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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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[UI background talk].

[Numbers dialed].

[Phone rings].

Gh: Hello.

Sh: Peace be with you.

Gh: God's peace and mercy.

Sh: How are things?

Gh: Thanks be to God.

Sh: Where are you?

Gh: Here.

Sh: Here?

Gh: Yeah.

Sh: Where did you have the Friday prayer?

Gh: At the mosque.

Sh: Who delivered the sermon?

Gh: The imam.

Sh: I went to pray in Duncunville.

Gh: Where did you pray?

Sh: In Duncunville.

Gh: Ah.

Sh: Thomas is sending his greetings to you.

Gh: May God keep you. *Yeah*, it is a mosque.

Sh: He is telling you to *watch out*.

Gh: *For?*

Sh: The news.

Gh: Why?

Sh: They accused these three people from Brooklyn to be affiliated with you what you call it.

Gh: No, man!

Sh: Yes, by God. You didn't hear the news?

Gh: No, no, no. I didn't....er.

Sh: Yes, by God. The police..., the police..., the police said about them that they are a group affiliated with those is a connection between the Jerusalem operation and this operation and...

Gh: Ah, they *concluded* that? When did they *conclude* it?

Sh: Yes, and Reagan is congratulating..., congratulating the FBI..., not Reagan, Clinton congratulated the FBI for the operation.

Gh: I read the news today, man. *No*, it is not...

Sh: Yeah, listen to CNN, they're repeating the news every now and then on the radio. Every five minutes they say that the three men arrested are..., what you call it, have a direct connection with these people. What is wrong with you? Turn on *CNN*.

Gh: Ah.

Sh: *Anyway*, did you go to see the *van*?

Gh: Yes.

Sh: What did you do?

Gh: I'm not done with him. He gave me the *application*. He has a..., what you call it...?

Sh: What is it called?

Gh: The *Windstar*. It is a Ford.

Sh: Ford, where did you go? To which *dealer*?

Gh: Royal and 75.

Sh: Man, didn't I tell you we go together to have a *deal* for both of us? To get a deal...

Gh: I'm going to him now, come with me.

Sh: When are you going?

Gh: Right now.

Sh: Right now I have a lesson, they asked me to give a lesson to women at the sunset and evening.

Gh: Ah.

Sh: We have a *board meeting*. Did you forget?

Gh: I know.

Sh: What..., what kind of cars does he have?

Gh: It is the *Windstar*.

Sh: A *Windstar*. Is it a one-door, two-door or...

Gh: No, from one side.

Sh: On one side?

Gh: Ah.

Sh: Didn't you say he has a *Venture*, the one that recently came out?

Gh: *Venture* is at the....er, Chevrolet.

Sh: Did you...., *how much are they asking for?*

Gh: *This guys is asking for 22,000.*

Sh: Wow!

Gh: *The Venture is 21 or 22. It the same.*

Sh: How is that, I mean? Did you ask about paying in installments and how they do it?

Gh: *Yeah.* He didn't calculate it. He wanted to check *the credit* to calculate it.

Sh: Ah.

Gh: And he asked me, "*How much you wanna make a down payment?*". I told him, "I will not make a *down payment*. I will give you the Honda".

Sh: Ah.

Gh: He said, "How much is it worth" and I told him it is a Honda Civic '89. "How much is its market value now and I told him, "\$2,000".

Sh: He is asking you how much is its market value?

Gh: No, no. He now wants me. He sent the Ford car with me. He said, "Go, park it in front of your house and bring back the Honda".

Sh: Ah.

Gh: Without taking a penny from me.

Sh: So, if I give him...., give him the van, he'll take from me?

Gh: Of course.

Sh: Then he will take from me at the dirt-cheap *trade-in* value.

Gh: *It is not dirt-cheap. Yeah, yeah he can evaluate it for something and...*

Sh: Yes. So, they take *trade-in*.

