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ISRAELI POLICE

Passport Number: 026277193  
NAME: Jamil Sarsour  
MARITAL STATUS: Married  
Sex: M  
Religion: Moslem  
DOB: 1951  
Place of birth: Bet-Lehem  
Place of residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A.  
Occupation: Businessman, U.S.A.  
\*Father's name: Salam (grandfather) Suleiman  
Parent's place of residence: El-Beera

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Date: 12/2/98  
Time: 10:35  
Place: JeruSalam  
Interviewed by: Officer David Mizrachi, badge #44857

My name is Police Officer David Mizrachi, badge number 44857. I am informing you, you are still a suspect after your previous declaration, and you are under police investigation. You don't have to declare anything against your will, but everything you say will be recorded by me and can be used against you.  
[signatures: David Mizrachi, Jail Sarsour.]

After reading the paragraph above to the suspect, and after translating it and explaining it to him, the suspect states he is ready to declare everything he knows. I understand what has been said to me. I already stated I have been in the U.S. since 1970, and I have been visit my homeland from time to time. In 1988 I met some people through one of my neighbors in El-Beera, Sheikh Hasan Yusif, 43 years old, married. He is the principal of a school in Ramallah. When I came for a visit he introduced me to some people, among them Ibrahim Abu Salam Bin (UI)<sup>4</sup>, a Hizbalah activist living in Ramallah and Abu-Israq, a relative of Sheikh Hasan Yusif, (UI) about 50 years old, married. I also met a fellow by the name of Abu Omar Jamal, aka Sheikhh Jamal, originally from El-Beera. He is a school teacher, married, about 35 years old, who had been imprisoned in Ramallah, "Sheikhh Islam", and others. They are all religious people, and every time I came to visit my family they tried to convince me to become a member of Hizballah. At the end of the 80's the

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<sup>4</sup> LS NOTE: The text is blurred, and extremely difficult to read. There may be facts and names missing.

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underground members decided to add a second floor to a building where they held their meetings, opposite to the cemetery. I gave them \$1,000 to help them out with the construction. Around 1990, Sheikh Mohammed Abu Tair approached me. He is around 50 years old and he is also known as "Abu Mossar". He asked me to become a member of HAMAS. At first, I didn't give him an answer. Afterwards, I spoke to Mohammed about it and he decided it was better if I didn't become an active member of the organization, but I should send them money from the U.S. instead, without becoming a member. I know that Sheikh Mohammed Abu Tair was a member of HAMAS at the time, he was one of the leaders and possibly the head of HAMAS in that area, but I am not sure about that. In 1990 he traveled to Great Britain, and he remained there. About 4 years ago, I went to El-Beera to visit my family. (UI)'s father-in-law came into the house [two lines are illegible] our neighbor, she lives in El-Beera and is related to my mother-in-law. She asked me to take a package with me to the U.S. in order for me to send it by mail to Great Britain.

Question: Are you allowed to send a closed package by mail to Great Britain?

Answer: Yes, it is possible to send a package like that to Great Britain.

Question: Why did they ask you to send the package from the U.S. to Great Britain instead of sending it directly to Great Britain with someone going directly there?

Answer: I don't know why, but when people ask for a favor, one should try to help them out. It is unusual that someone should ask one to take a package to another country.

Question: Did you see what was in the box?

Answer: Yes, I saw there were plastic boxes.

After I returned to the U.S. I got in touch with Mohammed by phone, and asked him for his address. I sent the box by mail from the U.S. to Great Britain. In 1995, my brother Salah, 42 years of age, traveled to El-Beera. When he arrived, he heard that his brother-in-law, Sheikh Nassar, his wife's brother, 35 years old was an activist for HAMAS. His brother-in-law made my brother his companion, taking him from place to place, gave him money for food and other. I don't know exactly what happened, but my brother was arrested and convicted to spend 8 months in the prison at Ramallah. I think Sheikh Nassar was arrested by Palestinian Police. While my brother was in the prison at Ramallah, I went to see Salah, and I saw Adel Awdallah, and Mohammed Abu Tair there too. My brother and Adel Awdallah shared a cell and they had become very good friends. I already declared that I had given money in 1991. Adel Awdallah asked me to help out with money again, and told me Israel and the Palestinian authorities were after him. I passed money over to Adel Awdallah several times, and my brother sent money to him through me several times too. I had already stated this before. I brought checks from our business. My brother and I are partners. Each

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time I came I brought a \$2,000 check and I cashed it in (UI) [possibly, money exchange] at Ramallah. This was around 1997-1998. I used to bring \$2,000 on behalf of my brother, and I would add \$1,000 from myself. The checks that my brother Salah gave me were from a (UI) bank in Milwaukee, from the business account. We didn't want to use personal checks from either one of us so that the government shouldn't trace the checks back to us personally. We did it this way so we could take checks abroad and send money to Adel Awdallah. The account is in my brother Salah and my name. Question: Who's money was in the bank account?

