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On 5/8/03 and 5/9/03,

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[redacted] was interviewed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba by Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent [redacted] and US Army linguist SGT [redacted]. The interview was conducted [redacted] with translation provided by SGT [redacted]. After explaining the purpose of the interview [redacted] provided the following information:

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The interview on 5/8/03 of [redacted] was conducted at 1530 and was completed at 1830. The interview on 5/9/03 was conducted at 0400 and concluded at 0645. These two interviews are linked together, with the second a continuation of the first.

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Observed during these interviews, [redacted] was fully engaged. [redacted] maintained excellent eye contact with the interview team. [redacted] laughed and joked at times with the interview team. [redacted] appeared to very concerned about the evidence which was presented to him. [redacted] breathing seemed to accelerate as he watched a video [redacted]. [redacted] laughed nervously when articles concerning [redacted] were presented to him. [redacted] was visibly upset by photos of the victims recovered at the Pentagon crash site and people leaping from the World Trade Center. At the completion of the second interview, [redacted] while alone in the room, was seen with his head down on his hands on the table in front of him, crying.

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For these interviews, the interview room was set up differently than past interviews. A long table was placed in front of [redacted] so as to present evidence in front of him. There was also a TV/VCR on the table along with binders, files and photographs. Upon entering the room and after greeting him, [redacted] commented he was surprised by all the things in the room. The interview agent offered [redacted] fruit, trail-mix and water. [redacted] accepted the water. It was explained to [redacted] the reason for all the items in the room was because the interview team was going to discuss with him many of the events which have happened in the world, since his arrest, and which affect him here in Guantanamo Bay. The interview agent reminded [redacted] he had promised him he would do this during the last interview. [redacted]

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Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

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it would not be such a big deal and he would not be a major interest to investigators. However, he and the interview agent know that is not the case, that he was involved with a bad group of people, who looking back now, manipulated him. The interview agent told [redacted] he now wanted him to see and understand what the men laid out before him are responsible for. [redacted] was first shown video footage of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. [redacted] was then shown still photos of the towers on fire, planes crashing into the building, people leaping to their deaths and the collapse of the towers. [redacted] was then shown the burnt corpses of victims from the Pentagon attack. The interview agent told [redacted] these photos are very hard for him to look at and would be also for [redacted] however, he wanted [redacted] to know it was much harder to have to recover these people, as he did, following the day of the attack. [redacted] did look at the photos and was visibly upset by the photos. In prior interviews, [redacted] had refused to look at the photos.

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[redacted] was asked if he thought this was something God would condone, was this in line with what Islam teaches. [redacted] solemnly stated no. [redacted] was asked if he felt this was something he felt was righteous in any way. He stated no. The interview agent pointed out to [redacted] those who hi-jacked the airplanes and knew they were going to die that day, committed suicide. He is aware that suicide is against Islam. Those who carried out this atrocity were not martyrs. A martyr is someone who dies bravely on the battlefield fighting an armed enemy where there is an exchange of fire. But someone who hi-jacks a plane full of innocent unarmed people, many of whom are women and children, and then crashes that plane into a building full of innocent unarmed people, they are not martyrs, they are murderers. They committed suicide. To commit such a horrific act in the name of Islam disgraces and defames the faith.

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The interview agent pointed out to [redacted] the name of the towers included the word, "world" and of the 3000 human beings who were murdered that day, many were Muslims, Christians, Hindus, Jews, and people from many different countries. This was not an attack on any one country or any one group of people but an attack on all of humanity. No God, regardless of religion, would condone the murder of so many innocent unarmed people. Those who did this in the name of God and Islam, without a doubt, abuse and malign the religion and will feel God's wrath and anger on judgement-day. [redacted] appeared visibly shaken by this realization.

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The interview agent told [redacted] unless he wants to take equal blame for what happened, then he must reach out and accept the interview team's offer to help. His most powerful tool is the truth. He must provide what his role was and his level but there is no reason for him to be left hung out to dry by everyone else he believes are his brothers. They are finding their own way out, they are trying to save their own butt, he had better start thinking about his own well being and his future or he risks not having one.

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The interview agent said he did not have evidence against [Redacted] he had hurt or killed anyone. He felt [Redacted] like so many others, has been misled and manipulated, which makes him too a victim.

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The interview agent explained, all these others are talking and cooperating, they are looking for their way out, saving their own butt, talking about him and implicating him deeper and deeper. [Redacted] needs to tell his story, he needs to be completely truthful, be responsible and accountable for what he has done but not take the blame for things he has not done.

