#### **Participants**

UAR: Usaamah Abdullah Rahim

DW: David Wright

#### **Abbreviations:**

IA: Inaudible

OV: Overlapping Voices

PH: Phonetic

Italics: Spoken in Arabic

Regular font: Spoken in English

SIC: Spoken incorrectly

#### [Ringing]

DW: Al-Salam 'Alaykum. [Peace be upon you?]

UAR: Wa 'Alaykum Al-Salam wa Rahmatullah. [Peace and mercy of God be upon you.]

DW: Hello!

UAR: I just wanted you to know I have a secret.

DW: Oh you do?

UAR: I do have a secret.

DW: [OV] And what--And what is that?

UAR: Well uh...as of just uh...yesterday I uh...made a wonderful--the day before yesterday. I

made a wonderful purchase.

DW: Did you really?

UAR: I did. [chuckles]

DW: What's that?

UAR: Uh, I just got myself a nice little tool. You know it's good for carving wood. Uhm...It's

pretty nice. [noise]

DW: Oh you got a beauty.

UAR: Yes.

DW: Damn! [OV]

UAR: [OV] It's good for carving wood and like you know, carving sculptures...and you

know.

DW: [laughs]

UAR: [laughs]

DW: Dang! I saw...I saw a crazy one online. I saw it somewhere that looked like it's something on a horror film, uhm...like it was...it was [IA] it was like real

crazy like some type of stuff, like whoa!

UAR: [OV] Yo! They have--They have custom made stuff man that just look sick. Do you

know what I mean?

DW: Oh god!

UAR: It looks--It looks just nasty man.

DW: [UI]

UAR: But yeah so...

They had a freaking thing called--it was called the alien. It was \$250, or something like DW:

that. It would [UI] It cost \$125-\$150; it was called [PH] alien, and it had a--it had a black rubber handle. It was probably 4 feet in length, it was 4 feet in length, probably like, maybe a foot and a half in in width, that thing was death. That thing was all chrome. It has some black on it. But it was like- it was like a mixture- it looked like Renektons

[PH] weapon--

UAR: Really?

DW: It looked like Renektons weapon, mixed with like-like--

UAR: [UI]

DW: something ratchet. It was crazy. That thing was a skewer, man.

UAR: [OV] It's crazy. Yeah.

DW: [OV] It was the type of thing like, you like you could run up on a elephant, and like, or run up on a horse, and hit a horse in its stomach--and knock all of its entrails out. That thing was violent. It was sick. [laughs]

UAR: It's crazy man.

DW: [IA] joke [UI] that thing is no joke. That sounds beautiful, man. Whoa!

UAR: Yeah, it is uh...it is my beauty, and uh...so now it should be here probably by Wednesday.

DW: Mmm...

UAR: So, uhm...I also was in contact with a-a beauty, uh, you know, Mr. uh... Mr. uh... Mr. uh...

DW: Hoxha?

UAR: [OV] Hussain. Mr. Hussain. No. Mr. H-Hussain... Actually I haven't heard from Hoxha but uh...Mr. Hussain was assuring me that he's most likely [UI]

DW: [OV] Who is that?

UAR: He is . . . Uh, the brother that uh, who was uh talking to.

DW: Oh Okay.

UAR: So Mr. Hussain uh, he assured me that . . . Yeah he's mostly said, he said when he crossed over, he said...Uhm, he said he never met him in person. But he's uh...he like, he said that uhm, he has spoken to him when he crossed over. But he didn't meet him though, in person. He said so most likely he's in training right now. He's 100% sure he is in training right now. And uh...you know, so...that's that, and uh, but as for Mr. Hussain uhm, he gave me a wonderful list full [PH] of uh...little documents.

DW: [OV] Did he really?

UAR: [OV] Uh, yes, for, you know, our little friend, who likes to uh, insult uh, the most- one of the, well, uh-uh our noble uh-uh, *Rasul Allah [Messenger of God]* . . . You know?

DW: Mmm...

UAR: So he gave me a little document with alllll the little uh, all the little details.

DW: Well it just-

UAR: [OV] And uh...

DW: make things more interesting and fun.

