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CA: This periodic review board is being conducted at 0906 hours on 4 August 2016 with regards to the following detainee: Muhammad Rahim, ISN 10029. As a reminder, the unclassified portions of these proceedings are being recorded for the purpose of generating a transcript to be posted on the PRS website.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

CA: 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 personal are also present:

LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE BOARD;
CASE ADMINISTRATORS;
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES;
PRIVATE COUNSEL;
TRANSLATOR;
THE DETAINEE; AND,
SECURITY OFFICER.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

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CA: The detainee's Personal Representative [sic], Private Counsel, the detainee, and translator are located at the detention facility U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They are attending via video teleconference and the detainee waived translation of the unclassified summary, the Personal Representatives' opening statement. These documents have been posted to the Periodic Secretariat view [sic] website. This session is being observed by foreign, national and local media, foreign governmental organizations, and representatives from non-governmental organizations.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: Good morning. This Board is convened to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted for Muhammad Rahim, ISN 10029, to protect against a continuing significant threat to the security of the United States. From here forward, we'll refer to the detainee as Muhammad. This session of the hearing is unclassified.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: Muhammad, this is your Periodic Review Board to determine whether continued law of war detention is warranted in your case. 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 you may pose to the United

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States and its interests if transferred or released from U.S. custody. It is not on the lawfulness of your detention.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: The Personal Representatives and Private Counsel are your representatives to assist you during this process. Finally, the translator ensures that everybody understands your statements and that you understand what is being said during the hearing.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: Personal Representatives, has Muhammad had the opportunity to review the unclassified statement?

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PR 1: Yes, Ma'am.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

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

Muhammad Rahim, ISN 10029, was one of a small number of Afghans to become trusted members of al-Qaeda. He served as a translator, courier, facilitator, and operative for the group's senior leadership, including Osama Bin Ladin. His proficiency in several languages, including Arabic, made him invaluable for communicating with foreign fighters and local populations in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and facilitating movement of al-Qaeda leaders, and rank and file between the two countries, particularly after the start of Operation Enduring

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Freedom. He had advance knowledge of many of al-Qaeda's major attacks, including advanced knowledge of 9/11. He progressed to paying for, planning, and participating in attacks in Afghanistan against U.S. and Coalition targets by al-Qaeda... by al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and other anti-Coalition militant groups. Muhammad has admitted to working as a translator for al-Qaeda and claims to have done so only for the money.

Muhammad has been generally compliant with the guard staff since arriving at Guantanamo Bay detention facility in March 2008. He's been highly compliant since August 2015, according to Joint Task Force Guantanamo. Although Muhammad has committed relatively few disciplinary infractions compared to the general population at Guantanamo, he has remained mostly uncooperative and defiant. He crosses the line into noncompliance when he thinks he is being disrespected, mistreated, or perceived as being weak. Muhammad views his time in detention as a continuation of jihad. He claims the guard staff and detainees' lawyers are enemies, and has reprimanded fellow detainees for showing the slightest courtesy towards them. He has sought to intimidate and taunt his captors even if it means never being released and dying as a martyr, which he appears to welcome.

Muhammad was a hardened al-Qaeda member and devoted Bin Ladin follower when he arrived at Guantanamo and has become even more deeply committed to the group's jihadist doctrine and

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Islamic extremism in general since that time. He continues to view the United States and the West as enemies, has expressed support for and praised attacks by other terrorists groups, and has said he intends to return to jihad and kill Americans. We assess that given his language proficien... proficiency, al-Qaeda bona fides, and extensive extremist connections established before his capture, Muhammad has multiple conduits for reengaging should he be released. Although one of his brothers in particular, Abd Basit Zahdran, could also provide a path to reengage.

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

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PR 1: Yes, Ma'am.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PM: Like to remind all the participants that any information shared at this time must be unclassified. If there's a concern about classification of the information, I'll indicate as such and stop the proceedings until we resolve the issue. Has Muhammad had an opportunity to review your statement?

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PR 1: Yes, Ma'am.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

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PM: All right. Personal Representative, please proceed.

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

PR 1: Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the Board.

We're the Personal Representatives for ISN 10029, Mr. Muhammad Rahim. Rahim has attended all scheduled meetings. During these meetings, he's been respectful and eager to participate in the PRB. He has also shown regret for his past actions, saying he only did what he did for money, so he could feed his family.

Rahim has two wives and seven children. He eagerly wants to be reunited with his family. He believes he needs to be present to help guide his children on a peaceful path. He worries that without him there to guide them, they could be taken advantage of. Rahim has spoken of wanting to live a peaceful life in the future.

Rahim has stated in our meetings he has never had any will... ill will towards the U.S. and this will continue in the future. We stand ready to answer any questions you have.

PM: Board Members may reserve questions until detainee and witness statements have been presented in their entirety. Does anyone have a question at this time?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE FROM BMS)

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

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

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

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

TRANS: [TRANSLATION OF ABOVE]

[The public session concluded at 0919, 4 August 2016]

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ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYM KEY

BM: BOARD MEMBER
CA: CASE ADMINISTRATOR
DET: DETAINEE
PC: PRIVATE COUNSEL
PM: PRESIDING MEMBER
PR 1: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ONE
PR 2: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TWO
TRANS: TRANSLATOR (LOCATED AT GUANTANAMO BAY)