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Speaker 2: Asher Avidan [Israeli]  

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*Walking to meeting room*  

Speaker 2:  
*Greets people*  

Speaker 2:  
Hey Walter.  

Speaker 1:  
How are you my friend?  

Speaker 2:  
Good.  
Lovely day, what are we doing in the office?  

Speaker 1:  
No man, I just came in quickly.  
I was out all day.  
I came in quickly.  
What a beautiful day.  
You know in Europe ####.  
We get nice weather in South Africa.  

Speaker 2:  
Also in Israel.  

Speaker 1:  
Exactly, we are spoilt.  

Speaker 2:  
Yeah.  

Speaker 1:  
SA: Let me show you these documents.  
In this pack here.  
You can just take these away.  
I will just deny that I ever saw these people, that I ever showed you.  
Let me show you, but I want you to see what it is I am talking about.  

Speaker 2:  
This, you know I saw something similar, but this one is even better I would say.
Yes.

Speaker 2:
No, I saw something even better with our logo above.
Here we don’t have our logo.
So we saw those people and in the end I had two cases like that.
One against a newspaper and one against of lawyers representing...

Speaker 1:
Trying to attack you...

Speaker 2:
... somebody.
And then we got letters of a judge approval that it was faked and stuff like that. So it was even better than this one, with our logo above, with our logo above.
This one I don’t see our logo above, but it’s also good.
You see what’s happening.
You know it better than me also, you put a white paper here, you do a photocopy.
People are trying to blackmail us...

Speaker 1:
Yeah, Yeah. Of course...

Speaker 2:
In the beginning we were a bit worried and we were concerned and we took, I took it hard to my heart, and I tell you something.
Not anymore.

Speaker 1:
It’s not worth it with that one.
That’s why I said you know, if you are comfortable, it doesn’t.
You know then I would just defend it.
But this type of thing, you know, that’s why when I saw it I said it sounds very serious.

Speaker 2:
That’s why it sounds very stupid.
Walter.
It sounds very, leave serious, it sounds very stupid.

Speaker 1:
Exactly.

Speaker 2:
I think, I don’t even know what was written here.
But I saw very similar to this one about, I don’t know, a year ago and.
And, it was written.

Speaker 1:
I don’t understand French.

Speaker 2:
No it doesn’t matter. Some guys... blah blah blah *reads in french*... Matinda

Speaker 1:
It says “in exchange for the blocks”

Speaker 2:
Here they are saying *reads in French* Matinda *reads in French*.
I saw better. In the time they were.
No no, I have.
From judge, I have from laywers they sent us and they say after sitting with the people concerned it is a completely fake lie, and the judge closed two of the newspapers.
It was a year ago.
I will show it to you.

Speaker 1:
We have seen, I have seen so many of this type of nonsense.
That’s why...

Speaker 2:
I don’t want to spend time on this....

Speaker 1:
I just wanted to show you just so you can see...

Speaker 2:
It is annoying to that it’s coming back and coming back the people don’t know how to. You know it’s doing ###. We are spend time for nothing. At the time I took it really really hard. At the time. And we went against them all over, there, and it was in the paper. I have a lawyer, a very brave thing, and I think I have the ###. More important. More important.

Speaker 1:
As long as you are confident, because I wanted to warn you guys, because these things at the moment, you can’t imagine. The intelligence which I have in people that come to build the place. And it’s these types of things they are trying to get. And because they have not organized themselves properly yet they have not launched the case properly...

Speaker 2:
I invite them again.
I invite them again.
It is just annoying that and that you spend time and money and people will...

Speaker 1:
Defending it...

Speaker 2:
Defending.
This is something that happened, a year ago, two years ago, that we saw those types of papers. Not exactly, there are others. This is even something I remember now even one of the papers ##. Was one of our soldiers that took it, I don't know. I never see this one ##8VI. This is new to me. *reads document quietly* It was one of our soldiers that did this blackmail and this and then I had another driver and I had somebody very important, a secretary in our...

Speaker 1:
Business...

Speaker 2:
Company.
In our company.
No, a local girl of course.

Speaker 1:
Yeah look I mean, listen, I have seen in Africa of these type of things.
We have dealt with many of this type of situations before.
So I believe you.
It will very easily happen.

*Accepts refreshments*

Speaker 2:
Anyway, more important.

