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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Dear Brother Dr. Isma'il al-Shatti,

May God protect you.

Peace and God's compassion and blessing be upon you.

May God bring my letter to you and may it find you and your honorable family in good health and best wishes on the occasion of the blessed Ramadan. May God guide you so you can fast, pray and attain goodness during this month.

My dear brother,

I apologize for the loss of contact between us. However, I've been keeping up with your news. I was upset with you for not contacting us during your last visit. In any case, I hope that I will be able to visit you soon once I obtain my American passport. I also hope that the good relationship between us continues.

As a matter of fact, I would like to discuss with you a very important matter concerning the future of work in Palestine and the ability of the Islamic movement to confront the great challenges before it. In short, you are well aware that this movement, represented by its branches, Hamas and the Jihad, is being threatened by the enemy, the neighboring regimes, and even worldwide. Preserving the spirit and flame of jihad against the enemy is a general Islamic responsibility and cannot be left to rest upon the shoulders of the few among our nation. Nevertheless, these few shoulder the responsibility and the nation's honor, even putting their souls in their hands to prove that Islam is capable of responding to oppression, aggression, and desecration of the sacred places and Muslims' dignity.

The latest operation, carried out by the two mujahideen who were martyred for the sake of God, is the best guide and witness to what the believing few can do in the face of Arab and Islamic collapse at the heels of the Zionist enemy and in keeping the flame of faith, steadfastness, and defiance glowing.

Perhaps few know, while many are unaware, that these mujahideen were martyred while owing debt and having big families with no means to support themselves after the head of the household offered his life for God, glory be to He, defending the honor of this nation!

The Islamic movement in Palestine is poor, hungry, and destitute. The Jihad is in a state

of great misfortune and has nothing. The brothers, your neighbors to the north, give very little assistance, which does not diminish the hunger and which proves, day after day, that the principles and slogans which we uphold are one thing and what actually occurs is something else.

The movement's financial situation is very difficult and it cannot fulfill its responsibilities toward the martyrs and detainees. Nevertheless, it carries out distinctive operations which the combined Arab armies have failed to do. The relationship with the brothers in Hamas is very good and making steady progress, and there are serious attempts at unification and permanent coordination.

I call upon you to try to extend true support of the jihad effort in Palestine so that operations such as these can continue, so that people do not lose faith in Islam and its representatives, and so that we can prove to people and to history that Islam properly responded to the circumstances despite a difficult stage in time, and a terrible era.

I would like to hear from you concerning the feasibility of assistance from benevolent people and institutions whom you know to the jihad in Palestine. My address and telephone number are attached. May God grant you success . . . Peace and God's compassion and blessing be upon you.

Your brother,

Sami al-Arian

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