This is as if people over there don't understand, read, spy or are informed or anything. What I say is that I don't have a problem with us forming organizations whose names and colors are chosen with any sort of caution. There is no problem with that. But, we shouldn't forget that the fundamentals we spoke about - specially regarding the Islamic Association for Palestine - are fundamentals which have no change or alteration. This is one point. Another point is that Arafat in particular..., I don't there is anyone else who lies more than him and I don't think there is anyone who is more criminal than him. By God, in '68, Saleh Sirryah told me that he sat with him in a reconciliation session at the house of Dr. Kandil Shbeir in '68. The session lasted from midnight until morning. And he stayed with Arafat for three days with the bases. He said I didn't see him perform one prayer and I saw him eating pork. This is what Saleh Sirryah said. And I asked Qandil about the session when he came to America and he said "Yes, the session took place at my house". The witness told me that Saleh Sirryah and...UI to my God, he told me that this man [Arafat] eliminates his opponents. He is a criminal. See all of those he killed...

UM1: Abdel Fattah Issa Humoud and...

UM2: Yes, all of those. So, what I wanted to say... And you know that Arafat was appointed by force by Abdel Nasser. He was supported by Abdel Nasser who was the one who brought him on board and protected him for the cause as Al Shokeiri didn't..., didn't succeed and didn't do. In fact, we must take some precaution which suits our presence in America but, my brothers, we cannot change the fundamentals of our creed. We cannot change whatever relates to a Sharia aspect. I just wanted to draw attention to these fundamentals because I see that the talk is gradually wearing political hues which might be dominant in presenting the issue to the point of making us a different entity. I say once more, if you get drunk and woke up and did whatever, it is known that you work for Islamic activism. Like the Muslim Brothers said before, they said "I went inside the bar and this spy following me and it still didn't work". He shaved his beard and it didn't work. Did whatever and it didn't work. He is a Muslim Brotherhood [member] and that's it. You see? "Jews and Christians won't be pleased with you until you follow their religion". What does "...until you follow their religion" mean? It is like what Arafat did. Arafat followed their religion and he became a Jew.

UM1: Is this an edict, sheik?

UM2: I'm not saying someone became an infidel or...UI. [Laughter]

UM1: Go ahead.

Ni:

Peace be with you and God's mercy. Praise be to God, prayers and peace be on God's prophet. God's willing, I will read the paper I wrote and which was distributed to the brothers. Many of them...UI. I hope that you write down your remarks, suggestions or objections because this talk will be the implementation of all what I understood from you.

All that was said before are theories and this is the application. I will read to you what will be said by us at the [Islamic] Association [for Palestine] or what will be put in our writing or our work curriculum until the end of the year or until God wishes. Of course, we are the primary entity doing media activism and it seems that, based on our appearance on CNN, people have started to contact us. Americans, Muslims, non-Muslims, Jews, Zionists, Arabs, branches of Islamic communities and all of them are asking us for the conclusion, the conclusion of our opinion and our direction. They want us to display all we have. This is one thing. On the other hand, organizations such as NAAA invited us to participate in their conference to deliver a lecture about the Islamic view regarding it. So, the [Islamic] Association [for Palestine] will be attended by James Baker, Dennis Ross from the U.S. delegation and all the chairmen of Arab negotiation delegations. This is on one aspect. So, I hope that at the end..., the conference is at the end of the month. So, I hope that you take notes, listen to what I'm going to say, remind us and advise us on how our address should be.

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UM1: Nihad, this means that this paper contains what you are going to say?

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Ni: No, this one is... The last..., the last page I will say...

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UM2: ...UI are you going to say something else? [Laughter]

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UM1: No, no... I mean, the format you're talking about now..., are they new formats or..., a summary of what was said before?

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In fact, I will speak about the media aspect in the beginning as mentioned in the paper. At the end..., the end of the session, I will speak about the sensitive points which they always bring up to us, or the points which we are supposed to present. It is clear from the latest events as well as the ones prior to them that the media is stronger than politics. On the contrary,...UI that politics might not measure up to the media level and the agreement was a media round. It sacred people through media marketing to the point that politicians weren't able to confront the media campaign, I mean those who are opposed to the agreement in general terms. Five goals are clear in this paper. These five goals include establishing some media means and developing some of the existing outlets. As for the third goal, it is a continuation of what was asked of us in the morning. May brothers in the media field remember these points and...UI. The first goal is increasing the awareness and the attention of those working for Palestine to media at the local level, meaning in the cities, or on the U.S. level because we normally ask where are the people who work in the media field and we don't think that we could personally work in the media field. For instance, we have about 20 brothers, maybe only brother Nihad or Ghassan who work in media. But it could be that none of us perform that [media] role when he expresses the view of the [Islamic] Association [for Palestine] and the Islamic view to the media outlets. In order to achieve this level of awareness, I have four points I mentioned; the first thing is training and qualifying individuals in the branches and the communities on