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**PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD, 20 AUG 2019
GHASSAN ABDULLAH AL SHARBI, ISN 682
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT**

Members of the Board, thank you for the opportunity to present this opening statement for Ghassan Abdullah Al Sharbi, ISN 682.

Mr. Al Sharbi met with me on Five (5) separate occasions since February 2019, but has refused all meetings since (May 14th, May 22nd, June 12th). Mr. Al Sharbi has stopped attending meetings due to his displeasure in our ability to provide him with a "Dream Team" of lawyers. Mr. Sharbi continues to communicate through letters, but has advised me that he will not attend our meetings again until I get him a team of 4 lawyers from big firms and specifically one firm that specializes in Public Relations and one firm that currently represents the 9/11 victims. We have made every effort to obtain legal counsel for Mr. Sharbi, however the lawyers who volunteer to take his case are not the ones he wants. We will continue to reach out to the Private Counsel that Mr. Sharbi requests in the hopes that a PC that he is agreeable with will agree to represent him.

In addition, Mr. Sharbi is frustrated that the PRs will not assist him in getting his story out to the press. I have explained, in English and Arabic, the role of the Periodic Review Secretariat and that the media are authorized, and invited to attend portions of his hearing.

We will continue to schedule meetings and communicate through letters in the hopes that Mr. Sharbi will reengage with his Personal Representative and the Periodic Review Board.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board members for their time.

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