Participants

UAR: Usaamah Abdullah Rahim

DW: David Wright

Abbreviations:

IA: Inaudible

OV: Overlapping Voices

PH: Phonetic

Italics: Spoken in Arabic

Regular font: Spoken in English

SIC: Spoken incorrectly

UR: Hello.

DW: Al-salam 'alaykum [Peace be upon you.] You called me, sir?

UR: Yes, my uh, my beauty, uhm, I must say that uh [sigh] I, uh--I, uh, I must act;

[short pause] I must act, uh, sooner than uh, [sigh] [short pause] I must act sooner

than anticipated, man.

DW: Act soon . . . What do you mean? With what?

UR: [sigh]

DW: Uh... you talking about your wife?

UR: No, stuff [sighs].

DW: Oh, you are talking about the other thing.

UR: [sigh] Yeah. [sniffle]

DW: Oh-Oh, this is very interesting. So, what has brought you to this--to this reality?

UR: [sigh] I don't know, man, but uh, just you know, I had, you know, I woke up for

fajr [dawn] and, uh, I couldn't sleep after that. You know, I had this uh, I was talking to the brother and, you know, he said that uh, there was some, you know, some things that was gonna [sic] go, you know, that was gonna [sic] go down

with some brothers, uh. [sigh]

DW: He said there was some uhm . . . One second, I'm putting you on, all right go

ahead, say-say it again.

UR: What's that?

DW: All right, so, talk again. I'm sorry, I-I plugged in the thing so I can hear you

through the car stereo. So what were you saying?

UR: Yeah, uhm, there's some-some uh . . . I was talking to the brother and uh, you

know, there are some things that's gonna [sic] be going, uh, on the Fourth of July.

DW: Ooh.

UR: And, uh, but I can't wait that long, man.

DW: You said, you can't--you can't wait until the Fourth--you mean?

UR: No.

DW: I'm trying to grasp--I'm trying to grasp . . . So you're saying you can't--you can't

wait until--you can't wait until the Fourth.

UR: Yes-Yes.

DW: Oh, I see. Well uhm, [noise] well uh, what I was saying, is uh, it's a very--it's a

very, uhm, [noise] it's a very uh, beautiful and-and interesting thing; and uhm, this is the week that I actually hear back from uh, from the embassy *insha' Allah* [God willing], and this will be the final token, which is the deciding factor of what's going to happen from this point onward. Uhm, and if-if everything is a go, then *insha' Allah* [God willing], I will be leaving. If everything is not a go--If

everything is not a go, then uh

UR: [OV] How-How long will you.-How long will you, uh, have the car for?

DW: How long will I have the car?

UR: Yes.

DW: What car?

UR: You said you are plugging into the car stereo.

DW: Oh yeah, this is... I just came from--low and behold--someone who contacted me

... I just came back from uhm, from uh, Leo's house.

UR: Oh, ok.

DW: [UI] I went back to Leo's house, and I'm headed back home, because my mom--

she needs help. In about--

UR: [OV] Alright.

DW: [OV]--five minutes, [UI] gonna go to work.

UR: Well, I'm gonna [sic] pull the money out in cash and uh, [noise] I'm just gonna

[sic] pull it out now.

DW: Are you--Are you try--Are you trying--Are you trying to figure out where... Oh,

you're trying to go to New York?

UR: No.

DW: You're not, but I'm trying to understand. Wait, you're not trying to go to New

York?

UR: No. [clears throat]

DW: Oh, maybe I

UR: I'm going to uh, I'm gonna [sic] pull the-the money out today.

DW: Oh, wait a--Oh, wait a minute! Oh uh, you are going to be, uh, you're attempting

to go on vacation, I see.

UR: Yeah, I'm gonna be on vacation, right here in Massachusetts.

DW: Vacation... Oh, ok, uhm

UR: So, I'm going to pull out the money and, uh--off my card--and I'm-I'm going to

give you uh, what I can, uhm, if not the entire 500 or close to it, and uhm . . . Uh, well I probably can't give you the entire uh, the whole 500, because uh, I'm gonna [sic] buy my wife a ticket back--to go back to Jersey. Because there is no point in leaving her here, where no one will help her go back. So, I'm just gonna

send her back--

DW: Uhm.

