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1 CA: This Periodic Review Board is being conducted at 0900 hours  
2 on 15 July 2021, with regard to the following detainee:  
3 Zayn al-Ibidin Muhammed Husayn (ISN 10016). As a reminder,  
4 the unclassified portions of these proceedings are being  
5 recorded for the purpose of generating a transcript to be  
6 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,  
10 Department of State, Department of Justice, Department of  
11 Homeland Security, Office of the Director of National  
12 Intelligence, and the Office of the Chairman of the Joint  
13 Chiefs of Staff. The following personnel are also present:  
14 Legal Advisor to the Board, Case Administrators, Personal  
15 Representative, Translators, the detainee, and the Security  
16 Officer.

17 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

18 CA: The detainee's Personal Representative, the detainee, and  
19 his translator are located at a 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 and the Personal  
23 Representative's statement. The unclassified summary has  
24 been posted to the Periodic Review Secretariat website.  
25 Foreign, national and local media, Foreign Government  
26 Officials, and Representatives from Non-Governmental  
27 Organizations may be observing this session.

28 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

29 PM: This Board is convened to determine whether continued law  
30 of war detention is warranted for Zayn Muhammed Husayn (ISN  
31 10016) to protect against a continuing significant threat

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32 to the security of the United States. From here on forward,  
33 we will refer to the detainee as Zayn. This session of the  
34 hearing is unclassified.

35 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

36 PM: Zayn, this is your Periodic Review Board to determine  
37 whether continued law of war detention is warranted in your  
38 case. Continued law of war detention will be warranted if  
39 it is 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 threat you may pose to the United  
42 States and its interests if transferred or released from  
43 U.S. custody. It is not on the lawfulness of your  
44 detention.

45 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

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

50 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

51 PM: Personal Representative, has the detainee had an  
52 opportunity to review the Unclassified Summary?

53 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

54 PR: Yes, Sir.

55 PM: GTMO, sound check. Major...

56 PR: Yes, Sir.

57 PM: Okay. Thank you, I will now read the UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY:  
58 Zayn Mohammed Hasayn a.k.a. Abu Zubaydah (ISN-10016),  
59 started training militants in 1989 and from 1994 to 1997  
60 built a mujahidin network by recruiting, vetting, and  
61 coordinating the travel of operatives to Afghanistan,  
62 Europe, and North America. Abu Zubaydah probably had served

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63 as one of Usama Bin Ladin's most trusted facilitators as  
64 early as the mid-1990s, although he said that he never  
65 swore (unintelligible) to him because of his primary focus  
66 on attacking the US, and Abu Zubaydah wanted to attack  
67 Israel for its treatment of the Palestinians.

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

70 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

71 PR: Yes, Sir.

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 we resolve the issue. Has the detainee  
77 had an opportunity to review your statement?

78 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

79 PR: Yes, Sir.

80 PM: Okay. Personal Representative, please proceed.

81 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

82 PR: Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board.  
83 (Unintelligible) I'm sorry. I am the Personal  
84 Representative for ISN 10-K-16, Mr. Zayn al-Ibidin Muhammed  
85 Husayn. Mr. Husayn and I thank you for the opportunity to  
86 present his case for this hearing. Undeterred by the  
87 disappointing results of his last hearing, Mr. Husayn  
88 continues to participate with hopes of gaining release from  
89 Guantanamo Bay. During our meetings, he is courteous and  
90 respectful and as I have stated previously, Mr. Husayn is  
91 highly intelligent, humorous, and is willing to discuss any  
92 topic.

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93 I would like to reiterate from his past hearings that Mr.  
94 Husayn claims that he has never been a member of al-Qa'ida,  
95 despite multiple invitations including one from Usama Bin  
96 Laden. As in his last hearing, Mr. Husayn feels it is  
97 better to answer your questions directly than in prepared  
98 statements. We thank you for this opportunity, and look  
99 forward to answering questions from the Board.

100 PM: Board Members may reserve questions until detainee and  
101 witness statements have been presented in their entirety.  
102 However, does anyone have questions at this particular  
103 time?

104 HQ: Translator: [Translates above]

105 PM: With no questions, this concludes this portion of the  
106 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 0909.

111 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

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