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Participants:

Mo = Mohamed Elmezain
Sh = Shukri Abu Baker
Ha = Haitham Maghawri

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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Ha: *Holy Land Foundation.*

Mo: Peace be with you.

Ha: Peace be with you and God's mercy.

Mo: How is Haitham?

Ha: Welcome, my Sheik Abu Ibrahim.

Mo: May God bless you.

Ha: How is your health?

Mo: Thanks be to God. Is Shukri near you?

Ha: Yes. Just a second.

Sh: Hello.

Mo: Peace be with you.

Sh: Welcome. Peace be with you, God's mercy and blessings.

Mo: How is Abou Mohamed?

Sh: May God greet you, Abou Ibrahim.

Mo: What is going on with you?

Sh: What is going on with you?

Mo: Thanks be to God. May God bless you.

Sh: How are you doing?

Mo: May God give you strength. May God bless you.

Sh: Thanks be to God.

Mo: Nothing. What is going on with you?

Sh: By God, thanks be to God, Lord of the Two Worlds.

Mo: How was your meeting?

Sh: Good, thanks be to God. ...UI. They were pleased.

Mo: What is going on?

Sh: We had a *picnic* on Sunday and..., we made them work on Monday and here we are.

Mo: Yes.

Sh: Yes.

Mo: And how is it going over at your end?

Sh: Thanks be to God, Lord of the Two Worlds. Er..., what did I want to tell you?

Mo: Is there anything new?

Sh: By God, matters are quiet. There isn't...,

Mo: ...UI Ramadan.

Sh: Huh? Nothing happened after Ramadan. Matters are quiet, thanks be to God. There isn't any...er, I mean, follow ups or anything new after what happened. I mean, over here we visited some of the..., what you call them, men from *Congress*, the two people here...UI.

Mo: Who was that?

Sh: *Congress...*, we visited *Congress people*, that is.

Mo: Yes.

Sh: We spoke with them about the situation and stuff.

Mo: Yes.

Sh: And we prepared them in case anything happens in the future, I mean, "We are in your area, we're available and stuff".

Mo: Yes.

Sh: And we will continue. I mean, we will meet with the *mayor*...

Mo: Yes.

Sh: ...on Monday...and with..., what's his name...er, a manager at the Richardson *district*, I mean, out of *public relations*, I mean, there is nothing specific, a specific request that we're making. We're just getting them familiar with ourselves, that we' are here..., I mean, with the media and stuff and that there are many things against the Arab and the Muslim community in general and, "...we would like for you to be aware of them".

Mo: Yes, yes.

Sh: So, thanks be to God, until now..., I mean, matters are..., like I told you, there is nothing.... The only thing is this female journalist who had contacted you...

Mo: Yes.

Sh: She called me yesterday. She is saying, "I was trying to get hold of *Mr. Elmezain* and stuff" and there is nothing to it. She is saying that there is a question regarding the year 1990....er, there is a guy who says that he met with people at a conference and told them, "We need to..., for Jihad and stuff, the war and Palestine". I told her, "By God, to begin with, I don't believe that this happened. We have nothing to do with this issue and stuff". She is saying that. I told her, "Who is your source?". One of those things written by Emerson, that is.

Mo: *Dallas*..., *Dallas Morning News*, that is.

Sh: Yes. But, she is doing a research about the issue.

Mo: Yes.

Sh: One of these things Emerson fabricated, that is. She will tell you, "This person confessed. One person they arrested and stuff".

Mo: Yes, yes.

Sh: She told me, "*But, can you promise me that you talk with him and...*", I mean, this is now *my question... He doesn't wanna talk to me?*". I told her, "I don't know". She told me, "*I'll call him*"....UI.

Mo: Hum, hum.

Sh: That's it. These are the only questions, I mean. She asked me..., she said, "Is this true that you..., I mean, that you are so and so and the donation Abou Omar made to the Foundation...".

Mo: She asked about it?

Sh: Of course. This is *public record*. So,....., the sum of 210 and stuff.

Mo:UI.

Sh: I understand, I told her that I understand the issue. This man was....er, I mean, we were at one of the MAYA conferences in 1990.... He wrote the check in *January 1992*....

Mo: For how much?

