# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 14 CR 564

v.

Judge John J. Tharp Jr.

MOHAMMED HAMZAH KHAN

## GOVERNMENT'S SENTENCING MEMORANDUM

The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, through ZACHARY T. FARDON, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, respectfully submits its Sentencing Memorandum for defendant Mohammed Hamzah Khan. This matter is set for sentencing on November 18, 2016.<sup>1</sup>

#### Introduction

On October 4, 2014, Mohammed Hamzah Khan, then a 19 year-old — just 16 months removed from high school, where he was known as a good student, a leader, reliable, and courteous<sup>2</sup> — attempted to execute a carefully calculated plan to take his younger siblings (Minor 1 and Minor 2) halfway around the world to join and support the barbaric Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. This was not an impulsive decision or a moment of indiscretion. Rather, Khan had planned his travel to join ISIL for months, and understood the gravity of his actions. He was committed to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Presentence Investigation Report is cited "PSR," the plea agreement is cited as "Plea," and the Government's Version is cited as "GV." Other docket entries in this case are cited as "R." followed by the docket number.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See PSR at ¶64.

abandoning his family, his education, his community, and his country for ISIL, and he understood that he would likely die for its cause, and that he was bringing his minor siblings into a war zone. Fortunately for Khan and his family, the Federal Bureau of Investigation interceded and stopped Khan and his siblings at O'Hare before they were able to travel to join ISIL.

In spite of the tortured judgment that led Khan to O'Hare on October 4, 2014, Khan has taken an important first step in rejecting ISIL and taking advantage of his second chance by cooperating with the government's investigation of ISIL and his recruiters. Khan's cooperation has benefited active criminal investigations and our foreign partners.

Through Khan's debriefings, he outlined his recruitment by ISIL and its supporters through social media and electronic communications. He identified his recruiters and explained how they influenced his transition from a student empathetic to the plight of the victims of the Assad regime to supporting an organization that relies on savagery, fear, and propaganda to govern.

Based on Khan's cooperation, and in consideration of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553, and Khan's plea agreement, the government respectfully requests that this Court impose a 60 month sentence of imprisonment followed by 180 months of intensive and customized supervised release, as outlined in Exhibit A.

#### **Procedural History**

On October 6, 2014, the government charged Khan through a one count criminal complaint alleging that Khan attempted to provide material support,

namely personnel, to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B(a)(1). (R. 1). On January 8, 2015, a grand jury sitting in the Northern District of Illinois returned a one-count indictment against Khan alleging the same offense. (R. 37.) On October 29, 2015, Khan entered a plea of guilty to the sole count of the indictment. (R. 80.)

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Khan agreed to fully and truthfully cooperate in any matter in which he is called upon to cooperate by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois. (Plea at 9.) Khan agreed to provide "complete and truthful information in any investigation and pre-trial preparation and complete and truthful testimony in any criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding, including in the United States or any foreign prosecution." (*Id.*) If Khan met his cooperation obligations, the government agreed to recommend to the Court a sentence of 60 months' imprisonment. (Plea at 9–10.)

#### Khan's Cooperation

As noted above, Khan has met his cooperation obligations. Khan provided four extensive debriefings, amounting to nearly 20 hours of questioning. Moreover, Khan has committed to cooperating throughout his incarceration and during the entire length of his supervised release, if called upon to do so. Khan may be asked to participate in additional proffers in the future, testify before grand juries, and testify in court proceedings, including trials in the United States and abroad.

Most significantly, the government benefited from information provided by Khan that furthered criminal investigations of two ISIL fighters and recruiters. First, Khan provided extensive information about his communication with and recruitment by an ISIL recruiter and fighter, described here as Individual 1. Khan's information benefited search warrants for approximately 16 of Individual 1's electronic communication accounts by further establishing his *modus operandi* and his identity.

Khan's cooperation with respect to Individual 1, however, will no longer be needed. According to open source reporting, Individual 1 is now deceased. Despite the fact that Khan will not need to testify against Individual 1, his cooperation was still significant in that it benefited the above described criminal investigations, it allowed the government to provide valuable information to foreign partners, and it put the government (and Individual 1's home country) in a position to pursue criminal charges against Individual 1 had he come into U.S. or foreign custody.

Second, Khan provided information about another ISIL fighter and recruiter, described here as Individual 2. Though Individual 2 has not yet been criminally charged, information from Khan regarding Individual 2 has been corroborated by other witnesses similarly recruited by Individual 2.

The investigation of Individual 2 is ongoing. Should there be charges brought against Individual 2, the government intends to rely on information concerning Individual 2 provided by Khan and to call Khan as a trial witness against Individual 2, should Individual 2 proceed to trial. Khan's information concerning Individual 2 is particularly valuable insofar as Khan recalled details about Individual 2 that will likely be helpful in establishing proof of identity.

#### **Maximum Potential Sentence**

Because Khan committed his offense in 2014, he faces a maximum sentence of 15 years' imprisonment pursuant to the then-applicable provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B(a)(1),<sup>3</sup> and a fine of up to \$250,000. Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3583(j) and 2332b(g)(5)(B), this Court may impose a term of supervised release of any term of years, including life. *See* PSR at ¶77.

## Sentencing Guidelines and Criminal History

# Offense Level Calculations

The November 2016 edition of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Manual applies in this case. The government agrees with the calculation of Khan's advisory Guideline range as calculated by the U.S. Probation Office, except for Probation's decision not to apply the enhancements for the use of minors in commission of the offense in accordance with Guideline § 3B1.4, as described below. See PSR at 8-10.

The base offense level is 26, pursuant to Guideline § 2M5.3(a). The offense level should be increased by two levels because the offense involved the provision of material support with the intent, knowledge, or reason to believe that the support was to be used to commit or assist in the commission of a violent act, pursuant to Guideline § 2M5.3(b)(1)(E).

Further, the offense level should be increased by 12 levels, pursuant to Guideline § 3A1.4(a), because the offense is a felony that involved a federal crime of

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  On June 2, 2015, Congress subsequently amended Section 2339B to provide for a maximum punishment of 20 years' imprisonment. Pub. L. 114–23, Title VII.

terrorism as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2332b(g)(5), namely, the offense: (1) was calculated to influence or affect the conduct of government by intimidation and coercion, and to retaliate against government conduct; and (2) was a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B. See PSR at ¶26.

This Court should also apply a two-level enhancement pursuant to Guideline § 3B1.4, because Khan attempted to use persons less than eighteen years of age, namely Minor 1 and Minor 2, to commit the offense or assist in avoiding detection of, or apprehension for, the offense. (The U.S. Probation Office disagrees with the government. See PSR at ¶27. Khan also reserved the right to contest the application of Guideline § 3B1.4.) The Seventh Circuit has held that a defendant uses a minor if his "affirmative actions involved minors in his criminal activities," which would include "when the minor is a partner in the criminal offense" or "when the minor's role is subordinate to that of the criminal defendant." United States v. Ramsey, 237 F.3d 853, 859 (7th Cir. 2001). See also U.S.S.G. § 3B1.4, Application Note 1 ("Used or attempted to use' includes directing, commanding, encouraging, intimidating, counseling, training, procuring, recruiting, or soliciting."). Here, Khan's "actions involved minors in his criminal activities," namely bringing his siblings to a war zone to join ISIL.

Khan has clearly demonstrated a recognition and affirmative acceptance of personal responsibility for his criminal conduct, and a result, a two-level reduction in the offense level is appropriate, in accordance with Guideline § 3E1.1(a). Khan also is entitled to an additional one-level reduction in offense level, pursuant to Guideline

§ 3E1.1(b), because: he timely notified the government of his intention to enter a plea of guilty. Khan's timely guilty plea permitted the government to avoid preparing for trial and conducting extensive pre-trial litigation, and permitted the Court to allocate its resources more efficiently. *See* PSR at ¶¶31-32.

# Criminal History Category

Khan has no prior criminal history, and thus, has earned no criminal history points. Pursuant to Guideline § 3A1.4(b), however, Khan's criminal history category is VI. See PSR at ¶40.

