

A Number: [REDACTED]	Interview Date: [REDACTED], 2021	
Name: [REDACTED]	Asylum Officer: [REDACTED]	
Country: [REDACTED]	Interpreter: None	
Asylum Office: Z [REDACTED]	Start: 2:00pm	Stop: 3:17pm

INTRODUCTION

Officer	Applicant
Hello, my name is Officer [REDACTED]. I am an asylum officer. I am going to be asking you some questions to determine if you are eligible to have an asylum hearing before a judge.	Okay
Could you please state your name?	[REDACTED]
Thank you. If our phone connection drops and you only hear silence, please alert the guard. You may need to walk to the door to get their attention.	Okay
You would like this interview to be conducted in English correct .	Yes
Do you speak any other language besides English ?	Yes mam
What other languages do you speak	English and [REDACTED]
Would you prefer to have this interview in English or [REDACTED]	English
You previously indicated that you were afraid to return to your country. Are you still afraid to return?	Yes mam

CONFIDENTIALITY

Officer	Applicant
Everything you say today is confidential, which means it will not be shared outside the U.S. government..	Okay
You have a right to speak to me alone and in confidence. Are you alone in your interview room?	There are people close to me the officers
How close are people to you? So now you are alone	They just left Yes mam

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Officer	Applicant
Did you receive an explanation of the process for asking for protection and a list of free attorneys?	Someone called yester day about a pro bono
Do you have any questions about the information in the form?	I was not given any form
My records indicate you signed the document on April 15,2021	I did not sign the

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	papers
Did you receive an explanation of the process for asking for protection	I was not given any papers
Officer reads the first paragraph	I did remember hearing this ,but I did not sign the paper he told me it was for me to go back to my country ,so I did not sign the paper
Officer reads the document	
Do you have any questions	I have to an interview to determine whether I have a credible fear or not
Yes, this is the interview	Okay mam

REPRESENTATION

Officer	Applicant
Do you have an attorney or a consultant helping you with your case?	I do not have one yet
During this interview, you have the right to be represented by an attorney or to consult with any person. Would you like to proceed with this interview without an attorney or consultant or would you like to reschedule so that you have time to find an attorney?	I would like to continue, I will speak for myself
Just to confirm, you would like to proceed now without an attorney?	I would like to proceed

APPLICANT OATH

Officer	Applicant
Before we begin, I will place you under oath. Please raise your right hand.	Okay mam
Do you swear or affirm that all the statements you are about to make will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?	Yes mam
Thank you. You may lower your hand.	Okay mam

AOL-PI

Officer	Applicant
Before we talk about the reasons why you left your country, we need to talk about how you entered the U.S. Please listen carefully to the following questions.	Okay mam
What date did you leave your home country to come to the US?	I left from [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]
Of what year	2020
Did you have permission to stay in [REDACTED]	No, left [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] then began the journey I left on

	[REDACTED]
How did you travel to the US? (Please include what countries you traveled through and when you stayed in each country.)	I went by bus ,by road by boat
	I went [REDACTED] for a month, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] to Colombia then to Panama to Costa Rica, then to Nicaragua, Honduras Guatemala ,Mexico and then US
What day did you cross the border from Mexico into the US? [applies to either entrance at POE or EWI; ask appropriate follow-up questions as necessary]	On the [REDACTED]
Did you ever try to approach a port of entry to enter the United States before April 11,2021	No mam
Did you ever add your name to any sort of list in Mexico that you believed would get you a place in line to cross through a port of entry?	No
Other than what you have already told me, did you ever try to add your name to a list in Mexico to get into the United States but were unable to add your name to the list?	I was not given any list
Other than what you have already told me, did you know about the existence of a waitlist in Mexico that you believed would get you a place in line to enter the United States, but decide not to add your name to a list?	I left from Guatemala to Mexico and then to the US
While in Mexico ,did you know about a list that would get you a place in line to enter the US	No, I did not know about it
These are the end of my questions. I'm going to summarize the information we discussed and read it back to you to confirm it is correct. Please give me a moment while I create the summary.	
Summary : Today you [REDACTED], Mexico and then US. You crossed the border on [REDACTED] and you did not know about the list nor did you add your name to the list	
Does that sound like a correct summary of what you testified today?	Yes, that is right ,know it is right
Would you like to make any corrections to your testimony or summary?	
Do you have any documentary evidence you would like to submit today about your stay in Mexico, like hotel receipt ?	No , I did not stay in a hotel
Just to confirm, you were provided with a summary of your testimony, were given an opportunity to make corrections and you confirmed the accuracy of the summary	Okay

