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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 November 2010 7:41 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition

I am writing to put forward my views with regards to the UK extradition laws. I strongly believe that the current extradition laws make Britain very hypocritical about our views on justice. I believe if a person is accused or found guilty of a crime, they should be tried in that country. There is no need for them to be extradited to a place where they have done nothing there. That goes against the whole concept of justice.

Further, there should be no question with regards to whether or not sufficient evidence should be provided to prove an allegation. How can one be tried without sufficient evidence, and more importantly, how can one be extradited when there is lack of evidence? Surely this makes Britain seem incredibly corrupt, deceitful and unjust, and makes us seem mendacious and unable to treat our residents with fairness? And the accused has no right to challenge any 'evidence' provided by the US in a British Court of Law? That is fair? Just? That is insane and incredibly intolerant and narrow-minded of British laws.

These extradition laws take away the very essence of what makes us British. They take away the meaning of justice from justice. They ridicule Britains 'justice' system. These extradition laws need to be dismissed.

I hope my comments will be considered when the extradition laws are reviewed.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 November 2010 1:41 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition Review

Hello,

Thanks for opening up the extradition review to the public for their viewpoints.

My views are -

- 1) That an individual should only be extradited to a country if the (alleged) offence was committed in that country (ie - Gary McKinnon should be tried in the UK rather than extradited, as the alleged offences were committed here - also Brian Howes (Scotland))
- 2) The country requesting extradition should be required to provide strong evidence of guilt. Hopefully this will prevent the wrongful extradition and imprisonment of innocent people (ie Audrey Philips) .

Thanks for that.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 November 2010 4:18 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

I wish to record the fact that I think the one-sided extradition agreement with the USA, signed by the disastrous PM Tony Blair, should be immediately rescinded, or at least made reciprocal so that the UK could extradite US citizens.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 November 2010 6:24 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: UK Extradition Laws

A summary of my views:

- Regarding the Home Secretary's power to stop extraditions, I feel that he/she should have a duty to stop them when the requesting country does not provide sufficient evidence to establish a *prima facie* case; any discretion on whether or not the extradition is allowed should only come into operation once a *prima facie* case
- It should be a requirement for requesting countries to provide sufficient evidence to prove an allegation
- Regarding the EAW, I feel that the no-questions-asked policy is something which needs to be completely abandoned. Fair enough, you may want to trust the other European nations not to abuse human rights, but that does not mean that you do not ask any questions. Other states may make genuine mistakes, and while you not want to accept it but there may even be some broader political reason for requesting the extradition of an individual. Either way it is important to have safeguards in place to make sure that a person can only potentially be extradited because there is a case he must answer to - especially as the UK is a country that claims to be a great upholder of human rights. People must not have their human rights breached and be removed from their homes and families to another country without a very good reason.
- The US-UK Extradition Treaty is completely unbalanced. The US must be obliged to submit evidence to a British court to request extradition.
- Where a crime is alleged to have been mainly committed in the UK, for example in the cases of Gary McKinnon and Babar Ahmad, it makes no sense for them to be extradited. Are UK laws not sufficient to try alleged perpetrators of crimes committed in the UK? Why should jurisdiction spread to another country when the UK is not unwilling to try the individual, but rather there is insufficient evidence to try him?

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2010 9:27 AM
To: extradition.review
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 8 Years of Terror: Gary McKinnon

To The Rt Hon Sir Scott Baker:

Dear Sir Scott,

As a Bipolar Paranoid Schizophrenic, taking Lithium Carbonate and Anti-Psychotics, I understand a little of the terror of the hostile and unknown. Gary McKinnon has been in Limbo over Extradition to USA for 8 years. May I remind you of some of the corrosive effects of terror such as interrupted sleep, anxiety, and wholly restricted enjoyment of life. This terror is exacerbated no end for those of us with Mental Health Conditions such as the Asperger's Syndrome that Gary suffers from. This 8 years has been a Cruel and Unusual Punishment for Gary and one that he has not been _sentenced_ to. I am sure that you appreciate this cruel irony wholeheartedly and have meditated upon it and will do what you can to bring your inquiry to a speedy and effective conclusion.

