

**PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD FILE REVIEW, 08 SEP 2016**  
**HASSAN MUHAMMAD ALI BIN ATTASH, ISN 1456**  
**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT**

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen of the board. We are the Personal Representatives for ISN 1456. Thank you for the opportunity to present Mr. Hassan Muhammad Bin Attash's case. Mr. Hassan has continued to participate in the process and has been very understanding with the constant date changes by his PRs and his PC.

From our first encounter and all subsequent meetings, Hassan has been very engaged, fervent, and understanding in the preparation of his Periodic Review Board. From the onset, Hassan has demonstrated an optimistic outlook towards life after Guantanamo Bay. He is currently working on his U.S. High School GED with a goal of completing it this fall. He is fluent in English, Arabic, Pashtu, and speaks some Urdu and Persian. Upon his transfer from Guantanamo, he has a strong desire to attend college and work as a translator in order to provide for himself and for a future spouse. Since 2013, Hassan has been very compliant with few disciplinary infractions. As a block leader, he was commended by the Officer in Charge for solving daily routine issues within the camp.

Hassan arrived at Guantanamo at a very young age. During this time, he has been very open to learning western culture and the English language. Most of all, he is interested in furthering his education and has demonstrated a willingness to absorb new ideas no matter which culture it may be. During his time at Guantanamo, he has attended Art, English, Computer, Life Skills, and History classes.

Hassan would prefer to return to Saudi Arabia where his parents and siblings are located. He is more than willing to participate in the Saudi Arabia rehabilitation program but is also open to transfer to any country that is willing to accept him where security measures can be met. Since nearly half of the Saudi Arabian working population is foreign born, Hassan believes his language skills along with his strong desire to meet new people from diverse backgrounds will serve him well in a linguist/translator career. He would like to become certified in this career field in order to obtain work and provide for his future family.

Thank you for your time and attention. We are pleased to answer any questions you may have throughout this proceeding.

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PRIVATE COUNSEL STATEMENT

Good morning. I am David Remes, private counsel for Hassan bin Attash (ISN 1456), a Yemeni national born in Saudi Arabia. I have represented Hassan in his habeas corpus case for eleven years this August. I have seen him countless times and believe that I know him well.

Hassan is the youngest Guantanamo detainee. He left home when he was about thirteen, was captured in September 2002, when he was about seventeen, and was brought to Guantanamo in December 2004, when he was about nineteen. Hassan is now about thirty-one. He has spent his entire adult life in Guantanamo. I have watched him grow into adulthood. At all times, I found him to be more sensible and level-headed than many others his age.

Hassan is engaging. He has a quick wit and reads people well. I make a point of seeing him on every visit. He is very friendly, and I consider him a friend. If circumstances allowed, I would have him as a guest in my home. Hassan also has a strong sense of right and wrong. Now a young man, with a mind of his own, he is no longer under the sway of others and can make independent decisions. I have never heard him deprecate the American people or American values, or express extremist views.

Hassan arrived at Guantanamo with only an elementary school education. He did not know English when I first met him; now he is fluent, and his English is unaccented. His goal of becoming an Arabic-English translator is certainly realistic. Hassan has a thirst for knowledge generally and has taken advantage of all available educational opportunities here. He has an insatiable appetite for news about current events. When the prison still made such publications

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as the New York Times and the Washington Post available to detainees, Hassan devoured them. He assiduously watches English-language news channels. Closely following Guantanamo-related developments in Washington, he has developed a sophisticated understanding of the way our political system works, and the vagaries of American politics.

I hope that the Board concludes, as I have, that Hassan is no threat to the security of the United States. He should be transferred to the reintegration center in Saudi Arabia and prepared for a new life in the outside world. The Board should approve him for transfer.

Respectfully,

/s/

David Remes