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Request for Information Regarding Aircraft Route Data

Dear Nav Canada,

I am writing to you as the director of a Canadian human rights organisation working on transparency issues, the Centre for Law and Democracy, with the support of transparency organisation Access Info Europe and the legal action charity Reprieve. I submitted an Access to Information Act request for certain flight information (see below) to the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA), and they indicated to me that you hold relevant information.

In a telephone conversation on 17 October, one of your legal staff confirmed that you hold the information but indicated that, as a private company, you would normally provide this information to the government only in the context of a safety or police investigation.

I understand your standard position on this issue. However, I believe that there are strong public interest arguments in favour of making this information public, and few countervailing arguments in favour of secrecy. The flight data in question relates to flights we believe were commissioned by the Government of the United States of America, and which are suspected of being related to a global programme involving extradition and torture. International standards on transparency indicate clearly that information relating to the abuse of human rights should always be made public.

I note that similar information has already been made public in other countries, for example, in Finland (see:

<http://www.formin.fi/Public/default.aspx?contentid=233396&nodeid=15145&culture=fi-FI>).

Making this information available to civil society will enable us to analyse whether these flights are likely to have been part of the illegal programme or not.

I am therefore hereby writing to request information and documents held by you or stored in archives accessible to you regarding aircraft route data. Specifically, I am requesting the following:

For each plane listed below, please provide information and documents relating to that plane's passage through Canadian airspace, its origin, its destination and any landings at Canadian airports, between the specified dates.

Plane	Date From	Date To
N1HC	25/03/2002	05/04/2002
N368CE	25/03/2002	05/04/2002

N727PX	25/03/2002	05/04/2002
N379P	25/03/2002	05/04/2002
N63MU	29/04/2002	05/05/2002
N357PR	19/08/2002	30/08/2002
N63MU	06/10/2002	08/10/2002
N765A	16/10/2002	22/10/2002
N85VM	23/10/2002	27/10/2002
N8213G	02/02/2003	07/02/2003
N63MU	09/02/2003	14/02/2003
N5117H	12/02/2003	19/02/2003
N63MU	22/03/2003	29/03/2003
N5117H	25/03/2003	30/03/2003
N776MA	15/04/2003	16/04/2003
N85VM	15/05/2003	24/05/2003
N614RD	16/06/2003	21/06/2003
N8068V	18/01/2004	28/01/2004
N987SA	01/03/2004	14/04/2004
N510MG	05/03/2004	13/03/2004
N85VM	27/03/2004	30/03/2004
N368CE	07/04/2004	12/04/2004
N85VM	11/04/2004	13/04/2004
N368CE	12/04/2004	15/04/2004
N727PX	21/04/2004	27/04/2004
N368CE	23/04/2004	27/04/2004
N85VM	20/05/2004	22/05/2004
N982RK	25/05/2004	29/05/2004
N727PX	28/05/2004	02/06/2004
N987SA	01/06/2004	12/07/2004
N88ZL	01/06/2004	22/07/2004
N982RK	05/06/2004	15/06/2004
N368CE	05/06/2004	15/06/2004
N85VM	11/06/2004	13/06/2004
N368CE	09/06/2004	15/06/2004
N88ZL	02/07/2004	09/07/2004
N982RK	15/07/2004	19/07/2004
N88ZL	19/07/2004	22/07/2004
N288KA	25/07/2004	05/08/2004
N58AJ	01/08/2004	27/09/2004
N63MU	20/08/2004	24/08/2004
N308AB	23/08/2004	28/08/2004
N63MU	03/09/2004	05/09/2004
N85VM	04/09/2004	09/09/2004
N727PX	05/09/2004	15/09/2004
N308AB	10/09/2004	20/09/2004
N227SV	15/09/2004	05/10/2004
N88ZL	18/09/2004	20/09/2004
N63MU	01/10/2004	10/10/2004
N3789DK	17/10/2004	22/10/2004
N789DK	17/10/2004	22/10/2004
N70HS	09/11/2004	12/11/2004
N58AJ	22/11/2004	23/11/2004
N227SV	14/12/2004	17/12/2004
N987SA	01/01/2005	02/02/2005
N227SV	10/01/2005	14/01/2005

N860JB	19/01/2005	26/01/2005
N376PJ	01/03/2005	19/04/2005
N50BH	01/03/2005	21/04/2005
N540EA	01/03/2005	21/04/2005
N718KS	01/04/2005	24/05/2005
N1454	11/04/2005	13/04/2005
N860JB	11/04/2005	14/04/2005
N376PJ	18/04/2005	21/04/2005
N375NW	19/04/2005	21/04/2005
N740JA	19/04/2005	21/04/2005
N63MU	19/04/2005	22/04/2005
N726RW	20/04/2005	24/04/2005
N994GG	20/04/2005	28/04/2005
N308AB	01/05/2005	22/05/2005
N450DR	01/05/2005	07/06/2005
N1HC	02/05/2005	07/05/2005
N797CM	03/05/2005	06/05/2005
N63MU	03/05/2005	07/05/2005
N727NK	04/05/2005	06/05/2005
N718KS	09/05/2005	16/05/2005
N450D	23/05/2005	26/05/2005
N1HC	06/07/2005	11/07/2005
N212WZ	18/08/2005	22/08/2005
N787WH	01/09/2005	20/09/2005
N787WH	03/10/2005	09/10/2005
N860JB	01/03/2006	10/03/2006
N248AB	12/03/2006	22/03/2006
N733MA	20/03/2006	30/03/2006
N739MA	20/03/2006	30/03/2006
N740EH	20/03/2006	30/03/2006
N860JB	30/03/2006	08/04/2006
N1HC	10/04/2006	20/04/2006
N308AB	25/04/2006	02/05/2006
N17ND	27/07/2006	01/08/2006
N1HC	28/08/2006	03/09/2006
N123TL	02/09/2006	04/09/2006
N620DS	22/10/2006	02/11/2006

I kindly request you to provide this information and these documents in electronic format if at all possible, to me at my email address toby@law-democracy.org. The most useful format would be a spreadsheet (excel or otherwise) of the details of the concerned planes.

If you should require any information, or a clarification of any part of this request, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Toby Mendel
Executive Director