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Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 063

The Administrative Review Board was called to order.

The Detainee entered the proceedings.

The Presiding Officer announced the convening authority and purpose of the Administrative Review Board proceedings.

The Designated Military Officer (DMO) was sworn.

The Board Reporter, Translator, Assisting Military Officer (AMO) and Board Members were sworn.

The Presiding Officer asked the Detainee if he wishes to make a statement under oath. (Muslim oath offered).

The Detainee accepted taking the (Muslim) oath.

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

The Assisting Military Officer presented the Notification of the Decision of the Administrative Review Board, Exhibit EC-A, to the Administrative Review Board.

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

The Assisting Military Officer read the AMO Comments from the Enemy Combatant Election Form, Exhibit EC-B.

Assisting Military Officer: The detainee's ARB interview was conducted on 12 October 2006. After reviewing the ARB's purpose and procedures, the Arabic translated Unclassified Summary of Evidence was read to the detainee. When asked if he wanted to attend the ARB, present a written or oral statement, or have the AMO speak on his behalf, the detainee stated he did wish to attend and submit a statement, which he will read at his ARB. The English and Arabic translated versions of the Unclassified Summary of Evidence were provided to the detainee, who accepted both. Additional Comments. The detainee's follow up interview was conducted on 13 October 2006. The detainee provided the AMO with an English translated copy of the statement that he desires to read at his ARB. The detainee was cooperative and attentive throughout both his interviews.

Presiding Officer: Assisting Military Officer, do you also wish to present the detainee comments at this time or do you wish to present them later?

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Assisting Military Officer: I will present them later with the detainee's additional comments.

The Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1, the FBI Redaction Memorandum, DMO-2, and the CITF Redaction Memorandum, DMO-3, to the Administrative Review Board.

The Designated Military Officer stated that a copy of these exhibits had been previously distributed to the Assisting Military Officer and Detainee.

The Presiding Officer noted from the Enemy Combatant Election Form that the detainee wanted to wait until the entire Unclassified Summary was presented before responding.

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

Designated Military Officer: (3) The following factors favor continued detention: (3.a) Commitment (3.a.1) The detainee stated he first traveled to Afghanistan from Saudi Arabia around the beginning of 2001 in order to participate in jihad, which he deemed a religious obligation. Once in Afghanistan, the detainee attended training at the al Farouq Training Camp.

Detainee (through translator): I will respond after everything has been read.

Presiding Officer: That is consistent with the Enemy Combatant Election Form.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.2) The detainee stated he completed his training approximately three months after he entered Afghanistan, and he was then compelled to swear bayat to Usama bin Laden. The detainee stated he did this in person with Usama bin Laden, without any witnesses, while at Usama bin Laden's residence in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.3) The detainee stated that sometime in the summer of 2001, after he swore bayat to Usama bin Laden, the detainee was approached and asked to conduct a martyr mission for Usama bin Laden.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.4) The detainee was instructed by a senior al Qaida operative to obtain British and United States visas. The detainee was then provided airline tickets from Dubai, United Arab Emirates through London, England to Orlando, Florida.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.5) The detainee stated that at the time he agreed to conduct the mission there was no specific plan in place. However, the detainee knew that

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per his bayat and obligation, he would be called upon at a later time to conduct a martyr mission.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.6) The detainee stated he traveled to Orlando, Florida, on 4 August 2001. The detainee was unable to answer questions at airport customs and did not have a return ticket. After being denied entry into the United States, the detainee returned to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The detainee applied for a second United States visa and after it was denied, he traveled to Afghanistan.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.7) The detainee stated his decisions for agreeing to conduct a mission stemmed from three basic fatwas. First was a fatwa in which the detainee felt obligated to participate in jihad in Afghanistan. Second was a fatwa in which the detainee felt obligated to swear bayat to Usama bin Laden. The third was a fatwa in which the detainee felt obligated to do whatever Usama bin Laden asked of him including conducting a martyr mission, because he had given bayat to Usama bin Laden.

