Pakistan, the Detainee entered a taxi and asked to be taken to the "Taliban Building," where he spent the night with other Arabs.

Detainee: That was the only way for me to do it so I could see my brother.

3.Q.4. The Detainee traveled in the summer of 2001 from Saudi Arabia to Pakistan then into Quetta, Afghanistan, where he sought out Taliban members.

Detainee: That's right because I could not get to my brother just through any other way.

3.a.5. While in Quetta, the Detainee told Taliban members that he was on his way to the "front line" in Kabul.

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Detainee: Yes. That is right because my brother was on the front line. He wasn't on the front line, but behind the front line.

Presiding Officer: Did he say secondary?

Detainee: The one behind the front line.

Presiding Officer: Okay.

Detainee: My brother was there and I met him and we went to the North.

3.O.6. Leaving Quetta the Detainee traveled with four other males Including at least one member of the Taliban* to Kabul, where he was then transported to the "secondary line" and met up with his brother. Later they were on the front line, where he was issued a weapon.*

Detainee: I didn't get any weapon.

Presiding Officer: I'm sorry?

Detainee: I didn't get any weapon.

3.a. 7. The Detainee surrendered in Mazar-E-Sharif and was put in Jenki prison where he was wounded in the prison uprising.

Detainee: Yes. I was in the same situation (referring to the way he was sitting). I didn't fight. I was just sitting there, and I got injured.

Presiding Officer: Okay.

3. b. 1. The Detainee traveled to Khawajaghar and received weapons training in the use of hand grenades,

Detainee: Yes.

3.b.2. The Detainee made a separate earlier trip to Afghanistan to train on the use of a Kalashnikov.*

Detainee: Right.

3.c.1. The Detainee admitted that one of his brothers had traveled to Afghanistan to fight with the Taliban forces.

Detainee: Yes.

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3. c. 2. The Detainee's name and information was found on a list of Arabic names, aliases, and nationalities recovered from safe house raids associated with suspected al Qaida in Karachi Pakistan.

Detainee: I trained on the Kalashnikov and hand grenades. Is that something I can do, or is that an accusation against me?

Presiding Officer: It's just a statement. Is that a question? That has nothing to do with being in Karachi, Pakistan right? It doesn't seem to have anything to do with what he just commented on.

Detainee: I just remembered something. You are right, it doesn't have anything to do with Karachi, Pakistan. I just went back.

Presiding Officer: We are going to have questions for you at the end and you can explain it at the end.

Detainee: Do you want me to answer number two about my name?

Presiding Officer: If you like.

Detainee: This is the first time I have heard about it Nobody uses real names. Maybe they found my name but I don't know anything about it I don't know anything about this subject but if they wanted to know who I am and if my name was on this list, go back to those people who gave you this information and ask them.

3.C.3. The Detainee stayed in safe houses at Kandahar and Kabul, Afghanistan, which were used by the Taliban to process and lodge Arabs traveling in Afghanistan to participate in the Jihad

Detainee: AU of the people who traveled had to go to the Taliban. Whatever you want to do you have to go through the Taliban. If they are going for jihad or not; I didn't have another way to go and see my brother.

Presiding Officer: Okay.

3.C.4. In early 2001, Detainee left weapons training at Melek Center in Kabul, Afghanistan, to return to Saudi Arabia for the Hqjj. During this travel, he was detained with another Saudi Detainee at a Bahrain airport, questioned about their time in Afghanistan, and released. A tape of Bin Laden calling Jbr Jihad was confiscated from the accompanying Saudi Detainee by Bahrain customs agents.

Detainee: Yes, they arrested me in Bahrain and they asked me if I was in Afghanistan and 2 said yes. About that tape; I don't know anything about it I heard mis from you. The Bahraini people they know about this cassette more than me. I don't know anything about it.

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Presiding Officer: Okay.

3. d. 1. Prior to departing for the frontlines, the Detainee was issued one Kalashnikov, three magazines and two hand grenades.

