

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Leave to file GRANTED

Ernest S. Sullivan

United States District Judge

9-28-2020

Case No. 17-cr-00232 (EGS)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

v.)

MICHAEL T. FLYNN,)

Defendant.)
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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE *AMICUS* BRIEF

Pursuant to this Court’s minute orders dated May 12 and May 19, 2020, Mr. Kamil Ekim Alptekin moves for leave to file this brief as *amicus curiae* with regard to the Government’s pending motion to dismiss the criminal information against Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn. *See* ECF 198.

Amicus curiae is a Turkish businessman with an extensive background working to improve and promote U.S.-Turkey relations. His past experience includes serving as a Fellow at the United States House of Representatives’ International Relations Committee, and serving as Chairman of the Turkish American Business Council (“TAIK”). On December 12, 2018, *amicus curiae* was indicted in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in *United States v. Bijan Rafiekian, et al.*, 18-CR-457-AJT-1 (J. Trenga). At the time the indictment was issued, he was present at his home in Turkey and has not made an appearance in court to address the charges contained therein. Nonetheless, *amicus curiae* has an interest in the present matter because the charges pending against him are based on factual admissions made and since repudiated in Flynn’s Statement of Offense.

In the attached brief, *amicus curiae* argues that continued prosecution of Flynn no longer serves the interests of justice contemplated by the *Principles of Federal Prosecution*. In so arguing, *amicus curiae* points to the suggestion in the record that at least part of Flynn’s motivation for previously entering a guilty plea stemmed from the threat of facing additional charges for alleged violations the Foreign Agents Registration Act (“FARA”), 18 U.S.C. § 951 *et seq.*, and the threat that his son, Michael G. Flynn, would be indicted if Flynn did not cooperate.

Notably, *amicus curiae* raises to this Court’s attention that the Government’s theory behind the alleged FARA violations—that the Republic of Turkey had directed and controlled the worked that Flynn Intel Group (“FIG”) performed under its engagement with Inovo, BV—was rejected by Judge Anthony Trenga in *United States v. Rafiekian*, No. 1:18-CR-457-AJT-1, 2019 WL 4647254 (E.D. Va. Sept. 24, 2019). In that case, Judge Trenga explicitly found that “[t]here was no competent evidence from which the jury could find that Alptekin acted as the type of ‘intermediary’ the Government contends.” *Id.* at *26. Nor was there “evidence that Rafiekian, or Alptekin for that matter, was channeling instructions from the Turkish government concerning the day-to-day operational details” of the engagement, or any “evidence, direct or otherwise . . . that Turkey funded the engagement of FIG, or that the engagement was not in fact being funding by a group of Turkish businessmen, as Rafiekian stated consistently throughout.” *Id.* at *28-29, 33-34.

No brief yet filed with this Court has addressed the position that Flynn’s plea was partly induced by threatened charges later found to be without merit. Moreover, Flynn has not provided arguments on these issues because he has consented to the Government’s motion to dismiss. Accordingly, *amicus curiae* hereby requests leave to file the attached brief.

June 5, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER GRANTING MOTION
FOR LEAVE TO FILE *AMICUS BRIEF*

Upon consideration of the motion of Mr. Kamil Ekim Alptekin to file an *amicus* brief in this matter, and the Court being fully apprised of the premises, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The Motion for Leave to File *Amicus* Brief is GRANTED.
2. The Clerk is direct to file the Brief of *Amicus Curiae* submitted with the Motion as of the date of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: _____, 2020

EMMET G. SULLIVAN
United States District Judge