[Redacted] attempted to discredit the testimony of [Redacted] saying they would say anything under torture. [Redacted] continued, they claim to know me by all these different names and have seen me in one place or another. The interview agent strongly told [Redacted] torture is not an issue and he knows it. Further, when this goes before a tribunal, the torture argument will not be considered because the USG does not torture anyone in it's custody. He has to deal with this evidence and it's totality. [Redacted] was told, it's highly improbable all these individuals huddled together to conspire against him, providing testimony which matches the other and which matches the photos [Redacted]

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The interview agent again pointed to the photo of [Redacted] and stated, the pictures do not lie.

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[Redacted] was strongly told, torture is not an issue, isolation is no longer an issue, how the Koran is handled is no longer an issue. [Redacted] has a much bigger issue to deal with right here and now, his future and his life.

The second interview began at 0400 the next morning. The photos and articles of [Redacted] were laid out on the table in front of [Redacted] for effect. The names of each was written on the dry-erase board [Redacted] time-line was also written on the board. [Redacted] was again offered fruit, trail-mix and water. He accepted the water. [Redacted] began by bringing up the torture issue again and questioning the locations and names each provided. The interview agent told [Redacted] torture was not an issue and he was not going to address it any longer. As for the rest, the interview agent told [Redacted] attacking the minute aspects of what is presented is not going to discredit the totality of the case and evidence against him. This includes not just what was presented during the last interview but also his own admitted testimony and actions [Redacted]

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[REDACTED] attempted to discredit [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was then presented with the testimony of Guantanamo detainee [REDACTED] was not identified

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to [REDACTED] had identified him [REDACTED] his detainee photo.

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[REDACTED] demanded to know who in the camp had said these things about him. The interview agent told [REDACTED] he was not at liberty to divulge his identity, however, his testimony should be clear enough to know that what he is saying is the truth.

The interview agent then told [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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his involvement in Al Qaeda, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] appeared deflated as the articles were read to him and while he read the last article.

[REDACTED] asked what accusations [REDACTED] has made against him. The interview agent stated [REDACTED] he does not have much other than [REDACTED] was shown [REDACTED] s detainee photo and said he did know him.

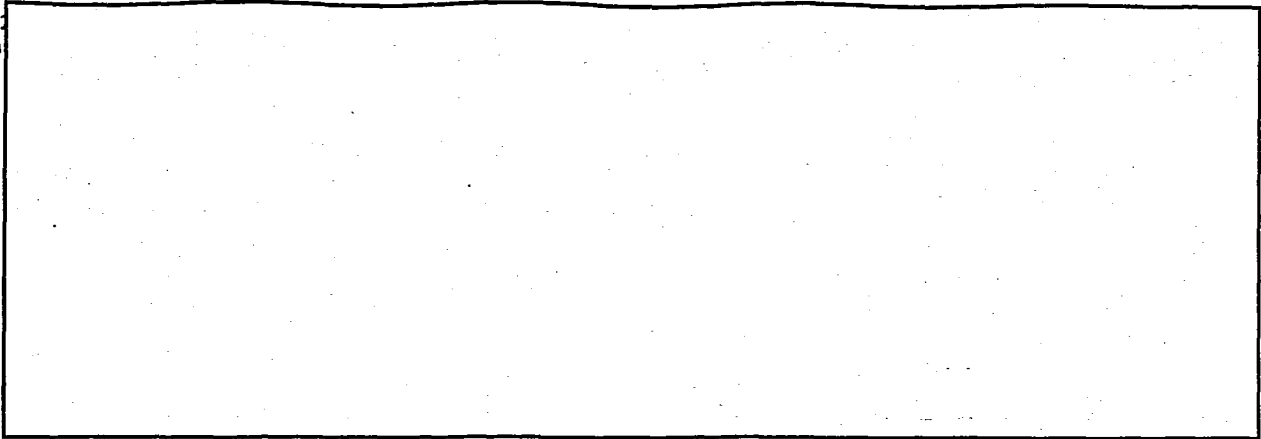
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[REDACTED]

The interview agent emphasized to [REDACTED] he must understand this is a critical time for him. [REDACTED] each day that goes by makes [REDACTED] less and less important. Further, because [REDACTED] has not fully cooperated, he is currently on the same level [REDACTED] and will take full blame for their actions. [REDACTED] must tell the interview agent