Speaker 1:
Anyway.
At least I have told you these things are there, so at least you understand it.

Speaker 2:
Listen, I talked to my boss## after our meeting yesterday.
After we talk, you see, first I make to make something very straight forward.
Let's clear it in the beginning, because I don't want after to have any surprises.
I don't want anything to do with the people that I met them before.
It is Mark.
If you want something onboard or you think you can unique insights, now okay.
If it is Mark or if it is of course not the ##ISKOM and some other people which I don't like.
And if they are around, it's none of my business, I don't want to see them around.
Honestly, I am telling you in advance to avoid any further.
Same thing, and this I have not consult with our board, I don't want any people from ENRC, not officially, and at the end not unofficially.
If you want something else, please tell me in advance, okay?
So I know you, you are nice people and we are not doing it as friendship.
We can go, I don't know, in some occasion to drink something, to go out.
This is a different story, this is pure business, as you know.
And as you propose, I have no objection if you think, if you think, my own opinion.
Unfortunately I think we will waste our time with this guy.
I think.
From my experience, I tried through a very nice intermediary guy that is his friend and I came to see him with this guy and we had a chat and a meeting.
But then, you know, he tells to you ‘meet this’, ‘meet that’ and then he uses it against you.
Like he told me, meet my Minister, he’s in Paris.
I went to Paris to meet him, and then he used it against me with Vale.
With Vale! He told them ‘he met the Minister’, he thinks, you know.
Game plan.
So, my own opinion, I don’t think, I don’t have so much hope.
But, I am very opionitive.
It seems like you have a leverage on him like you say, you know the guy, you know the game. I don’t mind trying, really.
We can go together, unless that it would be respectful, I don’t want to sit there and he will tell us, I don’t know what.
Just make sure that there is no humiliation.
The guy, he’s not 100%.
You see.
So, and I saw him doing it to others.
I don’t want to give up.
I am going there, I can, I wish he will accept my offer.
I never gave him an offer.
Please try to understand that.
Never.
I tell you the truth.
100%, yes like I have a contract.
I have, I signed curing the old code.
I have nothing to do with the new whatever.
You know tomorrow there will be another president...

Speaker 1:
No of course...

Speaker 2:
And you know all the game. I don’t want to be there, now if I can avoid, being, you know, going to this process with the inter-ministerial.
Because I am writing them another, a response to their letter.
They sent me, I don’t know if I told you, a very nice letter.
That we will see, there is a commission#####, a more or less regret of what’s happened in #####Daba and blah, blah, blah.
Thank you very much, was nice of them.
Really nice. You know I told them, I am going to answer that I am willing to sit.
But again, not with people that are having their own ideas.
Because our#####.
We bring people, from, I don’t know, ####, this time.
So I can go and offer.
For the first time, the first time.
We can chat about it, but you know also, doing so, I don’t know I have to think.
Or think with you.
If it will work.
I am not sure.
You see?
If it will work.
I have a contract with him, with the government.  
100% we started and we put in lots of money, lots of money.  
Now together with Vale we put exactly 1.1 billion dollar, okay?  
We are ###.  
And this is the shareholder agreement we have with Vale.  
We brought from our own money, from the time before Vale came 150 something, nearly 160 million dollar on the exploration, from our own money.  
So, it's a lot a money.  
Sure, we got 500 million from the first transaction with Vale, this is true.  
But still we are investing, together.  
And I want to do more money, because it's a huge project.  
And I don't want to lose it.  
So, I want him to benefit as well.  
It's the government and everybody involved.  
Now, if you can make money out of it, with pleasure, and you will fix the problem like you said you fixed with the ###Usal or the ###Rebasca.  
So, I am willing to give it a chance.  
I have no issue.

Speaker 1:  
Look, I really do.  
I think the man is very stubborn.  
I'm not sure ###

*too much background noise, conversation lost for a few seconds*

Speaker 1:  
But we can try.  
The guy is stubborn.  
Very Stubborn.  
But it is worth trying.  
I think there is no debate, the solution lies continuing with the project.  
If you think reasonable, okay, if it’s a reasonable fee, then there is a solution.  
The only reason why I think there maybe is a real solution is because he won’t ask me, he won’t ask me, if it’s not real.  
Because, I'm the one bumping heads with him, you know.  
So he won’t ask me, to come, if it’s not his real intention to fix the problem somehow.  
That’s the only thing which I thought.

