

4 A. It was very important to me to make sure from my  
5 understanding Sheik Abdallah my understanding would be Islamic  
6 religion to make sure that I'm needed specifically to reside,  
7 that my help will be actually needed to the extent of residing  
8 in Peshawar, however, rather than just giving them some help  
9 from the States. So I had the liberty to ask Sayyaf himself  
10 in a meeting and ask him if my help will be very important to  
11 them or needed.

12 Q. And what were you told?

13 A. I was told, yes, I'm needed there.

14 Q. And did you offer any particular skill that you could give  
15 them to help them in their effort?

16 A. The only two skills that I know is flying and I know how  
17 to travel around the world.

18 Q. And what did they say?

19 A. They said, well, there is no flying of course, but I could  
20 be needed in traveling and shipping few things for them.

21 Q. And did you do that?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And for how long did you do that while residing in  
24 Pakistan?

25 A. 18 months.

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1 Q. And where did you yourself reside in Pakistan?

2 A. In Peshawar.

3 Q. And where did your family reside?

4 A. At first must have been maybe six to eight months my  
5 family resided in Karachi, because there were no flat or house  
6 allocated to us, so I left my wife and kids in Karachi with my  
7 brothers, and I myself resided in Peshawar.

8 Q. And can you tell the jury what you did to aid the cause  
9 during those 18 months?

10 A. As I said earlier, basically traveling and getting them  
11 items that they need.

12 Q. Can you describe what those items were?

13 A. Well, some of which were was like scuba diving equipment,  
14 range finders, night vision goggles and night vision scopes.

15 Q. Can you briefly explain?

16 A. Sometimes video equipment, batteries, it was so sometimes  
17 and so used sometimes.

18 Q. Can you briefly explain what a night vision goggle is?

19 A. Yes. It's a technology that if you, if you wore those  
20 goggles you would be able to be, to see individuals and  
21 vehicles at night.

22 Q. What's a range finder?

23 A. It's an equipment where you'll measure range with.

24 Q. Does it tell you how far a certain object is?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Can you tell the jury where you bought this various  
2 equipment?

3 A. I bought the range finders from England. The scuba diving  
4 equipment also from England. The night vision scopes were  
5 from the US. Later on the night vision goggles were also from  
6 the US.

7 Q. Can you tell us roughly how much scuba equipment you  
8 bought?

9 A. Two sets.

10 Q. And how many range finders did you buy?

11 A. Six.

12 Q. Do you recall how many night scopes you bought?

13 A. Six.

14 Q. And did you travel to any countries other than the United  
15 States and to England?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What other countries did you travel to buy things?  
18 A. Japan, Kuwait, Saudi.  
19 Q. And did there come a time when you, while you were in  
20 Pakistan that you met a person by the name of Usama Bin Laden?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. Can you tell the jury how that came about?  
23 A. The first actual visit to Peshawar was with his other  
24 brothers, and two gentlemen who supposed to be from somewhere  
25 in Europe, they spoke English with an accent. And I was

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1 invited to that meeting to interpret between English and  
2 Arabic to Sheik Sayyaf and Sheik Abdallah.  
3 Q. And did you actually do that at the meeting?  
4 A. Yes.  
5 Q. And did you meet Usama Bin Laden on any other occasions  
6 while you were then living in Pakistan?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. Approximately how many times?  
9 A. Well, at that time he was not living in Pakistan. He came  
10 another time when we had a camp for the --  
11 MR. DRATEL: Your Honor, when the witness says "we,"  
12 just if he could be more precise.  
13 Q. You said "we" had a camp. Could you --  
14 A. Yes, I'm relating to, I'm referring to Sheik Abdallah  
15 office having some activities to the Afghan I leaders, the  
16 small ones like if he's a leader of twenty to fifty troops he  
17 was invited to that camp to be taught in the proper way of  
18 worshipping because most of them have a lot of sympathy to  
19 Islam, they pray, of course they do their own duties, but not  
20 necessarily to the standard of the scholars of Sheik Abdallah,  
21 so he wanted to really teach them those ways and methods of  
22 how to worship God, how to come closer to God, and of course

23 that will be also beneficial for them in the front.

24 Q. And when you say Sheik Abdallah, are you referring to

25 Sheik Abdallah Azzam?

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1 A. Yes, I am.

2 Q. And did Azzam Bin Laden appear at that camp?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did there come a time when you yourself decided to leave

5 Pakistan and move back to the United States?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Can you tell us when that was?

8 A. 1985.

9 Q. And can you tell us why you decided to leave Pakistan and

10 come back to the States?

11 A. Actually, I had some reasons related to the cause itself.

12 Other related to personal reasons.

13 Q. Can you tell us both?

14 A. Yes. Reasons related to the cause were the fact that my

15 passport was about to expire. This is the main tool for me to

16 travel. I was almost the only one who have had a valid

17 passport. The Egyptian passport is very difficult to come

18 about, especially if you have selective service which is the

19 military service. My passport at the time had only about

20 three months duration and perhaps maybe one or two pages left.

21 I was traveling extensively almost every 15 days to

22 20 days. I was so many stamps I really could not sustain a

23 new passport. I have approached Sheik Abdallah and the people

24 in charge asking them to put somebody with me doing the same

25 job or perhaps I could show him where I go, and you know

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1 people that I know. I was not successful. Other reasons

2 were --

3 Q. Let me stop you there for a moment.

4 A. Sure.

5 Q. You mentioned selective service. Can you explain to the  
6 jury why the selective service issue would make it hard for  
7 you to renew your Egyptian passport?

