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1 CA: This Periodic Review Board is now reconvened at 0928 hours
2 29 June 2021, with regard to the following detainee: Haroon
3 al-Afghani ISN 3148.

4 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

5 CA: Please keep in mind that this session is in the Secret and
6 below level.

7 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

8 PM: Board Members remember that when the detainee makes any
9 statements those states are presumed to be classified level.
10 All discussions or questions need to remain at the
11 unclassified level.

12 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

13 PM: Asad during this hearing you have the opportunity to make a
14 personal statement or answer questions. It is your choice
15 whether to make a statement or to answer questions during
16 this session. Do you understand my explanation?

17 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

18 Detainee: *Speaks*

19 GTMO Translator: Sir.

20 PM: Asad do you plan on reading an opening statement this
21 morning?

22 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

23 Detainee: *Speaks.*

24 GTMO Translator: It would be, I prefer to have my lawyer to
25 read it.

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26 PM: Ok. You may proceed.

27 PC: Honorable Board members, my name is Asad Haroon a citizen of
28 Afghanistan. I was happily married and blessed with a baby
29 girl just before I was captured in January 2007. I will be
30 providing a written statement to the board for the upcoming
31 hearing as an Afghan that was captured as a prisoner of war.
32 The results of my previous hearings were disappointing. What
33 is even more surprising is that after each hearing I was told
34 that it went very well. But still results of all the
35 hearings were negative. In 2006, there was an agreement
36 between the U.S. and the Afghan government in which any
37 Afghan prisoners would not be transferred to Guantanamo and
38 yet I was sent here in 2007. For about ten years, I was not
39 provided a lawyer, even though I tried my hardest. I was
40 told that a layer would be provided to me but it never
41 happened. This issue lasted till the middle of 2016. All
42 that time I was prevented from accessing any legal
43 representation. For than two hundred Afghans were released
44 from Guantanamo, but I am still kept here. I am a citizen of
45 a country that has been burning in flames for the past four
46 decades. During all these years and even now Afghans are
47 being sacrificed. This tragedy started with the communist
48 ideology. And it continued with the invasion of the Soviet
49 Union. The red army enter Afghanistan and destroyed

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50 everything. The brutality of the Russians was no less than
51 brutality of Hitler. Millions of Afghans were forced to
52 leave their homes. Hundreds of thousand became disabled more
53 than a million, more than million wives became widows. One
54 point five millions were lost and with the sacrifices with
55 the Afghans people the Russians were defeated. The Soviet
56 Union was dismembered and no one ever scream their chant of
57 hoo-ray again. This chant was thrown in the garbage can of
58 history forever. The world was able to breathe a sigh of
59 relief as the world no longer had a fear the sound of mic
60 twenty-ones or of the Russian tanks. Then the entire world
61 turned their back on Afghanistan. A government that was
62 accepted by all people was not formed until 1.5 million
63 family members where sacrificed. Even though the Russian
64 left Afghanistan and the communist government was removed the
65 fighting did not end in Afghanistan. The Afghan people had
66 hoped for a peacefully life the fighting continued. The
67 fighting took another shape, but nothing really changed.
68 Because the Afghan people continued to sacrifice and suffer;
69 even now. All of the fighting was brought to our door step.
70 We never wished for any of it. My family also had to migrate
71 to Pakistan because of all the fighting. I grew up in an
72 environment of immigrant refugees. In that environment of
73 immigrants I worked on my studies. A scholar from Hesibaya

