

UNITED STATES v. JAMES CROMITIE ET AL.

Day/Date: Sunday, October 19, 2008

Participants: Confidential Informant ("CI")  
James Cromitie ("CROMITIE")

Approx. Time: 2:07-20:04 (of 1 hour, 50 minutes total)

Location: Newburgh, NY

Key: Unintelligible (UI)  
Inaudible (IA)  
Phonetically (PH)  
Simultaneous Conversation (SC)

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1 CROMITIE: Yeah, brother, I'm, I'm glad I'm from up there. I was gonna hurt somebody,  
2 believe me.

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4 CI: Why, brother?

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6 CROMITIE: Because that, you know . . . the women is worser than the men. Sometime I just  
7 want to choke some of the ladies, too. Sometime, brother.

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9 CI: You mean, you mean the Jews?

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11 CROMITIE: The Jewish women.

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13 CI: Why, they're, they're giving problems for you, brother?

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15 CROMITIE: Yeah. A lot of those women say some crazy stuff to me. I'm not, in this store I  
16 wear my garments. You can wear your garments in store at working.

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18 CI: Oh, you do?

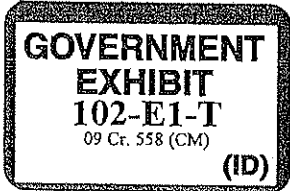
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20 CROMITIE: Yeah, so I wear my *kufi*.

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22 CI: Mhmm.

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1 CROMITIE: And sometime I wear one of the short-sleeve shirts the Muslims wear, like  
2 *jalabiya*, but from right here.  
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4 CI: Mhmm.  
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6 CROMITIE: They know I'm Muslim, so my boss say, "Hey, Abdul, I want you to go help this  
7 lady." And then she look at me, "Oh. What is you, Muslim?" I'm like, "Yes."  
8 "Oh, I'll get someone else to help me." What was. . .But, they're really like that.  
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10 CI: Mhmm.  
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12 CROMITIE: They really don't like Muslims, so then. . . .  
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14 CI: Why they don't like Muslims, brother?  
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16 CROMITIE: Who's that?  
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18 CI: These people that you work with.  
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20 CROMITIE: I don't know, Hakim. If I was Allah, I couldn't tell you. I don't know. But I'm  
21 not Allah . . . only Allah knows.  
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23 CI: Is, is . . . you think it's the, it's the hatred against the Muslims, or they think that  
24 the Muslims are, uh, we Muslims are better than them?  
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26 CROMITIE: I think they think that we are better than them, but we don't think that. That's the  
27 way they think. You can't explain yourself because that would be too much. If  
28 you trying to explain yourself to them, it doesn't make a difference because they  
29 gonna always think that we better . . . but . . . we are. It's the truth. We are. They  
30 already know that, you know? I don't know, I think it's more, I think it's more  
31 like, you know, they, they can recognize that you're better than them. I've told a  
32 couple of them, 'cause one man asked me, "Hey, what makes your religion better  
33 than mine?" I said, "You really wanna know?" You leave it up to me, I'm gonna  
34 tell you.  
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36 CI: Mhmm.  
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38 CROMITIE: I told him, "I pray five times a day. I ain't never killed no prophet of my people."  
39 I said, "Hey, now, you think about the rest." There you go. It's, it's true. You  
40 think about the rest, and you tell me, why is my, why am I better than you? We're  
41 not gonna go religion, why am I better than you? And five times a day? I *salam*  
42 everybody, I don't take shower every seven days. You do that. Yeah. Some guy I  
43 talked to, nice Jewish guy . . . I said, "How come some of your people, this black

1 every day, this color black, every day,” and one guy tells me, “I don’t take shower  
2 until the seventh-something day of uh ...” I never heard of that before. Why  
3 Allah want you to take shower every, every week? No, there’s no way. I think  
4 these people was one of the retard that they talking about. The Jewish people,  
5 they are, they the retard. I say retard because the way they think, man, it’s not  
6 right.

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8 CI: Prophet (Arabic) has forbidden us to have these, the Jews, *Yahuds*, because they  
9 are responsible for all of the evils in the world.

10 CROMITIE: The *Yahudis*?

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13 CI: *Yahudis*.

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15 CROMITIE: Yeah.

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17 CI: And that’s how they pay, you know?

