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1 CA: This Periodic Review Board is now reconvened at 0938 hours,
2 23 June 2022, with regard to the following detainee:
3 Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Masud al-Jadid al-Uzaybi (ISN
4 10017). Please keep in mind that this session is at the TOP
5 SECRET and below level.

6 PM: Board Members, remember that when the detainee makes any
7 statements, those statements are presumed to be classified.
8 All discussions or questions need to remain at the
9 UNCLASSIFIED level. Abu Faraj, during this hearing, you
10 have an opportunity to make a personal statement or answer
11 questions. It is your choice whether to make a statement or
12 answer questions during this session. Do you understand my
13 explanation?

14 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

15 Detainee: [Arabic]

16 GTMO Translator: Yes.

17 PM: Abu Faraj, are you planning on reading an opening
18 statement?

19 GTMO Translator: [Translates above]

20 Detainee: [Arabic]

21 GTMO Translator: I welcome you and I will try to answer the
22 questions that you can, uh, give to me and due to my, uh,
23 lack of English and hearing, uh, I will let my, uh, lawyer
24 over here answer these questions.

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25 PM: So to confirm, you're not making a personal statement at
26 this time?

27 PC: Uh, Sir, he is going to, he meant to say a statement, not
28 questions. He, he, I will be reading his statement for him.

29 PM: Okay, go ahead and read the statement then please.

30 PC: Thank you. Members of the Periodic Review Board, best
31 greetings, peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you. As I
32 write this statement, I have been detained for over 17
33 years, one third of my lifetime. This is a long time to
34 remain in detention for anyone, especially one such as me
35 who has not been charged with a crime. At the start, I
36 would like to inform you that on the advice of my
37 attorneys, because I have not been charged with a crime and
38 due to my ongoing Habeas case and to protect my rights
39 under the constitution and international law, I will not be
40 answering any questions about any allegations against me or
41 any other matters relating to me ongoing Habeas petition.
42 You have information about why I was detained. I
43 respectfully ask that in performing your duties as Board
44 members you be mindful that despite spending nearly two
45 decades reviewing all evidence, the USA government has not
46 brought any charges against me as it has with other
47 detainees. So the question posed, and which is always
48 discussed is whether I am a threat to the United States.

49 I'm the only person who can answer this question with
50 absolute certainty and honesty, whether you accept my
51 answer or not, since I know myself and what is in my mind
52 now and what I intend and aim in the future, I am certain
53 that I will not represent any danger to the United States
54 if I will be released because I have no desire, let alone
55 ability to do so and I am fully responsible for my words.
56 Since my detention began, I withstood [REDACTED]
57 [REDACTED]
58 [REDACTED]
59 [REDACTED] many [REDACTED] ailments. [REDACTED]
60 [REDACTED]
61 [REDACTED]
62 [REDACTED] I expect that these
63 conditions will affect me until the end of my life, but I
64 am so hopeful that I will receive the medical treatment my
65 conditions require. My physical and emotional pain have
66 been difficult to endure, even causing me to become
67 frustrated or unpleasant towards some of the guards and
68 others. When that happens, I become disappointed with
69 myself for my behavior. I also am disappointed with how my
70 stances and actions have affected my family. For the past
71 17 years my children have been without their father, while
72 my wife has been without her husband. Despite this, my wife

73 and children have never stopped sending me their love and
74 support. For that, I am very grateful. It is my greatest
75 desire to be reunited with my family and to live the rest
76 of my life in peace. After the terrible and tragic events
77 of September 11th, I fully understand and accept why the
78 United States took such robust measures towards people they
79 suspected of wrong doing. America's status, security, and
80 economy, and most sadly of all, its citizens were attacked,
81 but justice should prevail. I've been your prisoner with no
82 formal accusation for over 17 years. During this time Osama
83 Bin Ladin was killed, the war in Afghanistan ended, and the
84 al-Qa'ida that existed when I was captured has ceased to
85 exist. During this time, I have become a different person.
86 During this time America has changed as well, and I wish we
87 all, and I believe we all wish to work, to move toward a
88 brighter future. I have been your prisoner for 17 years and
89 the next step towards healing for both America and myself
90 is to end this detention and give me another opportunity to
91 start a new philosophy, meaning of life, and new life, if I
92 have time left to live. Regardless of your decision, I know
93 I will live my life in peace. If I stay here, it will only
94 fill my heart with sadness, hatred or criticism but I am
95 too old and too tired to harness such feelings. For my
96 part, all I can say that, if, inshallah, if I am released

