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**CBC-TV TO AIR WORLD BROADCAST PREMIERE OF *OMAR KHADR: OUT OF THE SHADOWS*,
THURSDAY AT 9 P.M./9:30 P.M. NT**

The documentary includes exclusive first interviews with Omar Khadr

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May 27, 2014 – A controversial figure from the age of 15, Omar Khadr has spoken to the media for the first time since being released on bail earlier this month and the exclusive interviews will be featured in **OMAR KHADR: OUT OF THE SHADOWS**, a documentary collaboration between the CBC, the Toronto Star and White Pine Pictures, airing this **Thursday night at 9 p.m./9:30 p.m. NT on CBC-TV**. Radio-Canada will broadcast the documentary this Saturday, May 30, at 9 p.m.

Based in part on the book *Guantanamo's Child: The Untold Story of Omar Khadr* by award-winning Toronto Star reporter Michelle Shephard, the documentary explores Khadr's life beginning with his upbringing in suburban Toronto, to Peshawar and into Afghanistan, and ultimately back to Canada. Shephard, a co-director on the film, has been covering Khadr's story for the Toronto Star since 2002, including more than 25 trips to the U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Directed by award-winning filmmaker Patrick Reed and co-directed by Shephard, **OMAR KHADR: OUT OF THE SHADOWS** offers an intimate look at how a Canadian teenager became the central figure of one of the first U.S. war crimes trials since the prosecution of Nazi commanders in the 1940s and the only juvenile ever tried. The film includes unprecedented access to Khadr following nearly 13 years in detention, as well as interviews with his lawyer, Dennis Edney, former interrogator Damien Corsetti, and members of the Khadr family.

Leading up to the premiere, an interview with Shephard will be featured on **THE NATIONAL** tonight to discuss the documentary and her experience following this controversial story for the past 13 years.

OMAR KHADR: OUT OF THE SHADOWS is produced by White Pine Pictures in association with CBC, Radio-Canada, Al Jazeera English, Al Jazeera Arabic, Al Jazeera America, and with the participation of Shaw Media Hot Docs Development Fund, Canada Media Fund, and the Ontario Media Development Corporation.

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From: **Mark Starowicz** <mark.starowicz@cbc.ca>

Date: Wed, Sep 10, 2014 at 12:02 PM

Subject: Re: Al Jazeera America

To:

I'll urge her to come in on it. Having lunch today. Glad to her optimism about interview. What encourages you?

Mark

Written briefly on a mobile device.

On Sep 8, 2014, at 10:19 AM,

wrote:

Mark,

Good to see you at Sturla's "Monsoon" premiere last night. It's great that The Nature of Things supports the production of such theatrical documentaries.

mentioned that she was meeting with you while she is in Toronto.

All the best,

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

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From: **JENNIFER LIPISHAN-GORR** <jennifer.lipishan-gorr@cbc.ca>

Date: Wed, May 27, 2015 at 10:16 AM

Subject: REVISED: Omar Khadr: Out of the Shadows Press Release

To: Mark Starowicz <mark.starowicz@cbc.ca>, CHARLOTTE ENGEL <charlotte.engel@cbc.ca>

Cc: Oanh Kasperski <oanh.kasperski@cbc.ca>

Hi Mark and Charlotte,

Revised press release is attached. is coming in (or has already come in) to do an interview with The National (I think with Terry), so there definitely is an interview in tonight's National. We have adjusted the 2nd last paragraph to reflect this.

Let me know if you have any further concerns. I'm still trying to confirm what time the releases will be sent out. I'll let you know as soon as I find out.

Thanks!

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Attachments area

Preview attachment CBC - Out Of The Shadows - Draft v2.docx



From: Chuck Thompson <chuck.thompson@cbc.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 21:59
To: Jennifer Dettman
Subject: Re: Fwd: Quick question

Thanks Jen.

On May 29, 2015 8:53 PM, "Jennifer Dettman" <jennifer.dettman@cbc.ca> wrote:
A more fulsome answer for your Friday night...

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From: **Mark Starowicz** <mark.starowicz@cbc.ca>
Date: Fri, May 29, 2015 at 8:47 PM
Subject: Re: Quick question
To: "jennifer.dettman@cbc.ca" <jennifer.dettman@cbc.ca>

I should give you a more complete answer, sorry. There is no relationship between us and Al Jazeera. We simply both invested in versions of the same film. They are among the networks that financed film - specifically, buying foreign rights. They had no editorial say over the Canadian version, and didn't even see it before we aired it.

Their participation in financing film is acknowledged in the tail credits, as is customary. Radio Canada's role as another financier is equally acknowledged.

Mark

Written briefly on a mobile device.

On May 29, 2015, at 7:33 PM, "jennifer.dettman@cbc.ca" <jennifer.dettman@cbc.ca> wrote:

Ok thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Mark Starowicz
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 10:11
To: jennifer.dettman@cbc.ca
Subject: Re: Quick question

Yes, has a co pro deal with them
So has Radio Canada

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Written briefly on a mobile device.

On May 29, 2015, at 10:07 AM, "jennifer.dettman@cbc.ca" <jennifer.dettman@cbc.ca> wrote:

What's our relationship with Al Jazeera and the Khadr doc?
Was it a co-pro with them?

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From: jennifer.dettman@cbc.ca
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 10:13
To: Chuck Thompson
Subject: Re: Omar Khadr tells Al Jazeera his Guantanamo story

Heard from Mark
has a copro deal with CBC, radio Canada and al Jazeera

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From: Chuck Thompson
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 10:02
To: Jennifer Dettman
Subject: Fwd: Omar Khadr tells Al Jazeera his Guantanamo story

Hi Jen,
.quick question for you.