Designated Military Officer: (3.a.8) When asked whether he would have completed whatever mission he was assigned when going to the United States, the detainee nodded head indicating he would.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b) Training. (3.b.1) The detainee stated after the completion of his basic training at al Farouq, he attended a city tactics course in Kandahar, Afghanistan, which lasted approximately one and a half months.

Designated Military Officer: (3.b.2) The detainee attended al Farouq Training Camps for a total of five to six months; initial training lasted approximately two to three months and consisted of indoctrination, small arms (AK, handguns, grenades) and physical training. The second advanced segment of training also lasted approximately two to three months and consisted of small unit tactics and specialized weapons training.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c) Connections/ Associations. (3.c.1) The detainee identified two senior al Qaida members. The detainee admitted to knowing these two individuals and meeting them in a safe house in Kandahar, Afghanistan prior to 11 September 2001.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.2) The detainee stated that on approximately 12 February 2001, he traveled from the Arab guest house in Kandahar, Afghanistan to Usama bin Laden's house in Kandahar, Afghanistan to give his allegiance to Usama bin Laden.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.3) The detainee stated that on approximately 24 April 2001, after graduating from advanced training, he visited Usama bin Laden at his house to honor and praise him. The detainee told Usama bin Laden that he would continue to serve him as he would the prophet Mohammed. During this visit, Usama bin Laden instructed the detainee to contact a senior al Qaida official for instructions on how to serve his religion.

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Designated Military Officer: (3.c.4): The detainee stated that on approximately 22 June 2001, on his own initiative, he met with Usama bin Laden again at Usama bin Laden's house in Kandahar, Afghanistan to greet him and to tell him that he was ready for his mission to the United States. Usama bin Laden called a senior al Qaida operative and advised him that the detainee had returned from the front line and was ready to complete his mission to America.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.5) The detainee stated that on approximately 27 August 2001, he met Usama bin Laden again at Usama bin Laden's house in Kandahar, Afghanistan after the detainee returned from his failed mission to the United States.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.6) The detainee was detained while trying to cross into Pakistan from Afghanistan on 15 December 2001 with thirty suspected al Qaida members.

Designated Military Officer: (3.c.7) The detainee stated that when he returned to Afghanistan after his failed mission to America he saw a known suicide bomber at different guest houses on three separate occasions.

Designated Military Officer: (4) The following primary factors favor release or transfer. (4.a) The detainee denied having any knowledge of the attacks in the United States prior to their execution on September 11th, and also denied knowledge of any rumors or plans of future attacks on the United States or United States' interest.

Designated Military Officer: (4.b) The detainee insisted that he is a different person now than he was back in the summer of 2001. He then insisted that he would not have done a mission that involved killing women and children. The detainee said that he would have refused to participate in that type of operation and would have asked that he be allowed to return to Afghanistan.

Detainee (through translator): Sorry Sir. There is a mistake in this one. I said that I would have asked to return to Saudi Arabia not to Afghanistan.

Presiding Officer: That's noted and we will take that into consideration.

The Designated Military Officer confirmed that he had no further unclassified information and requested a closed session to present classified information relevant to the disposition of the Detainee.

The Presiding Officer acknowledged the request.

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

The Assisting Military Officer presented the Detainee's Comments, Exhibit EC-C, to the Administrative Review Board.

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Presiding Officer: Assisting Military Officer, does the detainee wish to read this statement to the Board?

Assisting Military Officer: Yes, Sir. I would like to read the detainee's comments from EC-B first.

Detainee (through translator): Are you going to read it in English?

Assisting Military Officer: Yes. The linguist will translate after that.

Detainee (through translator): Will you give me the opportunity to speak at a later time?

Presiding Officer: Yes.

Presiding Officer: Assisting Military Officer, please read the detainee comments.

Assisting Military Officer: In response to any of the statements in the Unclassified Summary of Evidence that mention he swore bayat to Usama bin Laden or that he wanted to be a martyr, the detainee disagreed stating they were not true. The detainee stated that he told those things to the interrogators when he was being tortured a few months after he arrived at Camp X-ray, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Detainee (through translator): I have never said any of these things.

