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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

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TAMPA, FLORIDA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

GHASSAN ZAYED BALLUT

Case No. 8:03-CR-77-T-30TBM
This motion/petition/stipulation has been duly
considered and is hereby *granted*
this 19 day of May, 2004.

James S. Moody, Jr.

**DEFENDANT GHASSAN BALLUT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO RESPOND TO THE GOVERNMENT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION
OF THE COURT'S ORDER REGARDING THE SCIENTER REQUIREMENT**

JAMES S. MOODY, JR.
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

The Defendant, GHASSAN ZAYED BALLUT, by and through his undersigned counsel, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 45(b), hereby requests this Honorable Court to permit an extension of time to May 20, 2004, for the Defendant to file his response to the Government's Motion for Reconsideration of the Scienter Requirement As It Pertains to the Scienter Requirements of a Section 2339B Prosecution and Memorandum of Law in Support (Doc. 519 and 520), and as grounds therefor states:

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1. On April 26, 2004, after obtaining an extension of fourteen days from the Court, the Government filed its motion to reconsider the Court's Order of March 12, 2004, raising several substantial issues in support of the motion.

2. The Defendant requires additional time to thoroughly prepare a response to these issues.

3. The Court has already granted extensions of time to respond to the Government's Motion for Reconsideration to co-defendants SAMI AL-ARIAN and HATIM FARIZ to May 20, 2004.

4. The Defendant's undersigned counsel has made efforts to contact Assistant United

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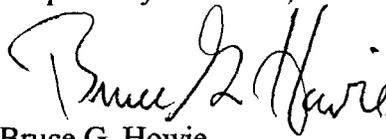
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States Attorney Walter Furr to determine if the Government has any objection to this motion and has been unable to communicate with Mr. Furr, but would note that the Government had no objection to HATIM FARIZ's motion for extension of time.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant requests this Honorable Court to grant an extension of time for the Defendant's response to the Government's Motion for Reconsideration to May 20,

Respectfully submitted,



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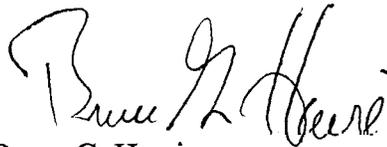
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