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Summarized Detainee Statement

Tribunal President: Mustafa, you may now present any evidence you have to the Tribunal or make a statement. You have the assistance of your Personal Representative in doing so. Do you want to present information to this Tribunal?

Detainee: First thing I would like to ask is, do you have time?

Tribunal President: Yes, we have time.

Detainee: Because it might take a while.

Tribunal President: No problem. Would you like to make your statement under oath?

Detainee: Not a problem.

The detainee was sworn using the Muslim oath. The detainee testified to the Tribunal in substance as follows:

Tribunal President: Mustafa, you may begin.

Detainee: First thing I want to talk about is my detention or imprisonment here. Do you want any comments related to my detention here?

Tribunal President: Are you being treated well?

Detainee: Not just my detention here, but from the moment I was captured up until this moment right now?

Tribunal President: Whatever you would like to present to us would be fine.

Detainee: Then I will start from the beginning. I don't remember the exact date, but a few days before I was captured or arrested, the American and the Bosnian Embassies closed their doors. They stated they closed their doors because of threats they received in Sarajevo. A few days after that, some individuals came to my house and knocked on my door. I opened the door and it was the police. The police were civilian police. I can recall two of them were wearing police uniforms and three were global police, international police from the United Nations. One was from Argentina, the second one was from Ghana, and the third one was from Jordan. They came to me and said they wanted to search my house. I asked them if they had a letter from the courts stating they could search my house. This is in Sarajevo, not Afghanistan. I just want you to know I am from Bosnia, not Afghanistan. So they gave me the paper. I read it and saw they had the right to search my house. A woman was with them also. They entered my house and I told them my wife and children were sleeping. It was late at night. So they said they would have the woman search the room where my wife was sleeping. The woman went

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into the room and the men started searching my apartment. They searched in a polite manner and they did not leave anything untouched. They would look at my things and, if they found nothing, they would put it back like it was. They looked through my videotapes and books.

Detainee (continued): After they were all done, I asked them what they were looking for. They told me that they were just searching, but I felt they were searching for weapons. They searched everything. I had a computer and a laptop I was in the process of fixing that belonged to a company. I had a few drives, CD-ROMs, and floppy disks. They took some papers and the computers with them. I said to them that I would not be responsible for the computer if it had anything on it. I was responsible for it up until that point. I told them to ask their supervisors if they could bring an extra hard drive to copy everything from the computer; they could take the hard drive with them. So they said they were going to take it with them, but they promised they were not going to add or take anything else to or from the original hard drive. I told them if they put anything new on the hard drive, I would be able to see what it was and when it was added the next time I would log on to the computer. So the authorities took the computers and some CDs with them. They also had a video camera and they filmed the entire search. So they left.

Detainee (continued): One of them came back and told me to come with him to the police station for questioning. So I grabbed my car keys to go with the policeman. The policeman then said I did not have to drive, but I should ride with him and they would bring me back home. I went to the police station. My fingerprints were taken. This was the first time anything like this ever happened to me. I did not know how it worked. I asked the police why they were doing this and they told me for anyone who is suspected of committing a crime, fingerprints must be taken. We have to make sure you did not commit a previous crime. The police officer told me that this did not mean I was a criminal.

Detainee (continued): After taking my fingerprints, I was taken from the police station to the Ministry of Interior. I was going to be asked questions. It was about three a.m. I told them to ask me questions, but I was told that a lawyer had to be present. So we had to wait for the lawyer to get there. So in the morning a lawyer arrived. I asked him who he was. He told me he was a lawyer and my wife called him. Then I was asked questions. They were normal questions, like where I worked, my age, where I lived, and so forth. They asked me if I knew certain individuals. There were six from Bosnia and I was asked about five of these individuals. I was the sixth person. Two of the individuals I did not know and I had never seen them before. I told them I knew the other three. I stayed in the police station for the next twenty-four hours. I was then told I had to be taken to the higher court. In Bosnia, there is a regular court then there is the higher court. I was taken to an interrogator. I was again asked some questions. The same questions as before. The interrogator asked me an additional question. She asked me if I knew where the American Embassy was located. I told the interrogator that was a stupid question.

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Detainee (continued): I don't think one person in Sarajevo does not know where the American Embassy is located. Anyone who lives or resides in Sarajevo knows the American Embassy is located in the center of the city. Everyone knows that. I told the interrogator even my youngest son would know where the American Embassy was located. The interrogator asked me if I knew a person named Abu Zubayda. I asked her where this person lived in Sarajevo. I thought maybe this was someone I knew under a different name. The interrogator said that this person was the second or third highest person in Al Qaida and no one knew where Zubayda lived. I thought Zubayda was a person who lived in Sarajevo. I did not know this person was involved with Al Qaida.

Detainee (continued): The questions were finished, but the interrogator told me I was going to have to remain in custody for anywhere from another twenty-four hours to one month. The lawyer asked why I was going to be held in custody and what evidence or proof of wrongdoing they had against me. The interrogator told my lawyer and I - and this is something you should emphasize or write in very large letters. She, the interrogator, stated this matter was much bigger than her and she could not be involved with it. I knew at that point this matter was some type of game. I knew this interrogator came to talk to me so I could be placed in prison. The interrogator could not do anything to tie or untie me.

Detainee (continued): I went to prison for the first time in my life. I would see prisons on TV but I had never been in a real one before. You can only imagine how a person feels when they go to prison for the first time. I was placed into a cell with persons who were in prison for drug offenses, theft, and embezzlement of millions of dollars. I entered the prison about four a.m. One of the prisoners pointed out an empty bed, so I slept on that bed. I woke up later that morning and read the newspaper. I saw a headline that was very strange. The headline said several members of the Islamic Armed Group were arrested along with members of Al Qaida. I realized they were talking about me and the five other people I had been asked about earlier. The article stated we were planning to think to bomb the American Embassy. There was a television there in the prison also. I would flip the channels and all the Bosnian channels were talking about it. After a few days, I was waiting for this month to end.

