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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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Mu: [Sighs] Anyway, as I was speaking to Omar, Sheik Jamil called.

Ab: Hm!

Mu: Omar told..., told me, "By God, where is Sheik Jamil?". I told him, "He is in New York". He asked, "Is it possible to give me the phone number?". I told him, "See...". No, he had asked me, "Is there a chance to speak with Sheik Jamil?". I told him, "Whatever is good". Sheik Jamil spoke with me and said, "I will speak with you". I told him, "Omar wants to speak with you". He told me, "Fine....[UI].

Ab: Yes.

Mu: I gave his number to Sheik Jamil. Fine? They spoke together.

Ab: Hm!

Mu: Sheik Jamil called me back. I spoke with him again and it seems that he spoke with you and stuff. You know, the matter moved.

Ab: Hm!

Mu: Within that, the idea of "I want to go to Dallas" and stuff came up.

Ab: Hm!

Mu: I told him: "Listen Sheik! First, there are no flights operating at that time. Also, don't blow this out of ...[SC]

Ab: [SC] proportion.

Mu: [SC]... proportion in a big way. Nonetheless, there's obviously a problem, and the problem is..., I mean, for every problem, there are causes, roots, and methods to resolve it and means.

Ab: [Sighs] Hm!

Mu: The Sheik..., I mean, may God reward him good, I mean, felt like he wanted to work on the issue. He said, "I want to speak with Aboul Hasan" and it seems that he did speak with you and he spoke with them and he said that he is looking for Shukri. Now, when Omar called me he told me, "Man, we need to hold..., I mean a *conference*". I told him, "What is it..., what is it that you want to get out with?". He said, "My man,...." long talk and stuff like that, from here and there. Anyway, he said, "My man, the Sheik's trip must be transferred into the Fund".

Ab: [SC] You see!

Mu: [SC] the Holy Land Fund.

Ab: You see, my brother, you see!

Mu: [SC] Let me just finish. I'll finish for you.

Ab: Yes.

Mu: They reached this decision. I'll tell you about it a little later.

Ab: Ok.

Mu: I'll tell you all the details. I swear by God this is the first time I know that there is such flagrant deception.

Ab: [Sighs].

Mu: I swear by Almighty God, my brother [Noise]. I want to entirely stop doing their kind of business. It's trashy business. These guys are crooks. It's childish business. I swear, by god, this guy, Shukri, Shukri is despicable. This is the first time this comes out of my mouth. He hung up the phone on me! Fine?

Ab: Yes.

Mu: And he speaks in such a way..., in such a way.... It is Ok. It will be good, God willing.

Ab: [SC] But.

Mu: [SC] Ok, Omar and Osama, my brother....

Ab: Yes.

Mu: ...they sing to the same tune, to exactly the same tune. As for Ismail Elbrassi, he is a loser, a good-for-nothing. He doesn't have an opinion. He repeats the same idea they mention. What do you think, Aboul Hasan, he literally regurgitates their same sentence.

Ab: Ok. Listen, before you tell me....

Mu: [Sighs].

Ab: ...I would like you to speak with Sheik Jamil.

Mu: [Sighs].

Ab: There's no need for him to be deceived. Before...er, I'd like you to..., to warn him, I mean. Or would you like to finish first, or what?

Mu: Let me just sum it up for you! Briefly and without much...

Ab: [SC] Yes.

Mu: ...too much talk.

Ab: Hm!

Mu: [Sighs] Osama said that during our meeting in New York..., in New Jersey, it was decided that nobody comes during the month of Ramadan.

Ab: Not true.

Mu: This is what he said and I wanted to ask you in a little while. I told him, "Aboul Hassan says that's not the case. I was not present". He said, "Aboul Hasan was in agreement and left satisfied". I told him, "What I know is that he didn't leave satisfied. He left upset".

Ab: Yes.

Mu: Didn't you get out upset after this meeting?

Ab: Yes.

Mu: Anyway, Shukri came back a little later. He was outside and came back and started a discussion around the subject. They went back and forth, proposing this, proposing that. Omar suggested this, then suggested that. It was all nonsense. Anyway, they finally said, "My man...er.". This fellow Shukri, he came and said corrupting words. He said..., he said, "The *network* that we've put together", that he is and that he is that, "Oh, this is our effort, so on and so forth". I told him, "The effort is not yours; It's not even your own work. As for the *network* you established, if any of has gets an opportunity to move, he will do one that is better than it. Don't think that you established it because you're the king of Arabs. These efforts which materialized is a result of the blood-shedding inside. You all are taking advantage of their efforts. This is not your own work". Anyway, stuff like that. They kept going on and on with long arguments on both sides. To sum it up for you, after a lengthy exchange, fine?

