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And I have told the negotiator that getting a personally signed message from the mayor is an extremely difficult issue, and that we can get a message from his agents. Additionally, we are still not sure or knowledgeable of the situation of the patients until this moment, and that in such conditions it is difficult to work in such circumstances. I insisted on the subject of sending one of the patients, so that we can evaluate the situation before we enter any issues or dialogue.

I am going to call the intermediary after three days, and I will ask him to initially allow me to talk by phone with some of the patients, like Muhammad, the son of the mayor, and some of the shaykhs there; at a minimum, so that we are assured of the seriousness of the intermediaries and those whom they represent, and to evaluate the size of importance and level given to that issue by the Iranians.

In my personal opinion, they are in a hesitant situation and are afraid of complications, so they want to establish a relationship and activate that relationship in order not to incur any harm on the people who are allied with them. I say that we talk to them because of the patients and the possibility of getting material support from them, without entering into long-term agreements or giving promises that we may not be able to fulfill.

Please respond and advise what to do.

And if the brothers want to send a representative to negotiate, I propose Shaykh Abu Husayn, due to the ease of his movements that his features allow, in addition to the other factors, and Allah only knows.

Regards You loving brother, Hafiz 5/6