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2 THIS WILL BE INTERVIEW 9001310233. TAKING PLACE ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY,  
3 21<sup>ST</sup> OF MAY.  
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5 Q Hi there.  
6 A Great.

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8 Q Mr. THOMAS, ANTIGONE FOUST. Have uh (ph) seat.  
9 A (Inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_.

10  
11 Q Thank you. How you doing today?  
12 A Uh, I don't know yet. (Laughing). It's always, uh, uh, interesting when you have  
13 to come over here.

14  
15 Q Okay. Well my understanding is that you have at least an indication of what it  
16 was that I wanted to talk with you about. (Inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
17 A Oh you're from Tucson?

18  
19 Q I'm from Tucson.  
20 A Okay.

21  
22 Q Okay. Yes.  
23 A Alright.

24  
25 Q Alright.  
26 A Well why don't you just tell me (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_ ...

27  
28 Q Fair enough, fair enough. Um (ph) first of all let me get some information from  
29 you and then I will explain to you what it is, what, what it is that we're doing is  
30 we're investigating the homicide of, uh, Mr. KHALIFA, Dr. KHALIFA.

31 A Alright.

32  
33 Q And I understand that you were in Tucson, um (ph), around the time period that  
34 he was killed.

35 A Yeah just before he was killed.

36  
37 Q And that you knew who this person was, Mr. KHALIFA...

38 A Yeah.

39  
40 Q ...Dr. KHALIFA?

41 A RASHAD KHALIFA.

42

- 1 Q Okay. That's really want to talk to you about.  
2 A Okay.  
3  
4 Q Alright. Can you give me your birth date Mr. THOMAS?  
5 A Uh, [REDACTED]  
6  
7 Q So what happened is in 2006 the Tucson Police Department started uh (ph) cold  
8 case homicide unit. And this is one of the cases that we're taking uh (ph) look at.  
9 A Um-hm (affirmative response).  
10  
11 Q My understanding is that, um (ph), you have not been spoken to by the police, is  
12 that correct?  
13 A No, I haven't.  
14  
15 Q In reference...  
16 A Oh that is...  
17  
18 Q ...to Tucson.  
19 A ...correct. That is...  
20  
21 Q That is correct?  
22 A ...correct, yeah.  
23  
24 Q Okay. They, no detectives ever interviewed you?  
25 A Well I wasn't in Tucson. When I left his compound I left Tucson.  
26  
27 Q Okay.  
28 A So, uh, I was never again in Tucson after that.  
29  
30 Q Okay. How 'bout while you were out and about other places did anyone make  
31 contact with you and question about this...  
32 A Not that I recall.  
33  
34 Q ...murder case?  
35 A No.  
36  
37 Q Okay.  
38 A Uh, not that I recall.  
39  
40 Q Alright. What I'd like to do is find out uh (ph) little bit of information from you as to  
41 what it was that brought you to Tucson. If you remember when you went, those  
42 kind of things. And then you can tell me uh (ph) little bit about Dr. KHALIFA.

1 A Well when I was, uh, on really I just had my tools in my car and I was just out  
2 going from, uh, Dallas to Phoenix.  
3  
4 Q Okay.  
5 A And I was just doing electrical work as I was traveling. And at that time there  
6 was plenty of building in the west, in Texas and Arizona and Nevada. And I  
7 ended up in Las Vegas and, uh, I did work in Phoenix, I did work in Las Vegas  
8 and then from there I moved back to Detroit. But I just had my cars and my tools  
9 and I just went out and just took uh (ph) chance. And just went from place to  
10 place. But me being Muslim I got to Tucson and I had, uh, just about run out of  
11 gas and I had no where to go so I called the Mosque. I looked in the phone book  
12 and I saw Tucson Mosque or (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_ and I called. And, uh,  
13 that's when I met, uh, brother RASHAD KHALIFA. But, uh, he taught me a lot of  
14 stuff, you know, and I was really fascinated by, uh, his view point. And I've  
15 adopted his attitude toward Islam, uh, since that time. But, uh, he was not well  
16 liked by a lot of other Muslims because of what he taught. And, uh, no he wasn't  
17 well liked. See and Islam, I don't know if you know anything about Judaism, in  
18 Judaism they have the, the Tora (ph) and then they've got the, the Tamood (ph).  
19 Which is commentary etcetera but it's the writings of men. Uh, in Islam we have  
20 the Quran (ph) which we say is the revelation from Allah but then they also have  
21 what they call the Hadif (ph) which is the sayings of the profit. A lot of the Hadif  
22 (ph) cannot be authenticated but a lot of other Muslims they're religion comes  
23 strictly from Hadid (ph). A lot of this abuse of women and all of that they justify  
24 that with Hadif (ph). The Quran (ph) don't say treat your women like that and all  
25 of that. They justify that with the Hadif (ph). Brother RAKAD (ph), RASHAD  
26 KHALIFA was against using the Hadif (ph). And he, he branded them Islamic  
27 scholars had created uh (ph) job for themselves by fabricating this Hadif (ph) and  
28 using this Hadif (ph) to exploit to women, to, you know, to just dog out, see in  
29 Islam according to the Quran (ph) you're supposed to have elections through  
30 general consensus. It's how decisions are made. So uh (ph) royal family like in  
31 Saudi Arabia is con (ph), contrary to the Quran. But it's consistent with the Hadif  
32 (ph) because the Hadif (ph) was compiled during what they call the Avised (ph)  
33 Khalifed (ph), like that's probably the reason why Iraq is having the problems  
34 now. 'Cause the capitol of the Avised (ph) Khalifed (ph) was Baghdad. And  
35 that's where they composed all of this Hadif (ph) and Suna (ph). They claim  
36 these are the sayings of the profit. This what the profit did and all of that but they  
37 compiled that over uh (ph) century after the profit was dead. Yet they claim that  
38 it's authentic. And, and a lot of like Wahabism (ph), the Wahabi (ph) Muslims  
39 help the Saudis take over Saudi Arabia. And what they be talking about Al-Quida  
40 and all of that, that's Wahabism (ph). And they're trying to purify the religion of  
41 all these other people who are saying all that stuff to each other (inaudible)  
42 \_\_\_\_\_ . This is what the prophet did. The Quran (ph) is the best Hadif

- 1 (ph). That's what brother KHALIF would talk. And they say no if you not  
2 teaching what we say then we gonna (ph) get with you and that's probably what  
3 happened.  
4
- 5 Q Let me ask you what, what you're talking about right now were, did you know  
6 those things prior to meeting Dr. KHALIFA?  
7 A No I didn't know what he taught before I met him.  
8
- 9 Q Okay.  
10 A I didn't know anything about what he taught but...  
11
- 12 Q Had you ever heard of him prior to meeting...  
13 A No I hadn't even heard of him.  
14
- 15 Q So...  
16 A I ain't even heard of him.  
17
- 18 Q ...by chance you show up in Tucson...  
19 A Yeah but it was...  
20
- 21 Q ...you end up at the Mosque...  
22 A ...uh (ph) blessing because he taught me true Islam.  
23
- 24 Q And are you emotional right now because of what you were taught?  
25 A No it's just uh (ph) shame that people, people who tell the truth get killed.  
26
- 27 Q When, or when or how did you hear that Dr. KHALIFA was killed?  
28 A Uh, I was in, uh, I was in Las Vegas and there was some brothers from Pakistan  
29 there called the DOWER brothers. What they do is they travel all around the  
30 United States and they stay at the different Mosques. And, uh, what they do is  
31 they propagate the religion. Uh, I think they're Armenia (ph), they're Sunni (ph)  
32 but they're Armenia (ph). Anyway when, uh, they came to the Mosque over on,  
33 uh, you got any tissue?  
34
- 35 Q I don't have any. You want me to get you some?  
36 A I, I'm just sitting in here crying and, um (ph), yeah if you want.  
37
- 38 Q Alright. Let me see if I can (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_.  
39 A No I care a lot of 'course, yeah, you know.  
40
- 41 Q Alright. (Unknown noise in background) Here we go.



1 A No I cared a lot for, uh, brother KHALIFA. He tried to teach the truth and people  
2 who teach the truth get killed. And he took uh (ph) real chance because he knew  
3 that there was some forces out there that didn't mind taking him out. And he  
4 probably had been threatened uh (ph) few times.  
5  
6 Q And when you say that, did he ever have discussions with you about that?  
7 A (Unknown noise in background) Well we always discussed it. We always talked  
8 about, uh, the, the so called Islamic scholars and, uh, and then you know about  
9 Hadif (ph) there. So I could read the Hadif (ph) and I could see how ridiculous  
10 some of it was compared to the Quran (ph). See if, if the, the Hadif (ph) is not  
11 supported by Quran (ph) it's not supposed to be taught. And, uh, there's a lot of  
12 Muslims out there that are antagonistic toward people who teach. The Muslims  
13 here are antagonistic toward me because I'm promote what brother KHALIF  
14 teach. So I already know the, the, the hatred that is within the religion. See in  
15 this (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_ there's so much hatred within the religion. And  
16 that's why they can't organize over there in the Middle East. But see that type of  
17 Islam that followed the Hadif (ph) and all they call that Hanballie (ph) Islam. And  
18 it's mostly the, in Arabia, only about fifteen (15) percent of all Muslims believe in  
19 that type of Islam. Brother KHALIFA was Egyptian and the Islam that he  
20 promotes is Maliki (ph). And Maliki (ph) does not promote the Hadif (ph) to the  
21 same level that the Hanbali, H-A-N-B-A-L-I. See the Hanbali Islam is where  
22 Wahabism (ph) comes from. And they promote the Hadif (ph) then they're real  
23 strict about enforcing the purity. Kind of like the inquisition among the Christians.  
24 They're, they're strict about enforcing they're interpretation of Islam. And, uh, it  
25 was just uh (ph) matter of time that, uh, they would probably seek out his  
26 followers and stuff and try to eliminate them. Because what he was teaching was  
27 the truth and it could be demonstrated. 'Cause all you gotta (ph) do is read the  
28 Hadif (ph) and then read the Quran (ph) and see that the Quran (ph) and Hadif  
29 (ph) are not the same. Uh, one and good example in the Hadif (ph) (clearing  
30 throat) the, uh, there are many situations in uh (ph) Hadif (ph) where the  
31 punishment for unlawful sex is stoning them to death. But the Quran (ph) say uh  
32 (ph) hundred lashes. Okay, that's just one example. Then the Hadif (ph) tell a  
33 lot of fantastic stories that is not supported by Quran (ph). When, when Hadif  
34 (ph) say that, uh, the prophet MOHAMMED was taken up to heaven and taken to  
35 hell by ALLAH and then ALLAH tells Prophet MOHAMMED make 'em pray fifty  
36 (50) times uh (ph) day. So Prophet MOHAMMED goes back to tell his people  
37 and he meets MOSES. I don't know how MOSES got there but anyway MOSES  
38 tell him your people are not gonna (ph) pray fifty (50) times uh (ph) day, go back  
39 to ALLAH and petition him to lower the amount. So the Prophet goes back to  
40 ALLAH and petitions ALLAH to lower the amount, he lowers it to forty (40). So  
41 he's on his way back to his people, he runs into MOSES again, MOSES say your  
42 people are not gonna (ph) pray forty (40) times uh (ph) day. He say go back and

1 petition ALLAH again. So Prophet MOHAMMED goes back and petitions ALLAH  
2 and ALLAH breaks it down to five (5), five (5) times uh (ph) day. Now that's what  
3 the Hadif (ph) say. But the Hadif (ph) was compiled over uh (ph) hundred years  
4 after the death of the Prophet and over uh (ph) hundred years after the Quran  
5 was already completed. Now the real deal is the opposite in KHALIFA absorbed  
6 the Persian Empire. The Persians were the followers of Zoroaster, the maji who  
7 were the priests of Zoroaster's religion attended the sacred fires, the same five  
8 (5) times uh (ph) day that the Muslims now pray. So when the Avaseds (ph)  
9 manufactured the Hadif (ph) they also adopted some of the practices of the  
10 Persians. Now that's the truth. They don't want to tell that. If they found out that  
11 you tell 'em that they take you out. And that's what happened to him. But...

12  
13 Q Well did, did Dr. KHALIFA ever give you any specific threats, tell you about any  
14 specific threats that were made about him?

15 A Nah (negative response). He wasn't the type that would cry, you know, but we,  
16 we all knew 'cause there were a lot of stuff that was written at that time against  
17 him. He would show us that.

18  
19 Q Okay. So...

20 A That I recall.

21  
22 Q ...you didn't, actual publications...

23 A Yeah there were...

24  
25 Q People disagreed...

26 A ...there were...

27  
28 Q ...with him?

29 A Right. And were very vocal about they're disagreement. I couldn't quote exactly  
30 what paper, what, what publications this was in but if you do some back checking  
31 on Islamic publications then during that period you will probably see a lot of  
32 negative, uh, stuff about brother KHALIFA.

33  
34 Q And do you not remember reading any of those prior to going to Dr. KHALIFA's...

35 A I didn't...

36  
37 Q ...mosque?

38 A ...who he was.

39  
40 Q Okay. So the, the name...

41 A I didn't...

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- 1 Q ...KHALIFA, Dr. KHALIFA didn't mean anything to you prior to meeting him?
- 2 A No I didn't know who he was. But when I, when I, when I did meet him, see I'm  
3 from Detroit and my father was uh (ph) follower of the honorable ELIJAH  
4 MOHAMMED. So you know MALCOLM X and all of that, you know, that's what  
5 we were into. And, um (ph), actually brother KHALIFA taught me the proper way  
6 to do the prayer. Because all I knew before I went to him was the teachings of  
7 the honorable ELIJAH MOHAMMED and what I had read myself. But I didn't  
8 even know how to do the prayer when you prostrate and all of that. I didn't even  
9 know how to do that. He taught me how to do that. And he showed me the  
10 difference between what they do in a lot of mosques, which is a lot of extra stuff.  
11 In fact if you go to two (2) different mosques they do it different in the two (2)  
12 different mosques. There's something that's called farid (ph) which is obligatory  
13 and then there's uh (ph) bunch of optional stuff that a lot of other people have  
14 done. The, the optional stuff has overridden the religion. See what I'm saying.  
15 A lot of people don't even know what the fundamental stuff was. What brother  
16 KHALIFA did was he taught the fundamental stuff and if you do what he taught  
17 you, you can blend in anywhere but you won't be doing all the extra stuff. I've,  
18 I've seen pieces of paper to try to teach people how to do the prayer. And  
19 there's more optional stuff than there is obligatory or far stuff. Although if you do  
20 the farid (ph) stuff they have to respect that, you know, they're not gonna (ph)  
21 complain that you're not doing what you're supposed to do.  
22
- 23 Q Right.
- 24 A But there's uh (ph) whole lot of optional stuff because over generations if you can  
25 imagine some people are gonna (ph) make uh (ph) commentary of the religion.  
26 And there's gonna (ph) be people who gonna (ph) comment on the commentary.  
27 And then there's gonna (ph) be people who gonna (ph) comment on the  
28 comment of the commentary.  
29
- 30 Q Right.
- 31 A So over uh (ph) few centuries...
- 32
- 33 Q It changes.
- 34 A ...it's just so ridiculous that it's, it's outrageous. And that's basically what he was,  
35 he was complaining about. But it offended a lot of people 'cause they're power  
36 base is, is just like we got all these AYATOLLAHS and all of that. These dudes  
37 sit around and do (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_ and do, they, they, they make  
38 religious declarations that other people have to follow. They've created uh (ph)  
39 job for themselves.  
40
- 41 Q Is that uh (ph) fatwa (ph)? (Inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_...

