

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

Having perceived the Court's Order of August 14, 2003 as a threat to his pro se status, Mr. Moussaoui initially resolved not to file any more pleadings in this case unless invited to do so by the Court in writing (Docket #1024). The defendant subsequently proposed a process by which the Court would "promptly" notify him of the Court's understanding of and/or objections to each pro se filing to afford him an opportunity to withdraw any pleading the Court cannot comprehend or finds to be repetitive (Docket #1026).

The burden is properly on a pro se defendant to comport his conduct to that which is expected of attorneys practicing before this Court.<sup>1</sup> The Court will not accommodate Mr. Moussaoui's refusal to do so by adopting either proposal. Accordingly, his pleadings docketed as #s 1024 and 1026 are DENIED.

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<sup>1</sup> Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, filing succinct requests for appropriate judicial relief free from offensive or inflammatory language, and refraining from filing repetitive or cumulative pleadings.

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2003.

/s/

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Leonie M. Brinkema  
United States District Judge

Alexandria, Virginia