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1. (C) SUMMARY. THE TRIAL OF THE TWO SUSPECTS CHARGED WITH THE FEBRUARY 1994 MASSACRE AT OMDURMAN'S THAWRA MOSQUE HAS BEGUN. THE FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED OR WOUNDED, AND THE ANSAR AL SUNNA RELIGIOUS SECT, TO WHICH MOST OF THE VICTIMS BELONGED, SAY THE SUSPECTS WORKED FOR THE GOS/NIF AND ACCUSE IT OF A COVER-UP. OPPOSITION CIRCLES ARE

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CIRCULATING WHEN THEY CLAIM IS THE MAIN SUSPECT'S POLICE DEPOSITION. THE DOCUMENT QUOTES HIM AS SAYING THAT HE COMMITTED THE MOSQUE MURDERS AT THE BEHEST OF THE GOS/NIF. WE CANNOT TELL WHETHER THE DOCUMENT IS AUTHENTIC. END SUMMARY.

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2. (U) THE TRIAL OF THE TWO SURVIVING SUSPECTS IN THE FEBRUARY ATTACK ON THE ANSAR EL SUNNA'S THAWRA MOSQUE IN OMDURMAN, IN WHICH 16 PERSONS WERE KILLED AND A SCORE WOUNDED (REFS), BEGAN IN KHARTOUM ON JUNE 14. THE TWO DEFENDANTS, MOHAMED ABD ALRAHMAN AL KHULIFI--WHOM THE GOS DESCRIBES AS THE LEADER OF THE ASSAILANTS--AND MOHAMED EL MAHI CLAIM THAT THE SUDANESE COURTS ARE "UN-ISLAMIC" AND HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO TRY THEM. THEY HAVE REFUSED LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

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VICTIMS' FAMILIES ACCUSE GOS/NIF OF COVER-UP  
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3. (U) THE VICTIMS' FAMILIES AND THE ANSAR EL SUNNA RELIGIOUS SECT, TO WHICH MOST OF THE VICTIMS BELONGED, HAVE PUBLICLY CLAIMED THAT THE DEFENDANTS WERE AGENTS OF THE GOS/NIF AND SPEAK OF A GOS COVER-UP. (N.B. THE PRO-SAUDI, WAHABI ANSAR EL SUNNA HAVE BEEN BITTERLY OPPOSED TO THE GOS/NIF FOR OVER A YEAR.)

4. (U) AT THE START OF THE TRIAL THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING THE WOUNDED AND THE FAMILIES OF THE KILLED THREATENED TO WITHDRAW UNLESS THE PROSECUTION DISCLOSED WHO IN THE GOS/NIF HAD MASTERMINDED THE ATTACK. THEY ASKED THAT NATIONAL ISLAMIC FRONT LEADER HASSAN TURABI, STATE MINISTER IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT (AND SENIOR NIFER) GHAZI SALAH EDDIN ATABANI, AND KHARTOUM-BASED ISLAMIST SAUDI BUSINESSMAN OSAMA BIN LADEN BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL. THE LAWYERS DID NOT CARRY OUT THE THREAT, HOWEVER, WHEN THE JUDGE THREW OUT THEIR REQUEST, SAYING HE DID NOT WANT TO "POLITICIZE" THE CASE.

5. (C) SOON AFTER THE TRIAL BEGAN, ONE OF THE LAWYERS

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REPRESENTING THE WOUNDED AND THE FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED,  
WHO HAS ALSO REPRESENTED GOS OPPONENTS IN A NUMBER OF  
OTHER TRIALS, WAS DETAINED FOR SEVERAL HOURS BY GOS  
SECURITY AND BADLY BEATEN. (THE SECURITY AGENTS WHO BEAT  
HIM ACCUSED HIM OF "EMBARASSING SECURITY" BY DISCLOSING,  
IN EARLIER TRIALS, EVIDENCE OF GOS TORTURE.) HE  
CONTINUES, HOWEVER, TO REPRESENT THE PLAINTIFFS.

