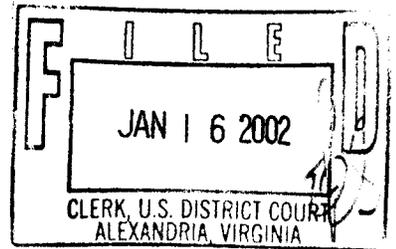


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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 v.) Criminal No. 01-455-A
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 ZACARIAS MOUSSAOUI)
 a/k/a "Shaqil,")
 a/k/a "Abu Khalid)
 al Sahrawi,")
)
 Defendant.)

ORDER

Before this Court is defendant's Motion for Protective Order to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of his counsels' applications to incur costs associated with the preparation of the defense in this case and for payment of the same. The United States does not oppose this Motion.

The advocate for the accused has both an ethical obligation and a constitutional duty to conduct a thorough factual investigation and legal analysis. See United States v. McVeigh, 918 F. Supp. 1452, 1459 (W.D. Okla. 1996). When a defendant is unable to pay for his defense, he must rely on the court's authority under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A (2001), for payment of counsel, investigators, experts and other services necessary for adequate representation. See id. at 1460. Upon request, a court may place documents pertaining to Criminal Justice Act activities under seal. See id. at 1461. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that all applications to incur costs associated with the preparation of the defense in this case and for payment of the same shall remain under seal until final judgment is entered and for such time thereafter as the Court deems appropriate.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Order to counsel of record.

Entered this 16th day of January, 2002.

/S/

Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge

Alexandria, Virginia