- 1 A Uh (ph) fatwa (ph) is when, let's say you do something and I, I give uh (ph)  
2 decision, I make uh (ph) decision. But see there was no office established by the  
3 Quran for these people to do these things, you know what I'm saying. There's,  
4 there's only the one who lead the prayer and everybody else is just, everybody's  
5 equal. But through mutual consultation you're supposed to make decisions.  
6 There's not supposed to be no clergy in Islam. But they created uh (ph) clergy.  
7 He talked about, against that. He talked against these guys who were self-  
8 proclaimed Islamic scholars. What make you an Islamic scholar? Why is it you  
9 got thousands and thousands, you've got all these volumes of Hadif (ph) to  
10 explain this one book?  
11  
12 Q So explain this to me. My understanding is that Dr. KHALIFA indicated that he  
13 was uh (ph) messenger of God?  
14 A Okay. Now he also...  
15  
16 Q Is that accurate?  
17 A ...he also called himself the messenger of the covenant. Now a lot of them didn't  
18 like that. Because they're under the impression that no prophet follows  
19 MOHAMMED and there'd be no messenger after MOHAMMED. The Quran  
20 does not say that. In fact the Quran don't even say that there won't be another  
21 prophet. Quran says MOHAMMED is not the, the father of any of your sons and  
22 he's the seal of the prophets. But uh (ph) seal certifies authenticity that's all. Uh  
23 (ph) seal doesn't say that nothing follows. It was uh (ph) Persian prophet  
24 MANNY who called himself the seal and also called himself the last of the  
25 prophets. They drew that from MANNY who was uh (ph) Persian prophet also.  
26 See there's a lot of the beliefs that they have that they've added to the religion  
27 they've taken from the Persians and they blended it with the Islam. And what  
28 brother KHALIFA tried to do is shake all this other stuff off and let's get to the  
29 Quran. In fact what he taught was Quran alone and not all that other stuff.  
30 Because all the other stuff has Islam looking a lot different than what the Quran,  
31 the, if you draw uh (ph) picture based on what the Quran describes you won't get  
32 the Islam that you see today.  
33  
34 Q Did Dr. KHALIFA explain how it was that he knew that he was uh (ph) messenger  
35 of God or uh (ph) messenger of the Covenant?  
36 A Uh, yeah he gave me uh (ph) fantastic story but, uh, I really didn't particularly  
37 believe that part of what he taught.  
38  
39 Q Okay.  
40 A I believe in the prac (ph), I've always been able to sift between the, the, the  
41 coloration and the actual images. Uh...  
42

- 1 Q So you believed in the...  
2 A I believed in the...  
3  
4 Q ...these messages he was...  
5 A ...practical...  
6  
7 Q ...teaching?  
8 A ...part of his message, yeah.  
9  
10 Q Okay, okay.  
11 A But I, I didn't particularly care for what he called himself. In fact he, uh, had, uh,  
12 translated the Quran into English. He was the first, uh, person who in, uh, Arabic  
13 was his mother language. He was Egyptian. To, uh, translate the Quran into  
14 English. And he, uh, in there, there was a lot about the number nineteen (19).  
15 How you can determine the authenticity of certain (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_.  
16 And, uh, with his system of number nineteen (19) he insulted a lot of people also.  
17 But then in it he also explains his being the messenger of the covenant. And, uh,  
18 he had given me uh (ph) autograph copy of his translation, number thirty-two  
19 (32). And the ACHMADIA brothers, who told me that he was dead, I gave them  
20 my copy, my autographed copy. They were very, very interested in him. Uh...  
21  
22 Q Uh (ph) true interest, uh (ph) real interest or something that you think was  
23 inappropriate?  
24 A I really don't know, I really don't know. But these, these brothers were, were  
25 religious scholars you could say. So it's debatable whether they were actual  
26 sincerely interested. They did want that translation so I gave it to 'em. Uh,  
27 'cause they shared some information with me. But they didn't express an opinion  
28 as to whether they thought his teachings was good or bad. There were a lot of  
29 other Muslims who expressed opinions but they didn't express an opinion. I  
30 guess because they were going from city to city they didn't want to antagonize  
31 anybody because they, they always lived like at the mosque. You know they had  
32 their money, they bought their food, they cooked their own food and this and that.  
33 Then all of 'em would pack up into their vehicles and then they'd go to the next  
34 city and they would live at the mosque and they would buy their food and cook  
35 their food and make uh (ph) little donation to the mosque and then they'd move  
36 to another city. And they were kind of like the Mormons and every year they do  
37 this where they cruise the sit (ph), the country. Uh, because ACHMANIA they do  
38 missionary work primarily. They, in fact most of the Muslims here read YUSUF  
39 ALI and MAULANA MUHAMMED ALI, translations of the Quran and they were  
40 Achmadian. So Achmadian, they're, they're more powerful outside of Pakistan  
41 then they are here.  
42



- 1 Q So do you know their actual names?  
2 A No.  
3  
4 Q Okay.  
5 A No. We just always called them the DOWER brothers. In every city they, they  
6 go through just about every city, just about every mosque Muslim has run into the  
7 DOWER brothers.  
8  
9 Q Did they know in details as to how Dr. KHALIFA was killed?  
10 A Uh, I think they said that somebody shot him through the window. Said  
11 something about he was in the kitchen or something.  
12  
13 Q Okay. Anything else?  
14 A And, uh, no that's it.  
15  
16 Q And that's the first that you heard of his death?  
17 A Yeah. Because nobody else even knew. A lot of people didn't even know who  
18 he was in Vegas. Uh, not too many people knew who he was.  
19  
20 Q Do you remember how his name came up?  
21 A Oh I talked it with the DOWER brothers. And, uh, I had the Quran there and they  
22 saw that the Quran was his translation. And that's when they told me that, uh,  
23 he, uh, was assassinated.  
24  
25 Q Do you remember about when that was?  
26 A Uh, it, it had to have been after his death but, uh, let me see now February  
27 ninety-one (91) I came back to Detroit. So it had to have been late summer or  
28 maybe fall 1990. It had to have been in the fall of 1990. 'Cause ninety-one (91)  
29 I, I made it back to Detroit after staying in Las Vegas for uh (ph) while.  
30  
31 Q Okay. Let's back up even further than that. When did you go to Tucson if you  
32 remember?  
33 A Uh, probably about eighty-nine (89) probably.  
34  
35 Q What time of year?  
36 A Uh, let me think.  
37  
38 Q And it might help if you remember about how long you stayed in Tucson.  
39 A Well I didn't stay in Tucson no more than maybe about four (4) months or so...  
40  
41 Q Okay.  
42 A ...at max. Uh...



- 1 Q And were you at the mosque pretty much that entire time?
- 2 A Well when I wasn't living in my car I was in the mosque, yeah. 'Cause for uh (ph)
- 3 while there I wa (ph), I was just roughing it before I found out that the mosque
- 4 was there.
- 5
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A And then once I found out that mosque wa (ph), but I wasn't at the mosque that
- 8 long. But I was going to the mosque even when I didn't have no where to stay.
- 9 Even when I was living in my car...
- 10
- 11 Q Okay.
- 12 A ...I was going to the mosque. And then eventually he let me, uh, stay there. But
- 13 I didn't stay there very long. He had uh (ph) little, uh, I think I stayed there about
- 14 uh (ph) month, maybe uh (ph) month and uh (ph) half, maybe uh (ph) little more
- 15 than that, maybe, maybe about two (2) months. But I was only in Tucson
- 16 probably about four (4) months max and I left there and went to, uh, Phoenix.
- 17 But, uh...
- 18
- 19 Q Okay.
- 20 A But, you know, the details are sketchy at that time because you know as me
- 21 when I went to Tucson I was there for uh (ph) while, I wasn't getting a lot of work
- 22 in Tucson. I got some kind of job fixing, uh, stereo equipment but it wasn't
- 23 paying that well because it was uh (ph) commission type job. And eventually, uh,
- 24 I end up going to, uh, Phoenix and then from Phoenix I went to Las Vegas.
- 25
- 26 Q And did I understand you correctly that you came to Tucson from Dallas, is that
- 27 what you said?
- 28 A From Dallas right. (coughing in background)
- 29
- 30 Q And what, what was in Dallas?
- 31 A Well I was in the, uh, electrician apprenticeship in Dallas, local fifty-nine (59),
- 32 fifty-eight (58) or fifty-nine (59). And, uh...
- 33
- 34 Q And that's, uh, like uh (ph) training program, the apprenticeship that you're
- 35 doing? I mean you, you learn uh (ph)...
- 36 A Right to become an electrician.
- 37
- 38 Q So you were working underneath other electricians?
- 39 A Right. Uh, I forgot Vontel the electrical contractors I think. I forgot the name of
- 40 the contractors. But my ex-wife lived in, uh, Tucson. I mean in, uh, Dallas so,
- 41 um (ph), it had been eleven (11) years since I had seen her. And she was asking

1 me how come I never come see her or nothing like that. And so I went to Dallas  
2 so...  
3  
4 Q So this is, uh, your wife from Detroit that had moved to Dallas?  
5 A Wife, uh (ph) wife that I had married in 1976 and divorced in '78. Uh, she had  
6 kept in touch with me but I never would come see her. When she lived in  
7 Chicago I didn't go see her and she would send me cards on my birthday and all  
8 of that and I still would never come see her. So finally she said well how come  
9 you don't ever come see me it's been eleven (11) years and you don't ever come  
10 see me. So I jumped in my ride and I rode out to Dallas.  
11  
12 Q Okay. 1989 then?  
13 A And, well '89, '88 or '89.  
14  
15 Q Okay.  
16 A Something like that. And, uh, but...  
17  
18 Q So you, the purpose of going there was to see your ex-wife and then while you  
19 were there...  
20 A Right.  
21  
22 Q ...you did the apprenticeship?  
23 A But, but yeah while I was there I got into the apprenticeship, you know, 'cause  
24 I've always been good at math and science. So, uh, but being there didn't work  
25 'cause she was uh (ph) born again Christian now. She wasn't, she was just  
26 Catholic before but now she's uh (ph) born again Christian and now she's got this  
27 animosity toward Muslims when, when we were married she was uh (ph)  
28 Catholic, I was Muslim we didn't have no problems. But once she started  
29 watching Jamaica and all of them and, uh, I took my Quran down there and she  
30 hid it. She said she didn't want her kids to see. And I was really insulted when  
31 she did that because we didn't have problem, when we were together we didn't  
32 have any problem. Faith wasn't our problem, we liked each other. And, uh, you  
33 know, we didn't have no faith problems, you know what I'm saying. She was free  
34 to be what she was and I was free to be what I was, you know. And I'm saying  
35 she had plenty money and I never asked her how much money she had or  
36 nothing. I'm saying we just got along so that I just let her be herself and she was  
37 letting me be myself. But after she become this born again and she, she just had  
38 soaked up so much propaganda against Muslims. But there's a lot of bad  
39 information out there about Muslims too. Because you know we Muslims here in  
40 the United States we don't be fighting each other. Our women not crying and  
41 screaming that they're being oppressed or nothing. You don't see nothing in the  
42 paper about Muslims beating their women and killing their women or nothing like

1 that, you know what I'm saying. Now you mess with non Muslim women  
2 especially if you're in uh (ph) drug neighborhood something might happen but,  
3 uh, we, we didn't have reputation of oppressing our women or nothing like that.  
4 Like the, the Arabs who follow the Hadid (ph), they're the ones who got they  
5 women all in cages and, you know, that's ridiculous. But the Quran don't teach  
6 'em to do that, the Hadif (ph) is where they get all that from and brother KHALEF  
7 (ph), KHALIFA protested against that.  
8  
9 Q Is the Hadif (ph) one book?  
10 A Nah (negative response) it's volumes and volumes and volumes...  
11  
12 Q Okay. H-A-D...  
13 A ...of stuff...  
14  
15 Q ...I-F?  
16 A H-A-D-I-T-H.  
17  
18 Q T-H.  
19 A And it's, it's, it's supposedly the teaching, the, the sayings of the Quran.  
20  
21 Q Uh (ph) specific prophet?  
22 A Yeah Prophet MOHAMMED...  
23  
24 Q Okay.  
25 A ...the one who, who the Quran was revealed to. See the...  
26  
27 Q Okay.  
28 A ...the Quran is the, is the sacred book of Muslims.  
29  
30 Q Basically the bible...  
31 A Okay.  
32  
33 Q ...of...  
34 A Right, right.  
35  
36 Q ...the Muslim religion?  
37 A Right. And it draws from the stories of the Jews and tells the real story of JESUS  
38 and, you know, it corrects the, the, the, the things that have been distorted in the  
39 previous revelations. 'Cause the followers of any religion are going to, like, like if  
40 I was uh (ph) Buddha, got uh (ph) Buddha sitting on uh (ph), on uh (ph) little  
41 thing, big fat Buddha like an idol. Buddha didn't teach them to do that. In fact in  
42 Buddha's last sermon, Buddha said I did not say there is uh (ph) God, I did not

1 say there is not uh (ph) God. So Buddha didn't teach that he was uh (ph) God.  
2 All Buddha taught was behavior, you know, behavior modification. And, and, and  
3 don't desire so much stuff and you won't suffer, because you suffer because you  
4 desire stuff you don't get. And gave 'em uh (ph) (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_,  
5 you know, right livelihood, right relationships, etcetera. And if you do these  
6 things then you'll save you. And if each person save themselves then the world  
7 get saved, you know what I'm saying. That's what Buddha taught. But his  
8 followers got uh (ph) little Buddha sitting up there and they pray to it and do all of  
9 this. Buddha didn't teach those things. And the same thing the prophet  
10 MOHAMMED gave and brought the Quran. All this stuff volumes and volumes  
11 and volumes of Hadith (ph), I'm saying if you got all of the Hadith (ph) you don't  
12 have enough room in here. Now he must have been talking all of the time, you  
13 know what I'm saying. For you to have generated some of this Hadith (ph), you  
14 know (laughing), it's ridiculous.

15

16 Q That's a lot.

17 A Nah (negative response) I'm saying it's ridiculous...

18

19 Q Right.

20 A ...and then they're, you got these so called Islamic scholars that have, have,  
21 they're whole life is studying this stuff. And they make decisions not based on  
22 reason, logic, no thinking, no interpreting. You look it up and you find it. Well  
23 see the problem with that is I can get uh (ph) circle of ten (10) people. I can  
24 whisper something in the first person's ear, he whisper it to the second person on  
25 down. When it get to the tenth person probably just in uh (ph) few minutes it will  
26 have changed. So if you compile this stuff over uh (ph) hundred years after he's  
27 dead then how do you, how do you authenticate this. See that's ridiculous.  
28 However, you say that to some Muslims they get violent. And I've had some  
29 problems myself, so you know I'm just saying you have to really way, beware  
30 'cause people take what they believe seriously.

