

**ENTERED**

July 29, 2020

David J. Bradley, Clerk

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** §

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**CASE NO. H-19-147**

**v.**

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***EX PARTE AND UNDER SEAL***

**CYRUS ALLEN AHSANI, and  
SAMAN AHSANI,**

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**DEFENDANTS.**

**ORDER**

Based on the Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion to Intervene and Unseal Judicial Records filed by Proposed Intervenor the Financial Times Ltd., Global Investigations Review, and the Guardian (collectively, the “Media Intervenor”) and the representations in the Memorandum of Law in Partial Opposition to Intervenor’s Motion to Unseal Judicial Records filed by the United States of America (“Government”), this Court makes the following findings of fact:

The Government does not oppose the Media Intervenor’s request to intervene in this case for the limited purpose of seeking to unseal judicial records and proceedings. The Government also does not oppose the unsealing of judicial records in this case provided that they are redacted to remove references, direct or implied, to the defendants’ cooperation and release conditions and to protect other sensitive information. The Government also does not oppose the Media Intervenor’s request

to receive notice of and access to future proceedings in this case, including the defendants' sentencing.

Because public disclosure of the defendants' ongoing cooperation, release conditions, and other sensitive information would jeopardize the defendants' safety, the safety of their families, and the integrity of the Government's ongoing investigation, the Court finds there is a compelling government interest in maintaining appropriate and limited redactions while unsealing the remainder of the judicial records.

Based on the above findings of fact, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Media Intervenors may intervene in this case for the limited purpose of seeking to unseal judicial records and proceedings.

It is further ORDERED that the judicial records be unsealed except for the limited redactions as shown in the documents attached as exhibits to this Order.

It is further ORDERED that the document found at docket number 18 remains under seal until further order of this Court.

It is further ORDERED that the Media Intervenors and the public shall receive notice of and access to future proceedings in this case, including the defendants' sentencing. This order is not intended to unseal the presentence investigation reports which will remain under seal.

Signed in Houston, Texas on July 28, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa D. Gilmore", written over a horizontal line.

THE HONORABLE VANESSA D. GILMORE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE