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Sent: 31 December 2010 11:31 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Your views on extradition wanted

Hello,

I would like to make a short comment on the following point:

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

I feel strongly that if a person commits a crime and remains physically in the UK they shall be liable to the law of the UK and not any foreign. I cannot completely exclude the possibility where extradition might still be favourable in such a case, however only if it can be ensured that the severity of punishments in the foreign country are comparable to the laws of the UK.

Based on this, any extradition requests made by the USA against cases of computer related crimes committed on UK soil should generally be denied and tried here instead or released if insufficient evidence is provided. If a UK citizen was to be extradited to the US on a hacking charge committed in the UK facing a sentence similar or even more severe than a murderer in the UK would mean the government does not protect its own citizens!

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Sent: 31 December 2010 12:21 PM

To: extradition.review

Subject: Extradition of Gary McKinnon and possible accomplices to his alleged damage to United States of American military computers.

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir / Madam,

As you will see from the attached document, it is possible that myself and other colleagues present at the above mentioned improvised comedy performance and following informal activities contributed indirectly to the alleged activities of the United Kingdom citizen, Gary McKinnon, who the government of the United States of America are seeking to extradite and who would therefore be very directly affected by your review of the relevant extradition treaty.

Please could you clarify and confirm the position of myself and other colleagues who may have indirectly contributed to the alleged crimes of Gary McKinnon, and whether we would be vulnerable to extradition to the United States in relation to or association with any request for extradition of Gary McKinnon himself.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter,

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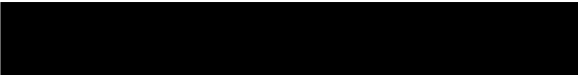
To: extradition.review

Subject: Gary Mckinnon

Dear Sirs,

In regards to the extradition of Gary it is my utmost belief that we should not extradite him to the USA. Under the old government we became mere lapdogs to the USA and former President George W Bush. It has always made me sad to see a once great nation as our own fall to such lows. Please start restoring our beloved nation of Great Britain and not bow to USA pressure. Put the Great back into Great Britain.

Yours Truly,




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Sent: 31 December 2010 1:11 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: DO NOT extradite Gary Mackinnon !!!

this is a disgrace!



Sent: 31 December 2010 8:02 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition laws opinion

To whom it may concern,

My views on extradition laws:

1. I don't agree, and it is not right that a man who allegedly commits a crime in the UK be extradited to another country rather than tried in the UK
2. I don't think it's 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
3. It is NOT 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. Why are we not supporting the british citizens? It's completely ridiculous.
4. The Home Secretary should NOT have a duty to block extradition when sufficient evidence to establish a prima facie case has not been provided

Britain stands for justice and quite clearly the extradition laws stand for the opposite and pave way for abuse of human rights, oppression and injustice.

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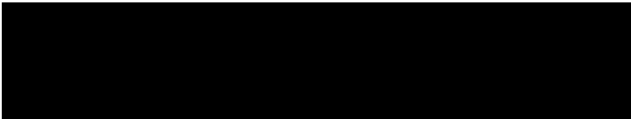
Sent: 31 December 2010 8:16 PM

To: extradition.review

I feel the US/UK agreement is totally unbalanced and need to be reviewed with immediate effect. I have written to my local politician on several occasions regarding this matter.



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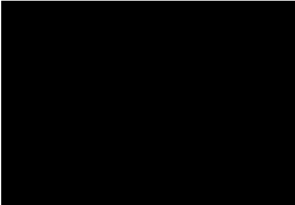


Sent: 31 December 2010 8:18 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Independent review of the UK's extradition law

Dear Sirs

I am concerned that any country requesting extradition should provide evidence to a degree required by UK law. Furthermore, where the alleged crime took place in the UK, the trial and any penalty should be conducted under UK law.

Kind regards



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Sent: 31 December 2010 8:40 PM

To: extradition.review

Subject: Extradition - when who wants to use it doesn't seem that "Special" a friend

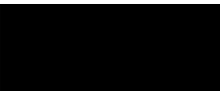
You, Prime Minister and Deputy PM, both made all the right noises while you tried your best to woo as many as you could, pre-election. The positive noises have occasionally resurfaced, reduced as they seem occasionally to murmurings about how 'efforts will continue to be made'. Credit is due for the fact that the extradition issue that prompts this missive, Gary MacKinnon, was raised with Mr. Obama himself.