31

32 Q Right.

33 A Even though they, they might have learned something that's totally wrong. If, if  
34 you tell 'em that it's wrong then you've made uh (ph) enemy out of them. But see  
35 brother RASHAD KHALIFA didn't mind telling them because his, his, his  
36 message, he wanted to purify, you know. See the Wahabists (ph) tried to purify  
37 Islam of the innovations of the Automan (ph) Turks (ph), the Automan (ph) Turks  
38 ruled the Islamic empire from about fourteen hundred (1400) to the end of World  
39 War one. So for five (5) hundred years their style of Islam was the predominant  
40 style of Islam. And the only ones that was free of that were the Africans like in  
41 Nigeria and places like that. They believe in Maliki, it's called uh (ph) style of  
42 Islam. Same thing...

- 1 Q Which is what Dr. KHALIFA does?
- 2 A Yeah, right. And they don't have all of that Hadith (ph) and stuff to, to cloud their  
3 understanding of the religion. But, uh, as far as knowing anything directly I don't  
4 know anything directly. I knew about him and I loved him dearly and it just hurt  
5 me that they took him out like that because I suffered the same persecution from  
6 certain Muslims myself. Because they don't wanna (ph) hear the truth. Because  
7 they been taught this and they think that everybody should do that. But see the,  
8 the Muslims that are trying to force they will on all the other Muslims are only, uh,  
9 fifteen (15) percent of all Muslims. Do you know, in China the females have their  
10 own Mosque and they have they're own ministers in charge of the female  
11 Mosque. That's not according to the Hadith (ph). See and they don't follow that,  
12 uh, Hanbali (ph) style of jurisprudence. Yeah see, see they got schools of  
13 jurisprudence in Islam. And Hanbali (ph) is where the Wahabists (ph) come  
14 from. And all these special schools, um (ph), I forgot what they call 'em. They  
15 got 'em all through Pakistan and everywhere and there's teaching, you know,  
16 everybody not like us is the devil and all of that. Uh, that's the Wahabists (ph)  
17 that are pushing that, you know, where they associate that with, uh, so called Al-  
18 Quida (ph). There's actually no organization called Al-Quida (ph). Al-Quida (ph)  
19 the word means, Al-Quida (ph) means the base and it was what the CIA used to  
20 refer to, uh, BIN LADEN and them as the base when they were helping him fight  
21 the Soviets. But there's actually no organization called Al-Quida (ph). But the  
22 people that they associate with, that kind of mentality are the Wahabists (ph) and  
23 what they're doing is they're forcing their interpretation of Islam on everybody  
24 else. But the, the capitol of Wahabism (ph) is Saudi Arabia. But most of the  
25 Muslims are not of that (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_. See there's more Muslims  
26 in Nigeria than there is in the whole Middle East, and they're Maliki (ph), uh,  
27 Muslims. They're not, uh, Hanbali (ph).  
28
- 29 Q Okay. Let me take you back again. Um (ph) I know you said that you had not  
30 heard of Doctor KHALIFA prior to getting to Tucson.
- 31 A Right.  
32
- 33 Q In Dallas did you ever meet anyone that mentioned having uh (ph) problem with  
34 someone in Tucson, maybe didn't know his name?
- 35 A No I didn't even know who he was. See I, I wasn't, he was an Egyptian, I, I,  
36 being from Detroit most of us Muslims in Detroit derived from the Nation of Islam.  
37 We actually didn't follow Arabs in our religion. So we, I really didn't try to know  
38 who the Arabs were. I knew who NAIM MAKBAR was, I knew who brother  
39 FORAKAN was, I knew who the brothers was that was in Islam but I had never  
40 been in uh (ph), uh (ph), in uh (ph) Mosque that was run by uh (ph) Arab before.  
41
- 42 Q Prior to Tucson?



- 1 A Prior to Tucson. That was the first time I was ever in uh (ph) Mosque that was  
2 run by uh (ph) Arab. And, but I didn't learn the prayer, how to do the prayer the  
3 way they do the prayer. He taught me.  
4
- 5 Q Right.
- 6 A Right. So I didn't have any knowledge of Brother RASHAD KHALIFA until I got  
7 there. But he showed me uh (ph) bunch of where him and rush (ph), uh,  
8 MOHAMMED RASHAD, what's his name? Anyway, uh, FELICE RASHAD's  
9 husband. He showed me articles where he's with prominent Muslims all around,  
10 you know, while I was there.  
11
- 12 Q You're talking about Doctor KHALIFA?
- 13 A Yeah.  
14
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 A When, when I got there and I saw he was well know by uh (ph) bunch uh (ph)  
17 other, of other Muslims who I had respect for. I didn't know he knew all these  
18 people, you know. Nah (negative response) he, he was well known but I didn't  
19 know about him until...  
20
- 21 Q Okay.
- 22 A ...I got there.  
23
- 24 Q Okay.
- 25 A So I was kind of off stricken while I was there. And then the, the information that  
26 he was giving me was so logical. And it made so much sense except the part  
27 about him being the messenger of the Covenant. I thought that was uh (ph) little  
28 egotistic. That was my personal feeling. But, uh, I thought the other stuff that he  
29 gave me was real useful and I've always been one to listen and if I can learn  
30 something I, I learn something, you know. And I think that I learned a lot while I  
31 was with him. The Islam I practice now is what he taught me. So...  
32
- 33 Q Have you met others, other peo (ph)...
- 34 A Not, not from, I haven't met other people who were there in Tucson, his followers.  
35 I haven't met any, any other place, wait once, once. Thought I met one in Detroit  
36 once. Sh (ph) it was such uh (ph) passing thing. I think he gave me his number  
37 but I don't even recall even calling him.  
38
- 39 Q And he indicated that...
- 40 A But, uh...  
41
- 42 Q ...he had learned under Doctor KHALIFA as well?



- 1 A No I think I saw him at the place. See there was some kind of big thing going on  
2 with brother RASHAD KHALIFA because there were people from all over the  
3 country there...  
4
- 5 Q In Tucson?  
6 A ...when I was there. Right. He had some kind of convention or something in  
7 Vegas or something like that. But there were, there were people coming in and  
8 maybe staying uh (ph) couple days 'cause the way his Mosque was set up was  
9 during pray time you could pray but when, uh, you wasn't praying you could sit  
10 on the floor and read. You had to be studying if you stayed there and you could  
11 sleep. And then he would cook food and he would feed whoever was there.  
12
- 13 Q So he would allow people to spend the night there?  
14 A Right. So, uh, and, uh, but while you were there you had to make all your  
15 prayers at the right times and, uh, while you were in there you had to be  
16 studying. And he had plenty to study with, lots of books. 'Cause, you know, he  
17 was teaching you shouldn't read the Hadith (ph) but he had the Hadith (ph) in  
18 there so you could see what was in it, you know what I'm saying.  
19
- 20 Q For comparison purposes...  
21 A Yeah, right.  
22
- 23 Q ...and for learning purposes but...  
24 A Right.  
25
- 26 Q Okay.  
27 A So, uh, I...  
28
- 29 Q So tell me uh (ph) little bit about what you're just talking about right now, um (ph),  
30 did you ever stay in the Mosque?  
31 A Yeah I stayed in the Mosque before I moved into the, uh, the trailer. I had rented  
32 the trailer but I wasn't making enough money to pay my rent. To, to be honest  
33 with you.  
34
- 35 Q Okay.  
36 A So I eventually just moved out of the trailer. But I had uh (ph) sister that lived  
37 near Phoenix. So I knew that I had somewhere to go. But I wanted to learn as  
38 much as could while I was there with him and then I got in touch with my sister  
39 and then I went on the move.  
40
- 41 Q Alright. How was the set up as far as sleeping arrangements if people were to  
42 stay in the Mosque where is it that they would sleep?

- 1 A They gotta (ph) uh (ph) big room that, that they, like they're living room...  
2  
3 Q Okay.  
4 A ...where they prayed at.  
5  
6 Q Alright.  
7 A And you could sleep right there on the floor and, uh, as long as it wasn't prayer  
8 time.  
9  
10 Q And how many people as far as you knew would, would, would do this, would  
11 take him, would take him up on this offer?  
12 A At, at, at uh (ph) time probably, maybe no more than three (3) or four (4) people.  
13  
14 Q Do you think it was every night that someone stayed there?  
15 A Uh, it was possible somebody could. But, uh, I really don't know 'cause once I  
16 got into the, um (ph)...  
17  
18 Q I'm showing you uh (ph) picture, does that look like the area that you're talking  
19 about? And I know it's uh (ph) long time ago so if you don't remember that's fine  
20 too.  
21 A Hm (ph). Is this the kitchen right here?  
22  
23 Q You're, you're pointing to the far right side there, let me take uh (ph) look.  
24 A Wait let me look at it. Yeah that was, that was good while ago that I was there.  
25 Let me see. But that area that you see there...  
26  
27 Q Um-hm (affirmative response).  
28 A ...with just the two (2) chairs there...  
29  
30 Q Right.  
31 A ...that's the area I'm speaking of 'cause...  
32  
33 Q That was the praying area.  
34 A ...that's, that's the area where we pray at, yeah.  
35  
36 Q That's where you would hold, I know if, are they called services?  
37 A Yeah they, he...  
38  
39 Q Okay.  
40 A ...would give (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_ there on, on, uh, on Friday and he  
41 would also have uh (ph) class at night where he would teach, uh, different  
42 aspects of the religion.

- 1 Q Okay. Let me show you another picture. The one that, first of all the one I just  
2 showed you is pink carpeting, um (ph), this here, the window that you see here  
3 this would be the front door right...  
4 A That's the front door area...  
5  
6 Q ...correct?  
7 A ...right.  
8  
9 Q Okay. And then the kitchen as far as you remember?  
10 A Right there.  
11  
12 Q Would be it, it almost looks blue but it's on the far right side of the picture.  
13 A I think so yeah...  
14  
15 Q Okay.  
16 A ...yeah.  
17  
18 Q Okay.  
19 A Along that wall is...  
20  
21 Q Do you remember where the parking lot is?  
22 A Uh, let's say this is Euclid and 6<sup>th</sup>.  
23  
24 Q Wow you remember a lot.  
25 A The, yeah, uh, the parking lot in the back is where the trailer was.  
26  
27 Q Okay. And...  
28 A Right.  
29  
30 Q ...the kitchen was not near the parking lot, the kitchen was on the other side of  
31 the house?  
32 A Nah (negative response) the kitchen had to be along that, if...  
33  
34 Q If I give you uh (ph) piece of paper can you draw what you remember of the, kind  
35 of the set up?  
36 A A, there's a corner, the Mosque was on the corner.  
37  
38 Q Okay.  
39 A The kitchen is on this side of the, I couldn't say where along here but somewhere  
40 along this side is the...  
41  
42 Q And this...

- 1 A ...window for the kitchen.  
2  
3 Q ...this is where the parking lot is as well correct?  
4 A Well the parking lot is around the backside isn't it? Wa (ph), oh that's right there  
5 were cars, right. You could park right there.  
6  
7 Q Okay.  
8 A Right. And then...  
9  
10 Q And show me where the trailer was (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_?  
11 A ...in the back, the trailer was back here.  
12  
13 Q Okay.  
14 A In the back.  
15  
16 Q Alright.  
17 A Right. And there was some other buildings attached to the house...  
18  
19 Q Alright.  
20 A ...right there on the...  
21  
22 Q So the front door would be where?  
23 A Up here.  
24  
25 Q Okay.  
26 A And I think this was Euclid or I think that was 6<sup>th</sup> street.  
27  
28 Q Alright.  
29 A Yeah. But, uh...  
30  
31 Q I'm just gonna (ph) mark uh (ph) couple of the things that you showed me. This  
32 here is the trailer?  
33 A Yeah.  
34  
35 Q Um (ph) this is...  
36 A This, the...  
37  
38 Q ...the front door?  
39 A ...the main, yeah, this the main house but then there was some other little  
40 apartments also.  
41  
42 Q Okay.

- 1 A I'm not sure...
- 2
- 3 Q Apartments.
- 4 A ...exactly how they were.
- 5
- 6 Q Um (ph) kitchen area...
- 7 A But you...
- 8
- 9 Q ...is here?
- 10 A Some, the window faced out that way.
- 11
- 12 Q Okay.
- 13 A So, uh, but yeah I do think that there was some kind of parking right there, now
- 14 that I think about it.
- 15
- 16 Q Area along this side, you're not sure where so I'm gonna (ph), and then
- 17 parking...
- 18 A And I think there was uh (ph)...
- 19
- 20 Q ...here.
- 21 A ...door on this side somewhere but...
- 22
- 23 Q Okay. Let me show you uh (ph) picture.
- 24 A ...I'm not sure.
- 25
- 26 Q Um (ph) the trailer in this, is the trailer...
- 27 A Oh yeah...
- 28
- 29 Q ...that you stayed in?
- 30 A ...that's the trailer. That's the trailer.
- 31
- 32 Q Okay. Um (ph) how 'bout some type of utility room...near the kitchen? Do you
- 33 remember how the set up was there?
- 34 A We got uh (ph) little room, once you were in the kitchen he had uh (ph) little room
- 35 where he would, uh, had his computer and all of that.
- 36
- 37 Q Okay. Like an office?
- 38 A Yeah like an office. You, you hit, you could reach it through the kitchen. There
- 39 was uh (ph) little door right there in the kitchen area.
- 40
- 41 Q Does this, I know it's not uh (ph) very good picture with not much information
- 42 there but does that ring uh (ph) bell as to what that is?

- 1 A Huh, well obviously it's uh (ph) door and those are outside windows. So the,  
2 those, that door leads outside.  
3
- 4 Q But from looking at your, in your memory seventeen (17) years ago you're not  
5 sure where?  
6 A (Sigh). (Unknown noise in background)  
7
- 8 Q Eighteen (18) years ago.  
9 A No not, I couldn't tell you exactly what's on the other side of that door no.  
10
- 11 Q Okay.  
12 A But because the pot is there it looks as if it might have been in the kitchen. Isn't  
13 that uh (ph) pot right here?  
14
- 15 Q In the, in the box...  
16 A Yeah.  
17
- 18 Q ...you're pointing to, right. Okay. Um (ph) so you do remember that there's uh  
19 (ph) door along the side...  
20 A Yeah there's uh (ph)....  
21
- 22 Q ...where the kitchen is?  
23 A ...there's uh (ph) door somewhere along here. I think it's...  
24
- 25 Q That leads outside?  
26 A I don't know if it's before the window or after the window...  
27
- 28 Q Okay.  
29 A ...that leads outside. But I do believe that there's an entrance on that side.  
30
- 31 Q And so if I come in the front, the front door the first area that you would come to  
32 would be the...  
33 A That's here. (Unknown noise in background)  
34
- 35 Q ...pink room...  
36 A Right.  
37
- 38 Q ...the pink carpet room where the...  
39 A Right.  
40
- 41 Q ...actual services take place and the...  
42 A Right.



