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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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TAMPA, FLORIDA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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

v.

SAMI AMIN AL-ARIAN, et al.,

Defendants.

MOTION TO ALLOW CONTACT VISIT

COMES NOW the accused, SAMI AL-ARIAN, by and through the undersigned counsel, and moves this Honorable Court for the entry of an Order allowing a contact visit with his wife, Nahla Al-Arian, and his children, and as grounds therefore would state:

1. The Accused is a pre-trial detainee in Coleman U.S.P. which is a maximum security institution;
2. The Accused has been housed in the Security Housing Unit (S.H.U.), in the most restrictive conditions available since his relocation there in March, 2003.
3. The S.H.U. is the facility that houses the 'worst of the worst', i.e. those convicted offenders who are disciplinary problems within the prison. Dr. Al-Arian has not been designated a disciplinary problem to warrant his confinement in the S.H.U. Rather, the prison officials have informed both the accused and counsel that the reason Dr. Al-Arian and Mr. Hammoudeh are housed in the S.H.U. is for "their own security".
4. Since March 28, 2003, the Accused has been prohibited from *any* contact visits with his family except for one occasion where the Court allowed Dr. Al-Arian to visit with his wife and his young son who was moving to Egypt.

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5. However, inmates in the S.H.U. are regularly allowed contact visits with family members.
6. Currently, Dr. Al-Arian and his family, along with millions of Muslims around the world, will be celebrating the end of the holy month of Ramadan, traditionally one of the two holy days of the year in the Muslim calendar; this day is comparable to Thanksgiving or Christmas in the Christian calendar. This year this holiday falls on Tuesday, November 25th, 2003.
7. Absent a Court Order, the prison officials have informed Dr. Al-Arian that the U.S. Marshalls have determined the accused should have no contact visits.

WHEREFORE, the Accused moves this Honorable Court for an order allowing Dr. Al-Arian a contact visit with his wife and children on Tuesday, November 25th, 2003.

Dated: November 21, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

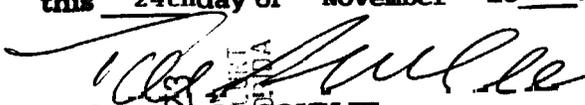


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This motion/petition/stipulation has been duly considered and is hereby

GRANTED

this 24th day of November 20 03.


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