VISIT TO MINNESOTA

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VIDEOTAPE 1

Participants:
- ABDEL RAHMAN = OMAR ABDEL RAHMAN
- YOUSRY = MOHAMMED YOUSRY
- STEWART = LYNNE STEWART
- OFFICER = OFFICER
- UM = UNIDENTIFIED MALE

Abbreviations:
- (UI) = Unintelligible
- (PH) = Phonetic Spelling
- ... = Incomplete Thought
- _____ = Spoken in English
- *** = Redaction

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2 STEWART: [Enters the room with Yousry] [To Abdel Rahman] You got here ahead of us. Peace be upon you.

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4 YOUSRY: [Simultaneously] How long did they have you here?

5 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Trying to stand up] To welcome you and show my respect.

6 YOUSRY: No, no. [Laughing as he shakes hands with Abdel Rahman] How are you? How are you doing?

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8 ABDEL RAHMAN: How are you? Why are you so late?

9 YOUSRY: [Putting his notes on the table] We were outside waiting for that lady who is going to escort us.

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12 STEWART: Tell him I had a meeting with the...
YOUSRY: Lynne, while we were leaving yesterday, the warden asked to meet her.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah.

STEWART: So she called, brought me in, and she said that she was very concerned about the Sheikh and, uh, um, that she thought that, uh...they had gotten to a good place, because was taking his medicine now. Uh, and that she wanted to keep you from eating so much candy and salted peanuts and all that, and....[laughing] I said, well yes, I said- she says and I hope everything went well with the meeting, and there are no problems, and I said there were no problems - I said but I’m.... You want to do up to there? And then we’ll do the rest?

YOUSRY: Go on.

STEWART: Alright... but I’m not going to, ah... tell you anything but that we’re here discussing how we going to court and how to make sure that these conditions are changed, because they are absolutely outrageous, the way he is kept here. I said uh, and I said- but of course that has nothing to do with you, you just follow whatever orders you’re given. And so then her eyes kind of can popped. She was very, very nervous. She was like moving all over the place. And I said, but I’m sure you’ll do all that you can do under the la- under the restrictions as they now exist, very heavy.... So she said oh yes, of course, of course, we only want what’s best for him.

YOUSRY: She is telling you, Sir, that yesterday, on our way out, she was asked to meet the warden, that lady who is going to get you the chocolate. Anyway, I waited outside and the Warden took Lynne inside. She told her that she is happy because she came to meet you and she is happy now because you are taking your medicine. She is trying to forbid you from eating a lot of chocolate, especially that Baby Ruth, and all that stuff. Uh, she also told Lynne that she hopes the meeting was good, no problems, and she hoped that she had good time meeting the Sheikh. Lynne told her that the meeting was very good, and she is always looking forward for a chance to come here
to meet him because he is a great person. He always makes me feel good that I became a lawyer to defend people like him. Anyway, we are here to discuss how we can file a lawsuit against you, because the Sheikh’s condition is very, very outrageous. No improvement has taken place, nothing happened...eh...changed since he was in the other prison in (UI). But of course this has nothing to do with you, because you are here to execute the rules, you are not doing anything on your own. The lady looked at Lynne and told her... she was nervous, then she told her, in any case, we’ll try to file the lawsuit as soon as possible, and we will file in an appropriate venue. We are looking for the best way to enable us to change all the procedures which are followed here.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Em... very, very good. Excellent answer.

YOUSRY: Your answer to her was very good and excellent.

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ABDEL RAHMAN: Did you get in touch with Ahmed yesterday?

YOUSRY: Well, Sir, Lynne and I couldn’t call him, we forgot.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Really?

YOUSRY: Yeah.

STEWART: [Coming back] Okay, you want to go or shall I go?

YOUSRY: Yeah I’ll go. Ah, he just asked me, did you call Ahmed, we forgot.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Forgot?

YOUSRY: Yeah, sorry.

STEWART: (UI) was on your list. Yousry... it’s his fault.

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ABDEL RAHMAN: Did you get the newspapers?

YOUSRY: Yeah, we have the newspapers. Yesterday, Abu Sayyaf’s people detonated five bombs in five villages under the government’s control, in an area where they keep the hostages.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh, wow!

YOUSRY: Also, the World Bank decided to give loans to Iran. Also, Madeline Albright, the Secretary of State, said that changes happened in Iran and now we can, now they can negotiate with Iran.

STEWART: We have that article.

YOUSRY: Give me that article.

STEWART: [Looking in her accordion folder] Yeah. Here.

ABDEL RAHMAN: The letters are the most important thing for me so we don’t waste time.

YOUSRY: Okay, please go ahead, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?

YOUSRY: Do you want to dictate, Sir?

STEWART: [Simultaneously] Oh does he know-

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, tell Lynne...

STEWART: Does he know that we-

YOUSRY: Lynne, the Sheikh wants to dictate some letters.

STEWART: Okay, good. But you should also tell him that, you know, about the death penalty, that they decided to do the death penalty against one of the African bombers. You know that.
YOUSRY: You mean the, the guys that they brought from Tanzania and....

STEWART: Yes, right.

YOUSRY: Yeah, but it is not, they decided to use it.

STEWART: Yes, to use it.

YOUSRY: She is telling you, Sir, one the people who were arrested in one of the cases in Africa being accused of bombing the American embassy-

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

YOUSRY: -they will apply the eh, the... death penalty to one of them.

ABDEL RAHMAN: They did not say who?

YOUSRY: Did they say his name? Did they specify who?

STEWART: They did, but I am not quite...I forget names so fast.

YOUSRY: She says, they did but she doesn’t remember (UI).

ABDEL RAHMAN: Ask her, it’s not Usama Bin Laden?

YOUSRY: [Laughing] No, Usama Bin Laden is not here. Is it Bin Laden?

STEWART: No, no, no, it was the fellow from... that was living on the island. That was the leadership of more or less (UI). He asked, he wanted it. He did not them to....

YOUSRY: He asked for that.

LYNNE: He told his lawyers not to fight it. He prefers that.
YOUSRY: To die.

STEWART: Yes, to be a martyr.

YOUSRY: She is saying that after the government asked to apply the death penalty on him, his lawyers said that they can appeal and they can win. He refused. He said, "If they want to execute me, let them do so, I’ll die as a martyr."

ABDEL RAHMAN: Wonderful! Is he in the prison in New York?

YOUSRY: Yeah, he is in the MCC. The MCC is now a military fortress, a military fortress.

STEWART: [Looks in her folder]

ABDEL RAHMAN: More than it was at our time?

YOUSRY: No, the same thing, but at your time-

STEWART: [Pulls some papers out]

YOUSRY: -they had the police trucks around the prison, they had steel on the ground. Now they built, replaced the steel by cement. Cement walls.

ABDEL RAHMAN: They really built them.

YOUSRY: [Gesticulating] Yes, they built them. At your time, they did not have the capability to build because people from the press were coming and going.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Hmm.

YOUSRY: They had bars and the police stayed close to the bars, like fences, moving fences, they can move them -

ABDEL RAHMAN: Hmm.

YOUSRY: - you see, Sir?
ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

YOUSRY: Now they made them sturdy, built with cement, cement walls, fortresses. It became a fortress.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh, yeah!

YOUSRY: I am telling the Sheikh about the MCC and how now it's like a fortress.