# Anticipated Advisory Sentencing Guidelines Range

Therefore, Khan's anticipated offense level is 39, which, when combined with a criminal history category of VI, results in an anticipated advisory Sentencing Guideline sentence of 180 months' imprisonment, pursuant to Guideline § 5G1.1(a) (as the statutory maximum sentence is 180 months' imprisonment), in addition to any supervised release and fine the Court may impose.

## Sentencing Analysis in Accordance with Section 3553(a)

As set out in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553(a), the Court must consider several factors in determining the sentence, including the history and characteristics of Khan, the nature and circumstances of the offense, and the need for the sentence imposed to reflect the seriousness of the offense, promote respect for the law, provide adequate deterrence, and protect the public. Each of these factors is discussed below:

## History and Characteristics of Khan

Khan's sentence should reflect his history and characteristics, both as they aggravate and mitigate his offense conduct. In mitigation, this Court should consider his young age and his lack of prior criminal history. While Khan had just turned 19 when he attempted to join ISIL, Khan's radicalization process and online recruitment started most likely when he was only 17 or 18. Furthermore, the genesis of Khan's interest in the conflict of Syria appears to have initially focused on the plight of the Syrian people under attack by the Assad regime.

This Court should also consider Khan's mere act of attempting to cooperate in good faith as mitigation. Cooperation against a foreign terrorist organization particularly in the context of believing one had a religious obligation to support it, is not the typical dilemma of the traditional federal cooperator.

By cooperating, Khan has taken an important step in turning away from ISIL and the purported religious authority of its recruiters and facilitators. Khan not only attempted to cooperate against Individuals 1 and 2, he also offered to testify against other ISIL recruiters, fighters, and supporters, including Mizanur Rahman.<sup>4</sup> Attempting to cooperate against individuals like Rahman sends a strong counternarrative that helps delegitimize their self-proclaimed authority.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> According to the United Kingdom's Crown Prosecution Service, Mizanur Rahman was convicted in London's central criminal court in 2016 for encouraging support for ISIL. See http://blog.cps.gov.uk/2016/08/anjem-choudary-and-mohammed-rahman-convicted-of-inviting-support-for-daesh.html. See also "Mizanur Rahman: Anjem Choudary's right hand man - BBC Newsnight." See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMdPEwrMRM4. Khan's testimony, however, ultimately was not needed in the case of Rahman and was moot for others as some of his ISIL contacts are now deceased.

In aggravation, however, this Court should consider Khan's commitment to ISIL, including the fact that he was willing to give his life (and the life of his minor siblings) to its cause—even when news reports made it clear that ISIL was committing (and boasting about) atrocities in Syria and Iraq. Khan's own words, in a letter he left behind for his parents that the FBI subsequently recovered, make his intentions clear. Khan wrote that he had an obligation to "migrate" to the "Islamic state" now that it has "been established," and that he could no longer live in a country where he could not openly discuss jihad: "I cannot live under a law in which I'm afraid to speak my beliefs. I want to be ruled by the sharrah, the best law for all-mankind. Tell me, if we truly were free, why do we have to live in fear? True, we can practice other aspects of our deen but why can't we openly talk about jihad." (GV at 6.)

In analyzing Khan's history and characteristics, the Court should also consider Khan's online sophistication and his use of multiple online aliases, monikers, and noms de guerre. Khan used multiple electronic communications platforms and accounts to communicate with ISIL fighters and supporters. These platforms allowed him to connect with ISIL fighters, recruiters, and supporters, including Individual 1, Individual 2, Mizanur Rahman, Avin Marsalis Brown,<sup>5</sup> and others. Through these connections, Khan became indoctrinated into ISIL's ideology, learned the logistics required to get into Northern Syria, and acquired the bona fides necessary to be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Brown pleaded guilty in the Eastern District of North Carolina (case #14-CR-58) to conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2339A.

admitted into ISIL. Khan's sentence, particularly his conditions of supervised release, should account for his online sophistication.

