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Contact ID #:

Participants:

Ab = Abdel Haleem Al Ashqar

Mo = Mohamed Siam

Ja = Jamil Hamami

Uf = Unidentified Female

Abbreviations:

Italics

Spoken in Foreign Languages

IA

Inaudible

UI

Unintelligible

PH

Phonetic

[]

Background Conversation / Noise / Translator's comments

SC

Simultaneous conversation

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Ab: ...[UI] about the interior and what goes to the interior. And this is another point...[UI] we are talking about it at this late hour...[UI] to pray. I mean, my brother, for the mosque over here, one mosque alone, the mosque that is in Passaic, the one over at Abou Ibrahim's locality, they've put in it until now as much as that is sent to Intifada inside. The mosque in their locality, the mosque at Omar Yehya's locality - Santa Clara - \$6 millions. The Fund itself did not transfer \$6 million since its inception. Louisiana, doctor, New Orleans, I was talking to them yesterday..., [Noise]... Abdullah Thabet went to New Orleans for a week, to New Orleans for a week, 105,000. As far as us, ever since the Fund was established, since the day charity work started 105,000 were not sent to Palestine from Louisiana. Jamal El Said, in just one charity dinner, in one charity dinner, \$449,000 to expand the mosque. Since the inception of the Intifada until now, 150,000 did not go to Palestine. Milwaukee, to support the building of the mosque, 256,000 in one dinner. What are saying about Palestine? Indeed, we are talking about Palestine, I mean., we're getting the crumbs of the crumbs, they're collecting for Palestine. Ok. The Fund of, the Association [IAP] itself, the Association [IAP] itself, its budget is almost half a million dollars. Where does a half million dollars come from? But, It is obvious. I mean, are we fooling each other? From what we collect for the interior. The half million dollar..., the half million is earmarked for the budget. What are you going to deduct from it?. And indeed, one would see like this. Indeed, one would be burning inside. What are you saying and what are you transferring to the interior? Indeed, come up with the total amount that was transferred since the Intifada started until now does not amount to expenses of the mosque in America, neither in...[UI] nor Santa Clara. \$6 millions. The mosque of Santa Clara cost \$6 millions. The mosque, if you go to it, doctor, in Boston, the one belonging to Nour Eddin, it cost millions. We not saying don't build mosques, my brother. But, still, everything should be according to what it deserves. And then we raise slogans... [Background noise]. Yes, Hussein. [Unintelligible background talk and noise]. The tea has sugar, right?

Uf: Yes, it does.

Ab: Welcome.

Mo: Welcome. Welcome. Yes, my friend.

Ja: Let him..., let him just finish.

Mo: Go ahead.

Ab: So, I..., I responded to him. Anyway, after I responded to him, they wanted to

handle the sheik's program. Indeed, we were not aware, I mean, of..., what do you call it? With.... We introduce him to the youths in the cities, but we don't have a network and none of us is completely free, I mean, not a single one, really. I am studying and those who are helping me like Walid and like this and that, none of them is free.[UI] and Hassan fill out the letters that we sent or sometimes, I bring students from the university to help me, I mean. There are no..., there are no expenses at all, I mean, whatsoever. [UI] Hassan, O Hassan. He asked me about the program...[UI]. I told him: "O my dear friend, tell me what he had told you". He told me: "Look, Aboul Hasan, I do whatever they ask me to do". I told him, "Fine"...[UI]. Later, the meeting was held in New Jersey. It was held in New Jersey and there you are, they're submitting a suggestion to merge the Aqsa project with the Foundation. What are the justifications that they..., I mean, that they mentioned? That, I mean, we cannot go to people, they will embarrass us. What the difference in the first place? People collect donations every Friday in the first place. Every Friday and people don't care, I mean, who comes to them. Almost every Friday there is a fundraising. Second, you are...[UI] the scene, I mean. That is it...[UI]. There is no room for anybody else. Third, we are about to start having multiple fronts. Fourth, We will to start a period in which people..., people really want to support Palestine. They don't need to be accused. They could pay from the standpoint of supporting education, I mean. Fifth, you tell me what are the red lines? Let us work? Tell me what are the red lines and I will move away from them. What do you think? I swear by God, O doctor, I mean, really, I feel for the first time that a brother might conspire against his brother, might....[UI] for his brother. I find myself in a coordinated meeting. The voting was limited to members...[UI]. They talk to him about voting for a project or for cancelling it and were it not for the God, praised His name be, therefore, indeed, Dr. ...[UI] was present...[UI] in this manner. Why do you reject that, Aboul Hasan, and why do you want it in this manner? So, they said, the jest of the matter is that I should bring a guest or make a fundraising tour at the mosques once a year and before doing this I should call and coordinate with the Fund. Abou Ibrahim said, "Coordinate with Shukri". He said, "Are you going to coordinate with Abou Ibrahim". I said, "It doesn't make a difference me to coordinate with whom". He said: "Shukri". Let me say it verbally exactly as Shukri said it, he said, "Just leave for us the month of Ramadan and leave the month of October to us". I told him, "I told him, "What did Shukri tell you?". He said that you should agree about it between the two of you. Fine? I was as if I left the meeting, by God... [SC]