STEWART: Eh (UI).

YOUSRY: Same tactics they used with you, Sir, but now they are unchanging.

STEWART: [Gesticulating] And in the two rooms, that the - the two rooms and the library that the Sheikh was, there’s now like six cells.

YOUSRY: Do you know cell number nine where you were...south -

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

YOUSRY: - the cell upstairs?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: [Gesticulating] The cell and your room, do you know how many rooms they are now?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

YOUSRY: Six.

ABDEL RAHMAN: The cell and the one room?

YOUSRY: Yes. Now they do it like this, they divide it, a bed then two steps between the bed and the wall and the toilet.

ABDEL RAHMAN: That is all.
YOUSRY: That is all.

STEWART: [Looking at papers]

ABDEL RAHMAN: This is very bad treatment. The whole world follows America’s example of this awful treatment.

YOUSRY: Awful. The whole world follows the Americans' example of this treatment.

STEWART: Yes they have uh...

YOUSRY: Lynne is saying please go ahead, Sir.


ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

YOUSRY: Lynne, you stop us once, you know, (UI) talk to us.

STEWART: Yes, absolutely.

YOUSRY: Who do you want to start with, Sir?

STEWART: [Writing something on the corner of the paper in front of Yousry] (UI).


STEWART: By the way, the lady’s name is this, by the way. [Writes on his notes]

YOUSRY: What is it?

STEWART: S-A-X-E.

YOUSRY: S-A-X-C?

YOUSRY: Let me write it down. S-A....

STEWART: S-A-C-H-S.

YOUSRY: Sachs.

STEWART: Sachs.

YOUSRY: Sachs Fifth Avenue.

STEWART: (UI) no, That’s S-A-K-S.

YOUSRY: Her name is Sachs. S-A-C-H-S.

STEWART: And Mohammed keeps smiling at her.

YOUSRY: And Mohammed is smiling at her from time to time. She is always looking. She always looks in.

STEWART: Yes, well.

YOUSRY: So I smile at her (UI).

STEWART: Of course.

YOUSRY: To avoid suspicion. I mean to let...

STEWART: [Laughing] You’re speaking Arabic to me.

YOUSRY: [Laughing] [To Abdel Rahman] Please go ahead, Sir.

STEWART: That’s good, that’s good. When?

YOUSRY: (UI) the Sheikh (UI).

STEWART: Uhm, hm.

[Abdel Rahman starts dictating a letter. Lynne reads papers. Yousry starts writing.]
ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Brother Ahmed - [Pause]

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] May God keep you safe. And give you long life. May the peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you, thereafter. Very briefly, I list the following points:

YOUSRY: [Writing] Very briefly?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah. [Pause] One: [Pause] Give my regards to the children, your children, especially to Brother Omar. Whenever I listen to the tapes on (UI) jurisprudence, I hear his voice praying for me.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] My regards to your blessed wife. She did a good job translating the sentence, “You try to bother me-

YOUSRY: [Writing, laughs]

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Continues dictating] -but I’m not bothered.”

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: She did a good job with the translation which had a great effect... had a great effect-

YOUSRY: Yeah.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -eh... on you, since you delayed the tapes and the money.

YOUSRY: [Laughing]

STEWART: Do translate.

YOUSRY: I can’t... later. [Laughing] Okay, Sir.
ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yeah, yes, Sir.

STEWART: The uh.... [Writes]

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] I did not receive the... the... the tapes of the big recorder-

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -nor do I receive the commissary money regularly. Have you ever seen any greater result?

YOUSRY: [Laughing] Yes, Sir.


YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Or else it will be difficult for them to speak, to speak the Arabic language after that.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, sir.

STEWART: [Looking at papers]

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Number two -

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating as he eats chocolate] I advised you before to take care of brother Yousry, and his wife, concerning religion.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: And if the people ever knew how perverse my translator is!
YOUSRY: Sir, what perversion?

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Continuing] My translator’s perversion, the Islamic World would go out demonstrating.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: They will say Omar the buffalo, you resemble cows.

YOUSRY: Sir, what are you saying!

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes.

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Isn’t it about time to learn your lesson? Isn’t it about time to learn your lesson at the time Yousry is in hell staying?

YOUSRY: Sir, please!

STEWART: [Looking at papers]

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Brother Ahmed, please try, I repeat, have your wife visit her or call her, [pause] hah?

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] And you do the same with Yousry. Teach them how to pray, fast and purify. Okay?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] This is a very important matter.

YOUSRY: Yes.

STEWART: [Looking at papers]

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Number three -
YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uh, [dictating] as I mentioned before, you have to take care of the classes, and to meet weekly, [pause] hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Continuing] ...as a group. Do not disunite. The wolf attacks the lonely sheep.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Please repeat this wolf story, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: The wolf attacks the lonely sheep.

YOUSRY: [Repeating as he writes] The wolf attacks-

ABDEL RAHMAN: -the lonely sheep, [explaining] the one that stays alone.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Religion classes don’t cost much. For exegesis, read the Ibn Kathir (PH) book, the Hadith, read Riyad Al-Salhin, [coughing] and for jurisprudence in Islam, read Al-Sunna jurisprudence, hah?


ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Yeah, but you have to do it. Don’t let the devil grip your souls.

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] The same should be done with the women’s classes. Salwa teaches in Arabic-

YOUSRY: Is this number four, or we will continue?

STEWART: [Looking at papers]
ABDEL RAHMAN: No, continue. -and Lisa in English, and they work together, eh...

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yeah.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh, also....

[Yousry knocks twice close to Stewart's notepad]

STEWART: Uhm...you need to talk to him a little bit about, um, what were on those tapes that he didn’t receive, so that if I write them a letter I can describe them better.

YOUSRY: Can you remember what was on those tapes, Sir, because she is going to write a letter to Tongas, she can tell him exactly what tapes.

STEWART: Does he know?

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] But, didn’t you have the-

YOUSRY: Yes, I have them, she just has to say that in order to break the... The people are looking.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh, yeah.

YOUSRY: Okay.

STEWART: Okay? Very good.

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. Also, Lisa in English.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, on Saturdays and Sundays. Same for the children, they must attend the Islamic religion classes on dogma, Islamic dogma and Arabic Language. [Pause] Hah?

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir, [reading back] -on Saturdays and Sundays, the Islamic dogma and Arabic language.

ABDEL RAHMAN: What did they do about that magazine that they were planning
YOUSRY: They are working on it. Each one of them has a column to write. I think one column for jurisprudence, one for views, and one I think for international news. They want to publish it, but what is happening now, Usama, Mustafa, Ahmed, Nasser, and myself, they asked me to write about the international events.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

STEWART: [Writing]

YOUSRY: Eh, each one completed his papers, but still Ahmed has to put everything together. It is not done yet. I handed my things almost three or four weeks ago.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay, (UI). [Dictating] Four: Speed up the process of publishing the magazine. [Pause] Do not delay it any further.

STEWART: [Looking at papers]

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. Now there are many websites on the internet, on the computer net, there are many sites where people can chat. There is more than one site for you, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: More than one?

