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PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD FILE REVIEW, 08 AUG 18 GHASSAN ABDULLAH AL SHARBI, ISN 682 DETAINEE STATEMENT

I hope you accept my non-undermining criticism.

In a periodic Review Board the results have been either negative or pending. In an effective board the results are only recommendations. In a board that demands, without guarantees, absolute "candor", while American lawyers, causing dilemma by strictly and intimidatingly opposing it. In a board where politics seems stronger than security, and in many cases compare detainees of wealthy influential states to ones of poor weak states. In a board that seems to be doing a routine job, imposed on it, with preordained results in some difficult cases. In a board where, under the idea of security, doesn't consider at all the humane and ethical principles by legitimizing continued lawless detention for upwards of 17 years. Even with your punishment standpoint, there is an extreme disproportion between actions and the duration of detention, let alone its nature. In all of the above, still there is a glimpse of hope, God willing. My objective, here, is not to be blunt and provocative. It is how I view it. I have little faith in the system. Let me cite this relatively recent story:

The reason why I am here (in fact why we are all here) is 9/11, whose 17th anniversary is soon. It is a renewed memory with a renewed injustice. As a Saudi, my family and I, as many American families, are harmed from the Saudi wealthy hierocracy, versus the American poor submissiveness to that of the Saudi's. I tried to lift some of that harm off families (from both sides) by 1) trying to expose some of the Saudi "double game" tactics (i.e. fighting and supporting Jihad). 2) Helping families to make some money to lessen some of their chronic pain. I was so clear that I don't hold secret information or evidence and so on, of Saudis linked to 9/11, rather, I am aware and exposed to the hypocritical culture of those false clerics and officials. From the second half of 2016 and up to now, I have been requesting to be represented by lawyers of 9/11 victims' families. It has been a major request of my hunger strike, (with a few other major requests). I tried to reach, indirectly, some family members of 9/11 victims. I saw them in the

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media complaining about the Saudi obstructing influence. I got very emotional because, like them, my family has suffered as well due to the same reason. I tried repeatedly and officially to reach the American Federal Judges (last attempt was Oct 13, 2017) via camp mail. I talked to camp leadership (JDG Colonel, SJA, SMO, etc.) All my attempts were not only denied, but crushed! Starting from mid-2017, my hunger strike got dealt with the harshest methods. Military leadership got so rough after I persistently requested those humane requests. Apparently at the behest of the Saudis and their American allies; however, I count on many truthful Americans and Saudis as well. Ironically, I learned 100% that the military leaders of the camp acknowledge and talk privately about the Saudis playing "double games", however, they callously stuck to the "system". This is another example of why I have minimal faith in the "system".

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns, and I hope to have the opportunity to speak to you in person soon so I can answer any questions you have and we can discuss further.

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