Detainee (continued): Sorry, I forgot something. When I was with the interrogator and she asked me about the location of the American Embassy, I knew it was related to why I was there. I was aware the embassy had been closed. I told the interrogator I wanted representatives from the American Embassy, the U.S. Army, and representatives from the British Embassy to come interrogate me. I wanted these people to ask me if I had ever threatened anyone via telephone or face to face; or if I was ever seen going into the American Embassy; or if there was any proof or evidence at my house that I was involved with this matter. The interrogator did not call or bring anyone else in. She stated the matter was bigger or higher than she was.

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Detainee (continued): So I stayed in the jail for about a month. The longer I stayed, the more I thought this matter has some kind of twist to it. There were lawyers who were talking at press conferences saying this whole matter was untrue. Why? Because I was told I would remain in prison from twenty-four hours to a month. Long enough for them to look into the computers they took from my house or to trace any phone call that I made. But I will tell you something regarding the computers. If the hard drive had forty gigabytes - that was full, which is impossible, it would only take a week for a group of people to analyze the computer. They can obtain a list of all my phone calls from the post office. If I needed the listing for a person, I would go to the post office, give them the request, and I would get the listing within a day or two. The Bosnians said it was difficult for them to obtain all this information and it would take over a month. Every time something like this would happen, I suspected this was a game and this was not real. When the month was over, I was told I would have to stay an additional two months in jail, making it three months total. I was told the investigation was still ongoing and the search of the phone records and computer search had not been completed. During this period of time, my Bosnian citizenship was revoked. The reason cited was I was planning on attacking the American Embassy.

Detainee (continued): After that, the decisions came from the courts regarding the investigation of this matter. There was nothing found on my computer related to terrorism. I remember it was written down that they found pictures of waterfalls, trees, sunsets and sunrises on the computer, some software programs, and games I had downloaded for my son. As far as my cell phone and home phone, they wrote the same note; nothing was found relating to terrorism. If I remember correctly, they looked through my phone calls from the previous six months. The investigation was completed and they had to either release me from prison or extend my stay.

Detainee (continued): My wife and family had been in contact with the Algerian Embassy from the first day I was imprisoned. The Algerian Ambassador would speak with the Bosnian authorities. I was alleged to be a part of the Armed Islamic Group, but the Ambassador stated that I did not have any relationship with this armed group because I was registered with the Algerian Embassy from 1993 until the year 2001, when I was brought to Cuba. There was one day left for the police to hand me over to the Americans. I did not know I was going to be handed over, but I felt it. There was talk about it in the news and the newspapers. There were secret meetings between the communists in Bosnia and the American military. The Bosnian government at that time was communist. The President was communist. I knew these meetings were about me, I felt it. On the last day before I was handed over, my wife spoke with the Ambassador once more. My wife inquired if I was going to be turned over to the Americans. The Ambassador told my wife if that happened, the Algerian government would sue the Bosnian Government in the International Court because it was verified Mustafa did not have any problems. It was the Bosnian Government's right to interrogate me, and if there is proof of wrongdoing, then imprison me. Also, if the Bosnian government no longer wanted me in their country, I would be welcome to return to Algeria. But for the Bosnian government to turn me over to another country for no real reason, this would not be accepted.

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Detainee (continued): Thursday, January 17th, during the night, I had to be released because the time had run out. The law from the court said anyone that was found innocent had to be released from prison before four p.m., because the courts are open until three p.m. So then they take you back to the prison, you get the paper saying you are innocent, and then you leave. The Bosnian news on television said I was found innocent and I was being released. At that moment, the police officers came to me, gave me the paper saying I was innocent, and released me to leave the prison to return to my house. I changed the TV channel, and I saw there was a large number of people outside the prison. The crowd had found out I was being turned over to the U.S. military. There was a lawyer for one of the other individuals -- maybe it was Muhammed's lawyer. The lawyer stated he had an official announcement. The lawyer stated we [the Algerian Six] would be turned over to the Americans. We were going to be moved from Sarajevo to most likely Germany; then from Germany to Cuba. So we all left that prison and we were turned over to the Americans. There seemed to be a big problem outside the prison. The people wanted to grab us from the police. The police were hitting people and the people were hitting the police. I heard the police talking on the radio and estimated there were 5,000 people outside the prison. From what I saw, there were women, old and young people, men, and children. All kinds of people. There was a fight between these people and the police because they were trying to grab us from the police because they heard we were innocent and the Bosnians were still turning us over. The fighting went on from midnight to about six a.m. The people were flipping police cars over and the roads had been closed.

Detainee (continued): That part was over. Now I would like to talk about the three days when we were being moved. During those three days we were being transferred here, animals would never have been treated the way we were. In Bosnia, the temperature was -20 degrees and there was ice and snow. It was very cold. They took off all my clothes and they gave me very thin clothes -- like that tablecloth [detainee points to the white sheet covering the Tribunal table]. They placed me in a room that was very cold. As they moved me from country to country, my ears, mouth and eyes were covered. I could not even talk or breath. A mask with a metal piece was place over my mouth and nose. Why am I saying this? When I sat with the Personal Representative, I was given a letter from the American Ambassador in Bosnia that lied and said I was moved in a humane manner. When I got to Cuba, the first four or five months I could not feel my left leg. From my thigh to my back, I could not feel anything at all. It was like when you administer anesthesia to someone. Anyway, we were moved here and what happened had happened.

Detainee (continued): I am not going to get into the problems with the bad treatment from the guards in Cuba. For example, a twenty-year-old guard came into my room and was swearing towards my mother and father for no reason whatsoever. I was not even talking to this guard. I was just sitting there. I am not going to talk about these things. Outside everyone knows this is going on from the news.