YOUSRY: [Gesticulating] Yeah, do you remember, Sir, the old website which I told you about, you enter the website and you will find your picture. You click find speeches for Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman... You click on speeches, and you find a collection of speeches. You choose the speech, you click and you find five speeches, you get a speech, speech for so and so. You click and choose the speech you like and you get it with audio. There is also a picture album for you. There is a brief biography on you, I made it, it’s almost 14 pages. The old one which they did was wrong.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.
YOUSRY: I corrected it and sent it back to them. There is another website located in London, one located in New Zealand....

ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh, yeah!

YOUSRY: Yeah.

ABDEL RAHMAN: New Zealand?

YOUSRY: Yeah, and there is one in France as I believe, and two in another country. I can’t remember. They are almost five.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Anything in Egypt?

YOUSRY: No, if there is one in Egypt they would destroy it-

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

YOUSRY: -and arrest its owner. [Laughs]

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

YOUSRY: But the people in Egypt can enter the site.

ABDEL RAHMAN: They can enter.

YOUSRY: Of course. Anyone can enter, and this is the governments’ problem.

ABDEL RAHMAN: They can’t prevent them.

YOUSRY: [Gesticulating] They can’t, because it is on the internet, there is no police on the net. Anything you want on the net, you write its name and you get it on the screen, do you follow me?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

YOUSRY: If you don’t know the websites under the name of Sheikh Omar, you write the words, "search for anything related to Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman."
ABDEL RAHMAN: It shows up.

YOUSRY: It will show maybe five or six ones. It tells you there is Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman from Egypt, there is Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman from so and so.

STEWART: [Stops writing, touches Yousyr’s hand] But if that happens, then you have to always make allowances for whatever else is happening, eh, because I am making allowances for them looking in at us and seeing me never speaking and writing away here while you talk Arabic, so just eh....

YOUSRY: Okay. She says, Sir, she is trying to interfere, not to interrupt your stream of thought, but because eh, you understand (UI).

ABDEL RAHMAN: (UI)

STEWART: Anyway (UI) to talk back to me now, because otherwise it doesn’t make any sense.

YOUSRY: She is asking me to talk to her now, and I will talk to her.

STEWART: So say something in English.

YOUSRY: I love you. [Cracks laughing] She said tell me something in English, I told her....

STEWART: [Simultaneously] Of course, that goes without saying.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Tell her, in a while he will perform an act and will say, eh, the United States is the enemy of God. [Bangs hand on the table]

YOUSRY: [Laughs]

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Continuing] And she will say, “Don’t get mad, don’t get mad, what are you saying! Sit down.”

YOUSRY: He said, the Sheikh said well give me just a few more minutes and I (UI) stand up and I’m going to say the United States of America is against (UI)-
STEWART: [Laughing]

YOUSRY: -and you (UI) relax Sheikh, sit down. (UI) don’t worry, I’ll do that.

STEWART: No, no, no. We’re going to say God! (UI)

[All laugh]

YOUSRY: Lynne says, Sir, she is not going to say relax, she will say God is great. [Laughing] She is following what you are saying.

STEWART: [Laughs]

ABDEL RAHMAN: Glory be to God!

STEWART: [Resumes writing]

YOUSRY: [Reading back] Speed up the publishing of the magazine, do not delay it any further.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah. And eh, [dictating] it is not necessary to have a unique one, but it is good enough to have a brief, a eh… a nutshell.

YOUSRY: Like a newsletter.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Like a newsletter, to start with.

YOUSRY: Weekly, for example, or biweekly?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, weekly. One page weekly will be excellent.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: The people will be anxious to get it.

YOUSRY: In other words, there is no need to have a very big one.

ABDEL RAHMAN: No, tell him one page weekly is enough.
1YOUJR: [Writing] To make it easy for the people to read.

2ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, to make it easy for the people to read. And if you are
3going to charge money for it-

4YOUJR: The expenses.

5ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, will be easy to pay for.

6YOUJR: Yes, Sir.

7ABDEL RAHMAN: Maybe a quarter for example, something like that, eh, eh,
facilitate things.

9YOUJR: Yes, Sir. So, if it is done in one page both sides, and another
10one both sides.

11ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, this is enough.

12YOUJR: It is like two pages, each both sides.

13ABDEL RAHMAN: One page only.

14YOUJR: Yes, Sir.

15ABDEL RAHMAN: A large piece of paper is enough, folded like that-

16YOUJR: Okay.

17ABDEL RAHMAN: -will be enough.

18YOUJR: Okay.

19ABDEL RAHMAN: When the people realize that an Islamic group-

20YOUJR: -committed-

21ABDEL RAHMAN: -an Islamic group, eh...an Islamic group is issuing it they will
22get it regularly.
YOUSRY: God willing, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: No need to delay it, no need for a sizable paper.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir. I’ll put it between brackets, no need to delay it, no need for a sizable paper. [Pause] Yes, Sir.

STEWART: [Writes]

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Number five: Send the eh...talk to eh, to the wife and tell her to go as soon as possible, she and the children to Dr. Rabi’.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Uhm, hm.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Take with you meat and food. [Pause]

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Invite him to share the food with you.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] And the children say to him, our father commanded us to kiss your hand. [Pause] Abdullah should kiss his hand again and say, “This is from my father.”

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh...[dictating] -and they say to him, pray for us and we are at your disposal for anything you order us to do. [Pause] If the wife does not accept that, hah -

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes.

ABDEL RAHMAN: - the children should do it. [Pause] This should take place before the call, before next call ... before my next call?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.
ABDEL RAHMAN: And eh...

YOUSRY: The forthcoming one.

ABDEL RAHMAN: The forthcoming one, [dictating] and eh... the wife tells her brothers and sisters-

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -the Sheikh says, in as much as you are obliged to me, [pause] hah?

YOUSRY: The Sheikh says?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: To her brothers and sisters.

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir, [As he writes] The wife tells her brothers and sisters that the Sheikh says -

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah. [Dictating] In as much as you are obliged to me, I charge you to have the children share the food with Sheikh - with Dr. Rabi’. And to say to him the same words the children say to him. Okay?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh... [Pause] It is... eh... I like to kiss his hand.

YOUSRY: You, Sir?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] And if the laws of Islam allow me to kiss his foot, I would have done so. [Pause]
YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] This has to be precisely done.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

STEWART: [Writing and looking at papers]

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh, [dictating] Six.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Tell Ahmed, tell my other son that he has to get married. Your father will not be pleased with you if you delayed marriage longer than that. [Pause]

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: And tell Mohammed, my son, may God bless your son, may he be raised the best way.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

STEWART: Okay? He okay?

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] Yeah, okay, talk to her.

YOUSRY: Do you need water, Sir?

ABDEL RAHMAN: No, thank you, thank you.

STEWART: Too much chocolate?

YOUSRY: She is telling you, do you have much chocolate?

ABDEL RAHMAN: No! [Laughs]

STEWART: Never, never.

YOUSRY: She is telling you, never, all the chocolate of the world is not
ABDEL RAHMAN: [Laughs]

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YOUSRY: Okay, Sir. [Reading back what he wrote] - your son, may he be raised the best way.

ABDEL RAHMAN: - be raised the best way.

YOUSRY: Right, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh, Brother Ahmed, if you like to write to me, to refer to the name of the country where (UI), tell Brother Yousry. Brother Yousry will mention the name of that country twice. For example, he is going to say, the situation in Yemen is fine-

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -and Yemen, eh,

YOUSRY: [Simultaneously as he scratches his hand] (UI).