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SECTION 1.28

Officer reads:

The purpose of this interview is to determine whether you may be eligible for asylum or protection from removal to a country where you fear persecution or torture. I am going to ask you questions about why you fear returning to your country or any other country you may be removed to. It is very important that you tell the truth during the interview and that you respond to all of my questions. This may be your only opportunity to give such information. Please feel comfortable telling me why you fear harm. U.S. law has strict rules to prevent the disclosure of what you tell me today about the reasons why you fear harm. The information you tell me about the reasons for your fear will not be disclosed to your government, except in exceptional circumstances. The statements you make today may be used in deciding your claim and in any future immigration proceedings. It is important that we understand each other. If at any time I make a statement you do not understand, please stop me and tell me you do not understand so that I can explain it to you. If at any time you tell me something I do not understand, I will ask you to explain.

Officer	Applicant
Do you understand this information?	Yes, you said I have to give the right information about why I fled
Do you have any questions about it?	No mam

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Officer	Applicant
[see I-870 for additional biographic information] (Use information in 870 to guide your biographic questions)	
Have you ever used any other names or dates of birth	No
What was your address in your home country	[REDACTED] <i>Officer gets spelling</i>
What is your race or ethnicity? Some people say white, or black, or Latino/Hispanic, indigenous	I am Black
What is your religion if you have one	Christian
What is your marital status ? Single, married, legally separated, divorced or widowed?	Single
Do you have any children? If so name ,dob , citizenship and present location	No mam
Do you have a relative, sponsor or other community already listed above in the United States, If so ,name , relationship, address ,phone number and status	A friend , I do not have his address but his name [REDACTED] . Officer gets spelling
How have you been treated while at the detention center?	They have been treating me good
Do you feel healthy/well enough to interview	Yes, I am not feeling good , I just left the doctor I

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today?	am cramping but he give me some medication
But you are well enough to interview	Yes mam
Did you enter the US with any family members?	I was caught with some other people
Were any of those people your family members	No

PAST PERSECUTION

Officer	Applicant
Now I am going to ask you some questions about why you do not want to return to your country. To better understand you, I'm going to ask that you speak clearly in short phrases do not speak over or interrupt the officer. If you do not understand a question, let me know so I can repeat or explain it in another way. Please remember that I am taking notes of your answers, so if I ask you to pause or slow down, please do so. You previously indicated that you are afraid to return to [REDACTED] Who do you fear in your country?	The politicians and the police
Do you fear a particular politician	A political opponent
What is this name	[REDACTED] <i>Officer gets spelling</i>
Besides the police and [REDACTED], are you afraid of anyone else?	No, just the police and the political opponent
Have you been physically harmed by police ?	Yes
How many times	It was on different occasions and I was detained for a month and I was sexually abused
When were you detained for a month	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
When were you released	I was set free by an officer on [REDACTED]
Why were you detained	I was fighting for a political post and I believe he paid them to detain me
How did you become to be detained	He killed my dad, we went to the police station to report and then they said I had made a false report and I was detained
Who killed your dad	[REDACTED]
So when you went to the police station to report the incident what happened	They never did anything he was threatening me
When were you detained	On [REDACTED]
When was your father killed	On [REDACTED]
How did the police come to get you	On [REDACTED] we left, and then we were coming back, and then we heard gunshots and then we called the police and they said they would come, then we saw [REDACTED] leaving our house , he was threatening me for a political