97 from Guantanamo, I will comply with any conditions on my
98 release. I will take these steps if it means I will be
99 reunited with my wife and children, receive medical
100 treatment, and live out the remainder of my life beyond the
101 Guantanamo detention camp. I need to be released because I
102 am sick [REDACTED]
103 [REDACTED] because I'm a father to
104 children who have been deprived of my presence as they grew
105 and should not be punished and suffer any longer as a
106 result of my actions, because I am the husband of a
107 righteous woman, who has suffered greatly from alienation,
108 fear and movement because of my detention, because I am a
109 member of a family, an element of a tribe, a citizen of a
110 village, a city, a country and a society, and I have
111 friends and acquaintances who will not stop thinking about
112 me or asking about me and the fairness of what I am
113 subjected to. Thank you for considering this statement,
114 Mustafa Muhammad Abu Fa- Faraj al-Libi.

115 PM: Abu Faraj, you are not obligated to answer any questions
116 posed by the board members. Do you want to answer our
117 questions?

118 [Pause]

119 PC: I'm sorry, uh, can you give us one minute?

120 PM: Yeah.

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121 [Pause]

122 PC: Mr. al-Libi has asked if he can repeat his initial
123 statement, he feels, uh, it was not translated properly
124 and, um, he'd like to repeat it slowly so the- he, he can,
125 uh, present a better translation of what he said to you
126 initially.

127 Detainee: [Arabic]

128 GTMO Translator: I repeat to you I welcome all of you

129 Detainee: [Arabic]

130 GTMO Translator: I wish that you are doing good, in good health

131 Detainee: [Arabic]

132 GTMO Translator: I thank you very much for allowing me this
133 chance

134 Detainee: [Arabic]

135 GTMO Translator: I wish that I would attend this, uh, meeting
136 and I speak in English, but

137 Detainee: [Arabic]

138 GTMO Translator: Because what I went through my English is very
139 slow and very bad and, um, I would like my lawyer to take
140 over

141 Detainee: [Arabic]

142 GTMO Translator: And in regarding to your question, if I am
143 able to answer your question, I will tell you

144 Detainee: [Arabic]

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145 GTMO Translator: Yes, uh, my answer is yes, I will try to
146 answer your question as much as I can.

147 PM: Thank you. Board members, please be mindful of the length
148 of your questions for translation and break them into
149 segments as necessary. [pause] Who wants to go first?

150 [Pause]

151 BM: I'll start. Abu Faraj, 779 detainees have been sent to
152 Guantanamo Bay. You are one of 37 remaining. Your first PRB
153 was held in 2016 and you did not participate. This is the
154 first time that this Periodic Review Board has had an
155 opportunity to ask you questions. There are two ways to
156 depart Guantanamo Bay, one is the Habeas challenge that
157 your attorney discussed earlier and the other way is
158 through the Periodic Review Board. This is the first time
159 we've had an opportunity to ask you questions, are you
160 willing to answer those questions?

161 Detainee: Yes. [Arabic]

162 GTMO Translator: Yes, I will try to answer your questions.

163 [Long Pause]

164 BM: Summary. I will repeat.

165 PR: Uh. Can you please repeat the beginning of that? We huh
166 lost comms there for a second.

167 BM: Thank you. Do you have a copy of the Unclassified Summary
168 that was read at the start of this?

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169 [Long Pause]

170 Detainee: [Arabic]

171 GTMO Translator: Yes.

172 BM: Okay, thank you. Um, please take a minute to read it over.

173 I would like to ask you whether or not that information is

174 true or false.

175 [Long Pause]

176 Detainee: [Arabic]

177 GTMO Translator: I'm sorry, I will not be able to answer this

178 question.

179 BM: Okay, thank you for showing up today. No further questions.

180 [Unintelligible]

181 BM: Abu Faraj, uh, your statement read by your lawyer said that

182 you have become a different person. Can you help this Board

183 understand how you are different?

184 Detainee: [Arabic]

185 GTMO Translator: Uh, my age is now approximately 52 years old.

186 Detainee: [Arabic]

187 GTMO Translator: I'm father and married and, uh, father of

188 three. Uh, they are almost, uh, in the age of being married

189 Detainee: [Arabic]

190 GTMO Translator: Uh, during the 17 years that I have been here,

191 I review all the things in my head

192 Detainee: [Arabic]

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193 GTMO Translator: I have changed, uh, psychologically and
194 physically

