

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] May God protect and keep you. May the peace
2 and mercy of God be to you. (UI)

3 YOUSRY: [Writing as he repeats] Brother Nabil. [Pause] Please go
4 ahead, Sir.

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh... [dictating] My special regards to Brother Shadi-

6 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: -and eh, tell him-

8 YOUSRY: To Brother Shadi, or to my son Shadi?

9 ABDEL RAHMAN: Makes no difference.

10 YOUSRY: Whatever you like, Sir. He is young, I saw him once, he's
11 young.

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm, okay.

13 YOUSRY: To my son Shadi?

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

15 YOUSRY: Okay, Sir.

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: And eh, [dictating] tell him to read the Quran, study it.
17 [Pause] Hah?

18 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: And pray regularly. [Pause]

20 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: And fast-

22 YOUSRY: I'm following you, Sir.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: -and fast-

2 STEWART: [Trying to repeat the Arabic word 'fast'] An tazuma?

3 YOUSRY: I am repeating what the Sheikh says, looking at you so they
4 get to think that I'm translating.

5 STEWART: But what does "an tazuma" about (UI)?

6 YOUSRY: [Correcting her Arabic] an tasum.

7 STEWART: An tasum.

8 YOUSRY: Yeah.

9 STEWART: What does that mean?

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: Feasting.

11 YOUSRY: [Simultaneously] To fast.

12 STEWART: Ahh.

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: Fasting.

14 YOUSRY: Fasting (UI).

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: Fast.

16 STEWART: Fast.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: Finished?

18 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] And you should fast a few days each month.

20 YOUSRY: I am looking at her and repeating so they would think I am
21 translating.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

2 YOUSRY: -should fast a few days each month-

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

4 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: - and to befriend, befriend good people -

6 YOUSRY: [As he writes] -befriend good people.

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: -and stay away from the wicked ones.

8 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. [Pause]

9 STEWART: [Writing]

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11 ABDEL RAHMAN: And eh,

12 YOUSRY: [Clears his throat]

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: My best regards to Shadi's mother-

14 YOUSRY: May the Lord keep her safe, she is a great woman.

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: May God heal her.

16 YOUSRY: Praise be to God, she went back to work.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah?

18 YOUSRY: [Turning the page] Yeah.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] -the private doctor.

20 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Try...let her try with the lawyers to make a visit.

1 YOUSRY: [Repeating as he writes] -try with the lawyers to make a visit,
2 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah. [Dictating] Because Judge Mukasey approved-
3 YOUSRY: [Repeating as he writes] Judge Mukasey approved-
4 STEWART: Mukasey? Not Mukasey.
5 ABDEL RAHMAN: -approved her visit.
6 YOUSRY: [As he writes] -her visit.
7 STEWART: Not him.
8 YOUSRY: Who stops Dr. Aziza from visiting? Is it this prison, or is it
9 the judge? It is uh, uh, uhm...
10 STEWART: The SAMs.
11 YOUSRY: ...McCarthy?
12 STEWART: It's the SAMs... Well, McCarthy is gone.
13 YOUSRY: Okay, who, who's, who's...took his place?
14 STEWART: SAM is the evil Fitzgerald.
15 YOUSRY: Who is responsible for SAM, is it Fitzgerald?
16 STEWART: Fitzgerald.
17 YOUSRY: So can we ask Fitzgerald's...permission...to bring Dr. Aziza to
18 see the Sheikh, even though...the SAM does not allow her to
19 visit?
20 STEWART: He won't.
21
22 YOUSRY: Can Fitzgerald allow that? Is it in his power, or he has to ask
23 Janet Reno?

1 STEWART: No, I think anything is in his power.

2 YOUSRY: Lynne is saying, Sir, that Fitzgerald is in charge of all these
3 things.
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5 STEWART: [Simultaneously] I think I actually brought this in with me.

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

7 YOUSRY: Fitzgerald, who was working with Andrew McCarthy...

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

9 YOUSRY: She is saying, Sir, if he gives the approval, she can come. It is
10 not necessary that he talks to Janet Reno.

11 STEWART: [Looking at her papers]

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh, yeah?

13 YOUSRY: Yeah.

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay, ask her to try.

15 YOUSRY: How about if you...try with, with him? Don't let Abdeen or
16 the other guys try, you try.

17 STEWART: Okay.

18 YOUSRY: She said okay, and she wrote it down.

19 STEWART: I will try. But he is much more evil than McCarthy.

20 YOUSRY: She says, Sir, that he is more of a devil and more evil than
21 McCarthy.

22 ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh yeah!

1 YOUSRY: Uhm.

2 STEWART: Yeah, he is-

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: We thought that McCarthy was more dangerous.

4 YOUSRY: We thought that McCarthy was really a, a devil.

5 STEWART: A devil. Well, Fitzgerald I think is more so. He's, uh...he's
6 like a crusader.

7 YOUSRY: She says, Sir, that-

8 STEWART: He has it in the heart.

9 YOUSRY: -Fitzgerald is different from McCarthy. Fitzgerald believes in
10 all these things in his heart, he has the faith of doing them
11 same way as the crusaders did; Crusader, I mean, same as the
12 crusaders battle. He is more dangerous this way.

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah!

14 STEWART: "This will never happen again. There will never be a bomb
15 explodes [sic] and an American Embassy again!" You know.

16 YOUSRY: When he stands up to speak, he says, this will never happen
17 again to any American Embassy. We have to exterminate
18 them all, we have to defend ourselves. He believes in that.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

20 YOUSRY: He is not saying it the same way as McCarthy did, to gain the
21 support of the jury.

22 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ask her if Khu, Khuzammy is still there?

23 YOUSRY: How about Khuzammy? Is he still there?

24 STEWART: Who's that?

1 YOUSRY: Khuzammy, the young Lebanese.

2 STEWART: Oh, Ku...

3 YOUSRY: Khuzammy, he was called. There were three musketeers...

4 STEWART: [Simultaneously] I know, three musketeers.

5 YOUSRY: You remember? The third musketeer.

6 STEWART: Right.

7 YOUSRY: [Simultaneously] (UI).

8 STEWART: He's, he's off to...see, I haven't seen him in a long time.

9 YOUSRY: She says, Sir, she has not seen him for a long time.

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah!

11 STEWART: [Simultaneously] He knows a young Latino that works (UI).

12 YOUSRY: He married her; they got married.

13 STEWART: Yeah, during the thing, yeah. He now has a young-

14 YOUSRY: The name Khuzammy is derived from the word shame.

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

16 YOUSRY: [Laughs]

17 STEWART: He's gone. He must have gone to one of those big...rich
18 firms-

19 YOUSRY: She says, Sir, there is a big possibility that he is working for a
20 big, eh rich company.

21 STEWART: [Simultaneously] -as his reward. And you know, McCarthy

1 case...that, that case had been very messed up. So he got that
2 case organized again, and now Gotti- everybody has pled in
3 that case, I believe.

4 YOUSRY: Yeah (UI)

5 STEWART: Yep.

6 YOUSRY: She is telling you that-

7 STEWART: So, but I think he's still working as a Special Assistant. I
8 think he's still....

9 YOUSRY: Yeah. [To Abdel Rahman] When he came back the
10 government offered him a special contract. They believed
11 that they will not win this case. When he came back, the
12 lawyers of John Gotti's son told him that they had to make a
13 deal with him and plead for less sentence to avoid the loss of
14 every thing.

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah!

16 YOUSRY: They were afraid of him. Of course your case made him
17 famous.

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: This case?

19 YOUSRY: Yes, your case. Before your case who was going to hear
20 about the so-called McCarthy.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Em.

22 YOUSRY: Many people, you made them well known. That guy who was
23 defending Muhammad Salah, what is his name? The one you
24 liked. He used to stand up and shout.

25 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, yeah.

26 YOUSRY: I forgot his name. Do you know who is the, the lawyer for

1 Mohammed Salah, the guy who used to wear a lot of suits?

2 ABDEL RAHMAN: He is a Jew. He is good, and generous. He is a generous Jew.

3 YOUSRY: Remember him? The guy who used to be with Barry (PH)
4 Anderson (PH) and (UI)?

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] He used to buy candy and he give it to us.

6 YOUSRY: [Laughs]

7 STEWART: John Jacobs?

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes.
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10 STEWART: Jacobs, yes

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes

12 STEWART: Yes. I see him a lot. He, uh, he is....

13 YOUSRY: He lost a lot of weight.

14 STEWART: Yeah.

15 YOUSRY: I met him once, during the trial, maybe he used to gain ten
16 kilos every day.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: He changed a lot.

18 YOUSRY: I can't believe it, Sir, he became a model.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: Very skinny.

20 YOUSRY: [Gesticulating] Yeah, he is lifting weights, and all these
21 things. He eats vegetables only. He does not eat any fatty
22 thing or butter.

23 ABDEL RAHMAN: That is good.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: -the last rib on the right side, it feels funny.

2 YOUSRY: What do you mean by feeling funny?

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: In this area, I feel that this part is warm, and I feel
4 comfortable. Is this the liver? And is it true that sweets have
5 an effect on the liver?

6 YOUSRY: [As he writes] - have an effect on the liver?

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Continues dictating] Eh.... [pause] More to be said at the
8 time of the visit, God willing.

9 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir, [whispering as he writes] (UI).

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: Three, eh is this number one?

11 YOUSRY: We did not write any numbers.

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: Write number one.

13 YOUSRY: Let us write number one for Shadi, number two for Shadi's
14 mother, and Nabil number three.

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] As for you, sheikh of sheikhs, master of all Sunni
17 sheikhs...

18 YOUSRY: [Laughs as he writes]

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Repeating] Master of the Sunni sheikhs -

20 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir. Three, As for you sheikh, master of the
21 Sunni sheikhs.

22 ABDEL RAHMAN: -and leader of the Muhammady tribe.

23 YOUSRY: [As he writes] And leader of the Muhammady tribe...

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?

2 YOUSRY: [Writing] I'm following.

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] May God be gracious to you for sending the first
4 watch- [pause]

5 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: -and may God be gracious to you for sending the second one;
7 and may God be gracious to you for preparing the third one.

8 YOUSRY: [Laughs as he writes] Yes, Sir.

9 ABDEL RAHMAN: Did you finish?

10 YOUSRY: Yeah.

11 STEWART: [Looks at her papers]

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating slowly] May God bless you, be gracious to you
13 and reward you, for everything you did when you came to
14 visit me with the brother, with the brother and the wife.

15 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Continues dictating] Thank you for the many expenses which
17 you spent, and for what you did to make me happy. I hope
18 my brother did not bother you. He - may God bless his soul -
19 used to bother [laughs] the people around him. [Pause]

20 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Clearing his throat] Eh.... [Pause] eh, is this number three?

