

FILED: November 26, 2003

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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No. 03-4792  
(CR-01-455)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

ZACARIAS MOUSSAOUI,

Defendant - Appellee.

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Since the Government filed its notice of appeal, Appellee, who has always been represented by counsel in this court, has filed 27 pro se pleadings. These pleadings either fail to include a discernable request for relief, seek relief that is patently improper, or seek relief that has previously been denied by this court. In addition, the pleadings contain language that would not be tolerated from a member of the bar of this court, including subtle and overt threats, profanity, and improper attempts to communicate to others.

This court possesses inherent power to preserve the order and decorum appropriate to judicial proceedings. See United States v. Shaffer Equip. Co., 11 F.3d 450, 461 (4th Cir. 1993).

The pleadings filed by Moussaoui are wholly inconsistent with this mandate. Additionally, the filing of these pleadings has unjustifiably taxed the limited resources of this court.

Therefore, the defendant is hereby placed on notice that further filings of the type described above will result in the imposition of a sanction, in the form of refusal of this court to accept further pro se filings from the defendant. See United States v. Robinson, 251 F.3d 594, 596 (7th Cir. 2001) (per curiam).

For the Court

/s/ Patricia S. Connor

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Clerk