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In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Dear Brother 'Abd-al-Hadi, May God protect and keep him

I hope you and all the brothers are well and closer to God, including those who are married and those who are still single, and a special greeting to brother Abu-al-Walid.

- 1- With regard to Abu-Yahya; we have no objection to placing him with the front unit. We asked him to come to us for security reasons only, and he can go back to you without his family when he gets better.
- 2- With regard to Abu-Muhammad and Abu-'Amr, we need only one of them, provided that Abu-'Amr works with me for one week every 1 ½ to 2 months.
- 3- With regard to the remote control; the existing one is not functional; therefore, we have to await the arrival of Abu-'Ali, he might be able to solve the problem.

  Abu-Tariq knows the details.
- 4- We sent you the video camera with Abu-Tariq, so please send it back when you are done with it, as it is the only large size video camera we have.

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- 1- As for the political development; this is the summary:
- The American envoy has arrived to Islamabad. The Pakistani government is urging the Taliban to send a representative to meet with the American envoy. Pakistan is pressuring the Taliban to send a Taliban representative.
- Mullah 'Abd-al-Jalil went as the Taliban representative.
- During the negotiations some ships from the American fleet moved toward the Pakistani shore. Negotiations are under military threat.
- The Pakistani officials were panicked and scared according to Mullah 'Abd al-Jalil. Continuous pressure to prevent the Taliban from making any strike. The Pakistani government is extremely worried that the Americans may make a military strike and were worried about the consequences of such action on Pakistan internally.
- Pakistan was asked to put the Sheikh under surveillance or in other words house arrest, so the Pakistanis will convince the Americans in order to appease and assure them.
- Taliban were asked to have the Sheikh and his brothers in Kabul put a stop to

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his outside communications, and not allow the Sheikh to receive guests at this point of time.

- The Sheikh agreed to the above until this stage of time passes.
   The Taliban produced a document to that effect, and the Emir of the Believers was happy to receive it and felt relieved.
- We informed the Taliban that their announcement to put the Sheikh under surveillance or to have him disappear or to keep very low profile will hurt both of us; and they promise to amend the announcement.
- As far as our matters are concern we are doing fine, and god willing everything will be fine shortly. We have moved from the compound and we have dispersed, praise God.

We are in need for your prayers and the prayers of all the brothers at your end.

When the American envoy met with the Taliban representative, the American envoy presented to the Taliban an unaddressed unsigned letter. It was considered to be an insult and lack of recognition of the Taliban.

We received a copy of the letter, and here is a summary of it:

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- 1- We are certain that Usamah Bin Ladin and his network are about to carry a military action soon.
- 2- We are not against the Afghan people nor are we against Islam.
- 3- We are not against any party in Afghanistan.
- 4- If the government of Taliban continues harboring and supporting Usamah Bin Ladin and his group, then the following actions will be taken:
  - 1. Working to isolate the government /movement of the Taliban and prevent international recognition.
  - 2. Prevent the return of the United Nations to Afghanistan except for some issues related to humanitarian affairs.
  - 3. The United States has the right to take a military action to stop any action or exert revenge.

However, if the Taliban movement accepts to expel Usamah Bin Ladin; this will open great prospects for international recognition of the Taliban government. This will reduce the international and regional concern in Asia regarding the terrorism issue.

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This is a summary of the American envoy's letter to the Afghan representative Mullah 'Abd-al-Jalil.

The Taliban reacted by declaring that Usamah Bin Ladin was put under surveillance, followed by another announcement that he had disappeared. Particularly when the Americans rejected the procedures of surveillance as insufficient, that led the Taliban to declare he had disappeared.

Please keep us in your prayers, and inform our senior brothers and supporters of this summary. I would like to assure you we are fine and things are still good, thanks be to God. It would be preferable for the sake of everyone if our brothers stopped contacting us.

May god reward you highly

Your brother: Ahmad 'Abd-al-'Aziz

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