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**Abbreviations:**

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

**GOVERNMENT  
EXHIBIT  
Shabib Wiretap 3  
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U.S. v. HLF, et al.**

Ha: Hello.

Mu: Peace be with you.

Ha: Peace be with you, God's mercy and blessings.

Mu: How are you doing?

Ha: Thanks be to God.

Mu: Many happy returns while you're good.

Ha: And while you're good, God's willing.

Mu: You still didn't recognize me?

Ha: Yes, my brother. How are you doing?

Mu: [Laughs] How is my brother, Haitham?

Ha: By God, thanks be to God, my brother.

Mu: How are you doing? By God, thanks be to God. We long to you.

Ha: Thanks be to God, Lord of the Two Worlds.

Mu: How are you doing?

Ha: By God, here we are.

Mu: Did you perform the nightly prayer?

Ha: No. I missed it today, honestly.

Mu: How are the people doing?

Ha: I was on the phone all the time.

Mu: [Laughs] May God help you. Between you and me..., believe me, Haitham....

Ha: Yes.

Mu: ....that phone calls are part of the affliction of our life in America.

Ha: True.

Mu: I mean, my wife is upset because of the phone calls.

Ha: Yes.

Mu: She tells me, "By God, I wish you could spend a month without phones, without talking to people". What can you do?

Ha: God is the one to be sought.

Mu: I mean, this is the means for movement in the country.

Ha: Yes, my brother. I stayed up on it until 3:30 a.m. with the phone working.

Mu: Calling the homeland and stuff.

Ha: Yes, by God. But, thanks be to God.

Mu: God's willing, something good has happened.

Ha: Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God, Lord of the Two Worlds. Our brother, Majdi, passed through the Bridge....

Mu: By God?

Ha: Yes.

Mu: Majdi Akeel?

Ha: Yes.

Mu: Do you that I really don't know him *face to face*. It might turn out that I know him. But, praised be God, his name is....

Ha: Yes.

Mu: I mean, was mentioned *too much*.

Ha: Yes.

Mu: Ok. And he has a *visa* and everything.

Ha: By God, tomorrow, God's willing, he will go to the embassy.

Mu: Tomorrow is Thursday.

Ha: God's willing, yes.

Mu: But, why didn't he get it before he left?

Ha: By God, over there, my brother,... It is because he is....er

Mu: He has a document?

Ha: Yes.

Mu: May God ruin their household, man.

Ha: He went to the embassy and they told him that they....er. So, he went today to the embassy, I mean, but he went late. May God forgive him, O God. Er..., so they told him, "Yes, you can apply here and there is no any problem. We got a letter from the Foundation a letter as well in your regards but you must come earlier than that".

Mu: You sent a letter.

Ha: Yes.

Mu: Ok. *Very good*. Ok, thanks be to God.

Ha: There is also a guest from Lebanon, God's willing.

Mu: Who is the guest? Is he the guy who had to go to Cyprus and stuff?

Ha: Yes.

Mu: Did it work out?

Ha: By God, they rejected him first but now, thanks be to God, he went again and it worked, thanks be to God.

Mu: They gave it to him?

Ha: Yes. So, God's willing, he will be with us on Saturday, God's willing.

Mu: Ok, thanks be to God, Lord of the Two Worlds. What is his name, this brother?

Ha: Huh?

Mu: What is his name?

Ha: His name is Ibrahim al-Siddiq.

Mu: He is not... He is Palestinian, right?

Ha: He is Palestinian, yes.

Mu: Ok, thanks be to God, Lord of the Two Worlds. So, here is Majdi...

Ha: Thanks be to God.

Mu: And what happened with our Master?

Ha: Er..., who is he?

Mu: Siam.

Ha: Sheik Siam is coming the last ten days, by God, of the month of Ramadan, God's willing.

Mu: Ok, good.

Ha: So, the situation has moved a little bit.

Mu: Man, thanks be to God, Lord of the Two Worlds.

Ha: Thanks be to God, Lord of the Two Worlds.

Mu: I spoke with Shukri yesterday. You know that Sheik Jamil is coming as well.

Ha: Yes.

Mu: Aboul Hassan is brining him and stuff.

Ha: Ok. God is the one to be sought. [Laughs]

Mu: God the one to be sought.

Ha: Hopefully, we don't butt heads with each other in these cities.

