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Participants:

Ha = Haitham Maghawri
Sh = Shukri Abou Baker
Um = Unidentified Male
Uf = Unidentified Female

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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EXHIBIT
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U.S. v. HLF, et al.**

Sh: May God greet you. We wanted to find out how is the situation. He is the situation...? I didn't understand exactly what happened.

Um: Er...,you didn't hear about it, you mean?

Sh: No, where do we hear from?

Ha: No, by God.

Sh: Where do we hear the news from?

Um: Yes. Anyway, until now there is nothing official from the attorney.

Sh: Ah.

Um: Because they came to the office and they didn't even bring a written order of what they want to do.

Sh: Ah.

Um: They confiscated everything and they placed a hand-written paper on the door, that it is *closed...*

Sh: Ah.

Um: And they left. They told us...er, I mean, they told the girl who was working there that we advise you not to work at the office.

Sh: We don't advise you?

Um: Yes.

Sh: Ah.

Um: She asked them "Where is the search order and stuff". They told her that we don't give people in the Bank any search order.

Sh: Ouf!

Um: Anyway, we spoke with the attorney and the attorney is supposed to check with them.

Sh: This area is under the Authority or under those people?

Um: It is under..., no, this area is under them.

Sh: Ah.

Um: It is not under the Authority, I mean.

Sh: Hum.

Um: So...er, we're supposed to find out the details today.

Sh: Were they polite or were they *nasty* with her?

Um: By God, I didn't ask this question.

Sh: Ah.

Um: But, I believe that they were normal.

Sh: Hum.

Ha: Is there anybody else other than us?

Um: They took all the files. They took the *fax*.

Ha: Ok, was there a reason for that? Was there a media campaign few days before or anything before that.

Um: Nothing.

Ha: Ok, are there any other organizations like that as well or...er.

Um: By God, I got the news at night. I mean, when they broadcasted the news at night, they didn't mention these things, I mean.

Sh: Ah.

Um: I mean, officially, they didn't say that they did that.

Sh: Hum.

Um: So, maybe today they will announce the news and we will see what exactly happened. It is possible they just want the papers and not the...UI.

Sh: Hum.

Um: Maybe they just want to see the papers.

Sh: They took everything at the office, huh?

Um: They took the papers.

Sh: Ok, this is the second time they take them, right?

Um: Yes, the first time they....er. Right, this is similar to the previous time.

Sh: So, from the media point of view, you know that...er, I stress that...er. I mean, this is what we are going to say if they ask us...

Um: Hum.

Sh: ...about the nature of our office and your office...

Um: Yes.

Sh: ... this is what we are going to say: you are a registered under the Israeli law, a registered Palestinian organization. You have a board of directors and complete independence....

Um: Yes.

Sh:and we have a relationship of cooperation with you.

Um: Yes.

Sh: Because the media here is..., the U.S. media is very keen to show that we have offices which are shut down. We tell them, "No, we don't have offices which are shut down. We don't have offices to begin with. There are some Palestinian parties which we cooperate with and they are registered under the Israeli law....

Um: Yes.

Sh: "...So this organization, they got our permission to use the same name but, they have an independent and separate decision". I wanted to tell you that in case someone from the media asked you.