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United States of America
Middle District of Florida
Tampa Division

United States of America
vs.
Sami Amin Al-Arian, et al.

Case No. 8:03-CR-77-T-30-TBM

Defendant Sami Amin Al-Arian's Pro-Se Motion to Compel Government to Facilitate Legal Defense Functions to Insure Effective Self-Representation as a Pre-trial Detainee

Comes now the defendant, Sami Amin AL-ARIAN, in Pro Se and pursuant to this Honorable Court's order in allowing self-representation, the defendant asks for the following:

1. To order the immediate cessation of the unauthorized opening of his legal mail, outgoing or incoming, outside of his presence, in violation of established U.S. prison regulations and the due process clause of the U.S. Constitution.

2. Immediate and full access to the LAW LIBRARY in the Prison main building since the Special Housing Unit (SHU) Law Library is extremely limited (having basically one row of Supreme Court decisions.)

3. Lap-top computer, printer, and computer supplies such as CDs, disketts, and cartridges in order to prepare his defense. (The defendant shall buy and furnish his own equipment and supplies.)

4. Full access to the internet for Legal research purposes.

5. The furnishing of all requisites supplies, such as paper, printing paper, legal pads, pens, pencils, erasers, sharpner, scotch tape, paper clips, stapler and staples, folders, etc. for use in the preparation of his defense.

6. To allow any book that is needed by the defendant in the preparation of his case including hard cover books.

7. To allow extended time for the defendant to meet with his legal teams or witnesses beyond the 3:00 pm limit currently imposed.

8. To provide the defendant with a copy machine so that he can copy prouleged work product.

9. To allow unfettered access to all material the defendant needs to review for his defense, such as documents, financial records, audio tapes, video tapes, CDs, disketts, and others.

10. To provide all needed equipment to review material such as TV, VCR, cassette player, and similar equipment.

11. Voluminous discovery requires that defendant have access to certain bare essentials such as table, chair, cell large enough to work in, store and have continuous access to discovery material. Furthermore, the court is requested to bar the government or any of its agents, organs, or agencies to read, copy, or otherwise have access to all pruulege work product.

12. To compel any agency, bureau, organ, or agent of the U.S. or other governments not to spy, monitor, intercept, listen to, record, place phone taps, or surveille any meeting or conversation in any way, shape or form related to his defense.

13. The use of para-legals, private investigators, translators, and other expert assistance as needed.

14. The ability to have unhindered and unmonitored contact visits with potential and perspective witnesses.

15. Complete, full access, unmonitored and unhindered ability for daily use of the telephone between 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM.

Wherefore, the defendant moves this Honorable Court to immediately grant the above requests in order to facilitate effective self-representation and so that minimum due process rights are afforded.

Respectfully Submitted

Sami A. Al-Arian

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Dated: July 25, 2003
Orient County Jail
Hillsborough County