Gh: They do. You either pay *cash* or give him a car for *trade-in*. Of course if I put the Honda for sale, *probably if I'm lucky, I'll sell it for 1,700*.

Sh: *Yeah, yeah*.

Gh: So, he will tell for sure that its value is 900 or 800.

Uf: [In the background] That's all he is going to take it for!

Gh: It is not going to make a difference anyway. *It is tricky*, the car..., how much did he sell the car to me? *This is the point*.

Sh: Ah. Why don't you want the *Venture*? Didn't you say that the *4-door* is better?

Gh: By God, they told me that it is a little bit dangerous.

Sh: Dangerous? Because of the kids?

Gh: *Yeah*.

Sh: *Yeah*. When you open from both sides. When you reach a place, a street, and you expect that they will exit from one door by the walkway, then one of them opens the other door.

Sh: Ah.

Gh: So, it is dangerous, indeed.

Sh: *Yeah*.

Gh: *So, it is probably for older....*

Sh: What is..., *what is the..., how much is their finance?*

Gh: A little bit over than 5

Sh: By God, *good*.

Gh: *Yeah*. And it is Ford's. He told me, "*We only give you Ford's. Otherwise, you go and get your own finance company*".

Sh: Ah.

Gh: So, according to the decree of the sheik....

Sh: *5% is good, by God. Not bad.* For how many years?

Gh: For ....er.

Sh: *Four years? Forty-eight months?*

Gh: By God. No, *for five years.*

Sh: *Five years.* I mean, did you calculate how much it will be at the end?

Gh: No, I didn't. I didn't calculate anything. We didn't calculate anything. We throw the car to me and told me, "Go get the Honda".

Sh: By God, he gave you a new car, *brand-new?*

Gh: Yes, I have it, I'm telling you.

Sh: [Laughs] By God the Almighty.

Gh: He is Iranian. He is good at selling. He kind of imposed it on me. He has only two cars, three cars, at the dealership.

Sh: Only?

Gh: Yes

Sh: New ones?

Gh: Yes.

Sh: *Brand-new ones?*

Gh: Yes. There is one in Plano who has maybe 20 new cars.

Sh: Yes.

Gh: *You can choose the colors and all of that.*

Sh: Yes.

Gh: But he could get you what you want. He said, "I'm getting new cars on Monday. They come and go and stuff".

Sh: OK. See what you want. I was wanting to have a *deal*.

Gh: Together, you mean?

Sh: We can *bargain better*. Or is there no more bargain? Did they stop making a *bargain*?

Gh: By God....er, I told him, "*There is friend of mine who also wanted to buy a car*".

Sh: Ah.

Gh: So, I told him that over the phone, but, when I went there I didn't open the subject.

Sh: I heard that when you go to purchase....er, I mean, *you have to bargain with them*. How much he asked for, you tell him I will buy it, for instance, 2,000..., for 20,000.

Gh: 20,000, you mean.

Sh: I heard that you *have to bargain*. Otherwise, he throws a figure at you. There is even a *trick*: they tell you *ask for ...*, *I don't know how much, a figure above the...er, manufacturer's cost*, or whatever they call it.

Gh: The *manufacturer's cost* is 25,000 and he sold it to me for 22.

Sh: Is that reasonable? How can that be?

Gh: What do you mean? I mean, he gives you a *discount*. *You can negotiate or he could throw a number on you*. And it is 98.

Sh: 98, huh? Ah.

Gh: The..., the..., *the manufacturer's list price* is 25.

Sh: Yes.

Gh: Normally, *nobody buys a car at the manufacturer's price...*



Sh: They call it *the cost, above cost*, I don't know..., *the cost*. There is a *term*...

Gh: It is the *Manufacturer's Price List*.

Sh: Hum. *Yeah*.

Gh: The *sticker* price, that is.

Sh: *Yeah*.

Gh: The *sticker price* is 25. So,...

Sh: What color did you choose?

Gh: White.

Sh: What other colors does he have?

