

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

Pursuant to our Order of September 27, 2002, the United States has advised the Court of its proposed redactions to the defendant's pro se pleadings docketed as #s 794, 796 and 803. Finding that most, but not all, of the proposed redactions 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,¹ it is hereby

ORDERED that the defendant's pro se pleadings docketed as #s 794, 796 and 803 be and are unsealed with the indicated redactions. In light of this ruling, the Court will also unseal the redacted version of its Order of March 14, 2003 and Orders of March 28 and April 1, 2003 unless the United States offers a

¹We did not adopt the proposed redaction to page two of pleading #796 finding it to be inconsistent with the Government's failure to propose a similar redaction to page three of pleading #803.

legitimate justification for maintaining these Orders under seal by Monday, April 14, 2003.

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 11th day of April, 2003.

/s/

Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge

Alexandria, Virginia