

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

Case No. SDGT-1432

Anthony D. Romero American Civil Liberties Union 125 Broad Street, 18th Floor New York, NY 10004-2400 Vincent Warren Center for Constitutional Rights 666 Broadway, 7th Floor New York, NY 10012

Dear Mr. Romero and Mr. Warren:

This responds to the matters raised in the July 23, 2010 letter from the American Civil Liberties Union ("ACLU") and the Center for Constitutional Rights ("CCR") to the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") seeking a specific license to the extent necessary "to continue to provide legal services, on a *pro bono* basis, to Nasser Al Aulaqi, the father of Anwar Al Aulaqi, as representative of the interests of Anwar Al-Aulaqi." Your application indicates that the *pro bono* representation will include the provision of legal advice concerning the legality of certain purported U.S. government action regarding Anwar al-Aulaqi, as well as the possible filing of a lawsuit in a U.S. court challenging said action and hiring experts and others (and paying their fees) in connection with such litigation and representation.

The Treasury Department has long had in place a general license that broadly authorizes the provision of *pro bono* legal services to or on behalf of specially designated global terrorists ("SDGTs") such as Anwar al-Aulaqi. This general license allows U.S. persons to provide legal advice and services to or on behalf of the SDGT with respect to any criminal, civil, or administrative proceedings brought against the SDGT, as well as any proceedings initiated on behalf of the SDGT to challenge the SDGT's detention or the imposition of sanctions against the SDGT. See 31 C.F.R. Part 594, Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations ("GTSR") at § 594.506. These legal services are authorized without any requirement that the individual contact OFAC or apply to OFAC for a license.

As referenced above, section 594.506 of the GTSR authorizes the provision of certain legal services to persons whose property or property interests have been blocked pursuant to the GTSR. Such legal services and their related administrative costs and expenses, including the retention and payment of experts, could therefore be provided *pro bono*. Services provided to or on behalf of SDGTs outside the scope of general licenses need to be specifically licensed; therefore, we are enclosing License No. SDGT-1432 in the event the ACLU and CCR "continue to provide legal services, on a *pro bono* basis, to Nasser Al Aulaqi, the father of Anwar Al Aulaqi, as representative of the interests of Anwar Al-Aulaqi" that are beyond the scope of those generally licensed in its initiation and conduct of a lawsuit regarding certain purported U.S. government action pertaining to Anwar al-Aulaqi.

Sincerely,

Andrea Gacki

Assistant Director for Licensing Office of Foreign Assets Control

Enclosure



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LICENSE No. SDGT-1432

Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations

LICENSE

(Granted under the authority of 50 U.S.C. §§ 1701 et seq., 50 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq., 22 U.S.C. § 287c, Executive Order 13224, as amended, and 31 C.F.R. Parts 501 and 594.)

To: American Civil Liberties Union Center for Constitutional Rights
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Attn.: Anthony D. Romero Attn.: Vincent Warren

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Issued on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury:

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Andrea Gacki

Assistant Director for Licensing

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- **SECTION II WARNING:** (a) This License does not authorize the transfer of any blocked property, the debiting of any blocked account, the entry of any judgment or order that effects a transfer of blocked property, or the execution of any judgment against property blocked pursuant to any Executive order or Chapter V of Title 31 of the C.F.R.
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