Mo: What is the special thing about the month of October?

Ab: Because of the festivals that take place in it. I mean, festivals take place in it. So, it is almost...[UI] Ramadan and this...[UI]. [Sighs] To tell you the truth, I left the meeting angry. You feel the brother has conspired and you really feel that, I mean, that...er, and Abou Ibrahim is being exploited. I swear by God, he is a kind man,

but the good part about him is that his kindness is necessary sometimes and it is possible that he listen. They destroy and, I mean, indeed, I feel like the matters started to..., started to... Do you know what, I am upset by God, my brother. I am angry for an individual sees a wrongdoing and is not able to do something. I mean, It is like the Association [IAP], which has become like a company. The head of branches, used to be a volunteer, has become an employee. Why is that? [UI] You bring an employee and you pay him 2000 or 2000 plus every month. The officials of branches have become employees. All of them, everyone's business now is to hold meeting. I swear by God, this is part of the problem or the background. In every meeting this Omar is submitting a request to hire one or two employees. My brother, this can not happen. What for? I swear by God, It is not just me. I mean, indeed, I am inclined to see most of the work be done by the Association [IAP] or... [UI]. The Fund needs full-time employees...[UI]. However, the Association [IAP], I lean towards the idea of depending on the volunteers more than depending on employees. He comes up with one or two in every meeting. I swear by God, even during that meeting, he came up with a request for hiring two people. Most of them are with us; however, without our knowledge, I mean, for your information, I mean. I mean, he will be hired whether we said yes or no. And, in few days, they will say, "We don't have....[UI] in the Fund". Anyway, my brother, there is...[UI] during Ramadan. I talked to Muin in Washington...

Mo: [UI] [Noise] [Sings] Take it easy, my friend. Didn't I tell you that there... Do you know About Yehya.

Ja: Yes, of course.

Mo: How is he?

[Noise].

[UI].

Ja: [UI].

Mo: No, my brother. I don't go...[UI]. I went to them last year.

Ab: *Cheese cake.*

Mo: Ah [Laughs]. For you. Don't bring me. Don't bring something for you. Just bring us some water.

Ab: Yes?

Mo: Bring us some water to drink. Make sure it is cold. Take us to the washroom.
[Noise].

Ab: Hassan. Hassan.

Mo: [Sighs] I mean, if the matter is solved with a decision, this one will remain upset. Of course, we don't want to lose the brother. I mean, we don't want a brother to get upset. I mean, a brother like that, praised be God. [Sighs].

Ja: What is the decision, I mean, what is the decision...[UI]?

Mo: That is it. Halt it.

Ab: [Noise] May greet you. Welcome. Go ahead. [Noise].

Mo: Thank you. Thank you.

Ab: Do you want to go to the washroom?

Ja: After you finish.

Mo: He is done. He is done. I will leave him venting off to you until I complete the ablution and come back, Ok?

Ab: By God, these things should not happen, I mean. It is not...[UI], I mean.

Mo: No. [UI] We will ask about it...[UI].

Ab: It is Ok, it is Ok Go ahead, my friend.[UI] [Noise]. God ahead, doctor.

Mo: O God!
[Background noise].
Tell...[UI] that he might as well do the ablution.
[Noise].

Ab: Did you sleep well yesterday, our sheik?

Ja: Yesterday? No, by God. I did not sleep.

Ab: You slept yesterday at what do you call him? Khaled?

Ja: Kha....

Ab: It means you did not sleep a lot.

