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SUBJECT: THE THIRD LETTER TO IRAQ

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Praise is to God and blessings and peace be upon our master Muhammad, his people, and his companions.

This is the third letter to our Muslim brothers in Iraq.

I pray that peace and the blessings of God be yours.

As we are waiting for the moon crescent of the month of Muharram to appear, I extend my greetings to all of the steadfast people in Iraq and especially to the Mujahidin there. I am doing this at a time the invasion is nearly one-year old, and with the will of God and as a result of the work of the true Iraqi Mujahidin and their supporters, the invaders couldn't implement their set plans. The strength of the resistance did surprise the enemy, which couldn't do what they had planned to do, and they are suffering continuous losses, which we thank God for.

I want to stress the following important points:

FIRST: The occupation of Iraq and its oil was an intended action which was planned for prior to the events of September 11. It isn't an action that was taken by the occupation forces to relieve the sufferings of the Iraqi people and to overthrow Saddam Husayn as the hypocrites and the ignorant claim, because if they were true to their claim then they would have turned over Iraq to its people after they detained Saddam and killed his two sons.

SECOND: All of the concessions that the crusading occupier extended to the Iraqi hireling Ruling Council are the result of the armed Islamic resistance that took place during the election year, which is a critical time for Bush because losses of American will negatively affect his chances of winning the elections.

THIRD: The results of this blessed Jihad are huge and positive on all levels; be it the enemy's human losses or the enemy's excessive budget depletion, or the fact that the Mujahidin were able to frustrate the enemy's plans for Iraq and for the whole region.

I call on the true Muslim youth to make use of this golden opportunity to rescue the nation by exerting all efforts, and pinpointing the incentives to move against the nation's enemies. Such opportunities are rare to come by in a person's lifetime. For over half a century, the enemy distorted the meaning of Jihad and the Mujahidin, and used treacherous rulers to usurp the will, the potential, and the capabilities of the people, during which time those who claim they care for the call of Islam lost their chance to act. We now have another rare and precious chance to make the utmost use of the potential of the nation, to unshackle it to deploy to the warring arenas in Iraq to twist the head of the world atheists there.

That said, there are still the weary minds and the lowly spirits who trust the atheists and accepted to be part of them, and who are taking their time, despite the fact that America is facing a discouraging situation in Iraq. We now have the rare opportunity to primarily exert pressure on America in Iraq, and then outside Iraq, and to reveal to everyone the extent of the crusading

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Zionist-American plan for the region and for the center of the Muslim world. We have to make use of the defeat of America in Iraq and its failure in Afghanistan to form an Islamic State based on the Holy Qur'an.

"If the wind blows then make use of it, because there is a lull after each and every fluttering".

All of the Muslims have to disavow worshiping men, and by that I mean avoid being obedient to the scholars, the chiefs, and the leaders of the Muslims who restrict the nation's ability to benefit from the great events taking place, and by their doing that they are competing with text of the book and Hadith to satisfy their own whims, God forbid.

Palestine had been occupied by the British and the Jews for over nine decades, and these leaders didn't take any important action. So, is it permissible for the Crusaders and the polytheists to occupy Muslim countries, to have hundreds of thousands of their soldiers use the most modern tanks and airplanes to invade us, and to have the Islamist groups together with those who didn't join Jihad be involved in actions that had

nothing to do with repelling the attacking enemy? Instead, they deceive themselves and their followers by claiming that they are manning a fortified border line, while in fact they neglected to do so and allowed the country to be wide open to the Crusaders. What they are doing is an evil thing.

I pose a question to the people of Kufa and Basra and ask them, "What are you waiting for and are you still in the company of those who don't want to join Jihad? When are you going to obey God's orders and that of His Messenger to carry Jihad against the Crusaders, and when are you going to free yourself from obeying men?" By that I mean that they are disobeying God, who said, "Fight them, and God will punish them by your hands, cover them with shame, help you (gain victory) over them, and heal the breasts of the Believers" (Qur'an 9:14). God also said, "Will you not fight people who violated their oaths, plotted to expel the Apostle, and took the aggressive by being the first (to assault) you? Do ye fear them? Nay, it is God Whom you should more justly fear, if you believe!" (Qur'an 9:13), and He said, "Unless you go forth, He will punish you with a grievous penalty, and put others in your place; but Him you would not harm in the least, for God has power over all things" (Qur'an 9:39).

God's Prophet said, "Whoever doesn't invade or takes over an invasion from his people, God will punish him with a calamity." Loving God is not only by words of mouth or by pretending to do so, but it is compliance and working for his sake. God said, "If you do love God, follow me: God will love you" (Qur'an 3:31). Our Prophet Muhammad, may God's blessings and peace be upon him, who is the grandfather of Hassan and Hussain, did deploy in mid-morning, spent days and nights to cross vast deserts to reach Tabuk to fight the crusading Romans and the so-called Christian Arabs, and he did that in support of the one God.

