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Participants:

Ab = Abdel Haleem Al Ashqar
Mo = Mohamed Siam
Ja = Jamil Hamami
Uf = Unidentified Female

Abbreviations:

<i>Italics</i>	Spoken in Foreign Languages
IA	Inaudible
UI	Unintelligible
PH	Phonetic
[]	Background Conversation + Noise/Translator's comments
SC	Simultaneous conversation

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Ab: 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"....

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: 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 [LAP], 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."

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.

[Noise].

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".

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 Siarn...[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: 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.

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.
