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CA: This Periodic Review Board is being conducted at 0900 hours on 16 August 2016 with regards to the following detainee: Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Masud al-Jadid al-Uzaybi.

As a reminder the unclassified portions of this proceeding are being recorded for the purpose of generating a transcript to be posted on the PRS website.

Representatives from the following agencies are present and are members of the Board:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE;  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE;  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE;  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY;  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE; AND,  
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

The following personnel are also present:

LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE BOARD;  
CASE ADMINISTRATOR;  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

The detainee's Personal Representatives are located at the detention facility U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They are attending via video teleconference. The unclassified summary and Personal Representative opening statements have been posted to the Periodic Sec... Review Secretariat's website. This

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session is being observed by foreign, national, and local media; and representatives from non-governmental organizations.

PM: Good morning. This Board is convened to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted for Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Masud al-Jadid al-Uzaybi, ISN 10017, to protect against a continuing significant threat to the security of the United States. From here forward, we'll refer to the detainee as Faraj. This session of the hearing is unclassified.

This is Faraj's Periodic Review Board to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted. Continued law of war detention will be warranted if it's necessary to protect against a continuing significant threat to the national security of the United States. The focus of this hearing is on the threat Faraj may pose to the United States and its interests if transferred or released from U.S. custody. It is not on the lawfulness of his detention. The Personal Representatives are Faraj's representatives to assist him during this process.

I will now read an unclassified summary: Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Masud al-Ja... al-Jadid al-Uzaybi, ISN 10017, traveled to Afghanistan to fight at a young age. He joined al-Qaeda and worked his way up through its hierarchy to become the group's general manager and a trusted advisor for and communications conduit to Usama Bin Ladin and Deputy Amir Ayman al-Zawahiri.

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He was first recruited in Tripoli, Libya, attended training at al-Farouq, and participated in al-Qaeda operations in Afghanistan before becoming an instructor of topography, artillery, and small arms. Health issues eventually forced Faraj to take an administrative role at al-Qaeda's training camps. He rose to become the Amir of al-Farouq in probably late 1998. Faraj became the head of al-Qaeda's general administrative functions in Kabul until the onset of Operation Enduring Freedom. After relocating to Pakistan, Faraj saw to the financial and logistic needs of al-Qaeda members and their families. In early 2003, he became al-Qaeda's general manager and third in command following the detention of several al-Qaeda leaders. Faraj can be... excuse me... Faraj conveyed Bin Ladin's guidance to al-Qaeda's international associates, maintained the group's relationship with terrorist groups in Afghanistan and Pakistan, leveraged his international contacts for fundraising, and played an overarching role in al-Qaeda's external operations before his capture in May 2005.

Since arriving at Guantanamo Bay, Faraj has been generally compliant although he is prone to act out, sometimes with violence, to en... enact change or if he believes his point of view is not being heard. As of February 2016, Faraj was involved in forced cell extractions, physical altercations, and

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verbal altercations, according to information documented by the Joint Task Force Guantanamo. His infractions are ov... overall low, relative to other detainees. Faraj almost certainly remains committed to al-Qaeda's global Jihadist ideology. He has provided limited details about his own activities and associations with al-Qaeda, focusing his admissions on minor details and incidents or providing blanket denials. Faraj has praised previous attacks on Western targets, to include 9/11, and has expressed support for future attacks against Western civilian targets.

We lack information on Faraj's intention for post-detention life. He has indicated an interest in living in Libya, Saudi Arabia, or Qatar. In addition to his extensive, historic network of extremist contacts, members of Faraj's extended family are known to have varying levels of involvement in terrorist activities and probably could facilitate efforts by Faraj to reengage if he chose to do so.

PM: Do the Personal Representatives wish to make an unclassified opening statement at this time?

PR 1: Yes, Ma'am.

PM: I'd like to remind all participants that information shared at this time must be unclassified. If there's a concern about the classification of the information, I'll indicate as

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such and we'll stop the proceedings until we resolve the issue.  
Personal Representative, please proceed with your statement.

PR 1: Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the Board. We are the Personal Representatives for ISN 10017, Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Masud al-Jadid al-Uzaybi. We have met Faraj on several occasions over the past months. During these meetings, he has been respectful and polite. He is eager to live a life of peace. He wishes to return home to his family. He has a large, loving family that is ready to support him upon his return.

Faraj has stated he harbors no ill will to the United States and does not consider himself a threat. His medical issues alone represent a barrier to any kind of threat. He is very eager to reunite with his wife and three children. Currently his brothers support them, and he would like resume his role as the father and caregiver.

We stand ready to answer any questions you have.

PM: Any member of the Board have a question for the Personal Representatives in the unclassified session?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE FROM BMs)

PM: All right. With no questions this concludes this portion of the hearing. I'd ask that we all remain seated until further instructed by the Case Administrator.

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CA: We will take a recess to prepare for the remaining session.

[The public session concluded at 0907 hours, on 16 August 2016]

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ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYM KEY

BM: BOARD MEMBER  
CA: CASE ADMINISTRATOR  
PM: PRESIDING MEMBER  
PR 1: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ONE  
PR 2: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TWO