Gh: He has a gold one.

Sh: A gold one?

Gh: *Yeah*.

Sh: Ah.

Gh: And he has..., *yeah*, he has other colors.

Sh: *The gold color doesn't sell*.

Gh: Huh?

Sh: *The gold color does not sell*. The gold color fades quickly.

Gh: Ah. The white is good, *yeah*.

Sh: White is good. White is the best. Ok, see what...

Gh: *Anyway*, the Honda *title* is not with me. *I have to*..., and he gave the *application*..., *I'm the primary applicant* and...

Sh: Do you have *credit*? You don't have *credit*.

Gh: I don't have *credit*.

Sh: You don't have history [laughs].

Gh: I don't have *history* at all.

Sh: He will ask for a *co-applicant*. You have to fill out a *co-applicant*.

Gh: No, I wanted to put Majda, but Majda doesn't have *credit*, either.

Sh: Ah. Find anyone, man.

Gh: Huh?

Sh: ...Anyone who has *credit* will do it for you. I wanted to ask you because *I'm...., I'm just thinking about it*.

Gh: *Yeah, Zohaira told me...*

Sh: I'm thinking, that's it with cars. If he takes this...

Gh: Hazim is saying that *the payment shouldn't be more than \$360 a month*.

Sh: By God?

Gh: *Yeah, based on five years*.

Sh: *360 is good*.

Gh: *Yeah*.

Sh: Ok, with success....

Gh: You're saying the news... I heard the news and I watched CNN and others. They said, *don't jump to conclusion*. They even said today on *public TV*. They said this is..., *this is....er*, they said a word that...,*er...., it is....er*, I mean, I mean,... it is *out of stupidity....*, I mean, *Hamas will never do this*.

Sh: Where, which *news* they said that?

Gh: *On public radio.*

Sh: I listen to....

Gh: They interviewed a *scholar*. He said, "*There is no way....* Their chief..., one of their chiefs was arrested in New York and they didn't do anything". They don't focus... It is Giuliani, the bastard, he is a bastard, a Zionist...

Sh: Which one? Yes.

Gh: Giuliani.

Sh: Yes.

Gh: He wants to take this chance to introduce, I think a *bill to tighten up security...er*, on the basis of..., because he said,.... they..., they found an *application for immigration asylum*, that he had filled out the he *is a member of a terrorist organization*.

Sh: Ah.

Gh: *That is why he is asking for asylum*. The *immigration* guy, the *top immigration officer*, answered him and said, "*This is outrageous*".

Sh: [Laughs].

Gh: "*This is...er, the..., the mayor is..., is..., bending something that there has no basis, there is no truth to that. We will not..., we have a system and our system is good*". Of course, he tried to blame it on *immigration*.

Sh: But, by the way, there is something which indicate that the whole thing is fabrication plus fabrication...

Gh: That is 100%, man. This man who was put on *trial*...., what is his name?

Sh: Ramzi?

Gh: No, man, not *trial*. The one the FBI arrested in Atlanta...

Sh: Ah, Jewel, Jewel.

Gh: Yeah, Jewel, the one about whom there was an *investigation*. Why, why? Any employee

at the FBI, not necessarily the whole FBI system...

Sh: Yes.

Gh: ... but a employee, a person in charge of a county in..., in... a town in New York is conspiring with the Mosad.

Sh: Yes.

Gh: Yes, he could do it. *This is one way. And they probably have tactfully planned...*

Sh: And I..., I read on the *Internet*, on the *NBC* news... that one of them has confessed to be..., to be...

Gh: Yes. What did you confess to?

Sh: ...that he is affiliated with Hama..., but the whole matter is...

Gh: No, man, he didn't confess to be affiliated with Hamas. Nobody...er. Not a single one of them, not one of them said that. I read all the news.

Sh: See the news on the radio, 1150, this *CNN*.

Gh: Ah.