UAR: Yeah. He did a lot of research man, on her, and uh, a lot of research man. He put together a document for me, asking for [UI], and he sent it to me. And uh, it was in a uh, it was in a style that is locked. You have to have a password to open it. And uh...anytime you open it you have to have your password. And if you don't have the password, [UI] anything, you just will not open the file. You can't open it without the password. Uhm...you might as well delete it if you don't know it. Uhm, it's pointless, so...

DW: That's probably...it's probably encrypted. It's a program with that stuff.

UAR: [OV] It's just a secure document.

DW: Yeah.

UAR: Yeah-Yeah cause, he, man, he's a straight up hacker, so uh, he knows about these things. And uh...so he made it pretty, uh, he made it pretty uh, pretty wonderful and uh...so I'm just you know [UI]

DW: [OV] Yeah, you gotta, you gotta, you gotta snap my way. I gotta see that.

UAR: Oh yeah, so when I make my way over to that wonderland, uhm...everything I need to know, you know I already read it, you know, where...where our friend is. What [UI]

DW: [OV] Well you see the thing is, the thing is that is important-it's important to keep--

UAR: [OV] That's so uh, so wonderful.

DW: it's important to keep in contact with- with good friends, and I am glad—

UAR: [OV] Of course.

DW: [OV]--that he was able to share the information, cause you know, uhm...we haven't reached out in a long time and it would--it would be--it would be a very good situation--

UAR: [OV] Yeah, it would be.

DW: [OV]--to uhm...it's a good chance to meet up with that friend. You know how I mean?

UAR: Of course.

DW: [OV] And uhm, And it's just--And it's just very important, you know, cause a lot of times people, people, you know, they post things on social media, which paint a different picture about the-

UAR: [OV] That's right.

DW: [OV]--you know, different friendships and it's important to-to rekindle those bonds.

UAR: [OV] Oh yeah.

DW: [OV] You know, and get very-very close, very-very close.

UAR: [OV] Of course.

DW: But you know...sometimes you know, things don't work out the way you want. So after you get very very-very close, you have to separate--split and part from one another.

UAR: [OV] That's right.

DW: And you know, that's just--that's just how it goes.

UAR: [OV] The distance--the distance can really cause a risk. You know?

DW: [OV] Yeah.

UAR: It can truly cause a risk.

DW: Yeah.

UAR: You have to really sometimes you just . . . You have to go on in there.

DW: You know what--

UAR: [OV] As they say, "You gotta get on in there." [laughs]

DW: It's-It's-It's-It's as they say sometimes, you know, it's like--

UAR: Yeah.

DW: [OV]--it's like thinking with your head on your chest [laughs]

UAR: [laughs]

UAR: Yeah. Oh God. Oh my God!

DW: Holy crap! Oh God! [laughs] I'm freaking insane. Whoa! That boy alive!

UAR: Oh man.

UAR: No it's uh...we'll see.

DW: Yeah.

UAR: [OV] And uh...so I am truly, I am just basically waiting--

DW: [OV] Oh yeah.

UAR: [OV]--for the perfect uh, moment.

DW: Yeah.

UAR: You know, I'm--have some time off from work, and you know... I can truly have enough

time to re-establish that connection

DW: Yeah, [UI]

UAR: [OV] You know uh ...hopefully everything goes well, you know?

DW: And you know...and obviously the most--the most important thing about those types of relationships is, you know uhm...that uhm...once you--once you meet up with a long lost friend you know, you wanna make sure that you're parting, is a parting on a good terms.

You know how I mean?

UAR: [OV] [UI] the lost part. You got the lost part right, man.

DW: Yeah.

UAR: You know...And uh we'll see.

DW: [OV] That's wonderful.

UAR: Basically how everything goes, and uhm...

DW: Yeah that's wonderful

UAR: *Insha' Allah [God willing]*, when you're--when you're ready, uh, remember to let me know, so I can assist you, in sending you on your way.

DW: Yeah, insha' Allah [God willing].

UAR: [OV] Because I truly...I do look forward to doing that, cause I wish to, I wish to meet *Rabbu Al-'Alameen [the Lord of the worlds]* with the utmost amount of uh, deeds.

DW: Yes of course.

