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1 CA: This Periodic Review Board is being conducted at 0912, on 25
2 February 2020 with regard to the following detainee: Khalid
3 Ahmed Qasim (ISN 242). As a reminder, the unclassified
4 portions of these proceedings are being recorded for the
5 purpose of generating a transcript to be posted on the PRS
6 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, Department
10 of State, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland
11 Security, Office of the Director of National Intelligence
12 and Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
13 The following personnel are also present: Legal Advisor to
14 the Board, Case Administrators, Personal Representative,
15 translators, the detainee and the Security Officer.

16 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*

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

27 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*

28 PM: Good morning, this Board is convened to determine whether
29 continued law of war detention is warranted for Khalid
30 Ahmed Qasim (ISN 242) to protect against a continuing
31 significant threat to the security of the United States.

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32 From here on forward we will refer to the detainee as
33 Khalid. This session of the hearing is unclassified.
34 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*
35 PM: Khalid this is your Period Review Board to determine whether
36 continue law of war detention is warranted in your case.
37 Continued law of detention will be warranted if it is
38 necessary to protect against the continuing significant
39 threat to the national security of the United States. The
40 focus of this hear is on the threat you may pose to the
41 United States and its interest if transferred or released
42 from U.S. custody. It is not on the lawfulness of your
43 detention.
44 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*
45 CA: The Personal Representative is your representative to assist
46 during this process. Finally, the translator ensure that
47 everyone understand your states and that you understand
48 what is being said during the hearing.
49 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*
50 PM: Personal Representative as the detainee had an opportunity
51 to review the Unclassified Statement?
52 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*
53 PR: Yes, Sir.
54 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*
55 PM: Thank you. I will now read the UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY:
56 Khalid Ahmed Qasim (ISN 242) received basic and advanced
57 instruction at the Al Qaeda affiliated Al-Farouq training
58 camp before nine eleven. Possibly provided weapons training
59 to militants, and may have fought for the Taliban in or
60 near Bagram and Kabul in Afghanistan, before fleeing to the
61 Tora Bora Mountains in late 2001. While he was in
62 Afghanistan, Qasim was closely affiliated with Al Qaeda,
63 briefly met Usama Bin Ladin at Tora Bora, and possibly

64 became a member of Al Qaeda, although during debriefings he
65 has denied joining the group, and we have no reporting that
66 he swore allegiance to Bin Ladin. He was captured while
67 fleeing the Tora Bora Mountains near Jalalabad,
68 Afghanistan. Does the Personal Representative wish to make
69 unclassified Opening Statement at this time?

70 HQ Translator: *Translates above*

71 PR: Yes, Sir.

72 GMO Translator: *Translates above*

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

79 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*

80 PR: Yes, Sir.

81 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

82 PM: Personal Representative, you may now proceed.

83 HQ Translator: *Translates above*

84 PR: Members of the board, thank you for the opportunity to
85 present this full review on behalf of Mr. Khalid Ahmed
86 Qasim today. Since being assigned to Mr. Qsim's Personal
87 Representative in September 2020 he has declined all
88 meetings I have attempted to schedule with him with the
89 exception of one. He met with me on 24 February 2020 to
90 discuss his upcoming board and explain his behavior over
91 the last year. Beyond that, I can only provide limited
92 information with regard to his case. Thank you for your
93 time and attention in this ma-matter.

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

96 However, does anyone have any questions at this particular
97 time?

98 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*

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

102 CA: We will take a short recess to prepare for the classified
103 portion of the hearing. Time now 0921.