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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced today that a federal grand jury in Alexandria, Virginia, has returned a 9-count superseding indictment in the case of *United States v. Ahmed Omar Abu Ali* on charges of conspiracy to provide material support and resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization (al-Qaeda), providing material support and resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization, conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists (al Qaeda), providing material support to terrorists, contributing services to al-Qaeda, receipt of funds and services from al-Qaeda, conspiracy to assassinate the President of the United States, conspiracy to commit air piracy, and conspiracy to destroy aircraft.

Arrest is currently scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, before the Honorable Gerald Bruce Lee.

The superseding indictment charges the defendant with three offenses not included in the original indictment:

- Count 7 charges the defendant with conspiracy to assassinate the President of the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1751. As alleged in the superseding indictment, the defendant discussed plans to assassinate President George W. Bush with members of an al-Qaeda cell, and agreed to carry out the assassination himself. The indictment also alleges that the defendant discussed two specific tactics for conducting the assassination: (1) an operation in which multiple snipers would shoot the President; and (2) a suicide bombing operation. The indictment further alleges that the defendant received a religious blessing from a co-conspirator to conduct the assassination.
- Count 8 charges the defendant with conspiracy to commit aircraft piracy, in violation of 49 U.S.C. § 46502(a)(2). As alleged in the superseding indictment, the defendant engaged in plotting with the leader of an Qaeda cell in Saudi Arabia to hijack commercial aircraft departing from locations outside the United States and transiting U.S. airspace.
- Count 9 charges the defendant with conspiracy to destroy aircraft, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 32(b)(4). As alleged in the superseding indictment, the defendant proposed several kinds

of terrorist attacks against the United States to the leader of an al-Qaeda cell in Saudi Arabia, including attacks on aircraft departing the United States.

This case is being investigated by agents of the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorneys David H. Laufman and Stephen M. Campbell, and Department of Justice Trial Attorney Jerry R. DeMaio are prosecuting the case for the United States.

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