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**[The detainee session opened at 0944, 28 January 2014.]**

PM: I'd like to ask the personal representative and private counsel: Does Mr. Abdel Malik desire to make an oral or written statement?

PC: Yes, Abdel Malik intends to make an oral statement.

PM: Mr. Abdel Malik, during this hearing, you have an opportunity to make a personal statement or ask questions. You are not required to make a statement, and you will not be compelled to answer questions. The choice of whether to make a statement or answer questions is up to you. Your representatives may assist you in deciding whether to make a statement or answer questions and may assist you in making a statement.

PC: Please proceed.

PM: Okay. So you understand that you have this opportunity, correct?

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

Yes.

PM: Okay. So you may now make your statement to the board.

DET: My name is Abdel Malik Ahmed Abdel Wahab al-Rahabi, ISN



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No. 37. I'm from Ibb, Yemen; I'm 34 years old.

My family and I deeply thank the board for taking a new look at my case. I feel hope and trust in the system. It's hard to keep up hope for the future after twelve years. But what you are doing gives me new hope. I also thank my personal representatives and my private counsel, and I thank President Obama. I will summarize my written statement since it has already been submitted to the board.

I have been compliant in the camp facilities and other detainees trust me. I have taken the opportunities for education and personal growth. I have been preparing myself for the life after Guantanamo.

When I return to Yemen, I want to resume my education. My father, who is a tailor, has a job for me in his shop. I have a wife who longs for me and 13-year-old daughter who badly needs me. She's a light -- she is the light of my life.

Being apart from Ayesha has been the hardest part of my detention. In our calls, she says I want you to take me to the park; I want you to help me with my homework. She sends me five or six letters at a time. I will never again leave Ayesha without her father, my wife without her husband, my parents without their son. I want to make up for the twelve years I have been away.



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Thank you.

PM: Thank you very much.

At this time, board members, do you have questions for Abdel Malik?

Who wants to go first?

**[No verbal response from the board members.]**

PM: Okay. Go ahead, please.

BM: Mr. Abdel Malik, can you tell us a little bit about how you feel about America and towards Americans?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: In my opinion, the United States is a superpower. It is a great country. In the last days, the United States supported Yemen, especially in the reconsolidation[sic]process initiative that is taking place in Yemen those days.

PM: Other questions -- thank you.

Other questions?

BM: I can follow that: Mr. Abdel Malik, can you describe the concepts of jihad and takfir and then give us your view on them?

PC: If I may interrupt, was the answer sufficiently complete or is there any further comment you'd like on that question?

PM: Do you have anything additional?



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BM: If he wants to talk about his feelings towards Americans in general, that would be helpful.

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I hold no bad feeling toward the United States; I hold no animosity against the people of the United States. My representatives are Americans. My personal representatives are my advocate, and they are Americans. I have nothing of bad that I feel against the United States of America.

PM: Are you good with that?

BM: Uh-huh.

PM: Thank you. That was very helpful. We appreciate the expanded response.

For the benefit of the translator, we'll come back to the second question and repeat that question now.

BM: Can you describe the concepts of jihad and takfir and then give us your view on them?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I don't have -- I do not have any opinion concerning jihad or takfir; however, I leave that to the scholars. Most of the scholars have more education and more understanding about the principle of jihad than I do.



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DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: This is not one area of my expertise.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And I am not interested in it, period.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I am not a violent person, and I do not have any bad feeling against anybody.

PM: Follow-up?

BM: Yeah. Thanks.

To follow-up, so if I understand correctly, you said that, you know, you're not an expert on jihad or takfir and that you would defer to the scholars.

What if your scholars, upon your return, tell you that jihad against the West is allowable, violence is allowable, or that takfir is a legitimate concept, how would you react to that?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Quite frankly, as I stated in my statement, my focus is to return back to my family -- to my loving family and to be with them and to pursue career and live peacefully. I have -- I don't intend to have any contact with any of this; however, I feel that my family needs me and I would like to return back to my family.



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BM: Thank you.

PM: Next question, please.

BM: Good morning, Mr. Abdel Malik.

DET: Good morning.

BM: Could you please describe for us how you think you have grown or changed since you left Yemen?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: A very good morning to you, sir.

BM: Thank you.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I spent twelve years in detention, in incarceration, in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. I learned a lot during my incarceration.

I went to school here. I attended classes in computer science and in education. I attended classes in rehabilitation techniques. I feel that I am ready to meet the outside world.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I feel a need to have a family and to build them.

PM: Do you have a follow-up?

BM: When you mentioned ----

TRANS: ---- to be with them.

BM: Thank you. ----- when you mentioned "rehab techniques,"



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what types of techniques are you talking about?

TRANS: [Translation of above.]

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: We attended classes in life skills, how to return back to society, how to build a family, how to deal with the outside world.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: It is one -- well understood, when you deal with other, you have learned how to deal with them and how to relate to them; you have to deal with them in a peaceful manner, in a polite way so that you can interact in a positive mood with them.

BM: Thank you.

PM: Thank you.

Next question, please.

BM: Thank you.

Good morning. I want to ask you a little bit more about your family relationships and the support that they provide you. It sounds like that you've been in very frequent contact with them.

Can you tell us about -- a little bit about how -- a little bit more detail about your family relationship and how that may have changed before you came to GTMO and since the time that you've been at GTMO, Guantanamo Bay?



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TRANS: [Translation of above.]

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: Before my incarceration, I had a solid, firm relation with my family. We had -- we sustained a loving relation. We never had disagreement; we loved each other within the boundary of our family.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: I don't even recall once I was disciplined by my families or I did -- because I did anything that was horribly wrong that I needed some punishment of a sort.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: Of course, after my return, the relation will be a lot stronger one because they miss me. Second, I am matured and they matured. I feel, upon my return, we're going to have even a better relation than the one we had before.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: As you may know from the traffic I receive, I receive a lot of correspondence from my family, a lot of letters, a lot of contact we have. And you would see in their testimony of my favor how we maintain a cordial and loving relation.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: Especially, I am married and I have a daughter that I live for.



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DET: She is the light of my life.

TRANS: And she is the light of my life.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I wish that you can feel what I feel about my daughter. I know you have kids of your own too.

PM: Thank you. The love for your family has become very apparent to the board. Thank you very much.

We have a follow-up question to this.

BM: We understand -----

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

BM: Thank you. We understand that you have a close relationship with the family we've talked about and the people that have submitted statements on your behalf.

You indicated that you have a large family that comes to see you, and there's a large family presence in Ibb.

Can you tell us a little bit about the relationship with some of the other family members you have in Ibb?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: As you may know, I have a large family. I have brothers and sisters. Most members of my family are educated and they are gainfully employed.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**



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TRANS: They also are married and they have their own family.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Similarly, my uncles and my cousins are also they are educated and bona fide members of the Yemeni society. They will be supporting me.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: They too are in constant contact with me through correspondence, through telephone calls. And they respect me, and they always contact to me their love and their respect.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: It goes without saying I am from a small farm, and the people in my farm ----

DET: Village.

TRANS: I am from a small village, and the people in my village loves me and respect me.

BM: Thank you.

PM: So in sticking with this theme, another question: We saw as part of your submission that your personal representative [sic] Mr. Remes asked your brother-in-law Sadeq Muhammed Said Ismail if representatives of al-Qaeda or other terrorist groups had come to him and asked him to join their organization. And Mr. Ismail responded that he would not join their organization.



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I'd like to ask the same question of you:

If you were approached after you returned back to Ibb by members of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula or other terrorist extremists and asked to join their efforts and their cause, would you?

And related to that, if members of those groups threatened your family in an effort to try to coerce your involvement, how would you respond to such threats?

DET: As my brother-in-law Sadeq answered, it would be my answer too. I refuse and I will not join with any groups, any groups either political or terrorist or any groups. I will never.

PM: And the second part of that question was: If those groups threatened your family in an effort to try to get you to cooperate with them, if they threatened your daughter or your wife or your father, how would you respond to such threats?

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Of course I hope this would never happen. And if it happened, I'd have to report it to the authority; the Yemeni government will protect me.

DET: And I will ask them to help me and protect me from any



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threat.

PM: Thank you.

Next question.

BM: Thank you.

Mr. Abdel Malik, can you just maybe walk us through how many brothers and sisters you have and where they are, and then also your wife's brothers and sisters and where they are, just so we're clear on who everybody is.

DET: Some of them live in the village in Ibb, and I have a brother that live [sic] in city Ibb. And some of them have special job, and another one is tailor and education. And -- but all of them live in city Ibb; but as I told you, some in the village and some in the city.

BM: Would you mind just going through and listing them one-by-one where they are, what they do? Just -- I know it's a long answer; but if you could just indulge us, that'd be great. Thank you.

TRANS: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

It would take long time.

BM: I understand

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: My older brother is Adam.



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DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: He is older than I; one year old.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: He is married.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: He has a daughter and a son.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: He even called his son -- he give him my surname:  
Abdel Malik.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: He -- my brother O., he is a restaurateur; he own a  
restaurant.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: The second is my sister.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: She is younger than I.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: She is married and she has five sons.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: Her husband is a college graduate. He is a teacher  
and he teach [sic] in our village.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: I have my other brother, Majid.



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DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: He -- after he finish his high school, he joined  
the -- he went to college and he graduated from law school.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And right now he works in a civil organization as a  
secretary ----

DET: ---- in Sana'a.

TRANS: ---- in Sana'a.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: He is married and he has two children.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: My other brother, his name is Mukhtar.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: He is married and he has two sons.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: He works as a construction worker.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And I have --

**[Speaking in Arabic.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I have another brother named Abdel Majid.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: He is right now in high school.



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DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Please allow me to explain. I have brothers and half-brothers.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I have another half-sister.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: She's married.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And her husband ----

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: ---- in Saudi Arabia ----

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: ---- is a contractor -- he own [sic] a contracting company.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And my sister lives with him in Saudi Arabia.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I have another sister.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: She's also married.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And she lives in the village.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**



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TRANS: And her husband is a teacher.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I have another sister, though.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: She is married.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And she has two children.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And her husband is a laborer.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And he works in Saudi Arabia.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: My youngest sister, she just got married about two years ago.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And she has one son.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And her husband, too, he is -- he works in Saudi Arabia.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And, also, I have two other sisters whom they are still young, and they are not married. And they live at home.

DET: I told you it would take a long time.



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BM: Yeah.

DET: And I do apologize.

BM: Thank you so much. I have 40 cousins, so I understand. But I -- just -- but can you also just go over your wife's family as well and all her siblings, including half-siblings? Sorry.

TRANS: [Translation of above.]

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: My wife has one sister and six boys.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

I forget the number exactly.

TRANS: I don't know their number exactly.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: Among them, of course, Sadeq.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: As you -- perhaps you saw his witness-ship that he used to be a detainee here in Guantanamo Bay, and he was released.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: He has other brothers whom they are teacher. And they also in -- they are business people, and ----

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: And some of them work in Saudi Arabia.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]



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TRANS: Of course, I learned all these things through correspondence. I've been incarcerated for twelve years, and I don't have everything but through correspondence.

**[The detainee and the private counsel conferred.]**

PM: Thank you. Thank you. That was -- we appreciate ----

BM: He probably has some more; he's saying something.

PM: Oh, please go ahead.

PC: If I may ask, are there any other relatives that you would like to tell the board about?

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I learned through my counsel that I do have a relative named Rashad that he ----

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: ---- that he lives in Ibb.

DET: He's terrorist?

TRANS: And he is labeled as a terrorist. I don't know this fact about him.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Of course, he is my brother-in-law, but I didn't have any relation with him. When I got married, the relation had been concluded -- the agreement to sign a contract for marriage, it has been concluded between my father and his father.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**



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TRANS: I never had any relation -- any prior relation with him ----

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: ---- but after I got married and it became a family relation.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: He lives in the city of Ibb, but I live in the village of Ibb.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Soon after I got married, I stayed in Yemen ten months, and then I left Yemen.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: That is why I can conclude I never -- I did not built with him any kind of relation because I left Yemen shortly after my marriage.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Whenever I saw him in Yemen, I -- for me, he was a regular, normal Joe.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I never heard from him any antagonistic opinion or any -- anything that is bad.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**



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TRANS: He never invited me or asked me to join any  
terrorist organization -----

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: ---- or become part of jihad.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I can conclude -- I can tell you I am my own person,  
and no one can influence me or dictate on me any of him.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: My entire focus is on my family and my future.

BM: Thank you very much.

PM: Thank you for that additional information and the  
clarifying information. It's very helpful for the board.

Next question.

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

BM: You mentioned that you left Yemen shortly after you got  
married.

Can you tell us where you went and what you did?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: As you may know, I graduated from high school from  
an institute called al-Furqan in Yemen. Soon after my  
graduation, I decided to pursue an Islamic study, so I went to  
Pakistan to enroll in an Islamic university.



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DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: After that, when I went to Pakistan to enroll in the Islamic college, I went to Afghanistan to teach people the Koran and to -- just to educate them.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I spent ten months in Afghanistan. And then the situation in Afghanistan stopped and the war started; I decided to return back to Yemen.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: As you know, my daughter Ayesha was born in Pakistan.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Soon -- and then the war started, and I was planning to return to take my family on a return back to Yemen. But I -- the war started, I was in Khost, and ----

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And my family was in Kandahar, and I couldn't reach them because of the war.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: During my seizure in Afghanistan, all what I did is to teach people Islamic education, and I never been contacted or involved in any activity whatsoever.

PC: What kind of activity?



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TRANS: [Speaking in Arabic.]

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: No one invited me or asked me to join any or to be part of any activities ----

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: ---- against the United States or their partners -- their allies.

PM: Thank you very much.

Next question: You mentioned earlier your familiarity with the national dialogue that's occurring in Yemen right now.

Can you tell us a little bit about your views of the national dialogue and how you see that affecting the future of the country over all?

TRANS: [Translation of above.]

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: I follow through the media, Yemeni channels, the -- what is taking place, vis a vis the national dialogue.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]

TRANS: Quite frankly, I have no interest in politics. I have no intention in being a politician or getting involved in any politics.

DET: [Speaking in Arabic.]



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TRANS: Of course, because I am following the news, I hope that the national dialogue will bring the country together and to become a peaceful and serene place to live.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Especially, that the conference -- the national dialogue conference included everybody, every fabric of ----

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: ---- every fabric of the Yemeni society: women -- everybody together.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I heard in the news that the national dialogue conference has been concluded two days ago, and the world -- the entire world blessed this achievement, including the United States, whom they sent an emissary to meet with our government to congratulate them on their success and their achievement.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: The American emissary who went to Yemen to congratulate the Yemeni government for their achievement met with the president of Yemen, President Hadi, and spoke about the Guantanamo detainees. And they -- I would like to be among those people who will be, hopefully, transferred and returned back to Yemen, through you of course.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**



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TRANS: The president of Yemen said that the center of -- rehabilitation center is ready, and I would like to return back.

PM: Thank you. I applaud the currency of your information. You are certainly up-to-date on current events in Yemen. And that's very good to hear.

Since you've mentioned the rehabilitation center, would you be willing to participate and attend the rehabilitation center if you were returned to Yemen?

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: During my incarceration in Guantanamo Bay, I attended a lot of classes to be rehabilitated. However, I have no objection to go to Yemen and to repatriate and even be part of the center, but I assure I was here attending classes in rehabilitation and life skills that helped me to -- how to join the society peacefully.

PM: As you are aware, the rehabilitation center is focused equally on life skills and also religious education and religious views in trying to help develop a constructive member of society. And there's a lot of give-and-take in such sessions.

Can you talk a little bit for the board about, if you were participating in the rehabilitation center in sessions



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involving religious issues and religious views, how you would try to help others with more extremist views take more moderate views?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: In Guantanamo, through my experience, living peacefully is good for everybody.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Not interfering in other peoples' business will protect you and protect your family.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And by doing so, you will be protected and your society will be protected too.

PC: Abdel Malik, would you actively try to indoctrinate your fellow detainees in any ideological way one way or the other when you're in the rehabilitation center?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: No. Quite frankly, I've never been involved in such things; and therefore, I would never be involved in such a thing. This is not my thinking; this is not my career; this is not my philosophy.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**



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TRANS: I have experience now; and from my statement, you know I was elected a block leader where I was trained to solve a problem whether between the IOC -- OIC and the guards or the detainee and ourselves. I am -- I've been trained to be peaceful and understand how to deal with society and people.

PM: So one other question, slightly different direction. But building off of the information you've shared with us on how you stay current on current events and talking -- watching the news at Guantanamo and talking with other detainees, as you've mentioned, I'm interested that, after your return to Yemen, if you -- watching television with your family -- see a news report that includes a martyrdom video by a terrorist that either has committed an act or is going to commit an act, what type of conversation do you have with your family? with your brothers?