Speaker 2:  
I wish, I wish!  

Speaker 1:  
But the reason why I tell you these things is because I know about ###. I know ###.

Speaker 2:  
I know that, I know that.  
And I know who! I know that.  
Water please, forgive me, because it is giving me headache even to think about it.  
I know that.  
I know who is talking to him about it, and I know all his surrounders I know them by name.
Everything I, they, I was in touch with them in the past.
In prison, outside prison.
There were inside, outside those people coming and going.
And trying to blackmail as simple as it is.
As much as they want, and you know some of them I even respect.
I have some respect to some of them.
I not saying that they all are shit.
But I think that, you know, enough is enough.
Enough is enough. It’s all bullshit. You know, if he, one and a half years he’s trying to kick us out of the country.
You know, I will tell him in our meeting.
He wants me out, I will go. Seriously. I will go.
I will go.
I am willing to give the government whatever I think is right or we will agree is right.
We can do shares, then bye bye, thank you very much.
If you force me out, I will sell my shares.
Then he will have his shares, that’s it.
They will have those shares...

Speaker 1:
This is what I said to him by the way...

Speaker 2:
But, as I told you before, I will stay and if I need to fight, I will fight.
And stay, in spite everything.
Nothing will move from Guinea, nothing, nothing.

Speaker 1:
I believe it.
I had the same discussion with him unfortunately.
### very good ###.
You it’s hard Africa, there no, like they say, love for nothing.
I had the same discussion, I said ‘I know you’re busy with a lot of other things, but I need my transaction to be done, you know?
Otherwise I have to, to give it to the lawyers.
It’s simple, and you know the problem?
And I have to tell you, look Mr Premier, if I give this to the lawyers.
Here is your ###, there is your ###oil ###painting.
I have all the intelligence. You are trying to renew, he asked me to help him renew it.
If this goes to them, you’re fucked.
So what you want me to do? ‘No, please ###Irwin I didn’t mean like this, I’m just busy, you know, we just busy in these elections’.
Okay, no problem.
But, you know, let’s treat each other with respect.
So anyway, I had a look, the guy is a good guy, he is just in a position which is tough.

Speaker 2:
Is extremely, extremely brave guy.
Extremely brave.
No, I’m telling you.
I am saying how much he is brave.
Unbelievable.
I am telling you.
He is against everybody and he is trying to do, for what he calls, 'order in the house'.
And okay, I think he’s very brave and he is doing, for now there is no results.
I hope history will say something else....

Speaker 1:
Yeah...

Speaker 2:
I hope.
I know the fact that he stopped the train, and the project, and this, it’s crazy. Crazy.

Speaker 1:
Yeah, it should never have stopped.
Everybody who, I have taken in, all the bags### and everybody, always told him you must do
everything you can to bring capital in.
You know, people must invest.
It’s the bottom line.
Because, the result is the same.
###Rosal they have, how many people?
It’s the biggest employer, thousands of people.

Speaker 2:
No we have 3000, we are the second after the state.
That’s for sure. #Rosal are 2000, 1900 or 2100.
Or something like that.
We already have 3000.
But leave it, what do you think?
Do you think we can do a deal with him?
Or what?

Speaker 1:
Look, one must try.
One must try.
You remember, I said he wants me, he wants you to come there.
I know what he wants to say, he wants to say to me.
‘The Steinmetz issue, yeah I’ll give you a mandate.
I’ll call Steinmetz, I’ll call Vale.
Sort out the problem, I need the problem to be sorted out.
For me, before talking to you, I’m not sure ‘do I want to do that or not’.
I’ll try.
You know, that’s why I said you can come with me...

Speaker 2:
In any case I thought of going.
I will go Saturday until Tuesday evening...

Speaker 1:
Yes...
Speaker 2:
Tuesday evening I am leaving.
We have the Pass Over on, it's like Christmas you know, the Pass Over on the Friday.
It's like the Christian...

Speaker 1:
I got a client from a...

Speaker 2:
So I'm leaving there on Tuesday.
I going to see him, 'no problem' if we need to bring somebody else.
And with something real, we can touch and really say we are going for a solution.
I will call somebody if I know issues.
For now, he knows me by name, he knows me very well.
And I think it's good.

