

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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 v.) Criminal No. 01-455-A
)
 ZACARIAS MOUSSAOUI)
 a/k/a "Shaqil,")
 a/k/a "Abu Khalid)
 al Sahrawi,")
)
 Defendant.)

ORDER

Before the Court is the defendant's Motion for Protection of Defendant's Papers, in which defense counsel ask that any further documents sent by Mr. Moussaoui to the Court be forwarded unopened to the Court Security Officer (CSO) for classification review, with the CSO to provide an immediate copy to defense counsel in the defense counsel's SCIF. The United States has filed a Response to this proposal, opposing the request that a copy of Mr. Moussaoui's writings to the Court not be supplied to the Government.

Since the Court revoked Mr. Moussaoui's pro se status on November 14, 2003, he has continued to send the Court redundant and inappropriate pleadings, albeit in reduced volume. Consistent with our previous orders, we have received those documents for archival purposes only and copies of these documents have been forwarded only to defense counsel.

Defense counsel's Motion is consistent with the approach adopted by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth

Circuit for handling Mr. Moussaoui's writings. Therefore, despite the United States' objection, the Motion for Protection of Defendant's Papers is GRANTED, and it is hereby

ORDERED that the Court will no longer accept any documents from Mr. Moussaoui unless they are submitted by defense counsel; and it is further

ORDERED that the United States Marshal deliver directly to the CSO any document addressed by Mr. Moussaoui to this Court; and it is further

ORDERED that the CSO will immediately forward a copy of the document to the appropriate agency for classification review, with the original to be placed in the defense counsel's SCIF. The document must remain in the SCIF until defense counsel is notified of the document's classification status.

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

Entered this 24th day of December, 2003.

/s/

Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge

Alexandria, Virginia