Detainee: Yes.

3.d2. The Detainee was on the frontlines in Khawajaghar manning a foxhole for five months.

Detainee: My brother convinced me to go there and said that I wasn't going to do anything but sitting, eating, and chatting with others. They didn't let me be a guard. I spent all of my time with my brother on the frontline. There was no fighting.

3.e.1. The Detainee said his brother taught him how to use hand grenades.

Detainee: Yes.

3.e.2. The Detainee admitted that he had a Kalashnikov and some hand grenades when he surrendered at Mazar-e-Sharif

Detainee: Yes.

4.a. The Detainee stated that, although he heard Imams talking about fatwa for Muslims to take up the jihad in Afghanistan, he went to Afghanistan to be with his brother, not to be part of the Taliban, the Detainee stated that he had an older brother who was already in Afghanistan and the Detainee wanted to go and stay with him for four months, then return to Saudi Arabia.

Detainee: Yes.

4.b. The Detainee stated that although his brother called him a few times from Kabul to try to convince him to go to Afghanistan, he does not have any knowledge of his brother (Abdul Rahman) recruiting for the Taliban in Saudi Arabia.

Detainee: Right.

4.c. The Detainee stated that if he were to be released, he would like to return to Taif, Saudi Arabia where he would attempt to go to college and continue his education. The Detainee explained that prior to traveling to Afghanistan, he was enrolled at a teacher's college for approximately two months. The Detainee stated that he was interested in pursuing a degree in religious studies. He added however, that if released, he would likely change his focus to studying the Arabic language, or perhaps Biology.

Detainee: Yes,

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4.d. The Detainee claims he was never associated with al Qaida and says he understands why the Americans are pursuing Usama Bin Laden and says that the actions of Usama Bin Laden and al Qaida have brought shame to the Islamic community.

Detainee: Yes.

The Designated Military Officer confirm^ that he had no further information to present and requested a closed session to discuss classified information relevant to the disposition of the Detainee,

The Presiding Officer opened the hearing to the Detainee to present information to the Administrative Review Board with the assistance of 'the Assisting Military Officer.

Presiding Officer: Assisting Military Officer, does the Detainee want to present any information to this Administrative Review Board including written statements, oral statements, or witness statements prepared on his behalf?

Assisting Military Officer: Sir, in addition to the statements that the Detainee just made regarding the unclassified summary, he would like to address the board with an oral statement at the appropriate time.

Presiding Officer; I'm going to depart from the scenario and... Yusif, you have already been sworn in so we are going to continue the process but since you are already sworn just as a reminder that what you will say is under oath.

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: You may begin your statement

Detainee; I saw it in myself, if I wanted to be a trouble man I would have never surrendered myself. I don't have a problem with anybody and you can ask the Saudi government. I never saw an American military man in my life until they brought me here; in Kandahar. I don't have any problem with you. All that I did was go to visit my brother and that's what happened to me. When we heard that there was a problem with the U.S. I decided to leave. They said the roads were closed going to Pakistan on the borders. If you release me and let me go I will take care of myself and what I hope to do is like any young man wants to do with his life is to continue his studies and be with his brothers and start a family. I don't have a problem with you at all. But if you don't let me go and whatever you want to do with me, I don't worry. Through the fight a lot of people died and a lot of innocent people died. There are innocent people here (inaudible). I don't have a problem with you, I thought when I was going to come over here my life would be miserable and bad but it's not; I'm eating good and sleeping good and they are treating me good. Just like anybody else. I didn't find anything that I can complain about. I made a mistake because I left home to see my brother. If you want to punish me; it's enough because I have been here three years. I lost my school. I am far from my family my sisters and my

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brothers. I lost my dad. I have a lot of problems. That's all that I have and as I mentioned I don't have a problem with you. Ask the government of Saudi Arabia about me, I don't have any problems. I have never been in a police station. This is the first time when they brought me here I recognized what interrogation was; I never seen it before. I lost three years here. Please look at my age and I want to go to my lire. That's all mat I have to say.