22 YOUSRY: (UI).

23 ABDEL RAHMAN: What?

1 YOUSRY: Three.

2 STEWART: [Looks at papers]

3 YOUSRY: [Turns the page]

4 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Four.

5 YOUSRY: Yes. [Pause]

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: Is this number four?

7 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: This is extremely important....

9 YOUSRY: Yes.

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: Please Brother Nabil, be wary and cautious and give attention
11 to the following subject. [Pause] Okay?

12 YOUSRY: I am following, Sir.

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Ask about Brother Khalid Al-Musallami, where is
14 he? If he is not in New Jersey-

15 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: -go to him in the state where he lives. Ask him about the
17 contract which is under the name of Hamid Nabawi.

18 YOUSRY: [As he writes] Hamid Nabawi?

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah.

20 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Take the contract... Hamid Nabawi is the guy who opens
22 stores near Al-Farouq Mosque. Take the contract from

1 Brother Khalid, and get in touch with Hamid Nabawi -

2 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: -and tell him that there is merchandise.

4 YOUSRY: And tell him what?

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: That there is merchandise -

6 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: -eh... I want to sell it to you in convenient installment
8 payments, (UI)-

9 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: -and we need to sit together as soon as possible. [Pause] Hah?

11 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

12 ABDEL RAHMAN:: Eh, go to him, to him, and tell him (UI) the Sheikh sends his
13 regards,

14 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: -and, eh...eh...[clearing throat] is asking you-

16 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: -what is the situation with the investment which (UI)-

18 YOUSRY: Yes.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN Swear, swear to him by God that no one learned about it,
20 those who are at Abu Bakr mosque, as per your request to the
21 Sheikh. And tell him that I have an authorized power of
22 attorney from the prison, and I have a tape in the Sheikh's
23 name, and in his voice.

1 YOUSRY: In the voice?

2 ABDEL RAHMAN: In the Sheikh's voice, which authorizes me eh, to know
3 everything, [pause] Hah?

4 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: Tell him that the profit, from the beginning of July, 1993-

6 YOUSRY: July-

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

8 YOUSRY: '93.

9 ABDEL RAHMAN: -a reminder sign of it is-

10 YOUSRY: [Writing] A reminder sign?

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: -you used to give the Sheikh five hundred dollars a month
12 [pause] for the first ten... [pause]

13 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?

15 YOUSRY: I'm following you, Sir.

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: -then it increased to six hundred dollars after that.

17 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: (UI) the profit, we take it.

19 YOUSRY: So he multiplies it by the number of months-

20 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, yeah.

21 YOUSRY: You don't want the original.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: I'll tell (UI).

2 YOUSRY: Please go ahead.

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: (UI) gives you the profit.

4 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ask him, do you want to continue with the investment-
6 [pause]

7 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: -or to get rid of it? If he wants to go on with the investment,
9 [pause]

10 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: -take the profit and invest it yourself.

12 YOUSRY: To send it to Egypt?

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: No, (UI).

14 YOUSRY: Okay.

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: You take the profit and invest it, okay?

16 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: And eh, take for yourself, [pause] hah?

18 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: -money in consideration for your investment's service.
20 Nothing is wrong with that. Nothing is wrong in that....

21 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. [Clearing throat]

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: If he wants to get rid of it, [pause]

2 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: -take it from him, [coughing] and if he wants, write him, hah,

4 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: -a payment release statement.

6 YOUSRY: How much is the amount so he would know?

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: He will look at the contract.

8 YOUSRY: Right. [Repeating] And write him payment release statement
9 if he wants.

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah.

11 YOUSRY: Okay.

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: Is it okay?

13 YOUSRY: Yes.

14 YOUSRY: [Taps Stewart on her hand]

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: Brother Nabil, please take care of this matter precisely.
16 [Coughs]

17 STEWART: Ask the Sheikh if he wants some water.

18 YOUSRY: Do you want some water, Sir, some cold water?

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: No, I don't like cold water.

20 YOUSRY: [Feels the water pitcher] It has been one hour since we got it.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: No, I can't.

22 YOUSRY: Shall I get you some faucet water?

1 STEWART: [Reaches for the water glass in front of Abdel Rahman]

2 ABDEL RAHMAN: No, it is okay.

3 YOUSRY: No, he doesn't want it because it's too cold, he said (UI).
4 How about lunch? Is it....

5 STEWART: (UI) for lunch?

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: (UI).

7 YOUSRY: How about you? What are you gonna eat?

8 STEWART: What am I going-

9 YOUSRY: She says, she is going to share the food with you. You're
10 gonna share with the Sheikh his food?

11 STEWART: Of course. The common fare, it's common fare.

12 YOUSRY: She says, Sir that she is going to share half of it with you.
13 [Laughs]

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah, and why not?

15 STEWART: Lettuce and cheese, and....

16 YOUSRY: She is going to take the lettuce and the cheese.

17 STEWART: No tea? Tea.

18 YOUSRY: Also she is going to drink tea. She understands everything.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Laughs]

20 YOUSRY: Did you hear, Sir, she said, "tea."

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

1 STEWART: Did you tell him that I brought tea... to you this morning? I
2 got up early.

3 YOUSRY: She brought me tea this morning, at eight o'clock, or a quarter
4 to eight. She called me on the phone and said that she got tea
5 from downstairs. She said, open the door and you will find
6 the tea right there. I opened the door, she was there giving me
7 the tea. I told her thank you. [Laughs] She is like my
8 mother.

9 STEWART: And left it at his door?

10 YOUSRY: [Repeating the last phrase dictated] Please take care of this
11 matter and God bless you.

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: Precisely-

13 YOUSRY: [Repeating] Precisely-

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: -and with caution.

15 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: Do not tell anyone from the Abu Bakr mosque, and I will
17 emphasize to Yousry not to tell Ahmed-

18 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: -or anyone else.

20 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Because if he knew that someone learned about it, he will be
22 angry and will stop the....

23 YOUSRY: If he knew that someone learned about it?

24 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

1 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. [Repeating] I'll (UI) not to tell anyone at all.

2 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah. [Pause] Eh, [dictating] notify Yousry if the matter
3 goes well, or the opposite.... It means....

4 YOUSRY: (UI) .

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: I mean, if it goes well, [dictating] Yousry is going to tell me,
6 "thank God, thank God" if it succeeds;

7 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: -he will say, "praise God, praise God" for the other matter,
9 [whispering to Yousry] in case it fails, understand?
10

11 STEWART: [Listens]

12 YOUSRY: I do, but how are you, Sir, going to understand if I tell
13 you...anyway, we will see, God willing.

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: What do you mean, how I am going to understand it?

15 YOUSRY: For example, concerning Nabil, I will tell you thank God,
16 thank God.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, that's it.

18 YOUSRY: And concerning Nabil, praise God, praise God.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, yeah, that's it.

20 STEWART: This sweater? Is this from your mother?

21 YOUSRY: How do you know?

22 STEWART: Because you told me your mother always buys you lots of
23 sweaters.

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1 YOUSRY: Please go ahead, Sir.

2 ABDEL RAHMAN: Where did you stop?

3 YOUSRY: At, “thank God, thank God, praise God, praise God.”

4 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm, eh, number five.

5 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. [Writing] Five.

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Brother Nabil, you neglected Walid’s subject.

7 YOUSRY: [Writing] Walid?

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, the Palestinian. [Dictating] You did not try with him.
9 [Pause] You have to go and ask about him. [Pause] Take
10 from him the receipts, and the money, he can make the
11 payments the way he can afford, each month.

12 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: He can pay any amount, any amount each month, to reinstate
14 the eh, the, [coughing] to reinstate the money.

15 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: It is necessary to take care of this matter, because it had been
17 dormant for a long time.

18 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: You can seek the help of the other Palestinians-

20 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Huh?

22 YOUSRY: [Repeating] Seek the help of the other Palestinians.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah. Eh, what number is it, six?

2 YOUSRY: Number six.

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah. [Dictating] Go to Brother Ahmad Rifa'i (PH), and his
4 wife, and tell each of them, the Sheikh says, may God
5 magnify your award.

6 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: Write between brackets, "*All creation will perish.*" Okay?
8 Open brackets.

9 YOUSRY: Eh.

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: *Everything will vanish except (UI).* Open and close brackets.

11 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: "*All mankind will perish.*" Okay?

13 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Done?

15 YOUSRY: I am following, Sir.

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: "*God giveth and God taketh away.*"

17 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: "*For Him, there is time for everything.*"

19 YOUSRY: [As he writes] With wages?

20 ABDEL RAHMAN: Time for everything. You have to forbear and wait for His
21 reward.

22 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: You finished? [Pause] Open brackets.

2 YOUSRY: Yes.

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: *“The first shock requires patience.”*

4 YOUSRY: The first shock-

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: -requires patience.

6 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: May God support you.

8 YOUSRY: Shall I close the bracket?

9 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes. May God give you the strength to forbear this tragedy
10 and eh...[Coughing] and reward you.

11 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

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13 ABDEL RAHMAN: Is it number six?

14 YOUSRY: It is number seven, I am alert. [Laughs]

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] I want to know what is going on in the area. I
16 want to know the news in your area, especially the news about
17 the women I used to teach. And those who testified on my
18 behalf in court.

19 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

20 STEWART: [Looks at her papers]

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22 ABDEL RAHMAN: Tell the news to Brother Yousry, and he passes it to me, one
23 way or another.

24 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Number eight: The jurisprudence question, eh....

2 YOUSRY: [Turning the page]

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: To bow in prayer, is an obligation or a (UI) in prayer.

4 YOUSRY: [Repeating] To bow, is an obligation.

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: -or (UI) in prayer....

6 YOUSRY: Right.

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: To say the first tashaud is a sunna. There is a difference
8 between them.

9 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes.

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] The bowing should substitute the (UI). If you
11 mention it while you are in the first bow, for example, stop
12 what you are doing and bow, bow. And if you mention it
13 while you are bowing the second time...[pause] consider this
14 bow, a bow at the first time.

15 YOUSRY: Uhm. [Turning pages]

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: And what was done before is void.

17 YOUSRY: [Repeating as he writes] What is done before is void.

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: Void.

19 YOUSRY: Void. Okay, Sir.

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21 STEWART: [Looks at papers]

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23 ABDEL RAHMAN: What is done before is void....

24 YOUSRY: Okay, Sir.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Then by the end of the prayer, bow down to fulfil the sahw.
2 [Pause]

3 YOUSRY: [Writing] Bow down to fulfil the sahw.

4 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

5 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: Regarding the tashahud, because it is a sunna....

