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17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

**ED** No. **CR 20 - 00058** **JGB**

18 Plaintiff,

PLEA AGREEMENT FOR DEFENDANT  
RAFIA SULTANA SHAREEF

19 v.

20 RAFIA SULTANA SHAREEF,  
 aka "Rafia Farook,"

21 Defendant.

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 24 1. This constitutes the plea agreement between RAFIA SULTANA  
 25 SHAREEF, also known as "Rafia Farook" ("defendant"), and the United  
 26 States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California ("the  
 27 USAO") in the investigation of alteration, destruction, and  
 28 mutilation of records by defendant. This agreement is limited to the

1 USAO and cannot bind any other federal, state, local, or foreign  
2 prosecuting, enforcement, administrative, or regulatory authorities.

3 DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS

4 2. Defendant agrees to:

5 a. Give up the right to indictment by a grand jury and,  
6 at the earliest opportunity requested by the USAO and provided by the  
7 Court, appear and plead guilty to a single-count information in the  
8 form attached to this agreement as Exhibit A or a substantially  
9 similar form, which charges defendant with alteration, destruction,  
10 and mutilation of records in violation of Title 18, United States  
11 Code, Section 1519.

12 b. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.

13 c. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained  
14 in this agreement.

15 d. Appear for all court appearances, surrender as ordered  
16 for service of sentence, obey all conditions of any bond, and obey  
17 any other ongoing court order in this matter.

18 e. Not commit any crime; however, offenses that would be  
19 excluded for sentencing purposes under United States Sentencing  
20 Guidelines ("U.S.S.G." or "Sentencing Guidelines") § 4A1.2(c) are not  
21 within the scope of this agreement.

22 f. Be truthful at all times with the United States  
23 Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the Court.

24 g. Pay the applicable special assessment at or before the  
25 time of sentencing unless defendant has demonstrated a lack of  
26 ability to pay such assessments.

27 3. Defendant further agrees to cooperate fully with the USAO,  
28 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and, as directed by the USAO,

1 any other federal, state, local, or foreign prosecuting, enforcement,  
2 administrative, or regulatory authority. This cooperation requires  
3 defendant to:

4 a. Respond truthfully and completely to all questions  
5 that may be put to defendant, whether in interviews, before a grand  
6 jury, or at any trial or other court proceeding.

7 b. Attend all meetings, grand jury sessions, trials or  
8 other proceedings at which defendant's presence is requested by the  
9 USAO or compelled by subpoena or court order.

10 c. Produce voluntarily all documents, records, or other  
11 tangible evidence relating to matters about which the USAO, or its  
12 designee, inquires.

13 4. For purposes of this agreement: (1) "Cooperation  
14 Information" shall mean any statements made, or documents, records,  
15 tangible evidence, or other information provided, by defendant  
16 pursuant to defendant's cooperation under this agreement; and  
17 (2) "Plea Information" shall mean any statements made by defendant,  
18 under oath, at the guilty plea hearing and the agreed to factual  
19 basis statement in this agreement.

20 THE USAO'S OBLIGATIONS

21 5. The USAO agrees to:

22 a. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.

23 b. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained  
24 in this agreement.

25 c. At the time of sentencing, provided that defendant  
26 demonstrates an acceptance of responsibility for the offense up to  
27 and including the time of sentencing, recommend a sentence of  
28 imprisonment no higher than 18 months.

1           6.    The USAO further agrees:

2           a.    Not to offer as evidence in its case-in-chief in the  
3 above-captioned case or any other criminal prosecution that may be  
4 brought against defendant by the USAO, or in connection with any  
5 sentencing proceeding in any criminal case that may be brought  
6 against defendant by the USAO, any Cooperation Information.  
7 Defendant agrees, however, that the USAO may use both Cooperation  
8 Information and Plea Information: (1) to obtain and pursue leads to  
9 other evidence, which evidence may be used for any purpose, including  
10 any criminal prosecution of defendant; (2) to cross-examine defendant  
11 should defendant testify, or to rebut any evidence offered, or  
12 argument or representation made, by defendant, defendant's counsel,  
13 or a witness called by defendant in any trial, sentencing hearing, or  
14 other court proceeding; and (3) in any criminal prosecution of  
15 defendant for false statement, obstruction of justice, or perjury.

