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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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VS.
Sami Amin Al-Arian, et. al.

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

Defendant's Sami Amin Al-Arian's Pro Se
Motion to Request the Help of the Court
in Speeding Up the Discovery Review Process

Comes now the defendant, Sami Amin Al-Arian in pro se,
and moves this Honorable Court to speed up the
discovery review process, for the following reasons:

- 1) The defendant has been detained at Coleman Federal Penitentiary since March 27, 2003 (i.e. for over 140 days.)
- 2) With the exception of about one month between approximately mid May to mid June reviewing audio tapes, and one and a half days reviewing financial documents at the end of July, the defendant has not been utilizing his time for adequately preparing for his defense.
- 3) The limited SHU Law Library is grossly inadequate and highly inaccessible which further contributed to the under utilization of the defendant's time. In particular,

the legal materials are outdated. There are no comprehensive Federal materials, specifically concerning FISA, the PATRIOT ACT, and current relevant and binding legal decisions as cited by the Government in this case.

- 4) The Government's index contains discoverable materials that include 89 different financial records and documents, search and seizure materials that list thousands of documents in 242 page index, foreign documents, hundreds of video and audio tapes, as well as other discoverable materials that need to be reviewed and inspected.
- 5) There does not seem to be any legal reason for delays in reviewing the discovery materials nor the under utilization of the defendant's time at the current detention facility in Coleman.
- 6) Furthermore, there is a potential need in the future for much time once the classified materials become available to the defendant. Hence, it's hoped that by that time the defendant would have already reviewed the unclassified materials currently available.
- 7) For all the above reasons, the defendant respectfully asks this Honorable Court to speed up the discovery review process and order that the defendant is brought to Tampa continuously until all the review of the materials in indices (A-D) is done.

- 8) It's estimated that such review would take at least 150-180 days.
- 9) The defendant is concerned that his due process rights and the right to confront all the evidence against him could be jeopardized if he is not able to review them because of future time limitations or because of logistical considerations.

Therefore, the defendant prays that the Honorable Court will order that the defendant is brought immediately to Tampa for 150-180 days for the purpose of allowing review for the materials in indices (A-D) supplied by the Government.

Respectfully Submitted

Sami A. Al-Arian

Date: August 15, 2003
Coleman Federal Prison

Sami A. Al-Arian