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From: "Fiona Conway" <fiona.conway@cbc.ca>
Date: May 29, 2015 9:45 AM
Subject: Fwd: Omar Khadr tells Al Jazeera his Guantanamo story
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Cc:

I thought they just bought this film from

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Omar Khadr tells Al Jazeera his Guantanamo story

- In his first interview since release, Khadr says he wants to move on
- Uses interview to recall his Guantanamo experience of 13 years

Doha - 29th May, 2015

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Omar Khadr, the former Guantanamo detainee in his first full-length interview since being released from a Canadian prison says "I don't wish people to love me. I don't wish people to hate me. I just wish for people to just give me a chance."

Khadr, in his first interview talks about his arrest in Afghanistan who at the age of 15 then spent a decade at Guantanamo Bay. The interview is part of a documentary called Guantanamo's Child – Omar Khadr, a collaboration between Al Jazeera and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. It airs on Al Jazeera English on Sunday 7th June at 20.00 GMT and CBC on Thursday 28th May at 9pm Canadian time.

Released on bail on May 7 while he appeals his US military conviction, Khadr says he worries whether his new freedom is going to last or wonders if he is "just hungry to experience everything all at once." But having spent the last 13 of his 28 years behind bars, Khadr admits he will face a considerable degree of public suspicion: "People are just going to think that I am fake. You go through a struggle, you go through a trauma, you're going to be bitter, you're going to hate some people. It's just the normal thing to do — and this guy, not having these natural emotions, is probably hiding something."

Khadr recalls the darkest days while in Guantanamo saying it has had a profound effect on him but he managed to survive, he says: "I've been in Guantanamo for 10 years and if there's any place where I was going to be brainwashed was in Guantanamo, where I only had only one source of influence and that was not necessarily the healthiest and I think I did okay".

Khadr says his own experience was something he endured and it's something he wouldn't want on anyone else. "I wouldn't wish this experience on anybody. But I have a hard time thinking about wishing that I haven't gone through this experience. People say hypothetically "if you can go back, would you change anything?" I would change the fire fight maybe. But within that change I would do lot of things like I've come to know wonderful people I've come to know myself because of

this experience. And, it's a very hard trade for me. But things happened for a reason. Sometimes you have to fall to appreciate standing up.”

GUANTANAMO'S CHILD – OMAR KHADR airs on AJE Sunday 7th June at 20:00GMT

Ends

Guantanamo's Child - Omar Khadr on airs at the following times on AJE:

Sunday 7th June 2000G

Monday 8th June 1200G

Tuesday 9th June 0100G

Wednesday 10th June 0600G & 2000G

Thursday 11th June 1200G

Friday 12th June 0100G

Saturday 13th June 0600G

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Date: Thu, Jun 11, 2015 at 5:43 PM
Subject: Fw: Al Jazeera partners with CBC
To: MARYSE Dubé <maryse.dube@cbc.ca>

Also

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From: Chuck Thompson <chuck.thompson@cbc.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 15:33
To: Jennifer Dettman
Subject: Fwd: Al Jazeera partners with CBC

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From: "JENNIFER LIPISHAN-GORR" <jennifer.lipishan-gorr@cbc.ca>
Date: May 29, 2015 3:17 PM
Subject: Fwd: Al Jazeera partners with CBC
To: "Chuck Thompson" <chuck.thompson@cbc.ca>
Cc: "MAYA KANE" <maya.kane@cbc.ca>, "JANE COLLINS" <jane.collins@cbc.ca>, "SIMON BASSETT" <simon.bassett@cbc.ca>

Hiya - just flagging this, in case it catches steam over the weekend...

http://www.therebel.media/omar_khadr_documentary_taxpayers

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Susan Baker <susan.baker@cbc.ca>

Shadow

Susan Baker <susan.baker@cbc.ca>

Thu, May 21, 2015 at 8:03 PM

To: Monique Van Remortel <monique.vanremortel@cbc.ca>

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Shadows

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Tue, May 19, 2015 at 12:42 PM

To:

Cc: CHARLOTTE ENGEL <charlotte.engel@cbc.ca>

Hi

As an over the air broadcaster we can't geo-block. If you have an antennae you can see the CBC within a certain radius. What that radius is, I have no idea. Would depend on the weather and receiver.

I am looping Charlotte Engel into the discussion.

What window arrangement is Al Jazeera considering?

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Susan Baker <susan.baker@cbc.ca>

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To: Susan Baker <susan.baker@cbc.ca>

Tue, May 19, 2015 at 12:20 PM

Hi Sue:

First of all the below is fine and we are working away on the film which miraculously will be shown soon!

On a side note Al Jazeera is asking whether CBC geoblocks to the US.

Thanks

From: Susan Baker [mailto:susan.baker@cbc.ca]

Sent: May-06-15 4:11 PM

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CBC Radio-Canada Mail - Omar Khadr doc agreement with producer and tri-party letter with TorStar

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Monique Van Remortel <monique.vanremortel@cbc.ca>

Omar Khadr doc agreement with producer and tri-party letter with TorStar

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Monique Van Remortel <monique.vanremortel@cbc.ca>

Thu, May 7, 2015 at 5:13 PM

To: Jennifer Dettman <jennifer.dettman@cbc.ca>, Alexandra Lane <alexandra.lane@cbc.ca>

Jen

I've attached the Omar Khadr doc ("Shadow") longform which was commissioned in fiscal 13-14 as well as the Toronto Star agreement

Charolotte agreed with Radio-Canada is also in on this and I understand that Mark Starowicz and that SRC can telecast the French version


There is an amendment to the contract to permit Al Jazeera English to put it online


Monique

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2 attachments

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 **Shadows T.star.Tri party 19 june 2013 fully executed.pdf**
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