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Participants:

Mu = Muin Shabib
Mo = Mohamed Elmezain

Abbreviations:

<i>Italics</i>	Spoken in Foreign Languages
IA	Inaudible
UI	Unintelligible
PH	Phonetic
[]	Background Conversation / Noise/Translator's comments
SC	Simultaneous conversation



Mu: [Sighs]. Ok. This was the first thing. Second, the issue of..., what happened yesterday after I left? Did you fight or not?

Mo: Things flared up. Things flared up.

Mu: Abed spoke with me after he left.

Mo: Hum.

Mu: Of course, he told me what happened over there...

Mo: Hum.

Mu: ...and stuff. [Sighs] Anyway, what happened has happened, I mean, and it is over but, I'm with the idea that we should see this whole thing until the end, Abou Ibrahim.

Mo: By God, we made an offer to him. We told him, "My brother, if you want to walk in the academic direction, that's fine. Leave it to the Foundation...UI. But, the issue of fundraising, you have....UI and we will spend money on you....UI".

Mu: Ok. I would like to make a suggestion, the same idea we talked about at night: Are you ready to....., this is my personal opinion, of course, and I said to him yesterday...

Mo: Hum.

Mu: ...are you ready to allocate an annual budget from your side to specific and known projects for studying, for this and that and that's it, he wouldn't have anything else. If he would like to keep that headline, that name, let him keep it. And he is to be allowed to bring a *spokesman* once a year to advertise for his organization and that's it.

Mo: Man, a *spokesman* will want to stay. Understand me, we will go back and go in circles again. And, after yesterday, the man lost his status with me, I'm telling you. By God, by God, I'm making prayer all night and say, "May God blacken his face", by God, and during the dawn prayer because what he did yesterday was not for God's sake. Even if he swears on the Quran, it wasn't for God's sake. That was for the sake of being a leader and that's it. But, there was casting of doubt on the intentions, attacks....

Mu: Tsk, tsk, tsk.

Mo:UI, I mean, yesterday it was a...er. By God, it is like parading a dead man in front of everyone else.

Mu: There is no might or power other than by God.

Mo: And Issam was telling him, "Calm down. Shame on you. This is not how disagreement should be" and he didn't listen. I mean, it is like those in front of him are infidels.

Mu: There is no might or power other than by God.

Mo: We were telling him, "Man, you're embarrassing everybody in this manner". I even told him, "Come on. You want the organization for itself or do you want to serve people? We're here to serve people and not to serve individuals. So, how many individuals are you going to sponsor?". He said, five to nineteen. How much do they need annually? He said, "Thirty thousands". I told him, "Ok. May God be pleased with you, we will tell you: ...UI, are you with me? And we are ready to spend money on the fifty, my brother, as long as it is for the inside. Don't embarrass us in America". He said, "No. I would like to do advertising for two years to have enough time for the Foundation to be known After that it will grow and it will be this and I don't know what". Ok. who is the Foundation? He said, "This and that person". You know seriously, my brother,UI, neither do I want to talk with him nor sit with him. That's it. We are not men and do not deserve to sit down or stuff. He who does not say justice will not be made successful by the Just One. Have faith And he who is seeking to gain leadership for him, by God, God will destroy him. I can say that.

Mu: True. True, by God, my brother.

Mo: And our God does not bless those who want to flex muscles and stuff.

Mu: By God, everything is made easy by our God and it depends upon the intentions.

Mo: Abou Mohamed, don't you know that I'm sick.

Mu: I know that you're sick. By God, I feel it. Listen....

Mo: By God, I swear by the One who holds my spirit..., I mean, yesterday... I told them....UI.

Mu: But, you told him that you're ready to sponsor his people and that he should keep quiet.

Mo: Yes. Could it be more that we told him that....er. One of the sheiks told him, he told him, "The Palestinian brothers...UI". He told him, he told him, "You have now opened an education [foundation]. Tomorrow, you will have someone to open a health [foundation] and the day after one will come and open this and that [foundation]. It will be a problem, instead of having one strong, respectable organization you will have two....UI". You see? We will have...UI and we will not be having..., I mean, we will not be having something respectable to work on and we will not be working in an organized way.

Mu: Tsk, tsk, tsk.

Mo: By God, we told him that stuff and...UI. One of the people told him, "We were members of the Palestine Committee in Kuwait....UI. We had the Student's Fund....UI. Remain within the Foundation, my brother. Remain with it and handle the education issue if you want to serve people". He said, "Am I going to tell Shukri: Send me a ticket?". Can you believe that, by God?

Mu: The issue is..., unfortunately, there is personal tension with Shukri.

Mo: Our friend has something in his heart, my brother. By God, Shukri did not insult him. No, by God, not him or anybody else. He insulted everybody: Omar, Shukri, myself. I mean..., seriously, by God.

Mu: Ok, what is the outcome, I mean? What is the final outcome?

Mo: I will not sit with him. It is impossible. Nor do I want to....UI al-Aqsa.... I will consider his action an affliction which hit us.

Mu: What is Ismail's opinion?

Mo: Ismail? I didn't...UI. Ismail told him, "Our intention that we both help people over there....UI". Also, the agreement was unanimous and not...er.

Mu: [Sighs].

Mo:UI. The man never insulted anybody....UI. He listened to him and [said], "May God bless you". By God, this shouldn't happen. Why is that? I'm asking this question...UI, "Do we want this organization in order to serve people to claim leadership positions in it?". Tell me, answer this question for me.

Mu: There is no need for an answer. It is obvious.

Mo: Huh?

Mu: It doesn't need an answer, my brother.

Mo: We want to serve people. Ok, here is someone who is already established, he is already serving you. And by the time you make people familiar with you..., do you think people will open their arms to you for two years in a time when everyone is racing to slaughter you.

Mu: Yes, by God, my brother.

Mo: Are you with me?

Mu: True, true.

Mo: Instead of forming a strong organization, support it and make it the one which takes care of that..., instead of supporting ourselves, strengthening ourselves, let's do something..... It is a small *baby* we want to nourish it and give it *antibiotic* so that it grows up.... I mean, it is not going to benefit the cause at all by God, my brother. By God, it won't benefit the cause in any....er. Therefore, I told them "I'm....UI. There are some people sitting with us who are not saying what is just".

Mu: There is no might or power other than by God.

Mo:UI. Even if he came back and accepted our conditions..., I honestly.... My brother, this spirit and mentality do not belong to people who seek a benefit. But to scatter people..., why scatter people? You're working alone. Alone, really.

Mu: Alone. He is alone. That's true.