- 1 Q ...prayers take place. People could also sleep there on occasion.  
2 A In fact the front door, that blue door might be the bathroom. I'm not really sure.  
3  
4 Q Because what you're saying right now is this is how it would be set up like this.  
5 So this is probably not the kitchen based on the location of the front door. This is  
6 the front door?  
7 A Um-hm (affirmative response).  
8  
9 Q That's facing 6<sup>th</sup> like you drew.  
10 A Um-hm (affirmative response).  
11  
12 Q And the parking over here, and should be here. Make sense?  
13 A Yeah that, you might be right. That might be the bathroom.  
14  
15 Q Okay. And you're pointing...  
16 A Right.  
17  
18 Q ...near the orange door there, on the orange chair.  
19 A The blue, yeah...  
20  
21 Q Okay.  
22 A ...that might be the bathroom...  
23  
24 Q Okay.  
25 A ...and not the, uh, the kitchen.  
26  
27 Q Okay.  
28 A But it's so, so long ago and...  
29  
30 Q Right.  
31 A ...like I say I didn't, I didn't stay there very long.  
32  
33 Q Can you explain the, the reason for you leaving?  
34 A Oh I, I really wasn't making enough money.  
35  
36 Q Okay.  
37 A Uh, where I was, uh, working at and, uh, I wasn't paying him his rent. And, uh...  
38  
39 Q Were you doing work around the Mosque?  
40 A I did some electrical work in the Mosque. I ran uh (ph) couple circuits for him but,  
41 uh, I didn't wanna (ph) be uh (ph) burden on him. And then I had uh (ph) sister  
42 that lived in, uh, Tempe and I took off and, uh, I, I was actually on my way to see

- 1 her anyway. When I left, um (ph), MARIA in Dallas I was actually on my way to  
2 see her but I was running out of gas and I running out of money. So I stopped in  
3 Tucson and I figured I would get me some work in Tucson and then once I got uh  
4 (ph) few dollars then I would make it all the way back up to, uh, Tempe and I'll  
5 stay with my sister. And I ended up, did stay with my sister for about, for about  
6 uh (ph) year or so I guess. Before I went to, uh, uh, uh, Las Vegas. So when I  
7 heard that he was dead, I heard about it about uh (ph) year after it actually  
8 happened. But I was told that he was killed not long after I had left.  
9
- 10 Q I'm confused about those two (2) things.  
11 A Well what I'm saying is...  
12
- 13 Q Oh I see because you were in Phoenix, okay.  
14 A I stayed in Phoenix for almost for about uh (ph) year.  
15
- 16 Q Well then are you sure that it was February of '91 when you made it back to  
17 Detroit? Because Doctor KHALIFA was killed the end of January of 1990. So  
18 one year later you're back in Detroit?  
19 A Right. I, I spent about uh (ph) year in Phoenix.  
20
- 21 Q And then very briefly in Las Vegas?  
22 A Yeah I was only in Las Vegas about eight (8) months.  
23
- 24 Q Okay.  
25 A I was in Las Vegas about eight (8) months.  
26
- 27 Q Okay.  
28 A But while I was in Las Vegas is when I found out that he was dead. That's when  
29 the ACHMADIO (ph), I mean the, the DOWER brothers and, uh, you know, like I  
30 said they, they're from Pakistan and they just travel around. And they told me  
31 that he was dead. When I showed, they saw the Quran (ph) that I had and they  
32 saw that it was his translation of the Quran (ph).  
33
- 34 Q Right.  
35 A And they seem to be kind of fascinated in him.  
36
- 37 Q Okay.  
38 A So, uh...  
39
- 40 Q Alright. You said you worked at some kind of a electronic store when you were in  
41 Tucson, do you remember the name of it?  
42 A Mm (ph) I don't recall.

- 1 Q Location, street name, anything like that?  
2 A I don't recall, uh, I fixed, uh, it was uh (ph) repair place. Place that repaired, uh,  
3 uh, stereo equipment, TV's, uh, that type of stuff.  
4  
5 Q You said that you were there in uh (ph) car, do you...  
6 A I had, uh...  
7  
8 Q ...remember what kind of car?  
9 A Yeah I had a, uh, um (ph), an Omega, Oldsmobile.  
10  
11 Q Do you remember the color?  
12 A White.  
13  
14 Q How 'bout plates, what state plates?  
15 A Oh it had Kentucky plates.  
16  
17 Q Were you staying in Kentucky?  
18 A Yeah.  
19  
20 Q I'm wondering how you had uh (ph) Kentucky plated vehicle 'cause you came  
21 from...  
22 A I...  
23  
24 Q ...Detroit right?  
25 A Well I, well on the way to Dallas I ended up, uh, being uh (ph) electrician at  
26 Kentucky State University.  
27  
28 Q Okay.  
29 A So, uh, but they were only paying twelve (12) fifty (50) an hour and, uh, I  
30 eventually left Kentucky. And, uh, when I left Kentucky I was on my way to  
31 Dallas. So when I left Kentucky I went to Dallas but I bought the car for about uh  
32 (ph) hundred and fifty (150) dollars. And, uh...  
33  
34 Q So you already have these electrician skills prior to doing the apprenticeship in  
35 Dallas?  
36 A Right. I just wanted to get certified.  
37  
38 Q Okay.  
39 A I wanted to get uh (ph) piece of paper saying 'cause I, I...  
40  
41 Q For the union and...

1 A I went to General Motors Institute here in, uh, they call it Kettering University  
2 now. I'd been going to school for electrical engineering and all of that before  
3 already. So I understood and I was doing electrical work. All I wanted was uh  
4 (ph) journeyman's card. But when I got to Dallas and the thing didn't, you know,  
5 things didn't work out between me and my ex-wife I knew I could do electrical. I  
6 had electrical tools in the car. And I knew that all I had to do was go somewhere  
7 and go somewhere where they was building something and I could...  
8  
9 Q And you'd find work.  
10 A ...get work, right.  
11  
12 Q Okay.  
13 A And that's what I end up doing when I got to, to, uh, Phoenix. And when I got to  
14 Las Vegas I work, worked for West Electrical Contractors when I got to Vegas.  
15 But, uh, and then, uh, I worked for Acme electric sign company when I was in  
16 Las Vegas also. But, uh, I couldn't find any work in Tucson. They just wasn't  
17 building anything and I just didn't get in the right click, you know, you have to  
18 know where the jobs are and I just, Tucson is more uh (ph) University of Arizona  
19 type. It's more, it's uh (ph) more academic environment then, uh, you know, the  
20 blue-collar environment. And it's not, there wasn't a lot going on, you need uh  
21 (ph) connect in Tucson more so than you need in somewhere like Vegas or, uh,  
22 Phoenix.  
23  
24 Q Okay. Um (ph) bear with me here. I have uh (ph) couple specific questions that  
25 I'm trying to get covered. Um (ph) I read something in the file about you being  
26 asked to leave by Doctor KHALIFA, did that happen?  
27 A Uh, I wasn't paying him his rent, I think he did asked me to leave...  
28  
29 Q Okay.  
30 A ...yeah.  
31  
32 Q Was there an issue involving drinking?  
33 A He, he didn't say anything to me about that.  
34  
35 Q Okay.  
36 A But I was more uh (ph) weed smoker than uh (ph) drinker.  
37  
38 Q Okay.  
39 A Yeah.  
40  
41 Q Did you know if anyone in this, I know you kind of said there's apartments and  
42 people staying places. Did, did you have any problems with any of those people,

1 for example they found out that you were smoking weed or doing something like  
2 that that they wanted you out that you know of?  
3 A Mm (ph), they didn't tell me that.  
4  
5 Q Okay.  
6 A I really didn't socialize too much with the people who were there.  
7  
8 Q So you don't remember having any problems with anybody...  
9 A No.  
10  
11 Q ...associated with the Mosque?  
12 A I really, I couldn't even tell you anybody's name.  
13  
14 Q Okay.  
15 A Except, uh, the, the, the Turkish guy who did a lot of the writing. 'Cause when I  
16 did the electrical work I think I ran uh (ph) outlet or something for them in there.  
17 But, uh, nah (negative)...  
18  
19 Q And you're talking about the office or somewhere else?  
20 A Well there was another little room where the Turkish guy was. I'm not sure  
21 exactly, see I'm, this is so long ago that I really don't have uh (ph), uh (ph), uh  
22 (ph) very vivid memory of what...  
23  
24 Q The house setup?  
25 A ...how the layout was.  
26  
27 Q Okay.  
28 A But there was one room where the Turkish guy had his computer.  
29  
30 Q Um-hm (affirmative response).  
31 A And then there was another room that you got to through the kitchen where  
32 brother KHALIFA had his, his and then I guess that led to those other little rooms  
33 that were, there were some other little rooms I guess he rented out that people  
34 rented out. But...  
35  
36 Q Are you talking about the apartments or something different? Rooms like work,  
37 office...  
38 A Like apartments...  
39  
40 Q ...rooms?  
41 A ...like apartments.  
42

- 1 Q Oh okay.  
2 A Right.  
3  
4 Q Okay.  
5 A So but and I think I ran uh (ph) outlet and connected to the power up in the attic  
6 and ran it down so they have another outlet. I did that but, uh...  
7  
8 Q And the name of the Turkish person, do you remember?  
9 A Uh, I don't even remember, I was trying to remember just now. But he's, he was  
10 his second in command.  
11  
12 Q Okay.  
13 A I, I don't know, I forgot what his name was. But he was the, like the second in  
14 command.  
15  
16 Q And he is the person that you mentioned that would show you the pictures of  
17 Doctor KHALIFA with some of these other people that you knew?  
18 A Oh no, uh, Doctor KHALIFA showed me the articles and pictures...  
19  
20 Q Oh okay.  
21 A ...of him being with people that I had already known...  
22  
23 Q Okay.  
24 A ...as uh (ph) Muslim. Now he did that himself. I didn't really socialize too much  
25 with the Turkish guy and the other people.  
26  
27 Q Um-hm (affirmative response).  
28 A Brother KHALIFA was real outgoing kind of guy. And my communication while I  
29 was there was primarily with him. I didn't know too many of the other people.  
30 'Cause they were, he had somebody there from different countries in fact. You  
31 know what I'm saying. So, uh, I didn't have a lot to say with them. I, I actually,  
32 once I got on my feet and found myself some work then I was, uh, spending most  
33 of my time somewhere else. I really wasn't there. Slowly I was easing out of  
34 there 'cause I didn't like being in the situation where I'm living in somebody's  
35 house. I didn't particularly care for that. And then, uh, I wasn't making the  
36 money that I thought I should have been making. And, uh, I knew that  
37 eventually, 'cause I was late on my rent and I knew that eventually we wasn't  
38 going to, you know, this was gonna (ph) mess up.  
39  
40 Q Right.



- 1 A You know so I was kind of trying to make plans to ease on out of there anyway.  
2 But no I didn't have any kind of problem. Somebody say that I had uh (ph)  
3 problem with somebody?  
4
- 5 Q Well not necessarily that you had uh (ph) problem with somebody but, um (ph)  
6 that you had been asked to leave because you were drinking which is against the  
7 religion.
- 8 A Well I don't, I don't recall that I was asked to leave because I was drinking but if  
9 someone said that that was the reason, he didn't tell me that was the reason.  
10
- 11 Q Okay.  
12 A But, uh, drinking I was uh (ph) weed smoker. But I really wasn't drinking. I, I  
13 wouldn't have been stupid enough to have no bottles of alcohol there...  
14
- 15 Q There, okay.  
16 A ...anyway.  
17
- 18 Q Okay.  
19 A You know what I'm saying.  
20
- 21 Q Even at the trailer when you were living in the trailer...  
22 A Nah (negative response) because...  
23
- 24 Q ...you lived...  
25 A ...he, he owned the trailer.  
26
- 27 Q Okay.  
28 A Nah (negative response) I wouldn't do that. He, they might of found some bud  
29 back there.  
30
- 31 Q Okay.  
32 A But, uh, no I wouldn't have been dumb enough to do that.  
33
- 34 Q Okay. And do you remember uh (ph) confront, no I don't, I don't wanna (ph) call  
35 it uh (ph) confrontation but you, you don't specifically remember being asked to  
36 leave by Doctor KHALIFA in reference to the rent money, you just think that you  
37 knew you weren't gonna (ph) be able to make it and you probably...  
38 A No I believe...  
39
- 40 Q ...took off.  
41 A ...that he probably said something to me about it. And, uh, but...  
42

- 1 Q Not angrily, something along the lines of if you can't...  
2 A I...  
3  
4 Q ...pay rent you need to find other arrangements, something like that or?  
5 A Oh I, and I don't think that that's, that's, that's how it went down. He, he never  
6 displayed anger anyway.  
7  
8 Q You never saw Doctor KHALIFA angry?  
9 A No I never saw him angry.  
10  
11 Q And then...  
12 A And I was never angry at him.  
13  
14 Q Okay.  
15 A And, uh, nah (negative response) because he did me uh (ph) favor. He gave me  
16 uh (ph) place to stay when I didn't have nowhere to stay. And then he used to  
17 cook food in there and feed us and never asked us for nothing. In fact when he  
18 had his service he didn't pass no collection plate or nothing, you know. So I had  
19 no reason to be angry with him. But I was...  
20  
21 Q Who, who was...  
22 A ...kind of wild.  
23  
24 Q Okay, why?  
25 A I wasn't, I wasn't, uh, I wasn't as disciplined of uh (ph) Muslim as I am now.  
26 And...  
27  
28 Q So what does that mean? You were kind of wild meaning what, what kind of  
29 things other than smoking bud?  
30 A Well I mean that, that I didn't have uh (ph) real sub (ph), I didn't have the, I didn't  
31 have the, the, I didn't have the Islamic demeanor back then. I had more the I'm  
32 from Detroit kind of demeanor. So you know the fact that I would even smoke uh  
33 (ph) joint in the trailer, you know, that's something I would never do now but back  
34 then, you know, I guess...  
35  
36 Q How 'bout the ladies, did you have contact with the ladies back then that would  
37 of...  
38 A Uh, I had, uh, I had met someone, uh, at uh (ph) health food store.  
39  
40 Q Okay. Nobody...  
41 A And then, uh...  
42

- 1 Q ...from the Mosque?  
2 A Oh nah (negative), it don't pay to mess with the ladies in the Mosque.  
3  
4 Q Okay.  
5 A No, no, no, no that's, uh, an easy way to get killed. No, no, no, no, no. No well,  
6 uh, I might have been overly friendly to somebody perhaps, is that the report that  
7 you have?  
8  
9 Q That's one of the other things that was mentioned that that was possible. That  
10 you had an issue or someone had problems with you because you were overly  
11 friendly with one of the ladies at the Mosque.  
12 A Oh that might have been, that might have been true. But that wasn't no reason  
13 for me to leave.  
14  
15 Q Okay.  
16 A I, I...  
17  
18 Q Do you remember (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_?  
19 A ...I'm saying nobody, let, let me say this. (Clearing throat) I might have been  
20 overly friendly yeah but I never had no contact, no sexual contact or no contact,  
21 no touching.  
22  
23 Q Does overly friendly mean...  
24 A I might have been...  
25  
26 Q ...flirting? Is that what, what that means to you?  
27 A Well I guess flirting is when, is, is when you, you say clever stuff to make people  
28 laugh, knowing that there's no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.  
29  
30 Q Okay.  
31 A I mean another words you're not expecting anything.  
32  
33 Q Okay.  
34 A All you wanna (ph) do is just put uh (ph) smile on they face.  
35  
36 Q Right.  
37 A You know what I'm saying? Because you know the situation you in. That this  
38 your Muslim brother and you're not supposed to be, but see I, I didn't know then  
39 to not even have nothing to say to 'em. See I was, like I say I'm from Detroit.  
40 And I'm, I'm, I'm just friendly, you know. When you on the road you gotta (ph) be  
41 friendly. You know 'cause you, you, you want people to look out for you.  
42

