

1 CA: This Periodic Review Hearing Board is being conducted at  
2 0929 hours, on 18 May 2021 with regard to the following  
3 detainee: Mohamed Mani Ahmad al Kahtani (ISN 63). As a  
4 reminder, the unclassified portions of these proceedings  
5 are being recorded for the purpose of generating a  
6 transcript to be posted on the PRS website.

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

15 DC Translator: [*Translates above*]

16 CA: The detainee's Personal Representative is located at the  
17 detention facility, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay,  
18 Cuba. Personal Representative is attending via video  
19 teleconference. The Private Counsel is also attending via  
20 video teleconference due to COVID logistical challenges.  
21 The detainee has chosen not to attend. The unclassified  
22 summary has been posted to the Periodic Review Secretariat  
23 website. Foreign, national and local media, Foreign  
24 Government Officials, and Representatives from Non-  
25 Governmental Organizations may be observing this session.

26 PM: This Board is convened to determine whether continued law  
27 of war detention is warranted for Mohamed Mani Ahmad al  
28 Kahtani (ISN 63) to protect against a continuing  
29 significant threat to the security of the United States.  
30 This session of the hearing is unclassified. Personal  
31 Representative, has the detainee had an opportunity to  
32 review the Unclassified Summary?

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33 PR: Yes, Sir.

34 PM: Thank you. I will now read the UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY:  
35 Mohamed Mani Ahmad al Kahtani (ISN 63), who travelled to  
36 Afghanistan for jihad in September 2000 and received basic  
37 and advanced training from al-Qa'ida - unsuccessfully tried  
38 to enter the United States on 4 August 2001, after senior  
39 al-Qa'ida members selected him to be the 20th hijacker in  
40 the 9/11 attacks. Al Kahtani was captured trying to cross  
41 into Pakistan along with approximately 30 al-Qa'ida  
42 fighters, including a number of Usama Bin Ladin's  
43 bodyguards, in December 2001.

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

46 PR: Yes, Sir.

47 PM: I would like to remind all participants that any  
48 information shared at this time must be unclassified. If  
49 there is a concern about the classification of the  
50 information, I will indicate as such and will stop the  
51 proceedings until the issue is resolved. Has the detainee  
52 had the opportunity to review your statements?

53 PR: Yes, Sir.

54 PM: Great. Personal Representative, you may now proceed.

55 PR: Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the Board, I am the  
56 Personal Representative for Mr. Mohamed Mani Ahmad al  
57 Kahtani. I have been assigned as Mr. al Kahtani's Personal  
58 Representative since April 2021. I will be facilitating his  
59 participation in the PRB process. Thank you for your time  
60 and attention in this matter

61 PM: Board Members may reserve questions until detainee and  
62 witness statements have been presented in their entirety.  
63 However, does anyone uh have questions at this particular  
64 time?

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

68 CA: We will now take a short recess to prepare for the  
69 remaining sessions. Time now 0932.