

Good morning.

I am Charley Carpenter, an attorney from Missoula Montana, and have been representing Hani Saleh Rashid Abdullah – prisoner no. 841 – since the beginning of 2005. I have spent countless hours with him over that time, and long ago formed the definite view that the national security of the United States does not depend on his continued imprisonment.

He is not now, nor, as far as I can tell has ever been, a dangerous ideologue. He has never expressed any inclination towards violence. Nor, even, has he indicated any anger at the United States. Frustration that he is missing his family and his adult life, but not anger. He recognizes that he is here because of some bad decision he made as a young man, decisions he had already come to regret even before his capture and imprisonment. I have reviewed a great deal of the classified material concerning him, and nothing I have seen contradicts my impression of Hani.

He has tried to comply with the rules of the prison, and also to use his time here to better himself. He is, in my opinion, better prepared for life after Guantanamo than he was when the Board considered his case three years ago.

I hope the Board will recommend his transfer out of the prison.

Thank you for your consideration.