Speaker 1:
If you say, look, I'll try to help you.
That's it.
I'll spend a week, two weeks out there, I'll speak to Vale and talk to ### and ###.
You know, what's the problems.
These are the problems.
This is how you must fix it.
You know, in the quickest way.
Or, you know, these are the alternatives.
Which is all really I can tell you...
But at the end of the day, like I said to you, he's got two big headaches at the moment...

Speaker 2:
The election...

Speaker 1:
There's the election, there's my deal and the ###.
That's all.
You know, so maybe he.
I know he wants it just to disappear somehow, good or bad.
But he must deal with it somehow.

Speaker 2:
I have no issue, no issue.
You know, it's all a question of money in the end.
It's business. I want to stay there, and I wish I can stay.
The guy doesn't want me, I won't force him.
I will in the end sell my shares to Vale if they are willing to stay and to buy it.
I'm not sure they will.
I am not sure, then I will look to, then Vale will pull out then I will have the right to take it with, the 10%, because the paid us only 10%.
The 500 it's 10%.
We will be looked the rest.
We will sell the rest. I have other partners, I have no issue to restart from the beginning.
I did it with the Chinese, I was in Chinalco, with ###Bowsteel, I can IPO it.
Whatever...

Speaker 1:  
The whole story...

Speaker 2:  
The whole story to restart, whatever he decides.  
He wants me out, I assume he wants me out.  
That's what I assume.  
For him, that's not good.  
But if he wants me out what can I do?  

*movement, slight conversation missed*  

Speaker 1:  
Obviously that's his mindset, based on whatever is the people around him.  
And unfortunately the people around him is not giving him the right advice.  
You know they made a big mistake on the Rio deal.

Speaker 2:  
Huge mistake!

Speaker 1:  
His son, his son is made him big big big problems.  
His son is causing.  I got president Zuma to call him to explain the problems that his son is giving.  
Because in South Africa we have big problems with the children of Zuma, same thing.  
You know I said, I said, just explain to the old man...

Speaker 2:  
In any case, if you're going in, there will be no son.  
Nobody.

Speaker 1:  
No son.

Speaker 2:  
He can come with his advisor if he wants, or somebody else, I don't care.  
But not sons, and not relatives.  
I had enough.

Speaker 1:  
But anyways...  

Speaker 2:  
No, I don't want the son around.  
I don't think it's right to do it.  
I don't think it's right to do it.

Speaker 1:  
He cannot.  
Because the son changes the messages like this all the time.
Speaker 2:
No, this I don’t care.
But you know, it’s like your president is coming to see Mr ###Latanyo in Israel, and he brings his son.
Ridiculous.
I don’t want it.

Speaker 1:
Look, we’ve had that whole son problem ###.

Speaker 2:
Okay, anyway, listen, the son everything I am willing to go to him.
I can release to the, he put, I won’t give him 15%, whatever he is thinking, 15%, for my transaction.
This is out of the question.
That’s what he wants, and that he won’t get.
He won’t get.
Let’s not forget two things, that you also, and everybody is forgetting.
I gave him, as I told you, 1billion already.
More than Rio Tinto bid. Okay? But he touch the 1billion dollar, and I am talking here on behalf of my partners, because this is the deal that I have with my partner.
It was in infrastructure, I would love to keep it this way.
Because that’s what he needs, otherwise it will disappear, the money.
Although it’s in 100% of the World Bank, or whatever.
It would disappear in other things, and I don’t want it.
He can put it, my own opinion, he can put it on the road, is even better than the railway.
Is my own opinion.
Okay, but my own opinion doesn’t count for him.
Okay, he has his own consultants, he has 1 billion.
So let’s not forget the 1 billion I already gave him.
These are already decide and I am behind it 100%.
This is first.
Second.
He wants ###call my transaction.
He is not entitled to it, you know that.
Other countries tried, even in court, international transactions like we did.
We did it, not in Guinea, it’s in, you know, I don’t have to explain it.
Some other company in Guernsey validated by the ###Giardini ###, some other company, and they both, and we both, and both other assets we have in other countries.
Together with this.
So it’s not entirely.
But I am willing to consider something, something.
This is something I can tell you loud and clear.
Certainly, you won’t have 15%.
No. It’s impossible.
Is 20% addition, like option you can buy.
This is an option, this value money.
This is market value.
I don’t think there is a problem.
The problem is the 15% free ###care.
It is impossible.
Nobody will accept it.
But, me, because of ###, me I told Vale already I am willing to consider, for my part, not their part, my part. If they want to join, with pleasure.
I think they will.
Something, I don’t know, we can discuss.
Those shares can apply to you, or whatever, and then above it if we sign within we can do you share.
Nothing to do with your share ### then.
If you, if we would to cut a deal through your ###.
Nothing to do with your shares, and your issues with the government.
The of course, we would consider.
That’s it.
That’s what I think.
Royalties, we will never accept this royalties of 1.5%.
This also Rio Rinto not accepted.
1.5% on the ###LME, which gives you about 15% on the ###FE, it is ridiculous.
Nobody will accept this.
Nobody.
It is impossible.
And still we have to prove more that 8billion dollar capex.
Who will do it?

