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UNDER SEAL

Honorable J. Frederick Motz
Senior United States District Judge
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: *United States v. Antonio Martinez*
Criminal No. JFM-10-0798

Dear Judge Motz:

I am writing to advise the Court of an incident involving the above-named defendant that took place on January 31, 2012. At approximately 2:20 PM that afternoon, the defendant refused to "lock in" to his jail cell. As a result, he was cuffed and transferred to another section of the facility. The defendant's cell was inventoried, and among the defendant's personal items, which he identified for the jail guards, was a banner he had made. The banner was subsequently turned over to the FBI.

I have attached a photograph of the banner, which depicts crossed swords, an AK-47, and Arabic writing, including Chapter 9, Verse 20 from the Qu'ran with the defendant's translation written below. The second photograph is a close-up of the defendant's translation of Verse 20. This particular passage from the Qu'ran has been interpreted as an incitement to violent jihad and martyrdom. FBI Language Services has reviewed the Arabic writing and translated it as follows:

There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

**Those who believe, and have left their homes
and striven with their wealth and their lives in Allah's way are of much greater worth in
Allah's sight. These are they who are
triumphant. (20)** [Crossed Swords] ALLAH [AK-47]

[Defendant's English Translation]

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I provided all of the materials relevant to the jail incident to Mr. Balter a number of weeks ago. For reasons to be explained further at the hearing on Friday, the government believes that the sentence provided for in the plea agreement is appropriate in this case.

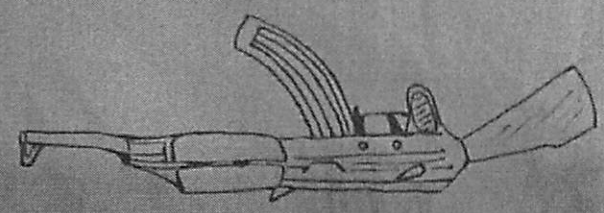
Very truly yours,

Rod J. Rosenstein
United States Attorney

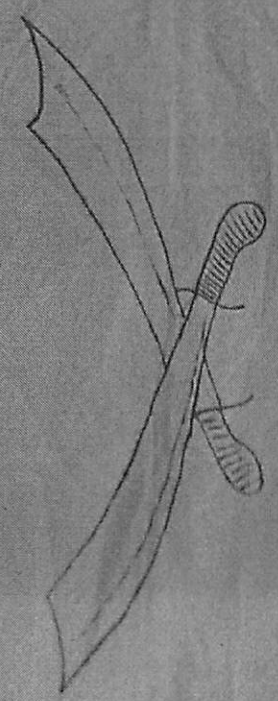
By: _____ /s/
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cc: Joseph A. Balter, DPF
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Eleanor Urban, USPO

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الله



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ
أَعْلَمُ مَا أُعْلَمُ وَأَعْتَمِدُ الْوَعْدَ وَالْوَعْدُ بِاللَّهِ
وَالْكَرِيمِ (١٠)

In the name of Allah most Gracious most Merciful
There is nothing but complete God nothing with no equal
and nothing is Allah's creation, with other creation and
that person, have the highest rank I like sight
of Allah. They are people who will achieve Salvation.

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

الَّذِينَ مِنْكُمْ اَمْوَاكُفَ جَبْرٍ وَاَوْ كَهْمُ وَاَوْ سَبِيْلُ اللّٰهِ
بِاَوْ يَلْمُ وَاَوْ يَمِیْمُ اَعْظَمُ دَرَجٰتٍ عِنْدَ اللّٰهِ وَاَوْ لَوْلَا
عَوَاظِرُ وَاَوْ (٢٠)

In the name of Allah most Gracious most Merciful

Those who believe, and emigrate And strive with might

and main, in Allah's cause, with their Goods and

their persons, Have the Highest Rank In the Sight

of Allah They are people who will achieve Salvation.

9:20