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Detainee (continued): I was taken to the interrogations. I am now going to speak about the interrogations. I remember everything about the interrogations. I do not know the interrogator's names, but I remember every single detail. I remember how the interrogator was sitting, who was sitting next to him; I have a very good memory. I am going to tell you everything the interrogator told me. At Camp X-ray, I told the interrogators I did not want to talk to them and I was not going to tell them anything. The interrogator asked why I did not want to speak. I answered because I did not know why I was brought to Cuba. The interrogator asked if I knew what the accusations were against me from Bosnia. I told the interrogator I knew what the accusations were. He asked me what they were. I told the interrogator that the accusation was that I was a member of Al Qaida. The interrogator wrote it down and then drew an "X" over it. The interrogator told me to forget about this matter. Then I told the interrogator another accusation was I was a member of the Algerian Armed Group. The interrogator did the same as before with the "X" on what he had written down. The third accusation I stated was that I intended to think to attack the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo. The interrogator told me to forget about this. The interrogator said something else but I cannot remember it right now. I told the interrogator that was what I knew.

Detainee (continued): The interrogator told me I was there to give up information about Bosnia, and information about the Arabs living in Bosnia, and the rescue organizations that are present in Bosnia. I said to the interrogator that he would not hear one word from me starting on that day. I also said to the interrogator, the story on the outside was I was captured because of terrorism, and now here you are telling me you want me to give up information about rescue organizations and Arabs and how the Arabs are living? I said if there are accusations against me, I will talk with you about those accusations. But in spite of that, I did speak with the interrogators about these things.

Detainee (continued): Another interrogator told me the Bosnia and Herzegovina Government wanted to get involved with the war on terrorism. This communist government received very large monetary assistance from America. They took this money and gave six people to the Americans. They took the money and then they tricked us by handing over people who did not have or know anything. I asked the interrogator if he knew this, then why was I being held in prison in Cuba? The interrogator told me this matter was out of his hands and it was above him. Many of the interrogators told me many different things. If I had a piece of paper earlier I would have written it all down. I don't remember everything right at this moment. Another interrogator told me I was bought with very large sums of money and I did not have any information, but I could not be released. I asked the interrogator why, and if there were any accusations or evidence against me. The interrogator said to me that they would find something, meaning I could not be released from Cuba without them finding some accusation against me. I could not have been held in Cuba in prison for three years, then all of a sudden be found innocent and released. The interrogator stated there was a big problem and they could not release me and say I was innocent because the Bosnian Embassy was told there was classified

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evidence against me. So if I were released, the Bosnian government would ask for the classified evidence.

Detainee (continued): If I was released after three years, although the American government said I was a criminal, it is impossible a court would give a sentence of three years to a person who wanted to bomb an embassy. It is impossible. The least amount would have been fifteen to twenty years because it is an act of terrorism. So the interrogator said now there was a problem. We could not let you go home, but we cannot keep you here. Right now I was a problem to them and they did not know what to do with me. These are the words of the interrogator, not the words of Mustafa. The interrogators informed me the Bosnian government had reinstated my Bosnian citizenship because they knew I was wronged and my citizenship was taken from me illegally.

Detainee (continued): The Bosnian government had changed and a new government was in place. The Americans did not want to return me to Bosnia. Why? Because the Americans claimed to have evidence against me. I can't be returned and found innocent. I could not be returned to Algeria because Algeria had created a problem with the Bosnian Government. The Algerian Government questioned the Bosnian Government as to why I was arrested without any reason. So now I am sitting here in Cuba and I do not know why. I do not know what is happening outside; I do not know. But what I do know is that this is a game. These were the words of the interrogators. Even in movies, these things do not happen. The accusations are the same thing. They are very strange. I can give you more accusations in addition to the ones in front of you, if you would like to write them down. The interrogators gave me more accusations than what you have given me.

Detainee (continued): One of the accusations implied I knew where Bin Laden was hiding while I am here in prison. Another accusation implied I knew where Bin Laden kept his nuclear weapons. Another accusation implied I was Usama Bin Laden's right hand man. Many accusations like this, many things. Another accusation was Bin Laden contacted me to be a personal bodyguard. You can just add these accusations on the ones you already have in front of you. So that way, things will be clear. The interrogators told me with their own tongues that they did not have anything on me and I had done nothing wrong. So this is all I will say about the interrogations, I am done with that. I will now talk about this Tribunal.

Detainee (continued): Regarding my treatment here in prison, I am a person that lived a very good life. I never had any problems with people whatsoever. Within my family itself, I had no problems. I never had any problems with my neighbors. The team I trained with consisted of Muslims, Catholics and Orthodox; many different people. My neighbors were the same way. I made very good wages from my jobs. I never had any problems with money, people, anything. My life has changed completely. It has turned 360 degrees to this, where I am now. There are times when a soldier, who maybe never even went to school and barely knew how to hold a weapon, comes to you and swears at you; he says things to you that you have never ever heard of in your life. As an example,

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a soldier broke my finger. [Detainee holds up his left hand. The left pinky finger is distanced about 1½ inches from the four remaining fingers. The detainee is unable to bring the left pinky finger in alignment with his other fingers.] Can you see? I cannot bring this finger close to my other fingers. I cannot close this gap. On the middle finger [detainee points to the center knuckle on the middle finger of his right hand], my knuckle has been broken. You probably cannot see that. But my finger [detainee holds up his left hand, the left pinky finger] you can see that clearly.

Tribunal President: Let me ask you a question? Are you saying a soldier in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, broke your fingers?

Detainee: Yes. Soldiers took me and placed me on the ground in the rocks outside. My hands and my feet were bound. The soldiers put my face on the ground. You can see maybe my eye - a small little hole near my eyes [detainee points to the outside corner on his right eye]. One soldier put my head on the ground, and then another soldier came and put his knee on my face. The soldier hit me on the other side of my face that was not touching the ground [detainee points to the left side of his face]. If my head was turned a little bit more [detainee turns his head to the right attempting to show the Tribunal the position of his head at the time of the alleged incident] the rocks would have gone into my eye. Next to my eye [detainee points to his right] there is a little hole. There are a lot of things regarding the soldiers, but I won't talk about all of them.