- 1 Q And so you think it's possible someone may have taken offense to...
- 2 A Well the fact that you...
- 3
- 4 Q ...that?
- 5 A ...bring it up.
- 6
- 7 Q Okay.
- 8 A The fact that the, that, that ya (ph), ya (ph), that even was spoken of, apparently
- 9 somebody took offense to it.
- 10
- 11 Q Okay. Prior...
- 12 A But...
- 13
- 14 Q ...to me bringing it up you had no idea that you had...
- 15 A But no one said anything to me.
- 16
- 17 Q Okay. So there was no conversation with you about drinking, you shouldn't be
- 18 drinking and there was no conversation with you about being overly friendly with
- 19 any of the women?
- 20 A No they ain't never said anything to me about it.
- 21
- 22 Q Okay. So...
- 23 A (Inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 24
- 25 Q ...when you, when you left (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_?
- 26 A Well see this, this, no this is what happened. I was over uh (ph) lady's house
- 27 and I called the Mosque and to let her listen to his recording. And his recording
- 28 said (Inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_, lots of Arabic. And, uh, I think he might of
- 29 heard me say to her that suppose I have uh (ph) customer call and they hear
- 30 this, you know, he might have heard me in the background 'cause the day aft
- 31 (ph), 'cause I spent the night over the lady's house. And it was right after I spent
- 32 the night over the lady's house that he asked me to, to move. And he might have
- 33 been looking at that as maybe fornication or whatever.
- 34
- 35 Q Okay.
- 36 A And yeah see I think that that but he did mention something about his rent. But I
- 37 didn't give him no hassle or nothing like that. I just went on and packed my stuff
- 38 and I took off.
- 39
- 40 Q So on the...
- 41 A So I think that that...
- 42

- 1 Q ...recording there may have been...
- 2 A Yeah he might have heard something in the background 'cause that's, that's the  
3 reason why I thought that he asked me to le (ph), leave. But I knew that I owed  
4 him for rent.
- 5
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A But I had called the, the place and I wanted her to listen. I had met her at the  
8 health food store. And I immediately ended up 'cause I, I actually wanted to get  
9 out of there. I didn't wanna (ph) be over there and I didn't wanna (ph) be like uh  
10 (ph) burden on him.
- 11
- 12 Q Right.
- 13 A And I had met somebody, you know, we in the health food store so we eat alike  
14 and, you know, I kind of like her and I just wanted to get out of there actually. So,  
15 uh, but I called the, the Mosque so she could hear the recording and he...
- 16
- 17 Q Just to hear the Arabic connotations?
- 18 A Yeah 'cause he's, he's, he, when hi (ph), his greeting on the, on the line is lots of  
19 long Arabic and I knew that, that if I was, if I was getting work in the street and I  
20 gave somebody my phone number...
- 21
- 22 Q Oh.
- 23 A ...I didn't want them to hear all of that before they finally get to me because it  
24 might, you know, a lot of people were kind of prejudice against Muslims even  
25 back then. So I didn't want them to hear all that, so I was kind of laughing with  
26 her. I said yeah somebody call me, it's you or somebody called me and they  
27 hear all this, they gonna (ph) hang up immediately. And, uh, I think he might of  
28 heard me say that.
- 29
- 30 Q Okay.
- 31 A And I think that that might have had something to do with him asking me to leave.  
32 But, uh, I was behind, I was about uh (ph) month behind in the rent though.
- 33
- 34 Q Alright.
- 35 A So I figured that, uh, the rent was probably the, the main thing. But as far as I  
36 had no sexual contact or any, any dis (ph), dishonorable contact with nobody  
37 else's woman there.
- 38
- 39 Q Okay.
- 40 A I'm not that stupid.
- 41
- 42 Q Okay.

- 1 A To do that there.  
2  
3 Q Alright.  
4 A And, uh, I was more uh (ph) bud smoker than uh (ph) drinker. And if they, I  
5 doubt very seriously that they, uh, they saw me or saw any evidence of any  
6 drinking there. Uh, they might have been able to determine it based on how I  
7 was acting perhaps but nobody came to me and said anything about drinking.  
8 And he never said I had to leave because I was drinking.  
9  
10 Q Okay.  
11 A But they might of, when they went in the trailer they might have found some bud  
12 that I had stashed in the trailer. They might have found that.  
13  
14 Q I don't know anything about that.  
15 A It, what other things...  
16  
17 Q Okay those are the only two (2)...  
18 A ...have they said. (Laughing)  
19  
20 Q ...the (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_. Those are the only if you wanna (ph) call  
21 'em issues. But I do have some more questions for, for you. I know you said  
22 that you did electrical stuff.  
23 A Right.  
24  
25 Q And that you, you mentioned uh (ph) wire from the attic. Any other, I mean did  
26 you do work in the entire area?  
27 A No, no what I did was, uh, they just wanted to run another outlet...  
28  
29 Q Okay. So it's...  
30 A ...in uh (ph) room.  
31  
32 Q ...so it's uh (ph) pretty basic job that you did.  
33 A Yeah real simple. I didn't do no major, major work.  
34  
35 Q Okay. Um (ph) did you ever injure yourself while you were in the building?  
36 A Not that I know of.  
37  
38 Q Okay. Would there be uh (ph) reason that your blood would be anywhere in the  
39 building?  
40 A No.  
41  
42 Q Okay. Um (ph)...



- 1 A Did you find some blood in the building?  
2  
3 Q Well there's blood in the building because of the way Doctor KHALIFA was killed.  
4 A How was he killed actually?  
5  
6 Q He was not shot.  
7 A Oh he wasn't?  
8  
9 Q No.  
10 A Oh see somebody told me uh (ph) lie. They said that, uh, somebody drove up in  
11 that parking lot and shot through the window in the kitchen. How was he killed?  
12  
13 Q That's not accurate. I don't get to share.  
14 A No but that happened so long ago.  
15  
16 Q I know but we're still investigating. We don't have anybody under arrest for it at  
17 this point in time.  
18 A Oh see I thought, see this, these guys didn't know what they were talking about.  
19  
20 Q Okay. Um (ph) did you ever do any painting while you were there? Any, I don't  
21 know if you ever did any other kind of odd jobs or only the electrical.  
22 A I did some other little stuff but I just don't remember. You know, actually I did  
23 whatever he asked me.  
24  
25 Q Okay.  
26 A So, you know, whatever he asked me I did.  
27  
28 Q So did that include odd jobs?  
29 A Yeah, uh, occasionally I did some things but what I'm trying to say is that I don't  
30 specifically remember because that was really uh (ph) long time ago.  
31  
32 Q Sure.  
33 A I'm, I'm having trouble even telling you how the layout was.  
34  
35 Q That's fair. And...  
36 A You know, so.  
37  
38 Q ...and so some of my questions are specific and if you don't know the answer  
39 that's...  
40 A Yeah.  
41  
42 Q ...that's fine. But I'm gonna (ph) ask 'em just...

- 1 A Because I had forgotten about the, the cars parking on the side there.  
2  
3 Q Right.  
4 A And until I thought about it's like yeah there were cars parked down there.  
5  
6 Q During the time that you were there and that you knew Doctor KHALIFA, did he  
7 ever carry uh (ph) gun that you know of?  
8 A I never saw him with uh (ph) weapon of any kind.  
9  
10 Q Okay. Did he ever talk about the need to protect himself or?  
11 A No he was more I'm the messenger of the Covenant, I've got divine protection  
12 kind of, you know he kind of played it like that.  
13  
14 Q He thought he'd be okay based on his...  
15 A Well you kind of...  
16  
17 Q ...position?  
18 A ...exuded, you kind of, you kind of got that, that impression...  
19  
20 Q Okay. So that's...  
21 A ...that he felt that...  
22  
23 Q ...the way...  
24 A ...Allah...  
25  
26 Q ...he put out, he didn't actually say that?  
27 A No he didn't actually say that but you got the impression that he was chosen by  
28 Allah to do the missions that he's doing and that Allah protects those that, uh, are  
29 his servants so, you know, if you kind of, and then the fearlessness that he went  
30 after the, uh, the people who spoke against him. You know, the, his fearlessness  
31 you figured that, uh, he was confident that, uh, he would be safe.  
32  
33 Q Have you ever heard of a, uh (ph) group or sect called the Fuqra (ph) in the  
34 United States?  
35 A No. Where are they from?  
36  
37 Q They're based in the United States and Canada. Fuqra (ph) or El Fuqra, not  
38 familiar?  
39 A No.  
40  
41 Q Um (ph), primarily, uh, African American Muslims.  
42 A I'm not familiar with that group.

- 1 Q Okay. Do you have any associates in, oh I don't know if associates, do you know  
2 anybody in Chicago?
- 3 A Uh, I know uh (ph) few people from Chicago.  
4
- 5 Q Did any of them know Doctor KHALIFA as far as you know?  
6 A Uh, I can't say...  
7
- 8 Q Never heard...  
9 A ...if they knew of Doctor KHALIFA but Doctor KHALIFA as I found out later is,  
10 was pretty well known. But, uh, but let me say this you got a lot of, uh, Muslim  
11 groups that are primarily gangsters and not religious. You know, you got El  
12 Ruqans (ph), you got, uh, Blackstone Rangers, you got a lot of different  
13 organizations that claim to be Muslims. You got gangsters (inaudible)  
14 \_\_\_\_\_ . You got a lot of organizations that claim to be Muslim. But  
15 they're not religious.  
16
- 17 Q They're more like actual gangs is what you're saying?  
18 A Yeah they're actually gangs. So, you know.  
19
- 20 Q What you're talking about though, those type of gangs do they...  
21 A They don't get into religious...  
22
- 23 Q Did they prey on like religious...  
24 A They...  
25
- 26 Q ...targets, no they're more like gangsters?  
27 A Oh they're, they're getting money and stuff like that. If they go after somebody  
28 it's, it has to do with business. And...  
29
- 30 Q It's uh (ph) financial gain versus...  
31 A Yeah they're not, they're not getting in, they're not gonna (ph) do something on  
32 uh (ph) religious (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_ because they, they that's not their  
33 concern.  
34
- 35 Q So Doctor KHALIFA's teachings, uh...  
36 A Wouldn't have made uh (ph) difference to these guys.  
37
- 38 Q Fair enough.  
39 A Okay.  
40
- 41 Q Fair enough. Uh, did you have contact with Traveler's Aid prior to going to the  
42 Mosque in Tucson if you remember?

- 1 A Hm (ph) I might have tried to get something from them. Do they show uh (ph)  
2 record of me getting in touch with them?  
3
- 4 Q Uh, it was just mentioned that by one of the people that you, they thought you  
5 came from Traveler's Aid or had some association with Traveler's Aid prior to  
6 coming to the Mosque.  
7 A I don't think so. I'm, I might, well I have, I, I, I really don't remember. Uh, I really  
8 don't remember.  
9
- 10 Q Okay.  
11 A When you got in touch with the Traveler's Aid organization did they show any  
12 record...  
13
- 14 Q I haven't been...  
15 A ...of me?  
16
- 17 Q ...in touch with Traveler's Aid.  
18 A Oh.  
19
- 20 Q There was some, um (ph), difficulty back early on trying to identify who you were,  
21 I mean the people knew that you were WALTER but, um (ph), they weren't sure.  
22 And so later on we found your, they found your address in, um (ph), the  
23 computer there.  
24 A Hm (ph).  
25
- 26 Q Being from Detroit. So that's how we were able to identify which WALTER you  
27 were...  
28 A Hm (ph).  
29
- 30 Q ...'cause it had your address so. Um (ph) I don't know anything about the  
31 Traveler's Aid, I was just like seeing if it was refresh your memory.  
32 A Hm (ph).  
33
- 34 Q Did you have contact with Traveler's Aid in other places that you had gone? So  
35 that would be maybe uh (ph) place that you may have contacted?  
36 A Uh...  
37
- 38 Q It, was Traveler's Aid like uh (ph) shelter kind of uh (ph) situation as far as you  
39 knew?  
40 A Traveler's Aid is an organization whereby if you're on the road and you need to  
41 be able to get money to be able to get home...  
42

- 1 Q Gas...
- 2 A ...then Traveler's Aid is uh (ph), is people who could help you do that.
- 3
- 4 Q Okay.
- 5 A It's uh (ph) possibility that I might have gone to Traveler's Aid but it's unlikely
- 6 because Traveler's Aid is not, they're not giving away money like they used to.
- 7
- 8 Q Even back then...
- 9 A But...
- 10
- 11 Q ...in ninety (90)?
- 12 A ...but it might have been, I might have, I might have I don't, I'm not really sure.
- 13
- 14 Q Okay. I got uh (ph) couple more pictures for you to see if you remember. Did I
- 15 show you that one, do you remember where that was? That's uh (ph) picture of
- 16 uh (ph) ladder in uh (ph), in uh (ph) room, would you be able to say which room
- 17 that was?
- 18 A Hm (ph), I probably used that ladder but...
- 19
- 20 Q To, to get up in the attic and stuff.
- 21 A In this in the kitchen?
- 22
- 23 Q Actually I'm asking you. Part of the problem...
- 24 A Because see there was uh (ph), that, that, is that a, um (ph)...
- 25
- 26 Q You're pointing at the left bottom corner?
- 27 A Yeah. Is that uh (ph), because he had a, he had like uh (ph), let me think. If
- 28 there's uh (ph) door that comes in here...
- 29
- 30 Q Um-hm (affirmative response).
- 31 A ...and this is the ledge. Then what he cooked on was on that ledge. If, if I got
- 32 this right.
- 33
- 34 Q In the kitchen? You're talking about uh (ph) ledge in the kitchen?
- 35 A Yeah.
- 36
- 37 Q Like uh (ph) counter top?
- 38 A But, but this, this must not be there because I don't recall any, 'cause as you
- 39 were sit, standing in the kitchen there was uh (ph) door right there that led to his
- 40 office. So no this couldn't be in the kitchen. I really can't tell you for sure...
- 41
- 42 Q Okay.

- 1 A ...or where it, what room this is. But that ladder I might of, I might of used that  
2 ladder 'cause I had to, uh, run uh (ph) line like I told you...  
3
- 4 Q Okay.  
5 A ...before.  
6
- 7 Q Are you familiar with this type of solvent? I'm showing you uh (ph) picture of a  
8 container of Zylol (ph).  
9 A No I've never used that myself.  
10
- 11 Q Do you remember seeing anything like that at the Mosque?  
12 A Ss (ph) no I did, if I did see it it didn't, it didn't, uh, ring uh (ph) bell.  
13
- 14 Q Okay.  
15 A To me.  
16
- 17 Q From looking at that would you know what to do with that?  
18 A Uh, it looks like there's, is that paint on there?  
19
- 20 Q Looks like it.  
21 A I'm not sure. Zylene (ph), I'm not sure what that's used for.  
22
- 23 Q Okay. So just from looking at it, it's not something that would be familiar to you?  
24 A No because I primarily did electrical work. I didn't, uh, do a lot of painting and  
25 stuff like that. I mean I might have done some painting if he had some painting  
26 he said here paint this, I would do that. But as far as know what solvents to get  
27 to do the work I, I'm not that...  
28
- 29 Q Do you know who this person is?  
30 A (Unknown noise in background) Now this is from in Tucson?  
31
- 32 Q Well actually have you met that person anywhere? Tucson being one of the  
33 places but anywhere?  
34 A I'm not sure. He looks like a lot of different people. What's his name? If you told  
35 me his name I could tell you if I've met him.  
36
- 37 Q Well there's several different names so I, I, kind of what I'll do is I'll run through  
38 uh (ph) list of names and have you tell me if any of the names are familiar.  
39 A It's hard to say.  
40
- 41 Q Okay. So...  
42 A He...