Presiding Officer: Do you agree with the detainee's comments?

Detainee (through translator): Yes.

Presiding Officer: Just so that we are very clear on this for the record. Do we understand correctly that you want to say that the statements you have made in this Unclassified Summary are all false?

Detainee (through translator): Which ones? The ones that favor my detention?

Presiding Officer: Let me state that a different way. Do I understand correctly that you are saying that the swearing of bayat and the idea that you wanted to be a martyr are false?

Detainee (through translator): That is false. I have never said that at all.

Presiding Officer: We understand and we will treat that accordingly.

Board Member: I am a little confused. The statement that was just read said that you told the interrogators these things about swearing bayat and wanting to be a martyr. Reading from the statement, "when he was being tortured a few months after he arrived at Camp X-ray, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba", the statement you just made, as translated, said that you never even said these things. Which one is it?

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Detainee (through translator): Since you asked about it, I will respond and I will make my statement later on. I said some of the stuff while I was under torture. I never said some of the other things that are written. Whether under torture or on my own, I have never said that I swore bayat to Usama bin Laden or that I wanted to be a martyr.

Board Member: Thank you.

Detainee: You are welcome.

Detainee (through translator): Even during the interrogations, they never heard that from me. There might be a confusion or a mix up that it was written that way.

Board Member: Did you ever meet with Usama bin Laden?

Detainee (through translator): Are we starting to have questions and answers? I thought I was going to speak about this later on and because of the time.

Presiding Officer: In that case we will wait to ask that question if we need to ask it later so you can make your statement.

Detainee (through translator): To answer your question, no.

Presiding Officer: Assisting Military Officer, does the detainee wish to make his statement at this time?

Assisting Military Officer: Yes, Sir.

Detainee (through translator): I am going to try. To be honest with you, it is going to be difficult with these handcuffs.

Presiding Officer: I understand, but the rules are laid on me that you must be restrained like this.

Detainee: I understand.

The Detainee made the following statement:

Detainee (through translator): I, Maad Al Qahtani, ISN 063, am from Saudi Arabia. To the Administrative Review Board. Thank you for the opportunity to address you. After almost five years of illegal imprisonment by the United States, this is the first statement I am making of my own will and without coercion or under threat of torture. I am speaking with my complete thinking. I understand that this ARB will make the decision about my future and I understand everything that was said about me in the past about my case. I understood that I would talk about who I am going to be in the future and not speak about my past. I am unfamiliar with the laws of the United States and the regulations for the ARB. Obviously I wish my lawyer was here to help me with my case,

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but because this is not allowed I must speak for myself. I have been told that I have been classified as an enemy combatant and I do not know how this came to be. With all my respect to the Board, a mistake was made. Because all of the information extracted from me was done under torture. I can say without hesitation that I am not a threat to the United States, its allies, or anyone else. I have not harmed the United States, its allies, or anyone else in the past. I will not harm the United States in the future. I know nothing about acts of hostility against the United States and I do not belong to any organization that wants to harm the United States and it is certain that I have no intention whatsoever to kill people in general or innocents in particular of any country or any religion, especially Americans. I was kidnapped as a civilian and was eventually handed over to U.S. military authorities. The United States transferred me to Guantanamo. I have always explained to interrogators that I am a businessman and have a company that was registered with the Saudi government. I have also been engaged in the trade business and have assisted other businessmen to obtain official documents from the Saudi government. Beginning in August 2002 through 2003, I was subjected to physical and psychological methods during interrogation that amounted to torture; cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment; and outrages upon my personal dignity. These methods included: severe sleep deprivation combined with 20-hour interrogations for months at a time; severe isolation; threatened with rendition to countries that torture more; religious and sexual humiliation; threats made against my family; strip searching, body searches, and forced nudity, including in the presence of female personnel; denial of the right to practice my religion, including prohibiting me from praying for prolonged times and during Ramadan; threatening to desecrate the Koran in front of me; placing me in stress positions for prolonged times; restrained me for many months for days and nights and the restraints were very tight; threats and attacks by dogs; beatings; exposure to low temperature for prolonged time, exposure to loud music for prolonged times; forcibly given frequent IVs many times a day by medical personnel during interrogation, which felt like repetitive stabs and this happened on a daily basis. Medical personnel were involved in carrying out these methods used in interrogations. As a result of the intense physical and psychological stress from these methods, I went from approximately 160 pounds to 100 pounds and was sent to the hospital twice when I was close to death during interrogation. This list does not include everything that happened to me and many other methods were used against me.

