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Participants:

Sh = Shukri Abou Baker

Ab = Abdel Haleem al-Ashqar (Aboul Hasan)

Abbreviations:

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

Sh: Hum. Hey, Aboul Hasan, a guy called us from Al Islah Society in...Jericho. His name is Nader...

Ab: Nader what?

Sh: Akhras. He says that he knows you.

Ab: Nader El Akhras?

Sh: Yes.

Ab: I never heard this name.

Sh: You never heard about him?

Ab: Nader El Akhras?

Sh: El..., Nader Akhras. He is originally from Seet El Dhaher in Jenin.

Ab: Nader?

Sh: Yes.

Ab: Akhras. No, no.

Sh: He came to my office and asked for your phone number. I told him I don't know who is Aboul... I don't know the person you're talking about.

Ab: Listen... Nader Akhras from Seet El Dhaher?

Sh: Yes.

Ab: Medium height?

Sh: By God..., yes, somewhat blonde.

Ab: Yes, he used to work at An-Nahar?

Sh: Used to study in..., in Beer Zeit.

Ab: By God, my brother, I don't know him. No, I don't know him.

Sh: He is with the people who....er, who visited their aunt's house several times....

Ab: He is.....

Sh: He claims a relation..., he claims a relation to her, this....er, Hajja Samah.

Ab: Oh, no.

Sh: So, he came over here and I don't know how he got a visa. He asked for this and for Anan's phone number and said that he knows you. He visited Ahmad in....cr, in Washington, Dr. Ahmad.

Ab: I, by God, don't know him.

Sh: So, I was somewhat reserved...

Ab: I'm totally not remembering him.

Sh: He told me, "Yes, he knows me". He told me.... I told him, "By God, my brother, who is Abdel Halim. I don't know Abdel Halim. This is the first time I hear about him"

Ab: That's good.

Sh: Yes. I told him, " I might know him with a different name". He came to the office, by God. He just showed up at the office without.... He has an uncle here, his uncle.

Ab: Oh, he is coming for that...

Sh: So, he brought up many, many names....er. It is as if he knows the entire family but, the fact that he wasn't careful at all while talking, I was somewhat reserved with him. But, he could be *legitimate*, I mean. He says that he works as a secretary for this guy in..., but he is originally from Jenin. He studied in this al-Najah Univ....er, Beer Zeit and...

Ab: The fact that he was open...

Sh: And met with the "Old Man", he says.

Ab: Yes.

Sh: He was one of the people who negotiated with him during the issue of the prisoners and stuff.

Ab: By God, I'm not remembering him, Abou Mohamed.

Sh: Ok, fine.

Ab: I might know him.

Sh: Is there...., is there a way to...

Ab: Through..., through Sheik Harb.

Sh: Ok, we will call..., we will call... No, but we want to know if he is one of the...

Ab: You need to ask around.

Sh: Yes, one should ask around because he asked for assistance, in reality. He needs an assistance, my brother, because he is almost homeless, he said. He is dismissed by the people over there.

Ab: How did he get the visa and stuff?

Sh: Huh? I don't understand, Abou Hasan?

Ab: How did he get the visa, Abou Mohamed.

Sh: He said he got it by mere luck, just like that. He wasn't expecting it in the first place. It was a visit and....er, I don't know, he had a wedding and stuff. So, he managed to get it, I mean. He said, "I wasn't expecting it at all". He received a suspended....er. He still has a year left. His idea was to leave from there until the year passes...

Ab: Ah.

Sh: Which is why... and he got accepted over here by a college. So, he is trying to stay for a year and, therefore, I want to deal with him with knowledge. He lives half an hour from here. Not far away, I mean.

Ab: By God, Abou Mohamed, I mean.....er.

Sh: Hum.

Ab: You have to absolutely make sure, I mean.

Sh: Ah, yes. Should we call people over there, maybe Abou Malik or something? Is that your opinion.

Ab: By God, if he works at Al Salah..., Al Islah...

Sh: Yes, he says that he is the secretary.

Ab: ...he should be known, then.

Sh: Yes. He must be known.

Ab: If Abou Malik or Abou...Harb....

Sh: Ok, fine.

Ab: You have their phone numbers.

Sh: Yes, I do. Ok, fine, fine. We will call them, God's willing. It is just that he asked about you so, I said...

Ab: I'm totally not remembering him.

Sh: Certainly, certainly.

Ab: I might know him but I just forgot. But, I want to tell you that, Nader El Akhras...er, no, not at all. I don't know..., I didn't see this name before.

Sh: Hum, hum, hum.

Ab: From ...Seet El Dhaher, I know the people of Seet El Dhaher who were there.

Sh: Yes. We *will*..., I mean, we will..., we will do that, God's willing. We will....

Ab: ...JI.

Sh: *Yeah, yeah*. We will inquire about him, God's willing. No problem.

Ab: These matters need time.

Sh: *No problem*. Yes. We have time, God's willing.