7 YOUSRY: [Writing] Because it is a sunna?

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah. [Dictating] It is enough to do the sahw bow. Do not
9 repeat it. [Pause]

10 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] I emphasize, one more time, no substitute for the
12 obligatory, a thousand sahw bows wouldn't compensate for it.
13 But you have to fulfil it as is, then you can bow down to do
14 the sahw. But it is not necessary for sunna to do the same, it
15 can be substituted by the sahw bow.

16 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yeah.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] This rule applies to the nafl prayer....

18 YOUSRY: [As he writes] Al-nafl prayer?

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, as well as to the obligatory prayer....

20 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

21 STEWART: [Looks at papers]

22 ABDEL RAHMAN: Is this number nine?

23 YOUSRY: Yes.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: All the banks' and companies' transactions, the stocks, the
2 bonds, and the transactions of all western countries, are
3 established on usury and ignorance. Ignorance is lack of
4 knowledge.

5 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: Today the value of the stock is so and so, tomorrow it is so
7 and so.

8 YOUSRY: Uhm.

9 ABDEL RAHMAN: Based on what? Based on what?

10 YOUSRY: Yes. Shall I write this down, or you....

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, yeah, write it down.

12 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: Is it based on the President making a declaration-

14 YOUSRY: Uhm.

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: -is it based on eh, eh, that, that, that, eh, I mean, there is a
16 competition between two companies?

17 YOUSRY: [Simultaneously] Companies.

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: Based on what? This is all wrong. Ignorance. This is all
19 ignorance. Islam does not allow selling, (UI), commercial
20 deals, partnership and transactions based on ignorance same
21 as it does not allow transactions based on usury.

22 YOUSRY: [As he writes] Does not allow-

23 ABDEL RAHMAN: -transactions based on usury.

24 YOUSRY: -transactions based on usury.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay. [Pause]

2 YOUSRY: Please go ahead. (UI).

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: Is this number nine?

4 YOUSRY: Yeah. Nine.

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: That is enough.

6 YOUSRY: [Laughs] Yes, Sir.

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: God be with you, and guide your way. Brother- [beeping of
8 watch alarm.] What is that? In the name of God, most
9 Gracious, most Merciful.

10 YOUSRY: Is this the watch, that is ringing? What is that? [Taking the
11 watch from Abdel Rahman and looking at it] Did the watch
12 do that automatically, or what?

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: No, it is working.

14 YOUSRY: Praise be to God. It is, the time is five minutes to one. Shall I
15 look at it? It is ten minutes to one.

16 STEWART: Is it working now?

17 YOUSRY: Is this a new watch or what?

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: This is the one Nabil sent.

19 YOUSRY: He has another one.

20 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

21 YOUSRY: Yeah, thank God.

22 STEWART: What's that?

1 reply to Abu Yasir himself.

2 ABDEL RAHMAN: What did he, Abu Yasir, tell him? What is he asking me for?

3 YOUSRY: [Whispering] Well, Abu Yasir is asking (UI), wants your
4 approval that he can escalate with the media, and to try to
5 rearrange the thinking of the (UI).

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: Concerning what?

7 YOUSRY: [Whispering] (UI) the Initiative completely. As long as the
8 government is escalating, he does not want to give up.

9 ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine. Tell him yes, I agree. But not to cancel it, he should
10 not cancel it altogether, not to void it. He can go ahead and
11 escalate.

12 YOUSRY: Let me write it in the letter to Ahmed. [Picking up a sheet of
13 paper] Would you like to (UI) a little thing?

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?

15 YOUSRY: I will write in Ahmed's letter, let us say, after point eleven,
16 I'll put it under point twelve.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah. But I want you to read it, can you get it from Ahmed's
18 letter?

19 YOUSRY: Lynne told me to leave it in the car.

20 ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh, yeah?

21 YOUSRY: Yeah, because....

22 STEWART: Talk to me.

23 YOUSRY: No, about Ahmed's letter-

24 STEWART: Yeah.

1 YOUSRY: I said I left it in the car as you told me.

2 STEWART: Yes.

3 YOUSRY: Sir, Lynne said that we had it yesterday-

4 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

5 YOUSRY: -and if they find it with us today after we go out, she told me
6 to leave it in the car.

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay, okay.

8 YOUSRY: The whole thing is, he feels that what is happening is wrong,
9 and, the least to do is to escalate in the media, and to use a
10 strong language (UI).

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] I mentioned to Muntasir, didn't I mention
12 to Muntasir?

13 YOUSRY: Yeah, but he wants the (UI). [Turning pages]

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine.

15 YOUSRY: Okay. So he sends two, one to Muntasir and one to Abu
16 Yasir.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, yeah.

18 YOUSRY: (UI), [speaks as he writes] Send the same letter to Muntasir,
19 and to Abu Yasir. Yes, Sir. [Pause]

20 ABDEL RAHMAN: Tell him (UI) Abu Yasir, tell him, yes I agree that he escalates
21 the language, but not to contradict the words of the Brothers.
22 For example, he is not to say that their words are wrong, or
23 anything like that; he can just escalate. Tell him to escalate
24 the language. Hah?

25 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: And that the smooth method didn't work. Hah?

2 STEWART: [Busy with her papers]

3 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir. [Pause] Meaning, to wave, to....

4 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

5 YOUSRY: Yes. [Pause] Are you, Sir, going to send to Nasser or to his
6 wife?

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

8 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

9 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Dear sister, dear sister Salwa: May God grant you
10 success, may the peace, mercy and blessings of God be to
11 you. [Pause]

12 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] May God be with you, and guide your steps, May
14 He Bless you, and bless your work. And (UI).

15 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: Because of your continued work for Nasser, you recorded one
17 side of the tape, and forgot to record the other side. Maybe
18 there is a button that stopped the recording, or maybe your
19 mind was- away in the prison.

20 YOUSRY: [Laughs]

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: -away, in prison. [Pause] In the Surah Al-Muzammil... which
22 says, "*One day, the earth, and the mountains*" to the Surah of
23 Al-Nazi'at-

24 YOUSRY: [As he writes] One day, the earth and the...

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: -which says, "And that I guide thee to thy Lord, so thou
2 shouldst fear Him." This side of the tape was not recorded at
3 all.

4 YOUSRY: [Laughs as he writes]

5 STEWART: [Busy with her papers]

6 YOUSRY: It is possible that these people, the sons of a gun, erased it.

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm. [Pause] (UI) if you have time. [Pause] Hah?
8

9 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: And eh, may God award you graciously for recording the
11 interpretation of the (UI) and the Quran Concordance. [Pause]
12 They are my consolation, my consolation in prison, from
13 Sister Salwa.

14 YOUSRY: [Laughs] Great! They are my consolation in prison, from
15 Sister Salwa.

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

17 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: And eh, [dictating] take care of the women's classes. Be with
19 Lisa, (UI) Lisa,

20 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: -and others, schedule weekly classes. [Pause] And eh, make
22 it easy for yourself, read the Reyad Al-Salheen book, Fiqh Al-
23 Sunna, hah?

24 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

25 ABDEL RAHMAN: These are good books to help you prepare the lesson. [Pause]
26 Sister Salwa, take care of your husband, hah?

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: -tell him I'll go with you.

2 YOUSRY: Oh no, no!

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: And if he tells you, I am going to attend a lecture-

4 YOUSRY: [As he writes] -tell him...

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: -tell him, why can't I come with you?

6 YOUSRY: [Laughing] Sir, you are...

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: If he tells you, I am going to work,

8 YOUSRY: [Laughs as he writes]

9 ABDEL RAHMAN: -tell him, why can't I be there near you?

10 YOUSRY: [Laughing] Why can't I be there-

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] -near you.

12 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: New line. [Dictating] Take care of the children, teach them
14 the Quran, or parts of it, and let them speak the Arabic
15 language. [Pause] Because there is little time, (UI) may God
16 help you. May the peace and mercy of God be to you.
17 [Pause]

18 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Brother Nasser, [pause] hah?

20 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: May God bless and keep you well [pause] hah? [Background
22 (UI) announcement]

1 YOUSRY: [Writing as he repeats] May God bless and keep you well-

2 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, and may He grant that Sister Salwa fills your days and
3 evenings, morning and evening....

4 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] May the peace, mercy and blessings of God be to
6 you. [Pause] (UI). I read your letter and learned that you are
7 sad because there are no useful lectures nor lessons; and the
8 control of the (UI) Salafisc, Salafisc [sic].

9 YOUSRY: The Salafisc?

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, the Salaf, and then [spelling] C-S-A-S-A. Alsalafist.

11 YOUSRY: Alsalafist. [Laughs]

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: This is the Arabic language.

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14 YOUSRY: Okay, Sir. [Reading back] -and the control of the Salafist...

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah. Over the mosques.

16 YOUSRY: [As he writes] - over the mosques, yes. [Coughs]

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] But this situation-

18 YOUSRY: [As he writes] But this situation-

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: -should not discourage us-

20 YOUSRY: [As he writes] -should not discourage us-

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: -or make us sad.

22 YOUSRY: [As he writes] -or make us sad.

1 STEWART: But wait, there's gotta be something more than that.

2 YOUSRY: Please go ahead, Sir.

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

4 YOUSRY: We are now acting, I talk to her in Arabic, and she responds
5 in English, and they don't understand what is going on.

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah.

7 YOUSRY: [Laughs]

8 STEWART: Uhm-hm.

9 YOUSRY: [Reading back] -should not discourage us or make us sad.

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] The Quran says, "*No soul shall have a burden*
11 *laid on it greater than it can bear.*"

12 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] We have nothing to do other than, do our best.

14 YOUSRY: [Repeating as he writes] We have nothing to do other than-

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, -do our best.

16 YOUSRY: [Repeating as he writes] -do our best.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?

18 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Even by doing a little something every day, the
20 goal will be reached, God willing. [Pause]

21 YOUSRY: Yes.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Brother Nasser, you must go on with the classes.
2 [Pause]

3 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

4 ABDEL RAHMAN: You can meet, seven or eight persons, in the mosque, and
5 each one can be assigned to give a lesson. [Pause] There are
6 books available to use for the lessons -

7 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: -books on the Serah, the Hadith, the Exegesis and the fiqh.
9 For example, the Exegesis for Ebn Katheer, Riyad Al-
10 Salheen, [coughing], Fiqh Al-Sunna....

11 YOUSRY: [As he writes] Fiqh Al-Sunna-

12 STEWART: [Looks at her papers]

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Fiqh Al-Serah.

14 YOUSRY: [Repeating as he writes] -Fiqh Al-Serah-

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm, and the other books known to you.