# Nature and Circumstances of the Offense

The nature of this offense could not be more serious short of Khan succeeding with his plan and actually fighting for ISIL. Khan sought to offer himself to an organization committed to religious and ethnic slaughter, and was well aware of ISIL's barbaric nature. The following timeline of selected events shows what was happening as Khan planned his path to attempt to join ISIL in 2014:

		Examples of Highly Publicized
Approx.	Hamzah Khan's	ISIL Atrocities and Related
Timeline	Path to ISIL in 2014	Events in 2014
Jan.		ISIL seizes the Iraqi city of Fallujah
		and the Syrian city of Raqqa. <sup>6</sup>
Early Feb.		Al Qaeda announced its break with
		ISIL. <sup>7</sup>
Feb-Mar.	Khan and Avin Brown	
	corresponded online about	
	violent jihad and their	
	respective interest in	
	traveling overseas to support	
	foreign terrorist	
	organizations. Ultimately,	
	Brown introduced Khan to	
	Individual 1.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Sly, Liz, "Al-Qaeda force captures Fallujah amid rise in violence in Iraq," The Washington Post, January 3, 2014, https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/al-qaeda-force-captures-fallujah-amid-rise-in-violence-in-iraq/2014/01/03/8abaeb2a-74aa-11e3-8def-

a33011492df2\_story.html. "ISIL recaptures Raqqa from Syria's rebels," Al Jazeera, January 14, 2014, http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/01/isil-recaptures-raqqa-from-syrias-rebels-2014114201917453586.html.

 $<sup>^7</sup>$  Hubbard, Ben, "Al Qaeda Breaks with Jihadist Group in Syria Involved in Rebel Infighting," New York Times, Feb. 3, 2014, http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/04/world/middleeast/syria.html?\_r=0

March	Khan and one of his siblings begin communicating with Individual 1. These communications continued intermittently until they attempted to travel to join ISIL. Several examples are cited below.	
June 10		ISIL took control of the Iraqi city of Mosul. <sup>8</sup>
June 11		ISIL took control of the Iraqi city of Tikrit. <sup>9</sup>
June 29		ISIL's leader, Abu Bakr al- Baghdadi, announced ISIL's name change to the Islamic State and declared the caliphate had been formed. <sup>10</sup>
July 21	Khan obtained a job to earn money to travel to Syria and to take his siblings with him.	
Early Aug.		ISIL captured the Yazidi town of Sinjar and called for the "systematic destruction of the entire Yazidi people" in early August 2014. <sup>11</sup>
Aug. 3		ISIL took control of Mosul Dam. <sup>12</sup>
Aug. 6 – 22	Khan communicated with Individual 1 through an electronic communication service on various occasions.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> "Iraqi city of Mosul falls to jihadists," CBS News, June 10, 2014, http://www.cbsnews.com/news/iraq-city-of-mosul-falls-into-hands-of-isis-jihadists-after-police-army-abandon-posts/.

 $<sup>^9</sup>$  "Iraq city of Tikrit falls to ISIL fighters," Al Jazeera, June 11, 2014 http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/06/iraqi-city-tikrit-falls-isil-fighters-2014611135333576799.html.

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  Rubin, Alissa J., "Militant Leader in Rare Appearance in Iraq," New York Times, July 5, 2014, http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/06/world/asia/iraq-abu-bakr-al-baghdadi-sermon-video.html?\_r=0.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Statement of the President of the United States, August 7, 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Duke, Alan and Hamdi Alkhshali, "ISIS claims gains, takes control of Iraq's largest hydroelectric dam," CNN, August 4, 2014, http://www.cnn.com/2014/08/03/world/meast/iraq-crisis-isis/.

