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Participants:

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Gh = Ghassan Elashi

Th = Thomas Mohamed

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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EXHIBIT
Baker Wiretap - 31
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[Numbers are dialed].

[Phone rings].

Prompt: *InfoCom Corp.*

[Numbers are dialed].

Prompt: *Please hold while I try that extension for you.*

[Music followed by a phone ring].

Gh: *Yes.*

Sh: *Peace be with you.*

Gh: *Peace and God's mercy.*

Sh: *How is it going?*

Gh: *Fine.*

Sh: *I say, do you have a version of the Terrorism Bill..., the new one. The one which was modified?*

Gh: *No. Why?*

Sh: *Because it is clear.... It looks like they are going to pass it on Friday.*

Gh: *Ah.*

Sh: *What?*

Gh: *Yes.*

Sh: *Did you know that?*

Gh: *No. They will..., what...er, what will pass Friday is not yet....er.*

Sh: *No, but the provision of the charitable organizations is still there. They mentioned it.*

Gh: What charitable organizations?

Sh: Huh? They said "the charitable organizations which are linked to terrorism"...., using the exact term.... The ones which are *linked to...*, *to...*, *to...*

Gh: Did you hear in English and you translated. I mea, is this your translation?

Sh: The part which says...er, "*It is gonna ban or... ban..* what you call it? *Ban fundraising by organizations linked to terrorism*".

Gh: *I heard this but I'm not sure if this is right.*

Sh: *Yes, this is exactly what they said.*

Gh: Ah.

Sh: So,...er. And....er, *yeah*, so they said that most likely they will pass it by the end of this week.

Gh: Ah.

Sh: So the word "*link*" shot right up my head. The word "*linked*"....

Gh: Ah.

Sh: I mean, the emphasis on the work "*linked*". I remembered..., I remembered the article... What?

Gh: Did you hear it in the radio?

Sh: No. On TV. On this..., this....*UI show*. This..., what you call it? The one they air.

Gh: Ah.

Sh: So, a guy came from the *Congress* and said that..., he is saying that...er, "*the legislation is not bad, but we cannot say we are very proud of it*". Another guy said, "This is what we..., what we were waiting for in order to enable us to eradicate terrorism and stuff like that". Another guy whose name I don't remember. But it is clear that, at least, the charitable organizations *provision* has been literally mentioned, that is. So, when they said "*linked to terrorism*" the first thing that came to my mind the article in the *Dallas Morning News*, the emphasis on the word "*link*", "*link to terror*".

Gh: Oh, you mean the *Dallas Morning News* is preparing the atmosphere?

Sh: This is my feeling. All this escalation, the media escalation in the Dallas and New York and elsewhere has a connection to that matter, I think.

Gh: You mean preparing the public opinion?

Sh: Yes, *yeah*. The thing is being just a "link". I think..., I don't know if there is a *copy* on the *Internet* we can get a *copy* of it, or...? It is difficult, huh?

Gh: Huh? In English.

Th: *This is America. Speak English.*

Sh: *Oh, sorry. What I'm talking about is the..., on the news, they're going..., they say that, most likely, on Friday they gonna pass....er, the new amended legislation.*

Th: *Right.*

Sh: *The counter-terrorism and they specifically mentioned the banning of fundraising by organizations linked to terrorism.*

Gh: *Here I want to warn you about this wording.*

Sh: *Huh?*

Gh: *This..., the wording is not accurate....*

Sh: *Well, I heard...*

Gh: *Ban..., they wanna ban the collection of funds....*

Sh: *Fundraising by organizations linked ...*

Gh: *By foreign organizations.*

Sh: *Er..., they didn't mention the word "foreign".*

Gh: *You see, my friend, if there is an organization in America today linked to terrorism..., you got my point? The law will prohibit such an organization... The existing law will prohibit such an organization....*

Sh: *Yeah, but the definition now is linkage, because up to this point...*

Gh: Yes.

