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Participants:

Mo = Mohamed Elmezain
Ha = Mohamed al-Hanooti

Abbreviations:

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| <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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Mo: Hello.

Ha: Peace be with you, Abou Ibrahim.

Mo: Peace and God's mercy.

Ha: How are you, Abou Ibrahim?

Mo: Welcome, Sheik.

Ha: How is the health?

Mo: Thank God for your safe return.

Ha: May God greet you.

Mo: May God bless you.

Ha: Tell me, regarding collection of donations for this one who is in jail...er, has there been an agreement on something like that or the issue is still not settled. I don't know.

Mo: They made...er, there is a *legal fund* which they created.

Ha: Ah. Have you started to collect yet?

Mo: Whatever is collected now is sent. But the agreement with the youth is supposed to...

Ha: Was anything done through the podium?

Mo: Yes. I spoke one time and Salah spoke once in the past in regards to...er, I mean, he who wants to donate should send directly and stuff like that.

Ha: Ok.

Mo: What..., what happened with you?

Ha: Huh?

Mo: What is going on with you?

Ha: By God, there is no... His wife called us...

Mo: Ah.

Ha: So, I don't want to do anything. I called so that...er. Nobody from the youth spoke with me in this regards.

Mo: No. There is now a committee for his defense and the committee sent letters via fax last week..

Ha: Hum.

Mo: I spoke and said that the announcement of the Doctor's defense committee came to us and that there is so and so and they founded so and so and they have *fundraising* in so and so and that the committee stresses the importance of support as it is as if you're supporting...

Ha: What is the topic of today's sermon?

Mo: The topic of today's sermon.... If you have a certain topic, we are ready to change the one we have.

Ha: No. By God, I would like to speak about the Farakhan's march.

Mo: What do you want to say about, for real. By God...

Ha: My brother, I would like to say that this is God's destiny which brings - in spite of the planning by God's enemy - priests, *ministers and priests* who are enemies, they're enemies to Islam to appear on TV and say that Farakhan is the leader of...., the leader of blacks. This is a Godly touch. Keeping in mind that the man, despite all the...[UI] and infidelity in him, they call him a Muslim. So, the fact that this guys who is *labeled* a Muslim is accepted, this is a Godly matter.

Mo: Yes.

Ha: And the second issue is that he read the Opening [Chapter]..., huh?

Mo: Yes.

Ha: In Arabic and he translated it into English. Isn't that a Godly things?

Mo: Praised be Almighty God.

Ha: Huh?

Mo: [Laughs] Yes, yes.

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Ha: So, I would like to speak about the fact that the planning of the Lord of the Two Worlds is different from the planning of human beings.

Mo: Yes.

Ha: Just like God misled the Jews to invade the '67 and the '48 territories. So, the '48 territories which were void of Islam became open to the sources of Islam.

Mo: Yes.

Ha: And people converted to God's religion in waves. This is totally contradictory to the calculations of the Jews.

Mo: Yes, of course.

Ha: You see?

Mo: Yes.

Ha: This is one instance. Er..., so what I want to say for that this number..., these millions of black Americans to accept to be led by one who is not a Muslim, you see? And, when he...er, he started the call, he started it while he was deviant, but many people who converted to Islam later became...[UI]. Islam in Africa, who preserved it other than..., other than..., other than Sufism?

Mo: Yes, right.

Ha: So, my brother, we accept in this circumstance..., I mean, we see that it is God's destiny that some beginnings are wrong and deviant but, at the end, it will be...

Mo: For Islam's benefit.

Ha: ...for Islam's benefit. I mean, my brother, stating this opinion out loud.... Some people ask, "O Muslims, what is your position?".

Mo: ...[UI].

Ha: Ah. So, we... I was telling Ahmad Yousef today that, "Tomorrow, we can benefit from these people when they bring out the law..., the law they're working on it and stuff. You get them and you tell them: Come on and raise your voice", you see?

Mo: Yes.

Ha: So, this is the... The other issue I would like to speak about is that blacks are asking for reform. The truth behind reform is that it cannot be accomplished by other than Islam. For you to try to stop someone from getting drunk, drugs, adultery and stuff without Islam, this is impossible.

Mo: Yes, of course. And also...

Ha: So, the basis for reform with us is man's return to Islam.

Mo: No. It is excellent. May God bless you.

Ha: This is the topic of the sermon.

Mo: No, no. Excellent. For two weeks, I have been talking about some ethical issues we have.

Ha: It will be good. Abou Ibrahim, there are verses in [chapters] other than Hud....[UI].

Mo: "...UI, woe to the people of Hud".

