

Periodic Review Board, November 5, 2014

Abdel Malik Ahmed Abdel Wahab Al Rahabi, ISN 037

**OPENING STATEMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the Board. We are the Personal Representatives for Mr. Abdel Malik Ahmed Abdel Wahab al Rahabi. We are here today with Mr. David Remes, Abdel Malik's Private Counsel and Abdel Malik's translator.

This is Abdel Malik's second PRB. He has been a cooperative participant since the start of the PRB process in effort to expeditiously reunite with his awaiting family. Today, we want to answer the questions raised during the previous boards to prove that Abdel Malik does not pose a significant threat to the security of the United States.

Abdel Malik is a sincere, peaceful man whose character has been attested to by his family and fellow detainees. His only desire is to return to his wife and daughter to take on the role of head of household for which he has made detailed occupational plans which can be viewed through submissions from his January 2014 PRB. Abdel Malik's character can also be seen through the fact that although he was not recommended for transfer after his first board and file review, he did not lash out but instead continued to take weekly educational classes in Spanish and English (Exhibit 1 and 2). He believes that the system will work and he will return home, where he belongs. He has every intention to be prepared when he leaves Guantanamo

Bay, Cuba to take care of his wife and daughter who have stayed with him throughout his 13 years of detainment. We are here today to address the main concerns brought by the board in the past. Abdel Malik has considered in depth the two main concerns addressed by the board with returning to his hometown: 1) the connection with his brother-in-law and 2) the marginal security environment in Ibb and overall threat in Yemen.

While I could sit here summarizing Abdel Malik's intentions, instead he is here to speak to the board and answer your questions openly. He wants you to see that he is transparent without any hidden agenda, only wanting to be re-united with his family. After you speak with him, I am certain, that you will see that he does not qualify as a significant threat to the security of the US. Abdel Malik wants to begin his life, not by returning to a life filled with hatred and bitterness, but ones filled with memories of his daughter and wife. We will be happy to address any questions that you may have throughout this proceeding.

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**OPENING STATEMENT OF PRIVATE  
COUNSEL DAVID H. REMES**

Good morning. I'm David Remes, private counsel for Abdalmalik. Thank you for convening this full review. In addition to my file review statement, I offer the following:

1. Abdalmalik does not desire to return to Yemen. He strongly prefers to be resettled in a different country. Wherever he is resettled, his wife and daughter will follow him. He will live a stable and productive life and avoid all politics. He will bring with him a demonstrated aptitude for language, a trade as a tailor, and an optimistic outlook.

2. If Abdalmalik is returned to Yemen, he is ready to participate in a rehabilitation program. In addition, he hopes that the Yemen government will find a suitable city for him and his family, away from Ibb, as the Yemen government has signaled it is prepared to do. Wherever he is sent, Abdalmalik and his family will avoid all contact with his wife's brother.

3. Abdalmalik harbors no ill will to the United States or the American people, or to any other government or people. He wants to put Guantánamo behind him. As he is fond of saying, "Let bygones be bygones. Keep on the sunny side of life." Wherever Abdalmalik is settled, I intend to remain in touch with him and to provide what help I can. If he is resettled in another country, I will make every effort to visit him.

If the Board approves Abdalmalik for transfer, we urge that it approve him without conditions, so that he may reunite with his family and begin his life anew as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Statement of Private Counsel David Remes, New PRB Hearing for ISN 37