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74 Islam facilitated education and studying and through this we
75 began our lives in the political arm Hesibaya Islam
76 Afghanistan. After I completed my secondary education I
77 attended college. I studied political science at first but
78 then I moved on to major in economics. In 2014, President
79 Obama announced the end of combat operations in Afghanistan
80 and many Afghans were released because of it. In 2016,
81 Hesibaya Islam Afghanistan and the Afghan government signed a
82 peace agreement. The purpose of this agreement was so that
83 there would be a clear path inter Afghan talk to achieve
84 permanent peace. According to the agreement prisoners were
85 to be released within two months. In addition to the U.S.
86 this agreement was recognized by all powerful countries in
87 Europe, the Russians and the United Nations. I was a member
88 of Hesibaya Islam n and I should have been released a few
89 years ago. I am not a member of Al-Qaida nor was I ever a
90 member of Al-Qaida and yet I am left here in Guantanamo.
91 Last year the U.S. and the Taliban entered into a peace
92 agreement. This agreement covered things on both sides the
93 previous U.S. President, President Trump and the current U.S.
94 President, President Biden had both agreed to stop fighting
95 and pull out the remaining foreign troops. The peace talks
96 between the Afghan government and the Taliban have begun.
97 The afghan people are restlessly waiting for a permanent and

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98 every lasting peace. Also, I would like the board to know
99 that H.I.A and the Afghan government have signed a peace
100 agreement. Some H.I.A members have join the Afghan
101 government and are serving their country. Due to this peace
102 agreement with H.I.A and the current state of other peace
103 agreements the Afghan government has released thousands of
104 prisoners. When the last Russian General was leaving
105 Afghanistan through Hayritan, the border region between
106 Afghanistan and Usbeckistan and he fired a few rounds towards
107 Afghanistan. His message was we have left but the fighting
108 will live on. Hopefully the fear of fighting goes away when
109 the foreign forces leave Afghanistan. Our national and
110 religious values must be taken into consideration. The
111 independence of Afghanistan must be respected. There can be
112 ever lasting peace with a strong Afghanistan. Afghanistan
113 needs to be left to thrive without the interference of
114 government bureaucracy. Afghanistan has an abundance of
115 natural resources. In a supporting powerful nation can help
116 Afghanistan become self-sufficient with a strong economy.
117 Once Afghanistan is self-sufficient it will no longer be a
118 danger to anyone. The changing shape of fighting is a
119 challenge, but the biggest challenge is focusing attention on
120 peace. The cooperation and respect for Afghans is an
121 important factor in achieving peace. I will evaluate all the

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122 efforts that could be made to achieve peace. It is the
123 responsibilities of all Afghans and the rest of the world to
124 help in achieving peace. The prisoners must be released. I
125 will say this once again with conviction that I do not have
126 any connection to Al-Qaida. I am not a member. I was never
127 a member of Al-Qaida the national and religious values of my
128 country are what matter to me. I am an Afghan and I should
129 not be affiliated with Al-Qaida. I am not a danger to
130 anyone. I have stated in all the previous hearings that I am
131 not am member of Al-Qaida and I have always been honest with
132 this board. I am unsure what additional information I can
133 provide that will change the board's conclusion. Also, I
134 want the board to know that my case is different compared to
135 foreigners in Afghanistan. I am Afghan and I was in my own
136 country with my own people. If I did anything wrong the
137 Afghan government should have detained and investigated me.
138 Looking at the current situation in Afghanistan, including
139 the changes related to the peace talk and the withdraw of
140 foreign troops I want to convey to the board members that
141 there is no need and there has never, and, there, there never
142 has been a need to keep me here in Guantanamo because I am
143 not a danger to anyone. My family and I are being punished
144 while I am being kept here. I want to reunite with my family
145 again. I want to begin a normal life. I believe, that my,

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146 release will contribute to the peace process. Afghanistan is
147 my country. All Afghans share the same sorrow because we
148 Afghans are the ones that are sacrificed in the wars. I hope
149 that President Biden makes the decision to close Guantanamo.
150 Many senators have brought forth many letters and reports to
151 the Biden administration that explain the situation in
152 detail. I am hoping that the board will take into account
153 all the information provided. I am hoping for sympathetic
154 consideration and a positive decision from the board that
155 will bring happiness to myself, my family, and my tribe. I
156 would like to go back to my country. To care for my wife, my
157 fourteen year old daughter and my allying parents. Hopefully
158 peace will prevail in Afghanistan. Respectfully, ISN 3148.