UAR: [OV] Before I meet him, you know.

DW: Yes.

UAR: [OV] Because I want to, I wish to have some good deeds on my plate. [UI]

DW: [OV] Yes and you, and the beauty, the beauty is if you funding--you funding or even aiding in funding in that, *Insha' Allah [God willing]*. It's a *sadaqah jariyah* [*continuous deed]* and it is a continuous reward because whatever I give in knowledge, teach, and implement.

UAR: Is it also a *sadaqah jariyah* [continuous deed] if...is it also a *sadaqah jariyah* [continuous deed] if like for example, assisting Mr. Hoxha--Mr. Hoxha!

DW: Yes, doing--

UAR: Is that also-

DW: [OV]--doing that--doing that, the Prophet says whoever-whoever assists in that, it's as if he went himself, as if he was fighting and doing that himself--the one who assists a person in that. It's as if he was doing it himself. So...That's-That's a beautiful thing as well.

UAR: Thank you.

DW: You know?

UAR: Thank you for that.

DW: So it's uhm...so that's why- that's why, even if there was like a case, like you got like uhm...like uh...like the brothers over there, in UK. Even if it was a case like that where-where they're like, you know...Uhm...paying for these brothers to get off work and go on vacation, then you know, there is a *sadaqah jariyah [continuous deed]* for them as well, *insha' Allah [God willing.]* So it's a very it's a very wonderful thing. It's a very, very wonderful thing. You know that's why I was overjoyed in assisting my beauty and making uhm, his account and typing out a like three page long detailed thing for him to sell his laptop on Craigslist, I mean his computer and a lot of other stuff. You know that was--that was wonderful. Those are wonderful moments.

UAR: [OV] [UI] One sec Dave. I've been here for since- I think uh...probably like two.

[UI Side Conversation] [UAR returns to his conversation with DW]

UAR: Yes Mr. Dave.

DW: Uh-huh.

UAR: Yes. Go ahead. [UI]

DW: Like, that was--that was wonderful. Yeah [UI] there is a brother like that, Nuh he comes down to- he comes down to Boston [PH] frequently only because uhm, he has family [UI] kinda like in a neighborhood, who he comes down to see.

UAR: [OV] Yeah.

DW: [OV] He was just down here the other day and uhm, wanted to meet up, and maybe I came down like a little bit la- like two days after [UI]

UAR: Oh yeah?

DW: So he comes down--yeah he comes down here. And uhm...so that was interesting so, insha' Allah [God willing] when I am able to go up there, he can also come down here, and we can meet him by Roxbury Crossing maybe go to ISBCC or hang out at the Masjid Al-Hamdullilah [Al-Hamdullilah mosque.] Cause whatchamacallit, he ain't over there no more. I'm interested to see if he is up there talking that talk. [laughs]

UAR: Yeah.

DW: [OV] [laughs] And we'll see who's in there talking that talk.

UAR: My...I'm not sure, I'd do- I think there are different people who give *halaqas* [*study circles*] there.

DW: Yeah, they switch it up.

UAR: But who is the official Imam, I don't think- I don't think they have one.

DW: No they don't- They don't have one.

UAR: Yeah. [UI]

DW: They couldn't- They would never put someone like- it can never be someone from like *masjid [the mosque]* [UI] even if it was someone like a *Ma'alam [scholar]* or uhm, or Imam Isma'il [UI] someone like that. [UI]

UAR: [OV] I would hope that they put someone like uhm...Imam Isma'il, because from what I know of him -

DW: Yeah he must. He must.

UAR: Uh, you know, he's been very, very helpful to me. And what he always says is always a good admonishment. It's never anything that's- you know- twisted or you know-

DW: [OV] Yeah.

UAR: And I am almost- Some people may argue, ah some people may argue ignorantly [UI] he didn't have mastery of the Arabic language. Well who does? How many people actually do; except for the Arabs who are not really looking for that type of leadership. You know what I mean? Like they don't- A lot of them, you know they do their nine to five like just about all of us. And you know, they go for *Jum'a* [*Friday Prayers*] and try to make the *salat* [*prayers*] at the *masjid* [*mosque*.] How many of them would want to take the leadership role? So, the people who are trying to actually make moves-

DW: Mmm...