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19 CROMITIE: They are responsible for that. I don’t wanna go that far with him ...

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21 CI: Mhmm.

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23 CROMITIE: ... so I just say, you think about the rest ... so that gives them opportunity to  
24 think. You already know. You an older man than me. You 65 years. Real smart.  
25 You think about why the Muslims is better than the Jews. I said, “But don’t  
26 worry, even if you think you’re better on the day of *Yamaki-yama*, you gonna see  
27 that the Muslims gonna prosper, bigger than any religion you ever seen.” You  
28 know, it’s the truth. I, I gave him the truth. You, you can go anywhere, and you’ll  
29 see that on the day of judgment you’ll read anywhere, right now Islam to this day,  
30 from the day that you knew of Islam, it’s faster-growing than any religion you can  
31 imagine. It’s true. You’re aware of that, right?

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33 CI: Mhmm.

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35 CROMITIE: That’s enough. I don’t have no more to say about it, because it’s the truth. And  
36 you know, everybody I talk to knows that. One of the first things I knew, I said,  
37 “Hey, listen, I have the biggest family in the world.” And somebody asked me,  
38 “How many people in your family?” “You can’t imagine.” They go, “Oh? (UI)  
39 Why is that? You think you have the biggest family in the world?” I said, “Of  
40 course I do. I’m a Muslim. I have the biggest family in the world.”

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42 CI: *Masha’Allah*.

1 CROMITIE: *Alhamdulillah*. It's a fact, because anywhere I go the people who greet me, that is  
2 my brothers and my sisters. And when I *salam* them, they, they do everything in  
3 their willpower to make sure that I acknowledge them, you understand? And they  
4 acknowledge me, hey, *as-salam alaikum*, they make sure they hey *wa-alaikum*  
5 *salam* right back, okay?  
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7 CI: *Insha'Allah*.  
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9 CROMITIE: You can't do this with the Christians and the Jews. You go to the church that  
10 people dress up just to come and look for a husband or, or wife or a girlfriend, this  
11 is what they do.  
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13 CI: Sure. Yeah. Because you come from the same part of the world I come from.  
14 Your blood, you're from Afghanistan, and I'm from Pakistan. And that's where,  
15 where your blood comes from, and if you see uh, out there, you know, we . . . uh,  
16 you see the news?  
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18 CROMITIE: Yeah.  
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20 CI: We are kicking their asses in, uh, in Kabul.  
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22 CROMITIE: I don't care . . . everywhere.  
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24 CI: We are kicking their asses in, in Kandahar.  
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26 CROMITIE: You know it, too.  
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28 CI: We, we have the biggest growing opiums (UI) in, in Afghanistan.  
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30 CROMITIE: That's why they there.  
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32 CI: That's why they there.  
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34 CROMITIE: That's why they there, you know that right? That's why they here, because the  
35 opium. They got the biggest. They know. That's why they're there. You see last  
36 month Obama say . . . we strike a country who had nothing to do with anything.  
37 We, we just strike the country for no reason.  
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39 CI: Mhmm.  
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41 CROMITIE: We only strike that country because it was a Muslim country, so when you say  
42 Osama bin Laden has hit the World Trade Center, okay, that means we attack the  
43 weakest of the Muslim countries.

1 CI: True.

3 CROMITIE: Let's attack the weakest, and the weakest one had nothing to do with it.

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5 CI: Hmm.

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7 CROMITIE: You attack the weakest, 'cause. . . that's America for you.

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9 CI: True.

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11 CROMITIE: We don't attack them because they do something, we attack them because they've  
12 got oil and the opium. They're gonna get 'em, see? So them has nothing to do  
13 with Af-, with, with Afghanistan.

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15 CI: Nothing.

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17 CROMITIE: It has nothing to do with Afghanistan.

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19 CI: Nothing. Absolutely nothing.

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21 CROMITIE: What reason are you there?

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23 CI: Oil.

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25 CROMITIE: You know. Opium, oil. You know that's why you there.

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27 CI: Mhmm.

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29 CROMITIE: But they go, "No, we asked to see something over there, and they won't let us see,  
30 so we attack." That did not happen. That, that did not happen. You say, "Oh,  
31 Afghanistan's got 25 thousand nuclear warheads." You go over there after you  
32 bombed for six months, and you still don't find nothing. So how do you  
33 apologize to these people? There's no way. You gonna apologize on the day of  
34 *Yamaki-yama*, and it's too late then, so . . . what is the difference?