Sh: *...er, the law differentiates between the...er, ...er, for example the charitable and...er, let's say, military wings of any organization. Up to this point. But after this passes, it will be the same. It doesn't matter if you're supporting charitable. It is the same as long as that organization is named a terrorist organization. So, raising funds and..., if you're linked to that...*

Gh: *Oh, no. That means raising funds for any militia.*

Sh: *Well, Schumer sounded very, very happy.*

Gh: *No, no, no....*

Th: *No, he is not happy at all.*

Sh: *Huh?*

Gh: *He wants to show you...*

Sh: *Huh?*

Th: *He is not happy at all.*

Sh: *He is not?*

Th: *No, no, no. I saw him..., I saw him on the show. He was...*

Sh: *How can we..., how can we get a...er, a copy of the new..., new legislation?*

Th: *Call..., call John Bryant.*

Gh: *I'm trying to get to that, here. Yeah*

Th: *Yeah. Call John Bryant. He is..., he is on the judiciary committee.*

Sh: *Hum.*

Th: *He can..., he is on the committee that..., that worked on the law. So, he can..., so he would have it. And he is a Congressman so he can get it easily.*

Sh: *Is John on the..., he worked on this law?*

Th: *Yeah. He was on the committee. He was the one that..., that...er, helped solve it.*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah, yeah.*

Th: *And...er, I'm pretty sure, you know, if we call him and tell him..., you know give him a heads-up.*

Sh: *Ah. Well, well, you know, the thing..., the thing that struck me is just the...er, the use of the term "linked". So that is kind of a...*

Th: *Yeah, but..., but..., but even..., but even that..., even that, of course, again...er.*

Sh: *See, the media is..., is going out of its way to establish a link that..., between the Holy Land Foundation and..., and..., and... other organizations. So, that is not for nonsense. There is a purpose. They want to serve a purpose here.*

Th: *I..., I agree. But, at the same time, though, it would have worked easier if they would have had another portion pass which was to...er, to...er, to...er, deport and arrest individuals who..., without evidence to show them evidence and, you know, all of that.*

Sh: *They mentioned that. They said it is going to be easier to deport..., deport individuals who are..., whatever linked..., whatever.*

Th: *True. But you cannot..., you cannot just say "there is a linkage" and that is it. You have to..., you have a federal burden of proof in this case.*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah.*

Th: *So, so, the civil libertarians are saying "Ok, fine, we don't mind you saying that, you know, you want to get somebody who have a link. If there is a link, you should be able to prove it and, if you can't prove it, sorry, sit down some place".*

Sh: *Yeah.*

Th: *So, so, Schumer is not happy because, see, if they would have been able to deport then, let's say, Ok, we have the evidence but we can't show it, but we know it for a fact. Ok, deport. You see what I'm saying. But that piece was taken out, wiretap and all of that, that was taken out. So, if that is... UI.*

Sh: *Hum.*

Th: *That's what it is.*

Sh: *Hum.*

Th: *Now, of course, if they don't keep the piece in there about..., over linkage without ...UI. be raised by foreign terrorists or an organization. It makes it easier to deport. Oh, yeah, we know that the Zionists have more likely said to the..., to the NRA and other people "Hey, look..." or to some Republicans, "Hey, look..."*

Sh: *Yeah. See, I understand...*

Th: *...UI and we will accept it because, at least, on the face value we can say we go to the Jews, whom we're trying to get elected from, and tell them we got something you can buy in to and fool them because they're naive". All you have to do, like they said today on World News Tonight...er, "Benjamin Netanyahu and Shimon Perez both were at the front line with the army, with the Israeli army, when it was firing on..., on..., on the Baqa valley in Lebanon and they were both there campaigning with the TV cameras and everything and..., and..., and the newscast was saying that the reason why they're both there is because all you have to do is bring up security, ...UI bring up security which is the biggest issue with the Israeli people is security...*

Sh: *Yeah.*

Th: *So, all you have to do is threaten their security and they will give you everything they have.*

