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v.

Defendant.

RASHEED AL JIJAKLI,

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No. SA CR 17-85-JVS

PLEA AGREEMENT FOR DEFENDANT RASHEED AL JIJAKLI

REVISED

This constitutes the plea agreement between RASHEED AL

JIJAKLI ("defendant") and the United States Attorney's Office for the

Central District of California ("the USAO") in the above-captioned

case. This agreement is limited to the USAO and cannot bind any

other federal, state, local, or foreign prosecuting, enforcement,

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27 28 DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS

2. Defendant agrees to:

administrative, or regulatory authorities.

At the earliest opportunity requested by the USAO and provided by the Court, appear and plead guilty to count 1 of the indictment in United States v. Rasheed Al Jijakli, SA CR 17-85-JVS,

- which charges defendant with conspiracy to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act ("IEEPA"), 50 U.S.C. § 1705(a), (c); 15 C.F.R. § 746.9.
 - b. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.
- c. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained in this agreement.
- d. Appear for all court appearances, surrender as ordered for service of sentence, obey all conditions of any bond, and obey any other ongoing court order in this matter.
- e. Not commit any crime; however, offenses that would be excluded for sentencing purposes under United States Sentencing Guidelines ("U.S.S.G." or "Sentencing Guidelines") § 4A1.2(c) are not within the scope of this agreement.
- f. Be truthful at all times with Pretrial Services, the United States Probation Office, and the Court.
- g. Pay the applicable special assessment at or before the time of sentencing unless defendant lacks the ability to pay and prior to sentencing submits a completed financial statement on a form to be provided by the USAO.

THE USAO'S OBLIGATIONS

- 3. The USAO agrees to:
 - a. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.
- b. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained in this agreement.
- c. At the time of sentencing, move to dismiss the remaining counts of the indictment as against defendant. Defendant agrees, however, that at the time of sentencing the Court may consider any dismissed charges in determining the applicable



Sentencing Guidelines range, the propriety and extent of any departure from that range, and the sentence to be imposed.

- d. At the time of sentencing, provided that defendant demonstrates an acceptance of responsibility for the offense up to and including the time of sentencing, recommend a two-level reduction in the applicable Sentencing Guidelines offense level, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1, and recommend and, if necessary, move for an additional one-level reduction if available under that section.
- e. Recommend that defendant be sentenced to a term of imprisonment no higher than the low end of the applicable Sentencing Guidelines range, provided that the offense level used by the Court to determine that range is 23 or higher and provided that the Court does not depart downward in offense level or criminal history category. For purposes of this agreement, the low end of the Sentencing Guidelines range is that defined by the Sentencing Table in U.S.S.G. Chapter 5, Part A, without regard to reductions in the term of imprisonment that may be permissible through the substitution of community confinement or home detention as a result of the offense level falling within Zone B or Zone C of the Sentencing Table.

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE

4. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of the crime charged in count 1, that is, conspiracy to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act ("IEEPA"), 50 U.S.C. § 1705(a) and (c); 15 C.F.R. § 746.9, the following must be true: (1) there was an agreement between two or more persons to commit at least one crime as charged in the indictment; and (2) defendant became a member of the conspiracy knowing of at least one of its objects and intending to help accomplish it. For a substantive violation of

IEEPA, the following must be true: (1) defendant knowingly exported goods from the United States to Syria; (2) the goods were exported without a license; and (3) defendant knew that defendant was prohibited from exporting goods to Syria without a license.

PENALTIES

- 5. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence that the Court can impose for a violation of 50 U.S.C. § 1705(a), (c); 15 C.F.R. § 746.9, is: 20 years of imprisonment; a 3-year period of supervised release; a fine of \$1,000,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from the offense, whichever is greatest; and a mandatory special assessment of \$100.
- 6. Defendant understands that supervised release is a period of time following imprisonment during which defendant will be subject to various restrictions and requirements. Defendant understands that if defendant violates one or more of the conditions of any supervised release imposed, defendant may be returned to prison for all or part of the term of supervised release authorized by statute for the offense that resulted in the term of supervised release, which could result in defendant serving a total term of imprisonment greater than the statutory maximum stated above.
- 7. Defendant understands that, by pleading guilty, defendant may be giving up valuable government benefits and valuable civic rights, such as the right to vote, the right to possess a firearm, the right to hold office, and the right to serve on a jury.