- 1 Q ...when you say he looks like a lot of people, it's just not uh (ph) familiar face?  
2 A Is he an American, let me ask you that?  
3  
4 Q Uh, probably not born American no.  
5 A I can't say for sure that I recognize who the guy is but there was an African guy  
6 that lived there with his wife on the compound while I was there. I don't recall...  
7  
8 Q And you're talking about this being the compound?  
9 A Right.  
10  
11 Q Okay.  
12 A They had one of the apartments there.  
13  
14 Q Okay.  
15 A But I'm not sure if this is the guy because it's been so long since I've seen him I  
16 really can't say for sure and, you know, he looks like so many other people.  
17  
18 Q That's fair. Um (ph) do you know the name MAMOOD ABIB from the  
19 compound?  
20 A MAMOOD ... (sigh)  
21  
22 Q Was married to LINDA ABIB and they were having some marital difficulties?  
23 A Oh then I know who you talking about. Uh, was he fr (ph), was she an American  
24 and he was from somewhere else?  
25  
26 Q I believe so.  
27 A Oh yeah I know them.  
28  
29 Q Now that's not the Turkish person you're talking about?  
30 A No that's not the Turkish person.  
31  
32 Q Okay.  
33 A And that's probably who I was too friendly with.  
34  
35 Q Okay.  
36 A Because she was an American.  
37  
38 Q Okay.  
39 A But, uh, I didn't know him personally. I didn't know her personally. Uh, but, uh,  
40 yeah there was an American lady there who was married to, uh, I'm not really  
41 sure where he was from. But I know he was from somewhere in Africa.  
42

- 1 Q There was concerns and, and I'm not saying on the police part but there was  
2 some concerns by some of the people who were involved in this facility here that,  
3 um (ph), someone may have bugged the Mosque to be able to hear what it was  
4 that Doctor KHALIFA was teaching. In your time there and like while you were  
5 doing the electrical work did you ever see any evidence of any recording devices  
6 or (coughing in background) anything like that?
- 7 A No I didn't see any evidence of, uh, recording devices. However (clearing throat)  
8 he didn't frisk anybody at the door. So he had classes, uh, once uh (ph) week.  
9
- 10 Q You're saying people could have recorded those if they had uh (ph) recording  
11 device on their person?
- 12 A Yeah they could have had one like, just like you've got that. They could have  
13 had one and just like you got that on they could have had one in their pocket.  
14
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 A And they could have just sat there.  
17
- 18 Q Okay.
- 19 A But he didn't make his teachings uh (ph) secret, you know, and...  
20
- 21 Q So he wouldn't have been concerned if someone had recorded him in the first  
22 place?
- 23 A Nah (negative response) I don't think that, nah (negative) he, he wanted to teach.  
24 He...  
25
- 26 Q And you said something about, uh, Las Vegas, did you say Las Vegas  
27 convention or something?
- 28 A They had some sort of convention before I got there.  
29
- 30 Q Okay.
- 31 A And, uh...  
32
- 33 Q And that's why you think these people from all over the country were visiting?
- 34 A Yeah there were people from all over the country that was coming there.  
35
- 36 Q And when you say that I, I guess I'm just not sure what you mean. Were they  
37 coming and actually staying at the Mosque, were they coming to uh (ph) prayer,  
38 were they coming...  
39 A There was...  
40
- 41 Q ...to have meetings with him?

- 1 A ...there were, there were some that were coming, staying uh (ph) couple days  
2 and leaving.  
3
- 4 Q Um-hm (affirmative response).
- 5 A They were Iranians, uh, people from African countries, there were, there were a  
6 lot of different types of people from different nationalities. And a lot of 'em lived  
7 there in Tucson.  
8
- 9 Q But they were...
- 10 A And they...
- 11
- 12 Q ...staying at the Mosque?
- 13 A No, no these were not staying at the Mosque but they were coming there.  
14
- 15 Q For prayers (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_?
- 16 A For his classes.  
17
- 18 Q Okay.
- 19 A For not just prayer but for his classes too.  
20
- 21 Q Okay.
- 22 A And every Friday there was all different nationalities there, yeah. And anybody  
23 who wanted to could have had uh (ph) little recording device and could have  
24 gone there and recorded. So I don't think that they would have had to put uh  
25 (ph), uh (ph), uh (ph), some sort of bug in his house in order to, uh, find out about  
26 his teachings. But he used to write a lot too.  
27
- 28 Q Things that he would allow you all to read?
- 29 A Yeah he used to write in a lot of the professional publications. In fact he, he  
30 wrote in the, uh, huh, I done forgot the names of the different publications. He  
31 was uh (ph) chemist himself I believe. And, uh, the AMA's paper he wrote  
32 something that got published in there. And, uh, he wrote stuff that got published  
33 in a lot of places. He was, I was, I was, um (ph), I was impressed by his  
34 scholarly pursuits and achievements. He, he was, uh, he was somebody you  
35 could take seriously if they told you something that you didn't really understand.  
36 You, you'd take him seriously. And you'd continue to listen to him because he  
37 always had uh (ph) logical argument to support what his claims were.  
38
- 39 Q Okay. I told you I'd give you uh (ph) list of names and what I want you to do is I  
40 want you to think about them specific to Tucson, but I'd like you to expand that to  
41 Dallas, Detroit, wherever it is that you've been and tell me if these names are  
42 familiar to you in any way.

- 1 A Alright.  
2  
3 Q Okay? CALVIN JUNIOR HARRIS.  
4 A CALVIN JUNIOR HARRIS? No it don't ring uh (ph) bell.  
5  
6 Q And some of these may be, I don't know it Muslim names or, but names that are  
7 not, uh, American. So I, if I mispronounce them I apologize. AMIR MOHAMMED  
8 AMAD.  
9 A Hm (ph) not sure.  
10  
11 Q Okay. What I'll do is I'll, I'll say the names and if there's one that's familiar you let  
12 me know, how's that?  
13 A Alright.  
14  
15 Q 'Cause I kind of have uh (ph) long list for you.  
16 A Oh.  
17  
18 Q TYRONE JUNIOR COLE, ROBERT JUNIOR WESLEY, GLEN NEVILLE or  
19 NEVIL FORD?  
20 A GLEN FORD?  
21  
22 Q GLEN FORD.  
23 A Nah (negative response).  
24  
25 Q ABDULLAH HALIM, GLEN FRANCES?  
26 A Nah (negative response).  
27  
28 Q OMAR KALID, or KALEED, ABDUL MATEEN, IAN BILLY PETERS?  
29 A Nah (negative response).  
30  
31 Q LELAND WALKER?  
32 A WALKER, Nah (negative response).  
33  
34 Q BENJAMIN PHILLIPS?  
35 A No.  
36  
37 Q J.Q. WALL or JOSEPH QWAY WALL?  
38 A No.  
39  
40 Q RAYMOND BOND?  
41 A No.  
42

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1 Q ABU RASHID MUSTAFA?  
2 A Uh...  
3  
4 Q Wel (ph)...  
5 A ABDUL RASHID...  
6  
7 Q AB, ABDOU...  
8 A ...MUSTAFA?  
9  
10 Q ...A-B-D-O-U, RASHID MUSTAFA.  
11 A No.  
12  
13 Q WILFRED SAVORY?  
14 A No, no.  
15  
16 Q KADIR ALI? And I'm not sure about the first name. K-H-I-D-R, KADIR.  
17 A K-H-I-D-R?  
18  
19 Q Correct.  
20 A KADIR?  
21  
22 Q KADIR.  
23 A Yeah.  
24  
25 Q ALI.  
26 A No.  
27  
28 Q CLAUDE HUNT.  
29 A No.  
30  
31 Q ERNEST JOHN.  
32 A No.  
33  
34 Q MAX LON FONGENE, F-O-N-G-E-N-I-E.  
35 A No.  
36  
37 Q STEVEN PAUL PASTURE.  
38 A Um-um (negative response).  
39  
40 Q CHRIS CHILDS, JAMES DONALD WILLIAMS, SAMUEL MCCLAIN.  
41 A Um-um (negative response).  
42

- 1 Q MOHAMMED, I'm sorry MUHAMED SHAKUR.  
2 A MUHAMED SHAKUR?  
3  
4 Q S-H-A-Q, I'm sorry, S-H-A-K-U-R, SHAKUR. EDWARD NICHOLAS FORTON.  
5 A No.  
6  
7 Q EDWARD SOLOMAN CATS, K-A-T-Z.  
8 A No.  
9  
10 Q Um (ph) WILLIAM ALFRED LAMAY, IDRIS ABDUL...  
11 A EDRIS.  
12  
13 Q I'm sorry. EDRIS...  
14 A I-D-R-I-S, yeah.  
15  
16 Q I-D-R, I'm sorry.  
17 A Yeah he's...  
18  
19 Q IDRIS ABDUL MUSOWEER, M-U-S-A-W-I-R?  
20 A No that don't ring uh (ph) bell.  
21  
22 Q Okay. I'm almost done. CURTIS BAYLOR.  
23 A No.  
24  
25 Q MUHAMED SULMAN, ABDUL MOJIT, RAYMOND PHILLIPS, JAMES UPSHER  
26 JUNIOR, KEVIN CHERRY.  
27 A Um-um (negative response).  
28  
29 Q Or at, this may be uh (ph) repeat SHARIF ALI?  
30 A SHARIF ALI? See some of those people, the first name, see there's a lot of  
31 people ch (ph), a lot of times you don't know uh (ph) person's whole name.  
32  
33 Q You don't think their first names?  
34 A And sometime I just know their first name so I can't say that these people are the  
35 people that you're naming.  
36  
37 Q Okay.  
38 A 'Cause you know just like Mexicans, Muslims have names, sometime there's  
39 three (3), four (4) names in there.  
40  
41 Q How 'bout for you, do you have any other names?  
42 A Uh, I've called SHAKUR sometimes.



- 1 Q SHAKUR?  
2 A Right.  
3  
4 Q Is that uh (ph) ma (ph), do you have uh (ph) Muslim name?  
5 A Well SHAKUR means the, they're appreciative in Arabic. But, um (ph)...  
6  
7 Q S-H-A?  
8 A K-O-O-R.  
9  
10 Q Be appreciative? Is that what...  
11 A Yeah.  
12  
13 Q ...you said?  
14 A That's what SHAKOOR means. The same S-H-A-K-U-R that you name there.  
15 But, um (ph), um (ph), Brother KHALIFA suggested that we all use our given  
16 names. So I wasn't...  
17  
18 Q The name that you were born with?  
19 A Right. So I wasn't known as SHAKOOR at his place.  
20  
21 Q Well I've heard some of, some people have an actual Muslim name.  
22 A That they legally get their name changed to uh (ph) Muslim name. I don't have  
23 uh (ph)...  
24  
25 Q Okay.  
26 A ...name that I'm legally changed to uh (ph) Muslim name. My name is WALTER  
27 TYELL THOMAS JUNIOR.  
28  
29 Q And some people who know you call you SHAKOOR?  
30 A Right. But mostly just Muslims. Other people who are not Muslim don't call me  
31 SHAKOOR. My father changed his name to SHAKOOR. And...  
32  
33 Q He's Muslim?  
34 A Well he's dead now but yes he's (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_. Yeah he, he was  
35 Muslim. And I adopted the name SHAKOOR among Muslims. You know that's  
36 Muslim, that's SHAKOOR's son, you know, but I never changed my name to, uh,  
37 SHAKOOR. Primarily because I have so many other things in the name  
38 THOMAS that I don't wanna (ph) go and change all of this and then I don't have  
39 to legally be SHAKOOR. If the people who know me as SHAKOOR, know me as  
40 SHAKOOR that's all that counts.  
41  
42 Q Um-hm (affirmative response).

- 1 A But then I don't be doing no crimes or nothing. I mean I know I'm here but this  
2 was an accident. This wasn't planned. What I'm in here for now, uh, my, I was  
3 threatened, I did something, someone ended up dying long after what happened  
4 and it wasn't planned and I didn't intend for them to die. But they ended up  
5 dying, they failed later after the altercation and they died. And that's, this should  
6 have been voluntary manslaughter, they charged me with murder. What should  
7 have been voluntary manslaughter but I stood mute, I didn't say anything. I left it  
8 alone. I feel real bad that it happened. But, uh, but outside of this I never really  
9 been in any serious trouble. So, uh, I, I could have just left my name as, uh,  
10 WALTER THOMAS and, 'cause I'm not trying to hide nothing, you know, that's,  
11 that was my name in high school, junior high school and all of that. So, you  
12 know, a lot of people change their name 'cause they're trying to get away from  
13 their past.  
14
- 15 Q Right.  
16 A But I, I wasn't trying to, you know.  
17
- 18 Q So, or have you been involved or related to any, I know you call this uh (ph)  
19 compound but any other religious compounds?  
20 A No this is the very first time and only time that I have been uh (ph) member of uh  
21 (ph), any Islamic group.  
22
- 23 Q And you're talking about Doctor KHALIFA's group?  
24 A Right, right.  
25
- 26 Q That's the only, even afterwards you were not uh (ph) member of any?  
27 A No. Well for one, you know, they got all these Federal Agents standing outside  
28 the Mosque taking pictures of everybody who's going in and out the Mosque.  
29
- 30 Q You talking about currently?  
31 A Yeah. Well it's been that way for uh (ph) little while. So, uh, there's a lot of  
32 brothers that don't wanna (ph) become members of the Mosque. I'm not even uh  
33 (ph) member of the Mosque here. I pray with them sometimes but I don't hang  
34 out. And there's a lot of Muslims that, that live like that. I'm not one, see I'm not,  
35 I don't want to be responsible for what they did before I got there, you know.  
36
- 37 Q That's reasonable.  
38 A So, uh, I don't be joining no whole lot of thing. I'm uh (ph) mason, you know,  
39 back in my joining days. You know, I joined the Masonic lodge but, uh, I haven't  
40 been joining anything since those days.  
41
- 42 Q I'm not holding you up from anything am I?

