

(Fully translated)

(TN: The original document is one handwritten page that appears to have been torn from a wire-bound notebook.

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The beginning of the decision:

The enemy is the Crusader and Zionist alliance out to control the world. It is not the enemy from (TN: illegible). The Northern Alliance is merely one soldier of the many in this criminal army. We should not hold back our energies in front of this soldier and leave behind more than 98 percent of the nation to be violated by the Crusaders and the Zionists. The decision for the attack comes from this context. The strange thing about the Nairobi attack is that they agreed upon it, and we were imagining their reaction. When the American jets soar and annihilate the men, women, and children of al-Qa'ida, it becomes a state of nonexistence.

At that time, the brothers agreed upon the decision, despite the reaction, and the Taliban opposition wasn't apparent or even clear. However, when it came to the Cole, there was opposition from all the Shura members. They started seeing the reaction from Nairobi, the uproar, and the power of the media. The Taliban began to feel the weight, and then the Taliban opposition appeared. However, the opposition against the decision in the arena (al-Qa'ida) wasn't strong enough. The Jihad group was one of the supports, and at that time there was an alliance between the two of us. But al-Qa'ida's special Shura did object. And the American pressure on the Taliban led the Taliban to influence the brothers.

(TN: the following is written bottom of the page):

((Abu al-Walid)) spoke strong words about you in the newspapers, and the brothers' response was strong against him. He he was in a state of shock when he spoke, at that time the "Taliban State" collapsed. He knew that the State was going to fall. He couldn't find a place and began writing under a fictitious name, and he opposed the Shura council. The Emir Al Mu'minin (TN: Emir of the believers) ordered him, but he insisted on his remarks.