16           b.    Not to use Cooperation Information against defendant  
17 at sentencing for the purpose of determining the applicable guideline  
18 range, including the appropriateness of an upward departure, or the  
19 sentence to be imposed, and to recommend to the Court that  
20 Cooperation Information not be used in determining the applicable  
21 guideline range or the sentence to be imposed. Defendant  
22 understands, however, that Cooperation Information will be disclosed  
23 to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the  
24 Court, and that the Court may use Cooperation Information for the  
25 purposes set forth in U.S.S.G § 1B1.8(b) and for determining the  
26 sentence to be imposed.

1 c. In connection with defendant's sentencing, to bring to  
2 the Court's attention the nature and extent of defendant's  
3 cooperation.

4 d. If the USAO determines, in its exclusive judgment,  
5 that defendant has both complied with defendant's obligations under  
6 paragraphs 2 and 3 above and provided substantial assistance to law  
7 enforcement in the prosecution or investigation of another  
8 ("substantial assistance"), to move the Court pursuant to U.S.S.G.  
9 § 5K1.1 to fix an offense level and corresponding guideline range  
10 below that otherwise dictated by the sentencing guidelines, and to  
11 recommend a term of imprisonment within this reduced range.

12 DEFENDANT'S UNDERSTANDINGS REGARDING COOPERATION

13 7. Defendant understands the following:

14 a. Any knowingly false or misleading statement by  
15 defendant will subject defendant to prosecution for false statement,  
16 obstruction of justice, and perjury and will constitute a breach by  
17 defendant of this agreement.

18 b. Nothing in this agreement requires the USAO or any  
19 other prosecuting, enforcement, administrative, or regulatory  
20 authority to accept any cooperation or assistance that defendant may  
21 offer, or to use it in any particular way.

22 c. Defendant cannot withdraw defendant's guilty plea if  
23 the USAO does not make a motion pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 5K1.1 for a  
24 reduced guideline range or if the USAO makes such a motion and the  
25 Court does not grant it or if the Court grants such a USAO motion but  
26 elects to sentence above the reduced range.

27 d. At this time the USAO makes no agreement or  
28 representation as to whether any cooperation that defendant has

1 provided or intends to provide constitutes or will constitute  
2 substantial assistance. The decision whether defendant has provided  
3 substantial assistance will rest solely within the exclusive judgment  
4 of the USAO.

5 e. The USAO's determination whether defendant has  
6 provided substantial assistance will not depend in any way on whether  
7 the government prevails at any trial or court hearing in which  
8 defendant testifies or in which the government otherwise presents  
9 information resulting from defendant's cooperation.

10 NATURE OF THE OFFENSE

11 8. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of  
12 the crime charged in the single-count information, that is,  
13 alteration, destruction, and mutilation of records, in violation of  
14 Title 18, United States Code, Section 1519, the following must be  
15 true: (1) defendant knowingly altered, destroyed, or mutilated a  
16 record, document or tangible object; and (2) defendant acted with the  
17 intent to impede, obstruct or influence an actual or contemplated  
18 investigation of a matter within the jurisdiction of any department  
19 or agency of the United States.

20 PENALTIES

21 9. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence  
22 that the Court can impose for a violation of Title 18, United States  
23 Code, Section 1519, is: 20 years' imprisonment; a three-year period  
24 of supervised release; a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or  
25 gross loss resulting from the offense, whichever is greatest; and a  
26 mandatory special assessment of \$100.

27 10. Defendant understands that supervised release is a period  
28 of time following imprisonment during which defendant will be subject

1 to various restrictions and requirements. Defendant understands that  
2 if defendant violates one or more of the conditions of any supervised  
3 release imposed, defendant may be returned to prison for all or part  
4 of the term of supervised release authorized by statute for the  
5 offense that resulted in the term of supervised release, which could  
6 result in defendant serving a total term of imprisonment greater than  
7 the statutory maximum stated above.