ABDEL RAHMAN: -may God kill the communists in Yemen.

YOUSRY: [Laughing]

ABDEL RAHMAN: I mean, I mean twice. It is important that the word be said twice.

YOUSRY: [Simultaneously as he writes] Okay, okay.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yemen is fine. In Yemen, may God kill the communists there.

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: So I would understand.
YOUSRY: I wrote it in my notebook.

STEWART: [Writing]


YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] In my opinion, the committee should include Kifah, Firas....

YOUSRY: [As he writes] Firas is already in the committee, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Did he join the committee?

YOUSRY: Yes.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Good. Kifah, Firas, Yusif Salih, he is a paralegal.

YOUSRY: That man who was arrested in Egypt?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes.

YOUSRY: Poor man, now he can no longer talk. Not that he really can’t talk...

ABDEL RAHMAN: He is indisposed.

YOUSRY: Exactly.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yusif Salih, Kifah knows his address, eh, who else? Jamal Diyab-

YOUSRY: Lynne.

STEWART: Yes.

YOUSRY: They are looking.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?
YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Continuing dictation] Khalid Al-Musallami knows his address-

YOUSRY: Khalid Al-Musallami?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

YOUSRY: One second, Sir.

STEWART: So, turn to me, and talk to me about them.

YOUSRY: Uh, uh, no, the Sheikh is suggesting that uh, Kifah, Firas, Yusif Salih, Jamal Diyab... Should Diyab join the committee?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: Will Khalid Al-Musallami also join the committee?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Khalid Al-Musallami knows Jamal Diyab’s address.

YOUSRY: Yes. [Writes]

STEWART: Do we know them? Or not?

YOUSRY: Do you know these people, Sir?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, yes, I know them all. They did me favors, I owe them a lot.

YOUSRY: Yeah, I think you know them, them and-

STEWART: Okay.

YOUSRY: (UI) people, and they have helped me a lot.

STEWART: Okay.

YOUSRY: Kifah, Firas, Yusif Salih, Jamal Diyab, Khalid Al-Musallami
knows the address of Jamal Diyab.

STEWART: You’re making note of the names, so I don’t have to.

YOUSRY: Yeah, yeah, I wrote them down.

STEWART: Okay, and they should be on the permanent committee, is that basically (UI)?

YOUSRY: She is asking, Sir if they should be in the permanent committee, or each can form a subsidiary committee in his district.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, yes. Tell her whatever you decide.

YOUSRY: Oh that’s up to you guys, who is on the permanent committee or each in his district will make their own subcommittee-

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] Each in his own state.

STEWART: Okay, that’s good. That’s even better.

YOUSRY: She said this a good idea to form a subsidiary committee.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, very good.

YOUSRY: I think it’s a good idea (UI).

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] They are ready to do that.

YOUSRY: I think they will be able to do that.

STEWART: Okay, that’s good.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Sheikh Al-Matarawi, Al-Matarawi.

YOUSRY: Sheikh Al-Matarawi, is he here in America?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, in Michigan.
YOUSRY: Somebody is called Sheikh, Sheikh Matarawi.

ABDEL RAHMAN: In Detroit.

STEWART: Detroit?

ABDEL RAHMAN: At the Yemeni Mosque in Detroit. [Pause] Hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh... [Pause]

YOUSRY: Abdeen may know him, Sir, because he is from Detroit.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, yeah he knows him.

YOUSRY: He is from Detroit, so...

STEWART: Yes, Detroit, eh it’s good, it's good.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Get in touch once again with eh...is this number six?

YOUSRY: It is number seven.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah. [Dictating] Get in touch once again with Salim ‘Azzam-

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -and tell him that he is automatically assigned in the committee. [Pause] Ask his advice, who else can join the committee. [Pause] Hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Ask him if he can accept Ahmad Ben Bella.

YOUSRY: I believe he will.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Dash- Al-Turabi, dash, Al-Qadi Husain, the leader of the
Islamic Group in Pakistan.

YOUSRY: I believe that Al-Qadi Husain sent to Kaukab.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah!

YOUSRY: I believe so, because Ahmed told me that, the last time he spoke to me, but he did not...

ABDEL RAHMAN: He did not get into the details.

YOUSRY: No, not the details, but he mentioned your name in reference to something else. It was not a separate letter.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: In other words, Al-Qadi Husain mentioned to Kaukab that he heard that he is working with Sheikh Omar or something like that.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

YOUSRY: But, it is not just about you, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: I mean, he sent to Kaukab -

ABDEL RAHMAN: Does he know him?

YOUSRY: I think they are in touch with each other.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, because both of them are from Pakistan.

YOUSRY: I thought Kaukab is from India.

ABDEL RAHMAN: No!

YOUSRY: From Pakistan?
ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] He’s from Pakistan.

YOUSRY: Yeah, I think so. Ahmed told me that. So...

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay, fine.

YOUSRY: One second, I’ll write his name.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: Ahmad Ben Bella, Al-Turabi, and Al-Qadi Husain.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Tell him that the Sheikh emphasizes to have your advice as to who can join the committee. Send the answer soon. Tell him that the Sheikh wants your response soon, hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir. [Pause]

ABDEL RAHMAN: Also, tell him that I need more information about the situation of the Council. I want to be sure and learn more about the Council. [Pause]

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Besides, add Yusif Islam to [stuttering] the...

YOUSRY: Next to Ahmad Ben Bella, Al-Turabi, add Yusif?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, that singer, he was a famous singer, then God changed his life and now he is... that British singer.

YOUSRY: Oh, the British singer.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, the British.

YOUSRY: [Gesticulating] Lynne, do you know this guy who was a member of the Beatles or something, and he now announced that he is a Muslim or something, and he converted to Islam and his name is Yusif Islam now?
ABDEL RAHMAN: Yusif Islam.

STEWART: Is it Ringo?

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] The most famous singer.

STEWART: There’s only, only a few left, right?

YOUSRY: Yeah.

STEWART: Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr...

YOUSRY: Not Paul McCartney, I think it’s Ringo maybe.

STEWART: The drummer-


STEWART: -the drummer, and the third one who was, who never was around, George Harrison.

YOUSRY: Maybe. He is one of those. He was one of the Beatles, the famous Beatles group of England who (UI).

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] Oh, yeah, he was the most famous....

STEWART: Interesting.

YOUSRY: He is one of the very famous singers. I don’t remember his English name, Sir, but I know his story.

STEWART: [Simultaneously] (UI)

ABDEL RAHMAN: It is okay.

STEWART: Is he still going to be able to sing though? (UI)

YOUSRY: He does, he sings, he sings, and uh... He now sings Islamic songs in English, Sir.
ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, yes.

YOUSRY: He sings Muslim songs in English.

STEWART: Aha.

YOUSRY: And, uh, uh, he does tours and collect money for Chechnya, and stuff like that.

STEWART: Uhm, hm.

YOUSRY: He collects money for Chechnya, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm. [Pause] Okay?

YOUSRY: Yes, sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh... [Pause]

YOUSRY: [Reading back] The Sheikh wants to get more information about the Islamic Council and about the situation with Salim ‘Azzam.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, okay?

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh, eh, Abdul Majid (PH) in London is to call Sheikh Muhammad Sa’id, the Imam of Manchester Mosque.

