

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

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

GHASSAN ZAYED BALLUT

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**DEFENDANT GHASSAN BALLUT'S MOTION TO  
EXTEND TIME FOR FILING OF VOIR DIRE QUESTIONS**

The Defendant, GHASSAN ZAYED BALLUT, by and through his undersigned counsel, hereby requests this Honorable Court to extend by one month the time permitted for the Defendant to file proposed voir dire questions, and as grounds therefor would state:

1. The Defendant was directed to file proposed voir dire questions to be propounded to the jury venire in the trial of this cause no later than August 1, 2003.
2. The jury trial of this cause is now set for the first week of January, 2005, some seventeen months away.
3. The Defendant's undersigned counsel has been required to concentrate on other motions due at the same time in this cause, particularly the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss or Strike, and has not had opportune time to prepare an adequate list of voir dire questions.
4. The Defendant respectfully suggests that neither the Government nor the administration of the Court is impaired or prejudiced by the requested one month extension for preparation of voir dire questions, given the distance of the trial date.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant requests this Honorable Court to extend the time for filing of proposed voir dire questions to September 1, 2003. This motion/petition/stipulation has been duly

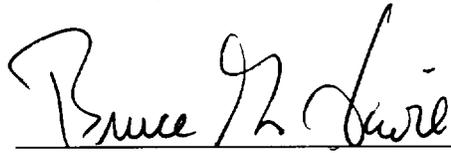
considered and is hereby granted,  
this 4 day of Aug., 2003.

SCANNED

James S. Moody, Jr.  
JAMES S. MOODY, JR.  
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

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Respectfully submitted,

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