Sh: They repeat the news every 15 minutes and they say that the three people whom they arrested turned out to be linked to a *Palestinian terrorist organization* called Hamas. Every now and then they repeat it. Since I was in Duncunville and on the way back from there, every now and then I check it and I had Akram with me. I say that it looks like these guys have an evil intention, you see, and have cooked a good scheme and they want to begin skinning the...

Gh: Hamas could announce that..., that, from Amman, that this is not true.

Sh: They..., they denied the operation in the first place. Al Rantissi denied the operation. He denied that it is....

Gh: It didn't come from Hamas, by the way. It came from Ezz Eddin Al Qassam Brigades.

Sh: Yeah, yeah, yeah, but Al Rantissi....

Gh: And they said it is Martyr's group or Martyrs' group or something.

Sh: Yeah, to liberate the prisoners. So, Al Rantissi said that there are doubts about this, to start with.

Gh: Yes.

Sh: So, God knows best, the whole thing could be..., the story is *too..., too good to believe...*

Gh: This one affiliated with New York in Palestine [NFI] is what is between the Palestinian people and the Jewish people...

Sh: Yes.

Gh: You understand me?

Sh: Yes.

Gh: There a big blood and people strike at each other. Don't exclude that any two people could do it...

Sh: Yes, yes.

Gh: Any five people could it.

Sh: Yes.

Gh: *You don't need any..., you don't need any financing, you don't need... And the expertise is very easy..., to get this expertise.*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah.*

Gh: But no official statement was issued by Hamas... If you go to Assabeel newspaper on the *Internet...*

Sh: No, it didn't come out, it didn't come out.

Gh: The official statement which it was on the 29th....

Sh: Yes.

Gh: ....denouncing the peace process by Yasser Arafat, that he agreed to sit down with Netanyahu. This is another issue. But they didn't issue statements after that one.

Sh: Hum. It is all...

Gh: But the story out of New York, *I can swear it is all fabricated*. It is possible, it is possible that they had things at home....

Sh: Yes.

Gh: ....stuff they actually found, *but how..., they were tipped. The guy who tipped on them came from Egypt a week ago.*

Sh: [Laughs] It is..., it is....er.

Gh: Came from Egypt a week ago. *Who was that?*

Sh: On *ABC*, they said that there was supposed to be an explosion today, you see, *they caught them one day earlier*, you see. Stuff, stuff...

Gh: No, man. When you read the investigation which was conducted with this man, what is his name? You told me, Jewelry, Jewel? The one from Atlanta...

Sh: Yes.

Gh: Yeah, you see how they sometimes do..., in the *labs* they do this and that...

Sh: I just wanted to tell you because it seems that *whoever*, the guy in New York, this dog, tried to tie it to parties... Don't be surprised if the *fabrication* gets bigger than that. They would keep on publishing confessions that...er, which are nonsense. They cannot get us by law, they will try to get us by fabrication, man.

Gh: No, they cannot.

Sh: *Yeah.*

Gh: They cannot. They cannot, man. I mea, *we will..., we will challenge this. I'm not..., I don't care what the New Yorkers says. This thing is coming out of New York, this is another fabrication about the World Trade Center, three-fourth of it is fabrication.*

Sh: It is known. Yes, yes.

Gh: This guy, Jewel....

Sh: Yes.

Gh: Had he been a *Middle-Eastern, I swear to God...*

Sh: He would have been finished.

Gh: ...he would have been finished...

Sh: Would have been finished. Would have been finished.

Gh: ...would have been finished. No *senator* would defend him... Did you see how the *senators* were?

Sh: Yes.

Gh: They were showing all of them hugging him...

Sh: Yes.

Gh: ...All of them, *most likely, they're either to the left for liberals or to the right.*

Sh: Yes.

Gh: *They wanna make sure no militia is touched.*

Sh: Right, right. I will let you go. Don't let me delay you.

Gh: Ok.

Sh: Peace be with you.

Gh: Peace be with you.

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