

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

FILED

03 AUG 27 P11 5:38

CLERK'S MINUTES -CRIMINAL

CASE NO. 8:03-cr-77-T-30TBM DATE August 27, 2003

TITLE USA v. Sami Al-Arian, Sameeh Hammoudeh, Ghassan Ballut, & Hatim Fariz

TIME 8:42-10:00 Court Reporter: Carol Jacobs

Honorable Thomas B. McCoun III Deputy Clerk: Sonya Cohn

Attorney(s) for Govt: Attorney(s) for Defendant(s): Defendant(s):

<u>Terry Furr</u>	<u>Sami Al-Arian, pro se</u>	
	<u>Daniel Hernandez</u>	<u>Hammoudeh, present</u>
	<u>Bruce Howie</u>	<u>Ballut, not present</u>
	<u>Don Horrox</u>	<u>Fariz, not present</u>

PROCEEDINGS: Discovery Conference

Government advises court and counsel that all tapes regarding FISA have been declassified.

Court inquires as to what equipment will be necessary to listen to tapes; when will they be ready for review by defense. 175 reels have been converted to MP-3 and will be ready for review shortly; should take approx. 3 months to be completed and will be provided chronologically as available. Coleman is aware of what equipment is needed to enable defendants to listen to tapes.

Mr. Al-Arian and Mr. Hernandez both stress the importance of incarcerated defendants being able to view financial documents on a more regular basis.

Paralegal has been approved and will assist all defendants. Court inquires as to status of interpreters - FPD has meeting today with an individual who has gotten together a group of interpreters for their review.

Government also advised they have 36 CPU's that will be mirrored and available for review by counsel in approximately 3 weeks.

Government's motion to strike or dismiss - denied at this time (order to follow). In the future, Mr. Al-Arian shall contact government (by letter) prior to filing motion. Court addresses various motions filed by Mr. Al-Arian - written order to follow.

236

Govt. shall have 30 days to address any discrepancies in tapes that have been provided; 20 days to provide faxes referenced in Indictment relating to specific overt acts.