195 Detainee: [Arabic]

196 GTMO Translator: With my body, it's, uh, with, uh, the medical
197 report that you have what I'm being suffered

198 Detainee: [Arabic]

199 GTMO Translator: I'm, uh, disabled, uh, with my hearing

200 Detainee: [Arabic]

201 GTMO Translator: [REDACTED]

202 Detainee: [Arabic]

203 GTMO Translator: [REDACTED]

204 Detainee: [Arabic]

205 GTMO Translator: [REDACTED]

206 Detainee: [Arabic]

207 GTMO Translator: [REDACTED]

208 Detainee: [Arabic]

209 GTMO Translator: My daily effort is trying to go over, er, er,
210 or pass these, uh, [REDACTED]

211 Detainee: [Arabic]

212 GTMO Translator: And as far as psychological and thinking, that
213 now I'm an older person and I think

214 Detainee: [Arabic]

215 GTMO Translator: I think I had went through different stages in
216 my life

217 Detainee: [Arabic]

218 GTMO Translator: And also went through other experience in my
219 life

220 Detainee: [Arabic]

221 GTMO Translator: And how do I look to life now is, uh, has
222 changed a lot

223 Detainee: [Arabic]

224 GTMO Translator: It's not the same, as I am now 50 years old to
225 think the same as when I was, 32, uh, 32 years old

226 Detainee: [Arabic]

227 GTMO Translator: The way I look at life and the thing that I
228 value

229 Detainee: [Arabic]

230 GTMO Translator: Has, uh, changed

231 Detainee: [Arabic]

232 GTMO Translator: I, I, I consider myself I have changed

233 Detainee: [Arabic]

234 GTMO Translator: I have changed a lot

235 Detainee: [Arabic]

236 GTMO Translator: As far as my thinking and all that, it's
237 better

238 Detainee: [Arabic]

239 GTMO Translator: But my body, it's worse

240 Detainee: [Arabic]

241 GTMO Translator: I wish that this is a complete answer to your
242 question.

243 BM: Tell us how your thinking is better than it used to be?

244 [Long Pause]

245 Detainee: [Arabic]

246 GTMO Translator: Yes, yes, my, uh, when I was in Libya and when

247 I was young and all that of course my thinking was

248 different, and I didn't value

249 Detainee: [Arabic]

250 GTMO Translator: When I-, when I left Libya

251 Detainee: [Arabic]

252 GTMO Translator: I was young

253 Detainee: [Arabic]

254 GTMO Translator: And I was kind of eager, as being youth

255 Detainee: [Arabic]

256 GTMO Translator: I, maybe I had, uh, uh, made, uh, fast, uh,

257 thinking, and fast, uh, things

258 Detainee: [Arabic]

259 GTMO Translator: I do value now, I do value matter much better

260 Detainee: [Arabic]

261 GTMO Translator: Maybe I had um, uh, stopped, um, uh, the fast

262 forward that I used to do when I was young

263 Detainee: [Arabic]

264 GTMO Translator: And then maybe on, uh, making decision, on,
265 uh, what's white and what's black

266 Detainee: [Arabic]

267 GTMO Translator: Um, uh, I expect I'm really much better now

268 BM: No more questions. Thank you.

269 PM: Abu Faraj, um, your private counsel, in his opening
270 statement, uh, read information provided by your wife and
271 the difficulties that she's having living without you. She
272 mentioned in particular, "We are in extreme need of him in
273 order to make it easy on, for us to have the material,
274 psychological, and physical needs and difficulties of
275 life". How could you provide for their material needs when
276 you return to your family?

277 [Long Pause]

278 PC: Uh, sir, do you mind repeating the statement slowly so the
279 interpreter has time to [unintelligible] or to

280 [Long Pause]

281 Detainee: [Arabic]

282 GTMO Translator: I think I had understood your question

283 Detainee: [Arabic]

284 GTMO Translator: Um, the wife wish from her husband

285 Detainee: [Arabic]

286 GTMO Translator: Which take his role in the family

287 Detainee: [Arabic]

288 GTMO Translator: Specially now the boys, or the kids, are in a
289 special age

290 Detainee: [Arabic]

291 GTMO Translator: A sensitive age

292 Detainee: [Arabic]

293 GTMO Translator: And with this age this is very hard to make a
294 judgement

295 Detainee: [Arabic]

296 GTMO Translator: This is a proper time for me so I can be with
297 my family

298 Detainee: [Arabic]

299 GTMO Translator: At least, at least they will, you know, learn
300 from the mistakes that I make

301 Detainee: [Arabic]

302 [Long Pause]

303 [Unintelligible]

304 Detainee: [Arabic]

305 GTMO Translator: I can help my kids

306 Detainee: [Arabic]

307 GTMO Translator: So my wife wishes that I can help them
308 financially

309 Detainee: [Arabic]

310 GTMO Translator: But to be honest with you I cannot help them
311 financially

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312 Detainee: [Arabic]

313 GTMO Translator: I'm a really a sick man. I suffer

314 Detainee: [Arabic]

315 GTMO Translator: Financially I can't help my kids, but if I

316 recover,

317 Detainee: [Arabic]

318 GTMO Translator: This is, uh, my duty that I have to do

319 BM: Okay, so if you recover, how could you provide for your

320 family?

