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CA: This periodic review board is being conducted at 0900 hours on 21 April 2014, at the Periodic Review Secretariat Headquarters, with regard to the following detainee: Salem Ahmad Hadi Bin Kanad.

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.

Representatives from the following agencies are present:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE;

DEPARTMENT OF STATE;

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE;

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY;

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE;

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF;

Also present are the following personnel:

LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE BOARD;

CASE ADMINISTRATOR;

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES;

SECURITY OFFICER.

The detainee's personal representatives are located at the detention facility, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and are attending this hearing via video teleconference.

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

PM: This board is called to order. This board is convened to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted for Salem Ahmad Hadi Bin Kanad in order to protect against a continuing significant threat to the security of the United States.

This periodic review board hearing session is unclassified. Classified documents and classified discussions relating to classified information shall not be presented or discussed during this unclassified session of the hearing.

This is the periodic review board to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted for the detainee. His continued law of war detention will be warranted if such detention is 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 the detainee may pose to the United States and its interests if transferred or released from U.S. custody, and not on the lawfulness of his detention.

The personal representatives are the detainee's representatives to assist and advocate in this process. The detainee has elected not to be present -- to be represented by private counsel

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in this process. Additionally, he has elected not to participate in this hearing.

Personal representatives, has the detainee had an opportunity to review the unclassified summary?

PR: Yes, sir.

PM: Thank you.

I will now read the unclassified summary for the record:

Salem Ahmad Hadi Bin Kanad, in the late 1990s or 2000, traveled from Yemen to Afghanistan to wage jihad against the Northern Alliance. He fought on the front lines in a Taliban unit commanded by Abu Turab al-Pakistani, and he possibly served as a low-level leadership role replacing Abu Turab when he was wounded. Documentary evidence and the detainee's testimony indicate he possibly received extremist training from al-Qaida, although he consistently has refused to answer questions regarding any al-Qaida affiliation.

The detainee has not presented significant force-protection problems while at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility and has participated in only a few mass disturbances. During interviews, he has provided little information of value, consistently avoided implicating himself, refused to provide substantive answers to interviewers' questions, and employed counter-interrogation techniques. The detainee has provided almost no insight into his

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current thinking or future plans and he appears to be concealing ties to Saudi Arabia for unknown reasons.

The detainee probably has relatives in both Yemen and Saudi Arabia, and he appears to have few associations with at-large extremists, based on his lack of interaction with anyone outside of Guantanamo save for family members who have no identified extremist affiliation. The robust presence of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula in the detainee's home region of Hadramawt probably would encourage his reengagement in extremist activities if he were repatriated to Yemen.

That concludes the unclassified summary.

Do the personal representatives wish to make an unclassified opening statement at this unclassified session?

PR: Yes, sir.

PM: I would like to remind all participants that any information shared at this time must be unclassified. If there is a concern about the classification of the information, I will indicate such and proceedings will stop until the classification issue is resolved.

Personal representatives, you may proceed with your opening statement.

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PR: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the board. We are the personal representatives for Salem Ahmad Hadi Bin Kanad. Today, we will be presenting our case without the aid of a private counsel.

We've met with Salem on multiple occasions and have learned a lot about him and his family. Salem has eagerly worked with us to prepare his case during the periodic review board process, and we are eager to demonstrate to this board that he is a peaceful man. He has put his trust in us as his military personal representatives to guide him through the process and to show to you that he should no longer be considered a continuing significant threat to the United States.

To accomplish this, we would like to go over some factors for you to consider while deciding Salem's case. First, Salem has been a consistently compliant detainee. As stated in his unclassified compendium, Salem has not presented significant force-protection problems while at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility. A testament to his good behavior is the fact that he resides within a facility where only the most compliant detainees are authorized to live. It is the only camp in which the detainees are allowed to live in communal conditions. Residing within this camp means Salem has abided by a lengthy set of rules and guidelines established by the camp administrators.

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Second, during his detention he has become a trusted leader by his fellow detainees. In fact, his fellow detainees once elected him a block leader and entrusted him with the responsibility of addressing detainee issues with the security force.

Third, Salem has taken upon himself to maintain an exercise regimen that helps him stay physically fit and healthy considering the limiting conditions of the camp. All three of these attributes illustrate that Salem is a man capable of taking care of himself and his fellow detainees all while abiding by camp rules.

A common theme throughout our discussions with Salem has been his strong desire to return to a normal, productive life in Saudi Arabia. He would like to return to his home in Riyadh in order to reunite with his father, brothers and sisters; all of whom have no identified extremist affiliation. Once home, he plans to attend a vocational school to study English and computer science. He's confident those studies, along with the sales experience he gained while working in his father's auto detailing business, will set him up well for a career in sales and marketing. Most importantly, establishing a stable career will finally allow him to become a supportive father to his two daughters.

Salem has repeatedly spoken of his two daughters and desperately wants to bring them home to Riyadh. He has never met his

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youngest daughter in person as she was only two months old the last time he saw her. He can't wait for -- to make up for the lost time during her childhood. While providing for their needs he wants to urge both daughters to complete their educations. His youngest daughter is currently in elementary school, and throughout -- through the regular phone calls, he has urged her to focus on her studies. Salem's goal for her would be to accomplish something he never did: complete her education through high school. His oldest daughter is currently learning to be a housewife, in accordance with their custom, but has shown great interest in sewing. Salem hopes to enroll her in a vocational school so that she can become a seamstress and pursue a job doing something she loves.

Salem also desires to rekindle his relationship with his father in order to be the loving son he should have been. His father is aging and has sold his business in order to retire. During our conversations with Salem it has been readily apparent that he would like to spend time with his father; making up for the time they lost. As a child, Salem worked for his father and helped the business that provided a stable income for the entire family. Ultimately, he wants to take the work ethic his father taught him and apply that to his studies and career. He wants to be capable of providing financial

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support to his father, brothers, sisters and family once he is working.

In order for Salem to achieve his goals he will need the support of his family. In fact, Salem is praying -- Salem's family is praying for his transfer and is readily prepared to support him upon his return to Riyadh. His brother has contacted us stating the family is prepared to take Salem in and provide for his every need while he reestablishes himself as a productive member of the community. The board can review the brother's statement in Exhibit 2. The family will provide him a place to live, support him financially, and assist with his enrollment in a vocational school to further his education.

As you review Salem's case, we would like you to consider the person he is today, his goals of becoming a supportive member of his family, and his desire to reunite with his two daughters and father. We hope the statements provided show you the person we've gotten to know, and we believe Salem's written statement only bolsters our case. Salem is looking towards the future and the man that he wants to be. He wants to be a loving father, a supportive son, an educated man, and a productive working member of his community. He would like to live the rest of his life in peace.

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We believe the information and documents we've provided this board fully support you finding that he should -- that he no longer should be considered a continued significant threat to the United States of America.

PM: Thank you.

We understand board members may reserve questions until the detainee's case has been presented in its entirety. Does any board member have a question for the personal representatives in this unclassified session?

[No verbal response from the members.]

PM: Seeing no questions, this will conclude this portion of the hearing.

Since the detainee is not present and there are no witnesses, the board will move directly into the classified session. The detainee's personal representatives will remain and attend the classified session, and will continue to advocate on his behalf.

I request that all board members remain seated until further instructed by the case administrator.

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

[The public session closed at 0910, 21 April 2014.]

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ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYM KEY

CA: CASE ADMINISTRATOR
PM: PRESIDING MEMBER
PR: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE