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**PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD FILE REVIEW, 17 JUL 2019
MOHAMMAD MANI AHMAD AL-QAHTANI, ISN 063
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT**

Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the Board, I am the Personal Representative for Mr. Mohammad Mani Ahmed al-Qahtani.

Mohammad continues to meet with me on a bi-monthly basis. From my observations, there is a steady decline in both his mental and physical health. He is ashen in color, bloated, tires easily, has difficulty concentrating and mumbles intermittently during our meetings.

Trust issues with the U.S. Military, the lack of specialized medical care and the constant rotation of Joint Detention Group personnel make it a challenge for Mohammad to get the care he needs.

Mohammad is hopeful about the opportunity for a new Board where he can share his hopes for the future and his desire to return to Saudi Arabia where he can get the specialized medical care he so desperately needs. Mohammad knows that if transferred from GTMO, he would most likely be remanded to a medical facility. He is ready and willing to attend any facility this Board deems necessary.

We feel that under the watchful eye of the Saudi Arabian government, the al-Qahtani family, and with specialized medical care, that Mr. al-Qahtani will get the help he needs. With this long term care, I believe that Mohammad will not pose a significant or continuing threat to himself or the safety and security of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Periodic Review Board



Re: Statement by Private Counsel for Mohammed al-Qahtani (ISN 063)
Periodic Review Board File Review Scheduled 17 July 2019

To the Members of the Periodic Review Board:

On behalf of our client Mohammed al-Qahtani (ISN 063), we respectfully submit this written submission in support of his July 17, 2019 file review. At our direction, Mr. al-Qahtani will not be submitting a separate statement at this time.

We believe a full review of his case is warranted at this time for the reasons documented in our prior file review submission of December 26, 2018. Summarized briefly, they are as follows: First, although the Board has made clear that it views direct interrogation of Mr. Al Qahtani regarding alleged past activities and associations as necessary to "assess [his] current mindset and credibility," it is clear that he cannot meaningfully answer such questions given that, then as now, he suffered from schizophrenia, major depression and the likely cognitive aftereffects of traumatic brain injury.

Second, Mr. al-Qahtani is currently not receiving any meaningful treatment in Guantánamo, with predictable results. To our knowledge he is not currently prescribed any anti-psychotic medication, nor has he received any cognitive-behavioral therapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder related to his torture in Guantánamo.

Third, given his condition and lack of treatment, we continue to experience tremendous difficulties in maintaining an open line of communication with him.

For the reasons set forth in our previous file review and full board submissions and the accompanying declarations of court-appointed psychiatric expert Dr. Emily Keram, we continue to believe there is a significant question as to whether the continued imprisonment of Mr. al-Qahtani is necessary to protect against a continuing, significant threat to the security of the United States. Mr. al-Qahtani's repatriation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia would be in the United States' interest as well as the interest of justice. Mr. al-Qahtani is a mentally-ill torture victim, not a knowing criminal, and he does not deserve to be punished further than he already has been in over seventeen years at Guantánamo. His return home

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would be welcomed by the government of Saudi Arabia, where he would finally receive the care he has needed since long before he ever arrived at Guantánamo. The most appropriate outcome from every party's perspective would be to send him home to custodial psychiatric treatment in Saudi Arabia.¹

Thank you for taking into consideration the information we have provided. We remain at your disposal to assist with any questions you may have regarding Mr. al-Qahtani.

Very truly yours,

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¹ As the Board is aware, in his habeas case Mr. al-Qahtani has moved the district court to order the convening of a Mixed Medical Commission pursuant to Army Regulation 190-8 and those portions of the Geneva Conventions that it incorporates in order "to confirm that his illness and prognosis satisfy the criteria for repatriation." Decision on that motion still remains pending before the Court.

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