8 11. Defendant understands that, by pleading guilty, defendant  
9 may be giving up valuable government benefits and valuable civic  
10 rights, such as the right to vote, the right to possess a firearm,  
11 the right to hold office, and the right to serve on a jury.  
12 Defendant understands that she is pleading guilty to a felony and  
13 that it is a federal crime for a convicted felon to possess a firearm  
14 or ammunition. Defendant understands that the conviction in this  
15 case may also subject defendant to various other collateral  
16 consequences, including but not limited to revocation of probation,  
17 parole, or supervised release in another case and suspension or  
18 revocation of a professional license. Defendant understands that  
19 unanticipated collateral consequences will not serve as grounds to  
20 withdraw defendant's guilty plea.

21 12. Defendant understands that, if defendant is not a United  
22 States citizen, the felony conviction in this case may subject  
23 defendant to: removal, also known as deportation, which may, under  
24 some circumstances, be mandatory; denial of citizenship; and denial  
25 of admission to the United States in the future. The Court cannot,  
26 and defendant's attorney also may not be able to, advise defendant  
27 fully regarding the immigration consequences of the felony conviction  
28 in this case. Defendant understands that unexpected immigration

1 consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw defendant's guilty  
2 plea.

3 FACTUAL BASIS

4 13. Defendant admits that defendant is, in fact, guilty of the  
5 offense to which defendant is agreeing to plead guilty. Defendant  
6 and the USAO agree to the statement of facts provided below and agree  
7 that this statement of facts is sufficient to support a plea of  
8 guilty to the charge described in this agreement and to establish the  
9 Sentencing Guidelines factors set forth in paragraph 15 below but is  
10 not meant to be a complete recitation of all facts relevant to the  
11 underlying criminal conduct or all facts known to either party that  
12 relate to that conduct.

13 On December 2, 2015, defendant was living at a residence that  
14 she shared with her son, Syed Rizwan Farook ("Farook"), Farook's  
15 wife, Tashfeen Malik ("Malik"), and the infant child of Farook and  
16 Malik. The residence was on Center Street in Redlands (the "Center  
17 Street Residence"), in San Bernardino County, California.

18 At approximately 8:00 a.m. on December 2, 2015, Farook and Malik  
19 left the Center Street Residence, leaving their infant with  
20 defendant. Farook told defendant that he and Malik were going to a  
21 medical appointment, which was not true. Farook and Malik instead  
22 drove a black SUV that Farook had rented a few days earlier to the  
23 Inland Regional Center ("IRC") located at 1365 South Waterman Avenue,  
24 San Bernardino, California. Farook entered the IRC alone, while  
25 Malik waited in the parking lot of the IRC in the SUV. Farook placed  
26 a bag containing an improvised explosive device ("IED") in a  
27 conference room where his coworkers were holding an event. After  
28 some time, Farook and Malik drove away from the IRC.



1 At approximately 10:58 a.m., Farook and Malik returned to the  
2 IRC dressed in black tactical gear, approached the IRC on foot from  
3 the exterior, and opened fire using high-powered firearms on  
4 individuals outside and inside the venue. Farook and Malik wounded  
5 at least 22 people and killed Robert Adams, Michael Wetzel,  
6 Bennedetta Betbadal, Nicholas Thalasinis, Yvette Velasco, Aurora  
7 Godoy, Juan Espinoza, Daniel Kaufman, Shannon Johnson, Damien Meins,  
8 Sierra Clayborn, Harry Bowman, Tin Nguyen, and Isaac Amanios. At  
9 approximately 11:01 a.m., Farook and Malik departed the IRC and began  
10 driving in and around the San Bernardino area. Later that day, at or  
11 about 3:08 p.m., law enforcement officers encountered Farook and  
12 Malik in the black SUV in San Bernardino near the IRC. Farook and  
13 Malik engaged in a firefight with law enforcement officers that  
14 resulted in the wounding of a law enforcement officer and the deaths  
15 of Farook and Malik.

16 Sometime between 11:43 a.m. and 3:06 p.m., while defendant was  
17 still at the Center Street Residence, she learned that law  
18 enforcement had identified Farook as a suspect in the attack at the  
19 IRC. At approximately 3:06 p.m., one of defendant's family members  
20 ("FM1") arrived at the Center Street Residence to pick up defendant  
21 and the infant. Defendant and FM1 discussed their shared belief that  
22 Farook and Malik had perpetrated the attack at the IRC.  
23 Approximately ten minutes after FM1 arrived at the Center Street  
24 Residence, another family member ("FM2") arrived to assist defendant  
25 with departing from the Center Street Residence with the infant. In  
26 the presence of FM1 and FM2, defendant further expressed her belief  
27 that Farook and Malik had perpetrated the attack at the IRC.  
28 Defendant, FM1, and FM2 packed defendant's and the infant's

1 belongings and placed them in FM1's car before leaving the Center  
2 Street Residence at approximately 3:41 p.m.