Ab: Yes.

Mu: Omar said, "My man, I suggest that the Sheik's trip..., or before that... He said, "My man, does Abou Hamzah want to take all the money he collected for Al Aqsa Fund?". I told them, "First of all, I don't personally know, but I believe he won't take all the money. This is an establishment with its own expenses and financial obligations. He is not likely to take all the money [sighs] because...". After that, another point came up; Omar said, "My man, I suggest that the Sheik's trip be cancelled,...", no, "to proceed as scheduled and that's it. Everything is to be transferred in the name of the Holy Lands Fund. All the money that he collects, all the money that he collects...er, should go to him, meaning, he should take it with him".

Ab: Hm!

Mu: Fine? [Background talk]. "Er..., he should take it with him", fine?. So, Shukri got heated up. He said, "My man, all the money that he collects and stuff?". I told them, "Do we really need to talk, right now, how much he should or shouldn't take?". Anyway, they said, "Let's put this issue to a vote". I told them, "Before we vote, this is a suggestion. Listen to what I suggest". Anyway, they were arguments made back and forth. I told them, "There are principles that need to be discussed. And I suggest that since Sheik Jamil came onboard as a conduit of goodwill for all, allow him a chance to listen to every point of view and resolve the problem..."

Ab: [SC] My brother, I did not agree to use Sheik Jamil as an intermediary.

Mu: Nonetheless, I am voicing my opinion here. I told them, "Bring him in as an intermediary, give him the chance to listen to the..., the issue so that it could be resolved once and for all. This is not a trivial matter and it should not be handled lightly. Why are you arguing with your guests?". He said, "No, man. It is because this is an emergent problem and stuff. To sum it up, I mean, the end of the matter is that they said, "What is supposed to happen is that should be transferred to us, his trip and we have nobody like Sheik Jamil. It will transferred in the name of the Fund...er, the *Holy Land Foundation*. And the funds which will be collected later will be the subject of further discussions. And, if a problem occurs and Sheik Jamil was adamant on going with the Al Aqsa Education Fund, the fault is not..., the fault is not his, it is the fault of Al Aqsa Educational Fund and we don't want to...

Ab: [SC] I am assume responsibility.

Mu: [SC] We don't want to..., I mean, like you say, create a *conflict* with Jamil. They vote on the issue. All of them voted to it, of course. I told them, "This was rejected. I am not voting and do not approve of this..., this decision. Your intention is to stir up trouble". They said, "Fine, then. We have voted on that decision". I told them, "Fine, you're free". I said, "Shukri....[UI]". I told him, "Shukri, hold on. I need to speak with you". He, of course, hung up on me. By Almighty God, I don't know, this fellow, Shukri, I have yet to have a talk with him; a talk regarding this..., this..., this guy who became something as a result of our efforts, while we stand by like idiots. Such is the summary of the events.

Ab: Hm!

Mu: And Ismail Elbrasse, of course he...

Ab: Did he vote..., did he vote with them?

Ab: Of course, he did, the man of..., the man of theories and principles! I told him, "What kind of principles you're talking about, Ismail? What kind of principles you're talking about? You haven't even established the most basic principles, and you talk of theories and theorization?". Anyway, it looked like it was all fixed ahead of time, my brother.

Mu: So, I told Shukri, "Abou Hamzah would like to speak with you. . He said, "Ok, I'll let him know..., I will let him know of the decision which we will reach this evening. I will not speak..., I mean, I want to let him know". I told him, "Ok, my friend, go ahead, tell him about the decision". The decision which ..., which is what they think is a decision by the committee, Ok?.

Ab: We don't need to..., there is no need for....

Mu: It is Ok, Aboul Hassan.

Ab: Yes.

Mu: Allow me please! The Sheik should be in the picture.

Ab: [SC] No, go ahead, my brother. I didn't mean to...

Mu: ...so that he is not surprised when he finds out that..., that they're done, my friend, the Sheik's trip must be transferred like that, this is the decision over here, to the name of the Holy Lands Fund, and that we come to an understanding with Abou Hamzah as to the money collected. I told them, "With what logic would that take place?" They said, "This is a committee's decision because it creates conflict". I said, "What kind of conflict did it create in the land?" Can you believe it, Aboul Hassan?