Detainee (continued): Regarding this Tribunal, I am speaking to you, but inside I don't really believe this Tribunal. Not you as individuals. Like the interrogator said, after holding a person in prison for three years, this Tribunal cannot just say I am innocent and let me go home. That is what I feel inside. So like the interrogator said to me, you have to find anything to charge me with, being or not being an enemy combatant. But no problem, I am still going to talk to you. If you want me to talk with you regarding the accusations, I will talk about them. Or if you have questions, you can ask me. To tell you the truth, I forgot many things I wanted to talk about because I did not write them down.

Tribunal President: You were given the opportunity to appear before the Tribunal when it was held earlier?

Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal President: But you chose not to participate in the Tribunal? Is that correct?

Detainee: You said I decided not to attend? Yes.

Tribunal President: This time you have decided to talk because you had an opportunity to take a look at this document [Exhibit R-38]?

Detainee: Yes.

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Tribunal President: You can present any information that you would like to and the Tribunal will take the opportunity to ask any questions. If you are ready to conclude your statement, then we can go on.

Detainee: Regarding the accusations, do I just talk about the accusations? Or will you read them one by one to me and I talk about them?

Tribunal President: Are you talking about the accusations read to you earlier?

Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal President: You can answer them if you'd like. Do you remember what they were?

Detainee: May I ask the Translator a question?

Tribunal President: The Tribunal would have to know what you asked her.

Detainee: No problem.

Tribunal President: Okay.

Detainee: I have kidney stones and I have to go to the bathroom every few moments. Before I came in I asked the soldier and the soldier said no, he would not take me to the bathroom. I was in the room over there.

Tribunal President: We can take a recess to allow you to go to the restroom.

Detainee: Please forgive me. I want to talk about the accusations, but I just have go to the restroom. Thank you.

Tribunal President: I understand.

Recorder: All Rise.

The Tribunal took a brief recess.

Tribunal President: Just before the recess we were about to review the allegations. Translator, do you have the translated version [of the Unclassified Summary of Evidence]?

Translator: Yes, I do.

Tribunal President: Is it you plan to go through each allegation?

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Detainee: Yes.

Translator: The detainee asked me to read the allegations in English because he knows them and he understands them.

Tribunal President: I need to make sure you understand what is being read to you, so I would like for the allegations to be translated to you.

Detainee: Okay.

Tribunal President: Recorder, read each one aloud and then allow the detainee to respond to each allegation.

Recorder: [Item 3.a.1.] The detainee is Algerian, but acquired Bosnian citizenship by serving in the Bosnian military in 1995.

Detainee: This is the first accusation?

Recorder: Yes.

Detainee: As I said to my Personal Representative earlier, I have some papers that were with me when I was transferred over here. They could not find those papers. The papers proved I was not living in Bosnia in 1995. I acquired the citizenship while living in Croatia in February 1995. I entered Bosnia, if I remember correctly, in July or August, about two or three months before the war ended. I am going to give you proof I was living in Croatia. In the year 1995, Croatia divided into two parts; Jupanija and Dalmatia. I was the [martial arts] champ in Dalmatia in 1995. I was present there, and I took part in the championship competition. It was impossible for me to be living in Bosnia and participating in a championship in Croatia. That is the first thing. The certificate that says I won the championship is probably still in my house. It even has the date on it. This means I was living in Croatia, not Bosnia. Another paper that proves I was living in Croatia was a paper requesting I vote while I was living in Croatia and Algeria. The elections in Algeria were in 1995. The Algerian Embassy came to Zagreb, which is the capital of Croatia. The Algerians living in Croatia vote. That is the proof I was living there because I voted. The paper I used to vote, the date is written on it. The third thing, the rescue organization I was working with in Split. I would like to verify when the last time I received a paycheck from them and the date I stopped working for them. The fourth thing, the team I used to train with, when I stopped training with them. The fifth, my Algerian passport, the old one - it has the date of when I entered Bosnia. You can also make sure of this. There is a sixth thing. Where I acquired my Bosnian passport. I got it from the Bosnian Embassy in Zagreb. This is proof I was living in Croatia. You can also verify this through the police in Split where I used to live. A paper from the police verifying your residence has the dates and address of where I used to live. You can verify from the landlord when I stopped paying him and when I moved from that

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address. Many things prove I lived in Croatia when I obtained my Bosnian citizenship. I got the citizenship in February 1995 or the end of 1994. In the end of 1994, I went to Bosnia to sign some paperwork that had to be signed. I am not sure if it was the end of 1994 or January 1995, but it was around that time. The proof of that was I had an UNHCR [United Nations High Commission on Refugees] identification card. It was something regarding refugees. I had this identification because I was working with a rescue organization.

Tribunal Member: Was it the United Nations Human Council on Refugees?

Detainee: Yes, they are the blue....

Tribunal Member: Yes.

Detainee: I had that identification card. I traveled from Split to Bosnia in a plane with the United Nations. I traveled for a day or two. Or maybe a few days, long enough for me to sign the paperwork and return. I returned on the same plane to Split. You can verify this with the United Nations. Maybe they will have a list of the names of all the people who were on that plane on the way there and back. You can also verify the number of days between me going there and coming back was a few days. You can check with other companies or employees that worked in the building that I worked in. They can verify I was there. These things all proved I acquired my citizenship while I was living in Croatia. I did not even go to Bosnia at all. In the building where I worked, there was an office for the Bosnian Government. That is where I turned in my paperwork. Anyone who wanted Bosnian citizenship had to go and turn in paperwork with some money. It was very normal. It was about \$900.00 dollars. This was not strange, it was very normal. The American ambassador has Bosnian citizenship. Ask the Ambassador why he got the Bosnian citizenship. Why do you ask me why I got the citizenship and you don't ask the Ambassador? An American basketball player who plays in Bosnia has Bosnian citizenship. My wife is Bosnian and my kids are Bosnian. I was a champ in Bosnia for several years and I trained a Bosnian team. Representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina were with me on the team. You ask me how I got the citizenship? It was a normal thing. I had more of a right to get it than the American ambassador. So this all proves how I acquired the citizenship and I was not in Bosnia in the first place.