3 Prior to leaving the Center Street Residence, defendant went  
4 into the bedroom of Farook, Malik, and their infant, grabbed at least  
5 one document that appeared to be a map (the "Document"), and fed the  
6 Document into a shredder, causing the Document to be altered,  
7 mutilated, and destroyed. Defendant knew that the Document had been  
8 produced by Farook, and defendant believed the Document to be  
9 directly related to Farook's and Malik's planning of the attack at  
10 the IRC. The Document was thus especially probative of the attack  
11 perpetrated by Farook and Malik.

12 Defendant's intent in shredding the Document was to impede,  
13 obstruct, and influence the criminal investigation that she knew had  
14 begun or contemplated would begin into the attack at the IRC by  
15 Farook and Malik. Defendant agrees that that criminal investigation  
16 was a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Department  
17 of Justice ("DOJ"), a department of the United States.

18 Defendant was not one of the shooters at the IRC or involved in  
19 the subsequent firefight with law enforcement. The government has  
20 not alleged that defendant had prior knowledge of the attack at the  
21 IRC. When defendant shredded the Document, DOJ and its agencies had  
22 not formally determined that the attack at the IRC involved a federal  
23 crime of terrorism and had not formally opened an investigation into  
24 the attack as such.

25 SENTENCING FACTORS

26 14. Defendant understands that in determining defendant's  
27 sentence the Court is required to calculate the applicable Sentencing  
28 Guidelines range and to consider that range, possible departures

1 under the Sentencing Guidelines, and the other sentencing factors set  
2 forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant understands that the  
3 Sentencing Guidelines are advisory only, that defendant cannot have  
4 any expectation of receiving a sentence within the calculated  
5 Sentencing Guidelines range, and that after considering the  
6 Sentencing Guidelines and the other § 3553(a) factors, the Court will  
7 be free to exercise its discretion to impose any sentence it finds  
8 appropriate up to the maximum set by statute for the crime of  
9 conviction.

10 15. Defendant and the USAO agree to the following applicable  
11 Sentencing Guidelines factors:

12 Base Offense Level: 14 [U.S.S.G. § 2J1.2(a)]

13 Selection of Especially  
14 Probative Document to  
15 Destroy: +2 [U.S.S.G. § 2J1.2(b)(3)]

16 Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue that additional  
17 specific offense characteristics, adjustments, and departures under  
18 the Sentencing Guidelines are appropriate.

19 16. Defendant understands that there is no agreement as to  
20 defendant's criminal history or criminal history category.

21 17. Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue for a  
22 sentence outside the sentencing range established by the Sentencing  
23 Guidelines based on the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1),  
24 (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(6), and (a)(7), subject to the restriction in  
25 paragraph 5.c of this agreement that the government will not seek a  
26 sentence greater than 18 months.

27 WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

28 18. Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant  
gives up the following rights:

1 a. The right to persist in a plea of not guilty.

2 b. The right to a speedy and public trial by jury.

3 c. The right to be represented by counsel - and if  
4 necessary have the Court appoint counsel - at trial. Defendant  
5 understands, however, that, defendant retains the right to be  
6 represented by counsel - and if necessary have the Court appoint  
7 counsel - at every other stage of the proceeding.

8 d. The right to be presumed innocent and to have the  
9 burden of proof placed on the government to prove defendant guilty  
10 beyond a reasonable doubt.

11 e. The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses  
12 against defendant.

13 f. The right to testify and to present evidence in  
14 opposition to the charge, including the right to compel the  
15 attendance of witnesses to testify.

16 g. The right not to be compelled to testify, and, if  
17 defendant chose not to testify or present evidence, to have that  
18 choice not be used against defendant.

19 h. Any and all rights to pursue any affirmative defenses,  
20 Fourth Amendment or Fifth Amendment claims, and other pretrial  
21 motions that have been filed or could be filed.