But, (and you just knew there was a 'but' coming, I'm sure), enough time has passed now. The USA cannot be dismissed as a consideration of course, and we all know the games that have to be played, but more than you currently seem to realise hinges on how this one pans out.

I'm talking about integrity and your perception in our eyes, of course - this is not some sofa rant and it shouldn't be taken for anything other than a plea: for this government and its leaders to prove themselves - based on what they themselves have already said.

Gary needs to be freed, first from the fear of being remanded to the "care" of a country I know I am far from alone in scepticism toward, in terms of faith in the standards of handling defendants. And now that he has lived with that fear for so long, he needs to be freed from custody and his ability put to good use.

Given how the whole thing started, he'd be much more use to both nations working for them, rather than vilified by one for what his talent enabled him to do.



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Sent: 31 December 2010 10:24 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition

Extradition is meant to return a fugitive criminal back to the jurisdiction of his crime. It is not a tool to extend the Jurisdiction of another country. I will only concern myself with the impact of extradition on Citizens of the United Kingdom. Whilst I understand a need to assist the return of fugitives to the scene of a crime. There is also natural Justice. There is the right to a trial of one's peers. And presumed innocence ... all fundamental and integral pillars of UK Justice and all of them denied to victims of the extradition treaty.

Extradition .. being dragged off to a foreign country thousands of miles from one's family there to spend months or years of pre-trial detention is a very, very serious punishment in itself and which could and would result in the loss of career/ family/ home even if eventually proven innocent. It is not something to be dispensed without proof or redress as is the case at present.

America does not have a similar judicial system to the UK. America does not deserve to be a Category 2 designated country.

Judges and politicians have this see no evil, hear no evil attitude to America, a country which supports and approves of the death penalty, torture, rendition, entrapment giving false evidence in return for reduced sentences or money; a country which commits international crimes against sovereign countries with impunity; uses weapons such as cluster bombs and white phosphorous banned by international agreement; they have ensured by pressure and bribery that the US is allowed to be exempt from the international war crimes tribunal. **Every one knows this to be true but no one in government or the judiciary will admit it .** Perhaps this stems from fear of recrimination or retribution or worse, who knows, but, if you are honest, you know this to be true. No British subject should be extradited to America unless full and contestable evidence is presented to a UK court first and rights available to UK citizens such as legal aid should extend to the US.

The UK should not send a UK citizen to a country which condones the death penalty even though that punishment is waived the fact that a UK citizen can be sent to a country with a death penalty mentality is enough it should never happen. A diplomatic note assuring the waiving of the death penalty is worthless... only a note signed by the President himself has any legal standing , as the president gave himself the power to override any such agreement.

When any or all of a crime took place in the UK then the UK has jurisdiction before any other. British Nationals should not be extradited and certainly not without full and contestable evidence.

Extradition should only apply to serious crime not to trivial white collar, financial or computer crime .

America does not extradite its own nationals neither does most other countries. America protects its own citizens The UK does not protect its own citizens quite the opposite.

A treaty has to be equally reciprocal. The present treaty with the US allows the US to extradite someone from the UK on a mere suspicion (to put it another way if all a jury had was suspicion a judge would instruct the jury to acquit) .

Upholding international agreements must never have priority over human rights. Human rights come before any consideration to do otherwise means a judiciary without humanity and that is the end of natural Justice.

The present extradition treaty is a betrayal of all British Citizens

The Home Secretary definitely should have the power to stop an extradition



Extradition should only be requested when court dates are imminent

where a crime is mainly or partly committed in the UK, the person should be tried here it is their right


The US-UK Extradition Treaty is totally unbalanced

There is no doubt that requesting countries should be required to provide sufficient and Challengeable evidence to prove an allegation and all court costs should be met by the requesting country

yours



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Sent: 31 December 2010 11:50 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Views on extradition

Dear Sir/Madam,

Firstly I would like to thank you for opening up this extradition inquiry.

The current system of extradition is in urgent need of reform. I would like to express that there is an imbalance of power whereby the home secretary seems to have very little say in the extradition of British citizens to the US.