UR: --and book her ticket for this week, and uh, if not, within the next day--so,

because, uhm, if not today, then tomorrow. I'm-I'm going to uh, I'm just going to uh...I'm going after them, those boys in blue. Because, uh, it's the easiest target and uh, the most common is the easiest for me, and I, *insha' Allah [God willing]*, I'll make it to *jannah [paradise]*, because this *dunyah [worldly life]* is not worth

it, it's not worth it.

DW: This is a reality and uhm, if-if Allah 'azzah wa jall [God the Great and all

Mighty] has-has-has called you to this reality, then insha' Allah [God willing] what he--what he has waiting for you is-is either, uh, is either uh, victory or-or jannah [paradise], if-if-if uhm . . . But I was just telling you about, what the shayikh said about... there is always--there is always that, uh, that special time; and when the time comes, uh Allah 'azzah wa jall [God the Great and all Mighty] is going to, uh, call that individual back. He will call that individual back, uh, you know, so uh, so subhan Allah [glory be to God.] That's uhm, that's very--that's very--that's very- that's very beautiful. Uhm, but I just... I want to remind you--I want to remind you that uhm that uh--that uh, you know, you always want to have the best preparation for going on vacation. You know, and uhm, and-and-and this particular situation, you could be--you could be, you know, derailed, or be picked off before you even get close enough. Uhm-Uhm, because of the colored [PH]

preparation. If you catch my drift? You could be

UR: [OV] That's fine.

DW: And that's-that's fine, and hamdulillah [Praise be to God], Allahu Akbar [God is

great.]

UR: [OV] That's fine.

DW: Because, also-also, that's also, what I am saying is also not a guarantee, because

you actually--you actually could get, you know [UI]--if you know what I mean. So, *hamdulilllah* [praise be to God], uhm, yeah uhm, did you have a specific time--without actually saying it--a specific time, timeframe that you intended on?

UR: No. But, it will be if-if not today, then tomorrow, *insha' Allah [God willing]*

DW: Subhan Allah [Glory be to God.]

UR: And, uhm

DW: Oh, wait a minute, so you wait-wait . . . Just-Just so I understand, so you say . . .

So you're not-- So you're not uh, you're not going for what we talked about

before. You are talking about something different!

UR: No, it's gonna [sic] be local.

DW: Ohh- Ohh! Dang, them juicy necks is intense [sic]! Dang, Subhan Allah. [Glory

be to God], Subhan Allah [Glory be to God.]

UR: What . . . I don't know. So, uhm, make du'a [prayer] for me and, uh, hamdulillah

praise be to God, it's, uh...

DW: Dang it, I feel, I feel so--I feel so left out.

UR: You don't have to feel left out, because you have your own plan. What *Allah*

[God] plans, you never know. Just yesterday, I was sitting here [PH] and uhm, I felt like, uhm, I felt-I felt like my, like my intention, I fe--I fe-- . . . I-I felt like I was uhm, like I was, I felt like I was losing--I was losing my intention, you know, because, it uh . . . When I was at work, I-I was getting, you know, so many compliments. You know, my boss calling me and giving me all these compliments, you know about, you know, the great job I've been doing--and all

this stuff. It's just the-the dunyah [worldly life], it's just you know, trying to, you

know, get his claws in me--

DW: [OV] Um-hum

UR: [OV]--to make me just put it off. You know, I'm doing what I'm doing real well

at work, I could even probably get a promotion, you know, make a little bit more money, you know. I'll be able to save up a little bit more money and prepare [sigh], but all that is from *shaytan* [the devil]. And, I'm telling you it's-it's all from *shaytan* [the devil.] It's just him trying to delay you, until your heart deviates and you don't have that--you don't have that drive and that-that

intension.

DW: [OV] That fire.

UR: And that sincerity to *Allah* [God].

DW: Umm.

UR: So when I woke up, so-so when I woke up this morning and I-I prayed *fajr*

[dawn] and I can't go back to sleep. I couldn't sleep because all I kept thinking about was what I was talking to the brother about, and uhm, about what's going down on that day. And uh, it just, you know, I-I can't even wait! Because if I can-if I can meet my Lord sooner than that, why should I have to wait a month? I shouldn't have to wait a month. I'm saying, before all--using this money to--you know, to purchase this and to purchase that, I've already made my purchases. What is--What is mine ... I-I already made my purchases, I have what I need.

DW: Yeah.

