



THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPTION of a recorded telephone call between MAZEN AL-SAIEGH and CHAWKI HAMMOUD, which occurred on March 10, 1998. Portions of Hammoud's conversation were in Arabic, not transcribed.

S/A BOB MALEK: It's March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1998. It's approximately 12:05 PM. I'm going to make a call to Charlotte, North Carolina, Area Code 704/532-8275. IN Number is 745301-97-0032.

(Dialing, ringing)

CHAWKI: Hello?

MAZEN: Hello!

CHAWKI: Peace be upon you.

MAZEN: Chawki, how are you?

CHAWKI: Fine. How about you?

MAZEN: Okay. This is Mike.

CHAWKI: Mike, how you doing?

MAZEN: Okay. Uh, I talked to Adal, but you know, the price is high.

CHAWKI: Uh, well, actually – actually the – actually Adal's friend, he give me your phone number.

MAZEN: Who?

CHAWKI: Adal's friend. He gave me your phone number.

MAZEN: Adal's friend?

CHAWKI: Yeah. You – you spoke to Adal, right?

MAZEN: Yeah, I came over there.

CHAWKI: Oh, you went over there?

MAZEN: Yeah.

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CHAWKI: Yeah, uh, so the owner of Eastway Tobacco is my friend. He give me your pager.

MAZEN: Oh, okay.

CHAWKI: Said to call and give you the price (inaudible)

MAZEN: No problem. Doesn't matter to me, really.

CHAWKI: Uh. Okay, uh, what -- what were you planning to buy -- when, uh -- where you from?

MAZEN: I'm in Detroit.

CHAWKI: Detroit?

MAZEN: Yeah.

CHAWKI: He told me you're from Iraq.

MAZEN: Iraq, yeah?

CHAWKI: Iraqi.

MAZEN: Yeah.

CHAWKI: Alright.

MAZEN: But still I like to buy deals, you know, because I can't afford other stuff.

CHAWKI: Yeah. You're looking for deals?

MAZEN: Yeah, like RJ. Reynolds, Dorals, stuff like that.

CHAWKI: That's good. That's good. Okay, good. So I mean how much are you looking to buy a week?

MAZEN: Twelve hundred, fifteen hundred, fifteen hundred -- depends how much money I got --

CHAWKI: Between twelve hundred, fifteen hundred --

MAZEN: Right.

CHAWKI: -- fifteen hundred a week?

MAZEN: Right. Yeah.

CHAWKI: And will you take them in one load, two loads, or what? Will you come pick it up in a van, and...

MAZEN: Yeah, I come pick 'em up, yeah.

CHAWKI: Uh, okay.

MAZEN: Yeah.

CHAWKI: So you, uh –

MAZEN: Oh, he also told me maybe in the future you can deliver 'em, so –

CHAWKI: Yeah.

MAZEN: Or have you got somebody here?

CHAWKI: Yeah.

MAZEN: Depends on the price.

CHAWKI: If you pick it up it'll be, you know, a better price.

MAZEN: Well, of course, yeah.

CHAWKI: Yeah?

MAZEN: But, I mean, if it's a little bit – just a little bit more, if it's worth it, then I get it from here. But if it's not worth it, no.

CHAWKI: Well –

MAZEN: I'll keep taking 'em over there.

CHAWKI: Yeah. But I know, ah, alright, OK.

MAZEN: What have you got on deal now?

CHAWKI: Okay, R.J. Reynolds?

MAZEN: Yeah.

CHAWKI: Uh, are you going to pick them up from here?

MAZEN: Yeah.

CHAWKI: Be twelve-fifty now.

MAZEN: Twelve-fifty?

CHAWKI: Yeah.

MAZEN: Okay.

CHAWKI: But, uh, the Doral?

MAZEN: Doral?

CHAWKI: Doral from here, pick them up, eight twenty-five.

MAZEN: Eight twenty-five?

CHAWKI: Yeah.

MAZEN: That's a good price.

CHAWKI: Okay.

MAZEN: You can't do better on the R.J. Reynolds? I'm paying twelve and a quarter now, but I mean, you know. Can you do twelve and a quarter?

CHAWKI: Twelve and a quarter's no problem.

MAZEN: Okay.

CHAWKI: The Monarch?

MAZEN: Yeah, if you got a good deal on it.

CHAWKI: I'll give you a good price for them.

MAZEN: How much?

CHAWKI: Uh, Monarch, uh, I'll give it to you for nine seventy-five.

MAZEN: Nine seventy-five?

CHAWKI: That's a good price. Nine seventy-five.

MAZEN: Yeah, that's not bad.

CHAWKI: Yeah.

MAZEN: How about Basic?

CHAWKI: Oh, Basic?

MAZEN: Yeah.

CHAWKI: Basic – We don't have a lot of deals on Basic, but, ah, I'll give it to for, ah, Okay, let's see. **Basic now eleven eighty.**

MAZEN: No, no. That's too much. No.

CHAWKI: Too much. Yeah, I told you .. How much did I tell you?

MAZEN: Eleven eighty.

CHAWKI: No, just a moment, just a moment, no it's not eleven eighty, **eleven eighty.** It's too much, I know.

MAZEN: Forty-five cents more and I can get the RJ Reynolds.

CHAWKI: No, no, no, no. I made an error, I made an error. Yeah, for you I'll make it ten ninety.

MAZEN: Ten ninety?

CHAWKI: Yeah.

MAZEN: Maybe. Only for myself.

CHAWKI: Because sometimes if we find a deal, if we find a deal we can take care of it, but this, but this, it's because that it's the price at this one guy's...

MAZEN: Yeah. Okay, let me ask you this. What's the easiest way for me to get ahold of you?

CHAWKI: Uh, page me on five-one-four --

MAZEN: Five-one-four?

CHAWKI: Eight-two-seven-five.

MAZEN: Eight-two-seven-five. Oh, this number here?

CHAWKI: Huh? This is pager.

MAZEN: Oh, your pager?

CHAWKI: Yeah.

MAZEN: Five-one-four –

CHAWKI: Eight-two-seven-five.

MAZEN: That's the same last numbers as this one?

CHAWKI: Yeah.

MAZEN: Okay. What's the area code, 704?

CHAWKI: Right.

MAZEN: Okay. Okay, uh –

CHAWKI: Also, I mean, you have to give some time because this guy doesn't always, ah, I mean, if you can give two or three days... because we get two thousand a week from the guy, you know what I mean?

MAZEN: Yeah.

CHAWKI: So we'll try to get all of it...

MAZEN: Okay. So you mean sometime?

CHAWKI: People rush him, a lot of people go to him and quickly [buy] it from him.

MAZEN: Yeah, yeah.

CHAWKI: So it's not like he has it in stock all the time, so for example if I go to him now he wouldn't have any goods. He get these things on specials.

MAZEN: Okay. No problem. Okay, I'm gonna call you next week.

CHAWKI: Okay.

MAZEN: And, uh –

CHAWKI: Give some time, a few days, if you know when you're coming, and we'll put [the order] together before you get here.

MAZEN: O – okay, no problem.

CHAWKI: Alright.

MAZEN: Okay, cousin.

CHAWKI: Peace.

MAZEN: Thanks. Bye-bye.

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