What type of instruction or information do you give to them and how do you view such videos when they're aired on public television and news reports?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: In short, I would tell them this is not useful and you shouldn't follow such bad.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Just look ahead.



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DET: Look always on the bright side of life.

PM: Thank you. Yes. That's one of my favorite movies, by the way, so ----

So my last question is: I would be remiss if we -- if the board did not take a minute to talk about the Yemeni Milk and Honey Project, which was very clear that you and other detainees put a considerable amount of time and effort into thinking through and developing this project.

A pause for translation.

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Quite frankly, this is -- was a new experience for me.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: During my incarceration -- throughout my incarceration, I would always [inaudible] this question: What I would do when I am released from Guantanamo? What I would be doing?

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: As you know that my father is a tailor and I will be working for him, however I am looking to en-better myself and become -- and do something that is -- that has a future and a meaning for me.



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DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: When we met with my fellow detainee Mr. Paracha, who was teaching us the English language, he wrote up the subject.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: He said, Let's study English and, also, let's talk about business and commerce so that we can be prosperous.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: We -- prior to that, we didn't have any experience about business: how to conduct business; how to promote business; how to build a business.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: We thought you have to be very wealthy, very rich in order to have a business.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Mr. Paracha taught us to start from scratch; from the bottom, up.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Let me -- if you -- he taught us, if you want to -- how to bring capital to a business through organization, how to contact the organization, how to promote sales, how to do business.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**



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TRANS: We decided to look to a fertile -- to find a fertile area in Yemen.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: It is an agriculture area that is known in Yemen.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: In our project, we're going to have like herds, cows, and sheeps [sic].

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Of course, once we make this project feasible and we going to look for finances, we're going to look to the Yemeni government how to support us and how to try to help us to build this business with us.

PM: Thank you. So my question was exactly on that point, which was the start-up of the business.

As you mentioned in your feasibility study, you think that you'll need about three and a half million dollars to be able to get the project off the ground. Ibb is not a wealthy village, as you've said; Yemen is not a wealthy country, as you've said.

How do you come up with this type of start-up capital in order to get this venture started?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**



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TRANS: As I've said, the area of the project is a fertile project. It is very an agriculture area, so that means it is a rich area for this subject. We -- of course, we are going to resort to the Yemeni government; but as you know, when you start a business, you don't go for that capital. This is a feasibility, a projection. This is not -- we're not going to start with three and a half million -- how we can start with no -- with such a number? But we going [sic] to start little by little.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Of course, we're going to promote this business by contacting business people in Yemen to ask them for advice and how to help us to bring about this business.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Perhaps I should go to study some courses in marketing and promoting business.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: This is a desire, a hope, a wish. I hope I could do it.

PM: Thank you very much, and thank you for your continued patience with all of the board's questions. We have just a few more remaining questions.

Please.



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BM: Thank you.

Just to follow up on the feasibility statement; it's slightly related.

Could you talk a little bit about your art and what it means to you and, if you -- if released or transferred, would you intend to continue with it and how so?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Quite frankly, the art is the mirror of the soul of the human being.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: How he can look toward life.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: In Guantanamo, I took the primary things like how to express yourself. But I took it to another level, and I expressed myself. And that is what I'm planning to do in the future.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I am going to try to develop myself a lot more.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: My daughter Ayesha always tell me in her letters I am waiting impatiently your return so that you can teach me how to paint.



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BM: Thank you. Just to follow up on another earlier question: You talked a little bit that you were not political. But I was just curious -- you would not be political.

How do you feel about the Houthi insurgency in the north of Yemen or the southern secession movement? Do you have any views on those?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: The Houthi are part of the Yemeni society. I wish they can live with the rest of the Yemeni society in peace and in loving relation.

PM: And the southern separatists?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I'm including the people in the north with the separatists. We hope that everybody can live together in the same sheet of music. We want them to live together in peace and prosperity.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: They're all sitting on the same table and discussing how to -- can coexist and live together.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**



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TRANS: They decided that Yemen to be a confederate country that bring people together ----

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: ---- so that everybody can build his own area -- his own region.

