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The Honorable Members of the Periodic Review Board

Greetings and Respects:

First of all, please allow me to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for giving me a second opportunity to appear before the Honorable Board. I am hopeful this time you'll grant me a favorable, most positive decision. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for my previous Personal Representative Lieutenant Colonel **Compared Science** and Lieutenant Commander **Compared Science**. Similarly, I would also like to thank my current Personal Representatives Lieutenant Colonel **Compared Science** for their unwavering candor, valuable advice and helpful support. Likewise, I also would like to express my sincere appreciation to the entire PRS team, namely my Private Counsel Mr. David Remes and the ever capable translator Mr. **Compared Science**. I'll be remiss, however, if I don't give a special thanks to the Camp Administration for their professionalism in processing the visitors' schedules, the mails and their management of the detainees' meetings.

I am hopeful this time, the Honorable Board will grant me a positive decision. You are my only hope after God, who has the power to send me back to my family in order to pursue a normal life. As you may know, I have spent almost 13 years of my life separated from my family and loved ones; especially my beloved wife, who is still awaiting my return, to rebuild our future together. Whenever I see my beloved daughter's face on the monitor during our teleconference or when I read her e-mails, my heart trembles and aches. Throughout this entire ordeal, this innocent child was deprived from seeing or touching her father, feeling his warmth. I feel saddened for each passing day of my life living far away from her. My daughter is getting older every day and I miss the poignant feeling of parenting her, monitoring her growth and maturity. I also miss my parents, all my friends and my relatives.

Abd-Al-Malik, who is now 35 years old, is very different from the Abd-Al-Malik who was once 20 years old. All of what I am focusing on right now is the anticipation of spending the rest of my life in a loving, harmonious and peaceful existence with my loyal wife and daughter; far away from all the world's problems. I don't want infamy. I don't wish to be involved with any group, any party or any sect. I have had enough of this so-called experience that I am living in. As I stated previously, all that I want to do is to return back to live with my beloved daughter and my beloved wife.

Concerning the security situation in Ibb city in Yemen, please rest assured I don't have any problem in relocating to any other city in Yemen. However if the security situation remains the same in Yemen as a whole, I do not mind being transferred to any other country.

Regarding my relationship with my brother-in-law, as I stated previously in a separate affidavit, my circumstances compelled my family to seek his financial support during my incarceration. My daughter and my wife are ready to sever all family ties and any kind of relationship with him as soon as I return back to Yemen. As far as I am concerned, since my detention, I have never

had any contact with him nor will I in the future. This chapter of my life is over. As soon as I return back home, my family shall depend upon me and my support as the head of the family.

The Honorable Members of the Board, as you know, I am very much involved with my Personal Representatives. I attended all our scheduled meetings. I never refused to meet with them once. I always sought their support and guidance in order to obtain a positive decision for my release. Accordingly, I urge you to allow me to continue to meet with them for they give me support. They keep me alive. They put me abreast of all eventualities until my release from this detention facility. Furthermore, I am still in full contact with the Camp Administration initiating constructive dialogues, seeking guidance and support for my fellow inmates. Therefore, for my rehabilitation, I am still attending various courses and curriculums in spite of my detention. I can't stop thinking of my reunion with my family and the lamentable security situation in my country.

The Honorable Members of the Board, I want to forget the past. I want to embark on a peaceful and serene future. I would like to rebuild my future anew, and compensate my family for their losses, and of what they missed in life throughout my detention. I feel I caused my family a lot of problems and a lot of anguish. I want to close this chapter of my life. I wish to open my eyes and see this nightmare has ended and vanished once and for all.

I would like also to stress that I don't hold any animosity against the United States of America, nor do I hold any hatred against any other country or any other person on the planet earth. I want to live in harmony and peace with everybody. I want to live in peace and harmony with myself and my family, following the proverb that says: "Treat people as you want them to treat you."

Once more, please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude for giving me a second chance to appear before your Honorable Board. My family and I, especially my wife and my daughter, are anxiously awaiting your favorable decision that will lead to my release and my reintegration with my family and my loved ones. I am waiting patiently for your decision. I dream day and night, in my sleep and while awake, of this beautiful day and this beautiful moment. I speak to myself and I wonder if this day will ever come when I return back to my family where I'll hug them and hold them in my arms until eternity. I pray to the all mighty God, and I beg of you to issue on my behalf a positive and swift decision.

