

**PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD, January 27, 2015**

**SAEED AHMED MOHAMMED ABDULLAH SAREM JARABH, ISN 235**

**OPENING STATEMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the Board, we are the Personal Representatives for Saeed Ahmed Mohammed Abdullah Sarem Jarabh. To my right is our translator. The Commander and I first met with Saeed in October of 2014 and we have become familiar with him and his family during numerous meetings. However, Saeed began the Periodic Review Board process ten months ago when he first met with a previous PR team. Saeed has demonstrated eagerness and enthusiasm throughout his participation in the PRB process. Today, we intend to provide evidence that Saeed does not pose a significant threat to the security of the United States.

It is apparent to us that Saeed desires to return home to Yemen and reunite with his wife, his aging parents, and especially with his 2 daughters. His oldest daughter is engaged to be married in the next two years and Saeed dreams of being there on this special day for his daughter.

While detained at Guantanamo, Saeed has maximized every opportunity available to him for personal growth and education. As recorded in our exhibits, he has pursued the study of English and Spanish languages, both spoken and written. This effort will greatly benefit him should he be transferred to a country other than Yemen. Additionally, Saeed has studied to increase his business acumen. Notably, he led a detainee project which developed a formal business plan for an agrarian farming operation. These skills are in high demand and are

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transferrable to any environment Saeed should find himself in. Saeed has engaged in constructive hobbies in order to keep his mind active and healthy while detained. His pursuit of the art of painting preserved both his sense of hope and love of life. Examples of his works are contained in our exhibit package.

Saeed has the blessing of a large extended family comprised of his parents, numerous brothers and sisters, along with their individual families. His strong ties to and love of his family is the foundation he has relied on during his detention. Saeed's desire to return to his family is beyond measure. His family has pledged to place their resources behind Saeed to ease his transition back to a life of normalcy, post-transfer. His family operates a successful business in Yemen, as documented in our exhibits, and has the resources to provide for a stable transition.

Based upon his strong family support, his personal aspirations, marketability for outside employment, continuing education, and compliant behavior while detained, we believe that Saeed is an ideal candidate for transfer and does not represent a continuing significant threat to the security of the United States. Although Saeed desires to return to his home country, he is completely open to transfer to other nations where his family could join him. Notably, he has family currently living in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as documented by witness statements, who have pledged their support should he be transferred there. After careful review of the case documents and consideration of Saeed's statements today, we are confident you will find sufficient cause to recommend his transfer.

On behalf of Saeed, we thank the Board for its time and careful consideration.