UR: Now, all I have to do is... I'm just going to ask my wife to forgive me for, uh-uh,

not giving her- her entire *mahr* [dowry], and for her to, uh, just basically forget about the *mahr* [dowry], because I can't pay it. And I'll just send her back her way and, uhm, I'll send her back her way, and it will be as though she never met me. And if anything, I'll try to give her like maybe, you know \$50 or \$100, and uhm, and then I'm going to, I'm gonna-I'm gonna [sic] try and give you the rest, which would probably be like, uh, 400, or like 300, or 350, or something like that. But I have to--I have to buy her ticket. But, uhm, once I pull this money out of my bank, I'm breaking my pocket so, uhm, I'm not uh, I'm not waiting another two weeks to get paid again. So I'm uh, I'm gonna pull the money out in cash and I'll leave it, uh-uh-uh, I'll leave it--I'll leave it with your Nana.

DW: Oh yeah?

UR: And, uhm . . . So, you'll be able to just get that from her, and I'll tell her that it's

for you, for your trip.

DW: Subhan Allah [Glory be to God]

UR: [OV] And uhm

DW: You know--You know, uhm, this is a, this is such a--such a-a beautiful, a

beautiful moment, such a beautiful moment in time. One thing I will request--One thing I will request is that, uh, uhm, your information, your-your exact, your exact, uhm, your exact contacts . . . You send that to my-my email, for my--for

my [PH] Twitter, you know the Twitter I use. You know [UI]

UR: I'll Twitter it to you.

DW: You send it to my-my Twitter, and you completely wipe out everything on your--

on your, uh...

UR: Yeah, I'm going to refresh--I'm going to refresh uhm, my entire lap top.

DW: Yeah, to its factory setting, and-and you also-- you also uhm, you take any of your

uhm, because it's-it's, uh . . . If you have anything that you have that you wanna

write, and uhm [UI]

UR: [OV] Yeah, I'm-I'm gonna be up. This will probably be my last day at uh, work

and, uhm, so when I go, I'm just going to continue as usual and uhm . . . So I'll be up from now until like, before [PH] I go to work, and I'm gonna start uhm . . . I'm

gonna [sic] write some stuff and uh--

DW: [OV] Yeah, your... whatever you have left of-of-of your-your will. If that's the

will that you want my Nana to see, in regards to your possessions--the things you

have--make that as the last [UI]

UR: [OV] What [PH]? I can't hear you.

DW: Anything, your-your will for possessions--that you want to write--

Yeah. UR:

DW: [OV]--to my Nana--to my Nana, make sure that--make sure that you, uhm, make sure that you leave that specific will of your possessions to my Nana. And-And then, and that, uh, and anything else in regards to [Dawlah] State -- the last things you want the the rest of the people to know in regards to Al-Dawlah [The State], you-you also email that to me. Send that to me, to my email--not to my-any-any of my Gmail accounts, but to my Yahoo mail account. That's the uhm... I'll text that to you. Uhm-Uhm, to that, to- to that effect, and uhm, Subhan Allah [glory be to God], of course, uhm, I-I absolutely will-will make du'a [prayer]. This is a--This is a wonderful moment.

> And uhm... But remember, make sure your heart is prepared for two things--two things. One, either-either victory or the other is--the other one being martyrdom. Because-Because, uh, Allah [God] may empower you for one, and not for the other. So you have to be prepared for that. You know, and uhm, if . . . But if it's something, if it's the second one you are seeking . . . Because we must put in all our efforts, for the objective, for the goal. Not to just, you know, to be succumbed to that [sic], but for the goal. [UI]

No, my-my goal, since when I called you is uh-uh... My objective is that I just want to meet Allah [God], because I know that, uhm, the akhirah [afterlife] is better than this dunyah [worldly life.] And uhm, since Jihad is a way out, it's a way to-to be with Allah [God], and to get out of this dunayh [worldly life], and you know, maybe to be amongst the company of the righteous. And because it'sit's, especially because it's-it's in this era right now, and it's not, and it's-it's, and it's-it's not something random. And I already gave my bi'ah [allegiance], so it's not a random vigilante attack. It is what it is; I have my bases covered.

