

1 Q. (BY MS. HOLLANDER) Were you ever told in any U.S.
2 government briefing that the Qalqilya zakat committee was
3 operated on behalf or under the control of Hamas?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Were you ever told in any U.S. government briefing that
6 the Islamic Charitable Society of Hebron was operated on
7 behalf or under the control of Hamas?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Were you ever told in any U.S. government briefing that
10 the Tulkarem zakat committee was operating on behalf of or
11 under the control of Hamas.

12 A. No.

13 Q. Were you ever told in any United States government
14 briefing that the Nablus zakat committee was operated on
15 behalf of or under the control of Hamas?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Were you ever told in any United States government
18 briefing that the Ramallah zakat committee was operated on
19 behalf of or under the control of Hamas?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Were you ever told in any United States government
22 briefing that the Jenin zakat committee was operated on behalf
23 of or under the control of Hamas?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And were you ever told in any United States government

1 briefing that the Islamic Science and Culture Committee was
2 operated on behalf of or under the control of Hamas? Were you
3 ever told in any briefing that that organization was operated
4 under the control of Hamas?

5 A. I think that was the one in Gaza?

6 Q. No, it is in Jerusalem.

7 A. Jerusalem?

8 Q. Were you ever specifically told --

9 A. No, not that I recall, no.

10 Q. Do you know whether zakat committees are effective in
11 what they do for people?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And is there any question in your mind, based on your
14 experience, of the tremendous need of the Palestinian people
15 for charity?

16 A. No, there is not.

17 Q. Do you know whether Israel provides the necessary food,
18 medical care, and schooling for the Palestinian people?

19 A. It does not.

20 Q. Do you know whether the Palestinian Authority is capable
21 of providing the necessary food, medical care, and schooling
22 for the Palestinian people?

23 A. In limited amounts, but not fully.

24 Q. And just to be clear, this program we talked to,
25 Defendants' Exhibit No. 1074, am I correct that the United

1 States government through the USAID continued to provide
2 charity?

3 MR. JACKS: Objection; leading.

4 THE COURT: Do you want to rephrase?

5 MS. HOLLANDER: I will rephrase.

6 Q. (BY MS. HOLLANDER) Did the USAID continue to provide
7 charity, either -- I mean services, directly or indirectly, to
8 the zakat committees after 2001?

9 A. Yes, until 2006.

10 Q. In your opinion, are charities necessary for the
11 Palestinian people to survive?

12 A. Very much so.

13 MS. HOLLANDER: Your Honor, I will pass the witness.
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