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In the name of God the compassionate and the merciful

Praise be to Allah and prayers be upon his messengers and companions,

To my precious father, my beloved Shaykh, and my dear Emir, may God protect you and take care of you.

May God's Peace, his grace and blessings be upon you.

I pray to God that my letter will find you well and in good health.

God knows how ecstatic and exultant I was to receive the letters of my mother and Abu Sulayman and to see the pictures of the children who had made it to you. The letters arrived during a sad time that witnessed the martyrdom of one of God's brave warriors, Shaykh Abu 'Ubaydah al-Masri, whom I felt was a guiding father to the brothers; so many learned from that man. We pray to God to reward him for his deeds and bestow on our wounded Ummah (TN: the nation) someone with even better qualities.

My dear father, God knows I don't want to waste any of your valuable time but I really need your clarification on whether I have done anything inappropriate, written something that made you mad or antagonized you. God knows how much I love you. You are my most cherished person. I have so much respect and appreciation for you. God knows how sad I am for all the years that passed by with me unable to provide you with any support. When you asked for my help, I was incapable of assisting you and being by your side when you needed me in the past. That was the first time I wished I was an Afghani or a Pakistani. My dear Emir, God knows how much affection, love, respect, and appreciation I have for you.

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My dear Shaykh, I am waiting on one of the brothers whom I have solicited. He will be leaving to celebrate a religious holiday and I need to know from him how he arranges for the delivery of a letter to Hejaz [TC: a region in Saudi Arabia]. I will tell him who will take delivery of the letter over there and take it to uncle Bakr.

My Shaykh, please include me in your prayer and ask God to grant me patience and steadiness. May God reunite us with you.

Peace be upon you.

Your son, the neglectful, Abu-'Abdallah al-Halabi

Monday 15 Dhu l-Hijja [TC: Hijri Calendar. Year unknown - either November or December]

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