## **DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE OFFENSE**

I, Farooque Ahmed, accept full responsibility for my actions as set forth in the Statement of Facts in this case. Specifically, between about April 2010 and October 2010, I attempted to provide material support to individuals I believed to be affiliated with Al Qaeda, and helped to gather surveillance, including video, to assist in the planning of an attack on the Washington Metro transit system.

I know that what I did was wrong, and that a significant punishment must and will be imposed for what I did. But no punishment could be greater than the disappointment I already feel for engaging in this conduct, and for letting myself and my family down. I know that my conduct could have endangered many people, and I am happy that nobody was actually injured. I am truly sorry for my conduct, and I especially regret that I have let down my family (particularly my wife and young son), my faith, and my country.

4-8-11

Farooque Ahmed