22 19. Having been fully advised by defendant's attorney regarding  
23 application of the statute of limitations to the offense to which  
24 defendant is pleading guilty, defendant hereby knowingly,  
25 voluntarily, and intelligently waives, relinquishes, and gives up:  
26 (a) any right that defendant might have not to be prosecuted for the  
27 offense to which defendant is pleading guilty because of the  
28 expiration of the statute of limitations for that offense prior to

1 the filing of the information alleging that offense; and (b) any  
2 defense, claim, or argument defendant could raise or assert that  
3 prosecution of the offense to which defendant is pleading guilty is  
4 barred by the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations,  
5 pre-indictment delay, or any speedy trial violation.

6 WAIVER OF APPEAL OF CONVICTION

7 20. Defendant understands that, with the exception of an appeal  
8 based on a claim that defendant's guilty plea was involuntary, by  
9 pleading guilty defendant is waiving and giving up any right to  
10 appeal defendant's conviction on the offense to which defendant is  
11 pleading guilty. Defendant understands that this waiver includes,  
12 but is not limited to, arguments that the statute to which defendant  
13 is pleading guilty is unconstitutional, and any and all claims that  
14 the statement of facts provided herein is insufficient to support  
15 defendant's plea of guilty.

16 LIMITED MUTUAL WAIVER OF APPEAL OF SENTENCE

17 21. Defendant agrees that, provided the Court imposes a total  
18 term of imprisonment on all counts of conviction of no more than 18  
19 months, defendant gives up the right to appeal all of the following:  
20 (a) the procedures and calculations used to determine and impose any  
21 portion of the sentence; (b) the term of imprisonment imposed by the  
22 Court; (c) the fine imposed by the Court, provided it is within the  
23 statutory maximum; (d) to the extent permitted by law, the  
24 constitutionality or legality of defendant's sentence, provided it is  
25 within the statutory maximum; (e) the term of probation or supervised  
26 release imposed by the Court, provided it is within the statutory  
27 maximum; and (f) any of the following conditions of probation or  
28 supervised release imposed by the Court: the conditions set forth in

1 General Order 18-10 of this Court; the drug testing conditions  
2 mandated by 18 U.S.C. §§ 3563(a)(5) and 3583(d); and the alcohol and  
3 drug use conditions authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 3563(b)(7).

4 22. The USAO agrees that, provided all portions of the sentence  
5 are at or below the statutory maximum specified above, the USAO gives  
6 up its right to appeal any portion of the sentence.

7 RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF GUILTY PLEA

8 23. Defendant agrees that if, after entering a guilty plea  
9 pursuant to this agreement, defendant seeks to withdraw and succeeds  
10 in withdrawing defendant's guilty plea on any basis other than a  
11 claim and finding that entry into this plea agreement was  
12 involuntary, then (a) the USAO will be relieved of all of its  
13 obligations under this agreement, including in particular its  
14 obligations regarding the use of Cooperation Information; (b) in any  
15 investigation, criminal prosecution, or civil, administrative, or  
16 regulatory action, defendant agrees that any Cooperation Information  
17 and any evidence derived from any Cooperation Information shall be  
18 admissible against defendant, and defendant will not assert, and  
19 hereby waives and gives up, any claim under the United States  
20 Constitution, any statute, or any federal rule, that any Cooperation  
21 Information or any evidence derived from any Cooperation Information  
22 should be suppressed or is inadmissible.

23 EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

24 24. This agreement is effective upon signature and execution of  
25 all required certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an  
26 Assistant United States Attorney.

1 BREACH OF AGREEMENT

2 25. Defendant agrees that if defendant, at any time after the  
3 signature of this agreement and execution of all required  
4 certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an Assistant  
5 United States Attorney, knowingly violates or fails to perform any of  
6 defendant's obligations under this agreement ("a breach"), the USAO  
7 may declare this agreement breached. For example, if defendant  
8 knowingly, in an interview, before a grand jury, or at trial, falsely  
9 accuses another person of criminal conduct or falsely minimizes  
10 defendant's own role, or the role of another, in criminal conduct,  
11 defendant will have breached this agreement. All of defendant's  
12 obligations are material, a single breach of this agreement is  
13 sufficient for the USAO to declare a breach, and defendant shall not  
14 be deemed to have cured a breach without the express agreement of the  
15 USAO in writing. If the USAO declares this agreement breached, and  
16 the Court finds such a breach to have occurred, then:

17 a. If defendant has previously entered a guilty plea  
18 pursuant to this agreement, defendant will not be able to withdraw  
19 the guilty plea.