Presiding Officer: Yusif, does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: Assisting Military Officer, do you have any questions for ihe Detainee?

Assisting Military Officer: Do you have any questions that you would like to ask the board?

Detainee: To be tinned on how to use weapons, is that something that you accuse someone of doing?

Presiding Officer: The question originally was that he had training in grenades and the Kalashnikov and it was just to verity if he acknowledged whether he did or didn't It's not something that is right or wrong, we just wanted to see what his answer was. Any additional questions for the Detainee?

Assisting Military Officer No.

Presiding Officer Designated Military Officer, do you have any questions for the Detainee?

Designated Military Officer No sir.

Presiding Officer Do any Administrative Review Board members have any questions for the Detainee?

Administrative Review Board members' questions

Q. One of die statements you made in front of us was I did not get any weapon. There is a statement in here and I'm going to read it again and it says, *The Detainee admitted that he had a Kalashnikov and some grenades when he surrendered at Mazar-E-Sharif." You answered to that yes. My question is if you did not get any weapons, how did you have a weapon when yon surrendered?

A. I didn't get any weapons when I went to visit my brother on the front line. That is whatl meant

Q. When did you get weapons?

A. When I left Kabul with my brother going to the North, That's when they gave me weapons. In Kabul I didn't have any weapons.

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Q. The brother you went to see in Afghanistan, where is he today do you know?

A* He died. He was killed in a castle.

Q. This brother was a member of the Taliban?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know what he did in the Taliban?

A. While I was with him, he was eating and sleeping with me. He was a guard. He was just a guard.

Q. When you were detained in Saudi Arabia with your friend and your friend had a tape, how long had you been traveling with that friend when you were detained in Saudi Arabia?

A. I met him in Pakistan in the hotel. We left the hotel to the airport so it was a few days. We didn't stay that long in Pakistan.

Q. Do you agree that you received extensive training on how to use the Kalashnikov rifle and on how to use hand grenades?

A. I spent one week in Malik (ph) Training Center for the Kalashnikov and my brother taught how to throw the grenades.

Q. Do you agree that you were issued a Kalashnikov and grenades at some time when you were seeing your brother, you were given a rifle and grenades?

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there was no fight He said we just sit there and eat and sleep. If I wanted to go with him, I had to have a weapon with me. It was hard for me to leave my brother living on the front line area different from how I was; I had to go. I came just to see him, so I wanted to be next to him. I asked my brother to stay away from the front line; I said here it is better. He said no don't worry about it We'll go to the front, nothing is happening and we'll just sleeping, chatting, and eating.

Q. You spent five months in a foxhole with your brother?

A. I didn't spend all of that five months in that foxhole. We would go to a village to shower, eat, and wash. It was about six months and most of it was in the morning.

Q. Can you elaborate on if he didn't spend five months in the foxhole? Can you elaborate about the showers and the village? How much time in the two places, on the frontline or in the village or vice versa?

A. Me, my brother, and the others we never spent all that time in that hole. If we spent one week in that foxhole, we spent two weeks in the village. I cannot say exactly but that's approximately the time.

Presiding Officer: That is fine.

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Administrative Review Board member: (speaking to the translator) Does foxhole translate easily?

Translator: I had to ask one of the officers to explain it to me. (Laughter)

Presiding Officer: Explain why we are laughing (speaking to translator).

Detainee: I don't know why you call it foxhole. (Laughter)

Q. After you graduate from college what do you plan to do?

A. I will keep getting degrees, I will win many and stay with my family.

Q. What do you plan to do for a career after you get out of college?

A. I will keep getting degrees but I will be a teacher. If I can't find a job as a teacher, I will work for the government. If I don't get a degree and can't work as a teacher I will find a job with the government.

Detainee: Can you help me to get married? (Laughter)

Presiding Officer: At least he has a sense of humor.