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36 CI: Sure.

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38 CROMITIE: It's too late then, and it's too late now. You don't kill all my people over there,  
39 and then you don't care, and then you talking about, "Oh, we're gonna help fix it  
40 up." You're gonna fix it up the way you like it fixed up.

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42 CI: Yeah.

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1 CROMITIE: You gonna build one McDonald's, one Macy's, you're gonna (U) one *Yahud*.  
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3 CI: Yeah.  
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5 CROMITIE: Yeah. And then you're gonna tell the *Yahudi*, he's gonna run it.  
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7 CI: Yeah.  
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9 CROMITIE: Unbelievable. It's true. It's true, 'cause right now *Yahudi* run everything here.  
10 How, how, how you be in a country, and they let the Jewish people come and run  
11 everything here? But yet, you, you go over into Israel and you helping them.  
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13 CI: Because they're Jews.  
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15 CROMITIE: "Oh America help me." "I'm gonna give them money." That's what they doing.  
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17 CI: I was, I was reading in the, in the, in one of the newspapers, in the New York  
18 Times.  
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20 CROMITIE: Mhmm.  
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22 CI: That every second advisor in the White House, they *Yahuds*.  
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24 CROMITIE: Every who?  
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26 CI: Every, every second advisor to the President is a *Yahud*.  
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28 CROMITIE: In the White House?  
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30 CI: Yeah.  
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32 CROMITIE: I'm gonna tell you something. I don't believe Obama's gonna bomb anything.  
33 He's not.  
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35 CI: Mhmm.  
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37 CROMITIE: He's not gonna bomb nothing, because I speak to other Muslims that's real into,  
38 you know, into the economy stuff. . .  
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40 CI: Mhmm.  
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42 CROMITIE: No problem.  
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1 CI: Mhmm.  
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3 CROMITIE: Brothers that's intelligent, know enough to get by.  
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5 CI: Mhmm. Mhmm.  
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7 CROMITIE: I'm intelligent. No one has to tell me that.  
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9 CI: True.  
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11 CROMITIE: If I don't understand something, I go to somebody who can get *fatwa*. For  
12 instance, I go to the im-, the one who teaches, the imam.  
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14 CI: Mhmm.  
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16 CROMITIE: I go to this brother, and I'll be like, you can get *fatwa* so listen.  
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18 CI: Mhmm.  
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20 CROMITIE: Okay? And I want you to tell me what you think about America, Afghanistan,  
21 Pakistan, Jordan, wherever the Muslims sit. Indonesia, the biggest country full of  
22 Muslims, more than any part of the world.  
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24 CI: Mhmm.  
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26 CROMITIE: Indonesia. Listen, there's some brothers who know more than you can believe,  
27 and they worried 'cause they say even some of our brothers is worsen than the  
28 *Yahudi*. It's true. Some of them are, but the worst brother in Islam is better than  
29 ten million *Yahudi*, so it doesn't even make a difference. We will always be  
30 better than the *Yahudi*.  
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32 CI: *Alhamdulillah*.  
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34 CROMITIE: The worst brother in the whole Islamic world is better than ten billion *Yahudi*.  
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36 CI: *Alhamdulillah..*  
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38 CROMITIE: Um, so it don't make a difference. We will still always be better. I would rather  
39 follow him than the ten billion *Yahudi*.  
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41 CI: *Insha'Allah*.  
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43 CROMITIE: You understand?

