

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

CRIMINAL NO. 08-20314

v.

ISSAM HAMAMA,

Defendant.

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DEFENDANT COUNSEL'S QUALIFICATIONS PROFFER IN SUPPORT OF
DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT'S MOTION TO PREADMIT
DOCUMENTS

I am the defense counsel in this case. I am a retired Marine Corps officer with 22 years of service. As a Marine I held a variety of job assignments including infantry officer and special staff officer with the First Marine Expeditionary Unit during the planning of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Operations officer to the First Marine Liaison Element; and Middle East and North Africa Foreign Area officer. As a Middle East Foreign Area Officer, I received special pay and a unique military occupational specialty designation recognized by the U.S. Department of Defense manual for Military Occupational Specialties. Foreign Area Officers are uniquely qualified through training and experience in operational, intelligence, cultural, economic and social aspects of their respective regions. Foreign Area Officers are also required to be proficient in the at least one language in their designated region. I am fluent in Modern standard Arabic, Iraqi Arabic, Egyptian Arabic and Syrian-Lebanese Arabic as categorized by the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Language Institute. I achieved scores of 3/3 –the highest possible score granted- every year I took the test from 1996 until 2008 on the Defense Language Placement Test.

Additionally, I held Top Secret and Secret clearances from 1988 until my retirement in 2008. Because of my assignments and my clearances I was frequently required to review information related to Iraq including their intelligence services and armed forces. I have also been assigned as a liaison officer to the Armed Forces of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the Sultanate of Oman. During those assignments, I was privy to information related to the Iraq Intelligence Services with regard to the threat they posed to the host countries.

I declare, under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

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