Hamdulillah [Praise be to God], then you-then you must, you must pursue forth to this reality, uhm, have-have-have tawakkal [rely] in Allah [God] [sic], andand-and do what must be done. This is a reality, this is what we've-we've all have spoken about. It's been a year since . . . It's been almost a year since I first brought it to your attention, and since it was first brought to my attention. So, uhm, uh, hamdulillah [praise be to God] for that reality and uhm, I definitely will make, uhm, du'a [prayer] for you in this regard. Uhm, and uh, and you know... But I-I...Why it's going to be interesting for me is because uhm-uhm, and uhm . .

UR:

DW:

. I'm gonna [sic] hear it and-and-and it's gonna [sic] make me smile, because I'm gonna [sic] hear it--I'm gonna [sic] hear it, and I'm gonna [sic] hear it also from the family. Because my mother as well as my Nana know that-that, uhm ... They obviously know where our minds are at. And they also know that we've also been--as of just recently-- paying our trip up to, where we went. So it's going to be as if that thing is what drove it over the top. So I am going to hear the flack, but uh, it's ok, because I just do my--what I normally do. I smile and-and I say yes, the will of Allah [God]. It's the reality. There is nothing that-that I can, that can be done about it. It's the reality, and uhm... So uh, you have that fire and I've seen it, and don't let nothing, don't let that... don't let nothing deter you from that. Nothing deterred--Nothing deterred [UI] from going where he wanted it. You know at first it was a thought, and then--and then Allah [God] called him to it, and the passion burned into him with fire, so-so much so that he would stay up for 12-13 hours before going to sleep, because he couldn't sleep, because he didn't want to be here. He couldn't--He couldn't sleep. He had to go, and like you said when you spoke to him, or you heard the message, you know, he sounded so happy, because it's like you were being called home. I know he's so happy, even if he--even if he didn't have a place to stay, and he was eating crumbs, he'd be happy. Even if he didn't have any shoes, he'd be happy, because that's all he expressed, was earning Allah's [God's] pleasure. And we've had same, similar conversations just as you and I are having right now.

You know, don't... nothing else--nothing else is-is more important--more important than *Allah* [God]. And uhm, and the fact that he called you to this reality at this current time then, that is--that is, uh that is his will. And uhm-uhm it's the will of *Allah* [God], by the way of the will of *Allah* [God]. And uhm, you know and uhm, in *Allah* [God] you have to believe--just put your trust. He is also-He is also the faithful one and those who trust in *Allah* [God], those who put their trust in *Allah* [God], he promises them the-the reality. [UI] eyes purified, and the eyes purified, to which, to-to which is solely for the--for the--for the glory of *Allah* [God], the glory of the tawheed [monotheism], the glory of Bismillah [In the name of God] and [bi iznillah] [God's permission.] Then insha' Allah [God willing] that will suffice you. And, uhm, hamdulillah [Praise be to God], hamdulillah [Praise be to God], Allahu Akbar [God is great.]

UR: Hamdulillah. [Praise be to God.]

DW: [OV] Very-Very wonderful, uhm

UR: [OV] Ok, Dave.

DW: Yeah but, I'm gonna let you--I'm gonna let you go, uhm... and also, uhm, yeah, uhm, uh, remain firm--remain firm, uhm . . . A question . . . If this--If this, if you said, today-today about your--about your work. So, does that mean--does that

mean that uhm, tomorrow *insha' Allah [God willing]* uhm, it's going to be any time throughout the day, or is there a specific time?

UR:

It's gonna [sic] be random. It might even happen today, because, uhm... I'm just gonna [sic], I'm gonna [sic] pull it out, I'm gonna [sic] pull the money out. Because where I'm going is the Citizens Bank, so I can just--I can just go there and pull all my money out. And, uh, once I pull it out, uh, I'll probably finish my day at work, just so nothing seems odd, and uhm....

DW: [OV] Oh-Oh, snap I just thought about something!

UR: What's that?

DW: I need to get a--I need to get a hold of those-those funds, because-because once this thing hits the fan, I don't believe my... and-and of course if [UI] what you're looking for... I don't believe my Nana will-will release that to me. Because, if that happens then, they'll be like, "Well, what you are trying to do?" [UI]

UR: [OV] Well, probably...This will, this-this will make things easier. Come to Boston.

DW: Yeah.

UR: And, uhm... uh, just, uh, you know, just come into Boston--just come into Boston, and, uh-uh... just-just, uh, yeah, just come into Boston, and, uh, I'll give you, uh... we'll meet and I'll give you uh, the money. And then, after that I'll be on my way, because that makes it easier for me, so that I don't have to come back here and, uhm, I don't have to become distracted.