Ja: But, I am not sleepy. I was preoccupied with Khaled yesterday.

Ab: Is Khaled Obaidallah your son-in-law?

Ja: No, man, who is Khaled Obaidallah?

Ab: Then which Khaled?

Ja: Khaled M'arei.

Ab: I don't know him at all.

Ja: You don't know him. Abdul Basit...[UI].

Ab: Abdel Basit Taha.

Ja: Hmm. Is he associated with the Aqsa Fund?

Ab: Khaled Abdel Basit? All guys are eager to work with him.

Ja: [Noise]. Aboul Hareth would have left America.

Ab: It has sugar, but if you would like to add.
[Noise].

Ja: [UI]. Do you know what....[UI]?

Ab: Hmm. [UI] before we leave, by Almighty God.

Ja: Hmm.

Ab: And he is the biggest failure as far as the work that I encounter in my life. He doesn't do anything. Whatsoever. There is no assignment that he undertakes, my brother... I resort to God from God's wrath.

Ja: Now, he is in Beirut. Right?

Ab: Huh. He is a senior official. very, very senior official. When he left, I talked to Mustapha. I told him: "Talal Mustapha; we in the inside have two big things; planning and plans. Uf! We like to become visible". But, this man is coming to you, so be careful. He told me, "...[UI]. What should we do, I mean?". I told him, "My brother, you won't be able to work with him if he doesn't know how to work. Lectures and theories and stuff, he will preoccupy you with stuff, theories". He told me, "...[UI]. He was not convinced. Mustapha called me today. He said: "Your words are correct, Aboul Hasan. We had a dispute with him, we had a problem with him". I told him: "You deserved it...[UI]. Don't involve him with the work. You didn't listen". This guy is...[UI], himself and the other guy, Omar.

[Noise].

Ja: Did you wish...[UI] a happy Eid?

Ab: Yes, I did.

Ja: By God, I did not wish him a happy Eid.

Ab: But, I told him the sheiks are dropping by me. He told me: "I am available to help you. I will help you with the drive", thinking that I will be going to the airport twice, I mean.

Ja: By God that I love Muin, O sheik.

Ab: [UI].

Ja: By the way, he wants to move.

Ab: Not yet. All of them go there, my brother. As long as he arrives in Jordan, they will throw him at the bridge. Between you and me, I am not convinced. It is better that he stays here.

Ja: He wants to go to Britain.

Ab: What will he do in Britain?

Ja: Complete his study.

Ab: Man...[UI]. This drives me crazy...[UI]. Studying in Britain will cost 10,000 or 15,000 pounds. And there is the books also. Man, he still works...[UI]. Go ahead, Abou Hamza, by God,...[UI].

Ja: [UI].

Ab: By God,[UI]

Ja: After the prayers, I will eat and then pray, God willing.

Ab: We said that we should stay away from traditional things today. Do not Baklava, Mamoul or anything like that. Eat stuff that is..., I mean...

Ja: Ok. Now, you intend to go to Washington on Thursday?

Ab: I still don't know, my brother. I mean, I don't know. [Pause]. Come in, doctor. [Noise].

Mo: In the name of God.

Ab: May God greet you.

Mo: Peace be upon you.

Ab: Peace be upon you.

Mo: My friend, I performed ablution and returned.

Ja: May be always so, by God.

Mo: Amen, O God. I performed ablution and we would like to pray. I think that we will pray during dawn. That is good.

Ab: Please!

Mo: May your hands be safe.

[Noise].

Mo: Yes, my friend.

Ab: Eat...[UI].

[Noise].

Ab: This is good. *Just to try it*, I mean.

Mo: I know it. I know it well.

Ab: *Just to try it.*

Mo: *I know it well. Is a very good...[UI]. Those who are hungry are...[UI].*

Ab: *Ok.*

Mo: *They don't leave any...*

Ab: [UI].

Mo: *...any, any space on our..*

Ab:[UI].

Mo: Yes.

Ab: Ok. There was....er, I mean...

[Heavy breathing].

Ab: I mean, we were in disagreement. Omar Yehya stood up...

Mo: Yes.

Ab: ...and said, "As long as I am the president of the Association [IAP], I will not deal with the Aqsa Fund". I told him, "Have we become factions now, man? What kind of dealing is this?".

Mo: Hmm.

