

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

For the reasons stated in open court, defendant's Motion for Relief From Conditions of Confinement is DENIED.¹

Defendant has made an oral motion to dismiss his court-appointed counsel and be permitted to proceed pro se. To ensure that defendant's waiver of his right to counsel is voluntary, knowing and intelligent, it is hereby

ORDERED that defendant submit to a mental health evaluation by a psychiatrist selected by the Court. Counsel for the United States and the defendant are directed to forward to the Court forthwith the names of proposed psychiatrists specializing in

¹With one exception, all issues raised in the Motion are moot because the Sheriff and officials at the Alexandria Jail have made special arrangements to accommodate defendant, including providing him with access to a computer and a room in which to review the evidence. The one issue not rendered moot is defendant's request to communicate with an uncleared individual designated John Doe. That request is denied on the merits because we find the Special Administrative Measure (SAM) governing defendant's communications with potential expert or fact witnesses to be reasonable.

forensic examinations who will be able to conduct an immediate evaluation; and it is further

ORDERED that any report generated by the mental health evaluation be forwarded directly to the Court for an in camera determination of what, if any, contents should be revealed to counsel.

Because the Court has not yet determined whether defendant is competent to waive his right to counsel, his current, court-appointed lawyers will continue to represent him. All deadlines previously set by the Court for the filing of pleadings as well as the May 31, 2002 deadline announced in court for the submission of proposed questions for the juror questionnaire remain in full force and effect.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Order to the defendant, counsel of record, the United States Marshal, and the Court Security Officer.

Entered this 22nd day of April, 2002.

/s/

Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge

Alexandria, Virginia