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1 CA: This Periodic Review Board hearing is being conducted at
2 0903 hours on 24 August 2021, with regard to the following
3 detainee: Sanad Ali Yislam Al Kazimi (ISN 1453). As a
4 reminder, the unclassified portions of these proceedings
5 are being recorded for the purpose of generating a
6 transcript to be posted on the PRS website.

7 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

8 CA: Representatives from the following agencies are present and
9 are members of the Board: Department of Defense,
10 Department of State, Department of Justice, Department of
11 Homeland Security, Office of the Director of National
12 Intelligence, and the Office of the Chairman of the Joint
13 Chiefs of Staff. The following personnel are also present:
14 Legal Advisor to the Board, Case Administrators, Personal
15 Representative, Private Counsel, Translators, the detainee
16 and the Security Officer.

17 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

18 CA: The detainee's Personal Representative, Private Counsel,
19 the detainee, and translator are located at the detention
20 facility, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They
21 are attending via video teleconference. The Private Counsel
22 is also attending via video teleconference due to COVID
23 logistical challenges. The detainee has waived translation
24 of the unclassified summary and the Personal
25 Representative's statement. The unclassified summary has
26 been posted to the Periodic Review Secretariat website.
27 Foreign, national and local media, Foreign Government
28 Officials, and representatives from Non-Governmental
29 Organizations may be observing this session.

30 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

31 PM: Good morning. This Board is convened to determine whether
32 continued law of war detention is warranted for Sanad Ali

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33 Yislam Al Kazimi (ISN 1453) to protect against a continuing
34 significant threat to the security of the United States.

35 From here on forward, we will refer to the detainee as
36 Sanad. This session of the hearing is unclassified.

37 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

38 PM: Sanad, this is your Periodic Review Board to determine
39 whether continued law of war detention is warranted in your
40 case. Continued law of war detention will be warranted if
41 it is necessary to protect against a continuing significant
42 threat to the security of the United States. The focus of
43 this hearing is on the threat that you may pose to the
44 United States and its interests if transferred or released
45 from U.S. custody. It is not on the lawfulness of your
46 detention.

47 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

48 PM: The Personal Representative and Private Counsel are your
49 representatives to assist you during this process. Finally,
50 the translators ensure that everyone understands
51 your statements and that you understand what is being said
52 during the hearing.

53 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

54 PM: Personal ah Personal Representative, has the detainee had
55 an opportunity to review the Unclassified Summary?

56 PR: Yes, Sir.

57 PM: Thank you. I will now read the Unclassified Summary:
58 Sanad Ali Yislam Al Kazimi (ISN 1453) served as a bodyguard
59 for Usama Bin Ladin in Afghanistan, provided logistical
60 support to senior al-Qa'ida operative operational planner
61 Al-Nashiri (ISN 10015) in the Persian Gulf, and probably
62 served as a financial facilitator for the Yemen based al-
63 Qa'ida branch. Kazimi is probably aware that the money he
64 huh the money he facilitated would support terrorist

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65 attacks, but he may may not have had prior knowledge about
66 the specifics of the attack. Does the Personal
67 Representative wish to make unclassified Opening Statement
68 at this time?

69 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

70 PR: Yes, Sir.

71 GTMO Translator: [Translates above]

72 PM: I would like to remind all participants that any
73 information shared at this time must be unclassified. If
74 there is a concern about the classification of the
75 information, I will indicate as such and will stop the
76 proceedings until we resolve the issue. Has the detainee
77 had an opportunity to review your statement?

78 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

79 PR: Yes, Sir.

80 Detainee: [Speaks in Arabic]

81 PM: Person Personal Representative, you may now proceed.

82 GTMO Translator: [Translates above]

83 PR: Good morning members of the Board. I have been assigned to
84 Sanad Ali Yislam Al Kazimi since mid-2020, 2021. Sanad has
85 re-engaged with PRS staff in the last week in preparation
86 for the Periodic Review Board. I look forward to
87 facilitating his participation with the review process.
88 Thank you for your consideration.

89 PM: Board Members may reserve questions until detainee and
90 witness statements have been presented in their entirety.
91 However, does anyone have huh questions at this particular
92 time?

93 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

94 PM: With no questions at this time, this concludes this portion
95 of the hearing. I will ask that all remain seated until
96 further instructed by the Case Administrator.

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- 97 HQ Translator: [Translates above]
- 98 CA: We will take a short recess to prepare for the remaining
- 99 sessions. Time now 0913.
- 100 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

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