YOUSRY: [As he writes] Who does he have to call, Sheikh Muhammad Sa’id?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, Sheikh Muhammad Sa’id, the Imam of Manchester Mosque and suggest to him to join the committee. [Pause]

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?
YOUSRY: I’m following, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] You, meaning Ahmed, or someone else, get in touch with Sheikh Ahmad Qattan (PH) in Kuwait.

YOUSRY: [Repeating the words to himself as he writes] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Also you can get in touch with Khalid Fikri through Kifah- [Pause] hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -to form a complete committee in Kuwait. [Pause] Hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] I’m following, Sir.

STEWART: [Writing]

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Shubaylat of Jordan....

YOUSRY: Yeah, Layth.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?

YOUSRY: His name is Layth Shubaylat.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] Layth Shubaylat -

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -ask him to form a committee in Jordan. [Pause]

YOUSRY: Yes.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Yusif Husain, whose name was mentioned in the case in Al-Shareqa (PH), look for his number and get in touch with him, he can do the same thing. [Pause]

YOUSRY: [As he writes] Yusif Husain. Yes, Sir.
ABDEL RAHMAN: There are brothers in Canada, I can’t remember their names because I am not... he can... They are in Toronto, what is its name?

YOUSRY: [As he writes] Toronto?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, he can contact any of them and ask to form a subsidiary committee.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay?

YOUSRY: I am following.

ABDEL RAHMAN: What number is this, seven?

YOUSRY: [Flipping the page] Well, Sir, number seven, there is a point about adding Kifah, Firas, Yusif Salih -

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, all those....

YOUSRY: [Simultaneously] - Sheikh Al-Matarawi, Salim ‘Azzam, Abdul Majid, Ahmad Qattan, Layth Shubaylat, Yusif Husain and the brothers in Toronto. All those are in number seven.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay. [Dictating] Eight.

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Eh, contact Muntasir -

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: - after you greet him the Islamic way -

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] - number one; tell him, of course you are in the committee (UI) in America, automatically, or automatic.
YOUSRY: [As he writes] -automatically.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -but the important thing, the important thing...

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YOUSRY: Please go ahead, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: (UI).

YOUSRY: [Reading back] Contact Muntasir and tell him after the Islamic greeting that, one, you are automatically in the committee...

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah... [dictating] it is important that you form a committee in your locality. Members can be lawyers, media people and whoever you find suitable for that matter.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh, the eh... Two:

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] The eh, the eh, [knocking] do you have the radio talk?

YOUSRY: (UI)?

ABDEL RAHMAN: The American ambassador’s radio talk?

YOUSRY: Yeah, I have it.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, get it, so...

YOUSRY: [Looks through notes] One moment.

STEWART: [Pouring soda for Yousry] Take your break, Yousry.

YOUSRY: Hmm?
STEWART: For your throat. Take a break.

YOUSRY: Hmm, that’s not it.

STEWART: That’s not it?

YOUSRY: (UI) The Sheikh wants the letter from the lawyer. (UI).

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

STEWART: For? [Pause]

YOUSRY: Ah, here it is. Right. Would you like me to read it for you, Sir?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: [Reading] An ambassador named Samih Derar, a former consul of Egypt to the United States says that you had threatened him in a sermon you delivered on a Friday because he had alcohol with the Americans during celebrations of one of the national days. One of your supporting reporters said that he had alcohol. The ambassador went on saying, America is now treating you well - the ambassador went on saying that he did not have alcohol, and that America is now treating you well or better than well. It facilitates for you all enjoyable means of life in return for what you did for them in Afghanistan. The ambassador says that they gained the Sheikh’s notoriety when they gave him a visa and helped him escape from Sudan after he fled Egypt because he was accused in Al-Sadat’s assassination case. You, Sir, can answer to that as you are-

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

YOUSRY: -well aware of...

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

YOUSRY: Thank God, I got this article with me.
ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, that’s good.

STEWART: [Writing]

YOUSRY: Please go ahead, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm. [Dictating] You can respond to what Samih Derar said, [pause] hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] By contacting Omar eh, what is his name, Battisha?

YOUSRY: [Simultaneously] Yeah, Battisha.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah.

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Or you can call one of the newspapers, like Al-Sha’b- [pause]

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] - and tell them -

YOUSRY: Al-Sha’b or Al-Nasiri, which (UI).

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay, fine. [Dictating] And tell them the following -

YOUSRY: Okay.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh... [pause, dictating] Is it well and better than well treatment that I am denied- [pause] hah?

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. [Reading back] - that I am denied -

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] -television, radio and newspapers?
1  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

2  ABDEL RAHMAN: Is it well treatment that I’m denied having someone read the newspapers, books and write a letter for me, read me a letter or write for me? [Pause]

3  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

4  [Stewart continues writing]

5  ABDEL RAHMAN: Use dots instead of “Is it well treatment” you don’t have to keep rewriting the words.

6  YOUSRY: Yes.

7  ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Is it well or better than well treatment to deny me the group prayer [pause] and even the Friday prayer? [Pause]

8  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

9  ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Is it well or better than well treatment that eh, they don’t tell me about the beginning and the end of Ramadan or the date of the date of Eid? [Pause] Hah?

10  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, sir.

11  ABDEL RAHMAN: Number five: Is it well treatment that I am kept in solitary confinement, I don’t talk to anyone, and no one talks to me, and to serve myself? [Pause]

12  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, sir.

13  ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh... [Dictating] Six: Is it well treatment to be classified among mentally disturbed patients, and my stay be close to them?

14  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

15  ABDEL RAHMAN: [Continues dictating] While I am the scholar of Al-Azhar who studied and taught Islam for almost 40 years?
YOUSRY: [As he writes] Who studied and taught Islam for almost 40 years.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] And they throw...

YOUSRY: [Writing] Is it well treatment, so and so, that they throw-

ABDEL RAHMAN: -throw odors on me?

YOUSRY: And harmful gases-

ABDEL RAHMAN: And harmful gases.

YOUSRY: -and poisonous-

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] -harmful gases which cause me thoughts, [brief pause] hah?

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -and disturb my thinking?

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Is it well treatment that they eh, they [pause] that an employee comes- Don’t use the word “Lieutenant” because they don’t know it.

YOUSRY: Uhm.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Use “employee.”

YOUSRY: Shall we write, I was beaten in prison by government employees?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, yeah. This is fine.
YOUSRY: [Writing] I was beaten and assaulted.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] As I was sitting in the bathroom, then he kicked me and I fell on the floor. [Pause] Is it well treatment that they deny me friends’ and (UI) visits? [Pause]

YOUSRY: [Flips the paper]

ABDEL RAHMAN: Is it well treatment to monitor me by a camera-

YOUSRY: -for twenty-four hours?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, [dictating] a camera, audio and picture twenty-four hours a day? And to also monitor my visiting family members?

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YOUSRY: Okay, please go ahead, Sir... [Reading back] Also monitor my visiting family members-

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, fine.

YOUSRY: [Writing] -during the only visit-

ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine.

YOUSRY: -in, [verifying] Sir, in how many years? It is from ‘95 to this date.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: That would be seven years.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Is it ‘93?