Thank you for noting my comments above.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2010 6:20 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition review

I would like to express the following views as regards extradition from the UK:

1. A British person should not be extradited to another country for actions that are not criminal in the UK
2. A basic case should be made to a British court before someone can be sent abroad to face trial in another country
3. If a significant part of the conduct that led to the alleged crime took place in the UK, then a British court should be able to decide if it is in the interests of justice to extradite.

4. The 'Forum Ammendment' should be brought into effect immediately

Yours

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2010 10:42 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Common sense?

To whom ever this may concern,

I believe that extradition laws with no doubt need to be reviewed. I presume that David Blunkett may have had a few too many champagnes the night before he passed this idiotic piece of legislation? It is unbelievable that America would find it more difficult to get someone from one state to another than to receive a British Citizen! Not only this but if we wanted someone from America - we would have to provide prima facie evidence to an American court, where is the sense in that?

Although I am sure you have received many emails with similar views, I am most of all disgusted that Gary McKinnon is even being considered as a criminal that deserves a maximum of 70 years sentence! He has highlighted a weakness in their systems and in fact protected them from those that really want to bring damage to America. Without question NO ONE has the right to take a British Citizen without consent from Britain and without evidence and reasons provided. This is INHUMANE and needs to be changed regardless of the love that the British Government holds for American given benefits, his is BRITAIN!!

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2010 11:33 PM
To: extradition.review

Dear Sir / Madam

The extradition treaty between the US and UK is at current flawed and unbalanced, the simple fact is that extraditing UK individuals without prima facie evidence presented to a court is shocking.

Even to teenagers like myself I feel less protected by the state in which I live. The US should not be able to simply pick and choose who they can extradite without correct evidence.

A good example is the case in which Gary Mckinnon finds himself. The labour party unjustly set up this treaty with jack straw back in 2003 and it must come to end.

Thankyou

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 November 2010 3:01 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: views on extradition

In my view the current extradition treaty with the USA should be scrapped. It is obvious that it is totally one sided and amounts to the USA being able to persecute our citizens if they do something that annoys the USA. We need a fair treaty that allows the USA to REQUEST the extradition of those who have committed crimes WHILE IN the USA which are also crimes in the UK and each case should have to have the approval of the Home Secretary. The potential punishment in the USA must be limited to that which would be given in a British court. The treaty should not allow the USA any greater rights than the UK has to extradite people from the USA.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 November 2010 10:32 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: extradition

To Review Panel on Extradition

In the final analysis I feel that the Home Secretary should have the right to veto an extradition decision if the circumstances are appropriate.

In the case of an offence occurring in UK there is no doubt in my mind that the proceedings should take place in the UK. Following this there may then be a case for extradition but a UK citizen should have the right to answer under UK jurisdiction.

The present situation with the US treaty is totally unacceptable and it is a mystery to me how such an unbalanced agreement could have been reached, bearing in mind that many countries have achieved a much fairer deal.

The whole business is a mess and the US treaty should be thrown out if justice is to prevail.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 November 2010 1:26 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: UK Extradition Laws

Dear Sir/Madam,
I would like you to consider the following...

Is it right that a man who allegedly commits a crime in the UK be extradited to another country rather than tried in the UK?

Is it right that, under the European Arrest Warrant, the extradition of persons resident in the UK can be ordered by EU member states no-questions-asked?

Is it right that the US does not need to present evidence to a British court to request extradition, while the UK still needs to present evidence to an American court?

Should the Home Secretary have a duty to block extradition when sufficient evidence to establish a prima facie case has not been provided?

