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PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD FILE REVIEW, 01 SEP 2015
KHALID AHMED QASIM, ISN 242
DETAINEE STATEMENT

In the name of God (ALLAH) the most merciful, the most gracious

My name is Khalid Ahmed Qasim, ISN 242. I was born in Yemen on 21 January 1977. My family lives in Aden and I am the youngest of all my brothers. I left Yemen more than 14 years ago and I long to see my family again, and to leave Guantanamo.

First, I would like to request the opportunity for a second hearing, so I can explain and answer all your questions. Also, I would like you to know that I considered and followed the advice and recommendations of the PRB, by ending my hunger strike, and moving to a communal block.

In all honesty, neither my brother Yasser, nor any of my other family members are associated with any terrorist acts or organizations. Yasser was detained in Yemen, following the terrorist attack on the USS Cole, and found to be not guilty and was then released. Since his release, he has remained in Yemen; where he has married, had children, started his own business and stayed clear of any conflict, although Yemen, and much of the surrounding region is in turmoil.

In regard to myself, I pose no threat of any kind to the United States of America.

I hope that you will grant me another hearing at the earliest available date.

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Ahmed Qasim
(father – deceased)

Um Fadil
(1st Wife, deceased)

Um Araf
(2nd Wife, detainee's
Mother, deceased)

[REDACTED] (step-brother)
Age: 60 +/-
Occupation: UNICEF

[REDACTED]
Age: 50 +/-
Occupation: Oil Refinery

Step-Sister 1
Age: 57
Occupation: Wife/Mother

Sister 3
Age: 48 +/-
Occupation: Wife/Mother

Step-Sister 2
Age: 55
Occupation: Wife/Mother

[REDACTED]
Age: 47 +/-
Occupation: Policeman

Yasser Ahmed Qasim
Age: 44 +/-
Occupation: Shop Keeper

[REDACTED]
Age: 42 +/-
Occupation: Business

-All Siblings Married with Children
-All ages are approximate
-Per request of detainee, we will
not use names of the females

Khalid Ahmed Qasim
Age: 37
Detainee / ISN 242

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PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT

Members of the Board, thank you for the opportunity to address the concerns raised by the Periodic Review Board, conducted on 04 FEB 2015 as well as information contained in the recent unclassified dossier on Khalid, dated 18 APR 2014.

We are pleased to inform you that Khalid continues to be cooperative and has made 100% of his meetings with us. Khalid has made major strides since your decision to continue his detention on 6 March, 2015. Khalid has used your Summary of Final Determination as his road map, since his board. He moved in to communal living, stopped his hunger strike and is strictly adhering to medical guidance.

Khalid continues to study, advancing his English language skills. He is currently updating a business plan (Yemen Milk and Honey Farm Ltd.) which he and four fellow detainees wrote back in 2013. This business plan is designed to help the impoverished and it is something that Khalid hopes to put to the test, upon his release from Guantanamo.

Khalid still has some struggles, but where he would once lose his temper and shout with the guard force, he now uses his advanced English language abilities and conflict resolution skills to communicate with the guards.

Khalid realizes that the board has questions and concerns with regard to his brother. He believes his brother to be an honorable man who was wrongly accused, and later released without charge, of involvement in a terrorist attack. Since Khalid has been here at GTMO for 14 plus years, he can offer no real-time information on his brother, other than the brief phone conversations he has had with family. His brother lives close to the family home; he has a wife and children and runs a grocery store. Khalid has repeatedly stated that neither his brother, nor any member of the family, has any affiliations or allegiance with terrorist organizations.

Mr. Clive Stafford Smith, the PC of record for this case, was dialed in for the notification meeting and will continue to represent ISN 242. Mr. Smith concurs with our statement and as such does not wish to submit a separate statement at this time.

We are hopeful that the board will recognize these positive steps that Khalid has taken and grant him a full review at the earliest available date.