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NIF JUDGE PRESIDES OVER THE COURT  
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6. (U) THE GOS HAS APPOINTED DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE  
ABDERAHMANE SHARFI, WHO IS CLOSE TO THE NIF, TO PRESIDE  
OVER THE TRIAL. MANY OBSERVERS NOTE THAT IT IS UNUSUAL  
FOR AN OFFICIAL OF HIS RANK TO SERVE AS PRESIDING  
MAGISTRATE OF A COURT. HIS APPOINTMENT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO  
SPECULATION OF A COVER-UP. THE TRIAL IS OSTENSIBLY  
PUBLIC, BUT SECURITY CHECKS THE IDENTITY OF ALL WHO SHOW  
UP, DISCOURAGING MANY OPPONENTS FROM ATTENDING. MEDIA  
COVERAGE OF THE TRIAL IS LIMITED.

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OPPOSITION CIRCULATES DEFENDANT'S ALLEGED DEPOSITION  
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7. (U) SOON AFTER THE GOS ARRESTED THE TWO SUSPECTS, OPPOSITION CIRCLES BEGAN CIRCULATING A DOCUMENT WHICH THEY DESCRIBED AS THE DEPOSITION THE MAIN DEFENDANT, KHULIFI, MADE TO THE POLICE UPON HIS ARREST.

8. (U) ACORDING TO THE DOCUMENT, KHULIFI:

-- ADMITTED THAT THE FOUR ASSAILANTS (TWO WERE KILLED AT THE TIME OF THEIR ARREST) BELONGED TO AN EXTREMIST ISLAMIST GROUP CALLED "SUDANESE JIHAD;"

-- CLAIMED THAT ALL FOUR WERE AFGHAN VETERANS WHO WERE

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TRAINED BY IRANIAN REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS IN LEBANON'S BEKAA VALLEY BEFORE PROCEEDING TO AFGHANISTAN IN 1988;

-- STATED THAT THE FOUR WERE ASSOCIATES OF OSAMA BIN LADEN, WHOM THEY MET WHEN THEY WERE WITH THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE, AND WHOM THEY WORKED FOR WHEN THEY CAME TO SUDAN;

-- CLAIMED THAT THE FOUR ALSO BELONGED TO A SUDANESE SECURITY ORGANIZATION LINKED TO THE GOS, NIF LEADER HASSAN TURABI, AND THE KHARTOUM-BASED "DA'AWA ISLAMIYA" (ISLAMIC CALL) ORGANIZATION;

-- STATED THAT THE FOUR HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY BIN LADEN AND A DAWA OFFICIAL TO ASSASSINATE SADIQ EL MAHDI AND  
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OTHER LEADING SUDANESE OPPONENTS. KHULIFI REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THAT THE GROUP HAD A PLAN TO KILL SADIQ BUT WAS UNABLE TO EXECUTE IT GIVEN THE SECURITY THAT SURROUNDED HIM AT THE TIME;

-- SAID THAT THEY STAGED THE MOSQUE ATTACK UPON THE INSTRUCTION OF THE GOS, PARTICULARLY STATE MINISTER GHAZI SALAH EDDIN.

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COMMENT  
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8. (C) WE CANNOT BE SURE OF THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE DOCUMENT. A RELIABLE [REDACTED] CONTACT OF OURS, HOWEVER, SAYS HE WAS TOLD [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS AUTHENTIC. [REDACTED] WAS UNEXPECTEDLY RETIRED SOON AFTER THE MURDERS. THERE IS A WIDESPREAD BELIEF IN POLICE CIRCLES THAT HE WAS DISMISSED BECAUSE THE GOS SUSPECTS HE LEAKED THE ALLEGED KHULIFI DEPOSITION TO THE OPPOSITION.)

9. (C) WHETHER THE GOS/NIF WAS INVOLVED IN THE MURDERS PERPETRATED AGAINST A RELIGIOUS SECT VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO THE REGIME IS SOMETHING THAT WE CANNOT TELL. WHAT IS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, IS THAT THE AFFAIR IS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE GOS/NIF, WHICH SWIFTLY TOOK THE INVESTIGATION OUT OF POLICE HANDS AND TURNED IT OVER TO A SPECIAL TEAM FROM GOS

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INTELWIRE.com SECURITY (REFIELS). GIVEN, MOREOVER, THE PERSONALITY AND BEHAVIOR OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE, IT IS DOUBTFUL THE COURT  
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WILL PURSUE VIGOROUSLY ANY LEADS THAT MIGHT CONNECT THE ASSAILANTS TO THE REGIME.

10. (U) BEGIN TEXT OF ALLEGED KHULIFI DEPOSITION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE STATEMENT GIVEN BY AL KHULIFI (N.B. THE MAIN SUSPECT) TO POLICE INVESTIGATORS.

