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Re: Mohamed Anas Haitham Soueid

Dear Mr. Faraj:

I have received your letter of October 18, 2011, which you faxed to me that morning. In that letter you state that, on the previous day, you were “approached by a reporter from the Associate [sic] Press to provide a statement” and that you told the reporter “that Mr. Soueid visited Syria at the same time that Congressman Kucinich visited” and that Mr. Soueid visited as a member of a delegation. You further state that “those statements led to news reports stating that Mr. Soueid and [I] were members of the same delegation and that [I] and he are perhaps acquainted.”

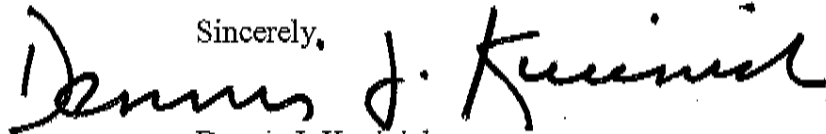
However, the audio transcript of the hearing that previous day reveals that you made the following statement to the Magistrate Judge:

“Your honor, the defense proffers the following. When Mr. Soueid took the trip to Syria he went on a delegation with religious members of the Arab American community, other Arab Americans and Congressman Dennis Kucinich.”

I can not find any reference in the audio transcript where you withdrew that false proffer from the official record of the court proceedings. Instead, the hearing on the afternoon of October 18, 2011, appears to proceed with the Magistrate Judge assuming that proffer to be true. The prosecutor was forced to respond by representing, “as an officer of the court,” that Mr. Soueid “was not on Congressman Kucinich’s delegation.” But I can not find any indication that you confirmed his assertion or withdrew your proffer from the previous day. The status of the official record appears to be limited to your false proffer that Mr. Soueid was on my delegation and the prosecutor’s representation that he was not.

I am concerned that the official record still contains your false proffer of October 17, 2011. Is there anything I have missed?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis J. Kucinich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dennis J. Kucinich
Member of Congress