159 PM: Thank you. Asad, you are not obligated to answer any
160 questions posed by the board members. Do you want to answer
161 our questions?

162 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

163 Detainee: *Speaks.*

164 PM: Board Members please be mindful of the length of your
165 questions, for the translations and break them into segments
166 as necessary. Okay, anybody want to start real quick. Okay
167 I will take the lead then. Haroon or Asad, I to start by
168 thanking you for attending todays ah, hearing.

169 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

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170 Detainee: *Speaks.*

171 GTMO Translator: Thank you Sir.

172 PM: I want you to relax huh and ah, just answer the questions to

173 the best of your knowledge.

174 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

175 Detainee: *Speaks.*

176 GTMO Translator: okay sir.

177 PM: So my first question is, is Haroon a common name used for

178 males within Afghanistan?

179 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

180 Detainee: *Speaks.*

181 GTMO Translator: Yes it's a common name in Afghanistan.

182 PM: Thank you. I don't think that there is any dispute that ah,

183 you were a member of H.I.A. hum.

184 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

185 PM: And you were a member from a very young age. As you were a

186 refuge in Pakistan.

187 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

188 Detainee: *Speaks*

189 PM: But my question is, where you involved in any fighting from

190 2001 until you were arrested 2007 on behalf of H.I.A.?

191 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

192 Detainee: *Speaks*

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193 GTMO Translator: In H.I.A it was different activity. I was
194 attending different activity, ah in H.I.A. group but that's
195 not in the fighting.

196 Detainee: I didn't join ah, H.I.A with different activities. As
197 I say in the previous boards, in the past I did enjoy in few
198 local fighting with each other. It was between Afghan and
199 Afghan. There was nothing to, against American.

200 PM: Or against any other coalition partner?

201 Detainee: No.

202 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

203 Detainee: I would like to see this 2016. That I did see that
204 (inaudible) that I did not agree with the identity, what's
205 going on in Afghanistan now. I am not member of Taliban. Ah,
206 I disagree with a lot of thing they are doing. And a member
207 if H.I.A. ah, but I protect the recent peace process in
208 Afghanistan because it will bring ah rest for all Afghans and
209 one other points we do not agree with a lot of people in
210 Afghanistan but I am not member of Taliban and I was not
211 member of Taliban. But as Afghan and also the Taliban is
212 Afghan but I support the peace process and what's going on
213 right now.

214 PM: Okay, in in recent months the ah Taliban is taking, is
215 taking more control over more areas within Afghanistan. Hum,

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216 do you, do I'm sorry. Do you feel there will become a time
217 when the Taliban will take over the Afghan government?

218 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

219 Detainee: *Speaks.*

220 GTMO Translator: Time has changed, time has changed.

221 Detainee: And Afghanistan is a country for all Afghans and to
222 do not believe it help if one organization will be powerful
223 to control the whole country. I don't think it was in the
224 past, I don't think it's going to happen again.

225 PM: Where you ever a courier for Hadi al Iraqui?

226 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

227 Detainee: *Speaks.*

228 GTMO Translator: I don't want to think about my previous life
229 but as I said to the court before I was not (inaudible).

230 PC: Respectfully board member if I could not also ah that that
231 answer in particular is at the vice of his counsel. We
232 currently all though the trial is completed we have an active
233 Habeas case going on where some of the specifics about his
234 past are highly relevant to that and I don't want him to
235 prejudice himself during this hearing and any opportunity
236 after this to discuss any classified information.. I am
237 happy to explain anything about the past for further hum but
238 I do know that hum that Asad would like to focus on his
239 future at this board.