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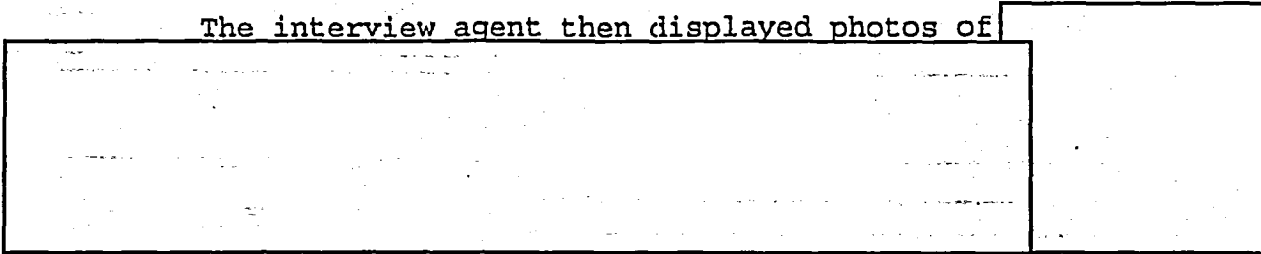
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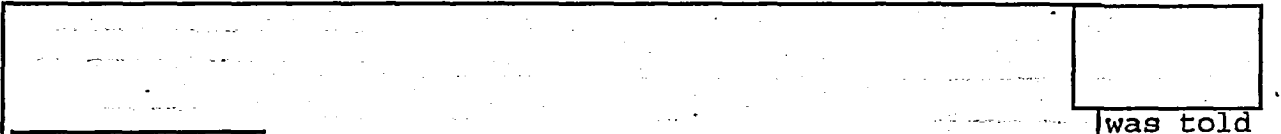
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never disputed or denied any of what the interview agent said.

The interview agent then displayed photos of

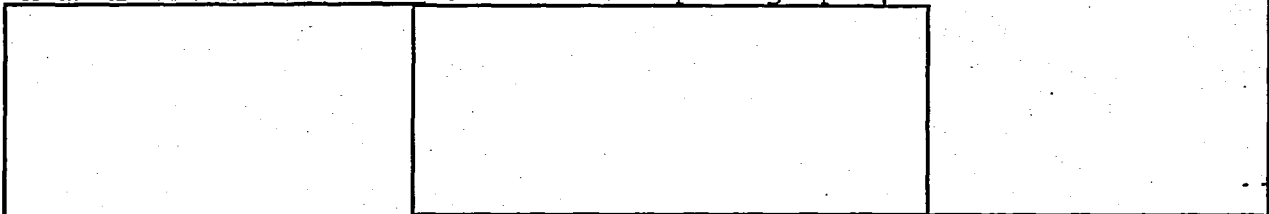


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him as the same man in the detainee photograph.

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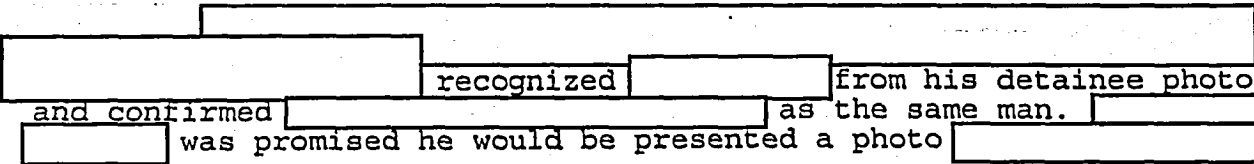
looking stunned, had no reply. It was then
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was promised he would be presented a photo



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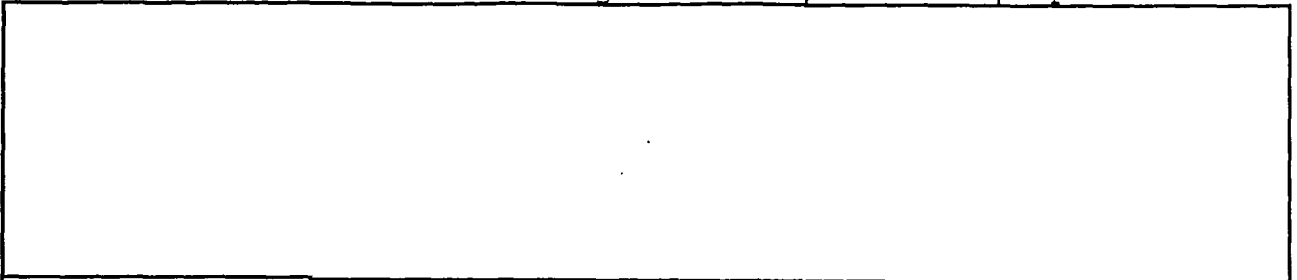
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[redacted] heard from someone in the camp [redacted] had been tortured while in Bagram and he was now dead. The interview agent told [redacted] is very much alive, having just read a report on his debriefings the day prior. Further, [redacted] knows from his own personal experience, anyone in the custody of the United States Government (USG) is not tortured. [redacted] was told, [redacted] is being treated just the same as him, the only difference is, [redacted] is cooperating and he is not. It was due to this identification by [redacted] investigators came to know who he is.

