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CA: This periodic review board is being conducted at 0906 hours on 29 January 2019, with regard to the following detainee:

Said bin Brahim bin Umran Bakush (*Sa-Eeed Bin Bra-Heem Bin Oom-Ran Bah-Koosh*) (ISN 685).

CA: 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.

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; AND,

CA: As I mentioned we do not have a Security Officer.

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CA: The detainee's Personal Representative is located at the detention facility, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He is attending via video teleconference. The detainee has chosen not to attend. These documents have been posted to the Periodic Review Secretariat website. This session is being observed by foreign, national and local media; Foreign Government Officials and Representatives from Non-Governmental Organizations.

PM: This Board is being convened to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted for Said bin Brahim bin Umran Bakush (*Sa-Eeed Bin Bra-Heem Bin Oom-Ran Bah-Koosh*) (ISN 685) to protect against a continuing significant threat to the security of the United States. From here on forward, we will refer to the detainee as Said (*Sa-Eeed*). This session of the hearing is unclassified.

PM: This is the Periodic Review Board to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted in Said's (*Sa-Eeed's*) case. Continued law of war detention will be warranted if it is necessary to protect against a continuing significant threat to the national security of the United States. The focus of this hearing is on the threat Said (*Sa-Eeed*) may pose to the United States and its interests if transferred or released from U.S. custody. It is not on the lawfulness of his detention.

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PM: The Personal Representative is Said's (*Sa-Eeed's*) representative to assist during this process.

PM: Personal Representative, has the detainee had an opportunity to review the Unclassified Summary?

PR: Yes, Sir.

PM: Thank you. I will now read the unclassified summary:

Said Bin Brahim Bin Umran Bakush (*Sa-Eeed Bin Bra-Heem Bin Oom-Ran Bah-Koosh*) (ISN-685) was a trusted associate of prominent al-Qa'ida facilitator Abu Zubaydah (ISN-10016) and al-Qa'ida trainer Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi (ISN-212). Bakush probably attended basic and advanced training in Afghanistan and later served as an instructor at an extremist camp before his capture with Zubaydah in March 2002 at a safe house in Pakistan, where residents were training for attacks against U.S. interests.

PM: Does the Personal Representative wish to make an unclassified Opening Statement at this time?

PR: Yes, Sir.

PM: I would like to remind all participants that any information shared at this time must be unclassified. If there is a concern about the classification of the information, I will indicate such and will stop the proceedings until we resolve the issue. Has the detainee had the opportunity to review your statement?

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PR: Yes, Sir.

PM: Okay. Personal Representative, please proceed.

PR: Members of the board, thank you for the opportunity to address this board on behalf of Said Bin Brahim Bin Umran Bakush (*Sa-Eeed Bin Bra-Heem Bin Oom-Ran Bah-Koosh*) (ISN 685). Said has respectfully declined to participate further in the Periodic Review Process. Within the past six (6) months I have attempted to meet with Said on seven (7) separate occasions, each resulting in a refusal on his part. Additionally, he has declined all attempts by Private Counsel offering to represent him. We will continue to offer ISN 685 representation for future PRS Boards.

PM: Thank you. Board Members may reserve questions until detainee and witness statements have been presented in their entirety. Does anyone have a question at this time?

PM: Okay. With no questions, this concludes this portion of the hearing. I ask that all remain seated until further instructed by the Case Administrator.

CA: Okay. We will take a short recess to prepare for the remaining sessions.

[The public session closed at 0909, 29 January 2019.]

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ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYM KEY

BM:	BOARD MEMBER
CA:	CASE ADMINISTRATOR
PC:	PRIVATE COUNSEL
PM:	PRESIDING MEMBER
PR:	PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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