

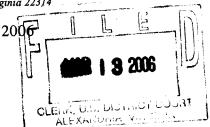
U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney

Eastern District of Virginia

2100 Jamieson Avenue Alexandria, Virginia 22314

March 13, 2006



Ex Parte — Under Seal

Hon. Leonie M. Brinkema United States District Judge 401 Courthouse Square Alexandria, VA 22314

By Hand Delivery

Re: U.S. v. Zacarias Moussaoui; Crim. No. 01-455-A

Dear Judge Brinkema:

We write *ex parte* to inform the Court of a possible violation of the sequestration order as it relates to FAA witnesses. Late in the afternoon on Friday, March 10, 2006, we learned that Carla Martin, an attorney for the Transportation Safety Administration, provided a copy of the transcript from the first day of trial to one of the witnesses from the FAA, Lynne Osmus. Ms. Osmus did not read the transcript. We then investigated Ms. Martin's contact with other current/past employees of FAA, whom Ms. Martin represented in this case (she has since been replaced). We learned over the weekend that Ms. Martin sent e-mails with the transcript from the first day to the following potential witnesses:

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We have been unable to contact Mr. Hawley to determine whether he reviewed the e-mails or the

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transcript.

We view Ms. Martin's conduct as reprehensible and we frankly cannot fathom why she engaged in such conduct. As soon as we learned of her conduct, we contacted her supervisors and engaged in an investigation which yielded the above results. We also notified defense counsel of the conduct by letter, a copy of which is attached.

We submit this letter *ex parte* because we ask the Court to review Ms. Martin's e-mails, which we enclose, to determine whether they must be produced to defense counsel. As noted in the letter to defense counsel, one e-mail generated a response from Ms. Osmus and her response has been turned over as <u>Jencks</u> material. The rest of the e-mails consist of Ms. Martin pontificating about the openings, wrongly understanding the proof that the Government intends to offer. In our view, Ms. Martin's misguided opinions are not <u>Brady</u> material because she is not a fact witness. In addition, Ms. Martin was an attorney working on this case, and her e-mails consist of her opinions about on-going litigation prepared as part of her preparation for the litigation and, therefore, may constitute attorney work product. As noted above, we have provided notice to the defense that potential witnesses have learned of the contents of the opening statements and one portion of Agent Anticev's testimony, and this disclosure may be the subject of cross-examination. For this reason, we respectfully submit that Ms. Martin's e-mails should not be produced to defense counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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By:

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Additionally, Ms. Osmus responded to one of Ms. Martin's e-mails about the possible subject of her testimony. We enclose a copy of that e-mail as part of Ms. Osmus's <u>Jencks</u> material.

Ms. Martin's e-mails contained portions of the opening statements from both sides regarding the FAA evidence. She also included, however, a comment about the testimony of Agent Anticev, stating that he "got tripped up on the Murad issue of flying a plane into the CIA bldg., stating that before 9/11 'no one had ever thought about flying an airplane into a building." We are providing a copy of all of Ms. Martin's e-mails to the Court for an *ex parte* determination as to whether they must be produced in discovery.

Sincerely,

Paul J. McNulty United States Attorney

By:

Robert A. Spender David J. Novak David Raskin

Assistant United States Attorneys

From:

Kerner, Francine

Sent:

Saturday, March 11, 2006 11:57 AM

To:

Novak, David (USAVAE)

Subject:

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 8:15 AM

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Attachments:

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Here is the email that went to Pat. I left you a voice mail. When Carla went into the office today to check her records, she determined that she sent the transcript to TSA witnesses too. I will be following up with additional email.

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From: Martin, Carla <TSA OCC> <

To: Kerner, Francine <

Sent: Sat Mar 11 12:32:01 2006 Subject: FW: Moussaoui Transcripts

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 12:40 PM

To:

Subject: FW: Moussaoui Transcripts

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and p. 59, from the defense: "The evidence in this case will be that every measure taken after 9/11 to protect airline pax could have been taken before, and the Govt. and the airlines' inability to adapt to the new threat of suicde hijackings was the fundamental weakness most plainly exploited by the real hijackers on September 11th."

As you can see, Claudio, Lynne, Ed Soliday and Larry Wannsley have their work cut out for them, and you may as well.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2006 4:54 PM

To: White, Robert L <Intelligence TSI>; Hawley, John; Kormann, Matthew

Cc: Stauffer, Stefanie; Longmire, Lee Subject: FW: Moussaoui Transcripts

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Saturday, March 11, 2006 5:28 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 11:52 AM

Subject: RE: Got your message

Lynne-let me put it this way: my friends Jeff Ellis and Chris Christenson, NY lawyers rep. UAL and AAL respectively in the 9/11 civil litigation, (and rep. Ed S. and Larry W. here) all of us aviation lawyers, were stunned by the opening. The opening has created a credibility gap that the defense can drive a truck through. There is no way anyone could say that the carriers could have prevented all short bladed knives from going through-Dave MUST elicit that from you and the airline witnesses on direct, and not allow the defense to cut your credibility on cross, (just as they did yesterday with the FBI witness) by saying, "do you really believe, as the prosecution has stated, that all knives could have been found, when there are x-thousands of domestic flights daily in the US, that even now post 9/11 the screener detection rates are very law, and that's all it would have taken to prevent 9/11? That's all he would really need to say.