Aug. 7	Khan reached out online to Mizanur Rahman and asked whether teaching Islam ("da'wa") was more important than joining the caliphate (ISIL).	The U.S. launched airstrikes against ISIL. <sup>13</sup>
Aug. 13	Khan researched flights to Turkey.	
Aug. 20		ISIL beheaded American journalist James Foley in mid-August 2014. <sup>14</sup>
Aug. 21	Khan purchased phone equipment for the trip.	
Aug. 28	Khan purchased a portable mini-wireless router for the trip.	
Sept. 9		ISIL beheaded American journalist Steven Sotloff. <sup>15</sup>
Sept. 11	Khan emailed the U.S. State Department to attempt to expedite one of his siblings receiving his/her passport.	
Sept. 13		ISIL beheaded British aid worker David Haines. <sup>16</sup>
Sept. 22		ISIL publicly encouraged Muslims around the world to kill U.S. citizens and westerners. <sup>17</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Statement of the President of the United States, August 7, 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Carter, Chelsea J., "Video shows ISIS beheading U.S. journalist James Foley," CNN, August 20, 2014, http://www.cnn.com/2014/08/19/world/meast/isis-james-foley/. *See also* https://www.cpj.org/killed/2014/james-foley.php.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Carter, Chelsea J. and Ashley Fantz, "ISIS video shows beheading of American journalist Steven Sotloff," CNN, September 9, 2014, http://www.cnn.com/2014/09/02/world/meast/isis-american-journalist-sotloff/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Botelho, Greg, "ISIS executes British aid work David Haines; Cameron vows justice," CNN, September 14, 2014, http://www.cnn.com/2014/09/13/world/meast/isis-haines-family-message/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Ross, Brian and Anthony Castellano, "New ISIS Recording Urges Muslims to Kill Civilians in US-Led Coalition Countries," ABC News, September 22, 2014, http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/isis-recording-urges-muslims-kill-civilians-us-led/story?id=25669372.

Sept. 26	Khan purchased three airline	
	tickets for \$2,679 for himself	
	and his siblings to fly from	
	Chicago to Istanbul.	
Sept. 27	Khan had electronic	
	communications with	
	Individual 1.	
Sept. 27 –	Khan obtained Turkish Visas	
29	for himself and his siblings.	
Sept. 29		ISIL started its effort to conquer the
		Turkish border town of Kobani. 18
Oct. 3	Khan sold his Xbox for cash.	ISIL beheaded British aid worker
		Alan Henning and threatened
		American aid worker Peter Kassig. <sup>19</sup>
Oct. 4	Khan and his siblings	
	arrived at O'Hare seeking to	
	travel to Syria.	

Despite these events, Khan did not turn back from his plan. Whatever his original motives were, by October 2014 Khan intended to support ISIL. Because of the seriousness of his offense, Khan deserves a significant term of imprisonment coupled with a lengthy term of intensive supervised release, and stiff consequences for failures to comply with his supervised release.

# The Seriousness of the Offense, Providing Adequate Deterrence, and Protecting the Public

Khan's sentence in this case should also reflect the serious nature of providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization, especially when the material support takes the form of providing personnel to a group like ISIL. Such a sentence

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Narayan, Chandrika and Holly Han, "ISIS threat: Syrian town fears massacre; Obama admits underestimating rise," CNN, September 29, 2014, http://www.cnn.com/2014/09/29/world/meast/isis-syria-iraq-strikes/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> "ISIS Releases Video Showing Beheading of Alan Henning," NBC News, October 3, 2014, http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-uncovered/isis-releases-video-showing-beheading-alan-henning-n208816.

will provide notice that, absent significant cooperation, courts will impose lengthy terms of imprisonment for individuals who travel or attempt to travel overseas to support foreign terrorist organizations that pose a threat to the United States both domestically and abroad. The threat is real, with at least 250 individuals from the United States who have joined or attempted to fight with extremists in Syria and Iraq, as well as other domestic threats either directed or inspired by ISIL.<sup>20</sup> Therefore, despite Khan's cooperation with the government's investigation, a sentence of 60 months' incarceration is still appropriate.

# **Supervised Release**

Given the risk of continued harm that Khan's actions represent, the government recommends the Court impose a term of at least 180 months of supervised release to further the goal of protecting the public, while at the same time placing Khan in the best possible position to succeed after incarceration. A lengthy term coupled with customized conditions of supervision by the U.S. Probation Office will deter Khan – especially in light of the intensive online supervision and the threat of re-incarceration – from committing further offenses. With these goals in mind, the government recommends the conditions of supervised release set forth in Exhibit A.

