

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

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TAMPA, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 8:03-cr-77-T-30TBM DATE: August 6, 2003  
HONORABLE James S. Moody, Jr. INTERPRETER N/A

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
v.

Terry Zitek, Walter Furr  
Government Counsel

Sami Amin Al-Arian  
Sameeh Hammoudeh  
Ghassen Zayed Ballut  
Hatim Naji Fariz

Pro Se  
Daniel Hernandez  
Bruce Howie  
Fletcher Peacock, Allison Guagliardo,  
and Mark Rankin  
Defense Counsel

Defendant(s)

COURT REPORTER Claudia Spangler-Fry DEPUTY CLERK Sara Boswell

TIME 1:35 - 2:30 p.m. TOTAL 1.0 Courtroom 13 A

PROCEEDINGS: **ORAL ARGUMENT on [dkt. 168] Motion for a pretrial conference and protective order pursuant to the Classified Information Procedures Act (CIPA).**

Defendants Sami Al-Arian and Sameeh Hammoudeh appearing by video teleconference.

Defendant Al-Arian is appearing pro se and raises issues on why the hearing today should not proceed. Court will go forward hearing arguments on the pending motion for protective order.

Government requests that the Court defer ruling on the protective order for two weeks. The Department of Justice has not made a final decision as to the issue of classification. Also, the government has not had adequate time to review all the objections made by Defendants Al-Arian, Ballut, and Fariz to the motion for protective order. Mr. Hernandez on behalf of Defendant Sameeh Hammoudeh orally adopts the objections made by the co-defendants.

Court will reserve ruling on the practical aspects of the protective order until the issues of classification are resolved. Court believes that the viewing of classified materials can be coordinated with the Court Security Officers, defense counsel, and Defendant Al-Arian.

Court will continue this hearing until September 12, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. A written scheduling notice will be issued. ~~Defendants Al-Arian and Hammoudeh orally motion to be transported to Tampa to attend the hearing. Court will take the oral motion under advisement.~~

Court introduces Court Security Officers (CSOs) Charles Alliman and Jack Molinard to the parties. Court suggests the parties meet with the CSOs after the hearing to discuss any issues of concern. The CSOs will go to Coleman Correctional Institution to personally speak to Defendants Al-Arian and Hammoudeh.

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