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CA: This Periodic Review Board is being conducted at 0927 hours on 23 June 2016, with regards to the following detainee: Abdullah al-Sharbi, ISN 682.

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 1: **[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;

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE;

TWO TRANSLATORS;

THE DETAINEE; AND,

SECURITY OFFICER.

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TRANS 1: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

CA: The detainee's Personal Representative, the detainee, and one translator are located at the detention facility, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They are attending via video teleconference. The documents... documents for this proceeding have been posted to the Periodic Review website. This session is being observed by foreign, national and local media; and representatives from non-governmental organizations.

TRANS 1: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

PM: Good morning and to the observers, thank you for your patience, apologize for the technical problems this morning. The Board is convened to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted for Abdullah al-Sharbi, ISN 682, to protect against a continuing significant threat to the security of the United States. From here forward, we'll refer to the detainee as Abdullah. This session of the hearing is unclassified.

TRANS 1: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

PM: Abdullah, 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

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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 1: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

PM: Personal Representative is your representative to assist you during this process. Finally, the translators ensure that everybody understands your statements and that you understand what is being said during the hearing.

TRANS 1: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

PM: Personal Representative, has Abdullah had an opportunity to review the unclassified summary?

TRANS 1: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

PR: Yes, Ma'am.

PM: Thank you.

TRANS 2: **[TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]**

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

Abdullah al-Sharbi, ISN 682, attended a U.S. flight school where he associated with two 9/11 hijackers, constructed... he also constructed electronic circuitry in Pakistan for improvised explosive devices to attack coalition forces, and may have been involved in homeland attack planning after 9/11. From 1999 to 2000, he attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona, and

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graduated with a bachelor's degree in Avionic Electreernal...
Electronic... Electrical Engineering. Abdullah traveled to Afghanistan
in the summer of 2001 and trained at the al-Farouq camp. After 9/11,
Abdullah traveled to Pakistan and was selected by a senior al-Qaeda
military commander to receive training on how to manufacture radio-
remote controlled improvised explosive devices with the intent of
training other extremists in bomb-making techniques. While in
Pakistan, he also attended meetings with al-Qaeda leaders where they
may have discussed attacks against the United States, possibly
including the plot by Jose Padilla to explode a radiological "dirty-
bomb." Abdullah was captured by Pakistani authorities on March 28,
2002, at senior al-Qaeda facilitator Abu Zubaydah's safe house in
Faisalabad, Province... excuse me... in Faisalabad, Punjab Province,
Pakistan.

Abdullah has been mostly non-compliant and hostile with the
guards throughout his detention at Guantanamo, according to Joint
Task Force-Guantanamo reporting. He has made conflicting statements
during his detention about the extent of his affiliation with al-
Qaeda and the training he received, and his behavior and statements
indicate that he retains extremist views and believes that quitting
jihad is wrong. Abdullah espouses a strong dislike for the United
States and says that he wishes to remain at Guantanamo to continue

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his jihad against the United States military and U.S. Middle East policies. Abdullah has told interrogators he will reengage in terrorist activity against the United States to defend Islam from the presence of U.S. forces in Saudi Arabia, and that the United States got what it deserved from the terrorist attacks on 9//11.

Abdullah's electrical engineering degree and a petroleum and minerals degree from King Fahd University in Saudi Arabia could provide him with a skill set for employment, if he is released. However, based on his education and training, we believe Abdullah is also technically proficient and skilled bomb maker whose electronics expertise would place him in high demand by extremist organizations. His past relationship with extremists would also provide Abdullah a path to reengage if he chose to do so. In addition to refusing to speak with interrogators, Abdullah refuses to meet with lawyers and foreign delegations regarding his detention hearings and possible transfers, which limits our ability to fully evaluate his future intentions and motivations. Should Abdullah return to Saudi Arabia, we assess that he would seek support from family members, although we lack insight to the extent to which they would be able to support him financially upon his return.

Does the Personal Representative wish to make an unclassified opening statement, at this time?

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TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

(VTC TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY AT 0935)

(VTC RESUMES AT 0940)

PM: Sorry, for the media observers, again I apologize for these technical problems this morning. Due to the technical problem, the Case Administrator will read the Personal Representative's unclassified opening statement.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

CA: Good Morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Board. I am the Personal Representative for Abdullah al-Sharbi. Mr. al-Sharbi has not attended any scheduled meetings and therefore, I am unable to describe my first-hand knowledge of him. I will try to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: All right. We'll reserve Board questions until the next session [sic]. So, I'd that ask we stay seated until the Case Administrator further instructs us.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

CA: We will now take a recess to prepare for the remaining session.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

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[The public session closed at 0941, 23 Jun 2016.]

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ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYM KEY

CA: CASE ADMINISTRATOR
DET: DETAINEE
PM: PRESIDING MEMBER
PR: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
TRANS 1: TRANSLATOR ONE (LOCATED AT PRS HQ)
TRANS 2: TRANSLATOR TWO (LOCATED AT GUANTANAMO BAY)