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Ab = Abdel Rahman Odeh
Gh = Ghassan Elashi
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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Sh: *Yeah. This Bill, the Bill...*

Gh: *Yes.*

Sh: *...in the Wall Street Journal, they say that...*

Gh: *Today's...*

Sh: *Yes, they wrote about the Counter-Terrorism. They're saying that the provision relating to..., fundraising..., Ok. "Citizens..., American citizens and groups, huh, will be banned from raising funds for...er, ...er, foreign designated terrorist groups".*

Gh: *Yeah.*

Sh: *They say, "These groups... - he is speaking about fundraising for these groups - these groups...er, their assets will be frozen..."*

Gh: *Yeah.*

Sh: *He is talking about the local, American, U.S. groups.*

Gh: *Ah.*

Sh: *"...will be frozen".*

Gh: *Yeah.*

Sh: *So, that is what the law provides for.*

Gh: *Yeah, but....*

Sh: *So, I suggest if..., if..., if it is signed to law..., if he..., if that guy signs it....*

Gh: *He will sign it.*

Sh: *We're supposed to..., we're supposed not to have any activity regarding the fund...er, not the fundraising, money transfers and stuff.*

Gh: *Why?*

Sh: *Because..., because he will come and tell you, "You're transferring money..."*

Gh: *Yes.*

Sh: *And then he will tell you, "You're transferring to a party that is....". Hello, hello.*

Gh: I'm here. Yes. Hello.

Sh: Hello.

Gh: Yes.

Sh: What is this? What are these messed up phones?

Gh: I can hear you.

Sh: *...until we see legal counsel because you're..., you're..., as long as you don't do anything after the law became effective, you're...er, you're Ok*

Gh: Who told you these things?

Sh: I'm telling you. Is it going to hold you accountable for the past?

Gh: But who are you transferring the money to? When you transfer, whom do you transfer to?

Sh: If I transferred it to a charitable society and they later came and said, "Come here, this is...er, this and that".

Gh: I don't know.

Sh: *How would we know?*

Gh: *How I..., how would I know?*

Sh: Ah.

Gh: *I mean, how would I know? Why are you asking me?*

Sh: That's what I'm saying. There must be a certain *procedure*.

Gh: No, this *Wall Street Journal* is...er, a friend of...er,

Sh: Yes.

Gh: ...what is his name..., this Steve Emerson.

Sh: We know. I know that.

Gh: So, the stuff which is in it is meaningless. The *Dallas Morning News* didn't write that

stuff. There is an analyst with them, I mean, their *reporter* whose name is David Jackson...

Sh: Ah.

Gh: He didn't mention any of that. Of course, there is even more frightening talk. I heard that CAIR did an *Action Alert* about it that *you can...er, the bank officer....er.*

Sh: Hum.

Gh: ...can withhold the money of the local organizations and societies which the *bank* suspect might be related to terrorism. I mean the *bank* is the one which makes the decision.

Sh: *Well!*

Gh: This is what CAIR said in an Action Alert.

Sh: Is this..., is this part of the new law, this part?

Gh: *Yeah.*

Gh: But, if you transferred ...er, if you transferred, *usually it will be published somewhere.* I mean, I mean, *it is not something that...* I mean, the opinion you're saying that, after the passage of the law, we won't be able to transfer? It doesn't make sense to start with. *I don't know what you mean by it.* Do you suspect at any time that you're transferring money to...?

Sh: No, no.

Gh: Yes.

Sh: What I'm saying that this could be a trap. You transfer with your normal care and sense...

Gh: Yes.

Sh: ...and, *after the fact...*

Gh: Yes.

Sh: ...they tell you, "*Hey, by the way, didn't you know that there is a new law in place? You..., here are documents showing that this school you transferred to is forbidden from receiving. Why did you transfer to it?*"

Gh: Ok, *we don't know* and that's it.

Sh: I will tell him...er, I will tell him, "*I didn't know*" and he will tell you, "The law doesn't protect the stupid".

Gh: What, "The law doesn't protect the..."?

Sh: He will tell you, "*You should..., you should have asked*".

Gh: Man, *no, you're..., you're going too far*.

Sh: *You sure?*

Gh: *Of course, sure. It is a school. You're..., you're transferring money to a school. On the contrary, they cannot stop me unless they bring me the law that..., that..., or the regulation or the policy or whatever that prevent me from sending to the school. I mean, this is a school! The only time they will get you is if you transfer to an account which belongs to someone who is known..., publically known, that he is outspoken. You go to Amman, isn't there someone who speaks on behalf of Hamas? Huh?*

Sh: Do I know?

Ab: [In the background] Jamil Hamami

Gh: What is his name, this man? Jamil Hamami doesn't speak for Hamas, man. He never said, "I'm Hamas", Jamil Hamami.

Sh: Which one?

Gh: Jamil Hamami is arrested by Israel which accuses him of being Hamas.

Sh: All..., all..., 80% of the Palestinian people are detained.

Gh: *Yeah*, but this guy, Ibrahim Abou Ghosheh, what..., what is his title in Amman?

Sh: Do I know, man?

Gh: What is his title in Amman.

Sh: I have nothing to do with him.

Gh: What do yo mean, "I have nothing to do with him?". Man, Hamas' representative in Jordan".