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**PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD FILE REVIEW, 12 SEP 2018
SHARQAWI ABDU ALI AL HAJJ, ISN 1457 PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT**

I have been the Personal Representative to Sharqawi Abdu Ali Al Hajj since May 2018. Since my appointment, I have attempted to meet Abdul twice in May, three times in June and twice in July. Each time resulting in an refusal on his part without explanation. Nonetheless, I will continue to schedule meetings in an effort to discuss his intent.

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PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD FILE REVIEW, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
SHARQAWI ABDU ALI AL-HAJJ, ISN 1457
PRIVATE COUNSEL STATEMENT

Members of the Periodic Review Board:

I am Private Counsel for Sharqawi Al Hajj and submit this statement for consideration in Mr. Al Hajj's September 12, 2018 file review. This supplements my prior statements to the Periodic Review Board in support of a finding that Mr. Al Hajj does not pose a continuing significant threat to the United States.

Since Mr. Al Hajj's last file review in March 2018, his health condition has continued to be precarious. As previously stated to the Board, Mr. Al Hajj suffers from chronic jaundice, weakness, and extreme abdominal and other pain, and has a history of Hepatitis B. He has also gone on hunger strikes and refused food for prolonged periods of time – acts he has described as desperation over the prospect of continuing indefinite detention – which have exacerbated his condition. Following a period of refusing food and water last year, Mr. Al Hajj collapsed in his cell and was hospitalized for several days. More recently, during a phone call with Mr. Al Hajj in August 2018, he stated that he had until several weeks prior been refusing food and water again, had dropped to 104 pounds, and was again close to being hospitalized. He had resumed eating and drinking to prepare for an upcoming hernia surgery, which had become urgent because of the severity of his pain. This cycle of food refusals and deteriorating health requiring medical intervention will likely continue, needlessly; Mr. Al Hajj is a changed person 17 years removed from the time of his capture, who wants nothing to do with his past or any conflict, and would agree to any number of security arrangements that might enable his transfer.

I also wish to note that Mr. Al Hajj's decision not to participate in these proceedings is a relatively new development resulting from feeling discouraged that Board approval for transfer will result in release. Mr. Al Hajj participated fully and willingly in his prior reviews, including a subsequent full review and hearing in February 2017, during which he responded to lengthy questioning. Should the Board decide to undertake another full review of Mr. Al Hajj, he and his counsel would aim to present fuller information concerning his current physical and mental condition, and address any questions or concerns from the Board about his present views and conduct.

I am available to answer any questions or provide any further information about Mr. Al Hajj that may assist the Board. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Pardiss Kebriaei
Center for Constitutional Rights

Private Counsel for Sharqawi Al Hajj (ISN 1457)