

PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD
HASSAN MUHAMMAD ALI BIN ATTASH, ISN 1456
PRIVATE COUNSEL STATEMENT

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I respectfully urge the Board to conduct a new full review for Hassan.

I suspect that post-Election national political developments have demoralized Hassan to such an extent that he despairs of ever being released. He was unwilling to meet with his Personal Representative to prepare for his file review and did not provide a statement.

In any event, the Final Determination leaves no doubt that Hassan failed to satisfy the Board's concerns with respect to mindset—what his mindset was before he was captured, what his mindset is now, and why his mindset changed. Based on my habeas meetings with him since the Final Determination, I believe that if the Board grants Hassan a new full review, he will be more candid and can satisfy the Board's concerns.

Hassan has been held at Guantanamo for nearly half his life. He has never been an adult outside of captivity. As a condition of transfer, he is willing to participate in a Saudi rehabilitation program as long as necessary and submit to the closest monitoring by the Saudi government. I am confident that if the Board grants Hassan a new full review, it will conclude that his continued detention is unnecessary.