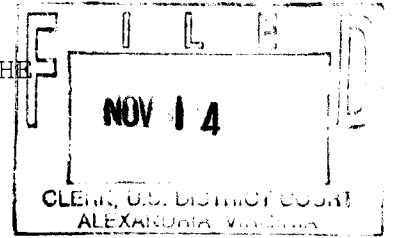


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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 v.) 1:01cr455 (LMB)
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 ZACARIAS MOUSSAOUI)
 a/k/a "Shaqil,")
 a/k/a "Abu Khalid)
 al Sahrawi,")
)
 Defendant.)

ORDER

The government does not object to the defendant's Motion to Modify Trial Schedule (Docket #1363), in which the defense asks that the beginning of jury selection be continued from Monday, January 9, 2006, to Monday, February 6, 2006, with the final selection of the jury and opening statements occurring on Monday, March 6, 2006. Both parties rely upon the complex nature of the evidence, much of which is classified, the need to finalize substitutions for certain witnesses' testimony, and other logistical issues as legitimate bases for the requested extension. The Court finds the reasons meritorious. Accordingly, the defendant's Motion to Modify Trial Schedule is GRANTED, and it is hereby

ORDERED that potential jurors will appear to fill out a Juror Questionnaire starting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 6, 2006. Assuming the selection of the final juror pool is completed by Friday, March 3, 2006, the trial will begin on Monday, March 6, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. with the selection of the eighteen jurors who will hear the case, and will then proceed to opening statements. If juror selection continues past March 3, the trial will begin as soon as possible after March 6.

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In response to defense counsel's letter of November 2, 2005, the Court has determined that 500 potential jurors will be initially summoned to the courthouse. Review of their answers to the Juror Questionnaire will begin immediately and should be completed by Tuesday, February 14, 2006, with individual voir dire beginning Wednesday, February 15, 2006. The voir dire will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue on consecutive weekdays, including Fridays.

Voir dire will be conducted by the Court, supplemented with questions submitted by counsel. The jurors chosen for voir dire will be selected randomly from the pool of jurors not disqualified on the basis of the Juror Questionnaire, and counsel will know in advance which jurors are to appear each day. Once a pool of 85 qualified jurors is set, voir dire will end. Each party will be allowed a maximum of 30 peremptory challenges to be exercised as to the jurors in that pool.

To ensure that there is no delay in this process, it is hereby

ORDERED that by Tuesday, November 29, 2005, counsel submit, in hard copy and on disk, their proposed Juror Questionnaire. The parties are encouraged to submit one joint proposal.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Order to counsel of record and the Court Security Officer.

Entered this 14th day of November, 2005.

/s/

Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge

Alexandria, Virginia