

US District Court
Chamber of Judge William F. Kuntz, II
Brooklyn, NY, 11201

March 22, 2018

Your Honor,

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I respectfully ask to take back my plea. My counsel, Mr. Dratel, showed me the agreement on March 14, at around 6 p.m. Our meeting lasted only for 2-3 minutes without a translator, when Mr. Dratel abruptly left. He didn't go over the agreement with me and I wasn't able to ask him some important questions.

I consider myself to have a good command of English, but I still needed Mr. Dratel and translators help to fully understand the document filled with legal terms and important details.

I previously refused several times to plead guilty that resulted in numerous postponements.

I was afraid and under duress to plead guilty because if I wouldn't, I feared that another postponement would make me look bad in Your and AUSAs' eyes and that it would negatively affect me in the future.

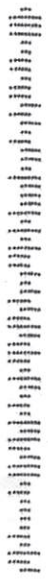
Respectfully
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