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Uf = Unidentified Female

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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**3:04-CR-240-G
U.S. v. HLF, et al.**

Gh: May God keep you. *Yeah*, it is a mosque.

Sh: He is telling you to *watch out*.

Gh: *For?*

Sh: The news.

Gh: Why?

Sh: They accused these three people from Brooklyn to be affiliated with you what you call it.

Gh: No, man!

Sh: Yes, by God. You didn't hear the news?

Gh: No, no, no. I didn't....er.

Sh: Yes, by God. The police..., the police..., the police said about them that they are a group affiliated with those is a connection between the Jerusalem operation and this operation and...

Gh: Ah, they *concluded* that? When did they *conclude* it?

Sh: Yes, and Reagan is congratulating..., congratulating the FBI..., not Reagan, Clinton congratulated the FBI for the operation.

Gh: I read the news today, man. *No*, it is not...

Sh: Yeah, listen to CNN, they're repeating the news every now and then on the radio. Every five minutes they say that the three men arrested are..., what you call it, have a direct connection with these people. What is wrong with you? Turn on *CNN*.

Gh: You're saying the news... I heard the news and I watched CNN and others. They said, *don't jump to conclusion*. They even said today *on public TV*. They said this is..., *this is....er*, they said a word that....er..., *it is....er*, I mean, I mean,... it is *out of stupidity*..., I mean, *Hamas will never do this*.

Sh: Where, which *news* they said that?

Gh: *On public radio.*

Sh: I listen to....

Gh: They interviewed a *scholar*. He said, "*There is no way....* Their chief..., one of their chiefs was arrested in New York and they didn't do anything". They don't focus... It is Giuliani, the bastard, he is a bastard, a Zionist....

Sh: Which one? Yes.

Gh: Giuliani.

Sh: Yes.

Gh: He wants to take this chance to introduce, I think a *bill to tighten up security...er*, on the basis of..., because he said,.... they..., they found an *application for immigration asylum*, that he had filled out the *he is a member of a terrorist organization*.

Sh: Ah.

Gh: *That is why he is asking for asylum. The immigration guy, the top immigration officer, answered him and said, "This is outrageous".*

Sh: [Laughs].

Gh: "*This is...er, the..., the mayor is..., is..., bending something that there has no basis, there is no truth to that. We will not..., we have a system and our system is good*". Of course, he tried to blame it on *immigration*.

Sh: But, by the way, there is something which indicate that the whole thing is fabrication plus fabrication...

Sh: And I..., I read on the *Internet*, on the *NBC* news... that one of them has confessed to be..., to be...

Gh: Yes. What did you confess to?

Sh: ...that he is affiliated with Hama..., but the whole matter is...

Gh: No, man, he didn't confess to be affiliated with Hamas. Nobody...er. Not a single one of them, not one of them said that. I read all the news.

Sh: See the news on the radio, 1150, this *CNN*.

Gh: Ah.

Sh: They repeat the news every 15 minutes and they say that the three people whom they arrested turned out to be linked to a *Palestinian terrorist organization* called Hamas. Every now and then they repeat it. Since I was in Duncunville and on the way back from there, every now and then I check it and I had Akram with me. I say that it looks like these guys have an evil intention, you see, and have cooked a good scheme and they want to begin skinning the...

Gh: Hamas could announce that..., that, from Amman, that this is not true.

Sh: They..., they denied the operation in the first place. Al Rantissi denied the operation. He denied that it is....

Gh: It didn't come from Hamas, by the way. It came from Ezz Eddin Al Qassam Brigades.

Sh: Yeah, yeah, yeah, but Al Rantissi....

Gh: And they said it is Martyr's group or Martyrs' group or something.

Sh: Yeah, to liberate the prisoners. So, Al Rantissi said that there are doubts about this, to start with.

Gh: Yes.

Sh: So, God knows best, the whole thing could be..., the story is *too..., too good to believe...*

Gh: This one affiliated with New York in Palestine [NFI] is what is between the Palestinian people and the Jewish people...

Sh: Yes.

Gh: You understand me?

Sh: Yes.

Gh: There a big blood and people strike at each other. Don't exclude that any two people could do it...

Sh: Yes, yes.

Gh: Any five people could it.

Sh: Yes.

Gh: *You don't need any..., you don't need any financing, you don't need... And the expertise is very easy..., to get this expertise.*

Sh: *Yeah, yeah.*

Gh: But no official statement was issued by Hamas... If you go to Assabeel newspaper on the Internet...

Sh: No, it didn't come out, it didn't come out.

Gh: The official statement which it was on the 29th....

Sh: Yes.

Gh:denouncing the peace process by Yasser Arafat, that he agreed to sit down with Netanyahu. This is another issue. But they didn't issue statements after that one.

Sh: Hum. It is all...

Gh: But the story out of New York, *I can swear it is all fabricated.* It is possible, it is possible that they had things at home....

Sh: Yes.

Gh:stuff they actually found, *but how..., they were tipped. The guy who tipped on them came from Egypt a week ago.*

Sh: [Laughs] It is..., it is....er.

Gh: Came from Egypt a week ago. *Who was that?*

Sh: On ABC, they said that there was supposed to be an explosion today, you see, *they caught them one day earlier, you see. Stuff, stuff..*

Gh: No, man. When you read the investigation which was conducted with this man, what is his name? You told me, Jewely, Jewel? The one from Atlanta...

Sh: Yes.

Gh: Yeah, you see how they sometimes do..., in the *labs* they do this and that...

Sh: I just wanted to tell you because it seems that *whoever*, the guy in New York, this dog, tried to tie it to parties... Don't be surprised if the *fabrication* gets bigger than that. They would keep on publishing confessions that...er, which are nonsense. They cannot get us by law, they will try to get us by fabrication, man.

Gh: No, they cannot.

Sh: *Yeah.*

Gh: They cannot. They cannot, man. I mea, *we will..., we will challenge this. I'm not..., I don't care what the New Yorkers says. This thing is coming out of New York, this is another fabrication about the World Trade Center, three-fourth of it is fabrication.*

Sh: It is known. Yes, yes.
