

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

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

ORDER

The defendant, pro se, has filed a Motion to Stop the Deportation of Muslim Witness in My Favor in which he seeks to prevent the United States from deporting Ali Mukaram.¹ Although standby counsel have indicated their intention to "preserve" Mr. Mukaram's testimony (presumably through a videotaped deposition), live witness testimony is always preferable. Given the length of time the witness has remained in the United States, we find the additional months required to secure his live trial testimony to be insignificant. Accordingly, the defendant's motion is GRANTED; and it is hereby

ORDERED that the United States suspend any deportation proceedings or other efforts to remove Mr. Mukaram from the United States until further order of the Court.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Order to the defendant, pro se; counsel for the United States; standby defense

¹Standby counsel identify this individual as Mukkarum Ali.

counsel; and the United States Marshal.

Entered this 14th day of August, 2002.

/s/

Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge

Alexandria, Virginia