

[UM] Unidentified Male.  
[UI] Unintelligible.  
[NFI] Not Further Identified.  
(LNU) Last name unknown.  
[*Italics*] Translator's comments.  
[...] Incomplete sentence.

Sh = Shukri Abu Baker  
Om = Omar Ahmad  
Gh = Ghassan  
Ss = Sheik Sharif  
Ga = Gawad (LNU)  
Ab = Abdel Salam (LNU)  
Ak = Akram (LNU)  
Au = Abou Usama (NFI)  
As = Abdel Halim Al Ashqar (Aboul Hasan)  
Aa = Abou Ahmad (NFI)  
Aj = Abdel Jabbar  
Ab2 = Abou Bassem (NFI)  
Mu = Muin (LNU)  
Ar = Abdel Rahman  
Ni = Nihad (LNU)

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Sh: ... But, the question is..., allow me to pose a question. I still feel that all of that still doesn't answer the following question :What do you want? What do you want to get from the Muslim public through your media address. What are you exactly, exactly trying to do. And also from the non-Muslim public, Ok? What do you want from these people.

Ni: Yes. Now?

Sh: Yes.

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Ni: Responding..., responding to people's need over there on the media, political and financial levels. I will give you an example: people in Gaza have a problem. Your energy here is limited. If you hear of a false rumor, you want to discredit it, huh? If people need money, we would provide media coverage. We encourage people to donate to you. If there is a political issue, a Samah's input, for instance, about this or that, we inform people to contact their representatives, I mean the...UI and others, print circulations and send them to them.

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Om: I know, regardless. But, when I stand up and tell him that Sharia says so and so, the Jews are God's enemy, for instance... I won't say "God's enemy". I will say it in a way..., citing the Islamic aspect, that the Islamic aspect prohibits that. Provide the edict of a particular sheik. Ten edicts won't leave a room for doubt with him.

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Om: But, you still cannot show the legal position to the Americans...UI.

UM1: No, my brother. There are things I can warn against such as... I won't be naive to the point of telling the American "It is my right to enslave your daughter and...", like what Omar Abdel Rahman did in Detroit and said that "America will be a plunder for us". His words are correct [*Laughter and UI brief group comments*]. No, really. It was wrong.

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UM2: ..... So, the Americans..., we must address them from a position of right and justice and, at the same time, choose our words well. I mean we shouldn't mess up like Omar Abdel Rahman and fight and stuff like that.

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Sh: When we reach the Americans there is always a disagreement. I have a feeling - please forgive me for that - that we avoid speaking with the Americans as we are not trained in talking with them and we are intimidated. We are scared to talk. We don't really have a clear policy in dealing with them.

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Sh: ... I'm totally not convinced with what you said that we address the Palestinian, the Arab and the American using the same address. This, really, is...

Ni: I didn't say that.

UM1: Ok, let's..., let's... Listen...

Sh: It is impossible. It will fire back. Even the ordinary Muslim, we shouldn't address him in the same manner we address the Palestinians.

Sh: In light of the current crisis, I now see that addressing the American public in relation to the issue of the self-rule that we should not even mention the word PLO. We should not give the U.S. media the impression that our war is a partisan war, that these guys are PLO and we don't like them, or [mention] Yasser Arafat. It discredits us and them. Meanwhile, I can speak with the son of my homeland, I can discuss with him reasons he would understand. A Pakistani person would not understand anything. We ask a Pakistani "Where is Jericho?" and doesn't know where is Jericho in the first place. By God, by God, by God, there are Palestinian youths, Palestinian youths in...UI and they don't know. They ask me "Where is this Jericho? By God, I don't know it..." and they don't understand what I'm saying. I say that we cannot do the same thing for everybody. With the American people, we must focus with it in the next stage on the issues you brought up such as human suffering and the rights..., the issues which he understands, which suits the make-up of his brain. Once he understands that there is a personal friction between you and Abou Ammar or with...UI and there was some talk about PLO and stuff, I believe that he will change the issue from that of people's struggle regarding rights to that of a struggle of a faction with another. On the other hand, I say that we must discredit the legitimate Palestinian leadership with the Palestinian people in particular. We have to discredit them. We have to bring down this idol called Yasser Arafat, he must fall in the eyes of every Palestinian because he, until now, represents the symbol of the Palestinian cause. If he doesn't fall in the eyes of the people, people will still believe in him. This is an example, this is my understanding, see? So, the address will differ.

UM1: Ok, what do you want from the American people and... Let's ask what do we want from the American people and the U.S. Administration.

Sh: Answer this question.

UM1: Yes, yes. Let's discuss it. As for the U.S. Administration, Clinton said "I pledge full support for the accord". That's it. He told Arafat after he...UI him and Rabin, he told him "You have to do what you have to do", and Arafat said "Yeah, I'm ready to do what to be done..."

Ni: "I'm ready to do my part".

UM1: "My part", yes. So, the matter is over for the...UI, you see. They won't support you unless Samah is strong in the field and imposed itself on the [*Palestinian Liberation*] Organization. In this case, they will have no choice but to negotiate with it one way or another, you see? And what do you want from the American people? Money, you don't depend on it for your charitable economic projects in the first place. You can hide it and try to work...UI. As far as charity work, money comes mainly from the Islamic community. It won't give you much of anything, to you in particular because it is true you could deceive it with an assumed name but then it will recognize you. And the Jewish media now focuses on these things. It will expose you to it like it exposed other things, you see? So, what do you want from the American people? In reality, my belief is that you have to explain the truth to the American people but in a way the American people will accept.