

1 CA: This Periodic Review Board is being conducted at 0911 hours  
2 on 24 September 2019, with regard to the following detainee:  
3 Hassan Muhammad Ali Bin Attash (ISN 1456). As a reminder, the  
4 unclassified portions of these proceedings are being recorded  
5 for the purpose of generating a script, a transcript to be  
6 posted on the PRS website. Representatives from the following  
7 agencies are present and are members of the Board: Department  
8 of Defense, Department of State, Department of Justice,  
9 Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Director of  
10 National Intelligence and Office of the Chairman of the Joint  
11 Chiefs of Staff. The following personnel are also present:  
12 Legal Advisor to the Board, Case Administrators, Personal  
13 Representative, Two Translators, The detainee and the  
14 Security Officer. The detainee, pardon me, the detainee's  
15 Personal Representative, the detainee, and one translator are  
16 located at the detention facility, US Naval Station  
17 Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. She is attending via video  
18 teleconference and the detainee has chosen not to attend.  
19 This session is being observed by foreign, national and local  
20 media; Foreign Government Officials and Representatives from  
21 Non-Governmental Organizations.

22 PM: This board is convened to determine whether continued law of  
23 war detention is warranted for Hassan Muhammad Ali Bin Attash  
24 (ISN 1456) to protect against a continuing significant threat  
25 to the security of the United States. This session of the  
26 hearing is unclassified. Personal Representative, has the  
27 detainee had an opportunity to review the unclassified  
28 statement?

29 PR: Yes, sir.

30 PM: Thank you. I will now read the UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY: Hassan  
31 Muhammad Salih bin Attash (ISN-1456) was a close associate of  
32 senior terrorist leaders, a facilitator, and explosives

33 specialist for al-Qa'ida during the early 2000s in Pakistan.  
34 He supported plots against US and other Western targets in  
35 Afghanistan, Pakistan, the Middle East, and North Africa, and  
36 he contributed to al-Qa'ida's explosives activities and  
37 capabilities. Attash was arrested in a Pakistani military  
38 raid on an al-Qa'ida safe house with senior al-Qa'ida  
39 operative and 9/11 operational coordinator Ramzi bin al-Shibh  
40 (ISN-10013) in September 2002. Does the Personal  
41 Representative wish to make an unclassified opening statement  
42 at this time?

43 PR: Yes, sir.

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

50 PR: Yes, sir.

51 PM: Thank you, Personal Representative, you may now proceed.

52 PR: Good morning esteemed members of the board, I am the  
53 Personal Representative of Hassan Mohammed Ali Bin Attash.  
54 Hassan, as he is referred to by his Private Counsel, has  
55 refused all requests to attend scheduled meetings. Since my  
56 appointment as his Personal Representative, Hassan has  
57 refused to attend a total of 18 meetings and has never  
58 replied to written correspondence. Despite scheduling  
59 meetings above the norm, all my requests have resulted in  
60 refusals without any explanation. Hassan's Private Counsel,  
61 Mr. David Remes, has submitted a statement on his behalf and  
62 has opted not to attend these proceedings. Nonetheless, I  
63 will continue to represent Hassan to the best of my ability

64 with the hope that he eventually decides to participate in  
65 the PRB process as he did in the past.

66 PM: Thank you. Board Members may reserve questions until  
67 detainee and witness statements have been presented in their  
68 entirety. Does anyone have a question at this time? With no  
69 questions, this concludes this portion of the hearing. I ask  
70 that all remain seated until further instructed by the Case  
71 Administrator.

72 CA: We will now take a, take a recess to prepare for the  
73 remaining sessions.