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240 PM: I understand that counselor but what we are trying to do
241 here is, is trying to if I may I would say that his
242 opportunity for being transferred from GTMO stands a better
243 chance through this process than it does through Habeas and
244 what I'm trying to do is I'm trying to establish his
245 connection to either to the Taliban, Al-Qaida and refute
246 those claims so that we can make an actuate decision. So
247 there may be some questions that, that hum, you know I can
248 pretty much say that any answers to the questions come
249 through this particular hearing hum have not been used in the
250 past and I think that pretty consistent. But I would really
251 would like to get you know, sound answers to some of these
252 questions so that we can put an end to some of these
253 allegations that have been against Asad.

254 PC: Can I just have a moment to hum counsel with my client?

255 PM: Yes.

256 Detainee: *Speaks.*

257 GTMO Translator: Probably seen some people and their fake name.
258 Everyone was wearing the same kind of clothes, Afghans
259 clothes. Ah, I've never been told by nobody that I am Al-
260 Qaida members. I was living in (inaudible) camps and there
261 was a lot of people living there. Those that came to fight
262 against the Russia was living in the refugee camps. I never

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263 seen an indication that there was going to be a trust between
264 Afghans and Iraq.

265 Detainee: I am living right now in Camp [REDACTED] For five, last
266 five years. A lot of the brothers I do not know their names.
267 We living in Peshawu maybe there was a mistake happen. Those
268 people were back by international Unit Nation and they never
269 trust the Afghan people. I was member of H.I.A.. I was with
270 H.I.A. There's no doubt about that because all of my
271 leadership calling that he is member of H.I.A. So were we
272 coming to the Arab people none of them told me that he was
273 member of Al-Qaida or I am Al-Qaida. This is the truthness.
274 Maybe it is hard to have prove that because I think people
275 have a right to not believe me but I will do my best to ah
276 prevail that I am honest with this one. I spend last fifteen
277 years here. Ah I become close to one result that there is no
278 needs ah, for fighting in Afghanistan. And those foreign
279 people they are fighting and they have their own ambitious
280 (inaudible) which is not, without (inaudible) with our ah
281 people.

282 PM: Hum, there is hum, information that you may have lead an
283 anti-coalition militia in an Al-Quida cell in Ungahar in
284 Afghanistan.

285 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

286 Detainee: *Speaks.*

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287 GTMO Translator: I never fight against the coalition force.

288 Detainee: *Speaks.*

289 GTMO Translator: I was going to Ungarhar because I was ah doing
290 activities for H.I.A. that doesn't mean that if I go to
291 Ungarhar I was involved in any fighting.

292 Detainee: We have a lot of different activities in Ungarhar.
293 We are working in schools and newer cities. We were working
294 with the tribe leaders. We are working with our own people.
295 And I was active with H.I.A. I did not deny that I was not
296 with H.I.A. but so far things come into I di (inaudible)
297 coalition forces there is no proof for that and I never done
298 that.

299 PM: thank you hum. I understand that, is your wife and your
300 brother now living in Kabul? Or are they still in the
301 refugee camp in Pakistan?

302 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

303 Detainee: My actual family is living in Pakistan in the refugee
304 camps. Since I born and they still I've the same refugee
305 camp there is no change in our lives in any way. But my wife
306 and my daughter since last year they are in Kabul and they
307 are facing some problem with the visa to back to Pakistan
308 because my daughter start school in Kabul. And for last
309 three years she lost, this year she decided stay in Kabul to
310 get her school in Kabul till we ah get that opportunity and

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311 she will go back to Pakistan. And we will be new in Kabul
312 together if I transfer from here.

313 PM: Great. Now I've ah, looked extensively at your plan for
314 post GTMO employment. Basically your honey farm and your
315 desire to augment that through a bakery.