Ab: "Is it gangs? You deal with us or don't deal with us?". He said, "I will not deal under the current leadership". And Isam El-Saraj is alive and well, I mean. Thanks to God, praised His name be, he was present, Isam. Indeed, I was upset. I mean, I was upset. It is the first position or the second position or the third position. Anyway, there is Al Aqsa Fund. I told Muin during the month..., before the month of Ramadan, "Contact Shukri and tell him that Al Aqsa Fund is organizing a trip for Sheik Jamil Hamami in America".

Mo: What was Muin's position?

[Noise].

Ab: Muin, without a doubt, is a volunteer who is helping me. He is with us in the committee, the Palestine Committee, I mean.

Mo: Hmm.

Ab: He contacted Shukri and Muin is well and alive. He told him, "Shukri, Al Aqsa Fund is bringing a guest". I had not..., I mean, I did not tell him that Sheik Jamil is the guest. He said, "We know that sheik Jamil is coming. They told us in Britain that Sheik Jamil is coming and Abdel Haleem is taking the matter personally, but it is not a personal issue. At any rate, we don't know how to bring guests. We are working with the local ones we have and you rely on God". Muin checked and this what Shukri said. He contacted Omar and Omar's position is known; it is hostile and he does not want to cooperate. He told Muin, "There is no room, I mean...[UI]. So, he told him, "...[UI], sheik Jamil would cover..., I mean, many areas during the month of Ramadan".

Mo: Hmm. I'm with you.

Ab: [Sighs]. Er..., he contacted me the other day and said, "We are on the phone at Abou Hammam and Khaled and the youths are at my end. We would like to talk to you about the issue of Sheik Jamil's trip". By God, my brother, I'm not willing to talk to you about the issue of sheik Jamil. the one who spoke with me was Omar.

Mo: Hmm.

Ab: "And I..., Khaled..., I will bring Abou Hammam. I will see him in Washington tomorrow". He told me, "I mean,...".

Mo: Who is this Khaled?

Ab: Khaled Al Masri. "I will meet with Khaled in Washington tomorrow.

[Noise].

Ab: Khaled is currently in charge of the countries. I met Khaled in Washington on the following day. I told him, "Khaled...". He told me in brief, "We all have a problem. Try to solve it. If you don't solve it between now and the month of May, we will then solve it"

[Noise].

Ab: "Sheikh Jamil's trip is a part..., I mean, is an outcome of the bigger problem or..., I mean, it has...er. Meaning, solving the bigger problem will solve everything, I mean".

Mo: Hmm.

Ab: Few days later, this so-called Omar called me and said, "We will conduct a telephone call, a telephone conference in order to vote on sheik Jamil's trip on the third..., on the third of March. I told him, "My brother, I available March third anyway before the...[UI]". I told him, "My brother, what is your connection with it so that you would vote on it? This trip is being organized by Al Aqsa Fund. What is your relationship to it so that you would vote on it?" He told me..., I told him, "Your position is hostile and impeding. You're opposing the project and, during the meeting, you said, "We will not cooperate. What do you want to vote on? He told me, "No. We would like to vote on it and...er. Do you want to join it or not? I told him, "I will not come". He said, "Fine. Peace be with you", and he was gone. In the same night, by God,[UI] it was cold...[UI]. By God, it remained low.

[Noise].

Mo: In the past....[UI], Aboul Hasan. He was against the work.[UI] [Laughs]. May God protect.

[Nosie].

Ja: Do you know what is the main problem, Abu Mahmoud?

Mo: Huh?

Ja The one who has a big portion does not want to...[UI].

Mo: Or work big.

Ja: This is a problem.

Mo: Hmm.

[Pause dominated by background noise].

Ab: The twenty third of February.

Mo: "The committee convened to discuss the fundraising trip of sheik Jamil. It

reached the following decision: Sheik Jamil's program will continue as planned previously by Al Aqsa Fund, but under the supervision of the Holy Land Fund, *HLF*, whereby collected donations will be forwarded to the *HLF*. Spending these funds will be decided between the *HLF* and Sheik Jamil".

Ab: This is what...[UI]. Of course....[UI].

[Pause dominated by background noise].

Mo: Hmm.

Ab: Yes. Of course...er, ...[UI]. The so-called Omar and his clan, I'm sorry that one is using these terms By God, sheik, I have not..., I have not seen in my life such matters in a Brotherhood atmosphere where they call the regions and[UI]. I mean, it is a way that has no consideration, manners or behavior.