Presiding Officer: Is the room too cold right now?

Detainee: Yes, because I am fasting.

The Assisting Military Officer and the Designated Military Officer turned off the AC units in the ARB room.

Detainee: I thank you.

Presiding Officer: Please go ahead.

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Detainee (through translator): A human being needs four main things in life that were taken from me at Guantanamo. First, to honor religion and freedom to practice religion and respect it. Two, honoring his personal dignity by refraining from humiliating a human being through beating or cursing him and bad treatment in general. Three, respect for his honor, which means not dishonoring him through sexual humiliation or abuse. Four, respect for human rights, by allowing a human being to sleep in be comfortable where he is; to be in a warm shelter; to have security for his life; to have sufficient food and beverage; to have means to relieve himself and clean his body; to have humane medical treatment; and to know that his family is safe from threats or harm. Again, all of these rights were taken from me. A human being needs four main things in life that were taken from me at Guantanamo. It was only during this period of physical and psychological torture and inhuman treatment that I was forced to make false statements and fabricate a story. Interrogators provided me with this information and details and under pressure and coercion forced me to adopt the story that the interrogators wanted to hear. The information that I provided during interrogation was information I only got from them during interrogation sessions. The information I gave them was not valuable and did not help to protect lives or property. I was unable to give them any different or new information about anything in the past or in the future. I just repeated the information given to me during interrogations. Any information that other prisoners have given about me must have also been extracted through torture or coercion; lies by prisoners for privileges; or lying to cooperate with interrogators to get promises for release or other things. Once this torture stopped, I explained over and over that none of what I said was true. I am a businessman, a peaceful man. I have no connection to terrorism, violence, or fighters. In the past, I have worked and socialized with Americans and could never have imagined that anything like Guantanamo would ever happen to me. My past experience with Americans, sitting across the table with them, and so on, has been positive in the past. I viewed them as people and, even now, I still look at Americans as human beings. To this day, I have been unable to show the United States military that a mistake has been made, that I was tortured, and that I am a peaceful, businessman. This was because I have been cut off at Guantanamo from the outside world with no ability to gather witnesses, collect official documents, or other evidence, to defend myself. I was denied access to any lawyer who could have assisted me in defending myself and prevented interrogators from obtaining false statements from me using torture and abuse. But what is past is past, and I refuse to be vindictive about this. Even if you have any concerns about transferring me, my country can offer sufficient guarantees to American authorities to keep me in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and my country has enough authority to assure the United States that I will not present a danger. I swear to God that I did not know anything about what happened to the United States in the past. On September 11th or any other operation that happened in the past; anything that happened to you or anything that will happen to you in the future. I am a man and I have no intent to kill innocent people or anything like that. I prove to you that what I am saying is true because it comes from human feelings and religious feelings. I don't favor killing innocents or doing so. Regarding death, I want to die like a normal person and what was said about me in the past is false. I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to come here and speak to you. I apologize if I cannot answer any of your

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questions because if you want to address any questions to me, I do have a lawyer that can answer those questions. The main reason is not that I am hiding anything from you, but I do not know the law. Regarding the Board that is convened today that will recommend whether I still pose a danger to the United States, I promise that I do not pose any danger to the United States or anyone else, but I just want to go back and live in society like a normal person.

Detainee: Thank you.

