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CA: This Periodic Review Board is being conducted at 0900 hours on 18 August 2016 with regards to the following detainee: Encep Nurjaman Hambali, ISN 10019.

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 [sic];

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES;

TRANSLATOR;

THE DETAINEE; AND,

SECURITY OFFICER.

TRANS: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

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CA: The detainee's Personal Representative [sic], the detainee, and 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 Representative [sic] opening statements [sic]. 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 Encep Nurjaman Hambali, ISN 10019, to protect against a continuing significant threat to the security of the United States. From here forward, we'll refer to the detainee as Hambali. This session of the hearing is unclassified.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: Hambali, 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 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 Hambali had an opportunity to review the unclassified summary?

TRANS: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

PR 1: Yes, Ma'am.

TRANS: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

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

Encep Nurjaman Hambali, ISN 10019, was an operational mastermind in the Southeast Asia-based Islamic extremist group Jemaah Islamiyah. He served as the main interface between Jemaah Islamiyah and al-Qaeda from 2000 until his capture in mid-2003. He trained and fought in Afghanistan in the mid-1980s, and subsequently participated in violent jihad throughout Southeast Asia.

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Hambali was involved in the December 2000 attack in Indonesia. He helped plan the Bali bombings in 2002 and facilitated al-Qaeda financing for the Jakarta Marriot Hotel bombing the following year. He schemed with senior al-Qaeda leaders regarding the post 9/11 attacks against United States' interests, including attacks in... inside the United States. He also repor... responded to an al-Qaeda interest in developing an anthrax program by providing a microbiologist, Yazid Sufaat, for that endeavor. Most of these activities were conducted through his lieutenants, Mohd Farik bin Amin, ISN 10021 and Bashir bin Lap, ISN 10022.

Hambali has mostly been compliant at Guantanamo Bay, having committed a low number of infractions relative to other detainees. Hambali has emerged as a mentor and teacher to his fellow detainees, seeming to exert influence over them. He has been heard promoting violent jihad while leading da... daily prayers and lectures.

We judge that Hambali remains steadfast in his support for extremist causes and his hatred for the United States. He most likely would look for ways to reconnect with his Indonesian and Malaysian cohorts or attract a new set of followers if he were transferred from Guantanamo Bay. He's close to his family and probably would quickly contact them as well. We do not know if

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they would be able to support him financially. Hambali's younger brother, Rusman Gunawan, has emerged as part of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant's Indonesian-based network.

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

TRANS: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

PR 1: Yes, Ma'am.

TRANS: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

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

TRANS: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

PR 1: Yes, Ma'am.

TRANS: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

PM: All right. Personal Pre... Representatives, please proceed.

TRANS: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

PR 1: Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the Board. We are the Personal Representatives for ISN 10019, Encep Nurjaman Hambali. Hambali has attended all scheduled meetings. During

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these meetings, he has been respectful and energetic. He has been most enthused about his PRB. He always smiles and never hesitates to answer any questions we have.

During his time in detention, he has learned English. Some from his interaction with the JTF Staff and some from Rosetta Stone. He also taught himself Arabic which he then held classes to help teach his fellow detainees. He went so far as to have homework and tests for them. His father and uncles were all teachers so it came naturally for him. When programs were offered, he was eager to attend. He enjoys watching the **[Inaudible]** programs *Planet Life*, *Blue Planet*, and also enjoys *The Great Courses* on DVDs.

Hambali has stated he has no ill will towards the U.S. He believes America has diversity and sharing of power which is much better than a dictatorship. He states that he wants nothing more than to move on with the... his pe... life and be peaceful. He hopes to remarry and have children to raise.

We stand ready to answer any questions you may have.

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

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE FROM BMS)

TRANS: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

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PM: 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 recess to prepare for the remaining sessions.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

(The public session concluded at 0909 hours, on 18 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)