16 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Besides, you must have regular classes for the
18 women-

19 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

20 ABDEL RAHMAN: -to help them remember God, and the last day. [Clears his
21 throat] We should not permit the devil to grip our souls,

22 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

23 ABDEL RAHMAN: -or allow him to devour us same as the wolf devours the
24 lonely sheep.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: The best thing to pay for, is God's book.

2 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh, [dictating] - also, love the unfortunate people, the
4 unfortunate, your brother in God, Omar is one of the
5 unfortunate. So, love him. [Pause]

6 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

7 STEWART: [Looking at papers]

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Love him. Also, you went to two prisons, and
9 you know the Muslims who are in need there. [Pause]

10 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Send to the needy person even ten dollars, and
12 encourage someone else to send to another.

13 YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?

15 YOUSRY: I'm following you, Sir. [Taps on the top corner of Stewart's
16 pad]

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh, open bracket, "*He who comforts a believer in grief...*"

18 STEWART: Do you think that it's...important to be concerned about the
19 food, do you think? (UI)
20

21 YOUSRY: Yeah, (UI). She is telling you, Sir-

22 STEWART: I don't know. (UI).

23 YOUSRY: She says, Sir, we can make them change the food (UI) the
24 food?

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: No, they are going to fool us.

2 YOUSRY: They will laugh at us (UI).

3 STEWART: [Laughing] We can...(UI). [Pause]

4 ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?

5 [Yousry makes hand motions to Stewart]

6 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. I made a sign to her about the food, the eggs.
7 Please, go ahead.

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: *He who comforts a grieving believer....*

9 YOUSRY: [As he writes] *He who comforts a grieving believer....*

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: *-in the world,*

11 YOUSRY: [As he writes] *-in the world-*

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: *-God will comfort him, and will mitigate his grief on the last
13 day.*

14 YOUSRY: [As he writes] *God will comfort him and will mitigate his
15 grief on the last day.*

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

17 STEWART: I'm not sure that will work.

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Continuing to dictate] You have to practice the rising at
19 night.

20 YOUSRY: [As he writes] the rising....

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: -and fast some days....

22 YOUSRY: [As he writes] -fast some days.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh, (UI) -some days?

2 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. You have to practice rising at night, and fast some
3 days.

4 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Open bracket, *And my servant still approaches*
5 *me with Al-Nawafel, and still my servant approaches me with*
6 *Al-Nawafel; so I love him.* [Pause] Okay?

7 YOUSRY: I'm following you, Sir. Yes. [Reading back] You have to
8 practice the rising at night, fasting some days, and open
9 bracket, *My servant still approaches me with Al-Nawafel, so I*
10 *love him.* Shall I close bracket?

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah. And eh...

12 YOUSRY: May God be with you.

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, (UI) time is limited. May God be with you. May the
14 peace and mercy of God be to you. That is enough.

15 STEWART: [Looks at papers]

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: Time is running, and we still have the....

17 YOUSRY: It is one-fifteen.

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

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20 YOUSRY: [To Stewart] The officer outside asked me... she asked me,
21 she said, "Oh, how are you doing...so far? I said, "I'm doing
22 great. I can't speak even my own language anymore." I said,
23 "I'm so confused between English and Arabic and I have to
24 take a break." She asked me, are you tired? I told her yes.
25 The Sheikh is talking to me in Arabic, and Lynne is talking to
26 me in English, and now I don't know how to speak Arabic or
27 English.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

2 YOUSRY: She said, I can see you writing and talking to them. I said
3 yes, I am tired. [Laughing] Let her get off our back.

4 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah.

5 STEWART: A nice little woman though.

6 YOUSRY: She is, she is, she's great. Lynne, I don't know, you know,
7 this will keep her off my back, for a while, she doesn't look
8 through a through the glass.

9 STEWART: She will look. This is her job, but its sort of a. I just wonder
10 if she can hear anything outside.

11 YOUSRY: Not outside.

12 STEWART: No?

13 YOUSRY: You hear if you are in the bathroom.

14 STEWART: Oh, man.

15 YOUSRY: You hear everything.

16 STEWART: Ay!

17 YOUSRY: (UI).

18 YOUSRY: I am telling her, Sir, if someone is in the bathroom, he can
19 hear everything.

20 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah!

21 YOUSRY: Yes. When you went yesterday, did you hear me and Lynne
22 talking?

23 STEWART: We'll have to keep an eye on who's in there.

1 YOUSRY: Maybe we were not talking. Nobody, it's locked.

2 STEWART: Well, is there a recorder in there?

3 YOUSRY: No, I made sure of it.

4 STEWART: Mmm, good.

5 YOUSRY: There is nothing there. [Pause] Okay Sir, now what do you
6 want to do? Read the papers, or what?

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, nothing more important....

8 YOUSRY: Newspaper, Newspaper?

9

10 STEWART: Newspaper. Take your pick. I think the American stuff is on
11 the bottom.

12 YOUSRY: [Getting newspapers out of the folder] Here is Al-Quds, Al-
13 Hayat, and Asharq Al-Awsat. And here are some other
14 articles, Lynne clipped, I told you about them, Sir. [Reading]
15 Egypt: Arrest of Ten from the Brotherhood, The Labor Party
16 Threatens to Escalate

17 STEWART: [Listens]

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: Read it.

19 YOUSRY: [Reading] (UI) The Egyptian government attacked the
20 Muslim Brotherhood. The Brotherhood fears that this is the
21 beginning of a series of punishments...

22 STEWART: [Touching the newspaper] What is the...when is this from?
23 What...how old is this?

24 YOUSRY: This is yesterday's.

25 STEWART: Oh, wow.

1 YOUSRY: I got it...you know, before we left.

2 STEWART: You have it delivered to your house?

3 YOUSRY: No, the night...it, it comes 10 o'clock at night.

4 STEWART: Oh, that's right.

5 YOUSRY: So I went and picked it up...and, you know.

6 STEWART: Did you have Afghani food?

7 YOUSRY: No, I just drove.

8 STEWART: Oh. Okay.

9 YOUSRY: You know, picked it up and...

10 STEWART: Just checking up on you.

11

12 YOUSRY: [Laughing] She is asking, when I went to get the newspapers,
13 did I eat Afghani food? She will put me in trouble, Sir. We
14 took Muhammad Salah to an Afghani restaurant; did I tell
15 you that?

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

17 YOUSRY: He did not know that. He told me this is good food. He
18 thought that he is in an Indian restaurant. Ahmed told him,
19 no, this food is...He told him you are causing me problems.
20 They will fire me. I come here to eat with the Afghan, and eat
21 with Mujihadeen, they will think I am one of them.

22 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

23 STEWART: [Writes]

24 YOUSRY: But, anyway, [reading] Cairo, Mohammed Salah and Hazim
25 Muhammad.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

2 YOUSRY: [Reading] The Egyptian authorities dealt a blow to the
3 Muslim Brotherhood Group. The sources of the Brotherhood
4 feared that this would be a series of disciplinary measures, in
5 response to their position toward the novel, "Banquet for
6 Seaweeds." The State Security arrested ten leaders from the
7 Brotherhood, in four provinces. They were handed over to
8 the State Security court being charged with forming an illegal
9 secret organization to overthrow the government. Lawyer,
10 Abdul Min'im Abdul Maqsd (PH), informed Al-Hayat that
11 the State Security raided the homes of the ten members (UI)
12 yesterday, and seized books and personal belongings, before
13 they referred them to the prosecutor. The Brotherhood issued
14 a statement after the crisis of the book (UI). The statement
15 included phrases interpreted by the authorities as sedition to
16 go against laws. The authorities considered the
17 demonstrations of the students of Cairo University, which
18 took place last week, considered it, a reaction to the
19 Brotherhood sedition. During these events, the Labor Party
20 escalated the confrontation with the Egyptian Government.
21 Their Chief, engineer Ibrahim Shukry, eighty-four years old,
22 threatened to go on a hunger strike, to death. At the same
23 time, the Party leaders (UI) their struggle....Continued on
24 page six. [Turns page of the newspaper] (UI) their last
25 struggle (UI) declaring their fight to protect Islam. They were
26 regarded as an adversary, who deserves the nation's
27 punishment. The escalation took place one day before a
28 prospective meeting of the Party's Affairs Committee, in
29 Egypt, to discuss the fate of the Party. A dispute erupted
30 rapidly inside the Party. The two disputing divisions held two
31 meetings two days ago, to discuss the legal status of the Party.
32 This happened after the raid on the Party's center in two
33 districts, Hadaiq Al-Quba and Madinat Nasr. The first
34 division announced the election of Hamdi Ahmad, the leader
35 of the reform movement of the Labor Party. He was elected
36 president of the Party. The second division decided to
37 nominate Mr. Ahmad Idris, President for the Party. Shuqqi
38 (PH) and his associates held a press conference, where the

1 Party, along with the Islamic Groups, started the confrontation
2 with the government, without any assistance from any
3 influential political party. (UI) the meeting, although they
4 were all invited. The Labor leader (UI) that this has to do
5 with the forthcoming elections of the parliament.

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Listens]

7 YOUSRY: [Continues reading] Since the outbreak of the crisis, Shuqqi's
8 first accusations were directed to certain un-named entities for
9 supporting and providing for the needs of the separatist
10 movement to destroy the Party. He emphasized that these
11 events "will not influence us, we go on our way." Al-Hayat
12 learned that in the past few days many contacts took place to
13 convince Shuqqi to take a neutral stand from the current
14 crisis, to (UI) guarantee his position as a leader of the Party.
15 But, his sudden appearance at the press conference, after a
16 long absence from the scene, and after the releases he issued,
17 these attempts proved to be a failure. Mr. Ali Al Husain, the
18 Secretary General of the Party, warned the government
19 against the ongoing confrontations. He emphasized that
20 issuing a decision to dissolve or freeze the Party will harm
21 stability, public opinion and democracy. The (UI) escalation
22 of "Banquet for Seaweeds" crisis seems to be leading to a
23 confrontation between Al-Azhar and the Ministry of Culture.
24 The Islamic Research Center issued a statement saying that
25 the novel is full of words and phrases of contempt of religion.
26 It considers the book a drastic deviation from the norms of
27 morality as it encourages illegitimate sex and uses profane
28 words. The novel openly incites humiliation of Arab rulers
29 and demands revolt against them, even if this leads to
30 bloodshed. On the other hand, a committee associated with
31 the Supreme Cultural Center, headed by Faruq Husni, the
32 Minister of Culture, held a meeting to discuss the
33 developments of the novel crisis (UI) leading to the trial of
34 the two writers, Ibrahim Aslan and Hamdi Abu Jlaid (PH),
35 who permitted the publication of the book. Official (UI)
36 requested that the case be dismissed to protect the heritage
37 and the cultural status of Egypt, after it was revealed that the

1 (UI) against the book was politically motivated.