Presiding Officer: You are welcome. There were a couple of paragraphs towards the end that were not translated. I am not sure whether you read them.

Detainee (through translator): Which one?

Presiding Officer: On page 6.

Detainee (through translator): I did mention it.

Presiding Officer: Most of the statements that are on page 6 you mentioned on your last statement.

Detainee (through translator): That's what I meant.

Presiding Officer: However the next to last paragraph started in English with "I request the United States" and next to the last paragraph includes some statements that were not in your closing statement. We need to know if you need to make these statements also.

Detainee (through translator): Whatever is written there is my statement. I probably made a mistake because of my situation that I am tied up. I don't have to read them. That's enough.

Presiding Officer: This is your hearing. We want you to have the opportunity to say what you want us to hear.

Detainee (through translator): Is my way of talking and writing the same for you?

Presiding Officer: Let me try this. Let me read the paragraph and just see if this is correct. "I request that the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia work together to return me home. As a Saudi citizen, I ask the kingdom of Saudi Arabia to honor the statement by Prince al-Faisal and to use all diplomatic efforts to return me to my family and my home".

Detainee: Yes. Thank you.

Presiding Officer: You are welcome.

Detainee: If you want, I can read it.

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Presiding Officer: There is no problem. I just want to make sure the writing is what you want on the record.

Detainee: Yes. I thank you. I understand.

Presiding Officer: I understand that this is the first time that you have come to an Administrative Review Board and I want to thank you for coming today.

Detainee: You are welcome.

Presiding Officer: You have behaved very respectfully toward the Board today, which shows that you take this process seriously and for that I am very appreciative. We also have paid close attention to you and have shown you the respect of listening carefully to what you had to say. I hope that attitude has been obvious to you as well.

Detainee: I thank you for that.

Presiding Officer: I understand about your lawyer not being present. I wanted to see if we might ask you some questions and have you decide whether or not they were questions that needed your lawyer.

Detainee (through translator): I wish you would excuse me from that.

Presiding Officer: I understand that wish.

Detainee (through translator): You have the freedom to ask, but I do not know if I will be able to answer.

Presiding Officer: I understand. In that case, do any of the Board members have questions for the detainee?

Board Member: I believe we ask questions and he may or may not decide to answer. Is that correct?

Presiding Officer: Yes. He always can do that.

Detainee (through translator): I mentioned at the beginning that if you would excuse me because I will not be able to answer these questions because this is an official Board. Excuse my ignorance that I cannot answer these questions.

Presiding Officer: We understand.

Detainee (through translator): To be honest with you, these were orders from my lawyer.

Presiding Officer: I understand completely. This Board member asked me whether he could ask questions. My understanding of your wishes is that you do not want to answer questions from us at this time.

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Detainee (through translator): Yes. That is not what I want to do. These are orders from my lawyer.

Presiding Officer: I hope that you will tell your fellows about this experience here today and encourage them to come to the Board. We believe this is better for you if you do.

Detainee: Sure.

Detainee (through translator): I have total respect for the Board from I have seen today, but the results are the most important thing. And hopefully they will be favorable results.

Presiding Officer: I understand. I want to give you a little information also. The statements that you have made concerning abuse and torture by Americans are very serious. The Board is required to take any statement such as that as part of our deliberation. It is important for you to understand that there may be other evidence that is classified that may bear on your case.

Detainee (through translator): Obviously you will take into consideration what I have mentioned.

Presiding Officer: Does that conclude your statement?

Detainee (through translator): Yes.

Presiding Officer: Has the Assisting Military Officer provided us all the information you wish us to hear?

Detainee: Yes.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

The Assisting Military Officer had no questions for the Detainee.

The Designated Military Officer had no questions for the Detainee.

The Administrative Review Board Members had the following questions for the Detainee:

Board Member: Is it clear that we now have all the information that you wish to give us and that we do not have the opportunity to hear you clarify our questions?

Detainee (through translator): Information regarding what?

