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[UI]	Unintelligible.
[NFI]	Not Further Identified.
(LNU)	Last name unknown.
[<i>Italics</i>]	Translator's comments.
[...]	Incomplete sentence.

Sh = Shukri Abu Baker
 Om = Omar Ahmad
 Gh = Ghassan
 Ss = Sheikh Sharif
 Ga = Gawad (LNU)
 Ab = Abdel Salam (LNU)
 Ak = Akram (LNU)
 Au = Abou Usama (NFI)
 As = Abdel Halim Al Ashqar (Aboul Hasan)
 Aa = Abou Ahmad (NFI)
 Aj = Abdel Jabbar
 Ab2 = Abou Bassem (NFI)
 Mu = Muin (LNU)
 Ar = Abdel Rahman
 Ni = Nihad (LNU)

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UM2: In reality... I resort to God from the pelted Satan. Shukri,...UI. Our brothers, may God reward you well. Establishing a new neutral organization to deal with the [*Palestinian Liberation*] Organization....er, with the...

Om: The new state.

UM2: ...with the [*Palestinian Liberation*] Organization or the new state between brackets. What are the features of this new organization? One of the brothers a short while ago said that it is like..., it is like we feel that everything has collapsed. Excuse me. And we also feel that

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UM2: ... I mean if we fail in this country it means that our entire cause will fail. I started to get this feeling, really. This new organization..., brother Shukri is discussing it in a way while brother Ghassan looks at it in a different way. But, there is one conclusion we will get out of this organization which is confusing the Islamic mentality here in America. The Islamic mentality in America will be confused. It is already confused. A lot of you will say "Confused? How come? They are already confused". But, you have to understand that in case it wanted to win the general public opinion here in America..., in case the other organization was hit or stuff, it can issue a statement saying "By God, we are in agreement. We are in agreement on this and in agreement on that". And those who read your stuff..., who reads your stuff? This is a question we must ask ourselves. Who is going to read your ads and your statements? The only thing people will see is that there is a new organization - and it is not known what it is - which writes articles about the issue of the new Palestinian state. And you could try to convince people from behind [saying] "Tone it down a little". Thus, you want to address the enemy while you are speaking to your friend and this friend of yours doesn't...UI. Our brothers, my opinion is - and God knows best - that we don't discuss the goals but focus very much on what we have in the discussion, arrange our priorities in a good way and go on with that and there is no need for new organizations or stuff. Let's be distinguished, God's willing, in a way which will get us out of this crisis, God's willing.

Sh: ...UI. [Laughter].

UM1: God's willing we will...UI. I would like to ask brother Omar about two points in that regards.

Om: Go ahead.

UM1: The first point is: Have you studied the legal status of the [Islamic] Association [for Palestine] in light of its address and found there are real dangers such as closing the [Islamic] Association [for Palestine] soon, for instance, any time soon?

Om: By God, I will tell you where the danger is. The danger is two-fold, either a financial connection or orders.

UM1: Hum.

Om: I mean if you work for someone overseas and he gives you orders to carry out. These are the only two dangers.

UM1: Yes.

Om: The issue is that if you cover these two bases, you will find that you, as an American organization, can do whatever you want. This is from legal point of view. As for the media, it is possible that you could be destroyed by the media without the law touching you.

Sh: Aha.

Om: For instance, newspapers and magazines can say that you are a terrorist because you are an Islamic organization...

UM1: Yes, I understand.

Om: I mean, they could hold things against you and destroy you on the media front before you're destroyed by the government and the law. This is like Sheik Omar, for instance.

UM1: Yes.

Om: Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, there are no..., what you call crimes against him, you see?

UM1: Yes.

Om: Other than they kept digging around him and stuff like that. But, it was the media which accused him before he was legally charged and he wasn't able to..., because he didn't have a support system. He couldn't defend himself in face of the media. The media is overwhelming, that is. So, what I can say is that our problem at the [Islamic] Association [for Palestine] is the following: the problem is the address; if you want to the Americans, you lose the Muslims. If you address the Muslims, it means that you cannot reveal your address to the Americans. Frankly speaking.