Mo: Hmm.

Ab: The sheik went to New York first of all. We had agreed with Zein. Nothing happened during the first two days. Wednesday and Thursday. Here is Abou Hamza is well and alive. Is that correct, Abou Hamza?

Mo: Hmm.

Ab: I mean, ...[UI] we coordinated with him. He told me, "By God, brother Abdel Haleem, there is a lot of talk and you are the Brothers". He told me, "I have no relationship with the Brothers...[UI]. But, is this how the Brothers deal?". I mean, Nashville, did you get anything from it? He told me, "I made a lot of calls. I spoke a lot, there is a lot of talk. We don't know how to operate and we don't know how to move". The following day, Friday, he was supposed to be at...er, at Al Farouq, right? [Sighs]. Omar called again and started saying that there are problems in the regions. By God, we are sitting over here. He called Charlotte. He tried to cancel the activity or he cancelled the activity. He called Philadelphia. He used all he has of provoking and impoliteness so that they cancel the activity. He called New Jersey, called Isam, Riyad and all the people. Problems are flaring up all over the regions. Who is causing them to flare up? At any rate, he continued. I mean, he was in...er, in Buffalo for an Al Aqsa activity. The following day in New Jersey, the third day in Philadelphia. The activity was proceeding, thanks be to God, it was fine. I mean, there were no problems and here is Sheikh Jamil, I mean, and you could ask him any questions. My brother, people don't have a problem to pay to Al Aqsa, they have no problem with that. There are no problems, I mean. He is the one who made the problem and he started telling people that there is a problem. I am indeed....[UI]. Er..., the

following day..., Al Aqsa massacre took place, of course. Now, Al Aqsa massacre took place. Ok, my friend, the decision was reached prior to Al Asa massacre. What am I going to say, I mean? What is donated to education is not going to Palestine? So, a letter came from...[UI] [Noise].

Mo: "In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful. March first. Beloved brother, Aboul Hasan, May God pray....[UI] God's mercy and blessings. Kind greetings and greetings to sheik Siam...[UI]. My greetings to your family and greetings from Om Omar. Beloved one, I have become aware of your current situation and...[UI]. The situation is serious to the extent it forewarns of unpleasant consequences [Noise] [UI] to offer advice. The dissent which causes each party to cling to his opinion should be curbed...[UI] and it is an obligation that predates a religious tradition to which...er, a religious tradition that you follow".

Ab:[UI].

Mo: ...a religious tradition...

Ab:[UI].

Ja: ...[UI].

Mo: And, and, and, and a previous obligation for a religious tradition which....

Ab: Which was evolved.

Mo: ...which evolved to it. God has commanded us..., commanded us while we are in disagreement...[UI]. My honorable brother, I hope that you suspend your activity until I arrive in America and work on solving the disagreement. Sheik Jamil is to join the program of your brothers and I have written to him accordingly.

Ja: I have not received the letter.

Ab: ...[UI] did not receive it.

Mo: A copy to members of Palestine Committee. A copy to Sheik Jamil, Abou Hemmam, to the file.

Ab: Ok. We received the letter.

Mo: [Sighs].

Ab: Isam called me. So, I told him, "I mean, after Friday if the sheik agrees. Of course,

I will tell sheik Jamil, I mean, if he agrees, *I'm Ok*, I mean....[UI]". As far as Abou Omar is concerned, honestly, the one who is arbitrating in case ought to listen to the other party's opinion. I mean, it is not right. It is as if I'm the one who is causing the dissent. I mean, this is the entire problem. This is the...

Mo: [Laughs]. What are you? You also want to arbitrate in the case? May God greet you?

Ab: Fine, he told me... But, I mean....

Ja: Yes. But, I told you that Abou Omar has no choice except... [SC]

Ab: [SC] Why should only be this? Why?

Ja: Abu Omar's statement... [SC].

Mo: [SC] This is how they took it....

Ja: Abou Omar's statement, my brother, is balanced. We are not..., we are not going to butter you up.

[Noise].

Ab: [UI], but the decision.

Ja: The decision is balanced.

Mo: The decision is right.

Ab: Listen, my brother...

Ja: My brother, he is not coming to solve... My brother,...[SC].

Ab: [SC] He is establishing a course.

Ja: My brother,[SC].

