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6 To telephone: 813-985-3938  
7 Translator: TKA (STIPULATED)

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8 SA = Sami Amin Al-Arian  
9 FD = Fawaz Damra

10 *[First 9 lines redacted.]*

11 SA: Hello?

12 FD: Peace be upon you.

13 SA: And peace be upon you.

14 FD: How are you, Doctor?

15 SA: Welcome.

16 FD: I hope you are okay. Are you sleeping?

17 SA: Who is this?

18 FD: This is Fawaz.

19 SA: Yes, I was sleeping.

20 FD: By God, I apologize.

21 SA: No, that's alright.

22 FD: I thought you were awake. How are you?

23 SA: Good, thank you.

24 FD: Do you want to go back to sleep?

25 SA: No, that's it.

1 FD: Should I call you later?

2 SA: No, no, (UI).

3 FD: *Are you sure?*

4 SA: How is everything?

5 FD: By God, praise be to God. What's your news?

6 SA: Praise be to God, thank you.

7 FD: Is the sheikh not coming?

8 SA: No, by God, he wants to go to the Hajj with his mother. What's your news?

9 FD: By God, praise be to God. How are you doing?

10 SA: Praise be to God. I was in Chicago yesterday and the day before. I came very late. We  
11 collected some donations for them after the Friday prayer. We collected fifty-three.

12 FD: By God, that's great!

13 SA: Good (IA). *I was surprised myself.*

14 FD: Lovely, by God! Fifty-three is *good!*

15 SA: How is the situation over at your place?

16 FD: By God, praise be to God, Lord of the Universe. Good! The Association is inviting  
17 Muhammad Siyam.

18 SA: When is he coming?

19 FD: Today. Was he outside the country or what?

20 SA: He lives in Sudan.

21 FD: Ahh, he is coming to collect donations.

22 SA: Yes. By God, you need to be active in this matter.

23 FD: (IA) we didn't hear from you, and they surprised us with this matter, you see?

1 SA: Yes. Are you going to attend?

2 FD: What?

3 SA: Are you going to attend?

4 FD: You know, I most probably will be there tonight.

5 SA: Hmm. I mean, we will establish a new institution just for donations, honestly.

6 FD: Are you serious?

7 SA: Yes, I swear to God! Because, brother, we're not doing much.

8 FD: Donations are very important.

9 SA: Certainly. Certainly. And we are trying to finalize some matters in this regard.

10 FD: Hmm.

11 SA: How are your partners, Azzam (PH) and Safi (PH)?

12 FD: So-so. It sometimes gets destroyed and then fixed.

13 SA: Have you talked to those people about our school?

14 FD: Yes, I talked to them about the school and gave them the tapes a long time ago.

15 SA: Hmm... They haven't responded.

16 FD: Really? It needs a little bit more work. I mean, we hope that when the mosque is opened,  
17 the matter will be easier for us.

18 SA: What did you accomplish so far?

19 FD: By God, here we are. We are working on the interior, you see? Until now, we anticipate,  
20 God willing, that in *June or July* we will open.

21 SA: Good.

22 FD: Have you done anything about the massacre of the people over there?

23 SA: By God, didn't you receive the fax?

1 FD: I received all the bulletins.

2 SA: Ahh, so that's good then.

3 FD: I even read them to the people. But more than that, what can we do?

4 SA: There is an article that will appear in the "Inquiry" within a week. It's 136 pages.

5 FD: God is great! This is a book.

6 SA: *From cover to cover*, all about the subject of the agreement and its dimensions and things  
7 like that. So this one, of course, we will not distribute if for *free*. We need to sell it. I  
8 mean, our situation is not very good. But I don't know how many I should send you. For  
9 example, can you sell thirty or forty?

10 FD: Yes, send me thirty copies. Send them to us before Eid, or they might not be printed  
11 before Eid.

12 SA: By God, it will be difficult for us to get them done before Eid. The man promised us on  
13 Saturday.

14 [96 lines redacted.]

15 FD: Anyway, nobody sent us this year. Ahh, Um Abdullah didn't send us the funds for the  
16 orphans as usual every year.

17 SA: Who? Abdul-Ilah lost his voice while talking to each one of your people and they  
18 ignored him. And the last slight was the talk with Basil Safi about four or five times.  
19 Each time he asked him to send, and he sent before Ramadan, and he kept telling him,  
20 "God willing, God willing," but he never replied. Anyway, I will make him send you all  
21 of them, to your people. But, you know, the poor guy lost his voice while talking to each  
22 one of them, *personally at least two or three times*, excluding the letters.

23 FD: By God, brother, we basically had two or three meetings and I was hoping that at least...

24 SA: I also told him, friend, we have seven-hundred names, friend. Among the seven-hundred  
25 names, we don't even have one-hundred covered. Yesterday we were talking about the  
26 subject. We said that Eid was coming and we cannot even send one-hundred dollars to  
27 each kid. By God, if you have any money and you can send us a share of the almsgiving,  
28 you know, you will make these kids happy. We have... In Gaza alone, brother, we have  
29 around one-hundred and fifty names. We can only cover twenty-two.