321 GTMO Translator: [Arabic]

322 [Long Pause]

323 Detainee: [Arabic]

324 GTMO Translator: If I'm recovered I don't mind, eh, doing a

325 work in anything so I can help my family

326 Detainee: [Arabic]

327 GTMO Translator: I can, I can, uh, you know, work with my

328 brothers, they have uh things that I can work with

329 Detainee: [Arabic]

330 GTMO Translator: [Arabic]

331 Detainee: [Arabic] trade

332 GTMO Translator: Trade, trade, uh,

333 Detainee: And business

334 GTMO Translator: And business

335 Detainee: [Arabic]

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336 GTMO Translator: And I have also other relatives on the outside
337 and they can, uh, help me also with the trade

338 Detainee: [Arabic]

339 GTMO Translator: And also I can borrow some money from other
340 relatives and I can, uh, invest it

341 Detainee: [Arabic]

342 GTMO Translator: I'm, I'm, very honest uh dealing uh with, uh,
343 money

344 Detainee: [Arabic]

345 GTMO Translator: Uh, this is, uh, an opportunity for me to
346 offer me, uh, you know, a job or a business with other
347 people

348 Detainee: [Arabic]

349 GTMO Translator: Maybe when, when, uh, you and, or someone get
350 out on outside other opinions or ideas will be open for
351 him.

352 BM: So, you, uh, mentioned in your earlier comment that, uh,
353 you have grown and that your mind has changed, huh, and
354 that your thinking I believe has changed. When you ca-, I
355 want to ask you about a specific example. You give us or
356 explain to us why you went to Afghanistan when you were
357 much younger and whether or not you would make that same
358 decision today, and why or why not.

359 [Long Pause]

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360 PC: I'm sorry, sir, can you, huh, repeat the question one more
361 time?

362 BM: I'd like him to explain why he went to Afghanistan, what
363 was his mindset, and whether or not that mindset is still
364 the same today, whether he would make the same decision.

365 [Long Pause]

366 Detainee: [Arabic]

367 GTMO Translator: The time that I went to Afghanistan

368 Detainee: [Arabic]

369 GTMO Translator: I probably can't, I was really big for this
370 huh manner

371 Detainee: [Arabic]

372 GTMO Translator: And, uh, by me going to Afghanistan was
373 supported by um, a lot of other countries

374 Detainee: [Arabic]

375 GTMO Translator: And, uh, the one that used to go over there
376 was considered a hero

377 Detainee: [Arabic]

378 GTMO Translator: At the time I see it as a humanitarian thing,
379 I can help this people

380 Detainee: [Arabic]

381 GTMO Translator: And although as an other, from the other side
382 as an eager people

383 Detainee: [Arabic]

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384 GTMO Translator: They tried to prove themselves

385 [Long Pause]

386 Detainee: [Arabic]

387 GTMO Translator: No, no, I'm not going to do this, this big
388 difference now

389 BM: Explain to me you said, just a moment ago, that you went to
390 Afghanistan to try to help those people. Tell me what
391 actions you took to help those people.

392 [Long Pause]

393 Detainee: [Arabic]

394 GTMO Translator: Yes, uh, I went to Afghanistan and helped
395 people with, uh, with fight

396 BM: And at any point did you try to convince younger people to
397 come to Afghanistan and assist in the fight?

398 [Pause]

399 [Unintelligible]

400 Detainee: [Arabic]

401 GTMO Translator: Generally

402 Detainee: [Arabic]

403 GTMO Translator: Uh, at that time going to Afghanistan wasn't a
404 crime, it was, was, was a good thing

405 Detainee: [Arabic]

406 GTMO Translator: And, eh, uh, even that with that I didn't
407 encourage anyone to go over there

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408 Detainee: [Arabic]

409 GTMO Translator: I, I was, I was kind of, a [Pause]

410 Detainee: [Arabic]

411 GTMO Translator: In in Influenced by what wa- was going on, but

412 I was not a recruit

413 BM: Did you recruit anyone to come to Afghanistan?

414 [Long Pause]

415 Detainee: [Arabic]

416 GTMO Translator: At the, at that time I was

417 Detainee: [Arabic]

418 GTMO Translator: I was prepared to go to the University

419 Detainee: [Arabic]

420 GTMO Translator: And then one of the young guys at my

421 neighborhood

422 Detainee: [Arabic]

423 GTMO Translator: And he was influenced by what was going on

424 Detainee: [Arabic]

425 GTMO Translator: Had effect on me

426 Detainee: [Arabic]

427 GTMO Translator: And we had moved to Afghanistan

428 Detainee: [Arabic] Recruited? Recruited? Eh recruited?

429 [Arabic]

430 GTMO Translator: I was just affected by what was going on, but

431 I was not a recruiter

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432 BM: And then when you went to Afghanistan, uh, how did you, how
433 did you participate in any of the military actions? What
434 were your responsibilities?