DW: Got ya'--Got ya'.

UR: [OV] So it's easier, because I--because I-I don't, I don't think that, uhm, that I'm gonna [sic] even... maybe even give it another day, because I-I don't, uh...not after this morning, I'm not gonna [sic] give it another day. It's, uhm... to-to neglect something that *Allah* [God] has placed into my heart this morning, and to put if off another day--when I can just do it now--it doesn't make any sense to me, and I-I feel that-that-that it, that-that firmness of intent will be taken from me, and I don't want to miss it while I have it.

DW: Understood, uhm, make sure also, very important, make sure that the moment you decide to, make sure that you delete—you delete me, that you delete uh, you delete me from your phone or you break it apart and throw it down—

UR: Yeah.

DW: [OV]--in the trash. Get rid of it, before it even gets . . . I mean, completely

destroy it, because--

UR: [OV] I will.

DW: [OV]--at the scene, at the scene, the CSI will be looking for that particular thing

and if anyone sees you dump it, they'll be looking for that particular thing. So it's important that you get rid of that. You know, the day [PH], the time you're gonna do it, you get rid of it way before you even reach your destination, you-you get rid

of it.

UR: Yeah.

DW: [OV] You get rid of it. Uhm-Uhm... because, um, yeah... um, and that's that,

hamdulillah [praise be to God.] So uh—So uh... so that's that. If-If there is anything that you-you need to request, uhm, I don't know when I'm able to get the car again, uhm, probably tonight insha' Allah [God willing], when my mom

gets off of work. And she'll give the car to me.

UR: [OV] What you should do, is don't even worry about the car, just come by public

transit and--

DW: Uh, I, don't have any--

UR: [OV]--and meet me--

DW: [OV]--money, I'm broke.

UR: Oh, you don't--you don't have a bus pass.

DW: My mother [UI] just gave me her last money for the--for the car- for the pass for

me to go see Leo. She doesn't get paid until Thursday [noise]. So just give, if you want to just leave it with my Nana. But, um, again, like I said, I don't think she's going to give it to me after that, because it's going to be like a situation where, it's like, you know, "How could you let him? Why did you do this?" [noise] And you know it's going to be that type of situation so, uhm you know, um yeah so that's that's pretty much it. That's pretty much it [noise]. Uhm, yeah so, you know

where you work today? You work in East Boston today?

UR: What happened?

DW: You work in East Boston today?

UR: No.

DW: Oh, okay.

UR: I'm working in, uh Dudley Street.

DW: [noise] Ok, well I just.. I... what I say... again, uhm... it's up to you--whatever

you want to do, it's uhm, it's up--it's up to you. It's completely, um, completely it's up to you--what you want to do. Uhm, it's-it's that [UI] *insha' Allah [God willing.]* Because, *Allah, Allah [God, God]* is uh you know, uhm, whatever you intend on doing, you know, it's up to you--in regards to money. Whatever plan you got, I'm with it--whatever you are trying to get into. Just let me know and we'll get it going, we'll get it going that way, *insha' Allah [God willing.]* So, uhm, yeah, uhm that's it. And, uhm that's it. But again, uhm, this-this is a wonderful interesting day. It's pouring rain out for hours. Last night--

UR: [OV] How's it been?

DW: It's been raining heavily since 11 last night, ten last night, it's pouring. It's still

raining right now. It's pouring out right now. Uhm, no, and, uh... Hamdulillah

[Praise be to God], hamdulillah [Praise be to God] for that. Uhm--

UR: [OV] You know what I'm just going to do?

DW: What's that? Hum? What's that? Hello? Hello--

UR: [OV] I'm just, uh... hello.

DW: Yeah, I'm here. [sigh] What have you decided? What are you going to do? Huh?

UR: I just won't go into work today. I'll go--I'll go to you; I'll bring the money to you

and, uhm, your address again is-is what? [noise]

DW: 208 Linden Street, apartment four.

UR: I'll call you when I'm outside.

DW: Okay, insha' Allah [God willing.]

UR: Ok, sir, uhm, [sigh] I'm getting ready now and, uhm, I'll call you when I'm

outside.

DW: Okay then my beauty.

UR: Okay.

DW: Alright, al-salam 'alaykum [Peace be upon you.]

UR: Alright, wa 'alaykum--. [Upon you-]

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