316 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

317 Detainee: After the first board I had been ah.

318 PM: So is that still your desire if you were to be transferred
319 from GTMO?

320 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

321 Detainee: after the second board the first board I had been told
322 that I do not have any plan for my future. While I was
323 studying a lot here under the consequences we have here. But
324 I decided to study all that information about honey bee farms
325 and the ah bakeries (inaudible) my daughters and I very
326 desired to if I go back of course I will start from very
327 small things I cannot make it in just one day two. And ah I
328 put all that in my report in hope that I reach my goal, my
329 point.

330 PM: What does your daughter want to do once she graduates from
331 college?

332 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

333 Detainee: *Speaks.*

334 GTMO Translator: She desire to be a doctor.

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335 PM: Outstanding. Okay, anybody else?

336 BM: Yes Asad if peace breaks down from whatever reason the
337 taluiab breaks that agreement. What wuol dhappen to your and
338 your family in Afgahstan?

339 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

340 Detainee: firs we wishing lot and we hope that the peace
341 process take the bliss because I think it's all Afghan tired
342 from this war and everyone is (inaudible) very wishing to
343 have a peace and ah I don't think the peace process will be
344 broke down. Because this is the wish of the people. But we
345 still living in refugee camps and I hope that the peace take
346 place to we come back to our country to start our new life in
347 the all (inaudible to help the peace process. I think this
348 is the wish of the Afghan people. And I think this time the
349 peace process is very serious. I hope this happen.

350 BM: if you did return to Afghanistan, what would that mean for
351 you, your family and your tribe as a former Guantanamo Bay
352 detainee?

353 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

354 Detainee: *Speaks.* Can you please explain that question a little
355 bit? Can you repeat please?

356 BM: Absolutely. As a former detainee at Guantanamo Bay many
357 people will know this. What will that mean for you, for your
358 family and for your tribe; where you will live?

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359 Detainee: I would like to see what I learn here in Guantanamo
360 Bay. And I cannot change the past. But what I learn here
361 and what learn my family, and I thinks, it will help the
362 people, and help us, that's no one will go back to any
363 negative activities. And ah, we will try to help all the
364 positive process in Afghanistan, the peace the order and law,
365 and the security. And this is one thing, the other thing is
366 it will mean to my family that I am reunited with my family
367 to focus on my own family issues, especially in my daughters
368 educations, and other children's or kids we have in our
369 family. And this the best things what I believe no one will
370 be successful in his life. I need and we need in our family
371 to build and rebuild our family again so far we have happy
372 life. This why I name it the honey bee farms on my
373 daughter's name because for last fourteen years, I did not
374 done for her anything, without my lawyers support and they
375 really supporting her about her educations and I hope
376 (inaudible) honey bee farms will be also just for her to stay
377 on her own feet and to be becoming as a successful women in
378 Afghanistan.

379 BM: Thank you do you feel that, oh please.

380 Detainee: No I'm sorry for my broken English.

381 BM: Much better than my Afghan so do no apologize. So I
382 appreciate your ah, desire to help your daughter grow. That

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383 is very respectfully as a father. Do you feel you are
384 responsible for her growing up without you right now? Or
385 from your previous actions?
386 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*
387 Detainee: I will take all the responsibility with full
388 (inaudible) while I'm not with her and she grow up without
389 me. Especially my wife have a lot of patience. I discussing
390 her with a lot of guards; I have a divorce after six months
391 because I was not in my family. But my wife is a staying by
392 me for almost fifteen years and I thinks I have the biggest;
393 I blame myself and I very responsible for that; to my family,
394 to my wife and to my daughter.

395 BM: Thank you.

396 BM: Thank you for participating in today hearing. Hum, I want
397 to talk a little bit about hum you know where your thinking
398 is now as you reflect back hum to your earlier years in your
399 life. From your statements its sounds like a lot of things
400 happened in your life in Afghanistan that were beyond your
401 control like the invasion by the Soviet Forces that hum, that
402 led to a lot of hum, what was happening in Afghanistan.