Sh: *Ahum.*

Th: *They got an ...UI or sort of a mold. So, likewise, here in this country Schumer can go back and say, "Look, we can deport Hamas and members of Hamas and whatever else when in fact, really, he can't". But the Jews, though..., the every-day Jew, they don't know.*

Sh: *Hum.*

Th: *They don't know. I mean, as far as they're concerned, yeah, he's taking care of us. But, in fact, I mean, this is America. We still have constitutional laws here.*

Sh: *Well, I hope so.*

Th: *Yeah. Oh, yeah. No, no, no. No, you get a good attorney....*

Sh: *[Laughs].*

Th: *You get a good attorney and he will fry their...,*

Sh: *[Laughs] Oh, boy!*

Th: *He'll fry their butts. I mean, they have...*

Sh: *Yeah. Well, I just..., just kind of...er, paused on..., on what's happening with the media and I said "Why are they collaborating just few days before..."*

Th: *Oh, yeah.*

Sh: *"...the..., the passage of the law unless..."*

Th: *Oh, yeah. That's what you have to remember..., you remember Yasser Bushnaq what he was telling us...*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah.*

Th: *And if you remember he said "it was because the way we did Steven Emerson..."*

Sh: *Yeah.*

Th: *... on Jihad in America", because Jihad in America was supposed to be the steam roller...*

Sh: *Yeah.*

Th: *...which was gonna knock out the HLF and the IAP.*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah, yeah.*

Th: *When we..., when we..., but because that was..., all of sudden he said he couldn't remember..., he said. I mean, even in Chicago, I mean, in Detroit...*

Sh: *Yeah.*

Th: *You know, when they got cancelled, but they still couldn't get...er, you know. [Laughs].*

Sh: *[Sighs]. Yeah. So, what are you two doing now? It is 9:30. Don't you have families to take care of?*

Th: *I was going to but you know this man, this man is a workaholic.*

Sh: *[Laughs].*

Th: *So, we're trying to do the press release for Wednesday.*

Sh: *Oh, boy. Oh, boy. Oh, boy.*

Th: *Yeah. And...*

Sh: *The spirit..., the spirit was great today.*

Th: *Huh?*

Sh: *The spirit was very great.*

Th: *Yes, yes, yes.*

Sh: *Yeah, we got you some nice big 12-foot banners for... UI, believe you me.*

Th: *[Laughs] Very good.*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah.*

Th: *Very good.*

Sh: *Ok. So, I will be talking to you tomorrow.*

Th: *Ok.*

Sh: *Alright, Ghassan, anything?*

Gh: *Er..., I'm looking here I couldn't find..., what is going to be under? What title? I have Agriculture, Air Pollution, Budget, Business...*

Sh: *Could it be under "Congress"? "Legislation"?*

Gh: *I have all the bills, hot bills, but there is nothing on terrorism. It will be under what?*

Sh: *It should be under....er.*

Gh: *Foreign Policy? No, Foreign Aid?*

Sh: *No, it is not Foreign, no. It is Terrorism.*

Gh: *It is not in Terrorism either.*

Sh: *Fundraising. Arm...er, it could be under one of the provisions of the law. Foreign....er.*

Gh: *Why don't you have a...er. Are we going to do a fundraising for Lebanon?*

Sh: *We're already working on the flier and I'm leaving to..., probably Wednesday I'm going to Washington. We're gonna record a fundraising...er, an infomercial.*

Gh: *Yeah.*

Sh: *So, it is..., it is underway.*

Gh: *So, we're doing the infomercial?*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah. God's willing.*

[Pause].