Thank you. Regards.
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 November 2010 5:45 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: free gary mckinnon

u.s. shouldn't hide secrets from the public, especially on extraterrestrial life. Who are they to undermine us? They're supposed to protect us of our liberties, not deceive us from the truth.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 November 2010 8:44 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: From USA: Do NOT let the U.S. get their hands on Gary McKinnon

Gary McKinnon did nothing wrong. There were no he knowingly violated.

If the US Military systems left their cyber gates open, and Gary figuratively strolled in and wandered about, it's the government's fault. Mr. McKinnon is a citizen of the U.K. and should not be tried in an American court.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 November 2010 7:03 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition

Dear Reader,

I most sincerely believe the laws regarding extradition, in particular towards the United States; should be of grave concern to the whole population of the UK. People are given extradition to the US where the justice system seems to be of a far lower standard than one would expect within a nation of the developed world. There should be a full, honest and open inquiry into this matter.

Yours Respectfully,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2010 9:38 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Re Gary McKinnon's relevance to extradition

Sir,

The treaty is unbalanced and lacks common sense to avoid injustice.

As my son is an Aspergers person, I know how extradition, trial and punishment would be to Gary McKinnon, literal torture to him. The Americans pride themselves of being against unusual or cruel punishment - but this would be applied to Gary even if found innocent.

Maybe only one case, but illustrates that this special case of extradition, lacking proper balances is a faulty and dangerous precedent

Yours faithfully

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2010 11:07 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: UK-USA Extradition Treaty

The Rt Hon Sir Scott Baker,

Dear Sir,

I am writing to register my considerable disappointment at the current UK-USA Extradition Treaty. I strongly consider this treaty to be greatly imbalanced in favour of the US and add my full weight to calls for its immediate repeal.

It absolutely needs to be made a legal requirement for a UK citizen charged with an overseas crime, be provided with all the relevant evidence of the alleged offence/s, and that this be independently assessed by a UK court to decide its weight and veracity.

I also believe the extradition of Gary McKinnon to be unjust, and feel that justice needs to be seen to be done. There is a considerable belief amongst citizens emerging that the UK has voluntarily relinquished parts of its law and sovereignty to the dictates of the United States.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2010 11:26 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Gary McKinnon

Importance: High

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my support for the case for trying Gary McKinnon in the UK. As a bit of a geek, I am appalled that this simple-minded guy who was only rooting around what we now know to be insecure military databases looking for evidence of UFOs is in danger of being shipped off to the USA and locked up for decades. The US military should be thanking him for exposing their weaknesses, not threatening to punish him for being mentally "not all there".

I don't agree with hacking per se, but I do think the extradition laws as they currently stand seem to be unfairly biased in favour of the USA. I hope the upcoming review addresses this, and that the necessary adjustments can be made to the law which will enable Gary McKinnon to be tried and sentenced here in the UK.

Thanks for listening!

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2010 1:23 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Gary McKinnon

Dear Sir

For too long this country has allowed a one sided extradition treaty to be in place. Anybody that the Americans wants must be sent there from Britain. Yet it does not seem possible for us to extradite 'criminals' the other way. This has got to stop and is not fair. In particular it would not be fair to send gary for trial in America. If he is to serve time in prison for the offence of computer hacking, it should be in this country.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2010 3:02 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Gary McKinnon & the lop-sided extradition treaty.

Dear Sirs

I submit that Gary McKinnon was foolish but not necessarily criminal in trying to investigate his beliefs re UFOs.

It is iniquitous that he is to be extradited to the USA when there is not a reciprocal right of extradition against USA citizens.

The treaty should have only become valid when it was fully ratified by the USA authorities.

I suggest that all future treaties contain this clause.

I further suggest that the treaty be withdrawn on the grounds that the USA did not keep its (implied) side of the bargain to ratify the treaty.

UK Citizens should not be subject to US laws by proxy.