435 [Long Pause]

436 Detainee: [Arabic]

437 GTMO Translator: I'm sorry, I will not answer this question.

438 BM: [unintelligible] fighting against in Afghanistan

439 PR: Repeat that, the comms kind of knocked out in the beginning
440 of your question.

441 BM: Who were you fighting against in Afghanistan?

442 [Pause]

443 Detainee: [Arabic]

444 GTMO Translator: It was the remain of the, uh, Russian, uh,
445 military

446 Detainee: [Arabic]

447 GTMO Translator: And also, the communist, uh, military

448 BM: When were you captured?

449 [Pause]

450 Detainee: [Arabic]

451 GTMO Translator: I was in Pakistan at that time

452 BM: What year was it?

453 [Pause]

454 PC: Yes

455 Detainee: It was in, uh, [Arabic] May 2005

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456 BM: And were you still fighting against communists at that
457 point? And Russians?

458 [Long Pause]

459 Detainee: [Arabic]

460 GTMO Translator: But I was not combatting the, the, uh, the
461 communist military

462 Detainee: [Arabic]

463 GTMO Translator: But after the jihad with Afghani

464 Detainee: [Arabic]

465 GTMO Translator: There was not any chance that I could go
466 anywhere else

467 Detainee: [Arabic]

468 GTMO Translator: There wasn't a chance that I could go back to
469 my country

470 Detainee: [Arabic]

471 GTMO Translator: And there was not a chance that I could go to
472 any country that would accept me

473 Detainee: [Arabic]

474 GTMO Translator: Because all the country had forgotten about us

475 Detainee: [Arabic]

476 GTMO Translator: Even America

477 Detainee: [Arabic]

478 GTMO Translator: And they would consider us as criminal after
479 that

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480 Detainee: [Arabic]

481 GTMO Translator: So I didn't have no other choice but to live
482 in Pakistan

483 Detainee: [Arabic]

484 GTMO Translator: And Afghanistan

485 BM: Why were you considered a criminal?

486 [Pause]

487 Detainee: [Arabic]

488 GTMO Translator: This is the question is supposed to be, uh,
489 question to the American government

490 Detainee: [Arabic]

491 GTMO Translator: Or the west

492 Detainee: [Arabic]

493 GTMO Translator: And also to the, uh, government of the Gulf,
494 the Gulf governments

495 Detainee: [Arabic]

496 GTMO Translator: They are the people that encouraged people to
497 go to Afghanistan

498 Detainee: [Arabic]

499 GTMO Translator: Then they left them there

500 BM: [Unintelligible] response. Can you explain to me what, what
501 that means?

502 PR: Uh, same thing, sir. Can you repeat the question? We lost
503 the first couple-

504 BM: Sure. You mentioned jihad in your previous response. Can
505 you explain to me what jihad means?

506 [Long Pause]

507 Detainee: [Arabic]

508 GTMO Translator: Jihad is the, uh, the defense against yourself
509 and defend your, uh, land

510 Detainee: [Arabic]

511 GTMO Translator: And it's, uh, it's a big word, the jihad

512 Detainee: [Arabic]

513 GTMO Translator: Maybe that's what it, uh, means, it means
514 struggle

515 Detainee: [Arabic]

516 GTMO Translator: Anything that you do in

517 [Long Pause]

518 BM: I apologize, did you finish? I didn't hear the end.

519 Anything that you do?

520 [Pause]

521 Detainee: [Arabic]

522 GTMO Translator: I said jihad is a big word

523 Detainee: [Arabic]

524 GTMO Translator: It, it's, it's in it that someone gives a
525 effort

526 Detainee: [Arabic]

527 GTMO Translator: To accomplish something

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528 Detainee: [Arabic]

529 GTMO Translator: Either for yourself or for the devil or
530 combatting an enemy. This is it.

531 BM: Okay. Do you have an obligation, or do does does anyone
532 have an obligation to follow jihad?

533 [Long Pause]

534 Detainee: [Arabic]

535 GTMO Translator: If you want to take the meaning of jihad and a
536 really, uh, proper way or long way

537 Detainee: [Arabic]

538 GTMO Translator: Every human, every human has jihad in every
539 moment

540 Detainee: [Arabic]

541 GTMO Translator: You are in jihad against the devil when it
542 approach you

543 Detainee: [Arabic]

544 GTMO Translator: And you do the jihad so you can do for
545 yourself-

546 Detainee: [Arabic]

547 [Pause]