Q. How many sisters and how many brothers do you still have surviving?

A. I have five brothers and six sisters.

Q. You mentioned you have a lot of problems. Is that in relation to your injury from the prison?

A. Yes, I got injured in Jenki.

Q. You mentioned you were never arrested, I'm assuming other man that time in Saudi Arabia when you were arrested going home... Bahrain.

A. Yes.

Q. When you say you were arrested there, were you taken into custody?

A. They took me on the side, and talked to me in the airport. I don't know where they took the other person. They asked me where I had been, and I said I was training in Afghanistan. It didn't take that long, sir.

Q. And then they let you go?

A. Yes, they let me go.

Q. And you didn't see the other guy again?

A. We were together. They took him on the side and I didn't know what they did with him. But when we left the airport we left together.

Q. So they talked to you separately?

A. Yes.

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Presiding Officer: Thank you.

The Presiding Officer confirmed that all unclassified information had been presented to the Administrative Review Board and closed the open session of the hearing,

The Presiding Officer explained the remainder of the Administrative Review Board 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.



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Summarized Administrative Review Board Detainee Statement

*The Presiding Officer read (he Hearing Instructions to the Detainee and confirmed that he understood and had no questions**

The Assisting Military Officer presented Exhibit EC-A, the Enemy Combatant Notation Form to the Administrative Review Board.

The AMO then presented Exhibit EC-B, the Enemy Combatant Election Form to the Administrative Review Board.

Presiding Officer: I note for the record that in the first comments you crossed out the last line, which reads, he never met Osama El Hashimi.

Assisting Military Officer: Yes sir. In the pre-meeting here it came up that he did in fact meet him and we removed it from that Exhibit

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

The Designated Military Officer presented Exhibits DMO-1, the Unclassified Summary of Information and DMO-2, the FBI Redaction Certification to the Administrative Review Board

*The Designated Military Officer gave a brief description of the contents of Exhibit DMO*1, the Unclassified Summary of Information to the ABB.*

The Designated Military Officer confirmed that he had no additional unclassified information to present.

The Presiding Officer opened the Administrative Review Board for the Detainee to present information with the assistance of the Assisting Military Officer,

Presiding Officer: The Detainee may now present information to the Administrative Review Board. Assisting Military Officer, does the Detainee have any information to present to the Administrative Review Board including written statements, oral statements, or witness statements prepared on his behalf?

Assisting Military Officer: Sir, the Detainee would like for me to speak on his behalf and reserves the right to make an oral statement depending upon the questioning.

Presiding Officer: Please present what you have at this time,

Assisting Military Officer: Yes sir, it is included in EC-B the detainee requests us to provide a copy of the summary of evidence translated in Arabic, we did so. In response to the connection with Osama El Hashimi he stated that he was merely one of three that worked shifts at a phone booth. The booth attendants collected fees for those that would use the long distance connected line.

Regarding the statement that he was issued a Kalashnikov AK-47 with ammunition. The Detainee stated that he was never at Abu Al Ayna. He also stated he did not know of any martyr list.

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In response to the allegation that he had stayed at the Algerian House in Jalalabad and met Abu Jafar, the Detainee stated he was never in Jalalabad and he has never met Abu Jafar.

In response to the statement that he stayed at a Taliban safe house, he agreed he was staying at the house but had never met any fighters. He stated he was at the house for less than two weeks.

In response to the accusation that he was traveling with Taliban fighters in a convoy, the Detainee stated there was no other way out of the city.

Regarding the statement that he had received weapons training; the Detainee stated he did not understand what was happening around him. He stated that someone had fooled him into service.

The Detainee offered a story how a Plumber had left a wrench and socket in his cell following work and rather than fighting with the guards received them over and immediately, to ensure there were no bad feelings.

He closed the meeting with this statement: If released I will go home to my family* I will get married and start a family of my own. If I am released I will never leave outside the borders of my city. I will find a job and contribute to my family. I do not hate the U.S.; I will not be a threat. Release me and you will see. No further statements from the interview sir.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

The Interviewer asks the Detainee if he wishes to make a statement.

