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Abbreviations:

*Italics*

Spoken in Foreign Languages

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Inaudible

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Unintelligible

PH

Phonetic

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Background Conversation / Noise/Translator's comments

SC

Simultaneous conversation

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EXHIBIT  
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U.S. v. HLF, et al.

[Phone rings].

Sh: Hello.

Gh: Peace be with you.

Sh: Peace to you, God's mercy and his blessings.

Gh: The *Dallas Morning News* published an *editorial* today.

Sh: Aha.

Gh: Er..., it has a paragraph in it, in their *editorial*, that is.

Sh: Aha.

Gh: In the *Dallas editorial*: "*Hamas leader, deport him, but not to Israel*". When you the read the editorial in details, one of the paragraphs is referring to us in a way or another.

Sh: Ah.

Gh: It says, "*As the Oklahoma City bombing illustrates, the homegrown variety of terrorists is quite capable of creating problems without adding to their number from abroad.*"

Sh: Hum.

Gh: "*Interestingly, the FBI has noted in the past that cells of Hamas organization are known to be operating even in North Texas*".

Sh: Hum.

Gh: Do you know who is North Texas?

Sh: Yeah.

Gh: North Texas is Dallas.

Sh: Aha.

Gh: "*Should the government prove itself unable to deport Mr. Marzouk, the message will be clear; America is an easy refuge for the worse..., for the world-prosecuted terrorists*".

Sh: Hum.

Gh: Er..., *of course that is the last paragraph of the article.*

Sh: *Yeah.*

Gh: So, a Jewish guy wrote it for them.

Sh: *Yeah.*

Gh: *It says here, "Sadly, Arab and Islamic organizations in America are perceiving the action against Mr. Marzouk as anti-Islam and anti-Arab". He says "sadly". Don't..., doesn't that bring to you Steven Emerson?*

Sh: *Oh, yeah, yeah.*

Gh: *The word "sadly".*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Don't be surprised if Steven Emerson is the one who wrote it.*

Gh: Emerson wrote it and sent it as a *fax* to the *ADL's all around the nation...*

Sh: *Yeah.*

Gh: *...and the ADL local faxed it to the Dallas Morning News...*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah.*

Gh: *...under the name of their head or whatever and they said, "Ok, we will take this as an editorial".*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah. Don't be surprised, don't be surprised. But, anyway, they're free to write whatever they want now.*

Gh: Huh?

Sh: *Well, this is their opinion and I don't believe anyone ought to be defensive about it. It is a very weak opinion, this thing.*

Gh: Yes. But when they write *"cells of Hamas are operating in North Texas..."*...

Sh: *Yeah.*

Gh: *...what is that?*

Sh: *Yeah. maybe there are some.*

Gh: *There are some?*

Sh: *Do you know any?*

Gh: *No.*

Sh: *No, we don't know any. Maybe they know better. [laughs].*

Gh: *Ah, because they don't mention names here, you....*

Sh: *No, no.*

Gh: *But you know who..., who is in their mind, I mean.*

Sh: *Maybe, yeah.*

Gh: *It is not maybe.*

Sh: *Hum.*

Gh: *Ah. Who is there, I mean, in..., in...*

Sh: *Don't they say that it is Israel which created Hamas. Maybe the ADL is working with Hamas.*

Gh: *Ah.*

Sh: *I don't know. I think that is what they mean. Maybe some fanatic Jewish groups [laughs].*

Gh: *Ok.*

Sh: *I mean, like they say, I wan to have *the passive..., the passive attitude....* It is possible that a new a media campaign has started. Definitely, *they will start a new..., a new thing, I**

mean. So...

Gh: They wrote about *fundraising*. They're saying, ...er, ....er, [Mumbles] "*According to Washington Post, Mr. Marzouk is the principal organizer of Hamas international fundraising and recruiting network*".

Sh: O Merciful God!

Gh: "*It is the organization's chief Iranian leaders who are believed to have provided financial support to Hamas' terrorist activity*".

Sh: *Yeah.*

Gh: "*Without their financing, Hamas would not be a major terrorist threat*".

Sh: Oh Merciful God!

Gh: "*The organization has openly stated its dedication...*", listen, listen, "*the organization has openly stated its dedication to the destruction of Israel and the creation of an Islamic state in its place*".

Sh: Hum.

Gh: So what? *If I scream and issue a newsletter, its goal is to establish an Islamic state in Palestine. Is this a crime?*

Sh: *No.*

Gh: *Can you tell me that this is a crime. Convince me that this is a crime. Yes, I want to establish an Islamic state in Palestine. Is this is a crime?*

Sh: *No. That's up to Hamas to answer.*

Gh: *I'm not, I'm talking about...*

Sh: *I'm telling you. Yeah, I mean....*

Gh: I'm not talking about them. I'm saying is it a...., is it....er.

Sh: No, no.

Gh: ...is this a crime?

Sh: *Freedom of speech.*

Gh: What I'm saying is that, if a newspaper like this is writing its own opinion, that the establishment of an Islamic state anywhere on the face of the earth is..., is...

Sh: This is..., this is Steve Emerson's point-of-view. This is Steve's talk and he said it....

Gh: What?

Sh: ...I will get you articles which have the same stuff Steve Emerson said before.

Gh: Ok.

Sh: *This is Steven Emerson's who is writing.*

Gh: Hum.

Sh: *Yeah, yeah. Don't think anything else.*

Gh: I know that.

Sh: Aha. If you notice, some of the very same sentences and statements.

Gh: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Sh: Very old rhetoric and the same logic.