20 b. The USAO will be relieved of all its obligations under  
21 this agreement; in particular, the USAO: (i) will no longer be bound  
22 by any agreements concerning sentencing and will be free to seek any  
23 sentence up to the statutory maximum for the crime to which defendant  
24 has pleaded guilty; and (ii) will no longer be bound by any agreement  
25 regarding the use of Cooperation Information and will be free to use  
26 any Cooperation Information in any way in any investigation, criminal  
27 prosecution, or civil, administrative, or regulatory action.

1 c. The USAO will be free to criminally prosecute  
2 defendant for false statement, obstruction of justice, and perjury  
3 based on any knowingly false or misleading statement by defendant.

4 d. In any investigation, criminal prosecution, or civil,  
5 administrative, or regulatory action: (i) defendant will not assert,  
6 and hereby waives and gives up, any claim that any Cooperation  
7 Information was obtained in violation of the Fifth Amendment  
8 privilege against compelled self-incrimination; and (ii) defendant  
9 agrees that any Cooperation Information and any Plea Information, as  
10 well as any evidence derived from any Cooperation Information or any  
11 Plea Information, shall be admissible against defendant, and  
12 defendant will not assert, and hereby waives and gives up, any claim  
13 under the United States Constitution, any statute, Rule 410 of the  
14 Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of  
15 Criminal Procedure, or any other federal rule, that any Cooperation  
16 Information, any Plea Information, or any evidence derived from any  
17 Cooperation Information or any Plea Information should be suppressed  
18 or is inadmissible.

19 COURT AND UNITED STATES PROBATION AND  
20 PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICE NOT PARTIES

21 26. Defendant understands that the Court and the United States  
22 Probation and Pretrial Services Office are not parties to this  
23 agreement and need not accept any of the USAO's sentencing  
24 recommendations or the parties' agreements to facts or sentencing  
25 factors.

26 27. Defendant understands that both defendant and the USAO are  
27 free to: (a) supplement the facts by supplying relevant information  
28 to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the



1 Court, (b) correct any and all factual misstatements relating to the  
2 Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and determination of  
3 sentence, and (c) argue on appeal and collateral review that the  
4 Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and the sentence it  
5 chooses to impose are not error, although each party agrees to  
6 maintain its view that the calculations in paragraph 15 are  
7 consistent with the facts of this case. While this paragraph permits  
8 both the USAO and defendant to submit full and complete factual  
9 information to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services  
10 Office and the Court, even if that factual information may be viewed  
11 as inconsistent with the facts agreed to in this agreement, this  
12 paragraph does not affect defendant's and the USAO's obligations not  
13 to contest the facts agreed to in this agreement.

14 28. Defendant understands that even if the Court ignores any  
15 sentencing recommendation, finds facts or reaches conclusions  
16 different from those agreed to, and/or imposes any sentence up to the  
17 maximum established by statute, defendant cannot, for that reason,  
18 withdraw defendant's guilty plea, and defendant will remain bound to  
19 fulfill all defendant's obligations under this agreement. Defendant  
20 understands that no one - not the prosecutor, defendant's attorney,  
21 or the Court - can make a binding prediction or promise regarding the  
22 sentence defendant will receive, except that it will be within the  
23 statutory maximum.

24 NO ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

25 29. Defendant understands that, except as set forth herein,  
26 there are no promises, understandings, or agreements between the USAO  
27 and defendant or defendant's attorney, and that no additional  
28

1 promise, understanding, or agreement may be entered into unless in a  
2 writing signed by all parties or on the record in court.

3 PLEA AGREEMENT PART OF THE GUILTY PLEA HEARING

4 30. The parties agree that this agreement will be considered  
5 part of the record of defendant's guilty plea hearing as if the  
6 entire agreement had been read into the record of the proceeding.