With kind regards,

Abd-al-Malik Ahmed Abd-al-Wahab

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## Authorized by JTF GTMO, JDG for ISN 000128

My name is Ghalib Nasser al-Bihani, I would like to thank the Honorable Board for giving me the opportunity to present this affidavit on behalf of Mr. Abd-al-Malik Ahmed al-Wahabi, ISN Number 037.

Good Morning, Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Board.

I write this affidavit based on the period of time that I have spent with Mr. Abd-al-Malik in the corridors of this detention facility. I'll try to provide the Honorable Board with a set of information that will prove that Mr. al-Wahabi does not in fact represent a significant threat to the security and stability of the United States of America.

As you may know, I spent with Mr. al-Wahabi over 12 years in the detention facility and throughout this period, I concluded that Mr. al-Wahabi possesses neither the capabilities, nor the assertions or the motive to pose a significant threat against the United States of America.

I state these facts as a witness and as an individual, who spent so many years, with Mr. al-Wahabi, who confided to me repeatedly that he wishes to be relocated to a third country upon his release in order to start a new life with his family. Wherefore, I'll try to mitigate the Boards concern vis-a-vis the environment that Mr. al-Wahabi will frequent upon his release. Let me emphasize once more, if Mr. al-Wahabi is given a choice to choose where he wants to be transferred, his reply will be to a third country.

Mr. al-Wahabi also expressed his approval for all the appropriate security measures that might be imposed upon him. He also confided to me of his readiness to participate in any suitable rehabilitation program anywhere in the World.

I would like also to express that the bulk of our discussion was focused on how to rebuild his future. Mr. al -Wahabi has had a positive impact on me to learn the English Language. He also encouraged me to consider getting married upon my release. He said, "Marriage will provide you the needed character and the stability to bear the burden of responsibility, which will make you pour all your interest into providing all the necessary sustenance for your family in securing their future".

Because of his faith in the Board's credibility and its positive mission, he has had a direct impact on me to participate in my Periodic Review Board's meetings and to cooperate with my Personal Representatives.

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Mr. al-Wahabi also told me that he was ready to be transferred to any third country deemed suitable for him and his family, including Yemen. He believes that his transfer to a third country will accelerate the process of his release.

As I stated previously in reference to his transfer to a third country, Mr. al-Wahabi's wishes to be reunited with his beloved wife and his beautiful daughter, who misses her father's tenderness. You don't know how much Mr. al-Wahabi wishes to be next to his daughter in order to compensate her of what she missed. Mr. al-Wahabi spoke a lot about his family and the difficult circumstances they are facing. He expressed his dire desire to have an opportunity that will help him to build a better life for his family in a secure and peaceful environment.

Mr. al-Wahabi was amongst those detainees who attended my Yoga classes. He was always on time. He took a lot of notes and he asked a lot of questions. He understood the importance of Yoga and its effect on his mental and psychological well being.

Mr. al-Wahabi was also interested in learning carpentry. I was very impressed with his discipline, his learning capability and his timing.

Mr. al-Wahabi helped me a lot in my Yoga and Carpentry classes, especially when I could not attend my classes due to illness.

The camp management knows about Mr. al-Wahabi drives and his superb participation in various activities throughout the camp.

Mr. al-Wahabi attended all his scheduled meetings with his Personal Representatives, as well as with his Private Counsel, in preparation of his Board hearings, in spite of the endless evasive searches and the camp's harsh conditions.

Mr. al-Wahabi succeeded to surpass all these obstacles mentally and physically. He expressed his optimism and his confidence in the Periodic Review Board processes in order to close this page and to start a new chapter.

Mr. al-Wahabi said to me several times that he can't change the past and he can't control what others do. He also said that he cannot be responsible for what has taken place somewhere in another country. He said, "I can only be responsible for my actions."

Right now Mr. al-Wahabi is a cell block leader and that's because of the trust bestowed on him by his fellow detainees and his cordial relations with the camp administrations. Also, because his fluency and proficiency in the English Language. In addition, to his keen application of the self-taught methodology that he learned in his self-development classes.

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In my opinion, Mr. al-Wahabi has learned how to positively confront life's experiences and how to realize his goals in life without always looking at his past.

In conclusion, ladies and gentlemen, Members of the Board, I hope I succeeded to mitigate the fears and the worrisome concerns of the Board Members, and hope I have clarified the picture concerning Mr. al-Wahabi's future and that of his family upon his release.

Mr. al-Wahabi is ready to accept all set forth security precautions that may be imposed upon him. He is also willing to participate in a rehabilitation program in order to build a new, independent and laborious life.