NAME: AL KHULIFI  
NATIONALITY: LIBYAN

STATEMENT:

YASIR AND ABDELBAGI (N.B. TWO OF THE ASSAILANTS WHO WERE SUBSEQUENTLY KILLED AT THE TIME OF THEIR ARREST) ARE TRUE MARTYRS AND GOD WILL REWARD THEM. THEY WERE MY DEAREST FRIENDS. THEY WERE AMONG THE FEW TRUE MUSLIMS IN SUDAN. YASIR WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COUP OF

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JUNE 1989. HE WAS THE ONE WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO ASSASSINATE THE RENEGADE ABDEL RAHMAN AL SAEED, BUT HE FOUND THAT THE LATTER HAD BEEN ARRESTED.

I MET FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH YASIR AND ABDELBAGI IN "SAHL EL BEKAA" IN LEBANON'S BEKAA PLAIN. I KNEW THEM AS MUJAHIDEEN FROM SUDAN AND THEY ARE TRUE SUDANESE - THROUGH BOTH THEIR FATHERS AND MOTHERS. WE RECEIVED OUR MILITARY TRAINING TOGETHER UNDER THE IRANIAN REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS IN 1987-1988. AFTER TRAINING WE WENT TO PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN, AND FROM THERE FOR JIHAD IN AFGHANISTAN. YASIR AND ABDELBAGI WERE FAITHFUL MUJAHIDEEN. THEY, WITH THEIR COLLEAGUE AL TAYEB IBRAHIM, WERE PLANNING TO INFLECT THE SENTENCE OF BLASPHEMY ON MOHAMMED OSMAN EL MIRGHANI (N.B. THE SPIRITUAL HEAD OF THE NOW BANNED DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY, WHO LIVES IN EXILE, MOSTLY IN EGYPT) AND THEY DID ATTACK HIS HOUSE, BUT ONE OF THE EGYPTIAN AGENTS FOILED THEIR PLOT.

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TO YASIR AND ABDELBAGI GOES THE CREDIT OF FORMING THE SUDANESE JIHAD CALL ORGANIZATION. BY FORMING THIS ORGANIZATION THEY MEANT ONLY TO PLEASE GOD AND HAVE HIS FORGIVENESS. I BID THEM FAREWELL ON THEIR WAY TO THE OPERATIONS AREAS IN THE SOUTH (N.B. SOUTHERN SUDAN) TO FIGHT SATAN AND THE SOLDIERS OF BLASPHEMY.

WHEN THEY GOT BACK WE THREE JOINED THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY SECURITY ORGAN IN A SPECIAL SECTION CALLED "ISLAMIC LIBERATION MOVEMENTS." OUR COORDINATOR WAS AL

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MUJAHID SHARAF ALDIN MUKHTAR, A SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THE ISLAMIC DA'AWA (CALL) ORGANIZATION (N.B. THIS ISLAMIC NGO IS HEADQUARTERED IN KHARTOUM AND CONTROLLED BY THE NIF) WHO IS ALSO SHEIKH HASSAN EL TURABI'S REPRESENTATIVE IN SECURITY. YASIR HAD THE RANK OF SERGEANT AND ABDELBAGI WAS A CORPORAL. I REFUSED TO HAVE ANY RANK OTHER THAN THAT OF ORDINARY SOLDIER, FOR WHICH I HAD THE PERMISSION OF MY SHEIKH EL TURABI. HE RESPECTED AND APPROVED MY WISH; I SIMPLY BELIEVE THE ARMY OF PROPHET MOHAMMED HAD NO RANKS.

WHEN MY SHEIKH BIN LADEN ONCE WANTED GOOD, TRUSTED MEN WHO ARE STRONG BELIEVERS TO WORK WITH HIM, I NOMINATED YASIR AND ABDELBAGI AMONG OTHER 18 AMONG THE BEST MUJAHIDEEN FROM SOMALIA, ALGERIA, AND EGYPT. SOON YASIR AND ABDELBAGI LOVED SHEIKH OSAMA, FOR HE HAS FORSAKEN WEALTH AND EASY LIFE AND JOINED JIHAD AND THE ENDEAVOR TO SPREAD ISLAM.