	opposition and then he left suspiciously left , we are shocked to see my dad shot and we should report [REDACTED] because he shot my dad and we saw him leave the home <i>Officer asks applicant to pause and repeat</i>
What happened on [REDACTED]	The police found we were in another state, the police said we had run away and they said we did a false accusation on [REDACTED]
You did a police report on [REDACTED]	Yes, because he was threatening me and my family
How did you become to detained	The police said you gave a false accusation on this man ,and we were giving a bad reputation to the community and they locked us up in the jail to detained
How did you know they were police officers	I know them by their uniforms
What did they say to you when	We will be maltreated and tortured because he has more power
What else did the police officers say	Since I did not step down from someone more powerful in politics ,then I deserved to be maltreated
What else did the police officer say	They said I rot in jail because no one can over ride them
How did they treat you while you were detained	I was sexually abused me and my mom
Did you ever see a judge or a lawyer	No
How were you able to be released	We were being tortured being beaten and sexually abused, they held my head and they beat me , there was blood coming out my private parts and my mom was crying could not stand the pain and she was taken to out and they showed me a phone showing my mom being tortured and beaten and her body was laying lifelessly . <i>Officer asks applicant to slow down and repeat</i>
How did you get released	After they told me I am next to die , they told me they would becoming back to me, I did not know how , it took a long time, I should come out and they covered my face and they drove and they go to this place and someone was following me and they removed the covering and I was begging for my life and told me to keep quiet and I was in the middle of the bush , they would take my life because [REDACTED] paid for it , so he said the order to take my life and I should lay down so they could show that they killed me , but not really shooting me so he faked shot. <i>Officer asks applicant to pause and repeat</i>
Just to clarify you are stating an officer told you	Yes mam

that [REDACTED] paid to take your life but he was not going to shoot you ,but pretend to shoot you and let you run away correct	
How did you know he was an officer	He was wearing a uniform too
Why would he do that	He said because he knew me , I do not know why he saved me , I do not know him
Just to clarify you were running for political office, [REDACTED] was your opponent ,he had your father killed and you and your mother imprisoned on the basis of false charges because you still wanted to run for office and you believe he paid the police to imprison you correct.	Yes mam

FUTURE PERSECUTION

Officer	Applicant
What do you fear will happen if you return to your country?	I fear I will be harmed
What kind of harm	Torture, like what I experienced with the other officers
Why would [REDACTED] want to harm you now?	I know what happened I am a witness and my political opinion
A witness to what	That I witnessed my dad was killed and my mom and I were tortured

RELOCATION

Do you believe you can be safe if you lived in another part of [REDACTED] Why/why not?	I am not safe there
Why not	I left when he killed my dad, my dad said he did it . I went to another state
What happened in the other state	They found me , mom said how do you know we are here and they said we are the government officials , they are everywhere

MANDATORY BARS

Officer	Applicant
Other than your current detention, have you ever been arrested in any country including your own?	No
Have you ever been accused of committing any crime in any country, including your own?	I have never been accused in any country
Have you ever done anything to harm or injure another person or helped anyone to harm or injure another person?	I have never injured anyone

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Have you ever served in the police or the military?	No mam
Have you ever had permission to live in any country other than your own?	No mam
Have you ever been a member of or supported a group which promotes violence or uses weapons?	No
Have you ever done anything that anyone might consider a terrorist activity?	Like what
Like bombings	No mam

CASE SUMMARY

I will now read you a brief summary of what you told me today. Please wait until I have read the entire summary before you make any comments.

You testified that: You were beaten and sexually abused by police officers because you reported [REDACTED] for your father's murder. The police said that you were making it up and that you should have stepped aside, you believe the police were paid by [REDACTED]. You were able to be released because an officer knew you. You do not believe you can be safe anywhere because it is the government

Officer	Applicant
Is this summary correct?	Yes mam
Do you have any questions?	No

SECTION 3.2

Officer	Applicant
Officer reads section 3.2 to the applicant.	[Interpreter reads 3.2]
Do you understand this information?	Yes mam
Do you have any questions about this information?	No

DECISION SERVICE

Officer	Applicant
You will receive our decision either tomorrow or in the next few days. We will call you again to provide you the results of the interview.	Okay mam
Do you have any final questions for me?	I have a few words to say, I do not go know what the decision will be, I am only the child my parents and I am the only one left ,sending me back to my country my generation is gone it will be my death warrant and nothing left of my father

Conclusion

- This is the end of the interview. Please hang up the phone. Let the officer know you are done.

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