ABDEL RAHMAN: (UI)
YOUSRY: Well, I have a suggestion, Sir, let us not write that the odors cause you disturbance of thinking and let you lose concentration, after the words, they classified you with-

ABDEL RAHMAN: -mentally disturbed people?

YOUSRY: Yeah, the mentally disturbed.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

YOUSRY: I wrote, “...they cause pain and severe harm -”

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay, fine.

YOUSRY: “- to my body.” Isn’t this better, Sir, so you won’t....

ABDEL RAHMAN: That’s fine. Eh... [pause] Number uh... is it number ten?

YOUSRY: I am writing... I am only using dashes.

STEWART: [Looking at papers]

ABDEL RAHMAN: Dashes, eh, dashes, a dash, like that?

YOUSRY: Yeah, I put a dash like that.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay. [Dictating] How did I escape from Sudan and how did I escape to Sudan from Egypt-

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -while in fact the government sent the Egyptian FBI-

YOUSRY: [Laughing, writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -to escort me to the airplane?

YOUSRY: To what?

ABDEL RAHMAN: To the airplane. [Pause] I mean, I went with the
government’s full knowledge.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Did he say that they let me escape because of Al-Sadat’s case, or what?

YOUSRY: Yes, he said that you escaped... [Picking up the paper; reading] “After he fled from Egypt because he was charged in Sadat’s case.”

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah. [Pause]

YOUSRY: [Puts the paper down] Everyone knows that I was acquitted....

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, (UI). It seems that.... [Pause] It seems that Samih Derar (PH) [pause] hah?

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -is still drunk (UI)-

YOUSRY: [Laughing]

ABDEL RAHMAN: -since he was in the party.

YOUSRY: [Laughing]

STEWART: Translate. Translate immediately.

YOUSRY: [To Abdel Rahman] I understand what you want to say, Sir. [To Stewart] You know this, this, this former ambassador the Sheikh said that he drinks, and stuff. He said that the Sheikh left Egypt because he was accused of killing Sadat.

STEWART: Oh, this jerk, yeah.

YOUSRY: So the Sheikh said, well it appears to me that he is still drunk and he does not know what... (UI)
STEWART: [Laughing] He is talking, he is talking out of a stupor, out of uh, imagination, a dream.

YOUSRY: [Simultaneously] The man is still drunk-

ABDEL RAHMAN: -since he was in the party.

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] He can’t tell the difference-

STEWART: -he wishes it were so.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -between the year 1980, when I was acquitted in Sadat’s case-

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -and 1990, when I went to America.

YOUSRY: [Laughs]

ABDEL RAHMAN: You see?

YOUSRY: [Laughing, writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: I am not escaping because of Al-Sadat’s case, I did not escape because I was accused in Al-Sadat’s case. (UI).

YOUSRY: God bless you, thank God, [knocking on the table] touch wood.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] How can I escape from Sudan? How did it happen that America let me escape from Sudan and I left to Pakistan, after Sudan, to Pakistan, then to Afghanistan, then to Saudi Arabia?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh, he says that eh... he... he was helped because of Afghanistan, right?
1  YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.
2  ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah. What great help America offered for its friends in
3        Afghanistan! [Pause]
4  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.
5  ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?
6  YOUSRY: Yeah.
7  ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] My friendship reward was a life sentence. And
8        the reward of the General Usama Bin Laden -
9  YOUSRY: [Laughs]
10 ABDEL RAHMAN: -hah, it is asking... it is going to pay millions to whoever will
11        get him dead or alive. Although General Usama Bin Laden-
12 YOUSRY: [Writing] Although Usama Bin Laden...
13 ABDEL RAHMAN: -was one of the main reasons that helped in the collapse of the
14        Soviet Union. If Napoleon.... Was Eisenhower in the army?
15 YOUSRY: Eisenhower, what was Eisenhower, the leader of the
16        American Army, general, or was the - Eisenhower the
17        president....
18 ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] Before becoming President.
19    STEWART: When?
20 YOUSRY: Before he was elected the president.
21    STEWART: No, he was the leader of the Allied Army in Europe during
22        World War Two.
23 YOUSRY: [Simultaneously] He was the leader of the Allied Army in
24        Europe during World War Two.
ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, yeah.

STEWART: And then he became the President-

YOUSRY: After that he became President.

STEWART: -in 1951 or so.

YOUSRY: [Unwraps candy for Abdel Rahman] I don’t know why you kept the Baby Ruth to the end, I know you like it. It was the only one, I was going to get you two.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Eating chocolate] Yeah?

YOUSRY: Yes.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] If Napoleon or Eisenhower entered tens of battles, hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -General Usama Bin Laden went through hundreds, even thousands of battles. [Pause] Hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: He was an essential element in the collapse of the Soviet Union... [pause].

YOUSRY: [Writing] I am following.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -and his reward from America is what you see.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir. [Pause]

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh....

YOUSRY: Enough for that drunk man, [laughing] you destroyed him.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?
YOUSRY: You destroyed him completely, Sir, that drunkard! I think Ahmed can organize it, he can put (UI) first and....

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] Yeah, yeah, I will tell Muntasir to put this information in order.

YOUSRY: Right.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] It appears that this man’s name fits him. He is “dirar,” same as the Dirar Mosque.

YOUSRY: [Laughs as he writes]

ABDEL RAHMAN: That man was not only drunk during a party, but he is permanently drunk. Hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] I am following, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] If the lie...if all these lies were told by a Western man or an infidel, or were told by an ordinary man, [pause] we might give him an excuse.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes.

ABDEL RAHMAN: But these lies were told by a Muslim Arab ambassador, can there be any worse lie?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Right... [As he writes] ...any worse lie.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Done?

YOUSRY: [Flipping the page] I’m following, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Brother Muntasir, please put this information in order and...

YOUSRY: You know what I am going to do, Sir? I am thinking when Muhammad Salah calls Lynne, she tells him to call Muntasir and to publish it.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.
YOUSRY: Right?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine.

YOUSRY: Lynne, the Sheikh has just uh, um, dictated a reply to [pointing to the paper] this Egyptian thing-

STEWART: Um-hm.

YOUSRY: -to Muntasir Al-Zayat, his lawyer in Egypt, and I just suggested that when you have your press conference with Muhammad Salah, the Al-Hayat correspondent, on the phone, you can tell him about it, or tell him to call Muntasir and publish the Sheikh’s response in Al-Hayat.

STEWART: Oh, very good. Excellent. Let me put that on the list.

ABDEL RAHMAN: We can keep it to the end of her talk.

YOUSRY: Also... I told her to mention it and at the same time she tells him, call Muntasir and get the full thing.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Exactly so.

YOUSRY: Good. The Sheikh agreed. He said yeah, we just mention it and at the same time ask him to go to, go - to call Muntasir and get that, uh, full statement. That okay?

STEWART: Yeah.

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. [Reading back after a pause] Brother Muntasir, please put this information in order-

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, [dictating] -and send it to all feasible media.

STEWART: Is it going to go e-mail, so that he’ll have it by then?

YOUSRY: It can be done by e-mail, Sir, Ahmed can send it on the computer. He can receive it in two seconds.
ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay, but does he have a computer?

YOUSRY: I think so. I think he also has a fax. I don’t think that Muntasir has uh, uh, an internet address.

STEWART: Either way. Okay. (UI) fax.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Wait for the fax, not the computer.

YOUSRY: Yeah, he has a fax.

