

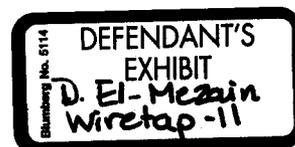
Date/Time Recorded: 04/03/1996 at 13:53:00 call #2

Participants:

Mo = Mohamed Elmezzain
Sh = Shukri Abu Baker
Ha = Hattham Maghawri

Abbreviations:

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



- Sh: ... She is asking, "Why was your policy in the beginning that you..., that you were with Hamas and stuff and then lately just because there has been violence...."
- Mo: She was saying this stuff?
- Sh: Yes.
- Mo: Tell her....UI....*we have no... UI publication or announcement that we are affiliated with any..., any....*
- Sh: I told her, "I challenge you....". To start with, I told her, "We don't have a connection with Hamas in the first place, no connection to discontinue. We..., I challenge you. All of our *literature*, printed materials and our speeches during our *fundraising*..., I challenge you to find that we one-day stood up or wrote asking for donations for Hamas. I challenge you". So, she remained quiet. I told her, "It is not that we started....".
- Mo: Tell her, "What..., what..., what Hamas..., I mean, I mean, regarding donations to Hamas at that time were not illegal. Also, in truth, they are an honor to the entire Palestinian people in the first place...
- Sh: She said, "Ok, you..., I mean, as long as they do good work and stuff, I mean, what is the problem?". ...UI. I told her, "I personally visited the homeland three times and we...er, give assistance to the parties which serve true assistance to the Palestinian people and, by God...er, by God....", she cited me an example of Jamil Hamami and told me, "Isn't he so and so and the one in charge of schools and stuff?". I told her, "Yes". I told her..., she said, "Did you support them?", I told her, "Yes, we supported them and that the fact that Hamami is affiliated with so and so does not mean that I will deprive a thousand students from the best schools according to the testimony of the Israeli ministry of education, the best schools in...UI, this does not mean that...". I told her, "Our policy that we give the organizations and we don't give to the individuals. We don't give to the individuals".
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told her, "75% of the Palestinian youth between the ages of 18-40 is imprisoned at least one time in the prisons of Israel. Does that mean that I boycott 70% of the Palestinian people?" I told her, "It is normal because this is a people who live under occupation and under this and that. Therefore, it is normal that you find someone who is affiliated with Hamas, someone with Fatah, a secular one and a communist one. This is how the Palestinian people are today. But, as long as they provide real services.... Our policy in the first place is to offer assistance regardless of the *religious or political affiliation*". I told her, "We never look at the political *agenda* of any group. We speak about the charitable *agenda*. If they provide charitable work.... Also, *we follow it to make sure it is really been spent the right way*, we will not have a problem than". So, I told her that, "You know what, there are homes which were demolished; homes which Israeli demolished. There are people who call us, pressure us from here, from America, and tell us: You must rebuild the homes which Israel demolished". I told her, "It is because the homes which Israel demolished now do not belong to the..., to the terrorists you are talking about, they belong to their fathers, to their mothers and some of them are even rented". I told her, "What is happening to the Palestinian people, the oppression, the injustice and deliberate starvation..., this stuff..., if we come and follow Israel's racist policy that the Palestinian people, by God, according to Netanyahu that every Palestinian person..., every Palestinian orphan *is a potential terrorist*, that means that we..., [Laughs] should stop....UI. You know what she is telling me? She is asking me if the Jews have the right to live. She told me, "Do you believe in Israel's right to exist?". I told her, "See, whom am I? I'm a human being. I'm not a state or a government. I will not stand up...UI against Israel. Israel is a state...UI I believe that the Jews have the right to live just like others as Jews. And before the establishment of the state of Israel, we were the first ones to receive them in the Middle East. We received them in 1916 and '15 when they escaped from Europe. We received the Jews". I told her, "We want peace. But, I'm telling you that the issue you should be asking is whether Israel believes in the right of..., in the right to exist of 5 million dispersed people? Aren't these supposed to return?". The day before yesterday there was an interview with Perez, by the way...

Mo: By God, I personally believe that people who want to live in peace shall live in peace, and those who want to live in killing they will keep killing others and they are the ones claiming to be peace supporters....

Sh: We told her that.