Sh: 210.

Mo: Yes.

Sh: Yes. So, we were at a conference and....er....

Mo: In one lump sum?

Sh: Yes. Of course, what do you think.

Mo: Yes.

Sh: We.... So, we were at the conference and we held a *fundraising* and *he made a pledge*.

Mo: Yes.

Sh: And we returned from the conference. In January, he sent it, that's it. *It is a one-time deal*, I mean. He didn't send again and we didn't hear from him.

Mo: Did she....UI *donation*?

Sh: No. So, I told her, "That's it. This even tells you that neither he has a relationship nor we have a relationship with him. If he had a relationship, he would have transferred the money directly from his side. He doesn't need to send it to the *Holy Land Foundation*, that is".

Mo: Yes.

Sh: You see? And that we are..., what you call it,...

Mo: ...UI.

Sh: Er..., and this was in the year 1990. It wasn't even..., the man had no relationship with any political work in the first place.

Mo: Yes.

Sh: She asked, I mean, "*How come...*". It looks like my name was in his phone book.

Mo: Yes.

Sh: I told her, "*Well, I'm a man who is active in the Palestinian activism in America since the year 1980 and I'm a famous and a well-known person and stuff and this man..., he is a community leader, I mean. So, you will find my name in his pocket as well as in the pockets of a thousand person, I mean, what is the big deal, I mean, if my name is in his pocket?*"

Mo: Hum.

Sh: And this guy who wants to donate \$200,000 to the Foundation, isn't he going to have the Foundation's telephone number and the name of its president?

Mo: Yes.

Sh: Yes. So, these are issues which are being circulated now. I mean, she started to work on them. She contacted his attorney and his attorney said, "No. He didn't donate. He didn't make any donations", even though this is a matter of..., I mean....

Mo: It is a big mess, my brother.

Sh: Yes. Don't you remember when we warned him and told him, "In these matters, you should...." So, now his attorney is denying even though this is there. *You cannot...., I mean, it is a bank record.* The check is known, the check number is known...

Mo: We got the check from him and from others.

Sh: Yes. We tell her that. I mean, they now know. We told her that we know him but...

Mo: She didn't speak directly with me, that is, regarding the...

Sh: That is the question she was asking. She said that she will ask me that question and about Abou Marzouk, "What do you know about him and stuff". So, we told her, "Anyone who donates to us... As long as the donation is unconditional, I mean, we accept it. But, if the donation is conditional, we don't accept it".

Mo: And all of those work with....UI.

Sh: Yes. So, and all of that was in the year 1990 or 1991 when the man was not...., even if he...., he had no relationship with anything that we know, I mean, politics and stuff. Therefore, we have no relationship with this issue. So, it looks like there are people who dig into all of these issues and one should be *careful*. Er..., there is nothing. The fact that he calls her and tells her that...UI.

Mo: No. Talk to her and tell her that this stuff is not true.

Sh: I will tell her that the man, first of all, denies it and is saying that this did not happen. He did not meet with anyone and no one met with him....

Mo: Yes

Sh: ...and that this is an attempt..., it is obvious that Emerson and those guys are trying to tarnish the image of the imams and anyone who is a *Muslim activist*. They wanna....er

Mo: Yes, yes. Also, tell her..., tell her, as for me *as imam*, I mean, I..., *I have visited many places...*

Sh: *Yeah.*

Mo: *...for feast, for something like that. But, er...*

Sh: I told her..., I told her, "I will not be surprised if you tell me it happened during a conference. I will not rule this out because he is..., he is a *public speaker*. *Everybody know him*. As for this issue, I totally dispute it. I don't think so".

Mo: You mean, regarding Jihad in Palestine.

Sh: Yes. Also, she asked me: *How come one guy, so and so who was jailed, called you from jail* and he wanted the phone number to an attorney and stuff.

Mo: Me?

Sh: Yes. She is telling me, "*The telephone record showing that there is a guy who called you*". What is his name? Ajaj or I don't know what is his name, Ahmad I don't know what.

Mo: Ahmad..., AhmadUI.

Sh: Ahmad I don't know what.

Mo: Ahmad....UI.