I fear that many UK citizens (including you) could be inadvertently "guilty" of hacking US servers just by entering an incorrect address in their web browser.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2010 4:16 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Gary McKinnon

Dear sir/madam.

I find the treatment of Gary McKinnon, by the U.S. utterly disgraceful. The U.S.A legal aspect is questionable. As he did not crash the computers in the U.S. How could he have caused \$800,000 worth of damage. David Cameron supported Mr. McKinnon before he was p.m. Mr Cameron should say there was no evidence of damages. Amend the bill so anyone who actually commits a crime in the U.K. as Mr. McKinnon did. Who is proven mentally unstable and autistic, that extradition law should not be applied. Do i have to mention cases of non compliance by the U.S.A .During Iraq war, friendly fire. U.S. troops escaped any inquiry. So far the U.S. special forces tried to cover up the accidental killing of Linda Norgrove. Not to mention 8 security service agents wanted in Italy. None to be extradited by U.S.A. No extradition for mentally unstable and proven autistic people. I am autistic myself. its not like he released anything or hurt the U.S.A

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2010 5:00 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Public consultation on extradition treaty

• I feel very strongly that the current arrangements concerning extradition are fundamentally flawed. Of most concern to me is the imbalance inherent in the unreciprocated US/UK extradition treaty. This was borne of the need to stand shoulder to shoulder with an ally at the time of 911 and was badly drafted in haste. It needs unpicking and rebalancing. Babar Ahmad has been in jail in this country for six years without charge at the behest of the USA. If he committed a crime it was in this country and that is where he should be tried. Taxpayers had to pay tens of thousands in compensation because of his treatment at the hands of The Met's officers and still he stays in jail. I feel very concerned and uncomfortable about this. If the USA has evidence of a crime committed in our jurisdiction it should give that to our courts.

The case of Gary McKinnon has been raised by the Prime Minister and his predecessor and the dismissal of those calls by the USA shows a huge gap between the countries on this issue. As a nation I would be deeply uneasy about sending an aspergic UK citizen to face trial in a country that puts to death its mentally ill and young people.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2010 5:11 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition

I suggest that extradition laws be reviewed. Especially if the person has a mental disorder ie Garry Mckinnion. Also when there is evidence that the person extradited. Would either not get a fair trial due to evidence, ie Garry Mckinnions extradition. Wikileaks has released that Mr Mckinnion was pursued more aggressively, because u.k had released lockerbie bomber. Not fair is it? [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2010 6:12 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Comments

Please find below my views on what needs to be considered in your upcoming review.

1. Any extradition treaty that is not completely equal in its treatment of citizens from both countries should be instantly repealed
2. No treaty should be entered into unless it provides for prima facie evidence to be presented and accepted by local courts before the extradition proceeds
3. Any extradition treaty should provide that if a crime has been committed in this country according to this country's laws then no matter where the claimed "effect" of that crime is, the defendant should be tried under UK laws *if they are a UK citizen*.
4. The above should apply to UK citizens only. We do not want to harbour overseas defendants under our "fair" laws.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2010 6:41 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition

1. When a crime is committed in the UK, the trial should take place in the UK. To extradite Gary McKinnon to the USA, for example, is no different to sending a London mugger to the USA because he mugged a US citizen.

2. The treaty with the USA is unbalanced. Moreover, no fast-track procedure for extradition to the US could be appropriate because neither their legal system nor their prison system meet European standards. The frequent use of consecutive sentences, coupled with the plea-bargain system, places heavy pressure on defendants: "Plead guilty and get 4 years, or take your chance on getting 70 years." The published statistics on the levels of rape and murder in the US prison system show that their standards are more comparable with a third-world country than anything that could be experienced in Europe.

3. The Government should retain the last word on extradition. Lawyers are too concerned with the letter of the law and not enough with the spirit of justice.