Speaker 1:
No, for sure...

Speaker 2:
The loan you took from Vale for this project, 16%, we will pay.
They cost of the money. 16%.
I wrote it.
It is in our shareholder.
16%.
You know no banks will loan you money for Guinea.
You can bring all the banks in the world, may be you will raise 300million.
No, we tried it already.
So you have on in the Chinese, and fortunately the Brazilians.
Brazilians, they were willing to come.
This I my offer, what do you think?

Speaker 1:
Look, I have no idea what’s in the guy’s head.
But my discussion is that, I can have this type of discussion.
Because I advised him on the Rio, in Rio, in the contract, it had two weeks before, I had the contract, we advised him, then I left him, then I said ‘wait till the Rio laywer and the other lawyer, wait till they can get together’.
But they rushed quickly, within a week, two weeks they signed an agreement.
I say ‘what did you do?’
No no, he read the agreement one by one, he said ‘but you read it, and you changed and you signed it.’ Biggest mess in the world.
Anyway, they will regret that.
So he’s now going to listen.

Speaker 2:
Desperate.
Speaker 1:
I know, it was just out of desperation.

Speaker 2:
For me it is very simple.
Now, this is for my transaction remained what I am going to do.
And then if he wants me out, we will push Rio to buy me out.
And whatever will be the price it will be the same unfortunately.
Unfortunately, I'm telling you as a friend, unfortunately, I wish I could make the $5 billion, which I thought I did work.
Yes.
In the beginning, this is the value of our deal.
It's 2.5 for 51% like 50% and the other 50 we keep 49%.
So it's 5 billion, very simple.
But the place were 25.
No, only me.
I am the only one to know, you can imagine.
And the geologists can tell you, our part is better than Rio Tinto.
I'm telling you.

Speaker 1:
I believe you.
I believe you.

Speaker 2:
And we have the path to Liberia, the passage, we approved the passage.
After he cancel, he re-approved the passage in Liberia.
To the Liberian president, he phoned her, he brought the Brazilian ambassador, he brought the CEO of Vale, and he told them that he was mislead, he re-approved the passage to Liberia.
If Rio, if Vale wants to do something else, another logistical solution with Rio-Shmio, BHP, I don't care, it's no problem.
As long as I am there we will pass through Liberia.
The only way.

Speaker 1:
The little bit I know about it...

Speaker 2:
This is a different discussion.
This is a separate issue.
The issue for me to you, and then to him, of course, is the issue. I'm afraid...

Speaker 1:
Let's try...

Speaker 2:
I am not so.
I am optimistic in my nature.
I have no issues to go sit with him then it can come like this *snaps fingers*
But as long as we see we have no deal there is no use, last time we just came, we just change you know, it was a good meeting.
I have to tell you.
For more than 1 hour.
We sat alone with him.
He said that he didn’t mean to hurt our feelings here and he didn’t talk like that which, blah blah blah. He knows everything.
And we also more or less supported ###his ###things.
And it went well.
But then there was no follow up.
You see?
The people advised him.

Speaker 1:
It’s all about tempo.

Speaker 2:
He said the commission would come, we thought it would be 2 months, but it’s already been 6 months. But now the commission is dead.

Speaker 1:
It’s the same thing.
But look, I think one must try.
I think we can try.

Speaker 2:
No problem.