Presently, the US are able to pick up whoever they want and ship them abroad without any evidence presented - this certainly needs to change. It is also not right that EU member states can order the extradition of UK residents.

If a suspect is accused of a crime they should stand trial in the country where the offence took place - it does not make sense that individuals like Babar Ahmad are facing extradition to the US when he allegedly committed a crime here in the UK.

I cannot understand why British citizens like Shaker Aamer are languishing in Guantanamo Bay until this moment where they have been tortured - he has never been given a trial or convicted of a crime. It makes me very sad to think that all these individuals being British citizens does very little to protect them.

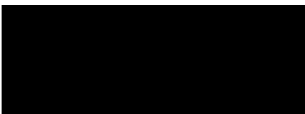
The home secretary has a duty to request evidence and every effort needs to be made for individuals to stand trial in this country. They should not be extradited especially when there is not enough evidence for them to even stand in court here. Extradition should only happen in extreme cases once the accused has undergone a trial and is convicted of a crime.


Although there have been some amendments to the current legislation it has not been reflected in practice.

It is important that any improvements which come out of this review are applied to current extradition cases such as those of Babar Ahmad, Shaker Aamer and others. This is the very least that should be given to those stripped of their basic human rights.

I hope that you will take these points into consideration,

Yours sincerely





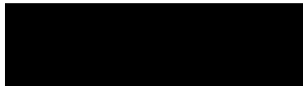
Sent: 31 December 2010 2:05 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: My opposition to the Extradition Act 2003

Dear Mrs May,

I would like to express my opposition to the Extradition Act 2003 enacted by the Labour government. I believe that the UK has a robust legal system which all Brits are proud of. This act, and the clauses which allow the US to extradite British citizens with a lower level of proof of their guilt, undermines our country and the British justice system. We should try alleged criminals here if their crimes were committed here by UK citizens. We have no need to allow the US jurisdiction over British citizens, particularly when they are not willing to make the arrangement reciprocal. The US founded the Guantanamo Bay system which has and will continue to cause no end of problems for the UK and other foreign governments. A strong, proud Britain should stand up for our citizens, and punish them here when they are found guilty.

I am sure that you agree with this position and hope that you will change the 2003 Act to reflect this.

Sincerely,



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Sent: 31 December 2010 3:01 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition to US

Dear Sirs

On no account should the existing extradition policy stand. It is both unequal (between US and UK) and unjust. The US record on human rights is hardly sparkling and the UK should refuse extradition of UK citizens until the US has made significant improvements and apologised for past transgressions.

Yours faithfully



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Sent: 31 December 2010 3:06 PM

To: extradition.review

Subject: Extradition Review

(1) US-UK Extradition Treaty is unfairly, unreasonably and unacceptably unbalanced

This consultation opened 178 days after the review was announced, without explanation of what had happened in the meantime. The review takes place within the context of a serious lack of democratic accountability to the people with inadequate listening and engagement by government that undermines the state/citizen relationship and poses risks to the Big Society policy, which supposedly includes more citizen rights. The review will fail if it does not put the interests of the British people above serving those of the US. It is so evident that the US-UK Extradition Treaty is unbalanced that it is of concern that government should even suggest there is any question. The government's policy is totally complicit under the special relationship: fighting American wars; paying for Trident missiles that the US controls and counts as part of their own; breaching the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in respect of Black British Chagossians simply to give the US a military base. The British people see nothing in return but they do want the extradition deal changed. The real question is whether the government will listen to the people, not least, after the commitments made before the election by both parties of the coalition, and particularly in respect of Gary Mackinnon.

(2) The need for evidence

It is not on for British people to be forcibly removed for trial abroad without our own courts being satisfied that this is justified on the evidence.

(3) UK trials for UK citizens

The principle must be that our citizens are tried in our own courts, not foreign ones; anything less reduces our sovereignty and independence as a self-governing nation. This should not even be constrained by where a crime is alleged to have been committed overseas. Our own courts are capable of dealing with these cases and there is no good reason why overseas interests cannot pursue action in our courts. Indeed, our courts deal with considerable defamation litigation originating from other countries.

(4) Home Secretary should have and use considerable powers to stop extradition

Where there has been undue delay, health concerns, or no reason why trial cannot take place in this country, the Home Secretary must have and use powers to stop extradition.

