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In the name of God the most merciful

Praise be to God who kept His promises and forgave us our sins and prayers and peace be upon Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions.

To the honorable Shaykh Azmaray, may God protect him,

God's peace, mercy, and blessing be upon you. I hope that you and all those who are with you are in good health enjoying God's blessings. May God grant you success in everything that would please Him and May He gather us in this life or the life to come.

1- I received your letter dated 17 December 2007.

2- May God reward you for the death of the Libyan brothers, al-Shaykh Abu al-Layth and Shaykh Abu Suhayl and other brothers who were with them. Perhaps the brothers can give you the details.

3- The (TN: unclear word) and the letter

A- In the previous letter, I talked to you about the issue of Mullah Mansur. The issue has developed. The Mullah asked him in an audio tape to hand the two that he has over to Baytallah Mas'ud (var: Baitullah) to be questioned about what Mansur accused them of. Baytallah promised to present them to some trustworthy Afghani judges. Mansur agreed and asked for more time, but then killed them. Baytallah became very angry with him and asked him to leave the area. Also, the Mullah got mad at him and fired him.

B- A while before the aforementioned incident, al-Hafiz and I agreed to not send any letters to the Mullah and to destroy my letter that is with al-Hafiz, until things become clearer, especially because al-Tayyib did not find al-Hafiz. Also, Yasir advised us in these circumstances to restrict our letters to regular niceties and only emphasize our commitment to listen and obey, because we are not sure how letters get delivered, who

receives them, or who copies them. What do you think of this decision? May God help us.

4- The latest news on al-Zayyat:

A representative from the people of the country contacted one of the brothers there and asked to meet with him to talk about al-Zayyat and his partners. Al-Hafiz has the details. I do not know if what was mentioned in your last speech and in the speech of Abu Muhammad (footnote 1) about them has any relation with this move.

(TN: below is the footnote)

1) I attach for you the fourth dialogue of al-Sahab with Abu Muhammad, titled (Opinion on Events).

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We pray to God to facilitate things. I do not have anything else to mention, except for what Mahmud told me in his tapes which I will send to you with this letter (footnote 1). I will follow up with al-Hafiz, God willing.

5- Fadil's retraction, and the declaration of innocence:

Dr. Fadil published a thesis that he titled 'The Document for Channeling the Jihadi Work in Egypt and the World.' It is a document of surrender that includes cursing and insults to Shaykh Usama and Abu Muhammad. It was also followed by a long interview with al-Hayat newspaper, in which he doubled the insults.

Abu Muhammad wrote a response to him, in a letter titled 'The Declaration of Innocence.' He sent several copies of it to a number of brothers in order for them to express their opinion on it from a scholarly and stylistic point of view, in order to be sure not to fall to the level of Fadil's document. He received responses from Shaykh Mahmud and al-Hafiz, and a revision of the letter is being conducted at this time based on those notes. I personally think that the letter is good and the brothers can add to it in other responses.

Abu Mahmud benefited from the comments of the two brothers and then decided to publish the letter in its amended form, because

communication with the brothers is taking a long time and because he thought that delaying the response would not be a good thing and not let others think that there was no response because the Mujahidin are weak (footnote 2).

As you will see, Mahmud focused on chapter seven which is related to the visa and the oath. Abu Muhammad rewrote that chapter and included the feedback that was provided by Mahmud, in addition to the fatwa of Shaykh Nasir al-Fahd on the visa and the events of 9/11 and some other additions. I believe that with these changes, chapter seven is strong. We hope that it will be released soon and that it will be instrumental in showing the truth. May God help us.

6- I will send Mahmud what you asked me to send as soon as possible.

Finally, I leave you in the hands of God and I pray to Him to protect you and guard you from the enemy. May He also expedite our victory. Please convey my greetings to everyone that I know on your side. Peace be upon you.

Your loving brother,

4 February 2008

(TN: below are footnotes)

- 1) Mahmud's letters came in as responses to questions that I asked him after he returned safely. They can be found in a folder named (Mahmud's Tapes).
- 2) Attached is the original declaration of innocence under the name (Declaration of Innocence 1). You will see that some additions were added to it when compared to the copy that was sent to the brothers. I also attached to you the copy that was sent to Mahmud with his comments under the name (Declaration of Innocence - with Mahmud's Comments) and the copy that was sent to Hafiz Sultan with his comments under the name Declaration of Innocence - with Hafiz Sultan's Comments). Also, attached is the final copy of the (Declaration of Innocence) after some of the comments by Mahmud Sultan were added to it under the name (Declaration of Innocence 2).