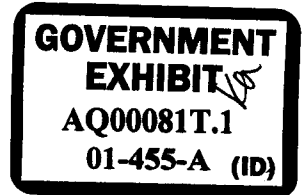


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*QUESTION: Mr. Bin Laden, you have issued a fatwah calling on Muslims to kill Americans where they can when they can. Is that directed at all Americans, just American military, just Americans in Saudi Arabia?*

BIN LADEN: Praise be to Allah. As we mentioned before, Allah ordered us in this religion to uphold the truth to purify Muslim land of all non-believers, and especially the Arabian Peninsula where the Ka'ba is. After World War II the Americans became more aggressive and oppressive, forcing itself on others, especially in the Muslim world.

We are surprised this question is coming from Americans. Each action will solicit a similar reaction. Reciprocal punishment is required to keep your evil away from Muslims, Muslim children and women. American history does not distinguish between civilians and military, and not even women and children. They are the ones who used the bombs against Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Can these bombs distinguish between infants, children, women and military? American does not have a religion that will prevent it from destroying all people.

Your situation with Muslims in Palestine is shameful and disgraceful. If there is any shame left in America. Sabra and Shatilla massacre, was a symbol of cooperation between Zionist and Christian forces against Muslims. Houses were demolished over the heads of children also by testimony of relief workers in Iraq, the Americans led sanctions that resulted in the death of over one million Iraqi children for no reason. All of this is done in the name of American interests. The only reason is your intransigence and your desire to take other people's money and to steal Muslims' oil under misguided terms, saying that it is part of America's vital interests. We believe that the biggest thieves in the world today is America, and the biggest terrorists are the Americans. The only way for us to fend off these assaults is use similar means.

We do not differentiate between those dressed in military uniforms and civilians; they are all targets in this fatwah. Especially since American officials have stated after the Khobar bombing that there was a lack of information and all American civilians were asked to gather information on Muslims and observant Muslim youth and to convey to the security section in the embassy. The fatwah is general and includes all that share or take part in killing of Muslims, assaulting holy places, or those who help the Jews occupy Muslim land.

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*QUESTION: Ramzi Yousef was a follower, a follower of yours. Do you remember him? Did you know him?*

Ramzi Yousef, after the World Trade Center bombing became a well known Muslim personality, and all Muslims know him. Unfortunately, I did not know him before the incident.

I remember him as a Muslim who defended Islam from American aggression on Muslim lands. He took this effort to let the Americans know that their government assaults Muslims to insure Israeli interests, to insure Jews.

America will see many youths that will follow Ramzi Yousef.

*QUESTION: You have been painted in America as a terrorist leader, to your followers you are a hero, how do you see yourself?*

BIN LADEN: As I said before, we do not worry about what America says. We look at ourselves and our brethren as worshipers of Allah who created us to worship Him and follow His books and prophets, peace be upon Him, I am one of Allah's worshipers, I worship Allah, as he ordered which includes carrying out the Jihad to raise Allah's word and evict the Americans from all Muslim lands all over.

*QUESTION: No one expected the Mujahedeen to beat the Russians in Afghanistan. That came as a surprise to everyone. What do you see as the future for American involvement in the Mid-East and taking on groups like yours?*

BIN LADEN: NATO that America created, we know it spent \$455 billion American dollars in improving weaponry to protect Europe and America from Russia. And they did not fire a single shot. Allah stood with the Muslims, the Afghani Mujahedeen and those who fought with them from other Muslim countries. We fought against the Russians and the Soviet Union, until, not to say we defeated them, but Allah defeated them and then became non existent. There is a lesson to learn from this for he who wishes to learn. The Soviet Union entered in the last week of 1979, in December, and with Allah's help their flag was folded December 25 a few years later and thrown in the trash, and there was nothing left to call Soviet Union. We are sure of Allah's victory and our victory against the Americans and the Jews as promised by the prophet peace be upon Him "Judgement day shall not come until the Muslims fight the Jews, where the Jew will hide behind trees and stones, and the tree and the stone will speak and say 'Muslim, Allah's worshiper, behind me a Jew come and kill him,' except for al-Gharaad tree, which is a Jewish plant."

