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Time of call: 2:53 p.m.
Destination: Incoming
To: 601-236 7488
From: Unknown
Speakers: ABDELHALEM ASHQAR
ABDEL AZIZ AL-RANTISI
Abbreviations: Simultaneous conversation [SC]

1 ASHQAR: Hello.

2 AL-RANTISI: Peace be on you.

3 ASHQAR: Welcome and on you be peace, with God's compassion.

4 AL-RANTISI: Hello. How are you doing?

5 ASHQAR: May God greet you, Doctor. How do you feel? Excuse me for a
6 moment...just a moment please [background noise]. Hello.

7 AL-RANTISI: Hello, welcome.

8 ASHQAR: How are you doing?

9 AL-RANTISI: Hello.

10 ASHQAR: Hello.

11 AL-RANTISI: How are you doing, Abu Hasan?

12 ASHQAR: Welcome, Doctor. How are you feeling?

13 AL-RANTISI: Hopefully, you are okay, with the will of God.

14 ASHQAR: How are things going with you?

15 AL-RANTISI: How about you, what's new?

16 ASHQAR: I hope you feel all right. May God bless you. You're most welcome. May
17 God greet you, Doctor.

18 AL-RANTISI: May God also greet you.

19 ASHQAR: Welcome.

20 AL-RANTISI: Um. Didn't you want to try and send the fax now?

21 ASHQAR: By God, I'd try now, brother. There are also a couple of documents that
22 we received for Abu Usama.

23 AL-RANTISI: God bless you. Please go ahead. Oh...yes, yes.

1 ASHQAR: [SC] Yes.
2 AL-RANTISI: With regard to his son's case, isn't so?
3 ASHQAR: No, no, by God. It's a message from Abu ... from Abu Khaled.
4 AL-RANTISI: Yes?
5 ASHQAR: From Abu Khaled Al-Hassanat.
6 AL-RANTISI: Does it include poetry? Or, is it without poetry?
7 ASHQAR: No, without poetry, it seems.
8 AL-RANTISI: Fine, please send it over.
9 ASHQAR: Yes. However, I still wanted to tell you, sir, that the agency verbally
10 informed them of the confession. My dear. The agency informed them of
11 the confession, verbally, I mean...and so far..
12 AL-RANTISI: [SC] Was anything official received?
13 ASHQAR: ...so far, the official letter was not received.
14 AL-RANTISI: [SC] Would this advice be some kind of advance notice?
15 ASHQAR: But Jamal's opinion was that the...emm! That the announcement came too
16 soon.
17 AL-RANTISI: Hmm.
18 ASHQAR: The reason is that there must have been some people who found out about
19 it, interfered and delayed the matter altogether.
20 AL-RANTISI: Yes, yes. . . That might be so.
21 ASHQAR: In any case, until yesterday, or rather the day before yesterday, there was
22 no official letter received.
23 AL-RANTISI: Okay, fine, okay. Indeed, they had better wait.
24 ASHQAR: By God. He told me that he had advised them not to be in a hurry or,
25 excuse me . . .he rather said, "They made a mistake by announcing it too

1 soon.”

2 AL-RANTISI: [SC] Okay. It won't be easy to...

3 ASHQAR: [SC] Fine, God willing.

4 AL-RANTISI: ...it won't be easy for them to reverse...

5 ASHQAR: It won't be...God willing, it'll turn out to be okay.

6 AL-RANTISI: Yes. Today...

7 ASHQAR: [SC) Yes.

8 AL-RANTISI: Did you hear the news today?

9 ASHQAR: There was nothing here that they reported. I didn't hear anything. No, they
10 didn't report anything here.

11 AL-RANTISI: No. But today, an operation was carried out in Khan Yunis.

12 ASHQAR: Emm! Today?

13 AL-RANTISI: Yes, two.

14 ASHQAR: Really?

15 AL-RANTISI: Yes, yes. They even took away their weapons.

16 ASHQAR: Oh. By God, so far we haven't...

17 AL-RANTISI: ...and even their ID cards

18 ASHQAR: [laughing]

19 AL-RANTISI: [laughing]

20 ASHQAR: God willing. That's good.

21 AL-RANTISI: Yes, it was reported on Israeli TV.

22 ASHQAR: No, here nothing like that was reported on television.

1 AL-RANTISI: Oh yeah, here, by God, it was not reported until later.
2 ASHQAR: Yes.
3 AL-RANTISI: Although, Radio Monte Carlo reported it since this morning. They were
4 saying that Hamas made an announcement regarding the operation.
5 ASHQAR: Yes, yes.
6 AL-RANTISI: However, here , they reported it during the last news broadcast, in Hebrew,
7 at 9:00 p.m., our local time.
8 ASHQAR: Yes.
9 AL-RANTISI: Although the operation was carried out at dawn.
10 ASHQAR: Oh. By God. Here, so far, it was not reported. I don't even know whether
11 or not it will be, because...
12 AL-RANTISI: [SC] Later on, between the Front and the Fatah...
13 ASHQAR: Yes.
14 AL-RANTISI: ...they engaged in a shoot-out and killed a woman.
15 ASHQAR: Where?
16 AL-RANTISI: In Rafah.
17 ASHQAR: Oh. Yes. My friend, by God, they aren't doing...
18 AL-RANTISI: [SC] I mean that this report was announced simultaneously with the other
19 on the radio.
20 ASHQAR: For the purpose of using one to overshadow the other.
21 AL-RANTISI: Yes. The other one is a good source for the people.
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23 ASHQAR: Yes, but do you know what the scoop is?
24 AL-RANTISI: Hmm?
25 ASHQAR: The way I see it is, Fatah is fabricating problems among the people to

1 promote unity within their ranks.

2 AL-RANTISI: Why?

3 ASHQAR: Excuse me?

4 AL-RANTISI: To do what?

5 ASHQAR: To promote unity within its ranks.

6 AL-RANTISI: Yes, but, I mean...in reality, problems between Fatah and the Front would
7 not have the effect of uniting their ranks.

8 ASHQAR: But, precisely, they want to go along with the stronger movement.

9 AL-RANTISI: Emm! The woman that got killed was with Fatah.

10 ASHQAR: In Rafah?

11 AL-RANTISI: Yes, she was Al-Saqr's fiancée.

12 ASHQAR: Yes.

13 AL-RANTISI: Okay. What do you think if you'd try to send it to us?

14 ASHQAR: Oh, yes. At once, God willing! Right after I hang up, I will send it, God
15 willing.

16 AL-RANTISI: Oh, good. I'll put the fax machine on.

17 ASHQAR: Fine, Abu Muhammad. Is there anything else I can do for you?

18 AL-RANTISI: Thank you. Thank you.

19 ASHQAR: Goodbye. I leave you with peace.

20 AL-RANTISI: Goodbye to you. With peace, I leave you.