- 1 A (Laughing) Well (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_, what you mean?  
2  
3 Q No I mean I don't want you to miss, I know that there's certain...  
4 A No.  
5  
6 Q ...times where certain things go on. I don't want you to miss...  
7 A It don't matter.  
8  
9 Q ...anything.  
10 A It don't matter.  
11  
12 Q Okay, alright.  
13 A (Laughing).  
14  
15 Q I'm getting close to, I didn't mean that in uh (ph) mean way.  
16 A (Laughing).  
17  
18 Q I've been at places where like it's the day where they have to order their  
19 commissary stuff or something, okay.  
20 A Uh, I wish I had something to order commissary with.  
21  
22 Q Okay. Sorry. Um (ph)...  
23 A (Laughing).  
24  
25 Q When I talked with, um (ph), Mister FUNSTON here, who works here, who talked  
26 to you prior to me getting here. Uh (ph) few weeks ago he had uh (ph)  
27 conversation with you to find out if you'd be willing to talk with me.  
28 A Right.  
29  
30 Q Is that fair?  
31 A Right.  
32  
33 Q And he told you what it was about?  
34 A Right.  
35  
36 Q The Doctor KHALIFA issue?  
37 A Right.  
38  
39 Q Um (ph) he indicated that you'd be willing to talk to me, that, that you were aware  
40 of why Doctor KHALIFA was killed but not by whom.  
41 A Right.  
42

- 1 Q Um (ph), and that they were dangerous people who could reach out and touch  
2 pretty much...
- 3 A Yeah even me.
- 4
- 5 Q ...whoever, even you being in the situation that you're in right now. When you  
6 say that are you talking about uh (ph) specific group or are you talking about  
7 what we talked about earlier and that is that there's a lot of people that did not  
8 like his teachings?
- 9 A There's a lot of people but, you know, have you been on his website?
- 10
- 11 Q No. He mentioned that to me. (Inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 A Yeah he's got uh (ph) website. Uh, submitters or just, just do uh (ph) search.  
13 Get on, get on line and search RASHAD KHALIFA and it'll send you to the  
14 RASHAD KHALIFA website and then he's got submitters dot org (ph) or dot com  
15 (ph), one of the two (2).
- 16
- 17 Q Okay.
- 18 A But, uh, he says on his website who, well not him but his, his followers,  
19 whoever's still running the, the Tucson Mosque organization has on the website  
20 that they believe that some Wahabists (ph) or Al-QUEEDA (ph) types, uh, took his  
21 life. That's what they saying on their website.
- 22
- 23 Q So when you say that there's people out there that could reach out and touch, is  
24 that what you're talking about?
- 25 A Yeah I'm saying...
- 26
- 27 Q Is that information that you got from the website?
- 28 A I'm saying, well not just that but I, I do know that there, there were Muslims very  
29 angry with him. Because I called the, the Phoenix Mosque before I left and went  
30 to Phoenix. And when I told them that I was with Brother RASHAD KHALIFA  
31 they, first thing they say he's not no Muslim. They got very adamant when I  
32 spoke, just mention his name. And I...
- 33
- 34 Q This was before his death?
- 35 A This was before his death, this is when I was on my way out of there. I was on  
36 my to Phoenix, I wanted to call Phoenix and I wanted to touch base with the  
37 Mosque in Phoenix. And I never went by the Mosque in Phoenix because of  
38 their attitude when I told them that I was at RASHAD KHALIFA's place. So I do  
39 know that whoever did that to him probably had the power to, see most of these,  
40 especially in here these are Suni's like them, whoever killed him. And...
- 41
- 42 Q You believe would be Suni's?

- 1 A Yeah for sure. They're Wahabists (ph), uh, Hanbali (ph), uh, uh, Sunis.  
2  
3 Q So Sunis and Wahabists (ph) you think go hand in hand, I mean that they're  
4 interchangeable?  
5 A No the, see you got...  
6  
7 Q Sunis (ph) is uh (ph) particular tribe correct?  
8 A (Coughing) No Sunis...  
9  
10 Q I get uh (ph) history lesson while I'm here.  
11 A Sunis are uh (ph) major group...  
12  
13 Q (Inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_.  
14 A ...of Muslims. You got (unknown noise in background) see when, when the  
15 prophet died there was uh (ph) conflict as to who would succeed the prophet.  
16 Okay. ALI who was the prophet's cousin was his constant companion and he  
17 was there for the prophet for everything. So the Shiites believed that ALI should  
18 have been the successor of the prophet. Okay. But ALI didn't end up being the  
19 successor of the prophet. He end up being the fourth successor of the prophet.  
20 The first successor was ABU BAKA, the second was OMAN, the third one was  
21 UTEMAN and then ALI. ABU BAKA, OMAN and UTEMAN all were assassinated  
22 and then ALI, and ALI was assassinated too. So the Shiites trace from ALI. The  
23 Sunis trace from ABU BAKA, OMAN and UTEMAN. Okay. Now the, the Shiites  
24 do the prayer differently, they got different beliefs than the Sunis. They got  
25 major, major beliefs are the same. The Quran (ph), they share the Quran. But  
26 the, uh, the Shiites don't follow a lot of that Hadif (ph) that the, the Sunis do.  
27 They do follow some but then the Shiites have their own Hadif (ph) too. The  
28 sayings of ALI where the sh (ph), the Sunis don't follow so much to say they're  
29 (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_. But you got many different groups among the  
30 Sunis. You got the Hanafis (ph), you got the Hanbalis (ph), and the Wahabists  
31 (ph) are uh (ph) sect of the Hanbalis (ph). The so called Al-Quada (ph) and all of  
32 that come from Wahabists who are, come from the Hanbalis (ph). The H-A-N-B-  
33 A-L-I. They're one family of the Sunis, okay. Most of the Sunis (ph) that, that, in  
34 the prisons are Hanbali (ph). Because the Saudis do a lot looking out for  
35 different organizations, put money in their account, this that, this that. And they  
36 financially and materially look out for 'em. Send 'em books and Hadif (ph) and  
37 stuff like that. So what I'm saying is that they could infiltrate one of these  
38 organizations and influence one these organizations to do something to  
39 somebody, you know what I'm saying. See that's why I don't, once the word got  
40 out that my beliefs was different in there I had problems here too.  
41  
42 Q Since you've been here?



- 1 A Right. But I, I squashed 'em myself and I stopped going to service. But I'm still  
2 friendly with 'em but there's uh (ph) few don't even speak to me just because we  
3 different in belief. So I know that there's animosity.  
4
- 5 Q Now when you, when you talk about your beliefs just in uh (ph) general kind of  
6 situation like that, do you mention Doctor KHALIFA's name?
- 7 A Well see most of 'em don't even know who KHALIFA was. But I wrote 'em uh  
8 (ph) letter when I, when our problems first got, and I told 'em that I studied with  
9 Brother KHALIFA hoping that one of 'em might do some research and find out.  
10 Not what I, what I have said is (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_. There was uh (ph)  
11 new guy wanted to get into the Mosque and they were showing him all of this  
12 Hadif (ph). And I suggested that they should show him Quran (ph), why you  
13 teaching him Hadif (ph) when, when we pray (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_ which  
14 is the first chapter in the Quran (ph) is what we say when we pray. And you have  
15 to recite this seventeen (17) times uh (ph) day. Twice at (inaudible)  
16 \_\_\_\_\_ prayer, four (4) times at, at Zur (ph), four (4) times at  
17 (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_, three (3) times at, uh, (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_  
18 and four (4) times at (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_. So that's seventeen (17)  
19 times uh (ph) day you have to recite (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_. So why are  
20 you showing him Hadif (ph), why are you teaching this new guy Hadif (ph), you  
21 should be showing him Quran (ph). And this one new guy had been here for  
22 months and he was getting ready to take (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_. That's  
23 when you uh (ph) declaration of, and he didn't know that (inaudible)  
24 \_\_\_\_\_ was the first book in the Quran (ph). Well if you don't even  
25 know that then what are you saying when you pray. See what I'm saying. But  
26 see they sh (ph), showing all this Hadif (ph). See and that's the problem that the  
27 Muslims like me have with the other kind of Muslim. See we're, we're, we're  
28 bringing out that hey you're not educating them properly, you're not teaching  
29 them the religion, you know. So when that got out the (inaudible)  
30 \_\_\_\_\_ got all in my face. I better not hear that you teaching anything  
31 against the teachings of the prophet.  
32
- 33 Q Tell me what you said Iman (ph), is that the head of the...
- 34 A Yeah the, the guy who leads the prayer.
- 35
- 36 Q I-M-A-N?
- 37 A M-A-M.
- 38
- 39 Q M-A-M.
- 40 A Right.
- 41
- 42 Q Which is what Doctor KHALIFA would have been of his Mosque?



- 1 A Of his Mosque.  
2  
3 Q Imam.  
4 A Well he, he, he, yeah, yeah. The one who leads first.  
5  
6 Q Okay.  
7 A But what I'm saying is that there, there's uh (ph), when you've been taught the  
8 way that you've been taught. Anybody who questions that is an infidel.  
9  
10 Q Okay.  
11 A You know. You probably heard that term a lot. Even though what they teaching  
12 might be accurate. The fact that it goes against your grain and there's a lot of  
13 Muslims especially in the United States that they're Islam comes from Saudi  
14 Arabia. And that's that Hanbali (ph) Islam that promotes the Hadif (ph). And  
15 because it promotes the Hadif (ph) they're real strict on trying to force, uh,  
16 compliance with their interpretation of the (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_. Where  
17 all through Africa it's Maliki (ph) and they, they, you notice the Muslims in Africa  
18 don't fight against each other. It's always the ones in the Middle East. And it's  
19 always these Hanbali (ph) brothers fighting everybody else, you know what I'm  
20 saying. You notice in the Orient, they're not Hanbali (ph) in the Orient and  
21 they're not fighting each other. It's always right there in the Middle East where  
22 they're fighting each other. So, you know, that should tell 'em something but, uh,  
23 they won't listen. So that's why, that's, that's, that's what I meant...  
24  
25 Q Okay.  
26 A ...when I was with him that, uh, uh, you can be, they can reach out and touch  
27 you anywhere that you at because they can always get to whatever uh (ph)  
28 person is weak for. If uh (ph) person need money they can give 'em money and  
29 they can suggest to them to do such and such, such and such.  
30  
31 Q Okay.  
32 A Especially behind these walls 'cause you trapped see and you can't get away  
33 from 'em. But I hold my own pretty good so, you know, I'm not, I'm afraid and  
34 then there's some people they mess with and some people they don't, you know.  
35 I'm well connected myself because of how I carry myself. So...  
36  
37 Q They don't mess with you.  
38 A ...they don't press, right. But I'm not trying to press the issue myself. So what I  
39 told 'em was I wouldn't try to teach their, uh, followers.  
40  
41 Q You just leave them to do what they're gonna (ph) do?

- 1 A Yeah I told 'em just general stuff, stuff that we all would agree on and that's how  
2 we avoid confrontation. But surely if I created uh (ph) problem I'm pretty sure  
3 they do something to me too. But the people that got Brother KHALIFA, they  
4 have the power to touch, reach out and touch other people also.  
5
- 6 Q Okay. I'm almost done I have uh (ph) couple more questions for you. Um (ph)  
7 when you were in Dallas did you have contact with any taxi cab drivers?  
8 A I'm not sure, why you ask?  
9
- 10 Q Did you work for uh (ph) taxi cab company ever?  
11 A No.  
12
- 13 Q I don't, I don't mean contact, I don't mean did you ever call uh (ph) cab, did you  
14 know any taxi cab drivers, did you...  
15 A I didn't work...  
16
- 17 Q ...associate with any taxi cab drivers?  
18 A I didn't, I did electrical work when I was in Dallas.  
19
- 20 Q For any taxi cab companies?  
21 A Well I was working for uh (ph) company, uh (ph) contractor.  
22
- 23 Q Right.  
24 A Why do you ask the question?  
25
- 26 Q I'm trying to find out if you knew anyone who worked at uh (ph) taxi cab company  
27 when you lived in Dallas?  
28 A I'm not sure.  
29
- 30 Q Okay. Well this would be like uh (ph) close person that you would know well,  
31 none of your good friends while you were in Dallas worked at uh (ph) taxi cab  
32 (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_?  
33 A We didn't have that many good friends in Dallas. My, uh, the only person I really  
34 knew in Dallas were the people I was working for and my ex-wife.  
35
- 36 Q Okay.  
37 A And outside of that I really didn't have any friends. And then I really wasn't there  
38 that long, just uh (ph) few months.  
39
- 40 Q Uh (ph) few months?  
41 A Right.  
42

- 1 Q Three (3) or four (4) months you think in Dallas?  
2 A But, uh...yeah probably about that. I didn't really stay that long. Once I saw that  
3 our relationship wasn't gonna (ph) work I just went on and took off.  
4  
5 Q Okay.  
6 A But, uh, did someone, some taxi cab driver say that they knew me?  
7  
8 Q Nope.  
9 A Why'd you ask me about the taxi cab then?  
10  
11 Q I can't tell you. Some of the things in this investigation I don't get to share. Uh,  
12 I'm asking you questions to find out if you know anything about things that I  
13 already know about. And if you don't then I need to leave it that way instead of  
14 sharing information back with you. You understand that part? It keeps the  
15 integrity of the investigation together.  
16 A Hm (ph).  
17  
18 Q So I try not to share that kind of (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_.  
19 A But I don't, uh, I had uh (ph) car in Dallas.  
20  
21 Q So you didn't even use...  
22 A The same car that I had that I went to Tucson with...  
23  
24 Q Kentucky plates.  
25 A ...that I got from, in Kentucky.  
26  
27 Q Okay.  
28 A That's the car that I had in Texas.  
29  
30 Q Okay.  
31 A So, uh...  
32  
33 Q And you did not, once you left the Tucson Mosque you didn't go back for any  
34 reason?  
35 A No.  
36  
37 Q No visits, nothing?  
38 A No...  
39  
40 Q So you...  
41 A ...because I left, I left the city.  
42

- 1 Q You would not have met anyone who moved there, who came there after you?  
2 A No because I left the city, I went to uh, uh, Tempe. And I lived, I worked in  
3 Tempe, worked in Mesa, worked in Phoenix. And then when I left, uh, uh,  
4 Phoenix I went to Vegas. In fact I didn't hear of anybody who even knew  
5 RASHAD KHALIFA until I got to Vegas and I was in the Mosque in Vegas and I  
6 had his Quran (ph) with me.  
7  
8 Q And you bumped into...  
9 A And one of the...  
10  
11 Q ...the brothers.  
12 A ...the, the Pakistani brothers saw it and, uh...  
13  
14 Q So that's the first time KHALIFA's name even came up after...  
15 A Yeah 'cause most of...  
16  
17 Q ...you left?  
18 A ...the people didn't know who he was. And, uh, uh...  
19  
20 Q Okay.  
21 A You know it wasn't something I just went around (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_  
22 talking to everybody about.  
23  
24 Q So my last question and I know I don't get to share details with you about the  
25 crime scene is that we do have the suspect's DNA at the crime scene now, which  
26 is one of the reasons why we are...  
27 A Okay.  
28  
29 Q ...reinvestigating this case.  
30 A Right. Did you...  
31  
32 Q Hoping to bring it to...  
33 A ...uh, get...  
34  
35 Q ...uh (ph) conclusion.  
36 A Uh, you need uh (ph) blood sample from me?  
37  
38 Q I'd like to get uh (ph), uh (ph) swab from you just uh (ph) Q-tip on the inside of  
39 your mouth. Would...  
40 A No problem.  
41  
42 Q ...you be willing to do that?

