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CA: This Periodic Review Board is being conducted at 1003 hours on 10 May 2016, with regard to the following detainee: Mohammed Abdul Malik Bajabu, ISN 10025.

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

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

CA: Representatives from the following agencies and... 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;

TWO TRANSLATORS;

THE DETAINEE; AND,

SECURITY OFFICER.

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TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

CA: The detainee's Personal Representatives, the detainee, and one 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 Personal Representatives' opening statements. These documents have been posted to the Periodic Review Secretariat website.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: This Board is convened to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted for Mohammed Abdul Malik Bajabu, ISN 10025, to protect against a continuing significant threat to the security of the United States. From here forward, we'll refer to the detainee as Abdul Malik. This session is... this session of the hearing is unclassified.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: Abdul Malik, 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 of this hearing is on the threat you may pose to United States and its interests, if

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transferred or released from U.S. custody. It is not on the
lawfulness of your detention.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

CA: There's been a request to pause for a moment while they try
and reboot the DCS.

PM: Okay. Do we need to let GTMO know?

CA: Yes, Ma'am.

PM: Just wanna let you know we are going to have to pause here
for a technical issue.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

(PAUSE FOR REBOOT OF SYSTEM AT 1008)

(RESUMED PROCEEDING AT 1012)

PM: All right, GTMO, I think we'll pick up. We had completed
the translation I think on the introductory purpose. So I'll pick up
at the Personal Representatives' roles. So, Abdul Malik, the
Personal Representatives are your representatives to assist you
during this process. Finally, the translators ensure that everybody
understands your statements and that you understand what's being said
at the hearing.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: Personal Representatives, has Abdul Malik had an
opportunity to review the unclassified summary?

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TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PR 2: Yes, Ma'am.

PM: All right. I'll read the unclassified summary:

Mohammed Abdul Malik Bajabu, ISN 10025, was inspired by a radical Imam to leave Kenya in 1996 to receive extremist training in Somalia where he developed a close relationship with members of al-Qaeda in East Africa, including high-level operational planners. Abdul Malik became an al-Qaeda in East Africa facilitator and was closely involved in the preparation and execution of the November 2002 attacks in Mombasa, Kenya. In February 2007, Kenyan authorities arrested Abdul Malik for his involvement in the Mombasa... Mombasa attacks and transferred him to U.S. custody a few weeks later.

Abdul Malik has been a highly compliant detainee since arriving at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility in March 2007. In debriefings, Abdul Malik offered conflicting narratives about his activities prior to his arrest and would not provide much information of value about his al-Qaeda in East Africa associates or the group's operations. After a few months, he expressed discomfort with providing the United States further information and became uncooperative with interrogators. In mid-2010, he stopped coming to sessions altogether. As a result, we have gaps in our understanding of his activities from 1997 to 2002 and again from 2003 to 2006.

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Abdul Malik has not expressed continued support for extremist activity or anti-U.S. sentiments, although he is critical of U.S. foreign policy. Abdul Malik considers himself a Quranic healer and holds conservative Islamic views that are likely to make transfer to and assimilation in non-Muslim country difficult. If transferred, we expect that Abdul Malik will attempt to reunite with his wife and children who currently reside in Somalia.

Personal Representatives, do you wish to make an unclassified opening statement, at this time?

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PR 1: Yes, Ma'am.

PM: All right...

TRANS 2: ...[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: All right. I'd like to remind all participants that 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've resolved the issue. Has Abdul Malik had an opportunity to review your statements?

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PR 2: Yes, Ma'am.

PM: All right. Personal Representatives, please proceed.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

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PR 1: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Board. We are the Personal Representatives for ISN 10025, Mr. Mohammed Abdul Malik Buju... Bajabow [sic]. We will be assisting Abdul Malik in this case this morning.

Abdul Malik has been overjoyed and eager to participate in the Periodic Review process ever since we met with him first in mid two... mid-March of 2016. When we explained why we were meeting with him, not only did he express his happiness, but it was obvious by the way he lit up his face. He has maintained his positive attitude throughout all our meetings and has always been gracious and respectful toward us... towards us.

During our meetings, Abdul Malik has expressed his desire to return home to reun... reunite with his family. He is open to transfer to any country, but would prefer an Arabic-speaking country, if possible. He is willing to participate in any rehabilitation or reintegration program, as well. He looks forward to his life after transfer from Guantanamo Bay, and reconnecting with his wife and children. He, also, hopes at some point his sisters and brothers could visit him and he could get to know them... the youngest members of his close-knit family who were born during his detention. His years of experience as a small business owner of... for a fishing and diving company will help him to find employment regardless of where

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he is transferred. He has a strong mind for entrepreneurship. In fact, his thirst for business knowledge includes reading Dale Carnegie business management books.

Abdul Malik has been a compliant detainee and has taken advantage of communal living opportunity here at the detention facility by being a camp cook for his fellow detainees. By being exposed to so many people of various cultural and religious backgrounds here at Guantanamo Bay, Abdul Malik has also had a chance to better understand and appreciate their beliefs and customs to which will, also, serve him well wherever he is transferred. Abdul Malik speaks and understands English very well.

We are confident that Abdul Malik's desire to pursue a better way of life, if transferred from Guantanamo Bay, is genuine and that he bears no ill will towards anyone. Of note, Abdul Malik has not made any negative or derogatory remarks toward U.S. policies or has he expressed an interest in extremist activities of any kind.

Thank you for your time and attention. We look forward to answering any questions you may have during this Board.

PM: Okay. Just before I go off mute, since we don't have to get the media out, can we go straight into the...

CA: They just... they just popped up...

PM: Oh, they just joined us, okay. I'll let them know too.

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CA: I don't have a list but we have one media from Northern Virginia Reporter and four NGOs from... one from Human Rights Watch, Top News Radio, Judicial Watch, and ACLU.

PM: Okay. Were they... do you know were they able to hear...

CA: They were... they did hear the PR statement.

PM: Okay. Sorry, Guantanamo, we just want to let you know one of the technical problems we were having was making sure that we were all connected with the media and observers. So, I'm just checking just to make sure we have them on. Hold on just a second.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

(PM CONFERRING WITH CA)

PM: All right. Thank you for the... for your patience. Board Members may reserve questions until detainee and witness statements have been presented in their entirety. Do any of the Board Members have a question at this time?

(NON-VERBAL RESPONSE FROM BMS)

TRANS 1: [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.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

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CA: We will now take a 5-minute recess to prepare for the remaining sessions.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

[The public session closed at 1021, 10 May 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 1: TRANSLATOR ONE (LOCATED AT PRS HQ)
TRANS 2: TRANSLATOR TWO (LOCATED AT GUANTANAMO BAY)