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CA: This Periodic Review Board is being conducted at 0907 hours on 3 May 2016, with regard to the following detainee: Karim Bostam.

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 REPRESENTATIVES;

TWO TRANSLATORS;

THE DETAINEE; AND,

SECURITY OFFICER.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

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CA: The detainee's Personal Representatives, the detainee, and one translator are located at the detention facility, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They are attending via video teleconference and the detainee waived translation of the unclassified summary and Personal Representatives' opening statements. However, these documents have been or will be posted to the PRS dot mil public website. This ceps... session is being observed by national media and representatives from Non-Governmental Organizations.

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

PM: This Board is called to order. The Board is convened to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted for Karim Bostam, ISN 975, to protect against a continuing significant threat to the security of the United States. From here forward, we'll refer to the detainee as Karim. This session of the hearing is unclassified.

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

PM: Karim, 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: The Personal Representatives are your representatives to assist you during this process. Finally, the translators ensure that everybody understands your statements and then you... what you... that you understand what is being said during the hearing.

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

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

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

PR 1: Yes, Ma'am.

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

PM: Thank you. I will now read the Unclassified Summary:

Karim Bostam, ISN-975, was probably the leader of an al-Qaeda-associated improvised explosive device cell that targeted coalition forces in Khost, Afghanistan. In this role, he probably planned, directed, or conducted multiple attacks against coalition forces. He also was probably an al-Qaeda member who took orders from al-Qaeda leaders in Pakistan, particularly senior paramilitary commander Abu Layth al-Libi. Some reporting indicates that he facilitated al-Qaeda

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members' and foreign fighters' escape from Afghanistan into Pakistan following the onset of Operation Enduring Freedom. Since his initial capture, Karim has consistently denied affiliation with any terrorist or extremist group or involvement in any terrorist or extremist activities.

Karim has been highly compliant with the guard staff at Guantanamo Bay detention facility since his arrival in March 2003. According to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, he has committed a low number of infractions compared to other detainees. He met somewhat regularly with interrogators until November 2012, probably because he believed he could convince them of his long-professed innocence and increase the likelihood that he would be transferred back to Afghanistan. While talking extensively about Jamaat Tablighi and his involvement with the group, he provided no information of value. We assess that he ended his interrogations out of frustration about his continued detention.

Because Karim consistently has denied involvement in terrorist activities and has provided little information to interrogators, we lack insight into his current mindset, which challenges both our understanding of what motivated his probable activities before detention and whether he would pursue extremist activity after detention. Karim has not expressed any intent to re-engage in

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extremist activity or espoused any anti-U.S. sentiment that would indicate he views the United States as an enemy. Even so, several members of Karim's alleged improvised explosive device cell, who are former detainees, have reengaged in extremist activity in Khost, Afghanistan, including a nephew who is close to him, and who could provide him opportunity to re-engage should he choose to do so.

PM: Do the Personal Representatives wish to make an unclassified opening statement at this time?

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

PR 1: Yes, Ma'am.

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

PM: All right, I'd like to remind everyone that any information shared at this time must be unclassified. If there's concern about the classification of the information, I will indicate as such and will stop the proceedings until we resolve the issue. Has the detainee had an opportunity to review your statements?

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

PR 1: Yes, Ma'am.

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

PM: All right, Personal Representatives, please proceed.

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

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PR 1: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Board. We are the Personal Representatives of Karim Bostan [sic] and will be assisting Mr. Bostan [sic] this morning with his case.

Mr. Bostan [sic] has been overjoyed and eager to participate in the Periodic Review process since we first met with him in late February 2016. Once we explained why we were meeting with him, he began to smile. He expressed his pleasure in attending future meetings with us.

Karim has been gracious and respectful during each scheduled meeting. During these meetings, we found out that Karim is a loving father and grandfather who... who dreams daily of returning home to reuni... reunite with his family. He has two daughters and four sons. Karim has yet to meet hi... his youngest son as he was born after his detention. He has also never met his grandchildren.

Karim is one of the older detainees in Guantanamo Bay. He is over 48 years old and only wants to return home to enjoy his family in peace during the years he has left.

Karim has taken advantage of the educational opportunities here at the detention center and learned how to read and write in Pashto. Karim told us numerous times how he can't wait to tell his family the importance of literacy in today's world. He is very proud of his writing skills. Karim also owns a wedding rental store that his son-

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in-law now manages. Additionally, Karim has learned the importance of daily exercise which has greatly improved his physical fitness. So much so that when he...

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CA: Excuse me Board Members...

(AUDIO CONNECTION REESTABLISHED AT 09:15:09)

PR 1: ...To pursuing a better life... way of life if transferred from Guantanamo Bay is genuine. Karim is willing to answer any questions you may have. He is also... he is open to transfer to any country, but would prefer to return to Afghanistan, if possible.

We remain convinced that Karim does not pose a significant threat to the security of the United States or any of its allies.

Thank you for your time and attention. We look forward to answering any questions you may have during this Board.

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

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

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE FROM BMs)

PM: All right, with no questions, this concludes this portion of the hearing. I ask that we remain seated until further instructed by the Case Administrator.

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TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

CA: We will take a 15-minute recess to prepare for the remaining sessions.

TRANS 1: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

[The public session closed at 0920, 3 May 2016.]

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ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYM KEY

BM: BOARD MEMBER

CA: CASE ADMINISTRATOR

DET: DETAINEE

PM: PRESIDING MEMBER

PR 1: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ONE

PR 2: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TWO

TRANS 1: TRANSLATOR ONE (LOCATED AT PRS HQ)

TRANS 2: TRANSLATOR TWO (LOCATED AT GUANTANAMO BAY)