8 A. If you are Egyptian citizen you have to serve in the  
9 military. It's an obligation on you upon graduation from  
10 college, which the assumption was that I was already by then  
11 graduated, age 26. 27 is the final age where you have to  
12 submit yourself to the military service.

13 Q. So we're clear, had you ever served in the Egyptian  
14 military?

15 A. No.

16 Q. If you can continue with the other reasons?

17 A. So then the other internal reasons were things really  
18 between us. I was one of the people invited to special  
19 meetings with Sheik Abdallah to organize the work of the Arabs  
20 and the visitors in Peshawar, and things of, you know,  
21 important nature to Afghani, how are we helping them,  
22 including donations and things.

23 One of the main sticking issue was I was totally  
24 opposing the fact that any rich individual who comes to  
25 Afghanistan would control the decision making. I think they

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1 have, you know, pure, I mean pure feeling to the code, but I  
2 don't think he have the experience to be involved in the  
3 day-to-day running of the business in Afghanistan. I was very  
4 much opposed to that and I, my voice was very well heard out,  
5 but nobody really acted on it. I have asked other scholars,  
6 I've asked other colleagues. I think I was right and I took a  
7 stand on that.

8 Q. Now, at the time you came back to the States what was the  
9 status of your aviation license?

10 A. It was expired.

11 Q. And what were the prospects of your renewing the license  
12 while in Pakistan?

13 A. Almost impossible.

14 Q. And why was that?

15 A. Well, first of all, I can't fly in Pakistan. I can't fly  
16 anywhere else. I have to come to the States since it's an FAA  
17 license, and of course it's very expensive to renew. I've  
18 been offered help from Sheik Abdallah on few occasions, but it  
19 was not really enough to renew the license.

20 Q. And what was the status of your personal financial  
21 situation supporting your family in Pakistan?

22 A. I only had what I needed actually, and most of the time,  
23 well, sometimes I lived with less than what I needed.

24 Q. And when you came back to the United States where did you  
25 move?

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1 A. I moved back to Arlington, Texas.

2 Q. In what year was this?

3 A. 1985.

4 Q. And what did you do for work when you came back to the  
5 United States?

6 A. Work as a flight instructor again.

7 THE COURT: What was that?

8 THE WITNESS: Flight instructor.

9 Q. When you were back beginning in 1985 did you ever render  
10 any further assistance to the cause of the jihad in  
11 Afghanistan?

12 A. Yes. That was one of the things that I have proposed to  
13 them, I'm not needed. We are not in line together when it  
14 comes to the ideology. It will be best that I move back and

15 I'll still provide the help that you all need.

16 Q. Can you give us examples of what it is that you did to

17 help from the United States?

18 A. The second set of night vision goggles were actually

19 shipped at that time I resided back in the US.

20 Q. And how many night vision goggles were they?

21 A. Eleven.

22 Q. How did you ship them from the United States to

23 Afghanistan?

24 A. Just as a passenger luggage.

25 Q. And who was the passenger that you gave them to?

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1 A. Wadia.

2 Q. Is that Wadih El Hage?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Is it your understanding -- what year was this?

5 A. Must have been 1987 or '88, I'm not sure.

6 Q. What was your understanding of what the night vision

7 goggles were to be used for?

8 A. You mean -- well, they use is actually to use it at night

9 because most of the mujahadeen movement is at night.

10 Q. Was it for the jihad against the Russians?

11 A. Yes, of course.

12 Q. Did you ship any other equipment from the United States to

13 Pakistan or Afghanistan?

14 A. You mean in that capacity passenger or --

15 Q. No, in any capacity during the time from 1985 to 1990?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. What else did you ship?

18 A. I shipped Barrett rifles, 50 calibers.

19 Q. B-A-R-R-E-T-T. How many of those did you ship?

20 A. 25.

21 Q. And so we're clear, did Wadih El Hage have anything to do  
22 with that transaction?  
23 A. No.  
24 Q. And can you tell us what a 50 caliber rifle is?  
25 A. This is supposed to be a heavy caliber, but the advantage

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1 of it is carried by individuals so it's made in such a way  
2 where you could have a heavy cannon, but mobile by an  
3 individual. That's basically it. And it's very compatible to  
4 the Russian caliber 12.7.  
5 Q. And, again, was it your understanding that these weapons  
6 were to be used in the jihad against the Russians in  
7 Afghanistan?  
8 A. Yes, of course.  
9 Q. Now, did you ever see the rifles in Afghanistan yourself?  
10 A. Yes.  
11 Q. Can you tell us how it came to be that you saw the rifles  
12 in Afghanistan?  
13 A. How what, sir?  
14 Q. How did it happen that you were in Afghanistan and you saw  
15 these rifles?  
16 A. I received a fax of them having difficulty sighting the  
17 scopes on the rifles, so I was asked --  
18 Q. Can you explain what "sighting the scopes" means?  
19 A. It's lining the scope with the rifle barrel so whatever  
20 you see you'd have a hit. That's as simple as I can put it.  
21 Q. So what did you do after you received the fax?  
22 A. I planned a trip and I went to Peshawar and sighted the  
23 scopes for them.  
24 Q. Do you recall approximately what year this was?  
25 A. It's the year of it must have been 1989 because that's the

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