We are sure of our victory. Our battle with the Americans is larger than our battle with the Russians. The Americans made a very stupid mistake that no one has made before. They

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attacked the greatest Muslim symbol the Kibla of 1,200 Million people. The reaction was very encouraging by all classes especially the Muslim scholars and the youth.

We predict a black day for America and the end of the United States as united states, and will be separate states, and they will retreat from our land and collect the bodies of its sons back to America. Allah willing.

*QUESTION: Do you think the Saudi government wants the American military to stay?*

BIN LADEN: This does not make a difference, since American repression, boastfulness and greed still exist. They came by the approval of government. It does not make a difference if the government wants you to stay or leave because you will not leave by their words. You will leave when the youth send you the wooden boxes and the coffins and you will carry in it the corpses of American troops and the American civilians. This is when you will leave. The decision makers beyond taking you out are the Muslim masses in the Muslim world who defending the Muslim lands. Allah willing we will win.

*QUESTION: Describe the situation when your men took on the American forces in Somalia? Were you there?*

BIN LADEN: After Allah honored us with victory in Afghanistan and justice prevailed and the killings of those who slaughtered millions of Muslims in the Muslim republics. It cleared from Muslim minds the myth of superpowers. The youth ceased from seeing America as a superpower. After leaving Afghanistan they headed for Somalia and prepared for a long battle, thinking that the Americans are like the Russians, but they were surprised when the Americans entered with thirty thousand troops and collected more troops from the world, five thousand from Pakistan, five thousand from India, five thousand from Bangladesh, and also from Egypt, Senegal and others like Saudi.

The youth were surprised at the low morale of the American soldiers and realized more than before that the American soldier is a paper tiger. And after a few blows he ran in defeat, and America forgot about all the hoopla and media propaganda after leaving the gulf war and destroying infrastructure and destroying baby formula factories, all civilian factories, bridges and dams that help planting food. America presented itself as the world leader, and the leader of the new world order, and after a few blows they forgot about this title and left dragging their corpses and their shameful defeat and stopped using such titles. And the politicians in America learned that this name is larger than them and that they are not fit for it.

When this took place I was in Sudan, and this great defeat against America pleased me very much, the way it pleased all Muslims. Allah willing, the next victory will be in Hijaz and Najd, Saudi Arabia will make the Americans forget the horrors of Vietnam and Beirut.

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*QUESTION: The American people by in large do not know the name Bin Laden, but they soon likely will. Do you have a message for the American people?*

BIN LADEN: I say that the American people gave leadership to a traitorous leadership. This became very clear and especially in Clinton's government. The American government is called the American government, but we think it is an agent that represents the Israel inside America. If we look at sensitive departments in the present government like the Defense Department or the State Department, or sensitive security departments like the CIA and others we find that Jews have the first word in the American government, which is how they exploit America to carry out their plans in the world and especially the Muslim world.

The presence of Americans in the land of Al-Haramain (Saudi Arabia) supports the Jews in the prophet's Holy Land, peace be upon Him, and gives them a safe back. The American government at the time there are millions of Americans living on the street and those living below the standard of living, and in stricken poverty, we find the American government turning towards helping Israel in occupying our land and building settlements in the prophet's Holy Land peace be upon Him.

The American government is throwing away the lives of Americans in the land of Al-Haramain (Saudi Arabia) and other places for the interests of the Jews. The Jews are a people that Allah cited in his holy book the Qura'an as those who attacked their prophets with lies and killings and attacked Mary, may peace be upon her, and accusing her of being a whore. They are a people who didn't abstain from killing God's prophets. How would they refrain from killing, raping and stealing from humans.

They believe that all humans are animals to be exploited by them, and found that the Americans are the best created beings for that use. The American government is driving America to destruction and rational people have no doubt that America will not be a superpower at the turn of the next century.

So, we tell the American people, and we tell the mothers of soldiers, and American mothers in general, if they value their lives and those of their children to find a nationalistic government that would look after their interests and not the interests of Jews.

The continuation of the repression will bring the fighting to America, like Ramzi Yousef and others. This is my message to the American people to look for a serious government that looks out for their interests and does not attack others, their lands or their money.