Speaker 1:
He is asking for it, not me.
That’s why I think it’s an opportunity.
He won’t ask if he, I know him, he won’t ask if it’s not for a specific reason.

Speaker 2:
No, he wants a solution.
It was also all over the news that he wants a quick solution for this committee he started.
Anyway, I wish. You know what, I wish.
I wish I didn’t enough from this guy.
I passed difficult time at the beginning with difficult people.
But ### unique, unique. I can not talk to the guy.

Speaker 1:
Many people.
Unfortunately, many people feel that way.
Which is a surprise, as surprise ###.

*movement causes slight interference*

Speaker 2:
###.
You know, something must happen in the country.
Nothing happens.
Nothing happens.

Speaker 1:
This is exactly my concern.
For me I see time running out.
I see June coming.
I see my money there and I want to get a return before that happens.
That's the way I see these things.

Speaker 2:
Something I was sure that it won't take long, he will step up.
He, ###Pelserman.

Speaker 1:
In the beginning.

Speaker 2:
In the beginning.
And then there was the attempt for a coup and he shut his house.
Which I think that, you know, some people saying somebody fabricated this like.
I don't believe. I don't believe.

Speaker 1:
It was real because...

Speaker 2:
I also think it was real, but anyway.
I don't care. Luckily he went out, no harm.
I want this place to work, I spend lots of time there.
And I think we are entitled to make money from our investment and work.
More people, it's very nice to come and blackmail us.
And tell us things after.
You know.
Like you're playing poker and somebody is coming and taking your money from the table with the cheat cards.
We take all the responsibilities in the world, we know Africa, very well.
All the.
But here unfortunately the guy stubborn, didnt to deal and to listen, it will make good only for him.
Even on our railway, I told him at the time, I don't remember the number, but all the real engineers for the army can participate in the railway.
Or in the road.
Personally, better if you do a road.
And the same number we gave him, 1 billion dollar.
Now he wanted 'wide gates' he wanted 'quick train', I told him I don't care.
You will get it.
I will bring you the Eurostar.
But you have 1 billion dollar.

Speaker 1:
Don't get involved in the detail.
Speaker 2:
No, me?
I know all the details.

Speaker 1:
No, but he doesn't.

Speaker 2:
Ah, he!
He is a micromanagement president.

Speaker 1:
I know!
That's what happened to the agreements.
That's what happened in the legal agreements.
I don't know if you know about legal, but he have the right of first refusal to Rio.
Of the off take and many things...

Speaker 2:
Yeah, many things, many things.
Okay, you us to make there.
Or how you want to make it?

Speaker 1:
Yes, I tell you are in Paris tomorrow.

Speaker 2:
Tomorrow I am in Paris, yes.
Because I plan to go on Saturday.
I don't like waking up early, then go.

Speaker 1:
Normally when I fly there, I take a plane.
A private plane and I fly normally in the morning early, about 6 hours.
Sleep on the plane, be there, go for...

Speaker 2:
No, I take a commercial flight.
I go with the...

Speaker 1:
If I go, will be Monday.
Monday for me will easiest, is Monday.

Speaker 2:
Okay, I'm there until Tuesday evening.
We see.
My Easter starts Friday.
I hope we can leave Tuesday evening.
I really hope.
But if I have to stay until Wednesday, another day, for this cause, for sure I will.
But not more than this.
Really, it's a family issue.
We will postpone the meeting only after Wednesday.

Speaker 1:
No, for me also, it's only for the day.

Speaker 2:
And, like you, I don't think we have much time.
Seriously I don't.
With the election, you will have a mess.
A mess.
That you cannot do.

Speaker 1:
No, I'm telling you for sure, I think it's now.

Speaker 2:
No, he's losing it.
First, he's losing.
It's a simple mathematic.
He is losing for sure, the parliament.
In a democratic, he can be a dictator, but he cannot.
Not in his position and without the parliament, he cannot pass even not one decision.
Because you have ###, you have ###, all those people. ###, all those parties.
If he will have 20% I will be happy for him.
That's what will happen.
We have no time, and until the election there will be demonstrations I am sure. And whether we do it before.
And if he accept, you know what Walter, I will buy you a beer.