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Next, the interview agent showed [redacted] a photo of



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[redacted] recognized him as the same man from the detainee photo.

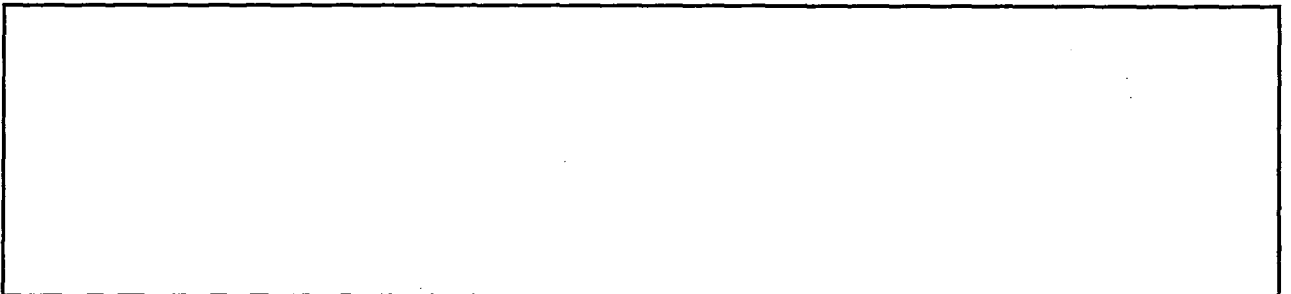
At this point, the interview agent pulled out [redacted] photographs and placed them in front of [redacted] immediately stated it was not him in the photos. The interview agent told [redacted] to wait and listen to what he had to say.

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The interview agent pointed to the full face photo of [redacted] and stated, [redacted] could tell me all day and all night that it's not him, but [redacted] and the interview agent both know it's him so they might as well stop screwing around. From that time on, [redacted] never denied the photo is of him.

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[redacted] stated he wanted to know what [redacted] in prison. HE/AT/BB challenged 2 the interview agent to present the accusations against him, stating he can defend himself.

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The interview agent explained, [redacted] was going to be presented with the case and evidence against him. [redacted] was told he was not expected to answer any questions today but would have to make the decision to cooperate once he understands what he is facing. The interview agent stated he is doing this to be fair with [redacted], to be honest with him and help him make his decision.

The interview agent began by telling [redacted] he believes much of what [redacted] has provided already in the file. The interview agent drew a time-line on a dry-erase board and explained he believed that much of [redacted] s story, [redacted]

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[redacted] was probably accurate. He then told [redacted] [redacted] was more or less accurate. However, everything in between the time [redacted]

[redacted] was "a big hole." [redacted] was told, he should now realize, the interview agent was not going to disbelieve him if he had no reason not to, but [redacted] has many questions and details to provide concerning "the hole."

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The interview agent started by saying, since his arrest and transport to Cuba, investigators did not know who [redacted] was. Since May of 2002, when he arrived in Cuba, [redacted] sat in Guantanamo somewhat anonymous to the investigation until [redacted]

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[redacted] was permitted to watch a short video documenting [redacted] A large color photo of [redacted] with attached arabic articles were then placed in front of [redacted] was permitted to read the articles but he stated he had already read them before so it was not necessary. [redacted] immediately began by saying he did not know [redacted] so how could [redacted] say anything about him.

The interview agent told [redacted] to be patient, that he was trying to explain how he came to know about him. [redacted] was told, a photo of [redacted] had been shown to [redacted] The photo was the same photo [redacted]

[redacted] was reminded he had previously verified the photo was of him [redacted]

[redacted] stated he recognized the photo of [redacted]

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[redacted] appeared despondent. He was not praying or [redacted] maintained eye contact 8 with the interview team and listened intently to what was being said. The interview agent then made it clear to [redacted] his time was drawing short. Further, the interview team was already being told they may have to depart for another mission somewhere else in the near future. [redacted] was told, the interview team wanted to work with him but when they are told to leave, they must go, and they are unsure of when they will return. They hope that by that point, it is not too late. [redacted] was told, the interview team was going to give him a couple of days to think about everything they had presented to him and talked about. He needed to make a decision about his future and they hoped he makes the right one.

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At the conclusion of the interview, the interview team wished [redacted] luck and that God may accept his prayers. After exiting the room, the interview team witnessed [redacted] with his head down on his hands on the table in front of him. [redacted] he was crying and sobbing with tears falling on the table when he lifted his head.

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