2 ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

3 YOUSRY: Eh.... [turning the page, reading headlines] The Labor Party
4 in Egypt (UI) Religious Dimension to its Battle, The
5 Confrontation Against the Government will be Against the
6 Entire Nation, we read all that, of course, Sir.

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

8 YOUSRY: (UI) Reminder of the Assassination of Faraj Foda, and, An
9 Attempt to Assassinate Najib Mahfuz. In short, Sir, the whole
10 world is now saying that they killed Mr. So and So, and now
11 they want to kill Najib Mahfuz. They are the enemies of
12 creativity and of art, and, and, et cetera. Of course you know
13 all that, Sir.

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

15 YOUSRY: [Reading] Cairo is Pleased with the American Investigation
16 Discounting Al-Batuti's Suicide. You know, Sir who Al-
17 Batuti is, he was the pilot....

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

19 YOUSRY: Right. According to some investigators here, the accident
20 could have happened because Al-Batuti was trying to raise the
21 tail of the airplane, but he couldn't. So he tried to push it
22 down, it was stuck. He pushed the hand down, then up, down
23 and up to release it. He couldn't release it, so he died, I mean,
24 the plane crashed and he died.

25 STEWART: [Writing]

26 YOUSRY: The Israeli army is planning to withdraw from Lebanon. You
27 know, Sir that the Lebanese resistance forces (UI) missile
28 attacks on North Israel to force them not only to withdraw,
29 but to hand over the Militia who used to fight against them.

1 Eh, also, Al-Bashir is keen about the unity of Sudan. You
2 know, Sir, the present movement in Sudan, they put Al-Turabi
3 under house arrest and suspended his chairmanship of (UI)
4 party.

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh!

6 YOUSRY: You didn't know that, Sir?

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah, (UI).

8 YOUSRY: This is in brief the news according to Al-Hayat. [Turning the
9 newspaper pages] There is nothing about Chechnya.

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

11 YOUSRY: There is something about eh.... There is an article that says,
12 eh, in France, there is a concern about the electronic devices
13 where they enter the names of fugitives, criminals and, and, et
14 cetera. These devices control the people all over the world
15 and therefore, violate their rights, I mean their human rights.
16 Eh, there is news about Sheikh Yasin. The Palestinian
17 authorities warned him not to use the mosques for political
18 reasons. There is another man by the name of Sheikh Yasin,
19 in Morocco, he is the leader of a group called Justice and
20 Charity.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, he is Abdul Salam Yasin.

22 YOUSRY: What's his name, Sir?

23 ABDEL RAHMAN: Abdul Salam Yasin.

24 YOUSRY: Yes, exactly. Visitors of the (UI) said that Abdul Salam
25 Yasin, [clearing his throat] Al-Mar'ie... They put him under
26 house arrest, and warned him not to go to mosques or to...
27 [Turning page]

28 ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh, yeah?

1 YOUSRY: Yeah. [Reading] Abu Sayyaf Requested Two Million Dollars
2 to Release the German Woman and Manila Insisted on (UI).
3 [Explaining as he turns the page] Abu Sayyaf requested two
4 million dollars to buy weapons if he released only one, the
5 German woman who has a heart condition. You see, Sir?

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm. [Pause] What did Manila say?

7 YOUSRY: Manila said no, we are not going to give you two million
8 dollars for just one person, (UI) release all the people. He
9 refused.

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh.

11 YOUSRY: Uh, there are demonstrations in Algeria, Sir.

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: Where?

13 YOUSRY: Eh, eh, but they are all socialists.

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

15 YOUSRY: They demonstrated because of the money. [Reading]
16 Counselor Mamun Al-Hudaibi to Al-Hayat. The Government
17 (UI) with (UI), We Refuse Instigation and Provocation. The
18 Guide, the Deputy General Guide (UI) the Brotherhood
19 spokesman... He is exactly like his father.

20 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah, ah.

21 YOUSRY: It is a disaster, you know, Sir? Would you like me to read it
22 or not?

23 ABDEL RAHMAN: No, no.

24 YOUSRY: John Qarnaq (PH) visited Egypt. He met with Mubarak.

25 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

1 YOUSRY: He denied that he is executing the policy of the United States
2 of America, he denied, eh, eh, that he wants to divide Sudan.
3 He wants self determination. He said that the fight between
4 Al-Turabi and Al-Bashir is not over power, it is a fight over
5 money. He met with Hosni Mubarak, and asked Mubarak to
6 have him participate in something called self determination in
7 Sudan. There will be a tripartite organization ruling the
8 country, he wants to be in one of them.

9 ABDEL RAHMAN: A tripartite organization?

10 YOUSRY: Yeah.

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm-hm, okay.

12 YOUSRY: He is sitting next to him; they are sitting together. This man
13 is very heavy, I didn't know he is so fat.

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Laughing] Uhm, hm.

15 YOUSRY: He is fat, has no hair. He has a long beard but it is trimmed.

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

17 YOUSRY: You see, Sir? [Turning pages as he talks to himself] What
18 else is there? [To Abdel Rahman after a brief pause] Here is
19 something about that guy, the Saudi Prince. He reinvested
20 one billion dollars, again, besides the first one.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Damn him!

22 YOUSRY: The stock market is up from thirty-two to thirty-five.
23 [Turning pages] Thirty-two (UI) thirty-five, meaning, it was
24 five thousand before. Now it is three thousand two hundred,
25 and three thousand five hundred, it was five thousand. Now,
26 if someone invests in the market, it is guaranteed one hundred
27 percent that the money will double in one year. Do you
28 follow me, Sir?

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: (UI) God willing, it will be destroyed.

2 YOUSRY: [Reads from newspaper] Sixteen of the Lahad Militia hand
3 themselves over to Hizb Allah and Amal. Sir, these are the....

4 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah!

5 YOUSRY: Ah. Now the militia hand themselves over to....

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: To get a pardon?

7 YOUSRY: Yes, exactly, to get a pardon.

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah.

9 YOUSRY: If someone doesn't hand himself over, and Israel withdraws,
10 will be put to trial. You see, Sir?

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm. Is this Al-Quds newspaper?

12 YOUSRY: Yes. This is Al-Quds.

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: What number is...what is today's or yesterday's date?
14

15 YOUSRY: [Simultaneously] The one I have, Sir is dated Friday, January
16 nineteen.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: Friday what?

18 YOUSRY: May nineteen.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: I know it is May, I know it is May. I want the Hijri date.

20 YOUSRY: It is the fifteenth of Safar.

21 STEWART: [Writes]

22 ABDEL RAHMAN: Is fifteen a Friday?

1 YOUSRY: Safar, yeah.

2 ABDEL RAHMAN: Is it a Friday?

3 YOUSRY: Yeah.

4 ABDEL RAHMAN: Friday, Safar, fifteen.

5 YOUSRY: Today is the sixteenth of Safar.

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah, okay.

7 YOUSRY: All of them are dated Friday, the fifteenth of Safar.

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah, ah.

9 YOUSRY: There is one, Asharq Al-Awsat, dated Thursday.

10

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

12 YOUSRY: It is Safar, fourteen. Yes, this Thursday's paper, May
13 eighteen. It is Safar, fourteen.

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

15 YOUSRY: Okay. Al-Quds is writing about the Brotherhood, and about
16 democracy facing a tough battle over the presidency inside
17 the Egyptian Islamic Labor Party. Of course, you know, Sir
18 that two are nominating themselves...

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: Why? Did Shukri resign?

20 YOUSRY: He is forty-eight, no, eighty-four years old.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] Did he submit his resignation?

22 YOUSRY: No, no, but you know that everyone....

23 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] Or he is preparing himself?

1 YOUSRY: They are preparing themselves for the new elections inside
2 the Party. He probably will not run.

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

4 YOUSRY: But I don't know why 'Adil Husain (PH) does not want to
5 run.

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh, 'Adil is good. He is a good writer.

7 YOUSRY: [Looking at the paper] Here is a picture of Sayf Al-Islam
8 (PH) with Ibrahim Shukri at the press conference they held.
9 He is talking against the government. He says that he (UI) the
10 Muslim Brotherhood, and the division inside the Labor Party
11 will help only the people who support the change by force in
12 Egypt. It will prove to them that the people who are for
13 peaceful change are wrong.

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Please tell him that I want to go to the rest room.

15 YOUSRY: Okay. Lynne. The Sheikh wants to go to the men's room.

16 STEWART: Okay.

17 YOUSRY: So if you want to tell the guard....

18 STEWART: Okay.

19 YOUSRY: ...Because I can't request...him. I can request....

20 STEWART: (UI).

21 YOUSRY: She will tell them, Sir. (UI) [Continues reading headlines in
22 the newspaper] Ah, (UI) offers citizenship for two thousand
23 persons.... The Minister of Interior... The intellectuals in
24 Egypt responded to Al-Azhar. They say we are not infidels,
25 we are (UI).

26 STEWART: Ah...it's good to move around here.

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Alright, because the time....

2 STEWART: Good, good.

3 YOUSRY: Sir, Al-Quds says, The Sudanese Minister of Internal Affairs
4 (UI) Sanaa to talk about the [mispronouncing] assassin of
5 female students.

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: Assassin?

7 YOUSRY: [Correcting the pronunciation of the Arabic word]
8 Fornication, murderer of students.

9 ABDEL RAHMAN: Their fornication, meaning, their fornication.

10 STEWART: How does that... you're using your brain there?

11 YOUSRY: I can...

12 STEWART: Because I have a- speak Arabic.

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

14 STEWART: You're brainwashing him.

15 YOUSRY: [Turning the page] No, here, it is assassin, Sir, [Reading] The
16 murderer of Female Students Confesses Committing More
17 Than Fifty Crimes of Rape and Murder, Most of Them
18 Outside Yemen.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] Oh, it's "assassin," okay.

20 YOUSRY: Yes.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine.

22 YOUSRY: [Reading headlines] Manila Refuses Invitation - no, to Pay
23 Ransom to Release a German Hostage

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

2 YOUSRY: [Reading headlines] The British Forces Arrested Samkuh
3 (PH) and Handed Him Over to Sierra Leone Police. [Closing
4 the newspaper] Sir, there is something about Ethiopia
5 attacking Eritria.

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: Heh.

7 YOUSRY: Are there any Muslims in Eritria?

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: They are all Muslims.

9 YOUSRY: Ah, it occupied half of it.

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: It occupied half of it?

11 YOUSRY: Yeah, and about 350,000 became homeless.

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: It is all....

