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1 CA: This Periodic Review Board hearing is being conducted at  
2 0900 hours on 25 January 2022, with regard to the following  
3 detainee: Hassan Muhammad Ali Bin Attash (ISN 1456). 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, Translators, the detainee and the Security  
16 Officer.

17 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

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

30 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

31 PM: This Board is convened to determine whether continued law  
32 of war detention is warranted for Hassan Muhammad Ali Bin

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33 Attash (ISN 1456) 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 Hassan. This session of the hearing is unclassified.

37 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

38 PM: Hassan, 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 you may pose to the United  
44 States and its interests if transferred or released from  
45 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.  
50 Finally, 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 Representative, has the detainee had an  
55 opportunity to review the Unclassified Summary?

56 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

57 PR: Yes, Sir.

58 GTMO Translator: [Translates above]

59 PM: Thank you. I will now read the Unclassified Summary:  
60 Hassan Muhammad Ali Bin Attash (ISN 1456) was a close  
61 associate of senior terrorist leaders and a facilitator and  
62 explosives specialist for al-Qa'ida during the early 2000s  
63 in Pakistan. He supported plots against U.S. and other  
64 Western targets in Afghanistan, Pakistan, the Middle East,

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65 and North Africa, and he contributed to al-Qa'ida's  
66 explosives activities and capabilities. Attash was arrested  
67 during a Pakistani military raid on an al-Qa'ida safehouse  
68 with senior al-Qa'ida operative and 9/11 operational  
69 coordinator Ramzi bin al-Shibh (ISN 10013) in September  
70 2002. Does the Personal Representative wish to make  
71 unclassified Opening Statement at this time?

72 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

73 PR: Yes, Sir.

74 GTMO Translator: [Translates above]

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

81 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

82 PR: Yes, Sir.

83 GTMO Translator: [Translates above]

84 PM: Personal Representative, please proceed.

85 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

86 PR: Good morning ladies and gentlemen of The Board. Thank you  
87 for this opportunity to review Hassan Muhammad Ali Bin  
88 Attash's case.

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90 Hassan has spent his entire adult life in U.S. custody. In  
91 conversing with him, the influence that nearly two decades  
92 of being surrounded by American culture has had on him is  
93 apparent. In addition to speaking English fluently, he is  
94 comfortable with people of different backgrounds and  
95 beliefs. We are able to speak easily on a variety of  
96 topics, without the assistance of an inter--interpreter. If

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97 he is released, he hopes to eventually gain employment as a  
98 translator. He has been working towards this goal, and we  
99 have included some samples of his Arabic to English  
100 translation in our submissions for today.

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102 Hassan's outlook on life is remarkably positive. He  
103 believes that his capture and subsequent detention changed  
104 the trajectory of his life. While in US custody he has been  
105 exposed to a number of books and films that he would not  
106 have otherwise have had access to. He has used his time at  
107 Guantanamo to read and learn about world history and  
108 religion. He candidly discussed with me how his  
109 understanding of the world has changed as he has become  
110 more educated and informed.

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112 Based on our interactions, I feel confident saying Hassan  
113 could assimilate well in an either an Arabic or English-  
114 speaking country. He is open to any rehabilitation program  
115 and can count on the support from his family.

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117 I appreciate time and your consideration for transfer—for a  
118 transfer recommendation. We are standing by for your  
119 questions.

120 PM: Board Members may reserve questions until detainee and  
121 witness statements have been presented in their entirety.

122 However, does anyone have any questions at this time?

123 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

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

127 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

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128 CA: We will take a short recess to prepare for the remaining  
129 sessions. Time now 0911.  
130 HQ Translator: [Translates above]

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