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[AN] Analyst's Notes
[] Missing text
[Sic] Thusly written

The following is a verbatim translation of document # [AFGP-2002-600108-ORIG.PDF] which is thought to having been written by Saif Al Islam Almasri [AN: literally means, "The Egyptian"].

B. E. Last report.

SH, Y [An: initials in Arabic]

In the name of Allah the merciful forgiver.

Thanks be to Allah the lord of both worlds. [AN: World of the Jinn and world of mankind] and prayers and peace be upon the most righteous of Allah's believers and messengers, our lord Mohammad and upon his kin and all of his companions. I am about to leave my responsibilities in Jihad-Wal [AN: a training camp near Khost Afghanistan]. And only a few days remain for my principle mission, to include, arranging the place/post prior to leaving. Two years and ten months have passed since my taking over the Ameership [AN: prince hood] and it is considered a typical period, that was recorded since the founding of the [Military training] camp or sector. This period, has passed and it was full of events, trials and lessons and shed tears. It passed, though it did not occur. And yesterday is close and how far is tomorrow [AN: can not forget the past]. At the end of my Ameership term, I write this report. I wish that is the last report that I write while I am at a position such as this one. It is a great responsibility. I ask Allah that it not be repeated with me again. [AN: a contorted way to say, "I do not care to go

through this again”]. And I will seek all the reasons that will distance me from it [responsibilities]. And Allah is the grantor of success and the one to seek for help. This report will contain unorganized thoughts and I shall try to the extent of my capabilities to classify and organize them within my abilities [Sic]. Perhaps, the time period that remains for me in this place will affect the betterment of the prose of this report, or, the opposite. [Sic] Weariness, passes by quickly, and benediction has decreased during this time and we [I] ask Allah for the amelioration of this conclusion. [Sic]

I hope that you will benefit from this report and that it will help you to make the best and wisest of decisions. And I wish that you will keep it for your future use. Thus, [even though] I do not possess the recorded experience of the past. And that is a shame, a deficiency and a failure. I wrote you many reports. I do not know if you are retaining them or not. I hope the answer is yes.

This report will be in the form of paragraphs and chapters. And every paragraph or chapter will deal with a specific topic. As such, there are many thoughts and the time is short and it is not possible to present them [thoughts] in a continuous tense prose [Sic]. So, I implore you to forgive me for this and perhaps, I took too long [in telling you this] and forgive me. And [now], to the report.

Receiving and delegating responsibilities:

This subject still pains me immensely. The reason is not within it, but, the manner in which I received the Ameeriship in the absence of the previous Ameer [Prince]. And the sector was not a “room”, instead, at the time, it was four camps plus.

The problem does not reside in its vastness but, it resides in my ignorance of it and what occurs within it and in particular my ignorance of the external relationships [Sic] [AN: the author uses the “present tense” to refer to past events].

I received my new responsibilities and I did not know how the brothers used to deal with the outside entities (in detail) and my ignorance about these matters landed me in many complications. These complications did not appear clearly until after the departure of many of the brothers even the leadership that had knowledge of what was taking place. There is no doubt that the brothers who will remain with this responsibility all had dealings with many entities. And there is no doubt that to them, a clear picture had crystallized to the extent of how to deal with these entities. I did not know all of this. I did not know all of these entities and the nature of the relationships with them.

This tragic situation (at least for me) made me start from approximately zero and it had landed me in many predicaments at times. Some might say that the previous director was present in the area for a long period and you could have asked him about any situation or complications that faced you. So, why did you not do so?

I say, “I did”! The problem was that things appeared after his departure and the departure of others and these things did not appear previously. That is, at the time that he was present. What happened, happened and Allah is the one to seek for help.

I am content with what Allah has destined for me; however, should I receive an Ameeriship or responsibility such as this once again, in this manner, I will begin and you will discover my insistence on this issue in time [Sic].

And in order that this is not repeated with me or with another person, I suggest the following solutions:

1. The old Ameer must be present during the hand over of the Ameership responsibilities.
2. The old Ameer must explain to the new Ameer all the issues that are connected with the work and in great detail and that includes:
 - I. The programs that are carried out at the [camp] location and how to operate them.
 - II. Internal ties and internal order and the many different criterions that are connected to either individuals or other things.
 - III. Relationships and external ties, either with the currently associated or with those whose previous ties had ended.
3. An archive must exist that is presented to the new Ameer that contains all that had occurred in the past since the location [camp] had begun functioning till then, in the form of periodical reports or written and signed documents. (Documents of acceptance, and delivery, voucher of sale or purchase, loan documents, assistance documents.....)

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