No extradition, even within Europe, should take place without prima facie evidence being presented to a court. Sending a person to a foreign land is a very serious step; that is why so many countries never do it, and have the power to try offences committed abroad in their own courts. I would not advocate this, as it transfers the disadvantages of travel to a strange environment from the accused to the victim; nevertheless, extradition should never be taken lightly.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2010 7:37 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Spineless

Hello

I think it is utterly deplorable that the UK government would crawl to the US and agree to different terms for extradition for UK citizens from those which apply to US citizens. The terms MUST be the same in both directions

Shame on those who agreed to this abject arrangement

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2010 8:26 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Concern of the Extradition Act 2003

Dear Rt Hon Sir Scott Baker

I am writing to you to raise my concern of the Extradition Act 2003 which came into force in the UK on January 1st 2004. This law which allows the UK to extradite any individual to the US (and other designated countries) WITHOUT the need for the US to provide prima facie evidence to support the extradition request, I strongly believe should never have been legislated. I propose a question of justice and fairness to you, where has human rights vanished to where the accused has no right to challenge any evidence provided by the US in a British Court of Law?

We are fully aware that this extradition treaty is a one way ticket to a designated country, whereby prosecutors misuse it by requesting UK citizens that have not committed an Extradition offence or in many cases have not even committed any UK offence. They are fully in the know that they can change the indictment once the UK citizen has arrived in the US. Any Government which takes the Human Rights away from it's citizens should be held accountable in elections and even in the European Court of Human Rights which the US has no regard for may I add.

I condemn this law and feel it breaches the human rights of the UK citizen, which the UK government are expected to preserve!
I look forward in hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2010 8:59 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: extradition review

Dear Sir Scott,

May I briefly express the view that any extradition treaty between the UK and ANY country should be equal.

We should not allow the extradition of any British citizen suffering from a mental illness or intellectual impairment.

I am thinking in particular of course of the case of Gary Mckinnon. Should he be deported despite suffering from Asperger's Syndrome this would be deeply shameful to the UK. Any country seeking to extradite someone suffering from an autistic spectrum disorder is clearly not to be deemed capable of offering such an individual a fair trial, if they were they would not seek extradition in the first place!

We must repeal the provisions of the Extradition Act 2003 which place obligations on the UK and grants rights over British citizens to the USA..... WHICH ARE NOT RECIPROCATED!

Thank you for your attention.

Regards

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 30 November 2010 10:17 PM

To: extradition.review; extradition.review

Its totally disgusting to even consider making Gary McKinnon a crimmlinal. People with aspergers syndrome suffer greatly in our society. When they are ill they are treated by psychiatry which little understands this syndrome and the reasons why people with this syndrome behave in the way they do. I will be totally disgusted if the government don't drop this nonsense of criminalising this poor individual.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 December 2010 9:34 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Gary McKinnon extradition.

Rt Hon Sir Scott Baker,
Sir,

I think we need a little lateral thinking with this specific case. Who is actually guilty of compromising the US ? If Gary can hack in, it is reasonable to assume the Chinese, North Koreans, Iranians, Russians etc. have also done so. The "guilty party" is the people who commissioned the software, who wrote it, who tested it fit for purpose and those who released it for use. Gary did us a favour by proving its weakness. The Pentagon would do better to employ him as a hacker. They should be thanking him not hounding him.

Your sincerely
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 December 2010 1:09 PM

To: extradition.review

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 December 2010 3:43 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Gary McKinnon

Having been dismayed at the former Labour Government's willingness to enter into a totally one-sided extradition treaty with the USA, I am hopeful that our new Government will be able to halt the extradition of Gary McKinnon.

If the extradition does go ahead, the British public will not understand how we could send a man to suffer up to 60 years in prison under the USA's vindictive and primitive penal system, for a so-called crime that would probably attract no more than a year or two's imprisonment in the UK, while at the same time releasing people like the murderer of Philip Lawrence after failing to extradite him because of HIS Human Rights.

