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Participants:

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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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Ha: Er..., the man inquired about our offices, where are our offices.

Sh: Yes.

Ha: *I think that we also have to plan ahead.*

Sh: Ok.

Ha: I mean, if the man is staying in Gaza, that's fine, he is staying in Gaza and he is talking with Asad Abou Sharkh. But,

Sh: You want to..., hum.

Ha: ...we have the Hebron office, we have Jenin.

Sh: We need to speak with the Hebron.

Ha: In Hebron, Kamal was one of the detainees. Fawaz.....er, you know what is Fawaz' situation....

Sh: Aha,

Ha:and how many time he visited his aunt's house. Er....., so I believe that definitely....., it is because he told him. Mohamed told him that, "Over here, we're not the office of the Holy Land Foundation, America branch in Gaza. No, we are the Holy Land Company and we cooperate with them. There is a contract of cooperation between us. But, the Foundation's office, its branch, is in Hebron.....".

Sh: Yes.

Ha: "....and they have a branch in Jenin".

Sh: Yes.

Ha: So, he who made it to Gaza will make it to Hebron.

Sh: Yes, for sure.

Ha: Ok.

Gh: Not just that. He will go Jerusalem and he will ask the Israeli authorities and he will get confirmed reports from them. He will come back and he will publish the order and he will write his opinion.

Sh: Let him go..., let him go and meet Anati. *Anati is out of the jail. Let him meet with him.*

Ha: Ok. I have..., it is Ok. At least, in regards to Jenin and Hebron....

Sh: Yes.

Ha: I mean...., it is Ok, Abou Mohamed, it is because I still don't consider those people employees for real....

Sh: No. They're not employees, yes.

Ha:so, I don't know how they think, how is their answer to questions is going to be. *I know...., I know this will be a burden on us. But,er, it is honestly worth looking into it to write down the....er, the questions which the man might pose and how you can answer them.*

Sh: Yes.

Ha: We are dealing with...., when he comes back, the readers will be in America. So, the answers of the East do not fit the mentality of the people over here.

Sh: Of course, of course.

Ha: So, a man might be driven by emotion and zeal and starts defending this or that person or a family or something.....

Sh: No. There is...., there is...., there is a very easy way....

Ha: Ok.

Sh: "We are a regional office for America. *Contact our headquarters in Dallas. Speak with Mr. Baker*". That's it.

Ha: That's it?

Sh: Yes. Isn't he going to a *headquarters office*?

Gh: Yes. *I think this is the right way....*

Sh: That's it. They're...., they're going to the *headquarters office*. "We are....er, *excuse me, we are a branch of what you call it. Contact our...., what you call it, our head...., our headquarter office in Richardson, Texas*".

Ha: Fine, fine.

Sh: That's fine.

Ha: Both of them, Hebron and Jenin.

Sh: They are not to answer any additional question after that. If he wanted to go down to the people and ask them and...., he is free. But, if you want...., this is...., I mean, *that's the only thing we can do which is to block him off, which is....er, they refer him to the office.....er, to the office we have and that's it. That's it. He wants to go interview a headquarter office affiliated with America and we're just in his backyard? Let him come back, Steve,*

Gh: Right.

Sh: Yes.

Gh: Yes.

Sh: Let him question us.

Gh: Ok.

Sh: That's it.

Sh: They would go into the next question and the one after it. Er...., he will go to Fawaz and tell him, "Why were you were jailed for 20 months, for instance?". Or, to Kamal, "You were a deportee. And how is your relationship with...., how did the *HLF* get acquainted with you?". They don't know how to answer. When they come to ask me, I will tell them, "*One of three Palestinian youths between 15-45 have been jailed or deported. Chances are among every people....er, three people that one had been...., one or two had been what you call it. So what, I mean?*". I know how to answer them. But, Fawaz or....., or....., he will not able to answer them.

Gh: Ok.

Sh: Yes. So, notify them of that quickly, Haitham, and we told them about the families they will visit tomorrow, we told them what to visit and what not to visit. And, Dr. Asad...., it is obvious that he is smart, he turned out to be very smart and aware of this issue and he said, "Don't be afraid. I mean, we are....er and stuff". So...., he might meet with some Palestinian officials and find out who these people and what is our relationship with them. *That's fine with me.*
