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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA, FLORIDA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

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

SAMI AMIN AL-ARIAN,

Defendant.

ORDER

THIS CAUSE is before the court on Mr. Al-Arian's **Motion to Represent Himself and to Terminate Court Appointed Counsel** (Doc. 182). By this motion Defendant seeks permission "to proceed in *pro se* until he can obtain counsel of his choice" He further alleges irreconcilable differences with court appointed counsel such that they should be removed in any event. The government has filed a response (Doc. 181). A hearing on pending motions was conducted July 25, 2003.

For reasons more thoroughly addressed at the hearing, Mr. Al-Arian's request for self-representation is **GRANTED**. The court has conducted the necessary hearing suggested in Faretta v. California, 422 U.S. 806 (1975). See also Strozier v. Newsome, 871 F.2d 995 (11th Cir. 1989). Despite the qualified language of his motion, upon inquiry the Defendant unequivocally requests the right to represent himself and after advisement of his rights under the sixth amendment and fair warning of the obligations of self-representation as well as the

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