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: The Honorable Judge Elizabeth A. Wolford

Rochester Courthouse 100 State Street

Rochester, NY 14614

From: Adham Amin Hassoun, A# 074-079-096

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: Evidentiary Hearing Unneeded Delay Re

Dear Honorable Judge,





Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. My name is **Adham Hassoun** and I have been in custody of the Government since 6/12/2002 (17 ½ +years) and in BFDF since 10/10/2017 (28 months). The Government is trying to keep detained indefinitely under false presumptions and lies.

Your Honor, the evidentiary hearing had been pushed until April 28th (I expect more delays) prolonging further my detention. For the past two weeks or so, government agents (civil division) have been asking around in the detention center (BFDF) about me. ICE have created a forum on the tablet (new) to encourage detainees to come forward and tell on anything (gangs, weapons, drugs, ... and terrorism). They are trying to create more witnesses (snitches) to bring them to the court. ICE has opened the door wide to anyone who are willing to lie and say bad things about me, and in some cases they have given their phone numbers. The word has spread for volunteers!! One detained by the name of Alaa El Din Agina (Alan Agina, he just lost his appeal in the second circuit on Feb. 3rd, case# 18-692) is spreading lies and trying to find snitches for the Government. I already told my attorneys but I want the court to know. On Feb. 9th, The Acting Director, Mr. Chad Wolf has extended my certification another six months.

Your Honor, I am not worried about the Government investigating, my conduct in BFDF speaks for itself. My concern is that there are many detainees are desperate enough (been in BFDF for a long time), might find the opportunity and tell lies about me. I am confident that my attorneys will expose them **only if** they were forced on the witness stand.

Your Honor, the Government has nothing credible. All these allegations are fabricated lies. The Government know that I know for a fact that they are. They want to keep me in detention for one simple reason. They have put it down in writing (finally) "...my lack of cooperation with law enforcement • and now they want a payback.

Your Honor, I was raised by good parents to good morals. I won't be a pawn to go after innocent members in the Muslim Community to save myself. They held me in Krome for 19 months (June 2002-**January 2004**). During that time, I was approached by **FBI** agents many times (S/A John Cavanaugh, S/A Kent Hukill, S/A Mark Hasbacka and Government Assistant Attorney Russell Killinger). It was obvious that all the U.S. Government wanted a material witness.

Your Honor, we are intelligent people, if someone will say that YOU have ordered the evidentiary hearing on the Moon, would that make it a fact?! The Government have made their bed and they want me (and everyone else) to sleep in it. I assure you they have nothing. Why would the Government want me on the witness stand when they have "CI's!!" @??!! They want to go on a fishing expedition with me for few days so I can make their case, I know it is a trap. They are hoping that I will incriminate myself some how!

Your Honor, before my conviction, I had no criminal violations or incidents with the law. <u>I was never a threat and will never be</u>. I took good care of my family, friends and community. The letters of support and the statement of judge Cooke sheds the light on my character and personality. I lived a peaceful life and I was able to do what I love most, helping people. The United States is a Pioneer in doing so and I love and respect the country for that.

Your Honor, one of my codefendants (*Dr. Jayyousi*) is home and with his family already (since 2017) and the other (Mr. Padilla) will be soon too. They are U.S. citizens and they have the same charges. Many citizens with similar charges (and worse) have done their time and went home, Free, in The United States.

Your Honor, don't you wonder why would a Criminal Federal Judge in a "Terrorism Case" goes out of her way to speak about "The defendants" the way she did!? The Honorable Judge Cooke whom resided more than four years in the proceedings, knew enough about my case to <u>clear me</u> from being dangerous or a threat to the community. The FBI report mentioned allegations about who I supported in the past and the present, even about my allegiance, all of it are fabricated lies. I truthfully, under oath and for the Court's Records, tell you that I do not like Salafies and never been one. I despise all terrorist groups, from ISIS and beyond. (<u>How easy it is to accuse people when you have a badge</u>). I am even willing to take a lying detector test.

Your Honor, I never thought of doing any harm to anyone in the United States or anywhere else, and will never do.

Your Honor, I am no threat to anyone, and definitely not dangerous and they are certain of it.

Your Honor, having some brains or being outspoken can not be a crime. The United States a magnet and Makkah for the people who believe in freedom and free speech. You are the defender of these institutions.

Your Honor, You are the defender of Justice and Freedom. You are the defender of the people against tyranny and abuse of power. You are indeed the defender of the Constitution of this Great Country.

Your Honor, You can stop my detention and set me free. Please reschedule the *Evidentiary Hearing* sooner so we can get it over with.

Your Honor, it might be out of place to send you this, but no one is going through what I am going through. All I want is, like everyone else, to be with my family again, *FREE*.

Dated: Monday, March 2nd, 2020

Respectfully Submitted

<u>Adham Hassoun</u>

Electronically Signed

- The meeting took place in the Justice Department Building in downtown Miami (2006). My Attorney was Fred Haddad and there was S/A John Cavanaugh, S/A Kent Hukill, Government Assistant District Attorney Russell Killinger and a female Prosecutor Stephanie Pell. The deal was "if I plea guilty on one charge (Material Support, 2339), the Government will drop all the other charges. And if I help the government they will reduce my sentence (from 108 months)". S/A John Cavanaugh vouched that if I help him, he will personally ask the Immigration to keep me in the Country. They wanted me to open new cases for them against innocent people to save myself. To put other families through what my family and I were going through. I declined.
- ② During that time, many desperate tried to jump in my case (never heard of, but I was on the news). The same seems to occur in BFDF. The government had presented many allegations, during the criminal proceedings against me. From desperate inmates that I never met before, to jail snitches. Claims of recruiting, leadership and others. The government failed to convince the Honorable Judge. (Please read the sentencing transcript, non is there). It is like a deja vu.

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