Gh: *...UI or whatever?*

Sh: *Huh?*

Gh: *Ok, here we go; "Comprehensive Anti-Terrorism Legislation". Huh, huh, do you know who is making that?*

Sh: *What is it?*

Gh: *I found something about terrorism. Do you know who is publishing this on the Internet?*

Sh: *Aha.*

Gh: *B'nai B'rith.*

Sh: *Who?*

Gh: *B'nai B'rith.*

Sh: *I can't hear you.*

Th: *B'nai B'rith, ADL.*

Sh: *Oh, really?*

Gh: *...UI.*

Sh: *Huh, huh. So, this shows you.*

Gh: *Listen, listen, listen. Issue: "The bombing of the World Trade Center and the Alfred Murrah building in Oklahoma City dramatically prove that terrorism can and will affect U.S. citizens on their own soil. And now the new threat attributed to Ha..., to a Hamas official, the threat that continued detention of Moussa Abou Marzouk will provoke a wave of outrage against the U.S. which will only intensify the need for strong federal legislation. Israel has requested extradition of Abou Marzouk for his involvement with Hamas. However, the House of Representatives have yet to take the necessary action to..., comprehensive anti-terrorism should be...". You see how they fabricate facts?*

Sh: *Aha.*

Th: *Yeah.*

Gh: *That Muslims are going out..., Muslims are not even afraid to..., to donate money for him. What do you mean...?*

Th: *[Laughs].*

Gh: *They're..., they're just nuts, you know.*

Th: *Yeah.*

Gh: *Anyway, I'll keep looking.*

Sh: *Can you e-mail me that if you get it?*

Gh: *Oh, sample..., sample letters. Do you see how do they send sample letters.*

Sh: *They have it there?*

Gh: *And "I'm writing to urge you to support HR 1710 the comprehensive Anti-Terrorism Act and to work for its immediate passage this fall". This is an old...er.*

Th: *This is an old one.*

Gh: *...an old one. Let me get something....er.*

[Child talks in the background].

They have an interactive homepage.

Th: *Good. I mean when you have people like....*

Gh: *The Holy Land is there, so...*

Th: *Yeah. when you have people like Barbara Streisand... UI, you'll raise quite a bit of money. We've been holding it off and then they will go out and say, flash, "Holy Land Foundation supports Anti-Terrorism Bill and... and is glad to say, for the Muslims and...er, and others who struggle against illegal occupation at their homeland that this Bill is a toothless tiger". [Laughs].*

Sh: Hum [Laughs].

Th: *The Zionist organizations who wanted to have a strong bill for foreign terrorist attacks which have nothing to do with Oklahoma City bombing, which was a domestic terrorism stunt, pulled off by some young bubbles who..." [Laughs]. It will diss them real good when they read that, they'll say, "My God, who are these guys?"*

Sh: *Yeah, we need..., we need to update our..., our page, our homepage.*

Th: [Laughs].

Gh: *We have a...er, online newsletter.*

Sh: *What..., what..., what is the address there? Give me..., give me the address there and I will look it up here.*

Th: *What is the address?*

Sh: *Give me the address.*

Gh: *It is...er, hold, hold a second. Ok, hold... [Pause]. Ok, this comes under www...*

Sh: *www...*

Gh: *...dot.s-h-a....*

Sh: *s-h-a?*

Gh: *....m-a....*

Sh: *n-a?*

Gh: *M like Mary.*

Sh: *Ok.*

Gh: a-s-h.

Sh: s-h. Shamash?

Gh: Shamash.

Sh: Shamash.

Gh: Yes..., dot..., hold a second.

Sh: Dot what? Hello.

Gh: Ok, ok. I can't see it here.... Why don't you just try a...er. Go under "Net Search, you know "Net Search"?

Sh: Aha.

Gh: Click on "Net Search" and..., and type the word "B'nai B'rith" which is b, comma, you know the comma...

Sh: Aha.

Gh: And..., and..., comma...

Sh: Aha.

Gh: ...that is..., er that is on the..., on the....

Sh: Yeah, I know, I know.

Gh: Ok n-a-i space, b like Boy, comma on the top....

Sh: Aha.

Gh: r-i-t-h. This will show you pages...UI.

Sh: Ok, fine. Ok, May God reward you good.

END OF CALL.