548 Detainee: I'm sorry, sir, I have some problem in translation.
549 It's, this is sensitive issue, you should understand, ex-
550 exactly what I mean. If there, if there is some
551 misunderstanding, it will lead you, lead you to other bad

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552 direction. When I say jihad, meaning struggle. Everybody do
553 struggle in every time, even with my, with you sir, to
554 force yourself to do th-, the right thing, you can call
555 this jihad. When they even whisper to you to do something
556 wrong, you want to defend him, you can call this is called
557 jihad. Struggle. So struggle is, jihad is very wide
558 channel. So now your question, I didn't understand, you
559 mean, uh, should I do jihad every time? Yes, every time,
560 yes, but what is jihad? Yeah, to force myself to do the
561 right thing. To defend myself against the devil, to help
562 other, to do something. Yeah, some kind of jihad has a
563 time, has place, has, I don't know, circumstances like one
564 enemy attack me, I attack him, it called jihad. Yes, but I
565 should not do it every time. But when there is uh exact
566 time I can do that. I don't know if I explain my point, uh
567 BM: Was there a jihad to fight against the United States or the
568 allies?
569 [Long Pause]
570 Detainee: Could you please, can you repeat your question?
571 BM: Was there a jihad issued or, uh, identified to fight
572 against the United States or allies?
573 [Pause]
574 Detainee: [Arabic]

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575 GTMO Translator: I don't have any jihad against the United
576 States or any of their allies

577 [Pause]

578 BM: Did you ever provide any type of uh, uh, assistance to the
579 fight in Afghanistan such as providing money, or
580 identifying money or procuring money or procuring resources
581 or fighters in order to fight in that war?

582 Detainee: Not at all.

583 BM: Alright, that's all I have for right now.

584 [Long Pause]

585 PM: That concludes questions for you from the board members.
586 Abu Faraj, a transcript of today's hearing may be posted to
587 the Periodic Review Secretariat's website. Do you wish to
588 have this posted? If yes, why? If no, why not?

589 [Long Pause]

590 [Unintelligible]

591 Detainee: [Arabic]

592 GTMO Translator: If you want it to be published, I don't have
593 any objection.

594 [Pause]

595 PM: Uh, Personal Representative or Private Counsel, do you have
596 any final questions for Abu Faraj?

597 PR: Uh, I do not, sir, but the Private Counsel does.

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598 PC: Uh, Abu Faraj, uhm, we discussed what you might do for
599 work, um just to clarify, um, your relatives they work in a
600 computer shop, is that correct?

601 [Long Pause]

602 Detainee: Yes, yes.

603 PC: And you would be willing to help them in that work and, uh
604 do, do other work like that, um, things, things that would
605 keep you productive and busy?

606 [Long Pause]

607 Detainee: [Arabic]

608 GTMO Translator: Yes, yes, uh, my relatives are, um, merchant,
609 they deal with clothing and all that and I can, I can work
610 with them, yes. They work on outside and I can work with
611 them

612 PC: And before that, you have spoken to your family as well,
613 um, have, have they told you that they would help, um,
614 provide support for you and your family until you are able
615 to work?

616 [Pause]

617 Detainee: [Arabic]

618 GTMO Translator: There is a, a certain thing here that need to
619 be clarified.

620 Detainee: [Arabic]

621 GTMO Translator: Since I was captured,

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622 Detainee: [Arabic]

623 GTMO Translator: My wife and my kids,

624 Detainee: [Arabic]

625 GTMO Translator: They went to my country,

626 Detainee: [Arabic]

627 GTMO Translator: My family has took 'em, eh, with their, with

628 their, with their open hands

629 Detainee: [Arabic]

630 GTMO Translator: And they have spend on them whatever they need

631 Detainee: [Arabic]

632 GTMO Translator: And they have build a house for them

633 Detainee: [Arabic]

634 GTMO Translator: So for 13 years they have been spending on

635 them

636 Detainee: [Arabic]

637 GTMO Translator: Not something that I requested, but this is

638 something as a manner, as a family

639 Detainee: [Arabic]

640 GTMO Translator: This is not something expected, but this is

641 something that has to be.

642 PC: Okay, uh, and then we we spoke about uh when you left

643 Libya, uh, do you, do you remember what, what year you

644 left?

645 [Pause]

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646 Detainee: It was 1989?

647 PC: And what do you remember of the West and the United States'
648 support or how they felt about fighting in Afghanistan at
649 that time?

