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Department of Defense
Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy
Combatants at U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

10 April 2007

To: MOHAMMED TAHAR

SUBJECT: UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
REVIEW BOARD IN THE CASE OF MOHAMMED TAHAR

1. An Administrative Review Board will be convened to review your case to determine if your continued detention is necessary.

2. The Administrative Review Board will conduct a comprehensive review of all reasonably available and relevant information regarding your case. At the conclusion of this review the Board will make a recommendation to: (1) release you to your home state; (2) transfer you to your home state, with conditions agreed upon by the United States and your home state; or (3) continue your detention under United States control.

3. The following primary factors favor continued detention:

a. Commitment

1. In mid-September of 2001, the detainee traveled from Sanaa, Yemen, to Karachi, Pakistan via Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The detainee was met in Karachi by someone from the Jamat al Tabligh, who took the detainee to the Maki Mosque in Karachi, Pakistan. The detainee then traveled to Lahore, Pakistan and spent two days there. The detainee then went to a mosque in Raywand, Pakistan.

2. The headquarters of the Jamat al Tabligh is located in Raywand, Pakistan.

3. Jamat al Tabligh is a Pakistan-based Islamic missionary organization believed to be used as a cover for action by Islamic extremists, including members of al Qaida.

4. The detainee enrolled at the Salafeyah University in Faisalabad, Pakistan. The university is run by the Jamat al Tabligh.

5. The detainee stated that after Ramadan, a Pakistani took him and other Yemenis to an off-campus house. There were about 12 other students already at the house. Several months later, the detainee and the other occupants were arrested by Pakistanis and subsequently turned over to United States forces.

6. A source identified the detainee as an occupant of the Issa house in Faisalabad, Pakistan in March 2002.

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b. Connections/Associations

1. The detainee stated an individual from the Jamat al Tabligh mission went to the Pakistani embassy and obtained a visa for the detainee for 25 United States Dollars.

2. The detainee was sent a personal greeting from the Taliban deputy minister of intelligence.

c. Intent

1. The detainee stated he should be considered a terrorist.

2. The detainee stated that if Muslim scholars say people must die, Muslims must follow the scholars' words. The detainee stated if the scholars issued a fatwa for the attacks of 11 September 2001, then the attacks would have been legitimate.

3. The detainee threatened to instigate an uprising in the Guantanamo camp, claiming that the Americans are assaulting Islam.

4. The detainee advised he wishes to remain in the group of detainees who do not cooperate and who will never leave.

4. The following primary factors favor release or transfer:

a. The detainee claims he did not respond to a fatwa. The detainee visited Pakistan to attend a university to study medicine to aid Muslims. The detainee withdrew from the classes because they were too difficult. The detainee is not a Jamat al Tabligh member, but needed their assistance to get into medical school.

b. The detainee noted he did not observe any type of weapons, computers, or telephones in the Issa house. The detainee further stated he did not observe or hear anyone preaching about jihad or recruiting for the Taliban and al Qaida.

c. The detainee denied having any knowledge of the attacks in the United States prior to their execution on 11 September 2001 and also denied knowledge of any rumors or plans of future attacks on the United States or United States interests.

d. After being shown a video concerning the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City, the detainee said what he saw was a terrible event.

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5. You will be afforded a meaningful opportunity to be heard and to present information to the Board; this includes an opportunity to be physically present at the proceeding. The Assisting Military Officer (AMO) will assist you in reviewing all relevant and reasonably available unclassified information regarding your case. The AMO is not an advocate for or against continued detention, nor may the AMO form a confidential relationship with you or represent you in any other matter.

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