Tribunal President: Can we move on to the second point?

Recorder: The Detainee is associated with the Armed Islamic Group (GIA).

Detainee: I don't want to ask you about the evidence because you said the evidence was classified. If you have any evidence, you can tell me. It is no problem. I am going to tell you and if you have any evidence, you can tell that to me.

Tribunal President: Are you responding to that with either a yes or no?

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Detainee: Of course, no. What proves that if I was with the Algerian Armed Group, I would not have been able to go to the Algerian Embassy? They would not have seen or accepted me there. The second thing is, when my Algerian passport had expired, I had to go to the embassy and renew it.

Tribunal President: Let's clarify. [Item 3.a.2.] The allegation reads the Detainee is associated with the Armed Islamic Group, not the Algerian Group.

Detainee: Maybe you are not aware of something, but I am just going clarify this. What they mean by the Islamic Army is that it is in Algeria. In Algeria it is called the GIA, as well. It stands for the Armed Algerian Group. Where is another armed group besides Algeria? I am sure they mean the Algerian Army because it is called the GIA. In French it is called the GIA, too. Some say the "A" stands for army. Some says the "A" stands for Algeria. If it is not that, then I don't know what it is, but I will respond to that accusation as the armed group. If this is how you are saying or what you meant by it, then I do not know it and I am not a part of it. I know nothing of it. But if this is the Armed Algerian Group as I think it is, then I say to you that this is impossible, as I was registered with the Algerian Embassy. I had to hand in registration papers, which they take and send to the Interior Ministry in Algeria. The Interior Ministry sends those papers to the area where I lived in Algeria to verify all the information. So if I had any relationship with an armed group or drugs or weapons or anything, the response to the Algerian Embassy would be not to register me. My new Algerian passport is from the embassy from 1993 until 2001, when I was brought here to the prison. My children are registered in the embassy and my wife is registered in the embassy. Every so often, there is a meeting with the ambassador, meaning if I had any relation with an armed group, I would not be able to meet with the Algerian ambassador. I would have been sent back to Algeria. Also, evidence I do not have a relationship with this armed group is when I was captured in Bosnia, the Algerian Government and Algerian Embassy stepped in. Here in prison, all the Arab representatives came here from all countries, not just Arabic countries. The Algerians are the only ones that did not come. Why? Because I was captured from Bosnia and brought to Cuba for no reason. I can tell you that I am not a member of this group. You can contact Algeria and ask them. The interrogator told me that information was gathered from Algeria that I am not a member of the armed group. That is what I have regarding this. If you have any evidence you can say, I will answer.

Tribunal President" Let's respond to the next one, 3-a-3.

Recorder: [Item 3.a.3.] GIA is a recognized extremist organization with ties to Al Qaida.

Detainee: How can I respond to this? It is not a question and it is not an accusation.

Tribunal President: You are right. Let's move on to the next one.

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Recorder: [Item 3.a.4.] While living in Bosnia, the Detainee associated with a known Al Qaida operative.

Detainee: Give me his name.

Tribunal President: I do not know.

Detainee: How can I respond to this?

Tribunal President: Did you know of anybody that was a member of Al Qaida?

Detainee: No, no.

Tribunal President: I'm sorry, what was your response?

Detainee: No.

Tribunal President: No?

Detainee: No. This is something the interrogators told me a long while ago. I asked the interrogators to tell me who this person was. Then I could tell you if I might have known this person, but not if the person is a terrorist. Maybe I knew this person as a friend. Maybe it was a person that worked with me. Maybe it was a person that was on my team. But I do not know if this person is Bosnian, Indian or whatever. If you tell me the name, then I can respond and defend myself against this accusation.

Tribunal President: We are asking you the questions and we need you to respond to what is on the unclassified summary. If you say you did not know or you did know anyone that was apart of Al Qaida, that is the information we need to know.

Detainee: I have only heard of Al Qaida after the attacks in the United States. Before that, I had never heard of Al Qaida. Even after I heard of Al Qaida, I felt that Al Qaida was the Taliban and the Taliban was Al Qaida. Then after watching the news, I knew Al Qaida was associated with Bin Laden and the Taliban was associated with the Afghans.

Recorder: [Item 3.a.5.] At the time of his capture, the detainee had planned to travel to Afghanistan once his Al Qaida contact arrived there and had made the necessary arrangements.

Detainee: I can respond to this accusation with a question. May I?

Tribunal President: Please do.

Detainee: Did they find any stamps or visas on my passport to any countries close to Afghanistan? Did they catch me with a suitcase on the plane? Was I seen going into an

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embassy for one of the countries close to Afghanistan? Was I seen sitting and talking with anyone known to be apart of Al Qaida? How can they know that I planned? I do not know how they can know this. Do you have anything that is clear or proves clearly that I planned these things? How do you say I planned these things? The answer that I am able to give you is just to tell you that I did not plan these things. But I do not have any papers or anything to prove that. I already told you earlier how I was captured from my house. I was not running or trying to escape. I was inside my house. The police came in and arrested me.

Recorder: [Item 3.b.1.] The detainee was arrested by Bosnian authorities on 18 October 2001.

Detainee: Yes, but this phrase "arrested by," I just want to make that very clear I was not arrested. I was in my house and they told me to come with them so they could asked me some questions. When you say arrested, it means I was fleeing, they came in, and I was fighting.

