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CA: This Periodic Review Board is being conducted at 0917 hours on 23 August 2016 with regards to the following detainee: Zayn al-Ibidin Muhammed Husayn, ISN 10016.

As a reminder the unclassified portions of these proceedings are being recorded for the purpose of generating a transcript to be posted on the PRS website.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

CA: Representatives from the following agencies are present and are members of the Board:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE;

DEPARTMENT OF STATE;

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE;

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY;

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE; AND,

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

The following personnel are also present:

LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE BOARD;

CASE ADMINISTRATORS;

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES;

TRANSLATOR;

THE DETAINEE; AND,

SECURITY OFFICER.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

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CA: The detainee's Personal Representatives, the detainee, and the translator are located at the detention facility, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They are attending via video teleconference and the detainee waived translation of the unclassified summary and the Personal Representatives' opening statement. These documents have been posted to the Periodic Review Secretariat website.

This session is being observed by foreign, national, and local media; and representatives from non-governmental organizations.

TRANS: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

PM: Good morning. This Board is convened to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted for Zayn al-Ibidin Muhammed Husayn, ISN 10016, to protect against a continuing significant threat to the security of the United States. From here forward, we'll refer to the detainee as Abu Zubaydah. This session of the hearing is unclassified.

TRANS: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

PM: Abu Zubaydah, this is your Periodic Review Board to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted in your case. Continued law of war detention will be warranted if it's necessary to protect against a continuing significant threat to the national security of the United States. The focus

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of this hearing is on the threat you may pose to the United States and it... and its interests if transferred or released from U.S. custody. It is not on the lawfulness of your detention.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: The Personal Representatives are your representatives to assist you during this process. Finally, the translator ensures that everybody understands your statements and that you understand what is being said during the hearing.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: Personal Representatives, has Abu Zubaydah had an opportunity to review the unclassified summary?

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PR 2: Yes, Ma'am.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: Thank you. I'll read the unclassified summary.

Zayn al-Ibidin Muhammed Husayn, ISN 10016, also known as Abu Zubaydah, trained and later supervised the training of militant recruits in Afghanistan starting in 1989. In 1994, he started building a mujahidin facilitation network that he ran for several years. Through this network he recruited and facilitated travel oper... travel operatives to Afghanistan and elsewhere including Europe and North America. Abu Zubaydah played a key role in al-Qaeda's communications with supporters

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and operatives and closely interacted with al-Qaeda's second in command at the time, Abu Hafs al-Masri.

Abu Zubaydah possibly had some advanced knowledge of bombing of U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998 and the USS Cole bombing in 2000. Abu Zubaydah also was generally aware of the impending 9/11 attacks and possibly coordinated the training at Khaldan camp of two of the hijackers.

Abu Zubaydah most actively plotted attacks against Israel, enlisting operatives from various militant groups including al-Qaeda to conduct operations in Israel and against Israeli interests abroad. He was convicted in absentia by the Jordanian Government for his role in planning attacks against... against Israel... excuse me... against Israeli, Jordanian, and Western targets in Jordan during Millennium time frame.

Following 9/11, Abu Zubaydah took a more active role and active oper... preparations, sending operatives to al-Qaeda's senior member Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, ISN 10024, to discuss the feasibility of exploding a radiological device in the United States, and supporting a remote-controlled bomb attacks against U.S. and Coalition Forces in Afghanistan.

Abu Zubaydah has shown a high level of cooperation with the staff at Guantanamo Bay and has served as a cell block leader, assuming responsibility for communicating detainees' messages

and grievances to staff and maintaining order among the detainees. He readily and consistently responded to most if not all lines of questioning by the debriefers, including providing detailed information on his terrorist activities and those of his associates. His debriefers assessed that he withheld information, which may have been to protect historical or current activities. Abu Zubaydah has used his time in Guantanamo to hone his organizational skills, to assess U.S. custodial and debriefing practices, and solidify his reputation as a leader of his peers, all of which would help him should he choose to reengage in terrorist activity.

Abu Zubaydah probably retains an extremist mindset, judging from his earlier statements. He has not made such statements recently, probably to improve his chances for repatriation. Abu Zubaydah has condemned ISIL atrocities and the killing of innocent people. He had little communication with his family, suggesting he would lack a support nat... network, even if he tried to leverage his university coursework in computer programming to get a job and reintegrate into society. Some of Abu Zubaydah's former colleagues continue to engage in terrorist activities and could help Abu Zubaydah return to planning attacks against Israel and the United States and Pakistan, should he chose [sic] to do so.

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PM: Do the Personal Representatives wish to make an unclassified opening statement at this time?

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PR 2: Yes, Ma'am.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: I'd like to remind all participants that any information shared at this time must be unclassified. If there's a concern about classification of the information, I will indicate as such and we'll stop the proceedings until we resolve the issue. Has Abu Zubaydah had an opportunity to review your statement?

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PR 2: Yes, Ma'am.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

(PM TALKS OVER TRANSLATION)

PM: All right. Personal Representatives, please proceed.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PR 2: Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the Board. We are the Personal Representatives for ISN 10016, Mr. Zayn al-Ibidin Muhammed Husayn. We'll be working with Zeinelabeden [sic] to present his case to you on why he isn't... he no longer needs to be detained in order to ensure that the security of the United States is not in jeopardy.

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Although he initially believed that he did not have any chance or hope to be released, because of the reputation that has been created through the use of his name, he has been willing to participate in the Periodic Review process. He has been respectful to us in all of our meetings and dealings with him, and he has come to believe that he might have a chance to leave Guantanamo through this process.

Zeinelabeden [sic] has expressed a desire to be reuni... be reunited with his family and begin the process of recovering from injuries he sustained during his capture. He has some seed money that he could use to start a business, after he is reintegrated into society and living a peaceful life.

Zeinelabeden [sic] has stated that he has no desire or intent to harm the United States or any other country, and he has repeatedly said that the Islamic State is out of control and has gone too far.

Zeinelabeden [sic] would like to thank the Board for this opportunity to plead his case and looks forward to answering any questions the Board may ask him.

PM: Board Members may reserve questions until witness statements have been presented in their entirety. Anyone have a question at this time?

**(NO VERBAL RESPONSE FROM BMS)**

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TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: All right. With no questions, this concludes this portion of the hearing. I'd ask that we all remain seated until further instructed by our Case Administrator.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

CA: We will take a 15-minute recess to prepare for the remaining sessions.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

[The public session concluded at 0932 hours, on 23 August 2016]

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ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYM KEY

BM:	BOARD MEMBER
CA:	CASE ADMINISTRATOR
DET:	DETAINEE
PM:	PRESIDING MEMBER
PR 1:	PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ONE
PR 2:	PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TWO
TRANS:	TRANSLATOR (LOCATED AT GUANTANAMO BAY)