- 1 A No problem. Yeah.  
2  
3 Q And you can't think of any time that you would have bled in the kitchen?  
4 A Nah-uh (ph) (negative response).  
5  
6 Q And did they, I mean I, one of the pictures I showed you I think had uh (ph) mop  
7 in it and those kind of things. Tell me kind of, and the state of cleanliness of this  
8 Mosque?  
9 A It wasn't really, really, really clean. I mean it was, uh, not let, you would expect.  
10 It was lived in, you know, it was home, you know. It, it was clean compared to  
11 maybe uh (ph) Filipino standards or perhaps Egyptian standards. For uh (ph)  
12 place that a lot of people were coming in and out...  
13  
14 Q Um-hm (affirmative response).  
15 A ...it was okay.  
16  
17 Q Okay.  
18 A But, uh...  
19  
20 Q You said that Doctor KHALIFA would cook for you?  
21 A Yeah.  
22  
23 Q So it was clean enough that you would eat the food that was being cooked there?  
24 A Oh yeah it was that clean.  
25  
26 Q Okay.  
27 A Right. But it wasn't filthy or nothing like that.  
28  
29 Q Okay.  
30 A Like, you know, it just, it, it...  
31  
32 Q Dusty, Arizona dusty, that kind of thing?  
33 A Yeah that kind of thing.  
34  
35 Q Okay.  
36 A Yeah. But...  
37  
38 Q Um (ph) after uh (ph) meal who would do the dishes?  
39 A Uh, his lady or him...  
40  
41 Q And when you say his lady...  
42 A ...or I think, I think I've, I've, I've washed the dishes uh (ph) couple times.

- 1 Q Okay.
- 2 A But he, he wouldn't cook big feasts. He would make some kind of soup with  
3 chick peas and peppers and some, some African stuff.
- 4
- 5 Q Okay.
- 6 A Really hot. And... (laughing)
- 7
- 8 Q Spicy?
- 9 A Oh man. It...(laughing)...you're killing me. But, uh, it would always be  
10 something real simple.
- 11
- 12 Q Okay.
- 13 A And he'd fix uh (ph) bowl for whoever was there.
- 14
- 15 Q Fair to say that dishes weren't constantly piled, dirty dishes weren't constantly  
16 piled up in the kitchen, that when uh (ph) meal was done, dishes were done?  
17 Things like that?
- 18 A I would, I would say that, that the, the dishes were being done regularly. It wasn't  
19 the type of, of place where uh (ph) bunch of dirty dishes laying around, no it  
20 wasn't. He, he wasn't like that.
- 21
- 22 Q Okay. And when you said his lady or his woman who were you talking about?
- 23 A Well he had, he had uh (ph) couple ladies that he was really tight with and that,  
24 uh, it seemed as though he might have had uh (ph) couple of wives. Um (ph)  
25 one was kind of young. Uh, did you see the yellow sheet that shows the people  
26 how to pray?
- 27
- 28 Q Yes.
- 29 A The, the lady with the little, uh, ponytail, that is one of the ladies.
- 30
- 31 Q The little stick drawing?
- 32 A Yeah.
- 33
- 34 Q Isn't that uh (ph) stick drawing?
- 35 A That's one of the ladies that used to be there with him on uh (ph) regular basis.
- 36
- 37 Q Okay.
- 38 A And then there was uh (ph) kind of an older lady who would sometimes be with  
39 him on uh (ph) regular basis too.
- 40
- 41 Q Was someone like considered to be almost like the secretary? She took kind of  
42 tes (ph), secretarial position?



- 1 A Yeah but she used to be there quite late.  
2  
3 Q Was that the older lady or the younger lady?  
4 A Well the older lady I think had an apartment in the place.  
5  
6 Q Okay.  
7 A The younger lady I'm not sure if she had an apartment in the place or not.  
8  
9 Q So when you say the person would be there kind of late, which one do you  
10 mean?  
11 A Uh, intermittently both. You know, it would kind of give you the impression he  
12 had two (2) wives.  
13  
14 Q Um (ph) the name LISA SPRAY, does that sound right?  
15 A LISA might have been her name.  
16  
17 Q Younger or older?  
18 A The younger one I believe.  
19  
20 Q Okay. That's who you think the stick figure drawings were after?  
21 A Yeah I think that was her. I'm not really sure now but if you take uh (ph) look at  
22 her and, and think about the stick figure you will be able to tell which one is the  
23 one I'm referring to.  
24  
25 Q Okay.  
26 A But, uh, yeah I believe that was her in the, in the little, he prayer thing.  
27  
28 Q And when you say wives, what gave you the impression?  
29 A Well 'cause they were in and out of there at, at hours that normally if it was  
30 strictly business they wouldn't be there. So, um (ph)...  
31  
32 Q Is that acceptable in the Muslim religion to have more than one wife?  
33 A Well the Quran (ph) up to four (4). Even though a lot of Muslims have more than  
34 one wife, they just don't legally go down there, downtown and marry them. But  
35 the, the, the understanding between the two (2) women are that they're both his  
36 wife. But, you know, they got uh (ph) different mind set, you know, it's not uh  
37 (ph) jealousy thing. It's kind of like we sharing the responsibility and this kind of  
38 thing. So, uh, they didn't, they weren't beefing or anything like that. It, I didn't  
39 get that impression. But I did get the impression, that's just me personally. Now  
40 he never said this is my wife. But I did get the impression that he had uh (ph)  
41 couple wives.  
42

- 1 Q Did Doctor KHALIFA ever introduce anyone to you as his wife?  
2 A No.  
3  
4 Q Did, did he have children that you were aware of?  
5 A I didn't know of 'em but typical of a lot of Muslims they keep their personal life  
6 separate...  
7  
8 Q Separate?  
9 A ...and they don't give you access to them.  
10  
11 Q Okay. While I get this ready, anything else that you can think of that we haven't  
12 talked about that we should talk about?  
13 A No not really because to, to be totally honest (unknown noise in background) with  
14 you my recollection of the detailed things that you've been asking is very, very  
15 shaky see.  
16  
17 Q And...  
18 A Plus...  
19  
20 Q ...when you say the detailed things, you talking about like looking at the pictures,  
21 those...  
22 A Like asking me peoples' names...  
23  
24 Q ...names?  
25 A ...and stuff like that. I really don't know and then even the picture. I was there  
26 years ago.  
27  
28 Q Fair enough. Eighteen (18) years ago.  
29 A You're right so...  
30  
31 Q Plus.  
32 A ...so, you know, you'll have to forgive me if I don't exactly remember. And then I  
33 wasn't really there that long when I was there. (Unknown noise in background)  
34 But there was no animosity between he and I. And, uh, I was eventually gonna  
35 (ph) ease on away from there anyway because of the cultural difference and, uh,  
36 'cause there were a lot of people from a lot of other places and you could kind of  
37 pick up that they didn't particularly care to be around Black folks. You know, you  
38 could, you could, like Turkish people they, they don't really show you a lot of  
39 love. So, um (ph)...  
40  
41 Q Really?  
42 A So I really didn't, uh...

- 1 Q I was not uh (ph) place that you would call home for long based on those...  
2 A No, no I would, I would...  
3  
4 Q ...kind of things?  
5 A ...have been off, I would have been trying to find me uh (ph) place to go anyway.  
6  
7 Q Okay. Well I appreciate you taking...  
8 A Plus I didn't wanna (ph) be uh (ph) burden on him anyway.  
9  
10 Q I appreciate you taking time with me today. (Unknown noise in background)  
11 A Yeah I was telling him you could have just called but, uh, I see you wanted to  
12 show me some pictures and stuff too.  
13  
14 Q Right. Kind of hard to do that via the telephone.  
15 A I didn't want you to take me with you.  
16  
17 Q No.  
18 A (Laughing) I mean I don't like being here but (inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_ out  
19 there.  
20  
21 Q So what I have here are just basically two (2) Q-tips. I'm gonna (ph) rub one on  
22 each side of your cheek if that's alright and...  
23 A Right.  
24  
25 Q ...um (ph), (unknown noise in background) that's it.  
26 A So you're uh (ph) police investigator?  
27  
28 Q Yes. I'm uh (ph) Detective with the police department there in Tucson.  
29 A Tucson Police Department.  
30  
31 Q Tucson Police Department. That's right.  
32 A I mean you came all the way up here for this little bit of information?  
33  
34 Q All the way just to see you, yep. Well you were one of the people that they  
35 wanted to talk with back then but like I said, you know, we weren't uh (ph)  
36 hundred (100) percent sure of, uh, who you are, you were originally and then  
37 once they found out who you were they, they had some difficulty finding you. So  
38 now that computers and stuff have gotten a lot better it's a lot easier to find  
39 people. So we get that benefit.  
40 A Sorry you get to see me in here.  
41  
42 Q I'm sorry you're here too.

- 1 A Yeah. Me too 'cause this was not planned.  
2  
3 Q How long are you here for?  
4 A Well I don't know about here but I got sentenced to fifteen (15) to twenty-five  
5 (25).  
6  
7 Q And how, how, so how does that work? Do you serve uh (ph) full, at least fifteen  
8 (15) or are you eligible for parole prior to that?  
9 A Well they claim, uh, truth in sentencing means you're gonna (ph) at least do your  
10 minimum. However, I've appealed to the lower court that, uh, you know, this,  
11 something was provoked, there was no malice involved so this was not uh (ph)  
12 murder. I should have not even been charged. 'Cause I called EMS, I tried to  
13 save him and all that. You know, this, I wasn't trying to kill anybody. Uh, this is,  
14 uh, voluntary manslaughter at best. Actually it was involuntary manslaughter  
15 'cause they died later from uh (ph) fall. Not even from...  
16  
17 Q So you're appealing the...  
18 A ...what I did to him.  
19  
20 Q ...amount of time that you received?  
21 A No I'm saying that because of ineffective, uh, assistance of counsel that I didn't  
22 get uh (ph) chance to present my side of what happened. See I pleaded no  
23 contest and I stood mute. So I really haven't had my day in court.  
24  
25 Q Gotcha (ph).  
26 A So what I'm trying to say is that, uh, I gave 'em the details in my motion. I'm,  
27 sent uh (ph) motion to the lower court that there was provocation, there was uh  
28 (ph) altercation, somebody got hurt, hours later they slipped and fell, hit they  
29 head and died. I admit creating the situation that led to their death but it was no  
30 murder. I called EMS trying to save him. If I wanted him to die I wouldn't of  
31 called EMS. I wouldn't of been giving him no, no, no, no CPR, I wouldn't of tried  
32 to save him at all. If I had intended to kill him I'd of dug uh (ph) hole, I'd of  
33 dropped him in the hole, nobody would even of know. I wouldn't even be here if I  
34 had intended to kill him. But I didn't intend to kill him. I just, they did something  
35 very, very serious and I beat him up and I admit that. But I wasn't trying to kill  
36 him, you know, I wouldn't have tried to save him, you know, if I was trying to kill  
37 him. That took him somewhere along, and then look it, it happened at my place.  
38 And I's (ph) was right there when, when EMS got there and I knew the trouble  
39 that was gonna (ph) put me in but I wasn't trying to do no crime.  
40  
41 Q Um-hm (affirmative response).

- 1 A I mean I was wrong for putting my hands on him but what she did was really,  
2 really foul. And, uh, it threatened me, you know, bringing people in my place and  
3 then trading sex for drugs and all of this, you know, no. In my place, no, uh-uh  
4 (ph) (negative response), don't do this.  
5  
6 Q It's uh (ph) bad situation.  
7 A Yeah uh (ph) bad situation. I mean we had just had uh (ph), uh (ph) talk about,  
8 uh, me, uh, [REDACTED] and all of that.  
9  
10 Q You know you don't have to talk to me at all about any of that if you don't want to.  
11 A I know I'm gonna (ph) shut up. It just, it, it still hurts, you know.  
12  
13 Q How long have you been here?  
14 A I've only been here since March. This happened in November.  
15  
16 Q Well did, well you been, so you've been in custody since November but not here  
17 in, until March?  
18 A Yeah I didn't get here until March. No, uh, the, the incident occurred on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
19 of November.  
20  
21 Q Was that in Detroit?  
22 A Right.  
23  
24 Q Is this uh (ph), uh (ph) state facility do you know?  
25 A Yeah this is uh (ph) state facility. (unknown noise in background)  
26  
27 Q Okay. Do you have questions for me?  
28 A Uh, yeah should I have had uh (ph) lawyer here instead of talking just freely like  
29 this. Am I gonna (ph) end up being uh (ph), uh (ph) suspect?  
30  
31 Q Well you're not uh (ph) suspect at this point in time. You weren't even in Tucson  
32 at the time of the murder as far as I know.  
33 A Right. But you can't tell me how he died? 'Cause I mean I cared a lot about the  
34 guy and, uh, it hurt me to hear that he died but, uh, apparently I was told the  
35 wrong stuff.  
36  
37 Q You know, I, at this point in time I guess it, it probably does not matter, um (ph),  
38 in fact it may already be out but it was, it was uh (ph) stabbing.  
39 A Oh really. Oh somebody told me he got shot. That he was cooking in the  
40 kitchen and that somebody shot through the, uh, kitchen window.  
41  
42 Q That's not accurate.

- 1 A Oh. (unknown noise in background) (Inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2
- 3 Q Um (ph)...
- 4 A So it had to be somebody who was there. Someone who apparently...
- 5
- 6 Q Well obviously they were there.
- 7 A ...he allowed to get close to him.
- 8
- 9 Q Poss (ph), quite possibly.
- 10 A Hm (ph).
- 11
- 12 Q Are you allowed to have my business card?
- 13 A Yeah.
- 14
- 15 Q Do you want my business card or would you rather not have it?
- 16 A It, it, there's no way it can...
- 17
- 18 Q I don't wanna (ph) put you in uh (ph) situat (ph)...
- 19 A ...hurt me.
- 20
- 21 Q Okay. Well then I'll give it to you. You can always throw it away if you don't want
- 22 it. Um (ph) this way if you think of something that we should talk about that you
- 23 hear along the way. I mean I don't imagine after this many years you're gonna
- 24 (ph) hear anything but if something comes to mind that you think I should know
- 25 about you'll have uh (ph) way to get in touch with me and I'm sure if you will, um
- 26 (ph), get in touch with Mister FUNSTON he'll arrange uh (ph) phone call for you
- 27 to me if, if need be. Okay?
- 28 A Write his name on the back 'cause I, I don't really know anybody here.
- 29
- 30 Q What do they, um (ph), I don't know his actual title. (unknown noise in
- 31 background)
- 32 A Yeah somebody told me that he was, uh, in the kitchen cooking and somebody
- 33 drove up and shot him through the kitchen window. That's what the, uh,
- 34 Pakistani told me. Hm (ph), hm (ph), people just make up stuff. FOUST, is that
- 35 how you say that?
- 36
- 37 Q FOUST, yep.
- 38 A FOUST. Alright.
- 39
- 40 Q Appreciate the time.
- 41 A No, no problem. I wa (ph), I want you to catch whoever did that, seriously.
- 42



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1 Q We're trying.

2 A (Inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_. He just tried to do good, he tried to help people.  
3 And, uh, he didn't know me from ADAM and he let me move in there. And I  
4 didn't have any money and he fed me uh (ph) bunch of times. Hm (ph)...

5  
6 Q He was good to you in the time that you needed it.

7 A Right. So, uh, if I could tell you something that could help you if I wanted to.

8

9 Q I appreciate your willingness to talk.

10 A (Inaudible) \_\_\_\_\_.

11

12 Q Alright. Let me get...

13 A It's all the ones that try to do good, are the ones they go after.

14

15 Q Let me get Mister FUNSTON.

16 A Uh...

17

18 Q We're gonna (ph) go off just before 2 hours here.

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