Mu: By God, my brother, see: I spoke with Shukri..., I mean... Shukri spoke with me and,

praised be God.... I felt that....er...., that's it. Even though none of these people were coming. I mean, I spoke with Shukri when none of these people when none of these people were coming...., neither Ibrahim... and when the Majdi issue was not on the table....

Ha: Yes.

Mu: ....and they contacted Shukri from Britain. They told him, "We want Siam to take him to..., to take him to Belgium and to Holland and stuff". I told him, I mean....er, "Take it easy....UI". What can you do?

Ha: Yes, yes.

Mu: So, I told him, "I ask Almighty God that God is merciful to us....".

Ha: Amen, O God.

Mu: "...because..., because all of our affairs are messed up", unfortunately.

Ha: Yes, by God.

Mu: And the hearts are.... He told me, "Abou Mohamed, this is what I want.... I don't want to comment and I don't want to talk. I would like to remain far away from.....", because..., because I have been living the problem from the beginning with them and stuff...

Ha: Yes.

Mu: He told me, "I don't want to talk and I don't want to clash with anybody". This is what Shukri told me.

Ha: Yes.

Mu: Anyway, we ask Almighty God that...., that this won't happen. But, I mean, believe me, my brother, God the Almighty's willing, the problem must be solved from the roots. Not....UI, but from the roots.

Ha: God's willing.

Mu: Because, my brother, you toil at night and I toil at night. Is it because..., I mean, am I going to get a medal on my shoulder?

Ha: Correct.

Mu: All of us work for the same idea, the same purpose and the same goal.

Ha: Correct.

Mu: All of us. By Almighty God, my brother, I don't doubt the intentions of anyone of these brothers.

Ha: May God bless you.

Mu: All of them. Neither Aboul Hassan, nor Abou Mohamed, nor Abou Mohamed, nor....X, Y or Z.

Ha: Yes.

Mu: All of them work, my brother.

Ha: Yes.

Mu: But, we at the end.... I mean, now when Jamil comes and....er, when this and that person come and stuff.... By the way, I expect..., I expect that Jamil does not what is the set up.

Ha: Yes.

Mu: He..., he....er, I mean, he thinks that..., that..., that.... everybody is united. I'm sorry to say that, unfortunately, we're not as we should be. We are supposed to coordinate things in an organized manner. But..., but..., as I talked to Shukri and, praised be God, I told him, "I will call you again" and I tried with him several times and I couldn't get hold of him..., this issue must be resolved from the roots, from the roots, from the roots.

Ha: Yes. True.

Mu: Because a mess like this will hurt all of us.

Ha: Yes.

Mu: And, at the end, the harm will befall all of us. God's willing, the matter will be resolved. But, this time....

Ha: Abou Mohamed, it seems that..., honestly speaking, there is no mosque..., not at all based on my work for several years..., I mean, I have been working in the field for several years with the mosques..., there is no mosque that will allow to have two sermons for Palestine or an activity for Palestine twice except for very few mosques.

Mu: My brother, even if it allowed it, even if it allowed it, Haitham..., even if it allowed it out of embarrassment or anything else..., suppose it allowed it...

Ha: Yes.

Mu: ... it will be criticized. I mean, the issue will not be liked.

Ha: True.

Mu: Because..., because there is a million issue right now. It is true the Palestine is a wound, but there is a million wounds..., we are not going to say it is more important...

Ha: True.

Mu: But, at least, they are important.

Ha: True.

Mu: Anyway, God's willing, we should be careful that..., that..., that if the Sheik comes... I mean, I consider this time that God will be merciful and make things easy....

Ha: Amen.

Mu: ...that we should be careful that no contradiction is to take place....

Ha: God's willing.

Mu: As much as possible.

Ha: God's willing.

Mu: As much as possible. And, I told Shukri that I will find out from Aboul Hassan what exactly he has.

Ha: Yes.

Mu: So that nothing will happen.... We're..., we're not..., by God, we are not just parties and we should coordinate. We are concerned..., we're in agreement that this is not a sound situation. I mean, I'm talking to you and I know that you're living in a wrong and an improper situation.

Ha: Yes.

Mu: But, we need to..., as much as we can, God the Almighty's willing, try not to lose the Ramadan chance. I mean, Shukri said, "By God, I feel...", that's what he is telling me that, "By God, this is the first Ramadan, by God, for us to live in this atmosphere....".

Ha: Yes.

