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of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman. Oct. 1, 1995: Abdel-Rahman convicted of seditious conspiracy along with nine other defendants in connection with a plot to bomb New York City landmarks. Lynne

Feb. 26, 1993: World Trade Center

bombing prompts FBI to step up its investigation into the activities



Stewart is his lead attorney. April 1997: The Bureau of Prisons imposes Special Administrative Measures (SAMs) barring Abdel-Rahman from communicating with anyone but his family and legal advisors.

July 1997: Some Islamic Group factions and leaders call for a cease-fire on attacks in Egypt to win concessions from the government.

Nov. 17, 1997: 62 people, mostly foreign tourists, are massacred at an archeological site in Luxor, Egypt, by six Islamic Group members. The attackers leave leaflets demanding the release of Abdel-Rahman.





September 1998: The FBI begins tapping the phone of Ahmed Abdel Sattar, who worked as a paralegal for Abdel-Rahman during his 1995 trial. Sattar is seen as the key conduit between Abdel-Rahman and the Islamic Group as well as Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda.

**Abdel Sattar** 

March 1999: Stewart and interpreter Mohamed Yousry visit Abdel-Rahman in prison at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minn.



Rochester, Minn.

February 2000: The FBI begins videotaping Abdel-Rahman's visits with his lawyers, and later begins taping his phone conversations with his lawyers.

May 16, 2000: Stewart signs an agreement to abide by the SAMs and to discuss only legal business during prison visits with Abdel-Rahman.

May 19-20, 2000: During a prison visit, Stew art is heard on tape joking about winning an award for her "acting" abilities for pretending to be conversing with Abdel-Rahman about trivial matters while he and Yousry exchange political messages. June 14, 2000: Stewart issues a press release on



behalf of Abdel-Rahman stating he is "withdrawing his support for the cease-fire" the Islamic Group had announced in the wake of Luxor.

Mohamed Yousry

May 7, 2001: After lengthy negotiations, Southern District prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald allows Stewart to resume her prison visits with Abdel-Rahman, but only after she submits another affirmation promising to abide by the SAMs.



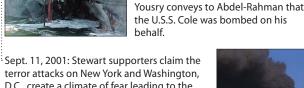
**Fitzgerald** 



July 13-14, 2001: Stewart and Yousry return to the prison, where Stewart allegedly makes "covering" noises while Yousry conveys to Abdel-Rahman that the U.S.S. Cole was bombed on his

terror attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., create a climate of fear leading to the government's charges. Prosecutors deny it.

April 9, 2002:









July 22, 2003: Southern District Judge John Koeltl dismisses charges of providing material support or resources to a terror organization against Stewart and her co-defendants, finding the charges unconstitutionally vague as applied.

Sept. 16, 2003: Judge Koeltl rules that the surveillance of Stewart and her co-defendants was lawfully conducted.



Nov. 19, 2003: Attorney General John Ashcroft and U.S. Attorney James Comey announce a superceding indictment, this time charging that the defendants "provided" and "concealed" Abdel-Rahman as "personnel" to a conspiracy to kill and kidnap people outside the United States.



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June 22, 2004: Stewart's trial begins with prosecutor Christopher Morvillo calling the passing of illegal messages by the defendants a "jail break" and defense attorney Michael Tigar describing the indict-

ment of Stewart as a reckless attack on the attorney-client privilege. Feb. 10, 2005: Stewart, Yousry and Sattar are convicted on all counts. A tearful Stewart tells a small band of supporters outside the court-

house, "I know I committed no crime. I know what I did was right."



Oct. 16, 2006: Stewart is sentenced to 28 months in prison, while

Yousry receives a 20-month sentence and Sattar gets 24 years.

Stewart vows to appeal her conviction.

Yesterday: The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit affirms Stewart's conviction and orders her bail revoked. It also directs Judge Koeltl to review whether the sentence was too lenient.

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