LS: Um Abdallah?
NA: Yes, welcome.
LS: Welcome to you. Lou’ay Safi here.
NA: May God grant you a long life.
LS: (UI) welcome to you.
NA: Welcome to you.
LS: How is everything?
NA: Praise be to God, everyone is doing well. May every year come and you are well.
LS: And you too, God willing. Is Abu Abdallah there?
NA: Yes, one moment please.

[5 lines redacted.]
SA: Peace be upon you.
LS: And peace be upon you and the Mercy of God.
SA: May every year come and you are well.
LS: May God grant you a long life.
SA: May God bless you.

LS: How are you, Sheikh Sami?

SA: May God protect you and grant you goodness. How are you doing?

LS: By God, praise be to God, I am well.

SA: May God bless you.

LS: Praise be to God, glory to God.

[9 lines redacted.]

SA: What's new with you?

LS: By God, well, about a couple of days ago, our brother Ibrahim Abu Rabi'a left, he was here.

SA: By God, that's nice.

LS: Yes.

SA: How was he?

LS: He stayed here for a while and toured around. He (UI) in the subject of...

SA: Yes, yes, yes.

LS: Around the Islamic knowledge.

SA: Mm.

LS: That project.

SA: Good. Good.

LS: So, we spent some time with him.

SA: Well, well.

LS: Then he traveled, and he told me about the film that was shown.
SA: It was bad.

LS: (UI) and the problems that created for you.

SA: Right, right. There is a Zionist campaign, a very fierce one in America here against . . .

LS: Is it that fierce?

SA: Against the Islamic situation. No, by God, now it is bigger. You probably listen to the news and know what Clinton did last week. It is all propaganda more than it's real, that's to say...

LS: By God, I did not hear about this (UI)

SA: By God, didn't you hear that he put many organizations on the black list? It is just a media issue, that's to say, and not a real one.

LS: Yes, yes.

SA: Yes, yes.

LS: It seems that it's against the Islamic organizations, (UI)

SA: Yes, all of them are Islamic, my brother, all of them, (UI)

LS: The active ones among them.

SA: Yes, yes.

LS: May God help, may God help.

SA: What's new, how are you doing?

LS: By God, praise be to God, I am well.

SA: Praise be to God.

LS: I am fine, I am fine.

SA: Fine.

LS: (UI) in these lands. How is everyone on your side?
By God, the guys greet you a lot, they are well, praise be to God.

And peace be upon you. How is the school?

By God, It is progressing very nicely.

Praise be to God.

Praise be to God, the Sustainer of the worlds.

Did you buy that lot, after all?

By God, we did. It is the one in the middle, isn't it?

Yes.

We agreed with the owner. But we are just waiting now for some money to come so we can pay her half the price. But until now we haven't received anything, that's to say.

Yes, last week, I think, there was a decision, the Executive Order.

This is what I was telling you about.

Ah you knew about it, yes, yes.

Ah, yes.

Did it affect you, right?

No, no, it is all, I am telling you, just a propaganda, that's to say. He chose organizations in the Middle-East, the big organizations, and the prominent people like George Habash and Fathi Shiqaqi and Ahmad Yassin, that's to say, it is just nonsense.

I got you. Practically, inside, there is nothing, they do not exist.

Definitely, imagine, one of them is Abboud Al-Zumar who has been in jail in Egypt since the killing of Sadat. Before Sadat was killed. This is propaganda that makes no sense, frankly.

Yes. It is strange that it reached the point of an Executive Order.

My brother, it is a war, a war waged by the Zionists. They are controlling the White House and the State Department, they are in control in the era of the Democrats. They are
in control in a way they have never been before, definitely not. In the past they used to have people who worked for them. But now, they, themselves are in charge.

LS: Yes, yes.

SA: So whatever they want, they do. You will laugh, by God, if you read the Executive Order, you will completely laugh at the situation. How would a president of the most powerful country in the world sign such a stupid thing like this?

LS: Haha.

SA: By God The Almighty, when he lists names like Abu Nidal, and Fathi Shiqaki, and Ahmad Yassin... Does Ahmad Yassin have accounts here? What is this nonsense?

LS: He just wants to please them.

SA: Of course.

LS: (UI) Nobody understands these things in America.

SA: True, people don’t understand anything, they don’t understand anything.

LS: Yes, yes, well. How is the university going?

SA: By God, praise to God, it is fine. I am planning to take a Sabbatical, this year, next year I mean. What are your plans for next year?

LS: By God, there is nothing clear with me yet. I might put in for an extension for another year here.

SA: Are you coming this summer?

LS: The summer, I haven’t decided yet. There is a good possibility that I will come.

SA: You know that the Institute is having a conference in March, I don’t know if you can come or not. It is about Islam and the West.

LS: Is the Institute itself doing it?

SA: The Institute itself, yes, with the Cultural Ministry of Kuwait. From 10 to 13 March. It will be great if you can come, by God.

LS: Yes, yes, let me see. Is it next March?
Yes, yes, approximately after a month and a half. You may present a paper. They are soliciting papers regarding the subject.

Yes, yes, good, I will try. I will try. If I don’t come in March, I might come after that.

Ok, fine. We are here, God willing.

Do you have any plans to come here?

By God, my brother, it's on my mind, but that's to say, you may say that I am waiting for an occasion to take a place. Of course, from now till August, I can’t, but possibly in the fall I will try to find an opportunity to come. If you have a conference or something then one would find an opportunity to come.

Yes.

If you have anything on your side.

I will tell you, I'll see, yes.

Next September, next October or even early May. If there is anything early May.

Yes.

Or, when the Sabbatical comes, then one will come for two, three weeks and take his time.

Yes, I thought, of course, I haven’t made the decision yet, but if I think within one month, two months, even though I will more than likely stay one more year. But if I considered coming this year, come back.

Yes.

What are the possibilities there to find an adjunct position in Florida?

By God, my friend, send me your resume and I will work very hard on that. The dean-

I left it with you when I came.

Did you leave it with me?

Yes.
By God, you did, you are absolutely correct, you are absolutely correct. I have to remember where I put it. Listen, is there anything new in it, or it's still the same?

By God, I think a few things are new in it, yes.

Ok, send me the updated via the fax, you see, and I will talk to the dean, he is our friend, and he is nice, and we also will try to talk to the chairman. I will let you know within a few weeks, God willing.

Good.

I will tell them the following: I will tell them that he will take a sabbatical, you see.

Ah.

What do you think about taking him here for a year? After a year you will fix your situation with them.

More likely, I will fix my situation in another place.

Or in another place, that's to say, if you knew.

At least until I get my connections there.

Also, in Sarasota, about an hour from here, they brought a Syrian doctor for a year based on a “Fulbright.” Why don’t you also apply for a Fulbright?

A Fulbright, if you have a US citizenship, then you have to apply for it within the US. And you can’t apply for it from abroad, so who knows, who knows, because Mahmoud Ayoub was here.

Who knows if you applied from the US or from wherever? Just send it to me and I will send it.

Do I send it to you?

Fill out an application and everything, and I will send it for you from here and put your address here, it is not a problem.

The other question is whether the embassy here has an application or not.

Ah, ah.
LS: The embassy might only have them for non-Americans.

SA: Find out for me exactly what the address is.

LS: Could you send me an application?

SA: By God, I need to know where do they get it from. If you give me a contact person or from where, then I will do it.

LS: Meaning that the university might not have it?

SA: Our university? No, I think it can be found in the Federal Government. I don’t know where they get it from. But a Fulbright, I don’t think if, by God it seems, I personally don't have...

LS: I will check here and try to find out who exactly might have it.

SA: If it's possible, do you have my fax number?

LS: Yes, I do have your fax.

SA: Send me your updated resume and I will work on it, God willing, in the next few weeks.

[39 lines redacted.]

LS: May God grant you a long life.

SA: God bless you.

LS: Peace be upon you.

SA: Goodbye.