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*[This document was obtained by NEFA investigators and is being provided for educational and informational purposes only. Al Awlaki is a U.S. citizen, who served as an imam in Colorado, California, and Washington D.C. and worked as the Muslim Chaplain at George Washington Univ. He was the "spiritual advisor" to 9/11 hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Midhar, and the Congressional Joint Inquiry on 9/11 reported that "the FBI agent responsible for the September 11 investigation informed staff that 'there's a lot of smoke there' with regard to...[al Awlaki's] connection to the hijackers." Returning to Yemen, he was arrested in 2006 and held for over a year. He reports being interrogated by FBI agents about a number of subjects, including 9/11. A NEFA Backgrounder on al Awlaki is available at: <http://www.nefafoundation.org/reports.html>]*

"The Western media has always been distorting the truth. But that should come as no surprise since they are the descendants of the ones who distorted the books of Allah themselves."

"The Daily Telegraph under the heading: 'Muslim groups linked to September 11 hijackers spark fury over conference' have made a few lies against myself. The first: 'The End of Time event at the East London Mosque, which is being publicized on internet sites including Facebook, will feature a videotaped lecture from Anwar al-Awlaki, who is banned from entering the United States after allegedly acting as a spiritual adviser to three of the September 11 terrorists.'"

"The truth of the matter is I am not banned from return to the US. I left the US on my own accord and refuse to return by my own choice. In fact the opposite is true. The US consul encouraged me to return to the US during his visit to me while I was incarcerated. Alhamdulillah Allah has blessed me with living in a blessed land by the witness of Rasulullah. Why should I replace that with life in the US? But I refuse to even visit the US because the US government is not to be trusted as they are liars just like their media. In the article the US Department of Homeland Security, accused me of using video lectures in recent months to 'encourage terrorist attacks'.

"Not only in the past months but in the past five years I have not published a single video lecture. The article quotes Charles Allen, America's undersecretary of homeland security for intelligence and analysis as saying that I was a spiritual advisor for three of the September 11 hijackers. This is a baseless claim that I have refuted again and again during the FBI's interrogations and with the media. The US government and the media still insist on spreading this lie around."

"He also claimed that I target 'US Muslims with radical online lectures encouraging terrorist attacks from [my] new home in Yemen.'"

"I would challenge him to come up with one such lecture where I encourage 'terrorist attacks.'"

"These are examples of lies made in just one article!"