Appendix A.

Questionnaire

Fatah Security Apparatus (1959 – 1993)

1. Kindly answer as many questions as you can from the following questionnaire.

2. If you have no objection to your name and/or position being mentioned in the research, please tick this box ( ). Otherwise, no details about you will be revealed.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.
Questionnaire

Fatah’s Security Apparatus (1958 – 1993)

1. From the time of its establishment until the Oslo Accords of 1993, How did Fatah manage to achieve its political agenda and maintain the capability of carrying out successful strikes against enemy targets?

2. Which of Fatah’s wings or branches was responsible of carrying out covert action?

3. Are there any specialized apparatuses within Fatah, which are entrusted with the tasks of: reconnaissance, clandestine collection, analysis, protection and the execution of covert action?

4. How is the process of intelligence-gathering, analysis, and decision-making (with regard to operations against Fatah’s enemies) implemented?

5. Does the information collected about Fatah’s enemy targets go through a cycle which includes sifting, comparing and verifying before the final product or “intelligence” is forwarded to the consumer?

6. To whom specifically is the final product of analysis (intelligence) channelled?

7. How and at what level is the final order to execute an operation taken?

8. Did Fatah take any exceptional measures or precautions to protect its organizational structure and personnel from enemy’s subversion, infiltration, espionage, and elimination? If yes, How?

9. What qualities does Fatah seek in its cadres, especially in the command and leadership levels? Are there any specific examples? Have there been any major operations associated with specific individuals?

10. Did Fatah have an specific branch or apparatus, devoted specifically to executing military operations against its chosen targets?

11. If the answer to the above is yes, what are the main operations carried out by these apparatuses?

12. Has any branch or apparatus, for any reason, changed its name? When? Why?

13. Who is in charge of carrying out operations against Israel, Palestinian dissidents and those so-called Fatah’s enemies in general?
14. Do different security sections cooperate in: the process of intelligence-gathering or in the execution of operations? How is this achieved?

15. Is there any cooperation between Fatah’s security and intelligence units and their foreign counterpart organizations? If so, what form does this cooperation take?

16. Has Fatah been influenced by any foreign intelligence model? How is this reflected in the development of the PLO strategies and operations?

17. Which sections within the PLO’s Fatah gather clandestine information about targets inside and/or outside Israel?

18. Which section or wing was entrusted with counter-intelligence operations?

19. Who or which department is responsible for the Organization’s security and its high ranking cadres? How is such a policy carried out?

20. Have such departments continued to function in the same way and with the same powers, from the time they were established until Oslo?

21. What methods and technique does Fatah’s (al-amen al-mohed “Unified Security” apparatus use in order to collect information about their targets?

22. What technique does Fatah counterintelligence apparatus use to protect the organisation?

23. Was the Jehaz Al-Rasd interested only in clandestine collection? Or were its operatives asked to perform other duties?

24. Was Force -17 only in charge of protecting the President’s security? If not, what other duties was it entrusted with?

25. Was the (Al-Amen Al-Markazee “Central Security”) apparatus the executer of counterintelligence and covert action, or was it assigned other duties as well?

26. Strictly for research purposes only, do you recommend that I contact any specific organization, party or individual that might be in possession of information relevant to my research?