30 FD: But, now, how much do you usually send to each one?

1 SA: We want to send one-hundred dollars to each kid.

2 FD: How many kids do you have, twenty?

3 SA: Right now, we have money for twenty-two kids in Gaza, but we have one-hundred and  
4 fifty names.

5 FD: So you need fifteen-thousand dollars?

6 SA: Friend, whatever is available. I mean, instead of sending twenty-two, I send to sixty, for  
7 example. It is better than nothing.

8 FD: But what about the martyrs in Hebron?

9 SA: Brother, don't feel sorry for them. King Fahd sent fifty-thousand dollars to each one of  
10 them.

11 FD: Are you sure about this? I don't know about this.

12 SA: No, no, it happened.

13 FD: Fifty-thousand dollars to each martyr?

14 SA: Fifty-thousand dollars to each martyr.

15 FD: *Okay, so what's that mean? We should not collect money?*

16 SA: I mean, fifty-thousand dollars (IA). If you don't send two-thousand dollars, he wouldn't  
17 care. Consider the other poor people.

18 FD: Ha, ha! You mean that you want to focus on Gaza, that's it?

19 SA: Not only Gaza... Gaza and the West Bank. We do have the West Bank as well. You just  
20 send it to us. It's not a problem. I am telling you that we have seven-hundred names,  
21 brother. So we are trying to send one-hundred dollars to the unsponsored children, do  
22 you know what I am saying?

23 FD: It is true: I gave a sermon last Friday, and I asked God to bless us, so our God, indeed,  
24 honored us and we collected six-thousand dollars.

25 SA: Excellent! Excellent!

26 FD: Additionally, tonight they expect to collect more, because truly lots of people will come,  
27 and Muhammad Siyam is well known and is a deportee.

1 SA: People will go, eh?

2 FD: I expect that, and if the Sheik comes instead, he could bring us \$20,000, or if you came.

3 SA: By God, what have I to lose? I have a ticket and I have no problem, but you are totally  
4 ignoring me.

5 FD: You didn't talk to me since the first of Ramadan.

6 SA: By God, from the day I was outside the country, I was in Washington, and went to  
7 Chicago, and then came back, and (IA), and then in Chicago, honestly, I enjoyed getting  
8 fifty-three thousand dollars for the mosque, not for anything else, but because I  
9 connected... to what happened there.

10 FD: You collected fifty-three thousand?

11 SA: Yes.

12 FD: But you said three-thousand five-hundred!

13 SA: I am telling you... fifty-three thousand, friend! I swear to God that we collected fifty-  
14 three!

15 FD: Where was that? During the special celebration at your mosque?

16 SA: No, immediately after the Friday prayer. I pleaded with them.

17 FD: This means that you beat the record!

18 SA: After the Friday prayer, I switched. I connected their state of affairs with the massacre,  
19 and I told them that the only response to this is to have a real institution like everybody  
20 else, and they responded with \$53,000.

21 FD: By God, may God reward you with His benediction! It's great; wonderful! I mean, you  
22 revived them, that's it. Good!

23 SA: I collected approximately twenty-five thousand *cash*. They were available *on the spot*.

24 FD: If they hand them over to us, we will give them \$30,000 instead.

25 SA: I will talk to them tonight.

26 FD: And how should we deliver them? Do they have *tax exempt* status?

27 SA: Of course they do. I will let someone deliver them to you by hand.

1 FD: By God, *I am gonna speak to Azzam about it. If he agrees to it, I will let you know.*

2 SA: *Let me know* as soon as possible. Listen, I will bring them to you. I have twenty *cash*.  
3 *Would you bring me thirty in exchange?*

4 FD: No, thirty is too much.

5 SA: We are in need. Our school will be closed out if we don't recover.

6 FD: Why don't you come here and visit? By God, in Ramadan, you could have collected a  
7 little bit, may God assist you.

8 SA: Brother, how many times we came over, and you've never said...?

9 FD: Yes, yes, but (1A). You collected more than once. *Come on now!*

10 SA: We collected only once, friend. You, may God bless you, you should send us, without  
11 our collecting. We came over once and that one was upset and fuming, and each time I  
12 talk to you, you tell me...

13 FD: I swear to God that he always makes it hard on us.

14 SA: By God, brother, I know. That's why I am not coming. I don't want to embarrass you. I  
15 understand.

16 FD: No, but now, don't worry. When we collect them, we will give them to you.

17 SA: By God, tell me. I was planning to send them today. So tell me if I should send them my  
18 money, and then you send them to me. Tell me how much because I swear to God that I  
19 am eager to relieve these kids. I am truly concerned about them.

20 FD: Anyway, I have six. They were collected with the intention of delivery to the poor and to  
21 the families of martyrs and so forth. And since you have martyrs in other areas, *that's*  
22 *okay*. And I have about two-thousand or two-thousand five-hundred fast-breaking alms.  
23 So, these we will send to you by check as we did last year.

24 SA: I will send them today. I will send them today because I want them to arrive by Eid. So  
25 instead of two-thousand, I will send them ten, God willing. That's it, I expect eight from  
26 you.

27 FD: Expect *at least* eight. It's still coming.

1 SA: So be it. Anything extra, we will send *later* because, tonight or tomorrow morning, I want  
2 to transfer it.

3 FD: How much can you give us?

4 SA: I will give you whatever amount you want.

5 FD: Twenty?

6 SA: I will give you twenty.

7 FD: If you give us twenty, I might give you twenty-five in exchange. I am not sure.

8 SA: No, twenty-five? He will be fooling me, because these are all 40%, their *scale*, okay? If I  
9 give him twenty and he gives me twenty-five, it's like he puts \$2,000 in his pocket. He  
10 will make eight-thousand out of them.

11 FD: How?

12 SA: My brother, if I give him twenty, and he gives me back twenty-eight, then it's even. He  
13 didn't even contribute a single penny. If I give him twenty and he gives me back thirty,  
14 this means that he contributed two thousand.

15 FD: Based on what? On 40% tax?

16 SA: Yes.

17 FD: Ha, ha, ha!

18 SA: Brother, all of those are 40%, let me tell you.

19 FD: Oh, my God!

20 SA: All of them, everyone with more than two hundred thousand income, pays 100%.

21 FD: Hmm. It means that in this case he wouldn't do anything. We want to collect them for  
22 the mosque, and I don't know what method we should use.

23 SA: Disregard him. If he doesn't want to, then speak to Basil for me. That's it. Disregard him.  
24 We, honestly, need it *desperately*.

25 FD: *This is the only way you could get it*, you see? Twenty for thirty, you see? In the past  
26 they used to take one-thousand and pay two-thousand, you see?



1 SA: By God, it should be this way. I swear to God that it should be this way!

2 FD: But the problem is that they used to borrow small amounts. Now, since the amount is as  
3 big as twenty, it might raise a red flag, so they are afraid.

4 SA: Okay, divide it by four or five people; not necessarily one. I mean, you decide. I really  
5 want to talk to him, by God, but, you know...

6 FD: I need to try to talk to him. I am sure that if you talk to him, then he, Halabi (PH), Adam  
7 (PH), and Firas (PH) will take them for themselves, you see? Tell him, brother, "What's  
8 wrong with you? Why did you treat us like this? Our school will be closed out" and so  
9 forth.

10 SA: So, listen: I will send you this twenty.

11 FD: Don't send me anything now. *Hold on to that.* How would you send this twenty?

12 SA: I will send a check with your name on it, and you will cash them out, okay?

13 FD: Do you want to put me in trouble?

14 SA: What trouble? You receive the money and you cash it out.

15 FD: It will show on my account because I pay tax. *We will figure out a way; we will figure out*  
16 *a way, but before you do that,* or maybe you will come and bring them with you. Visit us.

17 SA: We will figure it out. It's not a problem, but I need the money as soon as possible. I prefer  
18 that you talk to him. If we give to each one of those five, and he gives us ten back, it will  
19 be wonderful. You will solve a problem for me.

20 FD: So talk to Basil and also to Firas and Al-Halabi. He knows several people.

21 SA: Fine. I will ask him to get them for me. I will tell him: "Our condition is such and such. I  
22 will send you twenty through Sheikh Fawaz and, using your connections, you can talk to  
23 these people and give me back forty. What do you think? Or is this too much?"

24 FD: *Let me see.* You tell him about the idea that you do at the mosque.

25 SA: Fine; fine.

26 FD: Tell him about the idea that we want to help our brothers and that they should help you,  
27 like what the rest of the world does.

28 SA: Okay; fine.

1 FD: So give him a hint and he will understand, God willing.

2 SA: But the problem is that we don't have any physicians here. All the physicians...

3 FD: I know. I know. I will talk to Azzam. If he accepts twenty for thirty, I will send you that  
4 if he accepts. We will see.

5 SA: So be it. *Very good! Very good!* Excellent!

6 FD: Alright?

7 SA: And if you organize an activity, I will come and support you like I told you. Organize  
8 something. I will give you a Friday prayer and a lecture.

9 FD: The problem is that we didn't have any activities this year. This year the massacre  
10 overshadowed everything.

11 SA: Okay, so what? We might take, *I don't know, one night* like that.

12 FD: Yes, yes. Let's do it in *April*, God willing.

13 SA: I was planning to call Basil tonight. And even Mohamad Ali Al-Halabi, I was a little  
14 hesitant.

15 FD: No, it is better to talk to Basil.

16 SA: Yes, I will talk to Basil first, and then I will see.

17 FD: Tell him. Try to talk to him first about the donations. If he tells you this, you tell him  
18 that you heard that there is a such-and-such idea.

19 SA: May God bless you. Listen, how is the university? Hah, the so-called Abu Rabii (PH)  
20 and the university?

21 FD: By God, I just spoke to him. May God grant him benediction. Indeed, I was asked to  
22 make *two reports*. I made one report and I was afraid he would be upset with me. I told  
23 him about the issue of the slaughter and what happened and, in fact, I was busy with that  
24 (IA). On Tuesday, I am going over to their place.

25 SA: Good. Friend, since you have this ticket, take advantage of it and come visit us one day.

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