Answer: The money was Salah's even though the account was in both of our names. We had the account in partnership so I could also sign the checks. [There are a few illegible lines. Apparently, some of the money from that account went to other pro-Palestinian organizations such as the Holyland Foundation.] Not only my brother contributed money, but I deposited money in that account as well. There were people asking for money for those who died for the Holy cause, the Holyland Foundation, called H.L.F. There are other organizations, such as the Islamic Center in Milwaukee. The head of this organization is Dr. San Mehakistan (ph). Before him, this organization had been headed by Dr. (UI), author of the book "Islamic Union". My brother Ahmad is a member of the Islamic Center. There is an individual by the name Salam Hamdan (ph) who is also a member of this center. He is about 50 years old. He lives presently in Milwaukee and owns a supermarket. He is in charge of the funds of the Islamic Center. As far as I know he doesn't give money to HAMAS, but the Holyland Foundation does give money to HAMAS. There is another Palestinian organization called Islamic Association for Palestine. It is connected to the H.L.F. My brother Salah works for this organization also. He collected funds for this organization. When we heard in the U.S. that Adel and his brother Ahmad Awdallah were killed by soldiers he cried for them. He was very sad because they were good friends. My brother decided he wanted to vindicate their deaths, and decided to plan an attack against Israel. I don't know if he did anything or he just said he would do such a thing, but he was arrested. When I went for a visit in 1995, Sheikh Hasan Yusif asked me for money to build himself a house in El-Beera. Up until then he was living in a tent, and I gave him \$2,000 on loan, and he paid me back. Sheikhh Jamal also asked me for \$2,000. I am sorry I gave him the money because he never paid me back. There is a student in the [Palestinian] University Bet-Zayt. His name is Muhassin Abu Atwe (ph) (UI) and he asked me for \$1,000 on loan for (UI). This happened in 1993, and he never paid me back. [There is some (UI) text mentioning Walled Abu Zayd.] (UI), about 50 years old, asked me to send him \$750 a month for 14 months, but since other people had not paid me back, I refused. I already stated that I know that my brother was detained because of his connections with HAMAS organizations, but I didn't contribute to

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any HAMAS organization directly, I only gave money to some of its members.

Question: Maybe the money went to a HAMAS organization?

Answer: It is possible that I have contributed indirectly. I am in a list of organizations that are constantly sending out mailings for financial support. I occasionally send money to organizations that may be connected to HAMAS without me know it. People know I have money and they plead for help. I am sure organizations connected to HAMAS have me in their mailing lists as well. I sometimes contribute \$100 or so to different organizations. I just put the money in an envelope and mail it. It may reach somebody else's address. I think all these organizations got my address from the Islamic Center. I am going to provide you with the names of some people who come to Milwaukee to collect money, Khalid Shebawo (ph)<sup>5</sup> around 30 years old, originally from Lebanon. His father-in-law works for my brother Salah in the furniture store; Rahman (UI) Abu Hasurya, 30 years old, from Lebanon. His brother-in-law has a supermarket in Milwaukee. I mentioned him before, the treasurer of HLF. He goes around collecting money. In 1992 Ahmad Nawfal (ph) came to Milwaukee to collect money. My father (ph) [LS is not sure, text is blurred] invited him for dinner, and I joined them too. He is about 55 years old and he came accompanied by Akram Al-Araby, from Lebanon [(UI) text] collecting money. (UI) today he lives in El-Beera. Another individual (UI), about 45 years old approached me while I was in El-Beera. He told me the Islamic Center wanted to help the people at the West bank, and they needed my help. I told him I couldn't help him because I was going back to the U.S. This happened also at some Islamic meeting where I met Akram, I believe in Washington, before 1993.  
I acknowledge this to be the truth with my signature.  
[signatures: David Mizrachi, Jail Sarsour.]

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<sup>5</sup> LS Note: All names are phonetically written. LS does not speak Arabic, and the names were written phonetically in Hebrew too.