This "Special Relationship" we apparently have with the Americans is imaginary and it is about time our Government stood up to them.

David Cameron is often heard using the word "Fairness". Let us hope, he ensures it is used in this case and that common sense prevails.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 December 2010 7:44 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Gary McKinnon

My problems with extraditing and imprisoning Gary McKinnon are thus fold;

1. The U.S. prisons are bulging at the seams and the expense to house a prisoner (for sixty years yet!) is staggering. Americans are bracing for a tax hike and I don't want my taxes to pay for this. The crime was committed in the U.K., let them handle it. And pay for it.
2. Committing Gary to a prison in the U.S. would NOT insure my safety. It would NOT deter any of the real international peeping toms that are an ACTUAL threat.
3. It seems to me that only a few years ago, a hacker from China was discovered to have broken into a Pentagon site. Through investigation, Child Pornography was discovered on the hard drives of a few computers. Porn sites are notorious for opening the back door of a site. I ask you, who is the bigger threat to the National security of my beloved United States? A sloppy pedophile supposedly in charge of my nation's secrets? A Chinese hacker with unknown agenda's? Or a man seeking honest answers to unresolved world problems of humanity? And why aren't we screaming from the rooftops demanding more news about that? Where is the transparency we were promised?
4. If we ARE going to imprison hackers why aren't we going after the one in China?

Thanks for the vent, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 December 2010 10:37 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 December 2010 11:07 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: views on UK Extradition law

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Sent: 01 December 2010 11:30 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: UK Extradition Law

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 December 2010 12:06 AM
To: extradition.review
Importance: High

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 December 2010 12:02 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: view on extradition

I have always thought that the terms on which we agreed to extradite citizens of this country was a disgrace to us, and to our standing vis-a-vis the US . Although a Labour supporter I thought David Blunkett's treaty with the US was a craven piece of work and should be repealed forthwith. Now that we see the fall-out with someone like Gary McKinnon it is even more imperative that action be taken.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 December 2010 1:56 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition Review

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 December 2010 2:04 PM
To: extradition.review

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Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

...ألا يذكر الله تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ...

...Verily, with the remembrance of Allah do hearts achieve satisfaction ... Ar-Ra'd [13:28] ...

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 December 2010 2:30 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Review on Extradition my views

Dear Sirs,

I have the following points to make :

1. Any right to extradite a UK citizen to any other country should be subject to a judicial review in public of :
 - 1.1. the facts of the case;
 - 1.2. the relevant overseas law and how far this is different from UK law on the same facts;
 - 1.3. whether the citizen has a prima facie case to answer under 1.1 and 1.2;
 - 1.4. the potential punishment if convicted and how far this is different from UK law;
 - 1.5. the availability of bail, the freedom to return to the UK pending court proceedings, the freedom to work to secure maintenance during the bail period;
 - 1.6. the availability of free legal services both here and in the overseas territory;
 - 1.7. the existence of human rights laws in the overseas territory which could affect the UK citizen comparable to the UK and how far those laws are respected in practice;
 - 1.8. the extra-legal elements in relation to possible, potential or probable consequences for the particular UK citizen flowing from extradition and or conviction - for example, comparable prison living conditions and the likelihood of being deliberately injured or killed in prison as compared to UK imprisonment.

2. Why should any foreign state have the power to deprive a UK citizen of the right to be tried by a jury of his or her peers when the UK state itself has only limited powers to do that? Magna Carta comes to mind! This is particularly the case with a foreign state which permits its Executive to take powers (and exercised such powers) to kidnap foreign citizens from foreign territories and subject them to torture, imprisonment and death!