 Defendant understands that once the court accepts defendant's guilty plea, it will be a federal felony for defendant to possess a firearm or ammunition. Defendant understands that the conviction in this case may also subject defendant to various other collateral

consequences, including but not limited to revocation of probation, parole, or supervised release in another case and suspension or revocation of a professional license. Defendant understands that unanticipated collateral consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw defendant's guilty plea.

8. Defendant understands that, if defendant is not a United States citizen, the felony conviction in this case may subject defendant to: removal, also known as deportation, which may, under some circumstances, be mandatory; denial of citizenship; and denial of admission to the United States in the future. The court cannot, and defendant's attorney also may not be able to, advise defendant fully regarding the immigration consequences of the felony conviction in this case. Defendant understands that unexpected immigration consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw defendant's guilty plea.

FACTUAL BASIS

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

From April 2012 through March 2013, defendant conspired with A.B. and T.S., and involved others, such as N.G. and M.K., to export tactical gear, including U.S.-origin laser boresighters, day and

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night vision rifle scopes, flashlights, radios, and other items (the "Tactical Gear"), from the United States to Syria in violation of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act in order to supply U.S.-origin goods to arm rebel groups in Syria.

From June through July 2012, defendant, along with A.B., purchased the Tactical Gear. On July 17, 2012, defendant traveled from Los Angeles, California to Istanbul, Turkey with the Tactical Gear, with the intent that it would provided to Syrian rebels training in Turkey and fighting in Syria. Defendant provided some of the Tactical Gear, specifically the laser boresighters, to T.S., who defendant learned was a member of Ahrar Al-Sham. Defendant also provided the goods to other armed Syrian insurgent groups in Syria, and some in Turkey.

On August 15, 2012, defendant told A.B. that he had returned to Turkey from Syria and that his trip had not been fun because he was unable to participate in any "action." On August 16, 2012, defendant directed N.G. to withdraw \$7,000 from Palmyra Corporation ("Palmyra"), a company that defendant was the Chief Executive Officer of, and provide the money to A.B. who used it for the purchase of the Tactical Gear intended for Syrian rebels. Defendant intended the money he provided to A.B. to be used for the Tactical Gear for Syrian rebels. On September 12, 2012, M.K. traveled from Los Angeles, California to Istanbul, Turkey with the Tactical Gear, binoculars, and batteries, and provided them to defendant for Syrian rebels. On September 30, 2012, defendant directed N.G. to withdraw \$10,000 from Palmyra and provide the money to A.B. which A.B. used to purchase the Tactical Gear intended for Syrian rebels. Defendant intended the money he provided to A.B. to be used for the Tactical Gear for Syrian

rebels. On February 18, 2013, A.B. traveled from Los Angeles, California to Istanbul, Turkey with the Tactical Gear and provided the Tactical Gear to Syrian rebels.

During this time, defendant and his coconspirators knowingly provided at least 43 laser boresighters, 85 day rifle scopes, 30 night vision rifle scopes, 6 tactical flashlights, 1 digital monocular, 5 radios, and 1 bulletproof vest to Ahrar Al-Sham and other Syrian rebels in Syria, or with knowledge that the Tactical Gear was going to Syria. Some of these items were dual-use and on the Commerce Control List.

Defendant provided some of the Tactical Gear to Syrian rebels in Syria. At all times defendant knew that all or some of the Tactical Gear he and his coconspirators provided to the Syrian rebels would be used in and transported to Syria. Defendant did not personally use the Tactical Gear in Syria. During this time, defendant knew that he could not export the Tactical Gear without a license or other authorization from the United States government. At no time did defendant or any of his coconspirators seek or obtain a license or other authorization from the Department of Commerce or any other U.S. agency to export the Tactical Gear.