13 YOUSRY: We heard it on the news last night, mmm.

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Tongue interjection] Tsk, tsk, tsk.

15 YOUSRY: It took control over half of it yesterday night, 350,000. The
16 government of Eritria says we do not know how many. But
17 the international observers say there are 350,000 of them.
18 Meaning, it is an (UI) estimate.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: (UI).

20 YOUSRY: You follow me, Sir?

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

22 YOUSRY: [Turning the page] And of course, Sir, the intellectuals in
23 Egypt wrote a response to an article on the Azhar incident, it
24 was signed by Jamal Alghitani, Ibrahim Aslan, Radwan

1 Alkashif, Abu Shadi and Radwa Ashur.

2 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

3 YOUSRY: [Reading] The Gulf female reporters are asking to allow
4 women not be consumers only, but to produce for others.
5 [Turning the page] They want the woman to produce for
6 herself, and open (UI) for herself. [Reading] Egypt:
7 Separation is not a Choice or a (UI) for Sudan's Rebels. The
8 Party of the Nation (UI) Criticism of Al-Mirghani and
9 Qarnaq.

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh! The Nation's Party is now fully with the government.

11 YOUSRY: Yeah, it deteriorated.

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

13 YOUSRY: [Reading] The Man Accused of (UI) Denies Spying
14 Accusation, but Confesses He Took Pictures of Some Military
15 Locations.

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Laughing] So, what do you call that?

17 YOUSRY: I know. Also, there are eight Muslims accused of cooperation
18 with the thirteen Jewish men.

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: Who are those?

20 YOUSRY: They will call them to the.... [Turning pages] Sir, there is
21 something on Brussels, Denmark and Belgium....

22 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

23 YOUSRY: They have an article in Al-Quds. They are afraid of the
24 Muslims there as they may have affiliation with the Muslims
25 in Denmark and the Muslims in London. Based on this, there
26 is an agreement between Muslims and the Government of
27 Belgium that their criticism of their governments should be in

1 compliance with the policy of their governments; not the
2 policy of Belgium toward their countries. Uh, they also have
3 a big picture, of course, of the Central Mosque in Brussels, it
4 is very beautiful, Sir, a really beautiful picture.

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine.

6 YOUSRY: Sir, you...uhm.... [Turning pages, reading] Warning to the
7 Brothers Against Continuing Work and Clash with the
8 Government; Dispute On the Pharaohs Building Ka'ba After
9 the Failure of the Revolution in Egypt. What is this dispute
10 on the Pharaohs' attempt to build Ka'ba? [Turning pages]
11 The Egyptians and Ka'ba, would you like me to read you
12 this?

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm, let us see, yes.

14 YOUSRY: [Reading] No sooner had we been almost done with Haydar
15 Haydar banquet, than we found ourselves facing the renewed
16 battle that (UI) that the Doctor Sayid Karim (PH) is trying to
17 prove that the Pharaohs are the ones that built Ka'ba after
18 Bani Manf migration on the heels of the failure of the first
19 communist revolution in history, that occurred in our country.
20 Doctor Abd Al-Azim Al-Mustafa, the Ahzar University
21 professor had attacked the newspaper in a (UI) proving the
22 lies of Doctor Karim. He sent another answer yesterday
23 denying that he said that the editor-in-chief, Usama Al
24 Karam, is an infidel; and that he interfered between him and
25 his wife, as this is not his style. Regarding the story about
26 "Building the Ka'ba", he said, when did some of the pharaohs
27 migrate to Mecca? Was this before the arrival of Ibrahim and
28 Ismail, may God pray on them and bless them? If you say
29 before their arrival, we would answer, this is a hypothetical
30 assumption, because when Ibrahim came to Mecca there was
31 absolutely no one there. Ibrahim left his wife Hajir (PH) and
32 son (UI) in a barren valley, with no trees or water. This is the
33 fact the Quran stated. *"O our Lord! I have made some of my
34 offspring to dwell in a valley without cultivation, by thy
35 sacred house in order, O our Lord, that they may establish*

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

2 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

4 YOUSRY: Ahh, the part that was written by Hasanain Kurum; the
5 Solution of the Party, the Party newspaper, and the Banquet,
6 which is the Banquet for Seaweeds, and the things written on
7 it.

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, good.

9 YOUSRY: Which one would you like me to....

10 ABDEL RAHMAN: The, the Banquet, it's the most important one.

11 YOUSRY: [Reading] We start with the Banquet of Haydar Haydar, and
12 the splits it caused among us, (UI) to the point that many
13 magazines publish his sayings...ah...his sayings (UI) sayings
14 of what it caused in confusion in (UI) denying that he is from
15 the infidels, may God protect us. What had happened, had
16 happened. He - after he wrote and published and finished.
17 After that, hell broke loose here in Syria (UI) the big brother
18 carries what his younger brothers can't; or admit it is our
19 destiny. Destiny caused novelist Ibrahim Abd Al Majid
20 attack poet Farid Bu'ida (PH) for his article in the Al-Ahram
21 in which he attacked the novel and whoever permitted its
22 publication. He said in Cairo on Tuesday, the day before
23 yesterday, the (UI) of the big romantic poet, severely
24 attacking all the new writers (UI); he is very well mannered,
25 but it was chance to take revenge against those non-romantic
26 poets who do not give his poems the appropriate importance.
27 The Cairo newspaper initiated a journalistic and politically
28 refined piece of work on the report prepared by Husam
29 Tamam (PH) on the opinion of several Islamic thinkers. I
30 contacted a number of them in the British capital, London.
31 Dr. 'Azzam Al Tamimi (PH), one of the prominent Islamic
32 thinkers, and director of the Islamic (UI) Institute in London,

1 began his speech by expressing his extreme annoyance at this
2 fabricated battle. Once again, we are about to -parenthesis-
3 repeat Salman Rushdie's experiment, a man nobody ever
4 heard about, but thanks to his story he becomes the talk of the
5 hour and his name is published across local and foreign
6 newspapers and magazines stirring noise nobody except the
7 story teller can benefit from. His story which will (UI) the
8 horizons, will be recorded in the annals of famous stories and
9 its author will be the martyr of originality and the freedom of
10 opinion, whilst the-

11 STEWART: How about if the Sheikh comments on some of the things you
12 are reading to him.

13 YOUSRY: She is asking Sir if you have any opinion, meaning, on those
14 things-

15 STEWART: [Simultaneously] Or comments on, not some of the things
16 that....

17 YOUSRY: Would you, Sir, like to say anything about that?

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: Huh?

19 YOUSRY: Would you, Sir, like to say something about these words,
20 about what I have been reading to you, would you like to
21 respond or to listen only?

22 ABDEL RAHMAN: Listen only. [Laughs]

23 YOUSRY: He just wants to listen.

24 STEWART: Okay.

25 YOUSRY: Do you want me to continue this paper, or....

26 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes.

27 YOUSRY: Okay. [Continues reading the article] ...while the first (UI)

1 will be the Islamists who will be indiscriminately
2 incriminated; arrows will be pointed at them being accused of
3 enmity to freedom of thought and originality. They could do
4 better without all this if it were not this useless created noise.
5 He asserts that this way that was widely used lately in
6 connection with the causes of thought and originality, creating
7 noise around them and making them the case of the entire
8 nation, is irrational. Some people use it to for polit- use it for
9 political interests ignoring its negative traits, ignoring its
10 negative traits [pause] on the whole nation that will lean
11 towards it and interact with it because it interacts with its
12 religion and belief being attacked. However, it is the first
13 loser in these battles, it will harvest thorns and wounds, it will
14 be described as chaotic and (UI)....

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine. Stop, enough.

16 YOUSRY: Fine, Sir.

17 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

18 YOUSRY: Uh, this is long, it occupies seventy-five percent of the....

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine, something else.

20 YOUSRY: Would you like Solving of the Party? No?

21 ABDEL RAHMAN; Yes, read the Solving of the Party.

22 YOUSRY: [Reading] Solving of the Party. We now come to the decisive
23 case, that began to a certain degree steal the spotlight from the
24 novel, Banquet for Seaweeds, and the disaster it caused us,
25 that is, will the government solve the Labor Party and stop its
26 newspaper? The reason for the question was due to the
27 concentration of Samir Ragab the past days on the necessity
28 for the Committee of Party Affairs to make decisions to freeze
29 the Party and stop the newspaper. Samir's connection to the
30 presidency while the country is strong, especially that the
31 Party committee was going to meet on Tuesday, the night

1 before yesterday...and then...oh...ahh.... Tuesday, the night
2 before yesterday, and there was concentration on.... Sir,
3 Tuesday, was not the night before yesterday. [Turning pages]

4 ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine, fine, fine, it does not matter, fine.

5 YOUSRY: This is Friday's paper. [Turning pages] Okay, eh [reading] It
6 was going to meet on Tuesday, the night before yesterday.
7 The spotlight was focused again on artist Hamdi Ahmad (PH),
8 former member of the political office of the Party. He left it
9 and (UI) not acknowledging the results of the latest elections,
10 he is Naji Shihab (PH) and others. However, the committee
11 did not make a decision on the request presented to it
12 regarding what happens inside the Party. It postponed
13 looking into it. This was announced immediately after the
14 meeting specially, that the Al-Ahram published the day before
15 yesterday, while it published the news about the meeting of
16 the committee discounting any decision being made [sic].
17 The surprise story was carried by the national newspapers
18 yesterday, and that was: the two meetings were already held,
19 and the decision was to isolate Ibrahim Shokry and to stop Al-
20 Sha'b. The first meeting was headed by Hamdi Ahmad (PH)
21 at the headquarters for the Labor Party, in Hadayiq Al Qubba;
22 he declared himself as the man in charge of the Party. The
23 second was held by Ahmad Idris (PH), at the Party
24 headquarters in Nasr City. He declared himself the president.
25 During these two meetings, Ibrahim Shokry was isolated.
26 Each one of them (UI) to move to the headquarters in Sayida
27 Zeinab district to occupy it. Both of them (UI) parties. The
28 newspapers pointed out that Al Wafaa (PH) attended the
29 whole conference; and that these are shameful measures that
30 will harm the regime and cause severe damage because they
31 were suddenly planned. It would have been better to decide
32 to solve the Party. But if it was part of a game to frighten
33 (UI) to stop him from doing similar acts then grant pardon
34 later, as happened with the late Ahmad Mujahid (PH), this is a
35 different story. Discussions will commence between Ibrahim
36 Shukry and possibly eight responsible people in the regime, to
37 make changes in return for handing the (UI) offices occupied

1 by Hamdi Ahmad (PH) and Ahmad Idris (PH). What
2 strengthens this point is, the government (UI) was not limited
3 to one group; it created two competitor groups. The goal
4 could be to freeze everything until every party's allegations
5 are looked into, as occurred with the Liberal Party after the
6 death of its founder and president, Mustafa Murad. Lord
7 knows what-

8 STEWART: Do you need some water?

9 YOUSRY: -will happen, but what happened is harmful to the regime.
10 [To Stewart] No. [To Abdel Rahman] What happened, Sir-

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

12 YOUSRY: -what happened is eh- There is a political party in Egypt, it is
13 called 'Amal, Labor Party, and this party stood against some
14 kind of uh, a novel, and uhm.... You know...because of what
15 was written in the newspaper, people went and demonstrated
16 against the regime. So now the regime is trying to retaliate
17 against this Party.