UM1: Yes.

Om: The problem is where? We don't have available people to work in the existing organization. Where do we go to find these people? Like I told you, go ahead start a new organization but you won't be able to find new faces. Do we have hidden faces we now bring up to light? We have what we have. I mean, we don't really have available people whom we could dedicate for the work we want to hide. We don't have available people to work right now. This is one. The idea which we can discuss in more details is whether we should drop our Islamic identity or keep it.

UM1: Yes.

UM2: Let us discuss this point after we listen to brother Nihad regarding the issue of political and media address and how it should be for the American people for members of the Islamic and Arabic community, and how do we handle our issues with the brothers.

UM1: Assuming that it will succeed, there must be a method and a line for dealing with them. God knows what agreements will be made in the future between sister Samah and the [*Palestinian Liberation*] Organization. In the future, they might make agreements and become friends. God knows. God knows.

Om: ...UI. I just have a quick point. If we don't want to show the Islamic identity, if we want to portray it as a neutral body and the [*Palestinian Liberation*] Organization has a neutral organization similar to it and we deal with it what is the benefit? What are going to get at last? What is goal? Are we going to be just on the arena without a goal? Or do we need a goal? This is the point. Ok, I've become a neutral organization and I'm accepted by the [*Palestinian Liberation*] Organization and I deal with it, I send stuff, I bring stuff over and do things and my matters are flowing smoothly like you are saying. What is the benefit? What am I going to get at the end?

UM2: And this also depends on the nature of the organization. If you want to form a public organization such as the [*Islamic*] Association [*for Palestine*] and then one of your brothers speaks at the [*Islamic*] Association [*for Palestine*] and then tries to speak at a different organization, he won't be able to speak with a double face. And the leaders and the persons whom you want are limited. But, if it is a specialized auxiliary organizations there won't be a problem. And God's knows better.

As: My brother, regarding the goals...UI but we should really specify the goals. I believe it should be the future of the Palestinian activism..., the Palestinian activism in North America. We really shouldn't end the presentation until we have identified the goals we wish to accomplish in the upcoming stage. Making Muslims in America aware of the danger of this event which is targeting the Islamists. It is goal of a stage. Introducing the meanings of the sanctity of Al Aqsa to educational curricula, making charitable work effective, forming the public opinion or coming up with a policy to influence the..., the way the Americans deal with the Islamists, for instance. I believe these should be the goals of this stage. ...UI.... The paper was good and specific. May God reward you well.

Sh: I swear by your God that war is deception. War is deception. We are fighting our enemy with a kind heart and we never thought of deceiving it. War is deception. Deceive, camouflage, pretend that you're leaving while you're walking that way. Or do we have to be...UI. Deceive your enemy.

Om: ...UI. This is like one who plays basketball; he makes a player believe that he is doing this while he does something else...UI. I agree with you. Like they say; politics is a completion of war.

Sh: Yes, politics - like war - is a deception.

UM2: ... Now, regarding the world strategy or what is called the New American Order, isn't its most prominent aspects is how to strike Islamic activism? How can you now change any of your work aspects under the excuse of camouflaging myself from this or that person? Ok, I don't have an objection. Camouflage, but what are the slogans you will be raising? We have issues I wonder how are we going to change them. I as a Muslim, what can I say about the Palestinian cause? Do you have anything to change or alter regarding this cause since I as a Muslim cannot forsake any part of Palestine, even one flea.

Sh: No. The goal of this seminar, my brother, is for us to reach certain convictions and then the organizations are to format these convictions into action plan and stuff like that. But, for us to discuss the action plan now in details..., this is not the purpose unless there are main, main, broad strategies in media, politics or stuff like that, the brothers can reach a consensus regarding them. If they are accepted, they will be turned over to the organizations to discuss them as an action plan. And every organization has its board of directors and its board and private public.