SENTENCING FACTORS

10. Defendant understands that in determining defendant's sentence the Court is required to calculate the applicable Sentencing Guidelines range and to consider that range, possible departures under the Sentencing Guidelines, and the other sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant understands that the Sentencing Guidelines are advisory only, that defendant cannot have any expectation of receiving a sentence within the calculated

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Sentencing Guidelines range, and that after considering the Sentencing Guidelines and the other § 3553(a) factors, the Court will be free to exercise its discretion to impose any sentence it finds appropriate up to the maximum set by statute for the crime of conviction.

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

Base Offense Level: 26 U.S.S.G. § 2M5.1(a)(1)(A)

Acceptance of Responsibility: -3 U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1

Total Offense Level: 23

The USAO will agree to a two-level downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility (and, if applicable, move for an additional onelevel downward adjustment under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b)) only if the conditions set forth in paragraphs 2-3 are met and if defendant has not committed, and refrains from committing, acts constituting obstruction of justice within the meaning of U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1, as discussed below. Subject to paragraph 24 below, defendant and the USAO agree not to seek, argue, or suggest in any way, either orally or in writing, that any other specific offense characteristics, adjustments, or departures relating to the offense level be imposed. Defendant agrees, however, that if, after signing this agreement but prior to sentencing, defendant were to commit an act, or the USAO were to discover a previously undiscovered act committed by defendant prior to signing this agreement, which act, in the judgment of the USAO, constituted obstruction of justice within the meaning of U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1, the USAO would be free to seek the enhancement set forth in that section and to argue that defendant is not entitled to

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a downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1.

- 12. Defendant understands that there is no agreement as to defendant's criminal history or criminal history category.
- 13. Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue for a sentence outside the sentencing range established by the Sentencing Guidelines based on the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(6), and (a)(7).

WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

- 14. Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant gives up the following rights:
 - a. The right to persist in a plea of not guilty.
 - b. The right to a speedy and public trial by jury.
- c. The right to be represented by counsel and if necessary have the court appoint counsel at trial. Defendant understands, however, that, defendant retains the right to be represented by counsel and if necessary have the court appoint counsel at every other stage of the proceeding.
- d. The right to be presumed innocent and to have the burden of proof placed on the government to prove defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
- e. The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against defendant.
- f. The right to testify and to present evidence in opposition to the charges, including the right to compel the attendance of witnesses to testify.

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

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

WAIVER OF APPEAL OF CONVICTION

15. Defendant understands that, with the exception of an appeal based on a claim that defendant's guilty plea was involuntary, by pleading guilty defendant is waiving and giving up any right to appeal defendant's conviction on the offense to which defendant is pleading guilty.

LIMITED MUTUAL WAIVER OF APPEAL OF SENTENCE

16. Defendant agrees that, provided the Court imposes a term of imprisonment within or below the range corresponding to an offense level of 23 and the criminal history category calculated by the Court, defendant gives up the right to appeal all of the following:

(a) the procedures and calculations used to determine and impose any portion of the sentence; (b) the term of imprisonment imposed by the Court; (c) the fine imposed by the court, provided it is within the statutory maximum; (d) the term of probation or supervised release imposed by the Court, provided it is within the statutory maximum; and (e) any of the following conditions of probation or supervised release imposed by the Court: the conditions set forth in General Orders 318, 01-05, and/or 05-02 of this Court; the drug testing conditions mandated by 18 U.S.C. §§ 3563(a)(5) and 3583(d); and the alcohol and drug use conditions authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 3563(b)(7).

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17. The USAO agrees that, provided (a) all portions of the sentence are at or below the statutory maximum specified above and (b) the Court imposes a term of imprisonment within or above the range corresponding to an offense level of 23 and the criminal history category calculated by the Court, the USAO gives up its right to appeal any portion of the sentence.

RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF GUILTY PLEA

- pursuant to this agreement, defendant seeks to withdraw and succeeds in withdrawing defendant's guilty plea on any basis other than a claim and finding that entry into this plea agreement was involuntary, then (a) the USAO will be relieved of all of its obligations under this agreement; and (b) should the USAO choose to pursue any charge that was either dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement, then (i) any applicable statute of limitations will be tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this agreement and the filing commencing any such action; and (ii) defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the statute of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's signing this agreement.
- 19. Defendant agrees that if the count of conviction is vacated, reversed, or set aside, or the enhancement imposed by the Court to which the parties stipulated in this agreement is vacated or set aside, both the USAO and defendant will be released from all their obligations under this agreement.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

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

BREACH OF AGREEMENT

- 21. Defendant agrees that if defendant, at any time after the signature of this agreement and execution of all required certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an Assistant United States Attorney, knowingly violates or fails to perform any of defendant's obligations under this agreement ("a breach"), the USAO may declare this agreement breached. All of defendant's obligations are material, a single breach of this agreement is sufficient for the USAO to declare a breach, and defendant shall not be deemed to have cured a breach without the express agreement of the USAO in writing. If the USAO declares this agreement breached, and the Court finds such a breach to have occurred, then: (a) if defendant has previously entered a guilty plea pursuant to this agreement, defendant will not be able to withdraw the guilty plea, and (b) the USAO will be relieved of all its obligations under this agreement.
- 22. Following the Court's finding of a knowing breach of this agreement by defendant, should the USAO choose to pursue any charge that was either dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement, then:
- a. Defendant agrees that any applicable statute of limitations is tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this agreement and the filing commencing any such action.
- b. Defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the statute of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any

speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's signing this agreement.

defendant, under oath, at the guilty plea hearing (if such a hearing occurred prior to the breach); (ii) the agreed to factual basis statement in this agreement; and (iii) any evidence derived from such statements, shall be admissible against defendant in any such action against defendant, and defendant waives and gives up any claim under the United States Constitution, any statute, Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, or any other federal rule, that the statements or any evidence derived from the statements should be suppressed or are inadmissible.

COURT AND PROBATION OFFICE NOT PARTIES

- 23. Defendant understands that the Court and the United States Probation Office are not parties to this agreement and need not accept any of the USAO's sentencing recommendations or the parties' agreements to facts or sentencing factors.
- 24. Defendant understands that both defendant and the USAO are free to: (a) supplement the facts by supplying relevant information to the United States Probation Office and the Court, (b) correct any and all factual misstatements relating to the Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and determination of sentence, and (c) argue on appeal and collateral review that the Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and the sentence it chooses to impose are not error, although each party agrees to maintain its view that the calculations in paragraph 11 are consistent with the facts of this

case. While this paragraph permits both the USAO and defendant to submit full and complete factual information to the United States

Probation Office and the Court, even if that factual information may be viewed as inconsistent with the facts agreed to in this agreement, this paragraph does not affect defendant's and the USAO's obligations not to contest the facts agreed to in this agreement.

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

NO ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

26. Defendant understands that, except as set forth herein, there are no promises, understandings, or agreements between the USAO and defendant or defendant's attorney, and that no additional promise, understanding, or agreement may be entered into unless in a writing signed by all parties or on the record in court.

PLEA AGREEMENT PART OF THE GUILTY PLEA HEARING

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

AGREED AND ACCEPTED

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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RASHEED AL JIJAKLI

Defendant

KATHERINE CORRIGAN

Attorney for Defendant Rasheed Al

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CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT

I have read this agreement in its entirety. I have had enough time to review and consider this agreement, and I have carefully and thoroughly discussed every part of it with my attorney. I understand the terms of this agreement, and I voluntarily agree to those terms. I have discussed the evidence with my attorney, and my attorney has advised me of my rights, of possible pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. No promises, inducements, or representations of any kind have been made to me other than those

contained in this agreement. No one has threatened or forced me in any way to enter into this agreement. I am satisfied with the representation of my attorney in this matter, and I am pleading guilty because I am guilty of the charge and wish to take advantage of the promises set forth in this agreement, and not for any other reason.

RASHEED AL JIJAKLI Defendant

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CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

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

KATHERINE CORRIGAN Attorney for Defendant Rasheed Al JIJAKLI