Mo: I mean, do you....[SC].

[Unintelligible group talk].

Ja: No, no. I..., I would like to defend this issue.

Ab: Does this statement solve the problem?

Ja: Abou Mahmoud, my friend, Abou..., Abou Omar's letter came after the massacre.

Mo: Yes.

Ja: Abou Omar was influenced by the effect of the massacre.

Mo: Yes.

Ja: And every human being was influenced by this effect. There is a problem. Can Abou Omar, and if you were in his shoes and facing a problem like this one, huh? Can Abou Omar tell you, tell Al Aqsa Fund, "Continue your program", while we have Al Aqsa massacre?

Mo: And let the affairs exasperate?

Ja: To tell you the truth, no.

Ab: At any rate, my brother.

Ja: I mean, you..., may God reward you good, adhered to... [SC].

Mo: Yes, but grudgingly.

Ja: Regardless.

Mo: They told me, "He adhered grudgingly". I told them, "I will accept his dissatisfaction because your brother is..., I mean, ...", huh?

Ja: By God, he adhered and I have a good belief in him that it was not grudgingly, that what is upsetting him was the problem background. But, as far as adhering grudgingly or not....

Mo: Wait, wait, wait. Are you saying that you have the good belief that it was not grudgingly? There is going to be an explosion in the relationship if the problem is not solved.

Ja: [UI].

Mo: You will be angry at any rate.

Ja: Fine, Ok. [Laughs].

Mo: It will be fine. It will be fine. Look, my brother...

Ab: Just let me say these couple words and I will be through, God willing.

Mo: Ok. But, just few words. I will let you say a couple of words which will take ten minutes.

Ab: [Sighs] Er..., I mean, after few days, this Omar called me and said...er.

Ja: Do you know that you are upsetting us when you say, "This Omar".

Mo: No. The so-called Omar...

Ja: He is your brother...

Mo: The so-called Omar [SC].

Ja & Mo: [SC] [UI].

Mo: ...[UI] this so-called Omar more than once. [Laughs].

Ab: I truly...er, I mean,, God willing [UI]

Mo: Proceed.

Ab: I am indeed upset and I'm telling every...

Mo: He called you. He called you.

Ab: I don't know that...[UI]. He called me. He said...er. Him and Dr. Isam called me, I mean.

Mo: Hmm.

Ab: He said that he... Of course, I was talking with Isam about everything...[UI]. I said, "I have one condition which is restoring the respect of the guest because he really insulted him and offended him. He is a guest..., a guest at Al Aqsa, a guest with us and it is not right that such a person insult him, not him or anyone else".

Mo: Hmm.

Ab: He told me, "Your words are right and, God willing, I will speak with him". Indeed, he said that he will apologize to him. A little while later, he said, "We

want to call to see if you and the sheik could come to Dallas to make amends to him and stuff'. My brother, what making amends you're talking about? After you have ruined the whole thing?

Mo: Omar is the one who called you?

Ab: Yes, him and Abou Mohamad. Dr. Isam and...

Mo: Yes.

Ab: After you ruined the whole thing, you are trying to reconcile. From the start, my brother, you should have prevented matters from reaching what they reached. Yesterday or the day before, my brother, he sent me this letter...[UI] [Noise]. Please, my brother, please....

Mo: In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful. The honorable brother, may God keep and help him. Peace be with you and God's blessings. Greetings and respect. I hope that Almighty God will accept from you...[UI] your fasting and your obedience during this noble month. We extend to you an invitation to join us in our meeting, to be held on March 19 to 20 in the City of Dallas. The meeting will commence at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and end at 3:00 pm. on Sunday. Please make all arrangements and ticket reservations before it is too late and inform Osama of the arrival times. Also, I kindly request you to prepare what you deem appropriate..., interpretations and others.

Ab: Reports.

Mo: Forgive me. Reports. May God accept your obedience and happy returns. Your brother, Abou Mohamad, meaning Omar.

Ja: This is not..., not in Washington.

Ab: No. They wanted me to go to Dallas. For what? I don't know. He didn't call, of course. He faxed this document to me.

Mo: Is this sent to more than one party?

Ab: What? [SC]

Ja: [SC] Yes, by God.

Mo: Is it sent to more than....

Ja: It was sent to more than one party.

Ab: He talked to ...[UI] over the phone and he sent it to him.