Yours



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Sent: 31 December 2010 4:39 PM

To: extradition.review

Subject: Please take a moment out of your busy day to read this I understand you get so many but just 2 mins of your time please

I am very very worried about a man called Gary McKinnon I have a ten year old son also with Asperger's so I fully understand Gary's life. My son is also into computers & space because his thing is Doctor Who he researches UFO's. People with Gary's & my sons ailment fixate on 1 subject they cannot help it nor can they control it. I assume the judges in this case are taking medical advice & to be frank if they are taking advice from Doctors they are as much use as a chocolate fireguard Doctors have NO training in Autism. What you need to be doing apart from crawling out of the Americans backsides is to take EXPERT ADVICE from people trained in the field of Autism & Aspergers. Why should this chap be launched over to the USA when people from other country's who break the law here are kept here? This to me is a cop out the Americans cannot hold this man responsible for what is their own incompetence if NASA & the Pentagon do not have firewalls that are hacker resistant why is 1 disabled man at fault? To say he put the US military computers out of action for 24 hours is bit far fetched have they never hear of back up? I will be watching my son on his computer for may years to come it seems as he like Gary is very interested in UFO's & spends most of his free time on his computer looking up Doctor Who & UFO sightings. All that's needed here is a bit of common sense Gary is disabled he doesn't think in the same way as people without Autism he sees things in a different way he won't cope being uprooted from his home & to be taken to a different country will drive him over the edge.

Thank you so much for reading this 

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Sent: 31 December 2010 5:53 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Consultation Response

I am writing to respond to the current consultation being run as part of the Extradition Review.

Key points I would like to make:

1. Extradition for questioning ought not be permitted; having been rendered unnecessary by telephone and video conferencing technology.
2. An individual should not be extradited to a country if they have not visited that country in connection with the alleged crime. (ie. those writing a book, or publishing a webpage, in the UK ought not become subject to extradition to any other country due to what they have published, irrespective of the content).
3. Extradition should not be considered for actions which are not considered serious offences in the UK.

Responses to areas on which comments were sought:

- the Home Secretary's powers to stop extradition

There should be limited powers for the Home Secretary to stop extradition for example for National Security reasons, or in cases where the Home Secretary has reason to believe an Extradition request is politically motivated; or that there are reasons, such as political interference make a fair trial unlikely.

I would prefer as far as possible for a UK court to be able to hear, and decide upon, the kinds of arguments which could be put to the Home Secretary; the Home Secretary should only be acting in a very small number of cases eg. where an assessment of the impact on National Security requires all the information available to the Home Secretary and could not be done by a court.

- the operation of the European Arrest Warrant, which deals with extradition requests between European countries I think the UK ought decide what is best for the UK irrespective of current commitments to other European Countries. I think the powers of the EAW ought be limited by the restrictions I have suggested in my other responses.

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

- whether the US-UK Extradition Treaty is unbalanced

I do not think "balance" is something which ought be considered. What is important is the UK's position and ensuring that individuals are only extradited from the UK when the UK believes that is the right course of action.

- whether requesting countries should be required to provide sufficient evidence to prove an allegation I think extradition should only be considered in cases where a UK court has determined there is a case to answer. Extradition ought only occur in cases which would have gone to trial in the UK had all events occurred in the UK.

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Subject: Extradition Review - [REDACTED]

In terms of the Questions / Areas which you have asked for my views on, the short answers are:

* the Home Secretary's powers to stop extradition

The Home Secretary should *not* be sitting in a quasi-judicial role, especially in Extradition cases where there is political and diplomatic pressure from our supposed allies or enemies.

There *must* be a cheap and easy method for appealing against Extradition decisions.

The current legal framework of the Extradition Act 2003 and the Human Rights Act 1998, and the long delays inherent with the whole system of Appeals, Judicial reviews within the UK higher courts and European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, are so slanted in favour of Government, Law Enforcement and Intelligence Agency bureaucrats and vested interests, that they are useless in practice protecting the fundamental human rights of individual citizens or residents of the UK.

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

It is a legal fiction that the European union countries have directly equivalent legal systems. There should have been years of legal system harmonisation *before* the United Kingdom signed up to the European Arrest Warrant.