Lastly, the government notes that Khan has waived any right to seek early termination until after serving at least 120 months of his term of supervised release (Plea at ¶ 28), or to seek modification of conditions related to the U.S. Probation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> House Homeland Security Committee Task Force on Combating Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel, September 2015, https://homeland.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/TaskForceFinalReport.pdf.

Office's search authority and the Computer and Internet Monitoring Program for at least the first 90 months of supervised release. (Plea at ¶ 25.f & 25.g.) These sunset provisions are intended to allow for an extended minimum period of observation for Khan, while creating an incentive for him to comply with the terms of supervised release and become a productive member of the community.

## Conclusion

Accordingly, the government respectfully requests that this Court impose a sentence of 60 months' imprisonment followed by 180 months of the intensive supervised release described above, no fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

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## EXHIBIT A TO THE GOVERNMENT'S SENTENCING MEMORANDUM

The following are the government's proposed terms of supervised release. The paragraph numbers below correspond to the U.S. Probation Office's recommendations on pages 15 to 21 of the PSR. Modifications and additions have been noted in brackets prior to the proposed condition.

# **Mandatory Conditions**

- (1) The defendant shall not commit another federal, state, or local crime.
- (2) The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
- (5) The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample if the collection of such a sample is required by law.

# Discretionary Conditions to Supervised Release Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3563(b) and 3583(d)

- (4) The defendant shall seek, and work conscientiously, at lawful employment or pursue conscientiously a course of study or vocational training that will equip the defendant for employment.
- (6) [Modified] The defendant shall refrain from knowingly meeting or communicating with any person whom the defendant knows to be engaged, or planning to be engaged, in criminal activity and from . . . knowingly meeting or communicating with the following persons:
  - a. Any persons who are or claim to be associated with a foreign terrorist organization (as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1189);

- b. Any persons who are, or claim to be, involved with violent acts, or advocating for acts of violence; and
- c. Any persons who are located outside of the United States without prior approval of the U.S. Probation Office.

# (7) [Deleted]

- (8) The defendant shall refrain from possessing a firearm, destructive device, or other dangerous weapon.
- (9) The defendant shall participate, at the direction of a probation officer, in a mental health treatment program, which may include the use of prescription medicines.
- (12) The defendant shall work in community service for 120 hours per year of supervised release as directed by a probation officer.
- (14) The defendant shall remain within the federal court district where the defendant is being supervised, unless granted permission to leave by the court or probation officer.
- (15) The defendant shall report to a probation officer as directed by the court or a probation officer.
- (16) The defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit the defendant at any reasonable time at home, at work, at school, at a community service location, or other reasonable location specified by a probation officer. The defendant shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer.
- (17) The defendant shall notify a probation officer promptly, within 72 hours, of any change in residence, employer, or workplace and, absent constitutional or other legal privilege, answer inquiries by a probation officer.
- (18) The defendant shall notify a probation officer promptly, within 72 hours, if arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer.
- (22) The defendant shall satisfy such other special conditions as recommended below.
- (23) [Modified] The defendant shall submit at any time, with or without a warrant, to a search of the defendant's person and any property, house, apartment, residence, vehicle, records, computer, electronic communication devices or data storage devices or electronic media (e.g. phones, tablets, computers, or devices with internet access or communication capabilities),

social media accounts, electronic communications accounts, email accounts, or other electronic communication accounts, by any probation officer (or law enforcement officer at the request of the U.S. Probation Office) having reasonable suspicion concerning a violation of a condition of supervised release or a violation of state or federal law, while in the lawful discharge of the officer's supervision functions.