Mu: "...that Ramadan comes, that Ramadan comes and there isn't a single person coming".

Ha: True.

Mu: And all of that is field work. At the same time, and what he says is right, he says that, "Even..., even those in America are not cooperating". They tell you..., "I can't..., man, leave his mosque". What is that? Why can't you get out of your mosque? What is going to happen? Is the world going to come to an end?

Ha: Yeah.

Mu: I mea, someone like Jamal, excuse me, I mean, if he leaves Chicago, are people going to die?

Ha: Yes, Sheik. But, what can you do?

Mu: Generally speaking. I mean, even over here, unfortunately, there is not the needed cooperation. So, may God help, Sheik, God's willing, make things easy and make thing go, God's willing.

Ha: O God.

Mu: Ok, my man, may God honor you and may the Lord of the Two Worlds bless you.

Ha: God's willing.

Mu: And, God's willing, the Lord of the Two Worlds will make your matters easy....

Ha: For all of us.

Mu: ....and make these issues easy and....er bring about what is best for the higher interests of Muslims in general.

Ha: God's willing.

Mu: Anyway, God's willing, Majdi will be able to get the visa...

Ha: O God.

Mu: ....and there is at least more....er, *more flexibility*.

Ha: God's willing.

Mu: ....and you can move, God's willing. And, God's willing, God will make your matters easy and make all things easy. Let's stay in touch so that....er, I mean, in case there is any contradiction....

Ha: Yes.

Mu: ....we can make sure as much as possible that it doesn't....

Ha: Ok, my brother.

Mu: Even though I hope...., even though it is too late now, that in the future, God the Almighty's willing, I suggest something and I hope it works...., that...., that...., that we should have a new system for work. If the Fund is doing good in mosques, that's it, I stay away from the mosques. I should go in a different direction, I mean, seek a different segment of the market. Go to these people, to the people we didn't visit. But, we shouldn't be like those who repeat themselves: the same people, the same people, the same people, the same people. You notice that?

Ha: By God, honestly, my brother, I....er, I'm not deep into the ongoing problem

Mu: No. I talking because I'm in the middle of it, my brother. I'm talking because...

Ha: What I see is that, honestly, there must be more coordination than what is happening, by God. It is like you mentioned, Abou Mohamed, the two of us work for the same goal, God's willing. So, we don't want to, God forbid and may not allow it, that....er. People who are on the outside, by God, as saying what you're saying, Abou Mohamed, and they notice everything.

Mu: Yes, yes. They understand everything. People see it.

Ha: And they ask questions. People ask a lot of questions, by God. I mean, when Sheik Ahmad Nofel came over....er, I mean, there were a lot of questions and there were a lot of problems. I mean, and Sheik Ahmad Nofel put himself in situations which were, honestly, not suitable to him.

Mu: True.

Ha: So, we don't want to..., God forbid, to have this happen to us and, God's willing, God's willing, this won't happen, God's willing.

Mu: God's willing. Anyway, ....

Ha: God's willing.

Mu: This is between us....

Ha: Yes.

Mu: I mean, the problem is, God the Almighty's willing, is that after Ramadan the people who are concerned with the issue didn't come. They were supposed to come at the beginning of Ramadan....

Ha: Yes.

Mu: ....from outside of America.

Ha: Yes.

Mu: They're supposed to help the problem from its roots because the issue cannot remain like that. He who was supposed to come couldn't come for a reason or another, it is because of his family, his father and stuff, they came to his place and he couldn't get out in Ramadan. So, God's willing, after Ramadan, this issue must be resolved from the roots.

Ha: God's willing.

Mu: Otherwise, it is a shame on us, by God. I swear by God, that..., that..., that it is the biggest tragedy that we speak about huge issues, speak about fundamentals and speak about future while we are not taking care the basics.

Ha: Yes, yes.

Mu: So, God's willing, may God make this time period pass good....

Ha: Amen, O God.

Mu: ....and after that, God's willing,...

Ha: Amen, O God.

Mu: ....another arrangement will take place, God the Almighty's willing.

Ha: God's willing.

Mu: May God greet you, brother Haitham.

Ha: May God bless you.

Mu: And may God reward you all that is good.

Ha: May God reward you good, God's willing.

Mu: Say many hellos to all, by God.

Ha: God's willing, I will do that.

Mu: Good night.

Ha: May God be with you, my brother. Peace be with you, God's mercy and blessings.

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