STEWART: Oh I can fax it.

YOUSRY: Lynne is telling you that she will do that. She will send it by fax to Muntasir, and tell Mohammed Salah to get it from him because Muntasir will put it in order.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.

YOUSRY: Okay. [Pause]

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh, what number is it?

YOUSRY: [Flipping the paper] Of the things you mentioned?

ABDEL RAHMAN: No, the things pertaining to Muntasir.

YOUSRY: Muntasir’s, pardon me as I start a new page. [Flips the page]

ABDEL RAHMAN: Tell him after the greeting, eh,

YOUSRY: (UI) Muntasir’s, it is number two.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Number two?

YOUSRY: Yes.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Write down, three.

STEWART: [Looking at papers]
YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Three... [pause].

YOUSRY: [Giving Abdel Rahman a napkin] Here you are more napkins, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Thank you. [Eating chocolate] Tell him, Brother Muntasir,

YOUSRY: I am putting it next to the chocolate, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay. [Dictating] Brother Muntasir [pause], what use is the Initiative [pause] where we declared the halt of violence, [pause] hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -and the government continues to arrest the Islamic Group members, puts them to military trials, continues to execute and re-arrest them?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] What use is this Initiative! What did it do other than division of the Group lines? [Pause]

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah, [Dictating] Tell the brothers in your area, as long as we did not gain anything from the government-

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -the least you can do is to allow the other voice, which calls for the continuation of the... hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Allow this voice to speak up, to be loud. Do not stop it or silence it-
YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Do not stop it or silence it-

YOUSRY: Uhm-hm.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -and eh, [clearing his throat] so far, the government did not do anything other than increasing its violence. [Pause] Also, tell them that they should give Abu Yasir (PH) his natural right, [pause] hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] -as the head of the Group. [Pause] If they don’t want to do so, the least is to have the person in charge, consult with him, hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] -and to -

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YOUSRY: Right, yes Sir. [Picks up his pen]

STEWART: [Writing] That’s great.

YOUSRY: [Reading back] If they don’t (UI) that, the least is to have the person in charge, consult with him.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, [dictating] this is my advice, give the man, give the man his true measure, especially as he is the beloved friend of Sheikh Muntasir.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay? [Pause] Number four: [Pause] Hah?

YOUSRY: Please, go ahead.
ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Some newspapers wrote- Did you... the newspaper that wrote about three or four meetings between the Americans and the Egyptians regarding my release?

YOUSRY: But we already read that one to you, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, but where is this newspaper?

YOUSRY: I think it is a newspaper in Abu Dhabi.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Do you know its name?

YOUSRY: Yes, its name is known.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Alright, write down its name.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Write -

YOUSRY: Some newspapers in the Gulf wrote-

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] -that some meetings between the two governments of America and Egypt took place, regarding my release. [Correcting himself] No, not my release, but to transfer me-

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -to a prison in Egypt. [Pause] This information was not utilized by the media as it should have been. [Pause] Hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Brother Muntasir, get the name of the newspaper, contact them, and ask about the source of this news, who did they get it from, [pause] hah?
1  YOUSRY:  [Writing] Yes, Sir.

2  STEWART:  [Turns page over, continues writing]

3  ABDEL RAHMAN:  -and expand on this matter. I mean, contact.... -expand on this matter-

4  YOUSRY:  [Writing] Yes, Sir.

5  ABDEL RAHMAN:  -by getting in touch with some eh, personnel from the Egyptian Foreign Ministry [pause] and verify it with them. [Pause] Hah?

6  YOUSRY:  Yeah, and verify it with them.

7  ABDEL RAHMAN:  Yeah. Eh, [coughing, dictating] get in touch with the American lawyer, my American lawyer, and mention this to him, and cooperate with each other to expand on this issue and let it be known to the media, hah?

8  YOUSRY:  [Writing] Yes, Sir.

9  ABDEL RAHMAN:  Are you attentive to this point?

10  YOUSRY:  [Reading back] -and let be known to the media.

11  ABDEL RAHMAN:  Yeah. [Pause] Five -

12  YOUSRY:  [Writing] Yes, Sir.

13  ABDEL RAHMAN:  [Dictating] Please take care of my pension. [Pause] If you are busy, assign one of the lawyers in your office [pause] to follow up on this matter. [Pause] I may get one hundred or a hundred and fifty pounds a month, better than leaving it to the government.

14  YOUSRY:  [Laughs]

15  ABDEL RAHMAN:  Yeah. [Pause]
YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] May God guide your path.

YOUSRY: I’ll start new page, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Just write it on the margin. God be with you. Peace be to you. Ahmed will pass this to Muntasir, right?

YOUSRY: Right, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm. What number is next?

YOUSRY: [Checks papers] Nine. We started Muntasir’s by number eight.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Ah.

YOUSRY: This is nine.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Nine: Brother Ahmed, get in touch with Abdul Majid in London, [pause] and tell him, the Sheikh is saying that you, Abdul Majid, treated him badly. [Pause] Okay?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Although when you suggested to me [pause] eh, to put Mukhtar in charge of the apartment, I refused and said that Abdul Majid better deserves to take care of it. [Pause] Abdul Majid, I did not make any profit out of this project since it started -

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: - and I told you that I am in bad need [pause] of money. You have to liquidate this project [pause], hah,

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -and send the money to Brother Ahmed. Hah?
YOUSRY: [Writing] I am following, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, (UI) the money, the money.

STEWART: [Stops writing]

YOUSRY: I draw your attention, Sir, that Ahmed can’t get anything-

ABDEL RAHMAN: Why?

YOUSRY: -because of-

STEWART: So what is....

YOUSRY: -the relationship between you and him.

STEWART: Talk to me about whatever problem there might be, uh, just for the sake of talking about something, (UI).

YOUSRY: Oh, nothing, just like, uh...dictation and stuff like that.

STEWART: Right. (UI) I’m...trying to write my pre-sentence letter (UI) American lady and, and I don’t know how to make out to say what a great mother she is, but that happens to be the truth. You know what I’m saying?

YOUSRY: There is nothing, Sir (UI)....

[Knocking]

STEWART: Come in.

YOUSRY: Yes.

OFFICER: Does he want a... lunch meal?

YOUSRY: Do you want lunch, Sir?

STEWART: They may not let us go get the other.
ABDEL RAHMAN: Yes, tell him that I want lunch, and we want sandwiches from eh, eh, from the visitor’s room.

YOUSRY: [To the officer] I would love to have lunch. Also I would like to have a sandwich from uh, the visiting room... if there is some available we can buy from?

OFFICER: The visiting room. No.

YOUSRY: Do they sell anything there?

STEWART: In the regular visiting room?

OFFICER: I can bring him his a lunch.

YOUSRY: His normal lunch.

OFFICER: We can’t go over there, no.

YOUSRY: Sir, he is saying to you that he can’t go there but he can bring the lunch here.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.

YOUSRY: [To the officer] Okay, fine, thank you.

YOUSRY: Pay attention, Sir, that Ahmed can’t get anything under his name-

STEWART: Maybe if I faint on the floor, I -

YOUSRY: -(UI) there is something in the account, in the legal account opened under Lynne’s name and something under my name (UI).

