

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

On Tuesday, September 10, 2002, standby counsel filed a motion and memorandum docketed as #s 488 and 489, which have been filed under seal with the Court Security Officer. After consultation with counsel for the United States, standby counsel filed an amended motion and memorandum #s 488 and 489 (Docket #s 494 and 495) on Wednesday, September 11, 2002.

Standby counsel have filed under seal a Motion to Unseal both the amended pleadings arguing that they do not reveal any national security information. Attached to their Motion to Unseal is a copy of a Washington Post article which provides far more detail about the individual at issue than anything in standby counsel's amended pleadings. Given the strong public policy disfavoring secret proceedings in criminal cases, see Press-Enterprise v. Superior Court, 464 U.S. 501 (1984); In re Knight Publishing Co., 743 F.2d 231 (4th Cir. 1984), it is hereby

ORDERED that the United States respond to the Motion to Unseal forthwith.

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

Entered this 13th day of September, 2002.

/s/

Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge

Alexandria, Virginia