Recorder: [Item 3.b.2.] The detainee was arrested because of his involvement with a plan to attack the U.S. Embassy located in Sarajevo.

Detainee: The same answer as before. The only thing I can tell you is I did not plan or even think of that. Did you find any explosives with me? Any weapons? Did you find me in front of the embassy? Did you find me in contact with the Americans? Did I threaten anyone? I am prepared now to tell you, if you have anything or any evidence, even if it is just very little, that proves I went to the embassy and looked like that [Detainee made a gesture with his head and neck as if he were looking into a building or a window] at the embassy, then I am ready to be punished. I can just tell you that I did not plan anything. Point by point, when we get to the point that I am associated with Al Qaida, but we already did that one.

Recorder: It was statement that preceded the first point.

Detainee: If it is the same point, but I do not want to repeat myself. These accusations, my answer to all of them is I did not do these things. But I do not have anything to prove this. The only thing is the citizenship. I can tell you where I was and I had the papers to prove so. But to tell me I planned to bomb, I can only tell you that I did not plan.

Tribunal President: Mustafa, does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: This is it, but I was hoping you had evidence that you can give me. If I was in your place - and I apologize in advance for these words - but if a supervisor came to me and showed me accusations like these, I would take these accusations and I would hit him in the face with them. Sorry about that. [Everyone in the Tribunal room laughs.]

Tribunal President: We had to laugh, but it is okay.

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Detainee: Why? Because these are accusations that I can't even answer. I am not able to answer them. You tell me I am from Al Qaida, but I am not an Al Qaida. I don't have any proof to give you except to ask you to catch Bin Laden and ask him if I am a part of Al Qaida. To tell me that I thought, I'll just tell you that I did not. I don't have proof regarding this. What should be done is you should give me evidence regarding these accusations because I am not able to give you any evidence. I can just tell you no, and that is it.

Tribunal President: Mustafa, we allowed you the opportunity to tell the Tribunal your side of the story so we can consider your story, plus the unclassified evidence from your family. We will consider all of the information you have given us, and this document [Exhibit R-38] in our decision.

Detainee: The evidence of proving I was living in Croatia, I do not know how I can get that to you. My wife can send papers or I can talk to the Ambassador about this. Maybe he can send papers that I was living in Croatia.

Tribunal President: You have the opportunity to get that information. I do not know how or what the procedure is, but you really should take the opportunity to get that information.

Detainee: How when I am in GTMO?

Tribunal President: For the purpose of this Tribunal, we have to look at the information that is presented to us at this time. In the beginning [i.e., when the detainee met with his Personal Representative], when you said you did not want to participate and you did not want to have any witnesses or get any documents – the Tribunal cannot consider those things now. You will have the opportunity at another time and I will explain the Administrative Review Board process to you and you can use those documents then. Mustafa, we will consider everything you have told us today, and also about the documents that you have. The Tribunal will consider that information to make a decision.

Detainee: Also, excuse me, but my Personal Representative told me there were some papers that could not be found. I am a little surprised that these papers could not be found, because when I came here, I had a bag that hung around my body and my passports, both Algerian and Bosnian; my embassy registration papers that proved I was registered there; my voting paper was in there; the paper from the courts that said I was innocent and allowed me to get out of the Bosnian prison; and the court's report about what was found on my computer and telephones; and my clothes. My Personal Representative told me that these items could not be found.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, did someone take the time to look for those documents?

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Personal Representative: Yes, Ma'am. I personally went over to detainee property and asked for those documents. I was told the only items that were there were the detainee's Bosnian and Algerian passports and a sheet of paper with pictures on it. None of the other documents were available.

Detainee: This is strange because everything was in the same bag. So everything should be lost. It impossible that they only had a few of the things that were in the bag. Maybe those certain papers were hidden.

Tribunal President: Did you ask your Personal Representative to get those documents for you?

Detainee: Yes, I did ask him.

Tribunal President: Including the Bosnian and Algerian passports?

Detainee: All of it. It was in a bag that I placed right here [detainee points to his torso]. The bag had both my passports and even my driver's license in it.

Tribunal President: My question is, did you ask the Personal Representative to get those documents for you to present to the Tribunal?

Detainee: I remember I told him about my papers that proved I was living in Croatia and that I had voted. The Personal Representative went there to look for them, but he could not find them.

Tribunal President: I understand, but unless you asked the Personal Representative to get those documents for you to present to the Tribunal, then he would not have done that without your permission.

Detainee: Of course I asked him. I am sure I asked him.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, did Mustafa ask you to get those documents and present them to the Tribunal?

Personal Representative: Yes, Ma'am. In our earlier meeting, the detainee did ask me to get those documents. I told the detainee part of the documents he wanted were not here, and I had no idea where they were. In a follow-on meeting when the detainee decided not to participate, the detainee gave me a statement he wanted me to give to the Tribunal. The Bosnian passport and the Algerian passport are here and I can retrieve those items in less than five minutes.

Detainee: It's no problem.

Tribunal President: Do you want us to get those documents to be presented?

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Detainee: I don't think those items have anything to offer. The Algerian passport is a new one and has nothing in it. The Bosnian passport has nothing to do with this matter, but if you want it brought in, then the Representative can bring it.

Tribunal President: I only want the information presented if it is going to help us in our determination, or if it is going to answer any of the questions in the evidence.

Detainee: No, they will not answer any of those questions. The Algerian passport has nothing in it and the Bosnian passport is new.

Tribunal President: Does that conclude your statement?

Detainee: I do not have anything else about this. All I have else to say is if there is anything else about me that you may want to know. How I went to Croatia? How I started working? Anything like that. That I can talk to you about if you want me to.

Tribunal President: The Tribunal will probably ask you some questions. But before that, Personal Representative, do you have any 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 of the Tribunal Members have any questions for the Detainee?

