Yemeni Arabic transcript:

ل: طيب ومافيش أماكن سياحية في ال... في صنعاء في تعز...

ب: في إب، في إب الا، في إب تمتاز جباله كأنه قطايف، اه سفوح الجبال حق إب لما تشوفيها كأنه هي مناطق خضراء،بس الزائر لما يشوفه على طول، أول ما يشوفه يحس كأنه قطيفة خضراء مفروشة على الجبال.

ل: في صنعاء في صنعاء في العاصمة يعني، في أي أماكن ترفيهية؟

ب: إلا في في فين..

م: جبل صبر ...

ب: دار الحجر، دار الحجر في صنعاء ايه، في جسر الشهاري، شهارى في حجة. وصنعاء القديمة برضوه، باب اليمن، دي أكثر... الزوار الأجانب تلاقيهم في باب اليمن. يعني فيبه العقيق اليماني، الخناجر والسيوف يعني فيبه حاجات قديمة. الحاجات القديمة اللي يبحث عنه الزاير...ايوه، فكثير كثير تلاقي انجذابه لباب اليمن، صنعاء القديمة.

صنعاء كانت هي محصورة بصنعاء القديمة فقط، بعدين بعد الثورة يعني حصل انه بدأت تتوسع، أتوسع(ت) التوسع العمر اني وأصبحت ال. يعني أمانة العاصمة وصنعاء القديمة. أطلقت... حافظوا على التراث، حتى كانت في فترة من الفترات صنعاء القديمة أعلننه اليونيسكو عاصمة للثقافة العربية.

English translation:

L: Well, there are no tourist sites in... Sana'a and Taiz?

B: In Ibb, in Ibb there are. Ibb is special for its mountains that look like carpets. Ah... the bases of the mountains are green places; once the visitor sees them he/she feels like it's a green carpet rolled out on the mountains.

L: In Sana'a, in Sana'a the capital, are there any recreational places?

M: Yes there are... where...

M: Sabir Mountain...

B: Dar al-Hajar, Dar al-Hajar in Sana'a. There is also Al-Shahara Bridge in Hajah. There is Old Sana'a as well, and Bab al-Yemen. These are the most... you find foreign tourists there in Bab al-Yemen. I mean there are the Yemeni garnets, *khanjars*¹ and swords, there are many antiques. The antiques that visitors come to look for, yes, there are [many tourists] who are attracted to Bab Al-Yemen and Old Sana'a.

Sana'a was limited in the [area] of Old Sana'a, then after the revolution urbanization extended and [now] it became Amadat al-Asima and Old Sana'a. They started... they preserved the heritage, at one point Old Sana'a was chosen by UNESCO to be the capital of Arabic culture.

¹ Khanjar or Jambiah: a small knife usually covered with a decorated sheath that is used as part of the traditional Yemeni costume for men in the northern areas of Yemen.

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