650 [Pause]

651 Detainee: [Arabic]

652 GTMO Translator: Yes, yes, at that time it was

653 Detainee: [Arabic]

654 GTMO Translator: They were advertising all to help Afghani

655 Detainee: [Arabic]

656 GTMO Translator: And also they were giving a free tickets

657 Detainee: [Arabic]

658 GTMO Translator: And Pakistan was open for everyone, even for
659 people without a passport

660 Detainee: [Arabic]

661 GTMO Translator: Uh everything was, uh, toward that place, at
662 that time

663 PC: Would you say that at that time, the late eighties, the
664 United States was, uh, supportive and helped fund a lot of
665 the travel to Afghanistan?

666 [Pause]

667 Detainee: [Arabic] Directly or indirectly?

668 GTMO Translator: Directly or indirectly?

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669 PC: Yeah, either way, uh, but, either directly or indirectly,
670 did they support it, um did, were you aware
671 [Unintelligible]
672 Detainee: [Arabic]
673 GTMO Translator: The American government had helped the Afghani
674 in indirect way and direct way
675 Detainee: [Arabic]
676 GTMO Translator: With money, funding
677 Detainee: [Arabic]
678 GTMO Translator: And also with, uhm, some other stuffs
679 Detainee: [Arabic]
680 GTMO Translator: And with weapons
681 Detainee: [Arabic]
682 GTMO Translator: And everything else
683 Detainee: [Arabic]
684 GTMO Translator: And had, uh, also other country from the Gulf
685 Detainee: [Arabic]
686 GTMO Translator: They would help, uh, financially
687 PC: At that time, did you believe that the United States would
688 have supported you traveling to Afghanistan to help?
689 [Pause]
690 Detainee: [Arabic]
691 GTMO Translator: Without any doubts

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692 PC: So without any doubts, the United States was supportive of
693 you traveling to Afghanistan
694 [Unintelligible]
695 [Pause]
696 Detainee: [Arabic]
697 GTMO Translator: That was not a secret on anyone
698 PC: Right. And at the time, did you have um any intention to
699 fight against the United States?
700 [Pause]
701 Detainee: [Arabic]
702 GTMO Translator: No, it is, it is the opposite.
703 PC: That's all I have. Thank you.
704 BM: Can I ask, can I ask a follow up, please?
705 PR: Go ahead, Sir.
706 BM: When did your intention change to fight against the United
707 States? If you went to Afghanistan without the intention to
708 fight, when did it change?
709 [Long Pause]
710 Detainee: [Arabic]
711 GTMO Translator: I don't have any desire at this time to fight
712 the United States.
713 Detainee: [Arabic]
714 GTMO Translator: And not in the future.

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715 BM: When you were in Afghani-, my question was, when you were in
716 Afghanistan, when did you change your mind that you were
717 going to fight against the United States?

718 [Long Pause]

719 Detainee: Sorry, I can't answer this question.

720 [Long Pause]

721 PM: Abu Faraj, do you have anything further you wish to say?

722 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

723 [Long Pause]

724 Detainee: [Arabic]

725 GTMO Translator: At the end of this meeting

726 Detainee: [Arabic]

727 GTMO Translator: I would like to remind you and, uh, and remind
728 myself

729 Detainee: [Arabic]

730 GTMO Translator: What people vote

731 Detainee: [Arabic] Classify [Arabic]

732 GTMO Translator: When, when you, when you

733 Detainee: Classify

734 GTMO Translator: classify between people

735 Detainee: [Arabic]

736 GTMO Translator: It's not black or white

737 Detainee: [Arabic]

738 GTMO Translator: And it's not enemy or friend

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739 Detainee: [Arabic]
740 GTMO Translator: there are things, uh
741 Detainee: [Arabic]
742 GTMO Translator: Interests
743 Detainee: [Arabic]
744 GTMO Translator: That will meet sometimes
745 Detainee: [Arabic]
746 GTMO Translator: And sometimes at sometimes separate
747 Detainee: [Arabic]
748 GTMO Translator: And at some, at sometimes it clashes
749 Detainee: [Arabic]
750 GTMO Translator: America at one, one, one of these days
751 Detainee: [Arabic]
752 GTMO Translator: Was with the Islamic, ya-, on the side of
753 them, fighting against one enemy
754 Detainee: [Arabic]
755 GTMO Translator: And at one time they had separated and went
756 their own way
757 Detainee: [Arabic]
758 GTMO Translator: This is a proper way I say that to you
759 Detainee: [Arabic]
760 GTMO Translator: Uh, that you stand with the Islamic to combat,
761 uh, common enemies
762 Detainee: [Arabic]

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763 GTMO Translator: There are a lot of dangerous thing that will
764 take security of the United States as far and also the
765 security of other Arabic country

