

Date/Time Recorded: 5/25/1999 at 17:58:09

Line ID #:

Contact ID #:

Participants:

Om = Omar Yehya

Shu = Shukri Abou Baker

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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Sh: The youths gave us the information today. I requested it last night.

Om: Ok.

Sh: The man made 17 to 20 trips *maximum* and no more during 97, 98 and until now.

Om: How many? Seventeen trips or twenty, that's it.

Sh: Twenty, let's say.

Om: Twenty.

Sh: This is the information we have; the city and its date. This is for 97, 98 and 99.

Om: Ok.

Sh: So, how..., how are we going to deal with it? So..., I tried to call Ghassan yesterday but he was out and was not at the *hotel*. I am supposed to try to call him one more time today to see what we can do. Did the man call you and told you anything?

Om: He just called me now.

Sh: By God?

Om: Yeah, to ask what happened?

Sh: Ah.

Om: I told him. I called him and told him that I called you and that I'm waiting a reply from you.

Sh: Ah, Ah.

Om: That was on... I called you Saturday, right? I believe I called you Saturday.

Sh: Yes, Saturday. Ah.

Om: So, I told him that you promised a reply on Tuesday morning.

Sh: Ah.

Om: So, he waited until noon. I forgot to call.

Sh: By God, I didn't have... I mean, the youths came and got out the information from the *database*. It was even noon when Riyadh gave it to me.

Om: Is it reasonable? Just twenty trips?

Sh: Only. That's it

Om: Who gave it to you?

Sh: Huh?

Om: Who gave it to you?

Sh: We got it from the *database*.

Om: Who got it for you?

Sh: Riyadh. Riyadh Ali.

Om: He started working again for you?

Sh: Yes, he comes..., he comes and goes. He might come back to us. Our beloved youths use him.

Om: *Yeah*.

Sh: And I also saw Akram. He gave me a list... Akram's list had 17 cities. Akram's list had 17.

Om: *Yeah*.

Sh: So, I compared the list with Riyadh's. So, I can say 20 *maximum*.

Om: Twenty.

Sh: So, I don't know, my brother, how are we going to calculate it. I don't know.

Om: How much did he raise? Do you know?

Sh: By God, it is difficult because...er, because there was not alone...er. I mean, this is..., this... It is not 20 by himself. He was with either Abdel Jabbar, Sheik Muharam or... I mean, by himself, by himself, Abou Ibrahim might not have made 10. All of these are *joint*.

Om: Ok.

Sh: Ten *on his own* but it is difficult to determine exactly what...

Om: Let me tell you something [Static].

Sh: Hum.

Om: What is wrong with your phone? Hello..., hello...

Sh: Hello.

Om: Yes. Shukri?

Sh: Hello.

Om: Yes, my brother.

Sh: The line was gone.

Om: It is because of those monitoring your phone...

Sh: It looks like they tapped into the number.

Om: No. The *equipment* is old.

Sh: [Laughs].

Om: Tell them to change it.

Sh: I will tell them to save us the *tax money*.

Om: They will save it for us, for *new equipment*. Tell them we can't hear...

Sh: [Laughs].

Om: Neither will you be able to record.

Sh: Ah.

Om: *Anyway*, I tell you what to do...

Sh: Ah.

Om: We consider that he made 20 trips...

Sh: Ah.

Om: And we pay him for next 10 trips.

Sh: Ah.

Om: We pay it to him in advance.

Sh: Hum. Ok.

Om: To make it 30 trips.

Sh: Ok.

Om: One and a half per trip which makes it 45,000.

Sh: [Sighs] By God, I don't know what to do, sheik. By God... I don't know. Let me see. I mean, ...er. *It will be very difficult to swallow*. But, ...er, *I have to work with it*. But, I hope he is not hoping that we send him the check tomorrow, that is.

Om: [Laughs].

Sh: Don't tell me "Send it tomorrow", that is.

Om: By God, man, I don't know.

Sh: It is difficult. *It will be very difficult to swallow* [static]. [Talking to someone else] Don't do that... Someone here is using the electricity. Ah, *yeah Don't use the blender*. Ah. [To Omar] So,... Ok. Er...., I don't know. Let me call Ghassan tonight and see I might be able to... There is no other way, I mean, from here to there, to get the sum? [static].

Om: Let's agree on two things.

Sh: What?

Om: Let's agree on one thing.

Sh: Hum.

Om: We can say: Let's give him 25 now...

Sh: Hum.

Om: Is it possible? How can you give him now? Tell me. Tomorrow.

Sh: Tomorrow...er.

Om: Twenty? See, I believe that we are helping him out. The one who is helping out shouldn't make things bad for himself?

Sh: Hum?

Om: He who is helping someone should not make things bad for himself, that's it.