Speaker 1:
Yeah, no problems.
We can try.
I am happy to try, happy to try.
If nothing else I think it's okay.
When he calls like this I think it's because there's some urgency, some seriousness.

Speaker 2:
No problem, and where are you staying? In Novotel?

Speaker 1:
Yeah, normally in the Novotel.

Speaker 2:
If you want you can stay in our house, you are welcome.

Speaker 1:
I will call you.
Speaker 2: We have a very nice house there. In Conakry, I don’t know, in the Conakry...

Speaker 1: Where? Somewhere close there?

Speaker 2: Yeah, not far, not far from the bridge actually.

Speaker 1: No, no problem.

Speaker 2: If you want to stay in our place, with pleasure.

Speaker 1: For me, like I say, when I go it won’t be long. It’ll just be for the day.

Speaker 2: I wish. Then I leave with you.

Speaker 1: Yes, exactly. We have a meeting, discussion. I think the programme is to go, hear what is in his mind, I can then say to him...

Speaker 2: I don’t know, maybe you go first. Before me, I don’t want to be there to be humiliated because then, then I don’t want that. No, then...

Speaker 1: No I think we try that. I’ll go to the meeting, I’ll hear. If he says to me, that, that the wants, the mandate he wants us is this and can I help, then I will say Okay, I will help. What do you want to do? Then I will suggest to him, okay, you are here, meet you and let’s start the discussion. Simple as that. Him and I are very straight, I don’t fly up and down, talk shit. I’ll say, we’re here now. What do you want? *talk over each other* I can see our first meeting just being a standard meeting.

Speaker 2: No, we will meet in Paris. Meet my minister, tell me to go meet his minister, he will say it.
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Speaker 1:
He will say it.

Speaker 2:
He will say it.
And then I tell you Walter we are wasting our time.

Speaker 1:
No, no. For sure.

Speaker 2:
Wasting our time.

Speaker 1:
He knows what needs to be said.
I said to him before.
He knows, that I know, he's checked with the minister all the politics.
Top ### all that shit.
We set it up.
He knows that when he talks to me it's not going for high targets.
It's not like that.
Because I know what's going to happen.
So it might be easier, so what do you want to do?
The minister to what?
It doesn't, you know, he doesn't, it's two figures we need to fill in.
Or he must decide if he's going to court.
I want to ask him also, what lawyers are you using at the moment, what are you doing?

Speaker 2:
He is using the people from Soros as far as I know.

Speaker 1:
I know, but they not.
I want to...

Speaker 2:
They are NGO's. He is using NGO's.

Speaker 1:
The Soros lawyer is a friend of his son, that's why.
The one lawyer from Soros is very unprofessional.

Speaker 2:
Of course unprofessional.
They are NGO's!
You want them to be also professional?
I saw them in Liberia when we were negotiating for the passage to Liberia.
They were there.

Speaker 1:
They don’t understand it.

Speaker 2:
No, whoever he wants, can come.
I don’t care, I can even, I don’t know, he wants international, whoever he wants to appoint.
After we will agree. We will make an appropriate decision.
For sure I have to have an approval of my partners.
This is a different issue, but I assume if it will be a respectable agreement with him, and a reasonable one, reasonable it depends who you ask.
But a respectable one, they will agree.
They will agree.
I think so.
But there it is, I have to tell you before.

Speaker 1:
No, no of course.
Let’s try.
We’ll go in, we’ll see what is his state of mind.
What is his ideas.
What is the story, then we have an look in straight away.
We’ll even say, look want to level what is your thoughts.
And he’ll say, ‘okay let’s think’ and well start. We’ll start.

Speaker 2:
I will be Saturday, taking the flight Saturday.
You call me anytime, also tomorrow if you have news.

Speaker 1:
Sure.

Speaker 2:
And you can write me an email if you want.
I have, from time to time I turn on my South African number, the 27 one that I gave you in the beginning.
You have that as well.
And that’s it, those are the numbers I am using.

Speaker 1:
No problem.

Speaker 2:
And you have my email.

Speaker 1:
Yep, I’ve got your card.
I will call the guys today, tomorrow, to confirm a meeting with the guy.

Speaker 2:
And if something else, we okay or something else.
No, okay.

Speaker 2:
And again if you want to stay in my place, you are welcome.
It’s a nice place.
It’s very good food.

* say good byes*

[RECORDING ENDS]