I FIRST MET SHEIKH OSAMA BIN LADEN IN PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN, AND THEN AGAIN THROUGH MARTYR BASSAM ELSOURI, WHOSE HOUSE IN RIYADH I STAYED AT WHEN I DISAGREED WITH MY FELLOW LIBYANS. THAT TIME BASSAM INTRODUCED ME TO SHEIKH OSAMA. SINCE THEN SHEIKH OSAMA BIN LADEN AND (DA'AWA OFFICIAL) SHARAF ALDIN HAVE BECOME THE DEAREST PERSONS TO ME.

I WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH SUDAN'S ANSAR AL SUNNA GROUP UNTIL I LISTENED TO MY SHEIKH TURABI AND MY SHEIKH BIN LADEN. I LEARNED FROM BOTH OF THEM THAT ABU ZAYID, AL HADIA AND NAJI (N.B. SENIOR LEADERS OF THE ANSAR EL SUNNA) ARE NOT TRUE MUSLIMS. MY SHEIKHS TURABI AND BIN LADEN HAVE ALSO

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 PROVEN BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT THESE ANSAR SUNNA ARE SPIES FOR THE WAHABI RULING FAMILY OF SAUDIA ARABIA. THEY ARE AGENTS FOR THE CRUSADER EMBASSIES. THEY ARE CONNECTED TO AMBASSADOR MOHAMMED SABRI, AMBASSADOR OF THE RULING FAMILY IN SAUDIA ARABIA (N.B. MOHAMMED BEN SABRI SOLEIMAN SABRI IS THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR IN KHARTOUM). AFTER THAT I CAME TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CORRUPTION OF THE RULING FAMILY IN SAUDIA ARABIA FROM MY SHEIKH BIN LADEN, WHO HELPED ME LAST YEAR 1993 TO GO TO SAUDIA UNDER THE NAME OF MOHAMMED ABDEL RAHMAN TO DO SOME BUSINESS AND TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE WAHABI AND THE ANSAR SUNNA.

WHEN I GOT BACK, MY SHEIKH BIN LADEN AND MY BROTHER SHARAF ALDIN ASKED ME TO PREPARE THE ASSASSINATION OF SOME KNOWN SUDANESE POLITICAL FIGURES LIKE SADIQ AL MAHDI, MIRGHANI ABDERRAHMANE (N.B: OSMAN MIRGHANI'S REPRESENTATIVE IN KHARTOUM), AND MOHAMMED NUGUD. AS THEY ARE THE SYMBOLS OF BLASPHEMY, WE WENT WITHOUT ANY EFFORT AT CONCEALMENT TO

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THE PLACE IN OMDURMAN WHERE THE ANSAR USUALLY SAY THEIR PRAYERS. GIVEN, HOWEVER, THE HEAVY GUARD AND THE LARGE NUMBERS OF POLICEMEN GUARDING THE PLACE, WE COULDN'T PROCEED WITH OUR PLAN. WITH ME IN THIS OPERATION WAS MY BROTHER MUJAHID MOHAMED AL MANSOUR, WHO CAME SPECIALLY FOR THIS ISLAMIC DUTY FROM ABU NEAAMA CAMP. MOHAMED AL MANSOUR WENT TO ABU NEAAMA WITH 10 OTHER LIBYAN MUJAHIDEEN FROM THE BRIGADE OF LIBYAN MARTYR AHMED AHWAS. THIS BRIGADE IS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF IBRAHIM OMER. WHILE THIS GROUP WAS IN KHARTOUM, THEY WERE ADVISED BY MY BROTHER SHARAF ALDIN TO LEAVE KHARTOUM BECAUSE FORMER LIBYAN AMBASSADOR RAMADAN BASHIR GOT TO KNOW ABOUT THEM AND STARTED TO FOLLOW THEM.

I TELL YOU THAT I JOINED THE SUDANESE SECURITY ORGAN WITH GREAT SINCERITY AND DEVOTION. I DID NOT LIE TO ANY OF ITS MEMBERS AND I WAS TO THEM LIKE OSAMA IBN ZEID TO PROPHET MOHAMMED. I SERVED THEM HONESTLY AND OBEYED THEIR INSTRUCTIONS. THE INCIDENT OF OMDURMAN MOSQUE IS AN OUTCOME OF THESE SERVICES.

