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1 CA: This Periodic Review Board hearing is being conducted at
2 0900 hours on 17 August 2023, with regard to the following
3 detainee: Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Masud al-Jadid al-Uzaybi
4 (ISN 10017). As a reminder, the unclassified portion of
5 these proceedings are being recorded for the purpose of
6 generating a transcript to be posted on the PRS website.
7 Representatives from the following agencies are present and
8 are members of the Board: Department of Defense, Department
9 of State, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland
10 Security, Office of the Director of National Intelligence,
11 and Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
12 The following personnel are also present: Legal Advisor to
13 the Board, Case Administrators, Personal Representative,
14 and the Security Officer. The detainee's Personal
15 Representative is located at the detention facility, U.S.
16 Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Personal
17 Representative is attending via video teleconference. The
18 detainee has chosen not to attend. The unclassified summary
19 has been posted to the Periodic Review Secretariat website.
20 Foreign, national and local media, Foreign Government
21 Officials, and Representatives from Non-gov, non-
22 Governmental Organizations may be observing this session.
23 PM: This Board is convened to determine whether continued law

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24 of war detention is warranted for Mustafa Faraj Muhammad
25 Masud al-Jadid al-Zubaydi Zu Ze Zu Zubi (ISN 10017) to
26 protect against a continuing significant threat to the
27 security of the United States. This session of the briefing
28 or hearing is unclassified. [Pause] Personal
29 Representative, has the detainee had an opportunity to
30 review the Unclassified Summary?

31 PR: Yes, Sir.

32 PM: Thank you, I will now read the unclassified summary.

33 Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Masud al-Jadid al-Uzaybi, AKA Abu
34 Faraj al-Libi (ISN-10017), traveled to Afghanistan to fight
35 at a young age, joined al-Qa'ida and rose through the ranks
36 to become the group's general manager and trusted advisor
37 and communications intermediary to Usama Bin Ladin and then
38 deputy amir, Ayman al-Zawahiri. Does the Personal
39 Representative wish to make an unclassified Opening
40 Statement at this time?

41 PR: Yes, Sir.

42 PM: I would like to remind all participants that any
43 information shared at this time must be unclassified.
44 [Pause] If there is a concern about the classification of
45 the information, I will indicate as such and will stop the
46 proceedings until we resolve the issue. Has the detainee
47 had an opportunity to review your statement?

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48 PR: Yes, Sir.

49 PM: Personal Representative, please proceed.

50 PR: Members of the Board. Thank you for the opportunity to
51 present this statement for Abu Faraj. Abu Faraj has
52 continuously accepts requests for meetings. When he is
53 unable to attend, Abu Faraj sends me condolence messages on
54 a missed scheduled meeting. The trust between us is
55 continually growing and Abu Faraj is always committed to
56 the topics that we discuss. Abu Faraj still takes extensive
57 notes so he can refer to the topics discussed in order to
58 prepare for hearings. Abu Faraj routinely communicates with
59 his family and they are preparing to provide full support
60 for Faraj's assimilation into society outside of
61 Guantanamo. Abu Faraj recognizes that in order to best
62 understand him, it's best to begin with a conversation, so
63 he would like to thank you for your time and this
64 opportunity. I am standing by to answer your questions.

65 PM: Board Members may reserve questions until detainee and
66 witness statements have been presented in their entirety.
67 However, does anyone have any questions at this time? [Long
68 pause] Well, with no further questions, this concludes this
69 portion of the hearing. I ask that all remain seated until
70 further instructed by the Case Administrator.

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71 CA: We will now take a short recess to prepare for the
72 remaining sessions. Time now 0904.

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