ABDEL RAHMAN: When he-

YOUSRY: This is what Ahmed does.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -when he gets the money, it’s up to him-
YOUSRY: He can’t put it under his name. Anyway, Ahmed and I will manage; we know (UI).

STEWART: [Resumes writing]

ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine. But I will not send it under my name.

YOUSRY: I understand that; but they can arrest the people who may have a link to (UI), you know that, Sir. There is a law (UI) they arrest the people who.... You understand; you know that, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

YOUSRY: Fine. So, there is nothing under his name.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Fine.

YOUSRY: You know that, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: That’s fine.

YOUSRY: Alright, Sir. [Reading back] -send to Brother Ahmed...

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] This is an important matter, Brother Abdul Majid. Don’t make me angry at you- [pause] hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh, [dictating] -and don’t force me to have someone mediate between me and you. [Pause]

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Keep the brotherhood in God on.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir. [Pause]

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] I hope to hear some news [ringing sound] within a few months about....
YOUSRY: Would you like to say within a few months or within the coming months?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh, yeah, enough (UI). [Pause]

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay. Is it nine?

YOUSRY: [Writing] It’s ten.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Ten: Brother Ahmed, get in touch with Sa’id Mansur (PH) in Copenhagen- [pause]

YOUSRY: He won a lawsuit for damages.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Who?

YOUSRY: Sa’id Mansur (PH).

ABDEL RAHMAN: Really?

YOUSRY: Yeah. He filed a lawsuit against the government of Denmark- (UI), hah.

YOUSRY: -because they arrested him without cause, and tarnished his reputation-

ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah.


ABDEL RAHMAN: Really?

YOUSRY: [Laughing] Yeah, by God.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay, fine. [Dictating] Tell him, tell him, give us a third of the money you got for damages.
1  YOUSRY: [Laughing]

2  ABDEL RAHMAN: Give us a third of the compensation money you got,

3  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

4  ABDEL RAHMAN: -the Sheikh is telling you so.

5  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

6  ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Ask him about Brother Madani.

7  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

8  ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] If he is there, ask him for (UI) telephone number
9  and get in touch with (UI) directly. If he is not there, (UI) tell
10  him, [background noise] hah?

11  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

12  ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Tell Brother Madani, what (UI) is the status of the
13  entrust you have for the Sheikh? (UI). Are you investing it or
14  what do you do? [Pause]

15  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

16  STEWART: [Continues to write]

17  ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] If he is investing it, (UI) him about the profit for
18  the past years.

19  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

20  ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] And if he wants to get rid of it,

21  YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

22  ABDEL RAHMAN: -he can send it to you,

23  YOUSRY: [Coughs]
ABDEL RAHMAN: -or send it to the wife’s account in Egypt. Give him the account number. He should send you the receipts, the (UI) receipts.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay, so far?

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. [Clears his throat]

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] This is a very important matter,

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -handle it carefully; [pause] hah?

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -and if you prefer to go by yourself, or send someone else, to London-

YOUSRY: You mean to Egypt?

ABDEL RAHMAN: -to London, then to Copenhagen. -to London, so he can do this transaction-

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yeah.

ABDEL RAHMAN: -then to Copenhagen, do so. [Pause] This matter can be useful and important. [Pause] Hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Ask Madani if Tal’at Qasim’s wife is still in Copenhagen. If she is there, he can give her what she wants, and set for her a monthly allowance as she needs. [Pause] Hah?

YOUSRY: [Writing] I follow, Sir. I think Tal’at Qasim was married to a woman with children.
1  ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah, yeah. Her husband was killed in Afghanistan.
2  YOUSRY: Her husband was killed in Afghanistan.
3  ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] He was martyred.
4  YOUSRY: His story is written on the eh....
5  ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah?
6  YOUSRY: Yeah, it is written on the (UI).
7  ABDEL RAHMAN: Till now, we don’t know, where did he go.
8  YOUSRY: Well, all the news say that he died-
9  ABDEL RAHMAN: How?
10 YOUSRY: -in the prisons, in Egypt.
11 ABDEL RAHMAN: In Egypt’s prisons?
12 YOUSRY: Yeah.
13 ABDEL RAHMAN: No, if it happened in the prisons in Egypt, the Muslim lawyers would have known.
15 STEWART: [Writing]
16 YOUSRY: No, Sir. There are so many things which are not done at Liman Torah or such places.
18 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.
19 YOUSRY: They do it...that is what I was told, you may know better than me about these things.
21 ABDEL RAHMAN: Uhm.
22 YOUSRY: What I learned was that he was handed over in Alexandria.
ABDEL RAHMAN: Oh, yeah?

YOUSRY: Uhm. He stayed in Alexandria, he never went to Cairo, He died there. It was said that he was between life and death when he was handed over. The Egyptian intelligence transported him. They received him and on the way they did something, God knows. I hope this is not true.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay, okay.

YOUSRY: We hope and pray the Lord that he is still alive.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Is what I said clear, or is there any part that needs explanation?

YOUSRY: What explanation, Sir?

ABDEL RAHMAN: The words you wrote.

YOUSRY: Yeah.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Are they clear?

YOUSRY: Yes, they are, you mean number ten?

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: It is about Sa’id Mansur and the other Brother named Madani, and to do it with extreme care, and if he felt that he can send someone to London it would be better. [Flips the paper] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay. Is this eleven?

YOUSRY: Yeah, eleven.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] I hope you (UI) that you meet every month, you, Nasser, Yousry, Usama, and any available lawyer. Hah?
YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Dictating] Your motto can be “What is due, what do we have to do.” [Pause]

YOUSRY: [Writing] Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Hah?

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Anyway, I had told about (UI) about a potato dish or so, when did I say so?

YOUSRY: What did you say (UI)?

ABDEL RAHMAN: [Simultaneously] A potato dish or a dish of eh....

YOUSRY: [Laughing] Yesterday you spoke about it to Lynne, Sir.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Is that all?

YOUSRY: Yeah.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay, write it down.

YOUSRY: Yes.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Don’t overdo it. [Ringing sound] If you cook a potato dish-

YOUSRY: [Laughs]

ABDEL RAHMAN: -or a squash dish-

YOUSRY: [Laughing]

STEWART: So what is he saying (UI)?

YOUSRY: No, he’s telling Ahmed that we should meet once a month and he shouldn’t spend too much money, only uh, potatoes
and you know the obvious stuff like that.

STEWART: This is true (UI) with the commissary, right?

YOUSRY: [Laughing] Yeah, he said that already.

STEWART: Oh, (UI).

YOUSRY: She is telling you, Sir, we should tell him instead of spending money on potatoes, he should send it to you on the commissary, [laughing] because he is stingy.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay?

YOUSRY: Yes, Sir. [Pause]

ABDEL RAHMAN: Eh.... [Pause]

STEWART: (UI) is working very hard now.

YOUSRY: [Writing] Potatoes or squash with lamb meat.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Yeah.

YOUSRY: Just to make it look good.

ABDEL RAHMAN: Okay.


ABDEL RAHMAN: Or the dead chicken-

YOUSRY: [Laughing] The dead chicken-

ABDEL RAHMAN: -from Usama’s.

YOUSRY: [Simultaneously] -from Usama’s.

STEWART: What is that?
YOUSRY: Usama sells chicken and it is not halal. The Sheikh said it is not halal, chicken. (UI)

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