FOR THE OMDURMAN MOSQUE OPERATION, WE HIRED A HOUSE IN THE

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UMEADDA NEIGHBORHOOD OF WESTERN OMDURMAN. AN OFFICER FROM THE ISLAMIC SECURITY ORGAN, WHOM WAS DIRECTED BY MY BROTHER GHAZI SALAH ELDIN, HELPED US HIRE THE HOUSE. MY BROTHER GHAZI SALAH ELDIN USED TO VISIT US FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE LATE HOURS OF THE NIGHT. IN HIS LAST VISIT, HE TOLD ME THAT BROTHER SHARAF ALDIN WOULD COME AND DISCUSS THE PLAN WITH ME. THAT WAS DONE AND 20 DAYS  
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BEFORE THE OPERATION, I WAS TOLD THAT TWO OF THE SUDANESE MUJAHIDEEN WHOM I LOVED WOULD JOIN ME IN THE HOUSE AND THAT THE THREE OF US WOULD CARRY OUT THE PLAN.

I TELL YOU, WE SINCERELY COOPERATED WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION ACCORDING TO THE ISLAMIC TEACHINGS. WE ARE NOT MURDERERS AND WE ARE NOT FROM "TAKFIR AND HIJRA" ORGANIZATION AS THE IGNORAMUS ABDEL RAHIM MOHAMMED HUSSEIN (N.B. GOS MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR) CLAIMED. THIS IGNORANT DENIED THAT HE KNEW ME, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT HE USED TO SEE ME SOCIALLY AT TURABI'S RESIDENCE. I USED TO SEE HIM COME WHENEVER THINGS GOT TOUGH. HE SAID TO ME IN THE HOSPITAL: "HOW CAN YOU KILL A PERSON WHEN GOD FORBIDS IT?" I TOLD HIM THAT THE ISSUE WAS LARGER THAT HIS ABILITY TO COMPREHEND AND I QUOTED A VERSE FROM QURAN THAT SAYS: "THOSE WHO ARE NOT TRUE MUSLIMS AND INFIDELS SHOULD BE ELIMINATED AND THEIR CHILDREN LIKE THEM." I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE GOT WHAT I MEANT OR NOT. I TELL YOU, BROTHER, THERE WAS NO PLOT AS THIS IGNORANT MEDIA SAID, BUT OBEDIENCE TO THE ORDERS OF GOD, WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT IN BROAD DAYLIGHT AGAINST PEOPLE WHO DISOBEYED GOD AND THE ORDERS OF HIS PROPHET.

AFTER WE EXECUTED OUR OPERATION, WE HEADED TO A HOUSE IN MAYO NEIGHBORHOOD IN KHARTOUM SOUTH, WHICH BELONGS TO THE ISLAMIC DA'AWA ORGANIZATION, WHERE SHARAF ALDIN HAD TOLD US TO GO. WE SPENT THE NIGHT THERE AND NEXT DAY WE HEADED TO RIYADH NEIGHBORHOOD (N.B. ALSO IN SOUTH KHARTOUM) TO THE HOUSE OF THE LIBYAN MUJAHIDEEN, BECAUSE I KNOW OUR BROTHER MOHAMED EL MANSOURI AND WANTED TO TELL TO HIM WHAT WE HAD DONE AND ASK FOR HIS ADVICE. WE NEVER THOUGHT OF  
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RUNNING AWAY BECAUSE TRUE MUJAHIDEEN NEVER DO THAT. THEY ALWAYS LOVE TO MEET GOD. IF WE HAD WANTED TO FLEE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY AND NOBODY WOULD HAVE FOUND US. BROTHER EL MANSOURI ADVISED US TO SURRENDER BUT WE THOUGHT IT WISE TO GO TO BIN LADEN, WHOSE HOUSE IS CLOSE TO THE HOUSE OF THE LIBYAN MUJAHIDEEN.