Tribunal Member: Yes, Ma'am. One of the allegations cites you served in the Bosnian military. Have you ever been in any military?

Detainee: I never in my life wore any uniform like that you have on [detainee points to the military uniforms worn by the Tribunal Members]. To answer the question, I left Algeria and I had not even registered for the Algerian Army. Sometimes when I was living in Croatia, if I wanted to go on a holiday or vacation for one month to Algeria, I could not go. I knew if I went there I would be forced to serve in the Algerian Army. In 1998, I had a paper from the Algerian Government that was issued to men who reached a certain age excusing me from serving in the Algerian Army. So the Algerian Embassy sent me a paper.

Detainee: I presented to the embassy information or papers that said I was married and had children. In exchange, I was given a certificate excusing me from military service. Even this certificate was in that bag with me.

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Tribunal Member: Does your Bosnian passport have stamps to prove your whereabouts in 1995, or is it newer than that?

Detainee: The Bosnian passport is renewed every two years. So even if there were stamps inside, it would have been changed by now. You can verify from the Bosnian Government where my first passport was issued. It was issued from the Bosnian Embassy in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia.

Tribunal Member: Who were you working for at the time you were taken into custody?

Detainee: Taibah, an organization. Would you like me to explain what Taibah is?

Tribunal Member: Can I get the full name of the company first?

Detainee: It is Taibah International.

Tribunal Member: Can you explain what you did for Taibah?

Detainee: This organization is a Saudi Arabian charitable organization. It is also registered as American, so it is Saudi-American. It is registered in Washington and registered in Saudi Arabia. It works in teaching. They teach mainly the English language and computers. But all of its work is on the teaching side. In some instances, during Eid, which in a Muslim holiday, sometimes they would slay sheep and cattle and distribute them to the poor, but very, very rarely. But the organization's main function was computers and teaching the English language. My job was to fix the computer software or hardware. Sometimes there would be a course and the professor would teach computer skills. My job would be to examine all the computers before the students come in to make sure they were working properly before being used. Occasionally, if there was something wrong with the computer or the hardware, I would fix it. That is what my job was.

Tribunal Member: How long had you been working for Taibah?

Detainee: I am not sure of the date I started. I am afraid to make a mistake in the date, but I will tell you what I think it was. I started working for Taibah after I stopped working for the organization of Qatar. It was the end of 1996 or the beginning of 1997, I think, until the day I came here. But the actual date itself, I am not sure. It was about four years.

Tribunal Member: What was the organization you worked for prior to Taibah?

Detainee: In 1993, I was working in rescue, the International Islamic Rescue Organization from Saudi Arabia. I worked there from 1993, 1994 and up until the end of 1995. Then, in Bosnia, I worked for the organization Qatar. From 1993 through 1995, I

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was working in Split in Croatia. Then in the end of 1995, 1996 and 1997, in the Qatar organization. Then in Taibah. I had other jobs too, besides this one.

Tribunal Member: I just want to make sure I understand the different times. For the International Islamic Organization from 1993 to 1995?

Detainee: In 1993. I am sure of that because I left straight from Algeria to come. I was sent a paper to come to Split and work for the International Islamic Rescue Organization. All my work is related to computers.

Tribunal Member: Is the International Islamic Rescue Organization also known as the International Islamic Relief Organization? Are they the same thing?

Detainee: I-G-A-S-A. The last two letters stand for Saudi Arabia, I know that. I do not know the rest.

Tribunal Member: So that was from 1993 to 1995?

Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal Member: What did you do for IGASA?

Detainee: The same things. I worked on computers.

Tribunal Member: Computers, okay.

Detainee: They had orphans, and I would enter and retrieve data on the orphans. If the President or the boss would write a report, I would enter that also. I did anything dealing with the computers.

Tribunal Member: Was that also in Split?

Detainee: Yes, that was in Split.

Tribunal Member: Then from 1995, but also in 1996 and 1997, you worked for Qatar?

Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal Member: What did you do for Qatar?

Detainee: I again worked with the computers, and at that time I was also a secretary to the president. During this period of time, I was working in two cities. The first period was in Zenitza. But then the president or manager sent me to another city to work in. I worked there for a while, and I became the manager in that company.

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Tribunal Member: Where was that?

Detainee: Qatar.

Tribunal Member: I am sorry, I meant the name of the city.

Detainee: Tuzla.

Tribunal Member: Tuzla.

Detainee: I was the manager only in Tuzla, nowhere else. The general manager was in Zenitza. So I worked there for maybe a year. Then they closed, and I went back to Sarajevo. One of the reasons I moved to the capital, to Sarajevo, was because I was training and teaching karate.

Tribunal Member: You worked for Qatar for only one year?

Detainee: From the end of 1995, all of 1996 and the beginning of 1997. It all amounted to maybe two years.

Tribunal Member: Okay. What did Qatar do?

Detainee: The main line of work was dealing with orphans. But they also distributed food to the poor sometimes.

Tribunal Member: What did IGASA do?

Detainee: The same thing. Pretty much all of the relief organizations in Bosnia, the Islamic and non-Islamic ones. They all work in this area, distributing food and clothes to the poor. Giving the orphans money, about \$25.00 every month. All the relief organizations in Bosnia Herzegovina did the same thing. Maybe the Taibah organization I worked for was the only one that taught also. Maybe there were some other organizations that do that, but I do not know what they were.

Tribunal Member: You mentioned that you know some of the other Algerian people who were taken into custody at the same time? Who were the ones that you knew?

Detainee: Now, I would like to ask the Tribunal a question. Is this an interrogation?

Tribunal Member: No. This is for the Tribunal.

Detainee: Muhammed, Al Haj and Al Akhdar.

Tribunal Member: Are those three different people?

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Detainee: Yes. Muhammed's number is 10003; Al Akhdar is 10005, and Al Haj is 10006, maybe.