**Ghalib Nasser al-Bihani** 

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In the name of God the most Merciful and most compassionate

September 15, 2014

The Honorable Members of the Periodic Review Board

Ladies and gentlemen

I would like to inform you when my brother Abd-al-Malik requested from me to write an affidavit, as a character witness on his behalf. He did not ask me to write anything that I didn't want to write.

I informed Abd-al-Malik that I'll write an honest affidavit that reflects what I saw and witnessed in the course of our detention.

I told Abd-al-Malik as a Muslim I bear witness to the truth, where I will only state what I heard and what I saw, and will not state anything that I didn't hear or see, so help me God!

Based on this understanding, I agreed to write this affidavit.

The witness Sabri Muhammad Ibrahim ISN-570

September 15, 2014

The Honorable Members of the Periodic Review Board,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I address this affidavit to the Periodic Review Board, acting as a character witness on behalf of the detainee Abd-al-Malik Abd-al-Wahab Al-Rihabi, in order to testify of his good conduct.

I met Abd-al-Malik al-Rihabi in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention center since the beginning of our arrest. We were housed together in the same cellblock in solitary confinement. In the beginning our relation wasn't that strong; but we had a normal relationship as cell mates. However, soon after we moved to the communal detention facility, we introduced ourselves to each other and our relation and friendship grew stronger.

Abd-al-Malik is a likable, beloved and compassionate individual. Whoever meets with him, he likes him instantly. He is well-liked by all his cell mates and his fellow detainees. Abd-al-Malik also is an exemplary and a compliant detainee. He helps everybody and everyone in need. He is always there for his fellow detainees. He gives them solace and comfort in order to endure the detention's harsh environment.

Moreover, Abd-al-Malik also is well loved by his family in Yemen. He has received from them tons of letters. He is constantly speaking with them on the phone.

As you may know, Abd-al-Malik is married to a loyal wife, who is waiting impatiently for his return. He also has a daughter, who loves him more than life itself. This daughter, who adores her father and who was deprived from his compassion and warmth touch, is waiting anxiously for the release of her beloved father.

His elderly, ill and weak mother also desperately misses her son. She exerts all efforts and travels far away to a different city center in order to talk to her beloved son by phone so that she can hear his voice. Her heart aches when she sees him during their periodic teleconference calls.

Also his father, this plain man, is waiting impatiently for the return of his beloved son. In each telephone call, his father reminds Abd-al-Malik that he needs his help in his tailoring shop. He tells Abd-al-Malik that he is aging and can't continue to work alone. He needs him to come back to support him and help him.

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Not to forget the rest of the family, his beloved brothers and sisters, who miss Abd-al-Malik and have pledged to support him and stand by him upon his return from his detention.

In addition to his brothers and sisters, Abd-al-Malik has a larger family that consists of his uncles and aunts, friends and the village elders. All of them love him and promise to support him financially and emotionally upon his release from his detention.

Abd-al-Malik is a lucky man to have all these people on his side that are willing, capable and able to support him; to rehabilitate him; and to stand by him upon his return.

In addition, Abd-al-Malik is a gifted person. He possesses a lot of skills that will help him to cross over and to surpass all his problems.

Once Abd-al-Malik is released from his detention, Abd-al-Malik will pursue his higher education.

Abd-al-Malik learned to read, write and speak the English language while in detention. He also learned how to use the computer. Abd-al-Malik is a skilled painter. He learned how to paint and how to color, and has produced a wealth of paintings. He paints nature and portraits as well the historical Islamic ruins of his home town.

Right now Abd-al-Malik is learning the Spanish language. He is very anxious to learn. He told me that upon his release, he wants to enroll in a college in order to finish his graduate and undergraduate education. I expect that Abd-al-Malik will succeed in his life in spite all the obstacles.

As I stated earlier, Abd-al-Malik has a large family that loves him and has promised to support him emotionally and financially in order to direct him towards the right path to success.

In addition to his family's support, his linguistic skills and his gift as an artist, I am sure that Abd-al-Malik will lead a successful life.

I wish for Abd-al-Malik an expeditious and swift release from his detention in order to be reunited with his loyal wife and his innocent daughter that are waiting impatiently for his release.

I wish for Abd-al-Malik a speedy release from his detention in order to safeguard his future and to catch up with life that has been passing him by and handicapping his progress in order to continue his path of success towards a better future and a better life.

I too wish Abd-al-Malik the best of happiness that life has to offer.

Sabri Muhammad Ibrahim ISN-570

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