

Date/Time Recorded: 10/13/1997 at 12:17:27

Participants:

Sh = Shukri Abu Baker

Ja = Jamal Abu Baker

Sm = Shukri's Mother

Kh = Khawla Abu Baker

Wi = Wijdan Abu Baker

Ah = Ahmad Abu Baker

As = Asma'a Abu Baker

Ni = Nida'a Abu Baker

Ib = Ibrahim Abu Baker

Abbreviations:

*Italics*

Spoken in Foreign Languages

IA

Inaudible

UI

Unintelligible

PH

Phonetic

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Background Conversation / Noise/Translator's comments

SC /

Simultaneous conversation

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EXHIBIT  
Baker Wiretap - 26  
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Ja: Hello.

Sh: Hello.

Ja: Yes.

Sh: Good evening.

Ja: Hello.

Sh: Hello. Good evening.

Ja: Good evening. Welcome.

Sh: How is Mr. Abu Baker?

Ja: Fine, by God. Thanks be to God.

Sh: Welcome. This is al-Qabas newspaper from Kuwait with you. We would like to conduct an interview with you, if you please.

Ja: Welcome, Dr. Shukri.

Sh: [Laughs] By God. You mean you figured me out. I didn't want to play with you. I'm afraid your nerves won't take it.

Ja: What is this beautiful voice?

Sh: I'm afraid that your nerves won't take it.

Ja: No. Not at all.

Sh: What's wrong with you?

Ja: How are you doing?

Sh: May God greet you. We got news that you're somewhat sick. Why?

Ja: No, not all. Excellent.

Sh: Definitely.

Ja: Yes, fine.

Sh: Thank God for the safety of your friend.

Ja: [Laughs] Ah, may God keep you safe, ah. How are your affairs?

Sh: Thanks be to God, Lord of the Two worlds.

Ja: What is going on at your end?

Sh: By God, we're fine. Thanks be to God, Lord of the Two Worlds. Our matters are going. We ask God....

Ja: Hum.

Sh: ...for the good end. Our matters are going, thanks be to God. How is it going with you?

Ja: Hum. By God, good, thanks be to God. Excellent.

Sh: Have your children started to speak Sudanese or not?

Ja: No. They speak intermittently.

Sh: Oh, by God. Ok, fine. May God...

Ja: I saw this guy, Abou Khaled, the empty-headed guy at whom I used to stay with as a guest.

Sh: Where?

Ja: At my aunt's place.

Sh: Yes, yes.

Ja: This empty-headed guy..., why is he talking about you saying that....er. Did you know that he was talking about you behind your back?

Sh: In....er. In.....er, what you call it, in his country?

Ja: Yes.

Sh: These guys suffer from a state of diarrhea.

Ja: Why is that? Does he do Hashish or what?

Sh: By God, no.....er, ....er

Ja: What is important is that you're aware of it.

Sh: No, I didn't know. Just heard from you now. But, I don't rule out anything at all.

Ja: He told them, by God, that, "... he [Shukri] used to help me and stuff and introduced me to some merchants and I helped them"....

Sh: Everything within the frame of charity work.

Ja: "...and we did things for him and stuff". Nonsense, I mean.

Sh: By God, this is what he is saying?

Ja: Yes.

Sh: By God, I only did charity work with him. By God, I didn't go or come with him. It is not...

Ja: It looks like these guys do Hashish and stuff.

Sh: Ah.

Ja: May God assist us, O God. How are you?

Sh: Who..., who gave you this news?

Ja: By God, it has been a while, this story has been two months, three months.

Sh: Where is it circulating? In which circles?

Ja: Over here, we got news...

Sh: No, no, no, all of that...

Ja: ...and we they were supposed to inform you but it looks like no one told you.

Sh: There is nothing. I never interacted with him outside the frame of....er. I'm the kind of person who interferes in his line of business and that's it.

Ja: That's it. We know you and that's why...

Sh: And I have not...

Ja: ...that's why he said...., that's why he said, "Let me look for a poor guy to...".

Sh: No, forget about him, forget about him. Anyway...

Ja: ...[UI].

Sh: Anyway, we will see, we will see what he said exactly.

Ja: I just wanted to make sure.

Sh: Are you matters good, God's willing?

Ja: Huh?

Sh: Are you matters going?

Ja: By God, it is going.

Sh: Did you say anything to the son of your homeland?

Ja: By God, he had called me before...., ten hours before he got sick.

Sh: By God?

Ja: So, I was joking with him. So, he told me, "Man, they're giving our friends hard times. Maybe they're going after me".

Sh: Ah.

Ja: I told him, "No, man. Your status is bigger than that. What? The world would.... [Laughs]. The world doesn't measure up to you. Man, they will host you and give you stuff....".

Sh: [Laughs] Something measuring up to his status.

Ja: He said, "Man, you're jinxing me". I told him, "No, man. But, this is your status. What can you do?".

Sh: [Laughs]

Ja: This was at night. The next morning....

Sh: [Laughs].

Ja: ....Malaria struck.

Sh: No, no, no, no. Tsk, tsk, tsk.

Ja: I called after that but it is like it was busy and stuff and he didn't reply to me.

Sh: No, we spoke with his father and stuff and comforted them.

Ja: By God, I.... I had the wife speak with his wife.

Sh: Yes, we couldn't [reach him] at the house. We just called at his father's house and stuff.

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Sh: Hello.

Ja: Yes, Abou Mohamed.

Sh: Yes, Hajj. Give me, give me. What do you... I want your address.

Ja: Yes. *P.O. Box 6892.*

Sh: *P.O. Box 6892?*

Ja: Yes. And the *code*, the postal code....

Sh: Are you in Khartoum?

Ja: Yes.

Sh: Khartoum, Sudan, yes.

Ja: The postal code...

Sh: Yes.

Ja: ....is 1111

Sh: Yes.

Ja: ....3

Sh: 11113. Ok. Fine.

Ja: I mean, four 1's.

Sh: Four 1's. Ok.

Ja: ....3

Sh: It will be good, God's willing.

Ja: That's it. Are you good?

Sh: By God, it will be good.