The Muslim Student Association (MSA), Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) and the IAP were all part of the Muslim Brotherhood establishment in the U.S. in the late 1980s, and all were relatively public in the Muslim community as such. The Palestine Committee was the secret component of the Muslim Brotherhood that was specifically designed to support Hamas.

During this time, between 1985 and 1988, the IAP held the "Day of Palestine" component within the MUSLIM ARAB YOUTH ASSOCIATION (MAYA) conferences. This "Day of Palestine" would sometimes have meetings/events at area universities and would be carried under the MSA. They would also be held at area Islamic centers with the blessing from the Islamic center leadership. The IAP would put up pictures, posters, and play recorded videos and speeches in order to bring attention to the occupation in Palestine. Sometimes there would be dinners at these locations with a speech, after which donations would be collected. The locations of these events would depend on how active the Palestinian community was in certain areas of the country.

Between October and November of 1988, the IAP held its first independent conferences all around the United States. This was the first time the IAP held its own conference in lieu of having the "Day of Palestine" session within the annual MAYA conference held in December. All of the leaders of the Palestine Committee would attend both conferences (the IAP and MAYA), because most of its leaders were involved with both organizations: MAYA as the Muslim Brotherhood, and IAP (via the Palestine Committee) as Hamas. For example, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) , and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) were all leaders within both MAYA and the Palestine Committee at this time.

In December of 1989, MAYA held its annual convention in Kansas City, Missouri. (Note: Shorbagi was shown a video of an IAP conference which Shorbagi positively identified the video as the 1989 conference in Kansas City and confirmed that he was present at the conference) By this point, Hanooti was considered a public figure and a heavyweight advisor. Hanooti was able to organize an IAP conference for one day following the MAYA conference in Kansas City. It was a way to bootstrap off of the MAYA conference and carry the momentum since many Muslims were in town for the MAYA conference. These conferences provided a platform for guest speakers to come in from outside of the U.S. All of the speeches were in support of Hamas. The guest speakers in attendance at this convention were as follows: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) a Muslim Brotherhood

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