Sh: Yes. She told me, "He called him from jail and stuff". I told her, "So he called him. I mean, what can I...? *Let me tell you something, you have to understand this, you have to publish this, that Mr....*, first of all, she doesn't have your *last name*. She was asking, "*What is the last name?*". I told her, "*I'm not going to tell you the last name. If you....UI, what is your....UI?*". I know, of course, that she is talking about a *document*, the one we replied to. Remember when....UI.

Mo: It seems that..., it seems that Emerson replied to you in another article about al-Amodi and these things.

Sh: By God?

Mo: Yes. He wrote "Friends....UI at the White House".

Sh: No, he didn't write about us. He wrote about al-Amodi from beginning to end.

Mo: No. And he wrote about us later on when he said you want to....UI, you want Emerson rejoice in our trouble....UI.

Sh: Yes, yes, yes. Ok, that's fine. It is a testimony against himself. He is providing testimony against himself.

Mo: Yes, did you read that article?

Sh: I read it. Ghassan gave it to me but I don't know when it was published.

Mo: It is in the *Wall Street Journal*. Do you have it?

Sh: No. Ghassan's got it.

Mo: Ok. It will be good, may God keep you, if you send it so that one can....

Sh: ...that he stood up during the [Muslim Arab Youth] Association conference and said I don't know what.... Stuff that has no relationship with terrorism or anything else but has a relationship with him, Emerson, that is.

Mo: Yes, yes.

Sh: Anyway, we told her that. Anyway, if any one called.... I don't doubt...., I personally don't rule out that someone calls you from the....UI...

Mo: Yes.

Sh: Even if...UI. I told her, "*Mr. Elmezain* is a sheik and a known person and not only at the community's level, I wanted to assure you, but at the America's level. Muslims call him daily from all over America. They ask him about marriage, divorce about....er, they ask him about personal issues, they ask him about.... The man is a *community leader*, therefore, *people....*". She told me, "*I understand...UI*". I told her, "...UI. *Things are like that....*, that...., I mean, *it is....*, it is not...., *it is very normal for this man in his magnitude and his caliber to receive phone calls from everywhere and people ask for advice*". I told her, "I'm not surprised, that is, that anyone calls him in this region to ask for an advice, for a Sharia opinion". I told her, "This is a very, very normal thing for a sheik, for an imam and it is not a *big deal*. You think that it is a *big deal* that so and so person called him. *So what?*". Of course, in these matters, this question remains. So, I will say that the man did not..., did not meet with anyone and does not speak in these issues and that all of this talk is nonsense and if there is anything..., what you call it, bring it up. But, there is nothing other than Emerson's stuff, that this guy confessed and that guy confessed.

Mo: ...UI and go to hell.

Sh: I didn't say anything like that. She is asking, "Why was your policy in the beginning that you..., that you were with Hamas and stuff and then lately just because there has been violence...."

Mo: She was saying this stuff?

Sh: Yes.

Mo: Tell her....UI....*we have no...UI publication or announcement that we are affiliated with any..., any....*

Sh: I told her, "I challenge you....". To start with, I told her, "We don't have a connection with Hamas in the first place, no connection to discontinue. We..., I challenge you. All of our *literature*, printed materials and our speeches during our *fundraising....*, I challenge you to find that we one-day stood up or wrote asking for donations for Hamas. I challenge you". So, she remained quiet. I told her, "It is not that we started....".

Mo: Tell her, "What...., what..., what Hamas...., I mean, I mean, regarding donations to Hamas *at that time were not illegal*. Also, in truth, they are an honor to the entire Palestinian people in the first place...

Sh: She said, "Ok, you..., I mean, as long as they do good work and stuff, I mean, what is the problem?". ...UI. I told her, "I personally visited the homeland three times and we...er, give assistance to the parties which serve true assistance to the Palestinian people and, by

