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Synopsis

A series of letters, mostly to Abu Khabab, discuss the camps, introduce trainees to him, and deal with contentious money issues.

Key Themes

The document is a series of letters to Abu Khabab, head of a training camp.

Jum'a Qasim does not want Abu Khabab to accept anyone at the camp without his permission.

Ja'far At-Tayyar asks for Zubayr to take some training courses in preparation for going to Kashmir.

Abu Mus'ab As-Soury [Al-Soury] sends two letters. In the first, Al-Soury says he went to Kandahar to get permission from the Emir [presumably the Taliban leader] to start a camp, with the necessary supplies. The trip was successful. He also met with Osama bin Laden and Abu Hafs. There was some sort of conflict between their two groups, but the bin Laden and Abu Hafs disavowed any knowledge of it, and pledged to cooperate with him. The planned meeting must be postponed for a short time. As-Soury is sending Nasir to explain things to him.

In the second letter, As-Soury says that he has received military aid from the Taliban. If Abu Khabab sends him an official document, he may be able to get official help for Abu Khabab's camp as well. As-Soury wonders what to do with the stipend for a family that never showed up to the camp. He also wonders if there are free (or at least cheap) places for two recruits, from Uganda and Yemen.

Ihsan Allah writes that he now has the car with him.

Abu Osama writes that he is sending the money to Ihsan Allah to repair the car.

Abd Al-Sameeh writes that Khalid needs money in order to go to Palestine. On another note, he advises using aerial wires for electricity, although they are difficult to transport.

Abu Uns Farghani of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan writes that he is sending Islam al-Sheeshani from Chechnya for training. In the second letter, he says he is sending Hamza Darweesh for the same purpose.

Abu Hafs himself writes that, in taking money for a trip to Egypt with his family, Abu Khabab asked for too much, refused to give the accountant receipts, and kept the remainder, which is against regulations. Abu Khabab also apparently took extra money for his sick against the rules, and treats communal al-Qaeda furniture as his own, also against regulations. Abu Hafs also orders him to return the car to Othman, as well as the memos he took from the Shari'a Institute, and reminds Abu Khabab that there are consequences for breaking the pledge of allegiance to al-Qaeda. He expresses concern that Abu Khabab threatened Othman.

In the next several letters, Abu Hafs mentions that al-Qaeda is extremely short of money, and asks for Abu Khabab to remit the extra money he has. Abu Hafs also advises Abu Khabab not to give anyone anything unless they have a written request from Abu Hafs.

Abu Obaida writes a letter to introduce Talha for training.

The next several letters are *not* to Abu Khabab. In the first, Abu Hafs advises Abu Amr that he has allowed Abu Ameen to leave the Institute of Arabic Studies and enroll in Abu Khabab's course. In the second, Abu Khabab asks for money for his family's plane tickets. Abu Hafs responds that he is waiting for Abu Obadaida to come and sign the check. It is unclear whether this is before or after Abu Hafs' testy letter above. Later, Abu Khabab sends a letter to remind Abu Hafs that he has not been paid.

Malawi Ihsan writes (not necessarily to Abu Khabab) asking for money for his wedding.

Abd Al-Wakeel Al-Ansari writes that he is sending four recruits for training.

Abd Al-Muhsin Abu Mousa writes that he has a Kalashnikov rifle he is supposed to return to Abd Al-Rahman, but he has left it at the Center, and hope it is put to good use.