
EXHIBIT “C”

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

YASSIN AREF,

Petitioner,

Case No. 1:04-cr-402

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

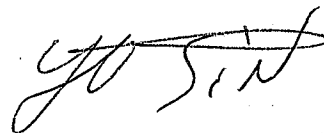
YASSIN AREF, being duly sworn deposes and says:

1. I am the defendant in the above entitled action. I submit this affidavit in connection with my motion, pursuant to Section 2255 of the Criminal Procedure Law, to vacate my conviction, and either dismiss the charges entirely or provide for a new trial. Alternatively, I request the Court to order that files and written material provided to me under the Freedom of Information Act, be unredacted so that I can read the material and make informed arguments to the Court as to why I was wrongfully convicted.
2. Information which I obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, shows that the government believed for some reason that I was in reality an Al Qaeda agent named Mohammed Yasin. Upon information and belief the FBI targeted me based on this mistaken belief, and improperly provided secret *ex-parte* information to the District Court and the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal that I

was an Al-Qaeda agent whose real name was Mohammed Yasin. I believe that this ex parte contact influenced the court against me and was responsible for my conviction, given the lack of evidence in the case that pointed to my guilt.

3. I have since been told by my attorneys that there was an Al-Qaeda agent named Mohammed Yassin who is reported to have been missing two middle fingers on one hand, who was assassinated in Gaza in 2011. I am still alive and have all my fingers so I cannot be Mohammed Yassin. The government apparently convicted the wrong person, and I am a victim of mistaken identity..

4. I have never gone by the name Mohammed Yassin. I knew nothing about anyone named Mohammed Yassin before the FOIA response. I have never been involved with Al-Qaeda. I am completely innocent of the charges against me, and was simply tricked by the FBI into gratuitously witnessing a loan that I believe was entirely legal.



YASSIN AREF

Sworn to before me
This 22 day of June, 2013



Notary Public

KATHY E. MANLEY
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