403 PR: Give us a second to break for translation.

404 GTMO Translator: Can you repeat the first part.

405 BM: Absolutely, so I want to focus in on what your thinking is
406 today.

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407 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

408 BM: But in doing that, I want you to think about your past
409 activities.

410 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

411 BM: And I know that there was a lot of things that happened in
412 Afghanistan that were not in your control.

413 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

414 BM: But I want you to think about the things that were in your
415 control and the things that you did.

416 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

417 BM: At some point you made the decision to leave your family.

418 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

419 BM: And some actions you are based on your counsel's advice not
420 willing to fully discuss with the board and I fully
421 understand that.

422 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

423 BM: What I want to know is, do you think you did any actions
424 that harmed your family and others?

425 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

426 PR: Can you just give us a quick. Counsel wants to have a
427 discussion on this.

428 PM: Sure go ahead.

429 PR: Okay thank you.

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430 Detainee: I would like to come in the point I think you say
431 four or five points hum I cannot change the past. This is
432 one thing and I do not have control of that now. Hum, past
433 is over but of course my family suffering, they suffering
434 while I was here in Guantanamo Bay. But if I go back to
435 Afghanistan about my future I learn a lot here and I don't
436 think I will go to the past again. If something was wrong.
437 My only focus is on the future. My only focus is what I
438 learned from my past. And I don't know I hear anyone
439 directly. I did not realize that, as far as I know. But one
440 thing I am for sure that my family been harm because of me.
441 I was here for fourteen years and fifteen years. And I think
442 all the Afghan is sharing the same experience.

443 BM: So let me asked you a direct question.

444 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

445 BM: Do you take any responsibility for the actions that led you
446 to being arrested a captured?

447 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

448 Detainee: *Speaks.*

449 GTMO Translator: *I will take responsibility that I have been*
450 *captured.*

451 Detainee: And I would like to say that I am responsible for
452 that.

453 BM: How about for the actions that led to your capture?

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454 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

455 Detainee: I told in my old hearing boards in the past that I
456 did not capture in the war. And there's no proof that I did
457 kill anyone. And there's no proof I did fight against
458 coalition force. But I will take the responsibility for I
459 being capture. I think it was wrong times, it was wrong
460 place.

461 BM: Is there anything else that you would have changed about
462 your life prior to your capture?

463 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

464 Detainee: *Can you please explain this one a little bit more*
465 *please so I can understand.*

466 BM: yeah, so it sounds like you're thinking that you really did
467 ah, knowingly hurt anybody etcetera.

468 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

469 BM: What I'm interested in, looking back, looking back at your
470 younger years before you arrived at Guantanamo, would you
471 have lived your life any differently?

472 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

473 Detainee: If I could return my life, maybe I was not here now.
474 Maybe I was in different place or in better situations.

475 BM: So is there anything you wish you would have done
476 differently?

477 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

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478 Detainee: If I think of, if I got to the past, if I think I am
479 fourteen years old and I have this mentality; if I have te
480 mentality I have it now of course maybe it was more better
481 like completely better. Maybe I wasn't in good place in good
482 situations; what I believe now.

483 PR: Can we take a minute, I think there's a point he's trying to
484 make that the counsel and I have discussed in the place that
485 I don't think is coming across very well. Just give us one
486 second sir.

487 Detainee: *Speaks.*

488 GTMO Translator: *Speaks.* I am going to explain to you very
489 shortly. If I am living in the present life, I was going to
490 done stuff differently. Wisely with my understating.

491 BM: Can you give me examples of what you would do differently?

492 Detainee: Maybe I was trying to go to America Europe to have a
493 modern life. To be able to involve in many things. Even
494 with H.I.A. But the refugee camps situation did not allows
495 us to have that opportunity. I went to the school into the
496 college in very tough situations. We ever just surviving and
497 learning somethings based on the refugee camps status. Very
498 basic life materials. The mentality there was the refugee
499 camp were completely difference this was time of war, and we
500 were living with the people, like as you see me here now.