Sh: That is what I'm talking about. *I'm in hot water*. I will be in *hot wax*.

Om: *I know, I know. What is..., what is comfortable?*

Sh: [Sighs] I mean....er, I mean, 20 *max*. You're saying one and a half because if you're saying one and a half, I will give one and a half per trip. I mean, *talking somebody making....er, \$3,000 per two trips a month. That's a...er. Give me this offer and I will take it.* [Laughs]. I mean, it is not... *It doesn't sound....er, they call it, conscionable, I mean.*

Om: You're the one who said it. It came from you.

Sh: Not from me. Did I say one and a half?

Om: Yes, yesterday.

Sh: Didn't we..., didn't we say one per trip?

Om: *Ok. One.*

Sh: And we said if he made three..., three trips per months, or four trips maximum...

Om: Fine.

Sh: Fine.

Om: Let's say..., let's say 30 trips at one each, here is 30,000. Twenty in the past and 10 in the future. We give him twenty now for the past 20...

Sh: Hum.

Om: And we can give him 10 in a month based on the fact that we're calculating 10 trips for him during the year 99.

Sh: Hum.

Om: I don't..., *to me... I am a...*, I'm a go-between.

Sh: Aha.

Om: *I'm a go-between you and nothing more.*

Sh: You're a go-between?

Om: Yes.

Sh: You became a go-between, Abou Mohamed [laughs]. I'm doing this thing in your honor.

Om: By God, in my honor. It is in your friend's honor.

Sh: By God,... *I...er. We wanna help* but I know that at the end of the year when it is time for us to do an *audit* for this year I'm *gonna be in a tough shape* because there are no papers, no contract, no... I mean, *I will be in a very tough shape*. I will have to justify it for a long time. How can you do that? I don't know. But,... *Life is full of risks*. But, *somebody's decision is somebody's headache. A person's headache...er, decision is other person's headache*. What can I do? So, I will see. I will sit down with an accountant and I want to get it out in a form..., *I will do everything possible*. I mean, *up to twenty*, if I can get it out tomorrow, where do I send it?

Om: I will get you an account number. Abou Ibrahim has the account ready.

Sh: [Laughs]. Let me...er, God's willing, I will sit down in the morning with Wafa and I will...

Om: So, can I tell him you will be getting 20 tomorrow?

Sh: To be sent out tomorrow?

Om: Ah.

Sh: [Sighs].

Om: *Check*, at least.

Sh: Yes.

Om: I don't want you to promise me something and it doesn't happen because he will be very upset.

Sh: No. I know he would get upset.

Om: It is better to tell him, "By God, Abou Ibrahim, what we can give you is 20 and you will get a *check* in two days". What is important is that he gets it in two days.

Sh: Ok, you tell him about 20 but forget this... Let's make an official *deal* with this brother, my brother.

Om: Fine, Ok.

Sh: Let's make it a part of an official *deal* because *I can sell it*, I mean, that we want Abou Ibrahim to be with us among the *fundraising team* and we will give him this and that.

Om: Ok. I will say [Beep for an incoming call] that Abou Ibrahim want....er, will get 20 for the past...

Sh: Yes. Tell him this is for..., that from now on...

Om: How much is...UI.

Sh: Tell him, if he wants to understand the details we will provide them to him. Those 17-20 trips he did with other people, I mean, not by himself.

Om: No, I will tell him, "Abou Ibrahim, we will transfer 20,000. Why? We reviewed the *Holy Land record* for the past 3 three years and the brothers sat down and your due *compensation* is 20,000 for the past 3 years".

Sh: Hum. Ah.

Om: Now, for the future, I, you and Shukri will sit down after you rest....

Sh: [Laughs]. *Ok*.

Om: "...and...er, *get established* and Shukri will come over to me and we will both come to visit you and congratulate you for the house and store..."

Sh: Fine.

Om: "...and agree on the future".

Sh: Ok, fine. this..., this is good.

Om: Isn't that better?

Om: Ok, fine. When can you send the 20,000 to Abou Ibrahim?

Sh: I will sit in the morning with Wafa and tell him send the *check* today.

Om: You will send it via a *check*. You don't want to transfer it?

Sh: The *check* is better, my brother. It is better. A *check* is better.

Om: Do you know that you have to do a *1099* for him...

Sh: Of course.

Om: At the end of the year. He knows that. *He knows it.*

Sh: Of course.

Om: He will pay taxes on it.

Sh: Of course. *Yeah.*

Om: Ok. Fine.

Sh: And what about this resignation paper?

Om: He will..., it is Ok. I will tell him..., what you call it? *Effective when?* You want it at the beginning of the year.

Sh: It is better for us so that we can look for a new chairman. We will dump that on Ghassan when he returns [laughs]. I will call him and tell him, "Congratulations Ghassan! You have become a chairman".