766 Detainee: [Arabic]

767 GTMO Translator: At, at, at the time there was the American
768 government

769 Detainee: [Arabic]

770 GTMO Translator: Was in, was in charge of combating the
771 terroris- terrorism

772 Detainee: [Arabic]

773 GTMO Translator: Uh, to about 20 years

774 Detainee: [Arabic]

775 GTMO Translator: Spent lots of money

776 Detainee: [Arabic]

777 GTMO Translator: Lots of effort

778 Detainee: [Arabic]

779 GTMO Translator: The real enemies for United States

780 Detainee: [Arabic]

781 GTMO Translator: They took advantage of that

782 Detainee: [Arabic]

783 GTMO Translator: And they went from the back door

784 Detainee: [Arabic]

785 GTMO Translator: And they had accomplished what they couldn't
786 accomplish somewhere else

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787 Detainee: [Arabic]

788 GTMO Translator: I'm very happy

789 Detainee: [Arabic]

790 GTMO Translator: That, uh, America had exit or left Afghanistan

791 Detainee: [Arabic]

792 GTMO Translator: Uh, President Biden, uh, is trying to close

793 this uh, detention center

794 Detainee: [Arabic]

795 GTMO Translator: I think there is a good chance, a big chance

796 Detainee: [Arabic]

797 GTMO Translator: Uh, that

798 Detainee: [Arabic]

799 GTMO Translator: That you would try uh calculate again

800 Detainee: [Arabic]

801 GTMO Translator: To, for a better future for America and

802 Detainee: [Arabic]

803 GTMO Translator: And also for the detainees

804 Detainee: Thank you very much.

805 PM: Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Masud al-Jadid al-Uzaybi (ISN

806 10017), this concludes your participation in this hearing.

807 The Board will continue in a classified session. Your

808 Personal Representative and Private Counsel will remain and

809 continue to advocate on your behalf.

810 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

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811 PM: The Board will deliberate to determine whether continued
812 law of war detention is warranted. You will be advised of
813 the results.

814 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

815 PM: All members

816 PC: Sir

817 PM: Please remain seated until further

818 PC: Sir

819 PM: instructed by the Case Administrator.

820 PC: Um

821 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

822 PC: Sir, if you don't mind, uh, can I ask him one more question
823 to clarify something? I don't think that came across quite
824 right.

825 PM: Go ahead.

826 PC: Uh, Abu Faraj, I have one last question for you. How do you
827 feel about the United States right now? And it's position,
828 uh, and it's foreign policy?

829 [Long Pause]

830 Detainee: [Arabic]

831 GTMO Translator: What I see now, and I don't, uh, get that much
832 knowledge of, uh, what's going on

833 Detainee: [Arabic]

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834 GTMO Translator: I see some of this stuff that the United
835 States government had took

836 Detainee: [Arabic]

837 GTMO Translator: And now with, uh, President Biden

838 Detainee: [Arabic]

839 GTMO Translator: I think they are going in, uh, right direction
840 in a lot of cases.

841 PC: And do you think a strong United States is good for the
842 world?

843 [Pause]

844 Detainee: [Arabic]

845 GTMO Translator: As I said a while back

846 Detainee: [Arabic]

847 GTMO Translator: It's, it's, it's good for America to, to try
848 to calculate

849 Detainee: [Arabic]

850 GTMO Translator: Because what I think, what other thinks

851 Detainee: [Arabic]

852 GTMO Translator: That United States stay strong, it's very
853 important matter

854 Detainee: [Arabic]

855 GTMO Translator: So if there is any or anything that appeared
856 that America is weak

857 Detainee: [Arabic]

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858 GTMO Translator: That others will take advantage of this
859 Detainee: [Arabic]
860 GTMO Translator: That lot of matters, lot of not good matters
861 Detainee: [Arabic]
862 GTMO Translator: Happen in the world,
863 Detainee: [Arabic]
864 GTMO Translator: For example, in my country
865 Detainee: [Arabic]
866 GTMO Translator: The, the Russian and Wagner that they had
867 destroyed my house
868 Detainee: [Arabic]
869 GTMO Translator: Um, half of the
870 Detainee: [Arabic]
871 GTMO Translator: Half the people of, uhm, Libya
872 Detainee: [Arabic]
873 GTMO Translator: Of Syria, they had migrated or they had went
874 out of country
875 Detainee: [Arabic]
876 GTMO Translator: So, if United States get weak or weaker, the
877 world will get worse
878 Detainee: [Arabic]
879 GTMO Translator: This is what I think.
880 PC: Thank you, sir.

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881 CA: We will take a short recess and prepare for the remaining

882 sessions. Time now, 1035.

883 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

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