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Sent: Wed 3/8/2006 8:14 AM

To: Carla Cc:

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Subject: FW: Security Counter-Measures

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From: Martin, Carla <TSA OCC>

Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2006 6:32 PM

Cc: 4

Subject: Security Counter-Measures

Lynne:

I don't want you to respond to this by email, but I want you to think about this: I am of the opinion, based on what was said in the opening, (and I am VERY CONCERNED about this opening) and how the defense can exploit it-i.e., the fact that by merely finding all the "primitive weapons" (assuming that could be done) that that's all it would take to prevent the 9/11 attacks from happening? I don't think so.

If you look at the Exhib. list, as I said yesterday, we would have had a measure to initiate 100 per cent gate screening with hand-helds before boarding the aircraft, but FAR MORE IMPORTANTLY-all of these hijackers, particularly Atta, and Jarrah, were well trained in hand to hand combat. Assuming some of them got on board the plane, we know that many things could have been utilized on the aircraft to intimidate and to kill people with. Therefore: we MUST emphasize the deterrent value of the measures-i.e., putting up big signs at the screening checkpoints re knives, the scanning of the names through the pax reservation systems, 100 per cent gate screening of pax, but more importantly, assuming they actually got on the plane, we would have had to have some provision that forbid the cockpit from opening the door for any reason, that F/A's could not use their keys to open the doors. Something, to take into account that the banning of small knives alone would NOT have prevented the attacks from going forward-but that the deterrent value of knowing that security measures had been stepped up, would have caused them to re-think their plans, and thus thwart them from going forward.

This is what I would have said in the opening:

"That the multilayered system of aviation security -which you will see examples of in this case-which the FAA had initiated before, and would have initiated again, a multilayered, redundant system of security counter-measures involving close cooperation between the FAA and the regulated air carriers who would implement such measures-

These measures would have acted as a deterrent to the hijackers and their deadly plans to take over these aircraft, and would have thwarted the attacks."

Unfortunately, we can't redo this now.

Carla

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Martin, Carla <TSA OCC> [

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Saturday, March 11, 2006 6:17 PM

To:

Kerner, Francine

Subject: FW: Moussaoui Transcripts

Francine: as we discussed, the quote below of the FBI witness was taken from a Fox News website article on Tues. Mar. 7th. Here's the link:

www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,187021,00.html?sPage=specialsections.foxnews/lawcenter

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 11:38 AM

Subject: RE: Moussaoui Transcripts

Claudio-Matt has said he can live with the substitution, except for one small part, which he says is incorrect-and I will go over this with you-I need to pick it up downstairs. More importantly, re the issue of did we ever explore the scenario of flying planes into buildings-and partic. Murad's talk of flying a plane into CIA HQ-I had Matt pull the unclass. Airman checks that we did to check on Murad's assoc. and the fact that we briefed the carriers on our investigation-I will look at what he pulled.

Also, Dave is going to have to go over the lack of information sharing with you ON DIRECT EXAMINATION-to blunt the blow of having the defense raise it for the first time on cross, thus weakening your credibility-and I'm speaking specifically of the following issues: 1. the Phoenix Memo-no, we did not get it, but if we had, this is what we would have done, just as we did when we got the Moussaoui info. -no, we did not know that DCI Tenet was being briefed on Moussaoui re "Islamic Fundamentalist Learns to Fly", but it doesn't matter, because we did get the information, we were following up on it, and he was in custody at the time, so we knew he himself posed no immediate threat to aviation-the question will be raised did you have any reason to believe that M. was part of a conspiracy? Did you think about this? Did you do anything about this? How did you follow up on this?

In other words, the defense will exploit the fact that the FAA was not clued in to what was going on-you need to assert that we did not necessarily need to wait until we got all available information, that we acted independently, indeed, we had a statutory mandate, to follow up on any issue that we thought was a threat to civil aviation, regardless of whether the IC had any information to share on the subject or not.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 10:44 AM

To: Carla Martin

Subject: Re: Moussaoui Transcripts

Ok. Incredible -- 3 lengthy assessments whittled down to 2 pages. The best way to get it here is probably to fax it since it's only 2 Pages. Our fax number is

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Sent: 03/08/2006 10:29 AM

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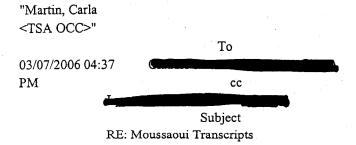
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Carla

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To: Martin, Carla

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