On the other hand, the Crusaders come to your countries, days and months elapsed, and you stayed idle; you followed the men who play on words and who claim that the sin of staying idle, not supporting the religion, flattering the Crusaders is peaceful resistance. You and they claim that you love Abu 'Abdallah al-Husayn, may God be pleased with him, and in the name of God I tell you that if he became aware of your situation, he will disavow you. I ask you, "Would he who left Hejaz with only tens of his relatives to go to Iraq, brandishing his sword to fight the tyrant Caliph who is his paternal cousin, refuse to fight the Crusaders who invaded his country?"

Shouldn't you be rational, free yourselves, your minds, and your hearts from worshiping man and God together? You should worship God alone and adhere to his words, "They take their priests and their anchorites to be their lords in derogation of God, and (they take as their Lord) Christ the son of Mary; yet they were commanded to worship but One God. There is no God but He. Praise and glory to Him: (Far is He) from having the partners they associate (with Him)" (Qur'an 9:31)? God deemed their obeying the scholars as polytheism, for He said, "The Day that their faces will be turned upside down in the fire, they will say: 'Woe to us! Would that we had obeyed God and obeyed the Apostle!' And they would say: 'Our Lord! We obeyed our chiefs and our great ones, and they misled us as to the (right) Path'. 'Our Lord! Give them double Penalty and curse them with a very great Curse!'" (Qur'an 33:66-68).

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It is America that besieged you for years in which more than a million of your children were killed, not to mention your men and women, and he who seeks America to protect him from Saddam is like the person who seeks fire to protect him from scorching heat. There will be no solution except with the conviction of adhering to the doctrine. Patched up solutions and halfway measures by supporting the apostate regimes isn't the way to go, because religion is indivisible. It is a blasphemy to have part of the religion to God and part to the king, and God the almighty guided us to revolt against the apostate king who supports the atheists. It is God who extends mercy to his people, is aware of their needs, and gives them their religion; for God said, "And fight them until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevails justice and faith in God" (Qur'an 2:193).

Everyone should adhere to God's doctrine without giving attention to the structure of the right path, and the West is well aware that this war that commenced with fighting al-Qa'ida is a war with the Muslim world, and is aware that a defeat in Iraq and Afghanistan is a huge setback for the crusading and Zionist powers, and that a victory to the Muslims will result in a major power that will establish its presence, existence, and ability to have its rights and its presence as a Muslim power. For that reason we see France - the country that led the opposition of waging a war in Iraq - is now extending its hand in support of America, and it did that when it became aware that war isn't favoring the crusading America, and the results will not only be adverse to America, but also to Europe.

The events taking place call for the need to release all of the capabilities of the Muslim world, to support and join the blessed Jihad to elevate Islam and the Muslims. Though our people in Palestine, Afghanistan, and Iraq sacrificed a lot, yet it is not enough for the sake of God, and I pray to God to accept them as martyrs (noting that God's merchandise is expensive, and God's merchandise is Paradise). The religion cannot be established by means of morsels of our money and time, but is established under the wing of the sword, and blessed be the martyrs who elated the Muslims in the same month in which the heroic Badr battle took place in al-Nasiriyah in which tens of Rome's soldiers were killed or wounded.

In this battle, the Mujahidin revenged their Mujahidin brothers in Somalia, Fallujah, Mosul, and Tikrit by inflicting the enemy with material and moral losses, by shooting down planes and helicopters, and by having the families of the Americans grieve their losses, and taste what the Mujahidin did in Palestine, Iraq, and Afghanistan as a result of the tyranny of America and its allies. I address and extend my regards to the people of Samara and other Iraqi cities that raised the banner of monotheism, and I ask them to continue with their work, remain steadfast in the path they chose, and be patient, because whoever took the right path reaches his destination, and for them to remain more patient for an additional hour than the Christians are, because victory is the result being patient for that one hour.

I address the Muslim youth of the Arab peninsula, Egypt, Sham (greater Syria), and the cavalry of Aleppo, the acrobats of Ma'an and Zarqa, and the cavalry of the al-Azd to include the tribes of Shihr, Ghamid, Zahran, and Harb, to mount their horses and brandish their swords to support their brothers in the land of the two rivers who are being attacked by the cavalry of the cross who killed thousands of them and now they want to uproot them and destroy their green land. By the will of God they will remain steadfast against the faithless Romans and they will sacrifice themselves and what is dear to them to protect the religion.

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"They roamed in support of the call; they sacrificed their lives and money,

In their determination they weren't afraid to die, they left their paternal and maternal uncles,

They sought God with their blood, heart, and soul, looking for heavens and for the shadows of brothers,

They took the path of Khalid and Bilal, sacrificing their blood, heart, and soul for the sake of religion; looking for heavens and for the shadows of brothers ."

I call on the Muslim youth and ask them to comply with the request of God and his Messenger, when they call you to carry the work that will keep you alive. What will keep the nation alive is carrying Jihad, and all people die except the martyrs who are alive with God. I call on you to rise and fight the Crusaders and the Jews, always praise God, Who I swear to you will kill the person whose day has come, and who will be missed by his family and will be inside a green bird hanging in God's throne, and who upon his being killed here (will go to heaven.

"They who sacrifice themselves and whatever they have, verifies my suspicion that they are cavalry men (variant, "Chevaliers"),

They will maintain their courage in the ongoing warring attacks, and will not give up when they are engaged in fierce battles, and they remedied madness with acts of madness."