Board Member: My understanding is that you do not want us to ask questions per your lawyer's request. Because of that, we are limited to what you may have been able to provide.

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Detainee (through translator): To be honest with you, I just want to summarize the most important things to you. I just want to mention to you that there are other things that happened like torture and abuse. I do not want to put the image of the United States down. To be honest with you, I have been here five years and I have never mentioned any of these things to the outside because I do not want to ruin the reputation of the United States military. That's not proper. Let's be more serious and more practical. I just want to mention to you about the torture and the things that happened to me. I just want to talk about what was said regarding me in the past and also prove to you that in the future I will not pose any threat to you or the United States.

Presiding Officer: We understand this to be your statement and we will take that into our deliberation.

The Presiding Officer read the post-Administrative Review Board instructions to the Detainee and adjourned the open session of the Administrative Review Board.

The Presiding Officer opened the classified portion of the session.

The Presiding Officer adjourned the classified portion of the session and the Administrative Review Board was closed for deliberation and voting.

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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To the Administrative Review Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to address you.

After almost five years of illegal imprisonment by the United States, this is the first ~~statement~~ ^{statement} I am making of my own will and without coercion or under the threat of torture.

I am unfamiliar with the laws of the United States and the regulations for the A.R.B. Obviously, I wish my lawyer was here to help me put on my case, but because this is not allowed, I must speak for myself.

I have been told that I have been classified as an enemy combatant and I do not know how this came to be. With all my respect to this board, a mistake was made, because all of the information extracted from me was done under torture.

Page 4 I can say without hesitation that I am not a threat to the United States, its allies, or anyone else. I have not harmed the United States, its allies, or anyone else in the past. I will not harm the United States in the future. I know

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nothing about acts of hostility against the United States and I do not belong to any organization that wants to harm the United States and ~~I want~~ to return to my mother and father in Riyadh and start my business again.

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I was kidnapped as a civilian and was eventually handed over to U.S. military authorities. The United States transferred me to Guantánamo.

I have always explained to interrogators that I am a businessman and have a company that was registered with Saudi government. I have also been engaged in the trade business and have assisted other businessmen to obtain official documents from the Saudi government.

Beginning in August 2002 through 2003, I was subjected to physical and psychological methods during interrogation that amounted to torture; cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment; and outrages upon my personal dignity.

These methods included:

- severe sleep deprivation combined with 20-hour interrogations for months at a time;
- severe isolation;
- threatend with rendition to countries that

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it is certain that I have no intention whatsoever to kill people in general or innocents in particular of any country or any religion, especially Americans.

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- torture more;
- religious and sexual humiliation;
- threats made against my family;
- strip searching, body searches, and forced nudity, including in the presence of female personnel;
- denial of the right to practice my religion, including prohibiting me from praying for prolonged times and during Ramadan;
- threatening to desecrate the Koran in front of me;
- placing me in stress positions for prolonged times;
- ~~restrained me for many months~~ ^{for} days and nights and ~~the restraints were very tight;~~
- threats by dogs;
- beatings; ^{and attacks}
- exposure to low temperatures for prolonged times;
- exposure to loud music for prolonged times;
- forcibly given frequent IV's ^{many times a day} by medical personnel during interrogation, which felt like repetitive stabs and this happened on a daily basis.

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Medical personnel were involved in carrying out these methods used in interrogations. As a result of the intense physical and psychological stress from

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these methods, I went from approximately 160 pounds to 100 pounds and was sent to the hospital twice when I was close to death during interrogation. This list does not include everything that happened to me and many other methods were used against me.

A human being needs four main things in life that were taken from me at Guantánamo. First, to honor religion and freedom to practice religion and respect it. Two, honoring his ~~personal~~ personal dignity by refraining from humiliating a human being through beating or cursing him and bad treatment in general. Three, respect for his honor, which means not dishonoring him through sexual humiliation or abuse. Four, respect for human rights, by allowing a human being to sleep and be comfortable where he is; to be in a warm shelter; to have security for his life; to have sufficient food and beverage; to have means to relieve himself and clean his body; to have humane medical treatment; and to know that his family is safe from threats or harm. ~~Again~~ Again, all of these ~~rights~~ rights were taken from me.