501 PM: Anybody else?

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502 BM: Asad thank you for talking with us today. Where did you
503 learn English?

504 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

505 Detainee: *Speaks.*

506 GTMO Translator: Broken English I learned in Guantanamo Bay.

507 BM: It's probably a little better than broken. But however did
508 you learn English?

509 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

510 Detainee: To be honest I watched some movies and talk with the
511 guards and the people and the guards, read the small books
512 and I attend the school, the class here for like seven years.
513 And right now speaking with my lawyers, we do not have that
514 much problems. When I was watching the movie, I was stopping
515 the lanes to learn the English. To listening the speak how
516 they talking and writing. And attending the class also.
517 Myself educations is biggest factor to learn English.

518 BM: Thank you, did you take any other courses at Guantanamo?

519 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

520 Detainee: ah yes, the Art, ah computer and some general
521 education nutrition. Yes, all those class I.

522 BM: You, I think you hum, studied at university for about two
523 years? Do you have any jobs after that or while you were
524 studying?

525 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

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526 Detainee: (inaudible) for Four years since my desire was to go
527 to political science but ah because of some things, I decided
528 to go to economic departments for four years. But
529 unfortunately after I graduate from university this was the
530 civilian war times and Taliban take over in Afghanistan.
531 It's hard to find a job in Peshawar or Kabul. It was not
532 easy but I was do my own business. Having business like how
533 they say (inaudible) also. Peace on the seasons.

534 BM: Thank you. Does your bother Roman live, if I have the
535 pronunciation right does he live Pakistan?

536 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

537 Detainee: My parents and my brother we lining together in
538 refugee camps. Yes he is living right now with my parents in
539 the refugee which belongs to H.I.A. but only my daughter and
540 my wife is right now because of the transfer problems and
541 they stay in Kabul with her mom.

542 BM: Does your brother have a job?

543 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

544 Detainee: Yes my brother, he is a teacher. His wife, is also
545 educate she ah translating some books for some schools and
546 make some money. And ah, he has six children's. All them
547 educate like high system schools. Four of them speaking
548 English, very better than my English. And my brother has a
549 center teaching in the school.

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550 BM: Okay thank you. I don't have any other questions right
551 now.

552 PM: That concludes questions for you from the Board Members.
553 Asad, a transcript of today's hearing may be posted to the
554 Periodic Review Secretariat's website. Do you wish to have
555 the transcript posted? If yes,

556 PR: Yeah, on page sixteen.

557 Detainee: Yes I understand. I do not have any problem, if you
558 want to publish it.

559 PM: Personal Representative and Private Counsel, do you have any
560 final questions for Asad?

561 PR: Because you missed it. That's you again, middle of page
562 sixteen.

563 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

564 PR/PC: Yes, Sir. Just a couple.

565 PM: Personal Representative and Private Counsel, you may proceed
566 with your questions for the detainee.

567 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

568 PR: Asad you and I have spoken in the past about why as a
569 female you think it's important for your daughter, why it's
570 significant for your daughter to become a doctor. Can you
571 just give a little bit more information why especially as a
572 female that that's important in Afghanistan? You can say in
573 English.

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574 Detainee: My daughter first like to become a doctor. This the
575 one things. And she can help our own people especially the
576 females back in Afghanistan the education is very low.
577 Especially female educations. Also this is financial help
578 for her and her future and I do not want to, if she desire to
579 go to medical then I will support her because that's desire
580 and I should respect that.

581 PR: Thank you, and just one more. Do you think if you were to
582 return to Afghanistan that because you were detained in
583 Guantanamo that will put you at any sort of disadvantage in
584 Afghanistan.

585 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

586 Detainee: I think it will not have any negative effect on me.
587 And also its about me how I will run my life and to, I think
588 sir, that it will ah, more helpful than what I try to do the
589 positive things and people will and hope that they will take
590 some benefit from that. Not negative.

