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1 CA: This Periodic Review Board hearing is now convened at 0900  
2 hours 26 October 2021, with regard to the following  
3 detainee: Moath Hamza Ahmed Al-Alwi (ISN 28). As a  
4 reminder the unclassical portion of these processing are  
5 being reordered for the purpose of generating a transcript  
6 to be posted on the PRS website.

7 HQ Translator: Translates above.

8 CA: Representatives from the following agencies are present and  
9 are members of the Board: Department of Defense, Department  
10 of State. Department of Justice, Department of Homeland  
11 Security, Office of the Director of National Intelligence  
12 and Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.  
13 The following personnel are also present: Legal Advisor to  
14 the Board, Case Administrators, Personal Representative,  
15 Private Counsel, translators, the detainee and the Security  
16 Officer.

17 HQ Translator: Translates above.

18 CA: The detainee's Personal Representative, the detainee, and  
19 translator are located at the detention facility, U.S.  
20 Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They are attending via  
21 video teleconference. The detainee has waived translation  
22 of the unclassified summary, the Personal Representative's  
23 statement. The unclassified summary has been posted to the  
24 Periodic Review Secretariat website. Foreign, national and  
25 local media; Foreign Government Officials and  
26 Representatives from Non-Governmental Organizations may be  
27 observing this session.

28 HQ Translator: Translates above.

29 PM: Good morning. This Board is convened to determine whether  
30 continued law of war detention is warranted for Moath Hamza  
31 Ahmed Al-Alwi (ISN 28) to protect against a continuing  
32 significant threat to the security of the United States.

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33 From her on forward we will refer to the detainee as Moath.

34 This session of this hearing is unclassified.

35 HQ Translator: Translates above.

36 PR: Moath this is your Period Review Board to determine whether  
37 continue Law of War detention is warranted in your case.

38 Continued Law of War detention will be warranted if it is  
39 necessary to protect against a continuing significant  
40 threat to the security of the United States. The focus of  
41 this hearing is on the treat you may pose to the united  
42 stated and its interest if transfer of released from U.S.  
43 custody. It is not on the lawfulness of detention.

44 HQ Translator: Translates above.

45 CA: The Personal Representative and Private Counsel are your  
46 representative to assist you during this process. Finally  
47 the translators ensure that everyone understands your  
48 statements and that you understand what is being said  
49 during the hearing.

50 HQ Translator: Translates above.

51 CA: Personal Representative and Private Counsel as the detainee  
52 had an opportunity to review the Unclassified Summary?

53 HQ Translator: Translates above.

54 PR: Yes, Sir.

55 PC: Yes, Sir.

56 PM: Thank you. I will now read the UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY:

57 Moath Hamza Ahmed al-Alwi (ISN 28) was an al-Qa'ida-  
58 affiliated fighter who spent time with Usama bin Ladin's  
59 security detail but probably was not one of his bodyguards.  
60 Alwi traveled to Afghanistan sometime between the late  
61 1990's to 2000 to participate in jihad, probably trained  
62 with al-Qa'ida, and may have helped manage an al-Qa'ida  
63 guesthouse. He developed relationships with many prominent  
64 extremists in Afghanistan and spent time with al-Qa'ida and

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65 Taliban fighters on the frontlines, although we do not know  
66 whether he engaged directly in combat. Does the Personal  
67 Representative wish to make unclassified Opening Statement  
68 at this time?

69 HQ Translator: Translates above.

70 PR: Yes, Sir.

71 GTMO Translator: Translates above.

72 PM: I would like to remind all participants that any  
73 information shared at this time must be unclassified. If  
74 there is a concern about the classification of the  
75 information, I will indicate as such and will stop the  
76 proceedings until it is resolved. Has the detainee had the  
77 opportunity to review your statements?

78 HQ Translator: Translates above.

79 PR: Yes, Sir.

80 PC: Yes, Sir.

81 PM: Thank you, Personal Representative, you may now proceed.

82 GTMO Translator: Translates above.

83 PR: Good Morning ladies and gentlemen of the Board. I am the  
84 Personal Representative for Mr. Moath Hamza Ahmed Al-Alwi.  
85 Moath, his PC, and I are here today to answer your  
86 questions in an effort to secure your nod for transfer.  
87 Moath is passionate about art and hopes to continue his  
88 education and training to make this passion a career. His  
89 artwork has been showcased in numerous exhibits and  
90 evaluated by art critics and instructors who feel that  
91 Moath has a real talent and could make a living using this  
92 talent. In addition to art projects, Moath spends his time  
93 cooking, attending class, and improving his English  
94 language skills. He is consistently listed amongst the  
95 most compliant currently in detention. Moath has committed  
96 to attend any rehabilitation program that the Board

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97            directs. With the help and support from his family and his  
98            legal staff, I feel that Moath has a good support  
99            team which should ease his transfer and transition. Thank you  
100           for this opportunity to appear before the board.  
101           PM: Board Members may reserve questions until detainee and  
102           witness statements have been presented in their entirety.  
103           However, does anyone have any questions at this time?  
104           HQ Translator: Translates above.  
105           PM: With no further questions, this concludes this portion of  
106           the hearing. I ask that all remain seated until further  
107           instructed by the Case Administrator.  
108           HQ Translator: Translates above.  
109           CA: We will take a short recess to prepare for the remaining  
110           sessions. Time now 0910.

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