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In the Name of God the Mighty and Merciful

If a wound hath touched you, be sure a similar wound hath touched the others. Such days (of varying fortunes) we give to men and men by turns. Praise be to Allah of all. That Allah may know those that believe, and that he may take to Himself from your ranks martyr-witnesses (To truth). And Allah loveth not those that do wrong.

I bear witness that there is no god but God, the Sole, and Only, the Proud, the Great, the Doer of what He pleases, and I bear witness that Mohammad is his servant and messenger who said, let them be informed of this matter like they were informed of the night and day and God will not skip over anyone whether they live in a house of mud or a tent, for everyone will be included in this religion with great honor {and so on} Honor that Allah has granted to Islam and disgrace that will be unto the infidels in the most disgraceful way.

My dearest Sheikh,

May the peace and blessings of God be upon you.

How are you? We ask God that you are in very good health and that you are graced with all the bounties of God and are far away from any stress or anxiety. My dearest Sheikh, God knows how much I miss you and God knows that I have not missed my own parents the way I have missed you, may God protect you. Moreover, may He protect you with His shield, nurture you with His care, protect you from every evil, grant you victory over your enemies, and uplift your banner under your leadership as the flag of unity throughout all corners of the earth, Amen.

My dearest Sheikh, you know what has taken place since the past few months until today, of the incidents that led us to lose a few of our brethren and a few of the territories that we controlled. The hypocrites are accusing us of the wrongdoings and turmoil that have surrounded us along with the catastrophes and disasters that we are enduring. Our time is running out, our means are decreasing before us, and we are dealing with infidels, hypocrites, and apostates as we march on our path despite all the difficulties, thanks be to God. The tyrants are dogging us from every side as a poet has once said: Where do I walk in the darkness of this cursed path?

Our nights are getting longer for our journey on earth is short.

What I have written to you, my beloved Sheikh, are a few words of my current inspiration and I take this opportunity to lighten the weight of what I have carried in my heart of sorrows and problems. As you well know, I am not able to speak of these issues to my brethren for fear of lowering their high morale.

What I have mentioned to you, of problems that took place and catastrophes that occurred, did not just happen in the setting of once upon a time, I may write them as

words but not all words are mere arrangements of letters nor are they incidents that happened in history. I write to you pages that have burned in the fires of the events and bled with many tears but when compiling them we find them to be the most incredible pages and the most implausible words with an esteemed history of honor and highest estimation to this great religion.

My beloved Sheikh, despite everything that has happened in the way of events, turmoil, and troubles we remain as we have pledged ourselves to you striving ahead as long as we have a pulse in our veins, and as long as we are breathing. Your soldiers are like a river, the narrower its banks become the stronger and faster the current tumultuously flows. I wish to inform you, our beloved Sheikh, that your soldiers are like the anvil at a sword smith's forge, for the stronger it is struck, the more tempered the steel becomes, for it cares not because it produces swords.

We are well aware that the issue has reached its time, and we ask God to make true the aim of the mujahidin, to receive their martyrs, and to release those captured, Amen and thanks be to God the Lord of all.

The Lebanese have a plan to attack the US embassy in Beirut, and it is a beautiful plan. But the thing that halted their effort was; what next? And in whose name will the operation be claimed? They have chosen the name of the organization but are awaiting your approval.

Al-Qa'im is, as you know, a very strategic location that now has skilled fighters and is only lacking a military leader 2 in charge [TC: Possibly meaning Second-in-Command]. There is our brother Abu-Jihad.

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Your junior soldier Abu-al-Ghadiyah
Formerly known as, Abu-'Abdallah
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