

Two arms dealers engage in unspecified illegal activity. . .

are u there?

Marco contacted me already. It's going to be difficult.

How? In procuring it?

No. Moving it. Too many eyes on me.

. . . and are finding conducting business increasingly difficult.

You're kidding. U're in one of the poorest countries

You'r telling me. Dubai was so civilized, but now it's impossible to operate there.

Those terrorists are ruining our business. That series of attacks spooked everybody, not just the Americans.

How do you know you didn't help the terrorists?

Can't know for certain, but I think my ultimate client's different.

Dealer A (green phone) seems to think he is working for a country. The material he is interested in could be nuclear technology. However, he intimates that terrorists are also interested in doing business with him.

Yeah I know you're committed. I'm in it for the money. Doesn't matter too much who pays just so long as they do.

I want my people and faith to be respected. The bomb's important.

And to get back at the Crusaders?

That too. But the yanks are doing us a favor. Their military threats got my client's attention. He can't wait now for things to happen. The more talk of military action, the better, I say. And I have other buyers who are interested. Let's say more shady types.

Dealer B (gold phone) warns that the tide of international public opinion may be turning in favor of stronger counter-proliferation because of the terrorist attacks.

Don't be so sure. America's got a lot of support 'cause of the terrorists. People also leery of attacks, especially bw.

Yeah they really got the superpower on the run. Even when it isn't WMD, they think it is. Regular hoof and mouth, I heard. Hard to tell the difference at first.

Yeah, went overboard. Still I worry. Lots of people sympathize, worry even in Muslim world. America also had its share of the real thing. A big hit happened before hoof and mouth. That new Patriot Act went way beyond anything imagined after 9/11.

Both dealers indicate they are increasingly worried about new devices that can track them.

I worry about the chip.