UAR: [OV]--are people unfortunately who don't have the skills, [UI] who don't have an active mastery of the knowledge. But the fact that he tries-

DW: Yeah.

UAR: [OV]--and you know, like you said, you see him there for *fajr* [dawn prayers] and you know, all those things that you [UI]

DW: [OV] Yeah he's- he's there

UAR: He's always- he's always- *masha'* Allah [what God wills] - He is always saying stuff like you know, uhm, "Don't lose your- you know, don't-don't lose faith in us [UI], you know, come with us, be with us, you know help us. Don't lose faith--Don't lose faith in us." You know what I mean, he- he is a very humble brother man. You know?

DW: Yeah. He really is. He really is.

UAR: [OV] You know, Abdallah, you know I think that- I think that he would be a nice fit.

DW: They-

UAR: [OV] [UI] but he also seems like the person who's not uh, who-who wouldn't be bribed by the *kuffar* [disbelievers.] You know what I mean?

DW: Yeah, he claims he's [UI]

UAR: [OV] [UI] smiling and everything. You know what I'm saying? He just, he seems to me to be the type of person that just--that just, he is who he is, and uhm...he's pretty, you know, real.

DW: Yeah.

UAR: You know, so it's like uh...I just think that you know, that he would be a good fit for that.

DW: The reason- the reason I said they will never put someone up in there like that, like them doing that, that's like- that's like them trying to put like- that's like them trying to have like Anjem Choudary talk at the ICNA convention. [laughs]

UAR: [laughs]

DW: They would never- they would never do it.

UAR: [OV] He's got an epic smile though man.

DW: [OV] Yeah he does.

UAR: He has an epic smile man. [laughs]

DW: You know- You know what I love? When he was- remember on Fox News. He had that smile, he said "No you don't understand he's like- he's like... Kkanzir [pig] is too good of a word for you. Even the khanzir [pig] worships Allah [God]." He's like, "You- she should be tried in the Shari'a [Islamic law] court, and-and if she's found guilty, she should be- the capital punishment should be inflicted upon her." I was like, ho! He- he went in. He didn't waste any time. And she said, she's like—she's like, "I'm stopping. I know you. See this ain't your cut no, but you're not gonna interrupt me. You don't say, I know how you handle your women back wherever. You're not going to do that here. Here we have a different system." Blah blah blah. Like oh please.

UAR: Oh man, I just- I can't wait, you know.

DW: But you know uhm...I bet he would-he would be good up in there. But you know, the reason he told me he wouldn't want to go over to the ISBCC. Because there was some brother who was telling me the story before. When I was going over there to the *Masjid* Al-Hamdullilah [mosque] for Saturday classes over, I was going over there-

UAR: [OV] Yeah.

DW: [OV]--and he had told me, he was telling me about some . . . There was me, him, and Mustafa, and we were- there was like a *halaqah* [study circle] going on between us. And then he- he started going on talking about the craziness how, like even in the *masjid* Al-Hamdullilah [mosque] there is so much fitnah [turmoil] that's been going on throughout the years of like, a lot of agent provocateur who would be up in there.

UAR: Yeah.

DW: [OV] Like saying a lot of crazy things that are insightful, that people don't just come out saying.

UAR: [OV] Exactly. Trying to . . . .

DW: [OV] It's just like-

UAR: [OV] Kinda like-

DW: Yeah. It's like imagine- imagine you know the level of secrecy when speaking about certain stuff and then someone runs up in there trying [UI] mad, blatantly saying the craziest, rattiest [sic] thing. It's like, "Ok you are full of crap. We are not listening to you. You are insane. You are insane." Like-

UAR: [OV] Exactly.

DW: [OV]--Like the people up in New York, talking about we gonna do this and that, this and that. Remember the story I told you. You were like what the fu . . . . Whoa-Whoa!

UAR: Yeah.

DW: Stop!

UAR: Um-hum.

DW: [laughs] God! It's too crazy.

UAR: Hey Dave, let me uh, call you back?

DW: Yeah, that's cool--that's cool. Al-Salam 'Alaykum [Peace be upon you.]

[End of Call]