Gh: Yes, yes, right. This says here, "*Er...., while it is true that Hamas funds schools and medical clinics in Gaza, the evidence is overwhelming that it is also habitually... habitually slaughters innocent people and blows things up*".

Sh: Hum.

Gh: *As if Israel doesn't habitually kill and does not blow things up!*

Sh: Hum. Are they saying "*Deport him, but not to Israel*"?

Gh: That is the headline.

Sh: They don't want to send him to Israel.

Gh: No.

Sh: They're afraid problems will happen, *yeah*. Hum

Gh: Hamas has issued a statement threatening....

Sh: Hum. Hum. Ok, I mean, this..., this..., I mean.

Gh: *Everybody in Dallas is reading this now, those among the....[SC].*

Sh: *It is Ok.*

Gh: *So, we have to make some response.*

Sh: To the newspaper?

Gh: *I think, but not officially from us. From individuals, because it did not mention Holy Land.*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah.*

Gh: I'm thinking us as individuals. I mean, Thomas, al-Bayyoud, you and I and *whoever can write should write to them from an Islamic perspective, I mean.*

Sh: *Yeah, why not.*

Gh: *I mean, this article should be severely criticized as in indication of the Dallas Morning News killing...er, ...er, one point-of-view. I mean, if..., if Israel practiced..., if Hamas practiced terrorism, Israel practiced terrorism.*

Sh: *Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.*

Gh: *And America practiced terrorism. This is what I'm trying to..., to... I want to get to this guy's mind. If you determine that Hamas, by bombing five individuals in Tel Aviv, is considered a terrorist, then Israel, by killing civilians in the West Bank - 12 people or 20 people or 1,000, this is also called a practice of terrorism.*

Sh: *Yeah, definitely, definitely.*

Gh: *So, they cannot tell me because...., they cannot say that because a Muslim kills, he is a terrorist, and when they kill, it is their right.*

Sh: *Hum. Hum. Yeah, yeah. In the worst case scenario, this is...er, what you call it, this is an internal civil dispute, if we speak using their civilized language, an internal civil dispute between two people and we have nothing to do with it in the country, to encourage the government, the U.S. government to side with a particular party. This is..., this is a..., very, very special case where two people are struggling for the same land...*

Gh: *Yeah.*

Sh: *...and two people..., if you consider these people are using terrorist tactics, then Israel has..., has been established on terrorist tactics from the beginning.*

Gh: *Exactly.*

Sh: *From the beginning, I mean.*

Gh: *So, if a Jewish person has the right to come to this country, a Palestinian person also have the right, too, to come to this country.*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah.*

Gh: *So, even Mousa has the right to live in that country.*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, because we didn't see that they deported none of the Jewish groups, not even one of those criminals. On the contrary, they fled, went and came, those people charged in Alex Odeh. Israel has not..., America has not extradited.*

Gh: *It is harboring. He sits there today.*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah.*

Gh: *Doesn't Israel harbor terrorists!*

Sh: *Yeah, it does, yeah. It is possible that a person speaks up in this country, but I'm not worried about "North Texas", "South Texas", I'm not worried about nothing. One should let it slide. This is possibly an attempt to respond to..., to open...er*



Gh: I'm not going to respond to...about the Foundation or "North Texas".

Sh: Ah, *yeah, yeah, yeah*.

Gh: I'm talking about the *philosophical basic* [sic] *of the argument*.

Sh: *Yeah, yeah, yeah*.

Gh: *There is no argument. This is a Steven Emerson article.*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah. And also, on what basis does the article talk about the deportation? What evidence does the writer of the editorial?*

Gh: Aha.

Sh: What is the *evidence*? Can he tell us what the *evidence* is?

Gh: *Exactly. Right.*

Sh: Or is it that, from now on, any person that Israel dislikes..., I mean, has to leave the country? Let Israel submit a list of all the people it does not want so that they could leave America. This will be a *precedent*. This won't..., I mean, this won't weaken *terrorism*, this will strengthen *terrorism* everywhere, when Israel begins to *intimate the lives of people, American citizens and Green Cards holders even in America*, this means, "*Who is ruling America? That is the question. Who is ruling America? And..., and what right does Israel have to demand the deportation if there is no evidence and says, "Yes, deport it. Deport him". Why?*

Gh: And it issued a *warrant* for the *arrest* 6 days after his detention in New York.

Sh: *Yeah, yeah, yeah*.

Gh: What is this? If they had something against him, wouldn't they have issued a *warrant* for the *arrest* long time ago?

Sh: Yes, yes. It is an opportunity it couldn't miss.

Gh: What?

Sh: An opportunity that landed in its lap. An opportunity for Israel to distract eyes from its problems and stuff.

Gh: May God turn their cunning to their chests. I swear by God, He will turn their cunning to their chests.

Sh: *Yeah.*

Gh: Yes, yes, yes, because....er, because He knows everything.

Sh: *Yeah, yeah.*

Gh: So, *yeah, if you have time...*

Sh: *Yeah,* God's willing. I'm coming right now. I want to pick up brother Ali Zidan from the hotel, this brother.

Gh: This guy, Al Agha didn't call.

Sh: I don't know anything about him, man.

Gh: I left my phone number, my work number, my home number...

Sh: By God?

Gh: He wasn't available. So, when I got the phone number from you, I called and left everything, but *he didn't respond.*

Sh: *Yeah.*

Gh: *Shall I call back again?*

Sh: *Call him* because I want to pick up this brother from Germany from the Hotel, to bring him over here.

Gh: Where from? From which hotel?

Sh: In *Hampton Inn.*

Gh: Oh, close by here.

Sh: Yes.

Gh: Ok, good-bye.

Sh: Ok. Peace be with you.

Gh: Peace be with you.

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