God....er, by God....", she cited me an example of Jamil Hamami and told me, "Isn't he so and so and the one in charge of schools and stuff?". I told her, "Yes". I told her..., she said, "Did you support them?", I told her, "Yes, we supported them and that the fact that Hamami is affiliated with so and so does not mean that I will deprive a thousand students from the best schools according to the testimony of the Israeli ministry of education, the best schools in....UI, this does not mean that...". I told her, "Our policy that we give the organizations and we don't give to the individuals. We don't give to the individuals". I told her, "75% of the Palestinian youth between the ages of 18-40 is imprisoned at least one time in the prisons of Israel. Does that mean that I boycott 70% of the Palestinian people?". I told her, "It is normal because this is a people who live under occupation and under this and that. Therefore, it is normal that you find someone who is affiliated with Hamas, someone with Fatah, a secular one and a communist one. This is how the Palestinian people are today. But, as long as they provide real services.... Our policy in the first place is to offer assistance regardless of the *religious or political affiliation*". I told her, "We never look at the political agenda of any group. We speak about the charitable agenda. If they provide charitable work.... Also, *we follow it to make sure it is really been spent the right way, we will not have a problem then*". So, I told her that, "You know what, there are homes which were demolished, homes which Israeli demolished. There are people who call us, pressure us from here, from America, and tell us: You must rebuild the homes which Israel demolished". I told her, "It is because the homes which Israel demolished now do not belong to the..., to the terrorists you are talking about, they belong to their fathers, to their mothers and some of them are even rented". I told her, "What is happening to the Palestinian people, the oppression, the injustice and deliberate starvation..., this stuff..., if we come and follow Israel's racist policy that the Palestinian people, by God, according to Netanyahu that every Palestinian person..., every Palestinian orphan *is a potential terrorist*, that means that we..., [Laughs] should stop....UI. You know what she is telling me? She is asking me if the Jews have the right to live. She told me, "Do you believe in Israel's right to exist?". I told her, "See, whom am I? I'm a human being. I'm not a state or a government. I will not stand up...UI against Israel. Israel is a state...UI. I believe that the Jews have the right to live just like others as Jews. And before the establishment of the state of Israel, we were the first ones to receive them in the Middle East. We received them in 1916 and '15 when they escaped from Europe. We received the Jews". I told her, "We want peace. But, I'm telling you that the issue you should be asking is whether Israel believes in the right of..., in the right to exist of 5 million dispersed people? Aren't these supposed to return?". The day before yesterday there was an interview with Perez, by the way...

Mo: Who did it?

Sh: With Perez.

Mo: Who conducted it?

Sh: On TV. I don't know on CBS or something... He is saying, "Those Palestinians are..., don't have the right to return. It is out of our generosity..., it is out of our generosity.... Israel is for the Jews. It is our generosity that we let them stay until now. But, in reality.... How can we bring them back? Bring who back. Those Palestinians *they speak Arabic* and they are supposed to be dispersed over 24 Arab countries. We thank God that He brought us back after several thousands years to our homeland, we as Jews. As for the Palestinians, they don't have a right to this land at all. It is just..., it is just out of generosity from us". So, this is the mentality of the Jews, my brother. So, I told her that stuff. I told her, "This is the mentality of the Jews".

Mo: By God, I personally believe that people who want to live in peace shall live in peace, and those who want to live in killing they will keep killing others and they are the ones claiming to be peace supporters....

Sh: We told her that.

Mo: Pérez, this guy, where is he from? He is not from a Palestinian origin.

Sh: We told her, "How come you say that..., that Israel says, Netanyahu and others, that the majority of the Palestinian people want peace". I told her, "I believe that stuff. But, why does Israel keep punishing the majority of the Palestinian people now? Why does it continue to impose siege on...

Mo: Last night they showed on CNN...

Sh: Yes.

Mo: ...UI

Sh: Yes, of course. And this is the talk of..., this is the talk of the Likud. I told her, "The Likud wants to do so. They are the ones..., they are the Jewish fundamentals who want to..., what you call it, to transfer the battle to the U.S. front to prove...". I told her, "This article..., the article about the AMC, Emerson's article, he wants to prove to the U.S. people, to the U.S. government that all the Muslims in America, all those *Muslim activists* are terrorists. Not a single person among them is reasonable. Not a single person among them is logical. All of them are criminals and all of them are liars". I told her, "Whose goal is it to do that? Who in 1974 when Yasser Arafat came to the U.S. forbid the *dialogue* between the U.S. government and the *PLO*?" I told her, "Do you know that had there been dialogue between the *PLO*..., the Organization in '74 when Arafat came...UI, there would have been peace long time ago. But, who was the party refusing? Wasn't it Israel? *Yes*". I told her, "Now, a person like..., what is his name, who is the one refusing to have a *dialogue* between the U.S. government and Hamas? Isn't it the Jews?". She said, "Yes". I said to her, "If..., if *dialogue* takes place between the U.S. government

