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1 CA: This periodic review board hearing is being conducted at
2 0901 hours on 11 January 2022, with regard to the following
3 detainee: Said bin Brahim bin Umrans Bakush (ISN 685). As a
4 reminder, the unclassified portions of these proceedings
5 are being recorded for the purpose of generating a
6 transcript to be posted on the PRS website. Representatives
7 from the following agencies are present and are members of
8 the Board: Department of Defense, Department of State,
9 Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security,
10 Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and the
11 Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The
12 following personnel are also present: Legal Advisor to the
13 Board, Case Administrators, Personal Representative, and
14 the Security Officer. The detainee's Personal
15 Representative is located at the detention facility, U.S.
16 Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Personal
17 Representative is attending via video teleconference. The
18 detainee has chosen not to attend. The unclassified
19 summary has been posted to the Periodic Review Secretariat
20 website. Foreign, national and local media, Foreign
21 Government Officials, and Representatives from Non-
22 Governmental Organizations may be observing this session.

23 PM: This Board is convened to determine whether continued

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24 law of war detention is warranted for Said bin Brahim bin
25 Umran Bakush (ISN 685), to protect against a continuing
26 significant threat to the security of the United States.

27 This session of the hearing is unclassified. Personal
28 Representative, has the detainee had an opportunity to
29 review the unclassified summary?

30 PR: Yes, Sir.

31 PM: Thank you. I will now read the Unclassified Summary:

32 Said Bin Brahim Bin Umran Bakush (ISN 685) was a trusted
33 associate of prominent al-Qa'ida facilitator Abu Zubaydah
34 (ISN 10016) and al-Qa'ida trainer Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi
35 (ISN 212). Bakush probably attended basic and advanced
36 training in Afghanistan and later served as an instructor
37 at an extremist camp before his capture with Zubaydah in
38 March 2002 at a safe house in Pakistan, where residents
39 were training for attacks against U.S. interests. Does the
40 Personal Representative wish to make an unclassified
41 Opening Statement at this time?

42 PR: Yes, Sir.

43 PM: I would like to remind all participants that any
44 information shared at this time must be unclassified. If
45 there is a concern about the classification of the
46 information, I will indicate as such and will stop the

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47 proceedings until we resolve the issue. Has the detainee
48 had an opportunity to review your statement?

49 PR: Yes, Sir.

50 PM: Personal Representative, please proceed.

51 PR: Thank you. Members of the Board, I am the Personal
52 Representative for Mr. Said Bin Brahim Bin Umran Bakush,
53 (ISN 685). During a brief meeting in October 2021, Said
54 advised me that he will not be participating in PRS
55 meetings and he declined to attend today's board. He has
56 also declined all offers of representation by his Habeas PC
57 and other Private Counsel whom have offered representation.
58 Said prefers to be alone and spends a lot of time in his
59 cell. His dialect and limited language skills make
60 communication a challenge and Said's pride often gets in
61 his way of him admitting that he does not understand the
62 questions or the conversation in general. Due to his
63 limited education and age, he feels the best job for him
64 would be a truck driver. His goal is to buy a truck and
65 seek delivery truck type employment. His Habeas PC and
66 Life After GTMO have vowed to help him. It is our belief
67 that upon transfer, Mr. Bakush will quickly reestablish
68 ties with his family and have their support to ease the
69 transition. Thank you for your time this morning.

70 PM: Board Members may reserve questions until detainee and

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71 witness' statements have been presented in their entirety.

72 However, does anyone have any questions at this time?

73 (No response). With no further questions, this concludes

74 this portion of the hearing. I ask that all remain seated

75 until further instructed by the Case Administrator.

76 CA: We will now take a short recess to prepare for the

77 remaining sessions. Time now 0905.