18 STEWART: Mm.

19 YOUSRY: So they went into the ah....

20 STEWART: Is this the same Syrian novel with the students....

21 YOUSRY: Yes, yes ,yes.

22 STEWART: Okay.

23 YOUSRY: So they went into the committee of the party, of the ahh....
24 Leader committee, whatever it is called....

25 STEWART: Mm.

26 YOUSRY: And the, the, the, they developed two sects. And those two
27 sects, each one of them had its own meeting, and then they

1 decided that the leadership is no longer legitimate and they
2 have the right to rule....

3 STEWART: Mm.

4 YOUSRY: Now those two sects are now fighting against each other.
5 And in Egypt they have uh, a high organization, that oversees
6 all those parties...political parties....

7 STEWART: [Simultaneously] Parties, so called.

8 YOUSRY: So they said, so called yeah, so now this, this, this
9 organization said what according to what is happening in that
10 party, it is no longer legal, you know, a legal party....

11 STEWART: Mmm. Very interesting.

12 YOUSRY: And we will discuss the matters to....

13 STEWART: Mm.

14 YOUSRY: You know, so that is about it.

15 STEWART: Mm.

16 YOUSRY: I told Lynne about the article, Sir. [Resumes reading] Isam
17 Kamil, the editor-in-chief of Al-Ahram, said instead of the
18 government run a democratic dialogue about what Al Sha'b
19 newspaper (UI), it used a burned card named the artist Hamdi
20 Ahmad, then it tried to rend the party. These attempts had
21 been repeated in more than one place to reassure anew that
22 the government still thinks with the brain of a mentally
23 retarded child.

24 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

25 YOUSRY: [Laughing] That's a good one.

26 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

1 STEWART: Mm huh.

2 YOUSRY: This is it, Sir.

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: Next.

4 YOUSRY: [Turning pages] An Israeli music band went to play in a party
5 in Switzerland, Sir, or something like that. They raised the
6 Syrian flag, requested peace with Syria, withdrawal from the
7 Golan, and things like that, full recognition of Syria and the
8 establishment of a Palestinian State. Israel doesn't want to
9 allow them back in Israel. They now want to go back to
10 Israel, their country, but Israel refuses to let them go back,
11 and accuses them of treason, and things like that.

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh!

13 YOUSRY: [Turning the page] Yeah, they are asking them to say that
14 what they have done was wrong et cetera, but they refuse. In
15 other words, there is a problem between this band and....

16 ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

17

18 YOUSRY: Uh, there is a book written by Abdel Hadi Al-Bakkar (PH).
19 He writes about what happened in the Arab World during
20 [page turning] Jamal 'Abdul Naser and Michel Aflaq, it was
21 written in Syria. [Ringing in background] Uh, it is not clear,
22 Sir, if it is a good book or not-

23 ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine.

24 YOUSRY: -but they wrote about it in Al-Hayat, (UI) in Al-Quds.
25 [turning pages] (UI)

26 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

27 YOUSRY: [Reading headlines] Crisis of the Liberals in Egypt...(UI).
28 [Turning page] Sir, the new King Abdullah's wife, [turning
29 page] of Jordan -

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

2 YOUSRY: -they are writing articles on her in many American magazines.

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: Why?

4 YOUSRY: They want to show her as queen and ah-

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: Is she American?

6 YOUSRY: No, she is Palestinian.

7 ABDEL RAHMAN: She is Palestinian?

8 YOUSRY: Yeah.

9 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

10 YOUSRY: Her name is Rania. [Folds Al-Quds newspaper and puts it
11 down on the table]

12 ABDEL RAHMAN: Rania?

13 YOUSRY: [Holding newspaper] Uhm, now, Asharq Al-Awsat, Sir....

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

15 YOUSRY: [Reading] The Sanaa Assassin, the Exit of (UI) Iranian, Al
16 Mighani Discloses Receiving a Letter from Al Bashir to Make
17 up....

18 ABDEL RAHMAN: And why not? (UI) ...this is fine, fine.

19 YOUSRY: [Turning the page] Uh, Sheik Al-Ahmar: The Dispute with
20 Aryani Doesn't Tarnish Friendly Relations.

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Read this one please.

22 YOUSRY: Yes. [Reading] Sheikh Abdullah Ibn Hussain Al-Ahmar, the

1 head of the Representatives Council and Chairman of the
2 Yemeni Reformation Union, denied that he was mediating
3 (UI) for President Ali Abdullah Saleh in his dispute with
4 Doctor Abd Alkarim Al-Aryani, the Prime Minister. He said,
5 the dispute with Doctor Al-Aryani came about when Israel
6 gave permissions from some Yemeni Embassies- [correcting
7 himself] -Israelis were given permission from some Yemeni
8 Embassies, to enter Yemen, based on instructions from
9 Doctor Al-Aryani. Sheik Al-Ahmar had said that the dispute
10 does not affect the good rapport that exists between Doctor
11 Aryani and him, also it does not mean a boycott. He
12 emphasized anew his rejection to normalization saying, it is
13 the same situation of the president and all Yemeni people.
14 [Turning page]

15 ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine.

16 YOUSRY: But the people who received these visas were Yemeni, from a
17 Yemeni origin, I mean Jews from a Yemeni origin, those who
18 emigrated and (UI).

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah.

20 YOUSRY: So....

21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine.

22 YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. Eh, when the Pope came to visit Egypt, the Pope of
23 the Egyptians did not meet with him.

24 ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh!

25 YOUSRY: He did not meet him at the airport, he met him later, with the
26 President of the Republic at a dinner.

27 ABDEL RAHMAN: Tsk, tsk, tsk.

28 YOUSRY: They had an interview with him later. They asked him why
29 he did not meet with him. He said that he is not his pope,

1 they are equal. He is the Catholic Pope, and I am the Pope of
2 the Orthodox. [Paper shuffling]

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah.

4 YOUSRY: Head to head, I mean.

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

6 YOUSRY: But of course you know, Sir, that Husni Mubarak invited him
7 because of the aid that he receives.

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, of course.

9 YOUSRY: A, A Filipino Official: Abu Sayyaf Group is Asking for Two
10 Million Dollars to Release the German Hostage (UI).

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: Read it for me, read.

12 YOUSRY: (UI).

13 ABDEL RAHMAN: -the details, yeah.

14 YOUSRY: A Filipino Official: Abu Sayyaf Group is Asking for Two
15 Million Dollars to Release the German Hostage. The Filipino
16 Foreign Minister, Domingo Sazon, said yesterday that Abu
17 Sayyaf Group, who is holding twenty-one hostages, most of
18 them foreigners, in the Philippines, is demanding two million
19 dollars to release a German woman who has a heart disease.
20 However, the authorities refused that and insisted on the
21 release of all the hostages. The minister who (UI) the Filipino
22 Prime Minister Joseph Estrada, (UI) during a visit to Beijing.
23 Initially they demanded one million dollars, now they have
24 increased it to two. But Robert (UI), a head negotiator for the
25 release of the hostages, denied that the kidnappers could have
26 made such a demand. He said, this is not true; he is the one
27 who negotiates with them, he is the only one who knows. The
28 Filipino minister clarified that the negotiations include the
29 release of all the hostages and does not necessarily mean

1 willingness to pay the two million dollar ransom. He added,
2 we try to know what they want from us. When we negotiate
3 [correcting] when you negotiate, you try all methods.
4 However, the negotiations became complicated due to the
5 involvement of five separate groups in the act of kidnaping,
6 all of them are under Abu Sayyaf leadership. He criticized
7 the foreign reporters who cover the crisis, stating they
8 participated in (UI) by advertising the cause of kidnaping.
9 The Abu Sayyaf fundamentalist group fighters held twenty-
10 one people, most of them foreigners, in the island of (UI) in
11 the Philippines. More voices are demanding strict measures to
12 liberate the hostages, who were kidnaped more than twenty-
13 five days ago from the neighboring Malaysian island. Among
14 the hostages who were kidnaped, the Lebanese female, Mary
15 Mi'rbis (PH), nine Malaysians, three Germans, two French,
16 two from North Africa, two from Finland and two Filipinos.
17 On another hand, eye witnesses said that the explosions have
18 rocked five villages near the (UI) location yesterday-

19 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

20 YOUSRY: -causing injuries to at least seven people. [Turning pages]
21 They didn't write anything on their demands to release you,
22 Sir.

23 ABDEL RAHMAN: They didn't.

24 YOUSRY: No.

25 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

26 YOUSRY: [Reading] Egypt Air Considers (UI) the American Aviation
27 (UI) Boeing (UI) Punishment is in its Favor. [Explaining to
28 Abdel Rahman] This is because he said eh...they will publish
29 the tape in which he said, "I rely on God".

30 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

31 YOUSRY: See, Sir, how they translated the words, "I rely on God"?

1 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, yeah. [Laughs]

2 YOUSRY: Sons-of-a gun! [Turning pages]

3 ABDEL RAHMAN: (UI).

4 YOUSRY: I will read to you what Ahmed Abdel Sattar has done, the
5 interview with Al-Awsat.

6 ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

7 YOUSRY: Yes, (UI).

8 ABDEL RAHMAN: Did you finish the Asharq Al-Awsat, nothing else?

9 YOUSRY: No, there is nothing else, Sir. [Folds the newspapers and puts
10 them under his pad]

11 ABDEL RAHMAN: There is nothing else, nothing on Chechnya? How come?

12 YOUSRY: Well, there is nothing on Chechnya, Sir. [Going through
13 notes] Chechnya appears and disappears suddenly like this.