3. If extradition is allowed without the degree of judicial enquiry referenced in 1. above Parliament will have enabled (often unwittingly through rubber stamping of Executive acts without full discussion of the consequences) foreign states to imprison, torture or execute any UK citizen at will without even having to justify their suspicions. If this situation continues to apply then there is a danger that unscrupulous UK governments could collude with friendly allies to operate a type of international Star Chamber without judicial oversight to remove, inter alia, political opponents. In effect Parliament would have assigned all its rights and responsibilities over its citizens to a foreign state. One primary function of the judiciary is to stand as a barrier to separate Parliament and the Executive from such extreme use of power and I believe the courts would be right to regard the acceptance of such extradition treaties to have been ultra vires .

yours truly,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 December 2010 5:12 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition Act Review

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 December 2010 10:32 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Concerns over the Extradition Act 2003

Dear Rt Hon Sir Scott Baker

I am writing to you to raise my strong feelings and concerns about the Extradition Act 2003. I find this law highly inhumane and unjust, how is it possible for the UK to extradite any individual to the US (and other designated countries) WITHOUT the need for prima facie evidence to support the extradition request? This law which came into force in January 2004 should have never been legislated, it is disheartening and to see that our country has sunk to such an inhumane level where the accused has no right to challenge any evidence provided by the US in a British Court of Law.

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I expect my concerns which are shared by many others will be taken on board and legislations will be reviewed with a view to restoring justice to the lives of UK citizens/ residents.

I look forward in hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 December 2010 1:31 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition Review

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 December 2010 8:39 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: unequal extradition arrangements between UK and USA

This needs to be corrected so that there is parity of treatment between the UK and USA. If the USA continue to fail to achieve that, the UK should bring the present arrangements to an end.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 December 2010 12:09 AM
To: extradition.review

Hello ,

[REDACTED]

Firstly i Voted for the first time in my life for the conservative party for a few reasons which may not bet just about politics but general opinions,

i voted for David Cameron because i thought like Barack Obama he is young and he came across very well in interviews and rally's etc.

also i truly believed that David Cameron wanted to make britain great again although i knew politicians will always be politicians and would not get my hopes up but David Cameron lost his young son not too long ago who suffered from an illness and i felt that he had experienced hard times in his life and understood that some people have difficult lives and have to deal with issues as some people have various disabilities may it be physical/learning/mental and i myself have aspergers syndrome amongst other vavious diagnosis whicjh i was given from many dovctors at great ormand street hospital - anyway getting to the point i love to keep upto date with whats going on in the world and i read about what gary mckinnon has done and the ridiculous punishment that the american government want to imprison him for years in a prison in america where he will most probably be stripped of all human rights - i will not get too political nor will i express any comments on current affairs but everyone knows that if gary mckinnon steps on the plane that will be taking him to america that will be the last time everyone will hear or see him - surely a government who are trying to make a good impression on the country and the young people . they should say tto the americans that he will be tred in the united kingdom and given a fair trial and obviously give him a prison sentence but insure that he will serve his time in a prsion within the uk and not 4000 miles away in a foreign country , there was a time whree millions of people believed in peace and love and harmony - well my message is for the leaders of our country to come together and prove that they can stand by a fellow british citizen and show the nation that they they believe what he did was wrong but also believe extraditing him is wrong too and givinng him a fair trial in this country !

i am not saying what he did was right by no means but i am a fond believer of fairness and equaslity

and as john lennon famously once said (make love not war)

manyn thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 December 2010 1:07 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition Laws

To whom it may concern,

I am writing because I strongly feel the extradition laws in the UK need an urgent review for the following reasons,

1. I do not believe it is right to extradite a British citizen on allegations of criminal conduct which took place in Britain, where all the evidence can be found in Britain, rather than try him in Britain in front of a jury of his peers.
2. I do not believe the Government should continue to order the extradition of British citizens to the US whilst in the midst of a review of our extradition laws, which have been called into question by the very man who supported their implementation, the former Home Secretary Rt Hon David Blunkett MP?