and Hamas, couldn't they have possibly calmed them down and asked them: What do you want instead of you chasing anyone who says: There is no God but Allah. If the U.S. government is to negotiate with the Palestinian people and tries to really be *even-handed*, peace would have been achieved long ago. But, now through the slaughter which takes place, home demolitions, the deportation Perez wants to do and people dying out of hunger and now you talk about..., what you call it, terrorism?". So, thanks be to God, I said all of that but, at the end, I didn't get out with....

Mo: What is in her head is in her head. *She has her own agenda*, my brother.

Sh: Yes, yes. My brother, all of those journalists who want to make a *headlines, headlines* and stuff. I told her, "I know what you want. You're following the theory that we have a *conspiracy* and that Hamas is hiding over here and there and that there are ties and connections". I told her, "All of that is *bologna*, all of that is nonsense and the Zionist propaganda". I told her, "I'm in America before Hamas was founded". I told her, "I've been in America since '86". I told her, "Half of my family are Christians and half of my family are.... I as a human being..., as Shukri Abu Baker, half of the....UI from my mother's side and half of them are Muslims and I lived in the West more than living in the Arab world. Don't be deceived..., don't be deceived by the words of this person that I'm.... I'm not against the West. I'm living in America by choice. No one forced me to live in America and I would like for America to be a country of peace and security for my children. We fled from..., [phone noise]...

Mo: Stop it son, stop it.

Sh:we fled....". I told her, "We fled from crime. We're not here to commit crimes here. Don't listen to the words of this guy and...UI". Anyway...er, we told her, "Anyway, that's it and as far as..., as far as Elmezain, *whatever...*, *you have to keep in mind he is a leader..., a religious leader*. Anyone of us who has a problem, even a personal problem, would call his sheik". And I told her, "*Where is the surprise that people call him from all over the...UI...* [phone noise]...

Mo: Stop it, son.

Sh: "....from New Jersey or from.... And the man travels. He goes and is known all over America. So, it is not a *big deal* if someone or somebody called him". We silenced her. So....er, this story just remained. I want to tell her that...

Mo: Tell her, "*I called him and he is not scared of you....*"

Sh: *Yeah, yeah.*

Mo: "...*but he has no time to you, you see...?*"

Sh: *Yeah.*

Mo: You see? And this harms the Foundation *as a chairman. Er... all our employees including the chairman, I mean, are...UI* by this talk. He is..., he is our official spokesman. So, pay attention to the fact that he doesn't know about this subject and the fact that I'm a *chairman* means that I speak about us and good-bye.

Sh: ...UI.

Mo:UI.

Sh: I..., I told her. I told her, "*This man...er, I mean, he doesn't have to prove anything for the media. He is a leader. There are very big programs in this country. We are working for the...UI. We are helping the children...UI. If you have a question ask me*". She will tell me, "...UI *Can I ask it?*". I told her, "*You can ask it. But, I know the answer*". She told me, "*Just....UI*". I told her, "...UI". I told her, "....UI".

Mo: Ok, may God keep you, when you get articles like these, just let us be in the picture....UI.

Sh: By God, Abu Ibrahim, I don't have time for them. By God, when I read them they cause me nausea...

Mo: No, one reads them so that...UI.

Sh: If you want, give Ghassan a call and he will send you everything via fax. This is his job. Ghassan collects everything. I don't have... I tell him, "*Ghassan, this is your job. By God, these things take me away from my original work assignments*". We are working today on..., what you call it, this campaign for..., what you call it....?

Mo: Relief.

Sh: Yes, relief. And we sent out mailings. We sent things in Arabic and distributed them to the centers. We're now working on ads in newspapers and magazines so that, God's willing.... Of course, we distributed 15,000 fliers for the sacrifices and....

Mo: How much did it cost, by the way?

Sh: \$300.

Mo: By God, Abou Mohamed, this is...UI.

