

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

Between January 22 and February 11, 2003, the pro se defendant filed several pleadings docketed as #s 723, 727, 729, 733, 737, 748 and 751, which were initially filed under seal pursuant to our Order of September 27, 2002. The United States has since advised the Court of its positions regarding the propriety of unsealing or redacting these pleadings.

We agree with the United States that pleadings docketed as #s 723, 727, 729 and 733 must remain sealed because they concern matters currently under seal. We also find that most, but not all, of the proposed redactions to pleadings docketed as #s 737, 748 and 751 strike the proper balance between the public's right to access records in criminal cases and the United States' legitimate concerns about the defendant's ability to use his pleadings inappropriately to communicate with the outside world. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the defendant's pro se pleadings docketed as #s 723, 727, 729 and 733 remain under seal in their entirety; and

pleadings docketed as #s 737, 748 and 751 be and are unsealed with the indicated redactions.

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 26th day of February, 2003.

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Leonie M. Brinkema  
United States District Judge

Alexandria, Virginia