

1 CA: Representatives from the following agencies are present and  
2 are members of the Board: Department of Defense,  
3 Department of State, Department of Justice, Department of  
4 Homeland Security, Office of the Director of National  
5 Intelligence, and the Office of the Chairman of the Joint  
6 Chiefs of Staff. The following personnel are also present:  
7 Legal Advisor to the Board, Case Administrators, Personal  
8 Representative, Private Counsel, Translators, the detainee,  
9 and the Security Officer.

10 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

11 CA: The detainee's Personal Representative, Private Counsel,  
12 the detainee, and translator are located at the detention  
13 facility, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They are  
14 attending via video teleconference. The detainee has waived  
15 translation of the unclassified summary and the Personal  
16 Representative's statement. The unclassified summary has  
17 been posted on the Periodic Review Secretariat website.  
18 Foreign, national and local media, Foreign Government  
19 Officials, and Representatives from Non-Governmental  
20 Organizations may be observing this session.

21 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

22 PM: This Board is convened to determine whether continued law  
23 of war detention is warranted for Guleed Hassan Ahmed (ISN  
24 10023) to protect against a continuing significant threat

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25 to the security of the United States. From here on forward,  
26 we will refer to the detainee as Guleed. This session of  
27 the hearing is unclassified.

28 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

29 PM: Guleed, this is your Periodic Review Board to determine  
30 whether continued law of war detention is warranted in your  
31 case. Continued law of war detention will be warranted if  
32 it is necessary to protect against a continuing significant  
33 threat to the security of the United States. The focus of  
34 this hearing is on the threat you may pose to the United  
35 States and its interests if transferred or released from  
36 U.S. custody. It is not on the lawfulness of your  
37 detention.

38 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

39 PM: The Personal Representative and private counsel are your  
40 representatives to assist you during this process. Finally,  
41 the translators ensure that everyone understands your  
42 statements and that you understand what is being said  
43 during the hearing.

44 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

45 [Loss of audio]

46 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

47 PM: Personal Representative, Private Counsel, has the detainee  
48 had an opportunity to review the Unclassified Summary?

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49 HQ Translator: [Translates above]  
50 PR: Yes, Sir.  
51 PC: Yes, Sir.  
52 [UNINTELLIGIBLE]  
53 GTMO Translator: [Translates above]  
54 [Loss of audio]  
55 CA: (ISN 10023) Guleed Hassan Ahmed is now back in session.  
56 Time now, 0935.  
57 PM: Personal Representative, Private Counsel, has the detainee  
58 had an opportunity to review the Unclassified Summary?  
59 PR: Yes, Sir.  
60 PC: Yes, Sir.  
61 PM: Thank you, I will now I will now read the UNCLASSIFIED  
62 SUMMARY. Guleed Hassan Ahmed (ISN-10023), traveled in 1995  
63 from Sweden to Afghanistan for jihadist purposes and  
64 trained at what were probably al-Qa'ida sites; he traveled  
65 in 1996 to Somalia, where he joined the radical Muslim  
66 group al-Ittihad al-Islami (AIAI), fought against the  
67 Ethiopian military, and provided training to AIAI members.  
68 Guleed later served as a key member of the al-Qa'ida in  
69 East Africa (AQEA) network in Somalia, providing logistic  
70 and operational support to AQEA leaders, including probably  
71 surveilling Djibouti's Camp Lemonier, the target of an AQEA  
72 plot. Does the Personal Representative or Private Counsel

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73 wish to make an unclassified Opening Statement at this  
74 time?

75 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

76 PR: Yes, Sir.

77 GTMO Translator: [Translates above]

78 Unidentified Person: He said yes, Sir.

79 PM: I would like to remind all participants that any  
80 information shared at this time must be unclassified. If  
81 there is a concern about the classification of the  
82 information, I will indicate as such and will stop the  
83 proceedings until we resolve the issue. Has the detainee  
84 had an opportunity to review your statements?

85 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

86 PR: Yes, Sir.

87 GTMO Translator: [Translates above]

88 PM: Personal Representative, please proceed.

89 PR: Members of the Board, I thank you for the opportunity to  
90 review Guleed's case. The Private Counsel team for Guleed  
91 has been focusing their efforts on his Habeas case and in  
92 the past advised Guleed to refrain from meeting with me.  
93 I've had continuous contact with the PC team that  
94 represents Guleed. Guleed routinely responds to my  
95 correspondence with his own kind and courteous letters  
96 thanking me for keeping him up to date on his case. I had

97 the chance to meet with Guleed on one occasion with his PC  
98 present. Recently the PC team for Guleed suggested that he  
99 attend meetings without them involved in order to prepare  
100 for this PRB hearing. Guleed has family in the US and  
101 Canada, and these family members previously submitted  
102 letters of support as well as offer financial support for  
103 Guleed upon his release from GTMO. As his Personal  
104 Representative, I believe Guleed is no longer a continuing  
105 significant threat to the Unites States and our allies.

106 PM: Board Members may reserve questions until detainee witness  
107 statements have been presented in their entirety. However,  
108 does anyone have any questions at this time?

109 HQ: Translator: [Translates above]

110 PM: With no questions, this concludes this portion of the  
111 hearing. I ask that all remain seated until further  
112 instructed by the Case Administrator.

113 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

114 CA: We will take a short recess to prepare for the remaining  
115 sessions. Time now 0939.

116 HQ Translator: [Translates above]