WE FOUND BIN LADEN IN A CHAIR IN THE GARDEN OF HIS HOUSE. WHEN HE SAW ME HE SAID ANGRILY, "WHY DID YOU COMMIT SUCH A CRIME? THIS IS NOT WHAT WE WANTED." I TOLD HIM WE THAT WE WERE MUJAHIDEEN, THAT WE CARRIED CARRY OUT GOD'S WISHES AND THAT WHAT HAD HAPPENED WAS THE WISH OF GOD AND THAT WE WERE AWARE OF ALL CONSEQUENCES. IT WAS A WAR BETWEEN ISLAM AND INFIDELITY WHICH WOULD AFFECT ALL. BIN LADEN LEFT THE GARDEN AND UPON ENTERING HIS HOUSE, SHOUTED, "STOP HIM." I KNEW THAT WAS AN ORDER TO GET RID OF ME SO WE STARTED SHOOTING AND BIN LADEN'S GUARDS DID THE SAME. THERE WERE THREE IRANIANS AND AN EGYPTIAN CALLED JABR. I

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USED TO KNOW HIM IN PESHAWAR. WE KILLED THREE OF THEM. OSAMA BIN LADEN WENT DOWN THE BASEMENT WHERE THERE ARE HIDEOUTS. I KNOW BECAUSE I USED TO GO TO THE HOUSE. I WAS HIT BY AHMED THE "ALGERIAN," A GUARD OF BIN LADEN I USED TO KNOW IN PESHAWAR. THE SAME AHMED KILLED ABDELBAGI AND WOUNDED YASIR IN HIS FOOT. I ACCUSE THE POLICE OF AL BASHIR OF KILLING HIM.

AHMED, BIN LADEN AND I CAME TOGETHER FROM PAKISTAN TO SUDAN. AHMED, I KNOW, IS A TOUGH, WELL-TRAINED MUJAHIDEEN. HE WAS TRAINED BY AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE. UNTIL EARLY 1983 MY SHEIKH BIN LADEN SUPERVISED 800 ARAB AND AFRICAN MUJAHIDEEN; ALL WERE PREPARED TO SERVE THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION IN SUDAN. BIN LADEN IS DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO TURABI AND HE IS ALSO IN CHARGE OF JIHAD IN EGYPT, LIBYA, TUNISIA AND ALGERIA AS WELL AS MAURITANIA. THE TRUTH IS THAT BIN LADEN USED HIS WEALTH FOR THE SAKE OF JIHAD.

I WANT TO SAY THAT MY SHEIKH ACCUSED ME OF BEING A KILLER AND GOD KNOWS THE TRUTH. I AM SAYING THIS TO RELIEVE MY CONSCIENCE AND AT THE SAME TIME TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED SO I CAN DIE IN PEACE.

IF I COULD HAVE A WISH, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MY SHEIKH EL TURABI TO DEFEND MYSELF AND REBUT ALL THE ACCUSATIONS

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AGAINST ME WHICH WERE MADE BY THE IGNORANT ABDEL RAHIM  
HUSSEIN--ONE OF WHICH IS THAT I DON'T KNOW SHEIKH TURABI'S  
HOUSE. I KNOW MY SHEIKH'S HOUSE AS A BIRD KNOWS ITS  
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NEST. TURABI IS THE PIONEER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC  
MOVEMENT AND THE SHAPER OF THE NEW ISLAMIC MOVEMENT. I  
WAS ACCUSED OF TRYING TO KILL SHEIKH TURABI. THAT IS A  
LIE. HOW COULD I KILL A MAN OF SUCH WISDOM? I WOULD SAY  
THAT IF THE LINE OF PROPHETS HADN'T ENDED WITH MOHAMMED, I  
WOULD SAY TURABI IS THE PROPHET OF THIS NATION. TURABI'S  
PROBLEM IS THAT THE SUDANESE COMMUNITY IS BASED ON  
TRIBALISM AND SECTARIANISM. THE SUDANESE KNOW ISLAM  
THROUGH THEIR SHEIKHS, WHO IGNORE TRUE ISLAM AND COMMIT  
ALL MANNER OF SINS.

I AM CONVINCED NOW THAT THERE ARE ISLAMIC LEADERS IN SUDAN  
BUT THAT THERE ARE NO MUSLIMS. I WAS SURPRISED IN THE  
BEGINNING TO FIND OUT THAT SOME MUJARIDEEN HATED THE  
REGIME OF BASHIR AND DESCRIBED IT AS IMMORAL BUT NOW I  
HAVE FOUND OUT THAT THEY ARE RIGHT. I AM NOT SORRY ABOUT  
WHAT I DID AND ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME.

WHAT WILL YOU SAY IF I TOLD YOU THAT SOME OF THE ISLAMISTS  
WHOM I TRUSTED DISCLOSED MY ACTIVITIES TO THE LIBYAN  
AMBASSADOR?  
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