Detainee: I will never be a threat to the United States, what would I have to say.

If you wish to make a statement, do you want to make it under oath, and if so will you take the Muslim oath. The Detainee declines taking the Muslim oath.

Presiding Officer: Abdullah do you wish to make any further comments other than the one you just did, prior to me asking if you wanted to take an oath.

Detainee: Right now in this room I cannot see you and he is going to add to my statement if you let me go. But if you let me go, you will find that I will never be a threat to the United States. The story about the Plumber was that the Plumber left his tools and I gave them back. That is the evidence that I will be good.

Presiding Officer: Abdullah, does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: I don't have anything extra to add.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. Did the Assisting Military Officer provide the information you wanted us to hear?

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: Assistant Military Officer, do you have any questions for the Detainee?

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Assisting Military Officer: No sir.

Presiding Officer: Designated Military Officer, do you have any questions for the Detainee?

Designated Military Officer: No sir, I do not

Presiding Officer Do any Administrative Review Board Members have any questions for the Detainee?

Board Member Yes sir, I have two questions.

Board Member Yes sir.

Board Members Questions to the Detainee:

Q. When you stayed in the rest bouse in Kabul for 4 to 5 months, what did you do during that time?

A. late, slept and went for training and came back.

Q. Who tricked you into service?

A. I mentioned his name during the interrogation.

Q. Do you know what his name is?

A. All I know is that his name is Abraham.

Q. Abdullah, do you know the name of the training camp that you trained at outside of Kabul?

A. I wasn't in a training camp; it was just a little house

Q. Did it have a name?

A. It maybe had a name, but I don't know.

Q. Let me follow up on that You said that for the 4 or 5 months you were in Kabul when you stayed there we asked what you did, you stated you went for training. So where did you go for training?

A. I mentioned that during the interrogation. I know how to get there; I just followed to where I got my training.

Q. How far away from the house that you were staying at was that?

A. I cannot tell. I'm scared to say something and then you prove it not

Q. Is that where you received training on the Kalishnikov and the PK Machine Gun?

A. Yes.

Q. Abdullah, do you know Abu Musab al Zaraqawi?

A. No.

Q. Do you know Abu Zubaydah?

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A. No.

Q. You said when you stayed in the guesthouse that Taliban Safe House in Konduz, you did not meet any fighters. Did you meet any other people in the safe house and if so with whom did you meet?

A. I didn't have any relations with nobody.

Q. Were there other people in the safe house?

A, Approximately yes.

Q. Approximately yes, but you didn't meet any of them?

A, I saw them around but I didn't talk to them.

Q. Approximately how many other people were in the safe house?

A. I don't know.

Q. Can you tell us more about the Jmld Fortress uprising, your story, how you got involved in that.

A. Do you want the whole story?

Q. Just your story.

A. I was inside and mere was shooting, I stayed sitting in one place until the problem was over.

Q. Were you injured in any way?

A. Yes.

Q. What injury did you sustain?

A. In my left leg.

Q. You were shot in your left leg?

A. I don't know. Something hit my leg.

Q. Did it require medical attention?

A. Yes, after the problem was over they took me to the hospital. By the Red Cross.

Q. Abdullah you have indicated you don't believe the United States is an enemy to Islam. Is the United States and enemy to you in any way?

A. No it's not.

Q. Do you have any idea of what you plan to do if you are returned to your home country, in terms of employment? What do you plan to do for a job?

A. God knows.

Q. Do you have any training of any kind to help you get a job?

A. No.

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Presiding Officer; I have one question. In your Enemy Combatant Election Form, I want to verify that you did meet Osama El Hashimi?

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. No other questions?

Board Members: No sir.

Presiding Officer Assistant Military Officer do you have any other information that the Detainee wants to present?

Assisting Military Officer: No sir, I do not

The Presiding Officer reads the post-Administrative Board instructions to the Detainee and adjourns the open session of the Board.

4UTPENTICATION

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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