Ha: Yes.

Mo: "But Thamud have forsaken their God. Woe to Thamud".

Ha: That's it. And there is..., there is the Cow [chapter]...

Mo: Yes.

Ha: Er..., there is a verse in the Cow [chapter]...

Mo: "And thank..., and thank God if you worship God"?

Ha: Yes. "So, thank me..."

Mo: "And thank Me and I will remember you and thank Me and don't forsake Me".

Ha: "Thank Me and don't forsake me".

Mo: Yes. This is in..., this is...

Ha: What?

Mo: This is in the beginning of the part which is...er.

Ha: These are the verses which were revealed without the B, you see?

Mo: Yes, yes.

Ha: I want to find out why where these verses revealed with out the B.

Mo: "Thank Me and don't forsake Me". Yes.

Ha: It will be good, God's willing. It will be good.

Mo: May God keep you, Aboul Muthanna, and may God reward you good for calling.

Ha: Abou Ibrahim, I..., I really, by God, want to tell you that..., like I was telling you, my brother you must reconsider the *strategy* over there.

Mo: You command me.

Ha: I tell you..., we..., my friend, all of us make mistakes and we made mistakes. Let's leave this stuff behind.

Mo: Yes.

Ha: Now, your *strategy*, my brother, is..., what I see is that we were tarnished with political activism.

Mo: Yes.

Ha: And, due to one circumstance or another, we worked in *lobbying, politics* and stuff.

Mo: Yes.

Ha: And this inflicted a serious damage to us.

Mo: True.

Ha: Inflicted us on the personal level.

Mo: True.

Ha: My brother, you now are getting into the foundation..., the educational foundation. What I'm telling you and I'm, by God, advising from far and God is a witness that I even spoke with Dr. Issam before I called you...

Mo: Yes.

Ha: God is a witness that I do not take it lightly that someone gets harmed. I mean, I remind you and cite an example for you so that you know what I'm talking about.

Mo: Yes.

Ha: Mousa Abou..., in the past, Mousa Abou Marzouk..., of course, we worked together and stuff and you know that. When..., the case of Murad, the case of al-Ghazali and the case of so and so happened, do you remember?

Mo: Yes.

Ha: He didn't take a stand..., I mean, he didn't support the issue. On the contrary, he believed many of the allegations which were directed at me and this was his stand. But, now, I don't hold any of that. I don't say, by God, Mousa stood or didn't stand with me. went to Saleem al-Zanoun the other day and I'm willing to go to whatever place to stand with him.

Mo: May God reward you good.

Ha: Like I'm telling you, I don't hold anything against anyone. What I'm telling you is that if you don't change the *strategy*, you will face difficult circumstances.

Mo: What do you mean?

Ha: I mean, my brother, hold..., I mean, let your relationship with all be a true amicable relationship. Let's leave behind the issue of...[UI]. I mean, you now have people from.... You know people are in two or three camps.

Mo: Yes.

Ha: What I say, between you and me, I should go and visit all of these people, invite them to visit me and tell them, "Our brothers, we're now in a stage... Let's not remain attached to the past. We now want to build our relationship with Almighty God...".

Mo: You said it good.

Ha: "...and if a harm and an evil befell us, it is due to what our hands did and we appeal to God with a new dress". Affirm this meaning in people's hearts and, by God, you will rule over their hearts.

Mo: God's willing.

Ha: And you're a person who has the ability to lead.

Mo: I ask God for forgiveness.

Ha: No. I'm not telling you... I'm telling you this is a fact. So, if you take that direction, my brother, God will provide good and success.

Mo: God's willing. I...er, by God..., God's willing, you will be a counselor among us.

Ha: By God, my brother...

Mo: I mean, Aboul Muthanna, let it be from now on a new page for God the Almighty and we forget everything.

Ha: By God, my friend, I believe it.

Mo: May God reward you good. And, God is a witness for that, God's willing. And you remain our older brother and our father and, God's willing,...

Ha: By God, my brother, if I hear about anything which befalls you or anybody else, by God, I don't have heart for that.

Mo: May God keep you and bless you, Aboul Muthanna.

Ha: What I want, my brother, is that we cooperate, support and bring people closer and serve God's religion, my brother, and not our interests.

Mo: You said it good. You said good, God's willing.

Ha: All of us will be gone.

Mo: God's willing. By God,...

Ha: Ok, Abou Ibrahim.

Mo: May God bless you. And God's willing, we will cooperate in that.

Ha: May God honor you.

Mo: May God reward you good and may God bless you, my brother. Peace be with you.

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