

PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD INITIAL HEARING, 14 JUL 2015
SALMAN YAHYA HASSAN MOHAMMAD RABEI'I, ISN 508
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OPENING STATEMENT

Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the board, we are the Personal Representatives for Mr. Salman Yahya Hassan Mohammad Rabei'i. We are joined by his Private Counsel and translator. Over the last 3 months we have met with Salman for more than 30 hours, to include several meetings during Ramadan. From the beginning, he has shown enthusiastic cooperation and genuine courtesy, respect and openness with us during all of our meetings.

The information we have prepared will illustrate Salman's interests for his future. He is eager to be able to fulfill his role as a provider for his mother and sisters. He also longs to find a job and a wife, with whom he can start a family of his own, and to live only for the future and not dwell on the past.

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have throughout this proceeding.

At this time, we would like to introduce Mr. Remes for his opening statement.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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PERSONAL COUNSEL OPENING STATEMENT

Good morning. I am David Remes, private counsel for Salman Rabei'i. I have represented Salman in the habeas litigation since July 2004. I have met with him dozens of times and have known his family nearly as long. Though Salman is quiet, even shy, there is no mistaking his intelligence and good humor. He is a compliant detainee. Other detainees place their trust in him. I have no sense that he bears malice to anyone. In my judgment, Salman presents no security risk to the United States and should be transferred without conditions.

All things being equal, Salman would prefer to be repatriated to Yemen to care for his ailing mother. Salman, however, wants to leave Guantanamo without delay. He realizes that transfer to Yemen is not a realistic possibility. He also perceives that Congress may close the door on further detainee transfers. Accordingly, Salman requests that the United States transfer him wherever he can be transferred soonest. Wherever he is transferred, Salman knows English and has transferable skills, and he can count on financial support from his family.

We urge the Board to recommend Salman's transfer without conditions.

Thank you for your consideration.