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It was only during this period of physical and psychological torture and inhuman treatment, that

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I was forced to make false statements and fabricate a story. * I would have said anything to stop the torture at Guantánamo.

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Once this torture stopped, I explained over and over that none of what I said was true. I am a businessman, a peaceful man. I have no connection to terrorism, violence or fighters.

In the past, I have worked and socialized with Americans and could never have imagined that anything like Guantánamo would ever happen to me. My past experience with Americans, sitting across the table with them, and so on, has been positive in the past. I viewed them as people and, even now, I still look at Americans as human beings.

To this day, I have been unable to show the United States military that a mistake has been made, that I was tortured, and that I am a peaceful businessman. This was because I have been cut off at Guantánamo from the outside world with no ability to gather witnesses, collect official documents or other evidence, to defend myself. I was denied access to any lawyer who could have assisted me in defending myself and prevented interrogators

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Interrogators provided me with this information and details and under pressure and coercion forced me to adopt the story that the interrogators wanted to hear.

The ~~extra~~ information that I provided during interrogation was information I only got from them during interrogation sessions. The information I gave them was not valuable ~~and did not~~ and did not help to protect lives or property. I was unable to give them any different or new information about anything in the past or in the future. I just repeated the information given to me during interrogations. Any information that other prisoners have given about me must have also been extracted through torture or coercion; lies by prisoners for privileges; or lying to cooperate with interrogators to get promises for release or other things.

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from obtaining false statements from me using torture and abuse. But what is past is past, and I refuse to be vindictive about this.

Even after being subjected to the torture and inhuman treatment authorized by U.S. government officials, I only want to return home to my mother and father and rebuild my life. I want to help my brothers and sisters care for my aging parents. I want to get married and have children and return to my business and community.

I request that the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia work together to return me home. As a Saudi citizen, I ask the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to honor the statement by Prince al-Faisal and to use all diplomatic efforts to return me to my family and my home. * Note 3 attached

There is so much to say but my lawyer has advised me only to read out this statement. I apologize that I cannot answer any questions.

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Note 3

Even if you have any concerns about transferring me, ~~knowing that~~ my country can offer sufficient guarantees to American authorities to keep me in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and my country has enough authority to assure the United States that I will not present a danger.

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Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 067

The Administrative Review Board was called to order.

The Detainee entered the proceedings.

The Presiding Officer announced the convening authority and purpose of the Administrative Review Board proceedings.

The Designated Military Officer (DMO) was sworn.

The Board Reporter, Translator, Assisting Military Officer (AMO) and Board Members were sworn.

The Presiding Officer asked the Detainee if he wishes to make a statement under oath. (Muslim oath offered).

The Detainee accepted taking the Muslim oath.

The Presiding Officer read the hearing instructions to the Detainee.

Detainee (through translator): I tried to bring the letters, but they did not give them to me. They took all the letters that I had with me. I wanted to present these letters to the Board. I tried through the Assisting Military Officer and through the cell, but I was not able to get the letters.

Presiding Officer: I can tell you why you are not able to see those letters right now. Those letters were part of the containers for the detainees in Alpha block. They were taken by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service as part of their investigation. Their investigation was into the suicide of three detainees on the nights of June 9th and 10th 2006. Since we do not have those letters, I will enter into the record your statement of what was in those letters as if they had been presented to us here at this Board.

Detainee (through translator): I wanted to get those letters. They are from my family stating that I had nothing to do with the allegations against me and also to prove my age that I was very young and not capable of doing all that is against me.

Presiding Officer: I understand what you wanted the letters to show. Would you like to tell me who sent you the letters or how many they were so that the Board will have as much information as we can about the letters.

Detainee (through translator): I received about six letters here in Cuba. I received the last one a year ago. The letters stated that my family has sent me more letters, but they have not given me all the letters that my family has sent.

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