Mo: Ok. Talk, my sheik.

Ja: [Sighs] [UI], Abou Mahmoud.

Mo: Hmm. [UI], I mean.

Ja: [Laughs].

Mo: Look, my brother, Aboul Hasan, I don't want..., [Noise]. I don't want you to consider..., I don't want you to consider the statement that I will make...

Ab: Yes. Just a moment.

Mo: Please. [Noise].

[Pause].

Mo: I don't want you to consider the statement that I will make an attempt to sooth the souls nor an eagerness for reconciliation, nor an attempt to stir emotions. [UI]. Rather, I will state what I have and God will take care of the rest.

Ab: You said well.

Mo: If the intention and the goal are for the sake of God, there is no need for anger whether from here or there.

Ab: May God reward you good.

Mo: This..., this is one point. I mean, excuse me, whether me or you. Since the goal is for the sake of God, accept my statement. Accept my statement. I mean, for example, I don't blame anyone. I hope that, I mean, I wish to deduce that it is not worth it to be angry at each other and become rivals while we are brothers. We are brothers in order to work for the sake of God. On the contrary, I wanted to ask..., I wanted to ask... [sighs] about bringing in non-Brothers into work and I found out that this practice is adopted by you and them. But, this is just a passing question, I mean. I wanted to ask about the registration; under whose name is Al Aqsa Fund registered. I mean, you put..., when...er, when you registered it at..., at your location, in Tennessee.

Ab: Mississippi.

Mo: What? Mississippi. Or the organization is not necessarily showing someone in charge of it so that...

Ab: [UI].

Mo: It is registered under certain people.

Ab: Yes.

Mo: Good. Responding to some things, including competing over the mosques. Your Fund... [SC].

Ab: [SC] And the Foundation.

Mo: ...competed as a foundation the Fund of your brothers...[UI]. Er..., this is based on...er, I mean, based on numerous evidences.

Ab: [UI], why? Because it is...[UI]. [SC]

Mo: [SC] [UI] for example, I mean, they want an Friday from sheik Jamal and....er, he told them, "By God, this Friday is taken by Al Aqsa and that's it. This is sufficient for you as Palestinians to have the Friday and....".

Ab: Tsk. I would like to speak about Sheik Jamal.

Mo: No, no, no. Let me first finish and then you...

Ab: Fine.

Mo: ...can speak about sheik Jamal. Another point is competing with them over employees and you have admitted it. You are at odds since the beginning and want to...er, ...er, I mean, excuse me, in a way or another you want to take advantage of their employees...

Ab: When it came to hiring representatives, by God, I...[UI].

Mo: Hmm.

Ab: What do you mean?

Mo: You put..., put down appointing representatives. I mean, Walid, Walid Abou

Sharkh, doesn't he work or not?

Ab: No, my brother. He does not work. Walid Abou Sharkh, he is based in the region. He does not work.

Mo: How is that? Walid used to work before...[UI] for example...[UI] with them, not with you.

Ab: What do you mean with them and with me?

Mo: He does not work, I mean, he is a Brother or is in charge of his region and he is restricted to work for the Fund.

Ab: Walid Abou Sharkh works for all people. He works for Tunisia and he works for the...er, for his mosque and he works for the Fund. Walid Abou Sharkh is a man in charge in his region due to his presence in the mosque and due to his association with some people, they call him.

Mo: They are the ones who are employing him. They are employing him. If you want to employ someone, employee someone else.

Ab: No, my brother. Pray on the prophet.

Mo: Prayers be upon him.

Ab: Currently, Walid works for them and he works for the Tunisians as well.

Mo: I mean, how the situation will look if I came to Walid and....[UI] [SC].

Ab: [SC] He will..., he will..

Mo: [SC] "You have the Occupied Land Foundation..., the Holy Land Foundation, and you have Al Aqsa Education Fund. By God, why don't you establish a Student Fund by the way. Wouldn't there..., wouldn't there a competition?

Ab: Doctor, just allow me. I mean, this is important. I mean, for now, what does "Working for them" mean?

Mo: It means that you are... [SC]

Ab: [SC] A representative for ...

Mo: ...that you are..., I mean, that you took an effort which you did not start. It is not

your Fund that you started it .

Ab: No, my brother. This is not what it means. Then, the sons of the inside and I am responsible for the sons of the inside. Then, Walid is one of the sons of the inside. Then, this is ours and not theirs. Isn't this the way you want to...

