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1 CA: This Periodic Review Board is being conducted at 0913, on 26
2 January 2021 with regard to the following detainee: Ismael
3 Abdul Rabbani Abu Rahmah (ISN 1460). As a reminder, the
4 unclassified portions of these proceedings are being
5 recorded for the purpose of generating a transcript to be
6 posted on the PRS website. Representatives from the
7 following agencies are present and are members of the
8 Board: Department of Defense, Department of State.
9 Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security,
10 Office of the Director of National Intelligence and Office
11 of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The following
12 personnel are also present: Legal Advisor to the Board,
13 Case Administrators, Personal Representative, and the
14 Security Officer. The detainee's Personal Representative,
15 the detainee, and translator are located at the detention
16 facility, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The
17 Personal Representative is attending via video, correction,
18 teleconference. The detainee has chosen not to attend the
19 unclassified summary will be posted to the Periodic Review
20 Secretariat website. Foreign, national and local media;
21 Foreign Government Officials and Representatives from Non-
22 Governmental Organizations may be observing this session.

23 PM: Good morning. This Board is convened to determine whether
24 continued law of war detention is warranted for Abdul
25 Rabbani Abu Rahmah (ISN 1460) to protect against a
26 continuing significant threat to the security of the United
27 States. This hearing, this session of this hearing is
28 unclassified. Personal Representative as the detainee had
29 an opportunity to review the Unclassified Summary?

30 PR: Yes, Sir. He has.

31 PM: Thank you. I will now read the UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY:

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32 Abdul Rabbani Abu Rahmah (ISN 1460) was an al-Qa'ida
33 facilitator who worked directly for al-Qa'ida external
34 operations Chief Khalid Shaykh Muhammad (ISN 10024),
35 focusing primarily on logistic support and operating an al-
36 Qa'ida safe house in Karachi, Pakistan. Recruited by his
37 younger brother -- fellow Guantanamo detainee Mohammed
38 Ahmad Rabbani (ISN 1461), probably played a support role in
39 al-Qa'ida operations, although we have, we've judge that he
40 probably did not have specific insights into al-Qa'ida's
41 operational plans. Does the Personal Representative wish
42 to make unclassified Opening Statement at this time?

43 PR: Yes, Sir.

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

50 PR: Yes, Sir. He has.

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

52 PR: Thank you Sir. Honorable Board Members, Thank you for the
53 opportunity to provide a statement on behalf of Mr. Abu
54 Rahmah. I have recently become Mr. Abu Rahmah's Personal
55 Representative. I will continue to schedule meetings with
56 him to reengage him in the PRB process and to bring new
57 information, new relevant information for the board's
58 consideration. Thank you for your time and concern.

59 PM: Okay, Board Members may reserve questions until detainee
60 and witness statements have been presented in their
61 entirety. However, does anyone have any questions at this
62 particular time? With no further questions, this concludes

63 this portion of the hearing. I ask that all remain seated
64 until further instructed by the Case Administrator.
65 CA: We will take a short recess to prepare for remaining
66 sessions. Time now 0917.