I really do hope you agree that justice should not be blind. It is too easy to see the words 'suspected Muslim terrorist' and suspend any impartiality. Whatever happened to the presumption of innocence until proven guilty? Many of those muslims and non muslims alike maintain their innocence of any criminal activity, let alone of anything remotely akin to terrorism.

I really do hope the home office consider the above points and bring justice back to the UK courts.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 December 2010 8:39 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition review

I'm in favour of the "forum amendment" to the Extradition Act 2003 being introduced as soon as possible. At the moment, as far as I can see, if a British citizen commits a crime in more than one country, so that there are grounds for trying him in either country, the law favours extraditing him - whatever the facts. This seems all wrong - surely it's best for everyone if people aren't extradited unless absolutely necessary.

Such a rule wouldn't have mattered much before the Internet, when crimes committed in two countries at once were freak events. But those days are gone, and it's high time the law caught up. I don't know why the previous government hadn't already introduced this rule.

Another point the review mentions is "whether requesting countries should be required to provide sufficient evidence to prove an allegation". To me it seems obvious that they should. After all, you can't even be arrested without some evidence, except in a few special cases. (And long may that continue!) Why should there be a lower standard of proof for extradition?

Personally I'd say that if at all possible, some kind of case should have to be made in a British court before someone can be extradited. (This is also the view of the human rights organisation Liberty). But where that can't be done, at least require proper evidence.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 December 2010 6:16 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Evidence for submission to the extradition review panel

To the Panel,

I am writing as a UK citizen in a personal capacity. I am particularly concerned by the weaknesses in the current extradition law, which are highlighted by the Gary McKinnon case. I believe as a democratic state with our own independent judiciary, all citizens should have the right to be tried under the relevant UK law, not the the law of the USA or other foreign state, which have different and unproportionate penalties.

The US-UK extradition treaty should be withdrawn as it provides little protection for UK citizens, although there is an undeniable global threat of terrorism, we should trust our own judicial system to decide if extradition is appropriate to each individual case. The Home Secretary's powers should be increased to provide protection of UK citizens from unreasonable treatment by any foreign state.

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Sent: 09 December 2010 11:35 AM

To: extradition.review

Subject: My Views

- the Home Secretary's powers to stop extradition

Must be applicable in all cases to safeguard UK citizens

- the operation of the European Arrest Warrant, which deals with extradition requests between European countries

Terrible. It appears recently that this is being as a way to move people from one EU state to another, until people get to country that has a different treaty of extradition with those countries OUTSIDE the EU. From that point people are processed without any protection from what the UK may find a concern.

- where a crime is mainly committed in the UK, whether the person should be tried here

Yes


- whether the US-UK Extradition Treaty is unbalanced

VERY MUCH SO. also, deals done between governments for people with high profile public sympathy should not be secret. Indeed any deal done where a persons freedom is concerned should be explained to them, and should be accurate.

- whether requesting countries should be required to provide sufficient evidence to prove an allegation

This has to be key. Extraditing someone with not so much proof even as to an allegation is dangerous. Is a person to just sit and wait ONCE extradited to see what evidence is going to be put forward? Or be held while proof is manufactured and presented in a way that was not foreseen prior to extradition?

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Sent: 10 December 2010 12:55 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: act 2003

When the treaty was signed we were told that it was for terrorists, as far as i can make out no terrorist has ever been extradited under the 2003 act.
dictatorships are not the only form of government that can create tyrannies... democracies are equally capable as well,
The US department of justice and State prosecutors, as well as district attorneys are all heavily politicized,
The US Govt is proven to be nothing more than a gun slinging bunch of ye haas who are proven born liars,
my personal belief is that formal Extradition to the US of European and commonwealth citizens must end for a sustained period of time.

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Sent: 13 December 2010 11:07 AM
To: extradition.review

Dear sirs

Gary Mckinnon

has had the threat of extrdition handing over him for ten years you would not treat a animal like that I would like to see gary tryed in the uk not the us better still let him off cos ten years is long enought

let him stay

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