

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 September 27, 2002, the defendant, pro se, filed a Motion to Force Dunham to Silence (Docket #577) in which he reiterates his request that the Court impose a "gag" order on standby defense counsel. We denied a similar motion by the defendant on September 26, 2002. For the same reasons, the defendant's renewed motion is DENIED. However, in light of the extensive continuation of this trial, it is hereby

ORDERED that during the pendency of this prosecution, all counsel and members of their "law firms" must strictly comply with Local Rule 57,¹ which prohibits extrajudicial statements "relating to the trial or the parties or the issues in the trial" if such statements could reasonably interfere with a defendant's fair trial rights. Local Rule 57(D). Publicly discussing either inculpatory or exculpatory evidence would violate Local Rule 57(C)'s prohibition of extrajudicial statements concerning "the

¹ The Department of Justice is the "law firm" prosecuting Mr. Moussaoui.

identity, testimony or credibility of prospective witnesses...[or]...any opinion as to the accused's guilt or innocence or as to the merits of the case or evidence in the case." The Court will not hesitate to sanction any violation of this rule.

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

Entered this 30th day of September, 2002.

/s/

Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge

Alexandria, Virginia