Tribunal Member: How did you know these people? What was your relationship to them?

Detainee: I do not want to answer this question because I feel it is related to the interrogations. I am sorry. This question about these three individuals, I have talked about them so much you can fill a CD. I can only tell you now, if one of those three are a terrorist, then I am a terrorist. If one of them is from Al Qaida, then I am from Al Qaida. If you imprison one of them for a terrorist act, then I am prepared to go to prison with him. I say these things because I know them as well as I know my wife and kids. That is all I can say about them

Tribunal Member: I have no further questions.

Detainee: Thank you.

Tribunal President: Can you tell me how long you have known the other Algerians you just named?

Detainee: Same as before, I cannot answer that question. The only reason I do not want to answer the question is because it is related or went into the interrogations.

Tribunal President: That might be true, but the Tribunal has not had the opportunity to read those interrogations. This is your opportunity to answer our questions, but you do not have to if you do not want to.

Detainee: I understand.

Tribunal President: Have you ever traveled to Afghanistan?

Detainee: Not only did I not travel to Afghanistan, but I never even thought of traveling to Afghanistan.

Tribunal President: Do you know anyone that lives in Afghanistan, or have you communicated with anyone that lives in Afghanistan?

Detainee: You mean here in prison?

Tribunal President: No. Prior to coming here?

Detainee: No. Never.

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Tribunal President: I don't have any other questions. Mustafa, do you have anything else you would like to present to us?

Detainee: I just want to say a small thing. I hope that this is real. I am not berating you with these words, but this is something I don't want to keep inside. I hope this Tribunal is really real. I hope that a person who has made a mistake would admit to making a mistake. No matter who this person is. Even if he is the closest person to you. What I mean by this is, if America made a mistake by bringing me here to Cuba, not just because it is hard for them to admit a mistake was made, but to prevent me from leaving here, then bring all these accusations against me. I will tell you something else, if you have evidence, big or small, that I have any relationship with terrorism or if I helped any terrorists, I am prepared for any kind of punishment in any country. I am saying this to you now, and if you wish for me to, I will sign a piece of paper saying these same words. I know people and I talk to people, but I have no way of knowing they are terrorists or not. For me to know a person, and to know for sure if he is a terrorist and I am knowingly dealing with him, that is not true. My history is known. The Algerian government knows me. In the years of 1990 through 1992, I was a champion in Algeria. The Algerian government knows my very well. They know where I live, my wife, my kids, my father and my mother. I left Algeria and went to Croatia. I was working in that organization. The team I used to train with and train has maybe one Muslim. The rest are all Catholics and Orthodox. Those people knew me very well and they respect me very much. Never did I have any problem with anyone who was not Muslim. I lived with them. Never, did I ever go into a police station. I only went to get my driver's license or passports. But to go there for a problem, never. Maybe I had a speeding ticket or something like that. Any other problems involving fighting with people, never. Nothing like that. Then comes this problem. You can also verify this in Bosnia Herzegovina, the place I lived, and who I worked with, who I trained with on the team; did I ever have any problems, or if they knew if I am an extremist in my religion or a terrorist or anything. That is what I have.

Detainee (continued): Truthfully, I read the paper that was brought to me today (Exhibit R-38), the one from the lawyer. I swear to God that I was touched. It was very hard for me to read my wife and children are suffering. My wife cannot work because she has three children and she is a teacher. My wife had to go and live with her sister because she is unable to work and has no income. Thank God I had my salary when I was working in Bosnia Herzegovina. Maybe ministers in Bosnia did not have this salary. Thank God for my work with computers. For my wife to go from that to living with her friends and her sister; and my wife's sisters are helping her because some idiots acted stupidly and do not want to right their wrongs. They do not want to say that we made a mistake. Or they admit to making a mistake but they won't do anything about it. Today is the 11th of October, I think. In seven more days, I will have been in this prison for three years. I swear to God I will tell you something, if I had a relationship with Al Qaida, I swear I would not be scared of anyone and I would tell you I am from Al Qaida. I would not be concerned about America. If I had a relationship with terrorism, I would tell you I am a really a terrorist and I would not be concerned. When I tell you that I

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don't have a relationship, it is not because I am scared of you, it is because it is the truth. I don't have a relationship. So I hope that the mistake that you made; not you personally, you did not make this mistake, but those who are responsible, will fix this mistake. That is all I have.

Tribunal President: All evidence having been provided to this Tribunal, this concludes this Tribunal session. Personal Representative, do you want to present an updated Detainee Election Form?

Personal Representative: Yes, Ma'am. I am handing the Tribunal President an updated Detainee Election Form marked as Exhibit "D-C."

Exhibit "D-C" is accepted into evidence by the Tribunal.

Detainee: This election form says what?

Tribunal President: I will read it to you. It says, "The detainee wants to participate in the Tribunal." That is what allowed you to be here today.

Detainee: Okay.

Tribunal President: And it says that "You requested two witnesses. The witness will testify that you were never in the Bosnian Army and that you knew nothing of Al Qaida." It also says "The witnesses are 10006 and 10003. On 5 October the detainee determined he would not attend the Tribunal. Affirmatively declined to participate since all documents would not be presented to the detainee. On 11 October," which is today, "after reviewing additional unclassified information, the detainee elected to attend the Tribunal." Is that correct?

Detainee: Yes, it is.

Tribunal President: I am sorry, I did not hear your response. I want to make sure that we understand.

Detainee: Yes, that is correct.

Tribunal President: Okay. So I am assuming at this point we have all unclassified evidence. Recorder?

Recorder: Yes, Ma'am.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative?

Personal Representative: Yes, Ma'am.

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The Tribunal President instructs the Detainee on how he would be notified of the Tribunal results and the ARB process.

The open session of the Tribunal adjourned at 1421 hours, 11 October 2004.

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