BM: Thank you. And then one other question: Do you know Amal al-Sadah or Amal Abdul Fatah Amal Bin Laden? Those are all, I think, her names. And if so, how do you know her and what ties might you have to her, whether they be family or tribal?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I don't know this name. This is the first time I heard of [sic].

BM: This is the first time you've heard of Amal Bin Laden; is that what you're saying?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Yes, this is the first time.

BM: Okay. Thank you.

**[The detainee and the private counsel conferred.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: The counsel clarified for me that I was accused that I arranged marriage [sic] of Osama Bin Laden to his fifth wife.



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But, no, I had no -- any idea about that. I wasn't part of any of this.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: Even in some document that I read, they say that the wife of Bin Laden is my sister.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: It's a joke.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I stated to you who are my brother and who is my sister prior.

BM: Thank you.

PM: So are there any other questions from board members at this time?

PM: Okay. I believe that concludes all of the questions from the board members at this time. We have an opportunity now for counsel and the personal representatives to ask any remaining questions.

But before we proceed to that point and including that, I just want to make sure and clarify whether there's any concerns that Mr. Abdel Malik has with any of the answers he provided and those being posted to the website as part of the transcript?



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PC: Would you mind ever having all of your testimony on the website?

DET: I don't mind.

PM: Thank you.

Then I would ask the personal -- the private counsel and the personal representatives if you have any questions for Mr. Malik?

PR: Can we go on mute for a moment, please?

PM: Certainly.

PC: I have two questions, if I may. The first is did you know any English at all when you met me ten years ago?

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

And the fact I didn't know anything except a little bit like one, two, three, or how many like that.

And I can ask you, when you meet me before ten years, did I speak with you in English?

PC: Never.

DET: This was the benefit from GTMO: I learned English. Thank you for that.

PC: Do you have anything further you'd like to say to the board before this session ends?

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I would like to thank each of the board, everyone,



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all the members of this board.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: This very session, it give me hope [sic] and new hope.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I am equally happy that I am the second one to be heard by the respectful member of this board.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: As you know through my lawyers, the -- my family knew that the board will convene to look into my freedom, and they hold hope for me ----

DET: ---- to be released.

**[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: We live for this moment for your decision, and I hope it's a favorable one for me.

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: And I thank you for your consideration and thank you for respecting ----

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: ---- and thank you for your time.

DET: I appreciate it.

PM: Thank you very much.

It's the understanding of the board that you intend to



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present video-recorded testimony by the following witnesses that have been approved to provide unclassified testimony.

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

PM: The witnesses are:

Ahmed Abdul Wahab, your father;

Ayesha, your daughter;

Ezzia Ali Kassem, your mother;

Haleema Mohammed Said, your wife; and,

Sadeq Mohammad Said Ismael your brother-in-law.

DET: Yes.

PM: Each of the board members has received a copy of the video and also a translation of the video; but if you would like, we're prepared to watch those videos now with you if you'd like to do that in this session.

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

**[The detainee and the private counsel conferred.]**

DET: I will do it.

PM: Okay. So at this time, the video-recorded testimony will be played for all the participants.

**[The video exhibit of witness testimony was played.]**

PM: Okay. That concludes the video testimony that you have provided to the board. We thank you for that.



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Mr. Abdel Malik, let me just ask: In closing our session with you, do you have anything further that you wish to say for the board?

TRANS: **[Translation of above.]**

DET: **[Speaking in Arabic.]**

TRANS: I hope that you -- my family and I meet your expectation, and we -- you are going to release me and let me go to my family.

PM: Thank you.

Mr. Abdel Malik Ahmed Abdel Wahab al-Rahabi, this concludes your participation in this hearing. The board will continue in a classified session. Your personal representative and your private counsel will remain and attend the classified session and will continue to advocate on your behalf.

The board will deliberate to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted in your case. Your personal representative will then advise you of the results.

Thank you very much for your time and willingness to talk with the board this morning. We are greatly appreciative.

This closes the unclassified session.

**[The detainee session closed at 1102, 28 January 2014.]**



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**ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYM KEY**

BM:	BOARD MEMBER
DET:	DETAINEE
PC:	PRIVATE COUNSEL
PM:	PRESIDING MEMBER
PR:	PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
TRANS:	TRANSLATOR