Sh: Yes. And in Lebanon...., we want to focus on Lebanon a little bit this year.

Mo: Focus on Lebanon as things are very expensive.

Sh: That's it, my brother. There is nothing....

Mo: Focus on Lebanon now. Initiate a contact with the refugees camps...

Sh: You know, we told them about Palestine because of the..., because of the siege which is taking place we might find some sympathy. By God, there are people, I mean, we broadcasted the ads in..., where did we broadcast it? In the....

Mo: You know, Abou Mohamed, last year those people aired stuff about the Iraqis that a sacrifice over there cost \$25.

Sh: Yes, my brother.

Mo: I mean, they destroyed everybody else.

Sh: I don't know. They slaughter it in the Kurds areas, man. By the way, do you know..., do you know that those guys don't do anything in Iraq. Everything is in the Kurdish areas, with the Kurds, all of it. Not with a single person in Iraq.

Mo: But, they tell you it is for Iraq.

Sh: Yes, for Iraq. Now the people..., now the Kurds are the Iraqis. So, we broadcasted it... Haitham, where did we broadcast the sacrifices ads? We published today in the *Horizon*, in the *Muslim World Monitor*, I mean, there are some people who call, my brother, I mean, those who are interested.

Mo: Ok. *If somebody asked you about the sacrifices in Iraq and sacrifices in Bosnia..., about how much they are.... UI.*

Sh: By God, my brother, we don't much to do in Bosnia, Abou Ibrahim. I mean, frankly, if we promise people to send sacrifices to Bosnia, there is nobody, my brother. Frankly, the only ones who work are the people of this guy..., al-Banna. And this al-Banna...er, frankly, I don't.... And I'm not alone in that, I mean, my impression about him is that....er, you can give him money *but I don't trust him*. As for Bosnia....., let's keep working with the good people who are the *Brother's Brother Foundation*. You can send a truck full of food....er, medical supplies worth \$400,000 and all you pay is the price of the truck which is \$1,500 or \$2,000 and you get the *credit* and you build a relationship with the people. But,...

Mo: I don't have a problem. But, just let me tell you...

Sh: Yes.

Mo: Now, people are going to inquire. For instance, do you have ties with Chechnya?

Sh: By God,...

Mo: I mean, I will tell you the same..., the same thing because...UI. He who wants to slaughter a sacrifice....

Sh: Yes.

Mo: ...in Bosnia, here is the price, in Chechnya, here is the price. This means that..., ...UI because people are interested...UI so I have to deal with them, you see?

Sh: Yes.

Mo: Er..., in Chechnya what areas...

Sh: No. To be honest with you, we don't have..., we don't have a single..., a single..., a single.... And I have not found one organization which really has contacts.... I'm telling you, one organization which has true contacts inside Chechnya. I have information that Chechnya is impassable in the first place, my brother. *You cannot go through Chechnya unless through the government.* And there is a lot of talk about the issue of Chechnya and people who are in Chechnya. I don't have anyone. In Bosnia, I can tell you: Yes, maybe through the people we visited in Albania...

Mo: The people you contacted.

Sh: ...these people have *a direct contact*, really, *legitimate...*, *legitimate contacts* along with very organized work It is possible with these people. Yes, it is possible. But..., but..., as for Chechnya, my brother, *no one is getting there in the middle of..., of nowhere, Chechnya.* I don't know how these people say that they have contacts in Chechnya. Now, as for...er, for the sacrifices, *we could advertise* sacrifices for Bosnia. But, my brother, I'm really worried that as long as there is siege currently..., a siege, I say let's keep the eyes focused on what is happening in Palestine because there is no one other than us at all who works in this manner. There are some people who don't even know that there is an ongoing siege. What are you saying, Haitham? Ah, ah, Detroit. Ok, I will remind him. He is telling you that, what is his name, Sheik Jad, he wants you to speak with him, in Detroit. He wants you.

Mo: Where do I find him right now?

Sh: You'll find him at his house. Er..., because he was with..., with what is his name, Abdel

Latif. He says that the man likes you and likes to hear you.

Mo:UI.

Sh: See what he wants from you, I mean. Yes, so...

Mo: Get me his phone number at home, may God keep you.