Mo: Fine, fine. [SC]. But, by God, the word.... Fine, fine.

Ab: [SC] But the imam of the mosque right now... When the Fund comes and says...[SC].

Ja: Abdel Halim, Abdel Halim, may God keep you. It is not right that there is.., there is a Brotherhood organization; an organization that is overseeing this work altogether. The fact that I then come to compete with it, I can compete with it at the mosque and with the Brother who is in charge. This is a point that is taken against you. I have not seen Abou Omar. By God, Abou Omar might tell you tomorrow, God willing, "Come on. My friend, we told you about an activity, which we don't mind. However, look for..., for a new arena". We are not tasked. By God, me and sheik, by God, are not tasked.

Ab: [SC] I'm..., I'm telling you that...

Mo: [SC] By God, Lord of the Two Worlds, we are not tasked and we are associated with the matter.

Ja: [UI].

Mo: But, we are upset about..., about the issue. I tell you something, my brother, we will provide you with a background on how to talk to your brother and to respond and answer to these charges.

Ab: Ok. But, I also..., I am indeed..., I mean, it is important for me [SC].

Mo: [SC]. I know.

Ab: [SC] I mean, may God reward you good. It is a good initiative. Let us call it an individual initiative from the standpoint of good intention and...[UI][SC].

Mo: [SC] We are not connected to it. We are leaving tomorrow and you are free.

Ab: But, I am too, it matters to me, indeed, that I point out the truth which is...

Mo: The truth is that you competed with them over the workers, er..., the workers, over

the mosques and workers. Splitting the community. For sure, there are people, I mean, ...

Ja: There are people who look for dissent.

Mo: They told me that they promised you with a budget for you. Why didn't you accept it from them? They promised you with a budget, if it is true. So, why didn't you agree? I mean, a summary of that is don't you think that your Fund is competing the Occupied Land Fund? You say...er, the issue of mosques, half a million, I don't know where and three quarters of a million and two millions and five millions. Yes. But, why are they responsible for Chicago and responsibility for Milwaukee and their responsibility for..., what does it concern them whether they send one or ten cents to the inside.

Ab: Yes.

Mo: The Foundation is entirely dedicated for the inside. The entire Foundation is entirely dedicated for the inside, working according to its capability. It is supposed that we encourage this capability and that..., I mean, like I said initially, that there should be a budget for education, that there should be...etc. Er..., there is no conspiracy. They do not forsake education. There is no conspiracy and there was a meeting. Therefore, the conspiracy charge is refuted. It is possible that few people have agreed with each other, but, but it is refuted and the proof is the issue of Isam...[UI] [SC].

Ab: [SC] No. Isam is not with us.

Mo: It is not that.

Ab: No. Isam is not with us in the committee.

Mo: Isam. I know. I know. Isam stood apart from your brothers. Isam...er, I don't know if you heard about that or not. Isam cried because of the situation that you are in.

Ja: He was pained.

Mo: Yes, I mean, he was pained. And he told Abou Ibrahim and the brothers, "Fear God about your brother and handle the issue wisely".

Ab: Isam...[UI]. One time we went. He was invited due to his position in the...[SC]..

Mo: Isam's position is still honorable and he is talking, I mean, out of the general interest and....er. When you invited Sheik Jamil from London, didn't the office

contact him?

Ab: No, my brother.

Ja: No, no, no. I was invited from the homeland.

Ab: I called him long time ago, my brother.

Mo: My friend, suppose I was invited from the homeland...

Ab: Yes.

Mo: ...and I was invited from far away and I arrived. I arrived in America. Fine?

Ab: Sheik Jamil, my brother, arrived on Tuesday and...[UI].

Mo: Fine. My honorable brother, and he started speaking after the massacre because he didn't speak on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ab: On Wednesday and Thursday.

Mo: On Wednesday and Thursday.

Ab: Yes.

Mo: What I aim for is that I am coming from Yemen. I came from Yemen and I am not aware of the massacre and I would like to talk the Occupied Land Foundation, the one which we support. So ,when the massacre took place, we took advantage of it in Europe and in....[UI] to the point that the balance was tipped off because where is the massacre and where is education? This is in response to your statement, I mean, "So what about the massacre? I mean, people are not going to donate to education?....".

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