# Special Conditions of Supervised Release Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3563(b)(22) and 3583(d)

- (2) [Modified] The defendant shall participate in an approved job skill-training program at the direction of a probation officer within the first 60 days of placement on supervision unless the defendant is registered as a full-time student pursuing an associate degree, bachelor's degree, graduate degree, or vocational training.
- (3) [Added and modified] The defendant if unemployed after the first 60 days of supervision, or if unemployed for 60 days after termination or lay-off from employment, perform at least an additional 20 hours of community service per week at the direction of the U.S. Probation Office until gainfully employed. These 20 hours are in addition to the 120 hours of community service the defendant much complete each year of supervised release, and will only be imposed if the defendant is unemployed as described above, and if the defendant is not pursuing an associate degree, bachelor's degree, graduate degree, or vocational training on a full time basis.
- (6) The defendant shall provide a probation officer with access to any requested financial information necessary to monitor compliance with conditions of supervised release.
- (11) The defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court.
- (13) The defendant shall notify, as directed by the probation officer, third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

## (14) Other:

a. [Modified, *see* plea agreement at ¶ 25.a] The defendant shall continue to cooperate as directed by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois throughout the pendency of his terms of incarceration and supervised release.

- b. [Modified, see plea agreement at ¶ 25.g and PSR at ¶14] The defendant shall attend violent extremism counseling from providers as directed by the U.S. Probation Office, and agreed to by the U.S. Probation Office, the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, and the defendant. The defendant shall also authorize the release of any mental health and/or violent extremism counseling records to the U.S. Probation Office.
- c. [Modified] The defendant shall comply with the requirements of the Computer and Internet Monitoring Program as administered by the U.S. Probation Office. The defendant shall consent to the installation of computer monitoring software on all identified computers and devices capable of accessing the internet to which the defendant has access. The software may restrict and/or record any and all activity on the computer, including the capture of keystrokes, application information, internet use history, email correspondence, and chat conversations. A notice will be placed on the computer at the time of installation to warn others of the existence of the monitoring software. The defendant shall not remove, tamper with, reverse engineer, or in any way circumvent the software.
- d. [Modified, see plea agreement at ¶ 25.g] As part of the Computer and Internet Monitoring Program, the defendant shall allow probation officers to search without a warrant and without casue (including but not limited to a forensic examination), and capture evidence of violations from any communication devices (e.g. phones, tablets, computers, or devices with internet access or communication capabilities), email accounts, social media accounts, instant messaging accounts, or electronic communication accounts within the possession, custody, or control of the defendant up to four times per month between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. for the entire period of supervised release.
- e. [Modified, see plea agreement ¶ 25.c] To the extent defendant is relieved of his obligations under the Computer and Internet Monitoring Program at any point during the period of his supervised release, defendant must provide notice to the U.S. Probation Office within 24 hours of opening any new online or communication accounts, including email, social media, instant messaging, electronic communications, chat accounts or services, or other accounts that allow the defendant to communicate through electronic devices or online.¹

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As described in his plea agreement at ¶ 25.c, Khan also consents to this information being shared with the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois.

- f. [Additional proposed terms] As part of the Computer and Internet Monitoring Program, the defendant:
  - i. must seek prior approval by the U.S. Probation Office or the Court, in order to possess or use (directly or indirectly) any device that can access the internet;
  - ii. must seek prior approval by the U.S. Probation Office or the Court, in order to access (directly or indirectly) any websites or online applications;
  - iii. shall not access, view, or use (directly or indirectly, including printed, copied, or downloaded versions of the material) any online social media, chat services, blogs, instant messaging (including SMS or MMS), email, or other online or electronic communication applications or sites without the prior approval of the U.S. Probation Office or the Court;
  - iv. shall not use any encryption services or online encrypted communication applications without the prior approval of the U.S. Probation Office or the court;
  - v. shall not use any services designed to disguise, mask, or anonymize defendant's online activity, such as Tor or other anonymizing applications, services, or sites, without the prior approval of the U.S. Probation Office or the court;
  - vi. shall not use any online gaming services or systems (examples as of the writing of this memorandum include PlayStation, Xbox, and Wii) without the prior approval of the U.S. Probation Office or the court; and
  - vii. shall consult with the U.S. Probation Office or petition the court, if he does not know, cannot determine, or has any questions about whether an online site, service or application is approved for him to access or use (directly or indirectly).