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

15 YOUSRY: I mean, eh.... [Picking up legal size papers.] Chechnya is eh,
16 praise be to God, may God give them health. [Reading]
17 Ahmed Abdel Sattar, the Paralegal of the Blind Sheikh Talks
18 to Al-Awsat; The Americans Interpreted Al-Battuti's Words
19 the Same Way They Translated Abdel Rahman's Sermons.
20 (UI) the Islamic Group leader who is in an American jail
21 serving his life sentence, one of the most important cases the
22 Americans talk about whenever (UI) Islam and Muslims.
23 From the American and the (UI) administration viewpoint, he
24 is a terrorist who deserves what happened to him, some of
25 them even hope he gets executed. On the other hand,
26 American and Arab Muslims in more than one state, believe
27 that Abdel Rahman was a scapegoat the American
28 administration used to strike Islam and to emphasize through

1 his arrest, trial and conviction that there is a relation between
2 Islam and terrorism and that all Islamic symbols are terrorists.
3 Al-Awsat met with Ahmed Abdel Sattar, the paralegal for the
4 blind Sheikh in New York. He is re-organizing the campaign
5 to release Abdel Rahman and supervises the work of the team
6 of lawyers who follow up on the case and its developments.
7 He was present at the time the Sheikh had his activity since he
8 entered the United States (UI) the past decade. He owns a
9 vast communication network with Egyptian and Arab
10 Islamists who live in different locations in the United States;
11 as well as channels with the American media and human
12 rights organizations and anti discrimination... They made him
13 an official center. [Laughs]

14 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Laughing] Uhm.

15 YOUSRY: [Reading] This is the text of the interview: Last January, the
16 American Supreme Court refused to look into the appeal
17 submitted by Omar Abdel Rahman's lawyer protesting the
18 verdict against him in 1993. Does this mean that the case file
19 is closed? Ahmed: As of that date, no new development took
20 place in the case; legally it is over. The only thing remaining
21 is the political side. Originally, the case is political. This is
22 what we used to know and emphasize more than once since
23 the Sheikh's arrest for breaking immigration laws. The arrest
24 was to deport him to Egypt. During that period, the Egyptian
25 government strongly refused the idea of deportation. On
26 August 25, 1993, we were surprised with the American
27 authorities accusing the Sheikh of participating in the alleged
28 conspiracy. It is strange to direct the accusation to him after
29 more than one and a half months from the date of his arrest
30 and not through normal legal proceedings the American court
31 follows. It was based on an emergency law that was
32 introduced during the American Civil War, and only
33 implemented three times, one of them was on the Sheikh. If
34 the prosecution did not use this law, there would be nothing
35 the Sheikh said or did that deserves imprisonment. The
36 development of the case and the stubbornness of the judge,
37 his denial to almost all of the defense team requests like,

1 calling witnesses among whom was the secretary of justice,
2 Senator D'amato and experts on Islam to respond to the
3 government's allegations at the time he gave the government
4 full right to (UI) and to explain Islam in its own way and
5 wish. All this proved to us that the case is not criminal. They
6 were determined to put the Sheikh in jail and to convict him at
7 whatever credibility cost. Besides, the climate of the trial
8 was poisoned with anti Islam and Muslims propaganda.
9 [Repeating] -was poisoned with anti Islam and Muslims
10 propaganda. In an atmosphere like this nobody, regardless of
11 how many lawyers he has, can receive a fair trial. What
12 proves... Question: What proves that the American
13 administration intentionally wants to harm the Muslims, and
14 its action is not the result of a misunderstanding. The
15 American Government... Ahmed: The American Government
16 made itself an expert on everything, beginning with the
17 Islamic religion and ending with the Arabic language and its
18 meanings. We saw this tragedy made clear in the Egyptian
19 accident. They interpret things as they see fit. After the
20 Egyptian aircraft accident, I sent to the New York Times, that
21 the translation of the words, "I rely on God" the Egyptian co-
22 pilot, the late Jamil Al-Batuti said, when I saw the
23 government's translation, I was shocked. Because I have
24 experience in what the government does in situations like
25 these, I was able to understand what they exactly did. When
26 they come across what they think is a religious term, they go
27 directly to look it up in the Quran. Based on this, they could
28 not come up with anything close to that meaning except part
29 of the honorable verse in Al 'Imran Surah that says, "*when*
30 *thou hast taken a decision put thy trust in God*" and translated
31 the word "decide" into "I made my decision" and so on. We
32 suffered a lot from their translation of many terms and
33 interpretation the way they like. (UI) we asked to get the
34 opinion of expert scholars in the language of religion, non
35 biased people to answer to the government's claims. The
36 judge refused to call on them. He even refused to add
37 documents we brought to the case file like, the interpretation
38 of the word 'jihad' and its translation for instance. They said,
39 it means holy war. We rejected this translation and (UI). We

1 resorted to some dictionaries, we even used the motto of Al-
2 Hayat newspaper, "Life is a belief and a jihad." The judge
3 refused all this, and others, and did not allow the jury to see it.
4 A Prisoner and a Patient: Where is the Sheikh's jail today,
5 and what is his condition there and what are his latest health
6 developments? Ahmed: Presently, he is incarcerated in
7 Rochester prison in the state of Minnesota, far north, on the
8 Canadian border. He was transferred to this prison after his
9 health deteriorated drastically in the previous prison in the
10 state of Missouri. So they moved him during 1998 to a prison
11 near Mayo Clinic hospital, where the doctors who are
12 supervising the hospital are also themselves supervising the
13 prison. His condition in prison has improved till they imposed
14 special administrative measures on him in March, 1997. They
15 denied him visits or contact with anybody except his wife and
16 his defense team. Because Islam prohibits food strikes,
17 nonetheless, he fasts and (UI) until today to protest the bad
18 treatment. There are 1.8 million prisoners in the United
19 States. However, these measures are only imposed on twelve,
20 eleven of them are Muslims, in their forefront is Sheikh Omar
21 Abdel Rahman. The strange thing is that these measures are
22 also imposed on Muslims who did not have trial, like the
23 defendants accused of bombing the American embassies in
24 East Africa. Question: Is there really an American desire to
25 have the Sheikh return to Egypt? [Addressing Abdel
26 Rahman] There is a picture of you, Sir, sitting in the park
27 during the prayer of festivities.

28 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Laughs]

29 YOUSRY: [Re-reading] Is there really an American desire to have the
30 Sheikh return to Egypt? I do not think so. In the shadow of
31 weakness of Muslims, the absence of public opinion or strong
32 pressure force on the American administration, I do not think
33 the release of the Sheikh and his return to Egypt is being
34 considered. All what is said about this issue is not known to
35 us. No contact between us and the American administration
36 regarding these issues has been made. Unless a political
37 change takes place on earth, unless a change in the balance of

1 powers takes place, this case will not present big anxiety for
2 the Americans. Special Rules: Question: A big dispute rose
3 lately around Sheikh Abdel Rahman's situation toward
4 projects of establishing Islamic parties in Egypt. What is the
5 truth? The Sheikh refused the idea of Islamic parties, and a
6 timely response was sent to whoever asked. He sees that the
7 establishment of these parties is but a cosmetic cover-up for
8 the face of the infidel Egyptian government; he refused it
9 completely. Question: Were the Egyptian Muslims in
10 America influenced by the arrest of, and the case of, Omar
11 Abdel Rahman, and were there any measures taken to limit
12 their activities? Ahmed: I wouldn't be exaggerating if I say
13 that their effect was not limited to the Egyptians, it was on all
14 Muslims. The case has been worst used by the American
15 security authorities and to instill fear into the hearts of many
16 people. The case has been taken as an excuse to put laws
17 specifically cut for Muslims like, the law to combat terrorism
18 that was used to arrest many innocent people and put them to
19 prisons. As we saw in the case of brother Nasser Ahmad who
20 was in charge of the management of Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq
21 Mosque. We still find many people under detention, top of
22 the list is Dr. Mazin Al Najjar (PH) and Dr. Anwar Haddam
23 (PH), both are detained in American prisons as per the new
24 law, without any indictment directed to them. At the same
25 time, in an indirect way, the Sheikh's case had a positive
26 effect awakening Muslims here from their slumber. We can
27 now see movements on the level of Islamic organizations to
28 defend the rights of Muslims and work on canceling these
29 laws. After the period of fear that captivated many people
30 here, and made them retire to the policy of burying the head
31 in the sand, hoping that the storm will pass; the storm of the
32 Sheikh's arrest and his trial and imprisonment (UI). They
33 learned that the target was not the Sheikh and others, but, it is
34 a ferocious war against all of us as Muslims. The trial of
35 Omar Abdel Rahman was not a trial of him, but rather a trial
36 of his turban and what it represents. Particularly, the actions
37 of the American security services surpassed and transcended
38 all boundaries: Monitoring around the clock, threats against
39 livelihood, tarnishing the reputation of the innocent people

1 among their neighbors and friends. Little by little, the
2 Muslims in America began to get rid of fear and face these
3 attacks. Some results of these efforts were attained, the
4 release of Nasser Ahmed and Hani Khayr Idin (PH), and (UI)
5 Congress members in America adopting a resolution (UI) the
6 law of secret evidence. Committees were formed in many
7 states in and outside America to adopt the Sheikh's case and
8 present it to world public opinion. Question: However,
9 certainly the destruction of the two American embassies in
10 Nairobi and Dar Es Salaam had bad effect on your activities.
11 For sure, Ahmed, any incident involving bombing and killing
12 of Americans (UI) affects us, even if the perpetrator is not an
13 Arab, like we saw in the destruction of the Federal building in
14 Oklahoma. Harassments and poisonous newspapers'
15 campaigns erupted, especially by American authorities to
16 strengthen the thought of conspiracy against the Islamic
17 Movement. Freedom and Harassment: Do you practice
18 religion in freedom or are there harassments (UI) the
19 American policy? If you mean praying, fasting and attending
20 mosques, we practice these with freedom. However, religion
21 is not limited to these practices. Taking care of Muslims'
22 issues is a religious duty, defending Muslims' sanctities is a
23 religious duty, ordering good and forbidding evil is a religious
24 duty, holding to Islamic lands is a religious duty. If you are
25 talking about all these duties, sure we are not able to do them
26 at all. Practicing them even exposes us and exposes many of
27 our brothers with the same beliefs to a lot of harassment from
28 the security authorities. Question: What is the connection
29 between Egyptian Islamists opposing the Egyptian
30 government with Copts who oppose it here? Ahmed: We
31 have no connection with them. Lately, some of them
32 attempted to have us join them in a demonstration against
33 Mubarak's visit but we refused. It is not appropriate that you
34 put us with them in one basket. There is a difference between
35 one who opposes his government and one who opposes the
36 entire population of a country. The Egyptian immigrant
37 Copts are second class, among whom are some who call for
38 imposing economic sanctions on their country knowing this
39 will only hurt the (UI) people; they don't care for the country.

1 It is no secret that some of them attempted to invite us for a
2 dialogue with some opposing immigrant Copts, but we
3 refused, we have nothing to say to them. We told them that
4 our cause is with the government and not with the Egyptian
5 people.

6 [End of tape]