7 AGREED AND ACCEPTED

8 UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
9 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF  
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18 Defendant

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19 *Charles Swift*  
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CHARLES SWIFT  
Attorney for Defendant  
RAFIA SULTANA SHAREEF

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

22 CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT

23 I have read this document in its entirety. I have had enough  
24 time to review and consider this agreement, and I have carefully and  
25 thoroughly discussed every part of it with my attorney. I understand  
26 the terms of this agreement, and I voluntarily agree to those terms.  
27 I have discussed the evidence with my attorney, and my attorney has  
28 advised me of my rights, of possible pretrial motions that might be

1 filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or  
2 at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a),  
3 of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences  
4 of entering into this agreement. No promises, inducements, or  
5 representations of any kind have been made to me other than those  
6 contained in this agreement. No one has threatened or forced me in  
7 any way to enter into this agreement. I am satisfied with the  
8 representation of my attorney in this matter, and I am pleading  
9 guilty because I am guilty of the charge and wish to take advantage  
10 of the promises set forth in this agreement, and not for any other  
11 reason.

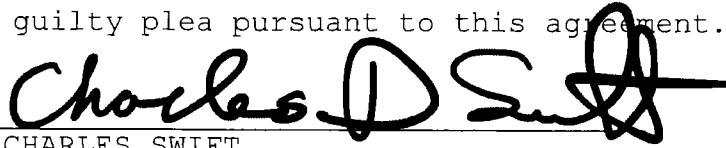
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15 CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

16 I am RAFIA SULTANA SHAREEF's attorney. I have carefully and  
17 thoroughly discussed every part of this agreement with my client.  
18 Further, I have fully advised my client of her rights, of possible  
19 pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might  
20 be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors  
21 set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a); of relevant Sentencing Guidelines  
22 provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement.  
23 To my knowledge: no promises, inducements, or representations of any  
24 kind have been made to my client other than those contained in this  
25 agreement; no one has threatened or forced my client in any way to  
26 enter into this agreement; my client's decision to enter into this  
27 agreement is an informed and voluntary one; and the factual basis set  
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1 forth in this agreement is sufficient to support my client's entry of  
2 a guilty plea pursuant to this agreement.

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4 CHARLES SWIFT  
5 Attorney for Defendant  
6 RAFIA SULTANA SHAREEF

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
RAFIA SULTANA SHAREEF,  
aka "Rafia Farook,"  
  
Defendant.

No.  
  
I N F O R M A T I O N  
  
[18 U.S.C. § 1519: Alteration,  
Destruction, and Mutilation of  
Records]

The Attorney for the United States charges:

[18 U.S.C. § 1519]

On or about December 2, 2015, in San Bernardino County, within the Central District of California, defendant RAFIA SULTANA SHAREEF, also known as "Rafia Farook," knowingly altered, destroyed, and mutilated a document, namely, a handwritten "map" drafted by Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik, two perpetrators of the December 2, 2015 terrorist attack at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, California, with the intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the investigation and proper administration of a matter

1 within the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Justice,  
2 and in relation to and in contemplation of any such matter.

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4 TRACY L. WILKISON  
5 Attorney for the United States,  
6 Acting Under Authority Conferred  
7 by 28 U.S.C. § 515

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9 PATRICK R. FITZGERALD  
10 Assistant United States Attorney  
11 Chief, National Security Division

12 CHRISTOPHER D. GRIGG  
13 Assistant United States Attorney  
14 Chief, Terrorism and Export Crimes Section

15 MELANIE SARTORIS  
16 Assistant United States Attorney  
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19 Assistant United States Attorney  
20 Criminal Appeals Section

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Stephanie Ascencio, declare:

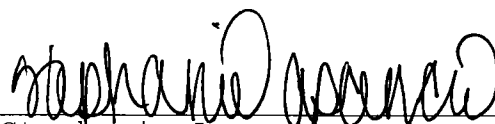
That I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of or employed in Riverside County, California; that my business address is the Office of United States Attorney, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 200, Riverside, California 92501; that I am over the age of 18; and that I am not a party to the above-titled action;

That I am employed by the United States Attorney for the Central District of California, who is a member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, at whose direction I served a copy of: **PLEA AGREEMENT FOR DEFENDANT**

**RAFIA SULTANA SHAREEF**

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This Certificate is executed on **March 2, 2020**, in Riverside, California. I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
Stephanie Ascencio  
Legal Assistant



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