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1 CA: This Periodic Review Board is being conducted at 0910 hours
2 on 17 September 2019, with regard to the following detainee:
3 Mohammed Ahmad Rabbani (ISN 1461). 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 Mohammed Ahmad Rabbani (ISN
24 1461) to protect against a continuing significant threat to
25 the security of the United States. This session of the
26 hearing is unclassified. From here on forward, we will refer
27 to the detainee as Ghassan. This session of the hearing is
28 unclassified. Personal Representative, has the detainee had
29 an opportunity to review the unclassified summary?

30 PR: Yes, sir.

31 PM: Thank you. I will now read the UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY:
32 Mohammed Ahmed Ghulam Rabbani (ISN-1461), a.k.a. Abu Badr,

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33 was a financial and travel facilitator for al-Qa'ida leader
34 Khalid Shaykh Muhammad (ISN-10024) and USS Cole mastermind
35 'Abd alRahim al-Nashiri from 1997 until his arrest in
36 September 2002 during a raid of guest houses that Abu Badr
37 was operating with his brother Abdul Rabbani (ISN-1460) in
38 Karachi, Pakistan. Abu Badr's primary jobs was to operate al-
39 Qa'ida safe houses in Karachi, facilitate travel of mujahidin
40 and their families to and from Afghanistan, and acquire and
41 drive vehicles. Abu Badr lived in Saudi Arabia until his
42 early 2000s but spent his active jihadist years in Pakistan.
43 Does the Personal Representative wish to make an unclassified
44 opening statement at this time?

45 PR: Yes, sir.

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

52 PR: Yes, sir.

53 PM: Okay, Personal Representative, you may now proceed.

54 PR: Members of the Board, I am the Personal Representative for
55 Mr. Mohammed Ahmad Rabbani, ISN 1461. Mr. Rabbani does not
56 feel that the current political situation will allow any
57 detainees to depart GTMO and has declined to participate in
58 PRB Process. He has refused to meet with the Personal
59 Representatives for the last 41 scheduled meetings. Mr.
60 Rabbani's Personal Counsel, Clive Stafford Smith, declined to
61 attend this Periodic Review Board. We will continue to make
62 ourselves available to Mr. Rabbani should, he decide to
63 reengage in the PRB process. Thank you.

64 PM: Thank you. Appreciate your perseverance in this case. Uh,
65 Board Members may reserve questions until detainee and
66 witness statements have been presented in their entirety.
67 Does anyone have a question at this particular time? Okay,
68 with no questions, this concludes this portion of the
69 hearing. I ask that all remain seated until further
70 instructed by the Case Administrator.
71 CA: We will now take a short recess to prepare for the remaining
72 sessions.