Sh: Just a second. Just a second. He is telling you that he will have Abdel Latif call you and give you his phone number at home and at work.

Mo: Ok. Have him call me in a half an hour at the office because I want to leave now to the office.

Sh: In half an hour?

Mo: At the office.

Sh: *Ok* Haitham, in half an hour.

Mo: At the office, by God.

Sh: At the office, the education office. The education office, right?

Mo: I'm calling you right now from home. We were at the...UI. Yes, I'm getting ready honestly to go to the office in order to take care of the invoices and these things, you know.

Sh: Man, may God strengthen you. What can I tell you? Generally speaking, don't worry. Thanks be to God, the situation is good. [Talking to Haitham] Which one? Which one? [To Elmezain] Did they call you... [To Haitham] Did the people call him? ...UI. Did the people...UI call you?

Mo: Who? Me?

Sh: Did they call you from Texas?

Mo: ...UI.

Sh: What?

Mo: Yes, they called me.

Sh: Haitham...UI.

Mo: ...UI.

Sh: Why don't you come?

Mo: I told him that I will come. I will see you.

Sh: Come over. Come over so that we can see you, you can sit with us. It has been a while since we saw you, the education and stuff....

Mo: Yes.

Sh: Er..., Omar is coming this *weekend*.

Mo: This *weekend*?

Sh: Yes.

Mo: By God?

Sh: I just found out yesterday.

Mo: What time? We have Abu Zant. What time is he coming?

Sh: On Saturday.

Mo: And he is staying until when?

Sh: Until Sunday.

Mo: We have Abu Zant, Abu Ziyad.

Sh: What is Abu Zant doing?

Mo: The [] Association [] wants to open an office and a club for him, my brother.

Sh: And office and a club?

Mo: By Almighty God, I've been hearing words from people here....

Sh: Yes.

Mo: ...about this issue, I mean.

Sh: Yes.

Mo: *It is not time for* an office and a club. People have been slaughtered and we go open an office and drink coffee and stuff.

Sh: Yes. He wants you to be present in order to solve a problem, because there are things which going on in a wrong way. I mean, there is an unusual competition between us and them and there are some youth who are not pleased because....er, the people are collecting donations for two months from now. There is some competition and there are some problems. So, I don't know....

Mo: Fine. Let's arrange for a meeting Sunday.

Sh: This Sunday?

Mo: Yes.

Sh: Ok. So that I can tell our brother that....

Mo: I will make arrangements to come on Sunday and return on Monday.

Sh: Fine. This Sunday.

Mo: Yes, yes.

Sh: Ok. So that I can tell our brother to wait and not to return.

Mo: Fine, man. ...UI.

Sh: I hope we can solve this problem. It comes in a time when we need the media and people and stuff....

Mo: Let Omar return on Monday, my brother, so that we can sit down in the afternoon.

Sh: It is because he has work, you know.

Mo: I'm just telling you; if I come on Sunday...., by the time I come it will be noon.

Sh: I'll have him take the last flight out on Sunday, my brother. We need maybe 2-3 hours session . You won't be able to come on Saturday, right?

Mo: We have a program on Saturday which means I will ruin the whole thing if I leave on Saturday to be honest.

Sh: Fine. I'll have him stay late on Sunday.

Mo: Whom do you have that....

Sh: I have work on Monday, my brother.

Mo: Whom do you have who knows about cars, Abou Mohamed.

Sh: Cars?

Mo: Yes.

Sh: There are several people.

Mo: Whom do you know?

Sh: *Car dealer?*

Mo: Yes.

Sh: There are more than one person.

Mo: Who are they?

Sh: There is a guy who is called Abou Issa.

Mo: I want Abou Issa, may God keep you.

Sh: You want him to call you?

Mo: Yes. Let him call me within half an hour at the office. Let me leave now as I have to.

Sh: Find. We will call him.

Mo: Ok, fine.

Sh: *Alright.*

Mo: May God give you strength.

Sh: May God greet you.

[LS comment: Phone receiver seemed to have inadvertently been left up and news in English was playing in the background. Unidentified voices were making inaudible comments during a segment about Yasser Arafat's troubles in running the PA until the end of the recording].