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**MOATH HAMZA AHMED AL-ALWI, ISN 28**  
DETAINEE STATEMENT

I am the detainee Moath Hamza Ahmed Al-Alwi. I am a Yemeni National who lives in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. My entire family lives in Saudi Arabia except my oldest aunt who passed away on August 12, and few of my father's relative, whom I do not know much about them. My family consists of 2 brothers and 3 sisters. I left them when I was young and I do not know much about them. My brother [REDACTED] deals in small business venture and my younger brother was a high school student. During a phone conversation, few years ago, I learned that he was married, and he is now a father of 3 children. My oldest sister is also married and has few children. My father is a car dealer. Most members of my family are car dealers. After I finished my middle school I tried to enroll in the Al Haram religious institute to study religious law but I was not accepted because I did not have someone to petition my application. I tried several time to submit my application to no avail. So I decided to return to Jeddah from Makah in order to find a job, but I could not find a job because I am not a Saudi. I volunteered to work as a caller for prayer and as a teacher of catechism to young children in one of the mosques. I was broke, and had no money. Life was very difficult to sustain. It was bleak, dark and unsupportable to live in such a country, because of all the obstacles they impose on all those who are not Saudi citizens. You cannot find a job in this country without having a petitioner to vouch for you. You cannot go anywhere without the permission of your petitioner. In short everything was negative. Everything must be approved by your petitioner. I am a human being. I am a free man. I want to be my own master. I want to study what I want. All what I want is to have an honest job.

While everything was scoreless and tight, I heard one of the Imams delivering a speech from the pulpit about the government of Taliban. The people in the Media and the newspapers, everybody was talking about the Taliban government, and how just and righteous they are. They portrayed the regime of the Taliban as an Islamic, lawful and righteous regime. The Taliban had several embassies throughout the Arab-World, including one in Saudi Arabia. They advertised that the Taliban Islamic government welcomes any Muslim who wishes to migrate to Afghanistan. I realized that I can go to Afghanistan and live as a free man, without any undue burden, and without the oppression of a petitioner. I started to inquire and collected as much information as I can in order to travel to Afghanistan. I collected few addresses from my cousin, and then I travelled to Yemen several times where I stayed at my aunt and in various hotels in Sana'a'. When I finished all the travel formalities and received my entry visa from the Pakistani Embassy, I travelled to Pakistan where I stayed in several hotels in Karachi and in one of Taliban's guest houses that was authorized by the Pakistani government.

The Taliban welcomed me and I was treated with the utmost respect. Soon after, they took me to Kandahar where I stayed in one of Taliban's residency. Then I went to Kabul and I lived in one of Taliban's residency. The Taliban's government has a guest house in every states in Afghanistan where you can live free of charge. They provided all the migrants with adequate housing facility, and all their daily need. I used to travel to the North and the South without any restriction or conditions and without the imposition of a petitioner. I was treated with the utmost respect. Then my cousin in Yemen who gave me all the addresses joined me. During my sojourn I performed my profession as a catechism teacher for young children. Everywhere I went I was welcomed. I did not need permission, a license or a petitioner. If the Yemeni government were a fair and just government who did not gouge the resources of its citizens I would have lived in Yemen. But everything in Yemen is nothing but corruption, bribery and injustice. As far as I am concerned I was only a visitor to Yemen because I was resident of Saudi Arabia. My cousin and I travelled everywhere in Afghanistan. We visited Taliban's guest houses. My cousin and I went to Kunduz city and then we separated from each other. Then I decided to go to Kabul, but when I reached Kabul I learned that the Taliban government was toppled. However after the American's bombardment attack took place on Afghanistan I decided to go to the Khost city where I stayed with a teacher who introduced me to an Afghani's guide who helped me to travel to Peshawar where I was arrested and was delivered to the Americans whom they held me in detention until now without charge, or accusation of any crime other than that I traveled to Afghanistan , and that I was a guest at a Taliban guest house. It seems to me that's not even the problem. The whole problem seems to me that because I am a Yemeni National, and there is no country that wants to accept me. I know that there is a lot of problem in Yemen, that's why I do not object to go to any other country that is willing to accept me. I need to continue my education although I know that I am getting older and the train has passed me. I want to learn a profession or get a job in order to meet my daily obligation and build my future. I want to start a new life; I want to live in a calm environment, faraway from any trouble. I want to live in places that respect human right, and not to be treated as a slave. I want to live in a country where I'll be treated as a human being, so that I can build a new life and have a new future. If I wasn't born in Saudi Arabia, or if I had the British nationality or the American citizenship, I would have my rights as an American Citizen or as a British subject. The circumstances in my own country forced me to migrate to Afghanistan in search for a better future far away from any kind of oppressions. I am not Afghani, but I was treated a lot better, as a guest than any Afghani. In short there is no proof that I participated in any attack or any fight against anybody. There is no proof that I did anything out of the ordinary that require my incarceration in this place.

In summary, this is my affidavit, ISN 28