1 CI: *Insha'Allah.*  
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3 CROMITIE: I don't know what makes him a bad Muslim, but I'll follow him before I follow  
4 ten million *Yahudi*. You understand?  
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6 CI: *Insha'Allah.*  
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8 CROMITIE: I will kill ten *Yahudis* before I even think of killing one Muslim.  
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10 CI: *Masha'Allah.*  
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12 CROMITIE: You understand? With no hesitation, I will kill ten *Yahudis*, and then I'll have to  
13 think twenty thousand times before I kill one Muslim. You understand?  
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15 CI: Yes, sir.  
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17 CROMITIE: Yes. Yes, so... you know, it, it doesn't even matter, but everywhere I see *Yahudi*,  
18 I always say y'Allah, that's it, you know, ahh, I'd like to destroy one, just one,  
19 because some of them gave me so much problems. And that's me, because they,  
20 it seems like you can't recognize good Muslim when you see one. They know we  
21 good, but in they eyesight we are bad because we fight for something over in the  
22 country.  
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24 CI: True.  
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26 CROMITIE: Rather it's the Red Sea, rather it's... you know, the next door, this little section  
27 that goes from Afghanistan to Iraq to I-, wherever. We fight for what's ours.  
28 You're not gonna take anything from us, okay?  
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30 CI: Impossible.  
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32 CROMITIE: Right. You not gonna take anything from us. Impossible. You right, so some of  
33 us would rather fall before we let you take a bad stand on us. I'm sorry; I'm just  
34 one of those brothers. You understand? I don't mean nothing to no one. I'm a  
35 very good Muslim, I thank Allah *subhana wa tala* for that, but at the same time, I  
36 will hurt someone.  
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38 CI: Let, let me tell you something. When I listen to you, you, okay brother . . .  
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40 CROMITIE: Yeah.  
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42 CI: And I, I think, "He is one of me." You know? Because I think . . .  
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1 CROMITIE: Yeah.  
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3 CI: I think your mind and my mind works as the same thing, you know?  
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5 CROMITIE: Mhmm.  
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7 CI: As, as the same thoughts, about the world and about Islam, and about. . . .  
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9 CROMITIE: The way you feel about (SC) what's going on.  
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11 CI: Right, brother..  
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13 CROMITIE: Exactly.  
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15 CI: And when I, when I see these, these *Mushriks*, these, these *Yahud*, killing the  
16 Palestines, of killing Muslims, of killing people in, in Iraq or in Afghanistan, one  
17 of our brothers, I, I always think about going for a cause, you know? For a cause  
18 of Islam. Have you ever thought about that, brother?  
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20 CROMITIE: Have I ever thought about going for the cause?  
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22 CI: Cause of Islam.  
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24 CROMITIE: You know what? Listen here carefully. Lis-, listen carefully.  
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26 CI: Yes, brother.  
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28 CROMITIE: It's always a cause . . . believe me when I tell you. It's sad that our Muslim folk  
29 and our children folk in Islam has to wake up to a bombing from somebody else  
30 every night, cannot sleep, have to be on point 24/7, have to sit up and wait, don't  
31 know what's coming next. I think we need peace. In some way we have to make  
32 it happen. Sometime we got to go answer the enemy in a different way. It's, it's  
33 like that, you know. Don't look at it like I, I wanna be terrorist or something.  
34 Don't..  
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36 CI: You're answering the call brother.  
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38 CROMITIE: Yes.  
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40 CI: (UI) to the cameras, but to us is a cause.  
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42 CROMITIE: Right. Whoever thinks of us as a, a terrorist, you can think anyway you want to.  
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1 CI: Exactly.  
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3 CROMITIE: That's why we tell you it's impossible you gonna take something from us without  
4 us giving you one fight. So if, if you gonna, if you think you gonna take it, you're  
5 not. You're gonna lose someone, and we might lose someone on this side too, but  
6 you're gonna remember you just can't take it. Either you gonna have to try and  
7 take it, 'cause in the process you or someone gonna die trying to take it from us.  
8 So then in some cases, it's a cause. And you got some cases some people do it  
9 just because.  
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11 CI: No, that's that's, that's a crime.  
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13 CROMITIE: Some p-, of course that's the worst crime, 'cause it's not following the *Kitab-ul-*  
14 *Allah*. It's . . . you see? That's not following *Kitab-ul-Allah*, so if you go just  
15 because, you wrong. You wrong. Don't worry, we're gonna deal with you later,  
16 'cause you wrong. Now you see what he did, that was a just cause. That was for  
17 our cause. If you sit there and think that's why he, he's fine, we gonna talk to you  
18 later because you did it just because. You understand? You our brother but we  
19 have to teach you the different way, the better way, where you don't do it just  
20 because you want to do it. You will never enter paradise like that. If you enter  
21 paradise, it was for a cause. It's that Allah said everything that you do it should be  
22 for a cause, not just because.  
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24 CI: Because.