591 PC: I just have one question. Asad you spoken a little bit
592 about it before about how much you hope that the peace will
593 hold in Afghanistan and your desire for that. But we had
594 spoken a little bit more why you think Afghan won't accept
595 the Taliban taking over. I was hoping you can say a little
596 bit more about that.

597 Detainee: *Speaks.*

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598 GTMO Translator: It's not an organization they can implement by
599 force

600 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.* Everybody should be treated
601 equally.

602 Detainee: *Speaks.*

603 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.* I think women's are the most
604 victim people in Afghanistan.

605 *Detainee:* I hope that the Afghan government is taking this very
606 serious. That the Afghan female is ah, victim more than
607 anyone else. The Afghan female needs educations, the Afghan
608 female needs support, ah the afghan female need to be treat
609 as a man back in Afghanistan, because I don't want to happen
610 any negatives things to my daughter, to my sisters and ah if
611 any organizations if try again to control all Afghans base on
612 their own mentality (inaudible). It will be not acceptable
613 and none of the Afghan will accept that. Right now the
614 Afghans understand that after four decade war and there are
615 suffering from that things and everyone, everyone understand
616 that without all Afghan together there will be no peace in
617 Afghanistan. No one should be ignoring. We need to rebuild
618 our country, to make our people safe, and happy and everyone
619 has chance to educate, education and to support their,
620 financial support their own efforts.

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621 PM: Do members of the Board have any additional questions in
622 light of the Personal Representative's and/or Private
623 Counsel's questions?

624 GTMO Translator: *Translates above.*

625 PM: Asad, do you have anything further you wish to say to the
626 board.

627 Detainee: ah yes. I would like to say one things. Ah, I still
628 believe that I'm not educate person. I am not want to call
629 myself like I am (inaudible) because is not. It very hard
630 for me to go through process even after all the last four
631 boards but I was very disappointed. For last reasons. While
632 I see thousand people release from Afghanistan and all
633 Afghans be released from here. No one is here speaking my
634 language and unfortunately it's not like this is a complain
635 but I have no access to any of my language or anythings. Ah
636 I would like to say again that I am not (inaudible) to
637 anyone. I cannot change my past. I was member of H.I.A.. I
638 never attach coalition forces. The condition I was in the
639 past was very difficult and in the future I would try to be
640 reunited with my family. To support and help my family.
641 And to do all my effort to achieve, how to support the peace
642 process back in Afghanistan. I'm not here to say those
643 things because I want to be out from Guantanamo, I don't know
644 what the guard decide for me. You people will decide but

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645 only am I suffering ere from this detention, there's thirty-
646 four million Afghan has the same problems. Hopefully we
647 forget the past and start a new future with positive steps
648 and I think I need a chance to prove that out of Guantanamo
649 Bay. People do not believe me here because they maybe
650 thinking I want to go to out from here. Maybe they thinking
651 if I go back, I join back the same militants groups whatever.
652 Maybe they thinking I cannot run my life. Maybe someone
653 offer to me money I go again. But I very confidence and it's
654 my words; if I go back my own desire, my own ambition, my own
655 wish and hope is just to help my family financially and help
656 them and support them in education and help the peace for
657 everyone. Thank you hearing. For the opportunity to give it
658 to me today.

659 PM: Okay, thank you. Haroon al-Afghani (ISN 3148), this
660 concludes your participation in this hearing. The Board will
661 continue in a classified session. You're Personal
662 Representative and Private Counsel will remain and continue
663 to advocate on your behalf.

664 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

665 PM: The Board will deliberate to determine whether continued law
666 of war detention is warranted. You will be advised of the
667 results.

668 DC Translator: *Translates above.*

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669 PM: All members please remain seated until further instructed by
670 the Case Administrator.
671 DC Translator: *Translates above.*
672 CA: We will take a short recess and prepare for the remaining
673 session. Time now 1029.

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