

6 microphone it be easier.

7 A. Not with my knees, no. I'll try.

8 THE COURT: Maybe you can bring that microphone down.

9 Q. Okay. Why don't we try it, if you could try to talk at  
10 the microphone and if you keep your mouth about nine inches  
11 from the microphone I think it works.

12 (Record read)

13 Q. Did there come a time when you were in Karachi Pakistan  
14 studying that you met a person by the name of Sheik Abdallah  
15 Azzam? A-B-D-A-L-L-A-H, Azzam, A-Z-Z-A-M.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And can you explain to the jury how you came to meet Sheik  
18 Abdallah Azzam?

19 A. The Egyptian embassy located in Islamabad, which is the  
20 political capital of Pakistan, and Sheik Abdallah used to be  
21 one of the professors at the Islamic school, Islamic  
22 university I should say, in Islamabad. It was customary of  
23 him to invite as guests and give us not really a lecture, just  
24 a casual thing for about maybe half an hour to forty-five  
25 minutes at his house.

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1 Q. And you mentioned the Egyptian embassy. What country were  
2 you a citizen of when were you studying in Pakistan?

3 A. Country of Egypt.

4 Q. And when you moved to the United States did there come a  
5 time when you saw Sheik Abdallah Azzam again?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Can you tell us when and where that was?

8 A. Must have been 1982 or '83 I'm not sure, but it was the  
9 MAYA convention at the time.

10 Q. You mentioned MAYA. Is that M-A-Y-A?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And do you know what the initials MAYA stand for?

13 A. Muslim American Youth Association.

14 Q. What role did you play in this convention in 1982 or 1983?

15 A. I was helping in reorganizing part of the convention since

16 I resided in Fort Worth where the convention was held, so it

17 was very normal of me knowing the city to help in the

18 organizing part of the convention.

19 Q. And what role did Sheik Abdallah Azzam play in that

20 convention?

21 A. He was one of the guest speakers.

22 Q. And do you recall what Sheik Abdallah Azzam spoke about at

23 the convention?

24 A. Yes. He spoke about jihad in Afghanistan.

25 Q. So we're clear, who is the jihad in Afghanistan against at

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1 that time?

2 A. Of course was against the Russians.

3 Q. And what did Sheik Abdallah Azzam say about the jihad

4 against the Russians?

5 A. He indicated to Muslims attending the convention, and of

6 course Muslims worldwide, that it is an obligation upon

7 Muslims to help in any way they could to help the Afghan

8 jihad.

9 Q. Did Sheik Abdallah Azzam indicate what type of jihad the

10 war in Afghanistan was?

11 A. You're referring to?

12 Q. What type of jihad?

13 A. It's, we have fardh al ein and fardh al khafiya. Fardh al

14 ein means if it's an obligation upon all Muslims if the

15 immediate circuit of the immediate country that have been

16 oppressed cannot really defend itself.

17 Q. So that was the F-A-R-D-H-A-L-E-I-N, that's the obligation

18 to fight jihad, correct?