See the case below of **Farid Hilali**, which Rt. Hon. Sir Scott Baker may remember, since he heard one of the Appeals in 2006. Farid Hilali was the first person to be arrested in the UK under the European Arrest Warrant back in 2003, and the appalling legal delays culminated in a Law Lords Judgment, allowing his extradition on a conspiracy to murder charge, but rightly denying extradition on the grounds of membership of a terrorist organisation. At the time Al Qaeda was not a proscribed terrorist organisation, either in the UK or in Spain.

The Spanish authorities cynically disregarded the UK Law Lords and, once they had Hilali in their custody, charged him with membership of a terrorist organisation and not on the conspiracy to murder charges (not surprisingly, since the ring leader of the Al Qaeda cell in Spain had been acquitted by the Spanish Supreme Court, due to the defective and untrustworthy telephone intercept evidence which was the only alleged link to Hilali).

British Courts should protect us not only from foreign criminals, but from foreign judicial systems and bureaucracies.

If even Spain, "a western democracy, subject to the rule of law, a signatory of the European Convention of Human Rights and a party to the Framework Decision; it is a country which has and which applies the same human rights standards and is subject to the same international obligations as the United Kingdom." can ignore the Judgment of the House of Lords / United Kingdom Supreme Court, then there is no effective "mutual respect" between different legal

systems.

If they can snub the United Kingdom House of Lords Judgment on this matter, then they cannot be trusted to honour any concept of Specialty (or "Speciality as it is misspelled in the Extradition Act 2003)

International writs of Habeas Corpus should be available in Extradition cases.

The Law Lords Judgement rejecting the application for a writ of Habeas Corpus, in the case of Farid Hilali in 2008, is understandable, in terms of the letter of the European Arrest Warrant Directive, but it is plainly wrong in terms of natural justice.

If Habeas Corpus applies to people in the United Kingdom, as it obviously does, then the UK has a duty of care to provide the same level of protection from injustice and over zealous bureaucracy, if they hand someone over to a foreign country via Extradition, as if they handed them over to the UK police and prison and judicial systems.

Surely this would be consistent with "mutual respect" of legal systems, which is supposedly the basis of acceptance of the European Arrest Warrant and the rest of the Extradition Act 2003 ?

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

Yes, where an alleged crime has been committed mostly in the UK, then that is where any prosecution and trial should be.

Extradition should be confined to cases where someone has physically fled over a border to escape arrest or prosecution or a prison sentence etc. from another country, just like it used to be before the invention of international telecommunications.

* whether the US-UK Extradition Treaty is unbalanced

The cases of "the NatWest 3" bankers (David Bermingham, Giles Darby and Gary Mulgrew), and of Gary McKinnon, Babar Ahmad, Ian Norris (former chief executive of Morgan Crucible plc) etc. who have faced or are still facing extradition to the USA should all have been dealt with here in the United Kingdom, where they were physically present during their alleged activities, and where they were physically arrested.

It is infuriating and an insult to British sovereignty, that because the US Constitution, rightly guarantees the need for prima facie evidence to be shown in a US Court hearing, that British Courts are specifically forbidden from considering and cross examining such evidence, even if it is readily available, in extradition cases to the USA.

No other country, apart from the Irish Republic allows this for Extradition of their citizens to the USA and even the Irish have a Legal Forum test by a Judge, not by a politician.

This must be reformed immediatly.

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

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Sent: 31 December 2010 10:58 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Views on extradition

Just to address those five points and my views on them:

There should be some infrastructure set up in order to stop extraditions, but it should not be carried out unilaterally on the whim of one individual. I recognise that a judicial approach in preventing extraditions would be uniform, but I do not believe this would necessarily be the case given the government's right-wing stance. Tabling commons debates on high-profile extraditions would be a start; It would make extradition cases considerably more constructive rather than based on the Home Secretary's superficially "impartial" judgements.

The European Arrest Warrant should be used in line with the EU's Human Rights legislation, and each case considered in terms of whether basic principles of equality and justice are breached in extraditing an individual, or, indeed, having them extradited to this country. The human rights of the individual or individuals concerned should be pivotal to its use.

Once again, if a crime is mainly committed in the UK, their human rights should be first and foremost in considering where they should be tried. For example, Gary McKinnon's prosecution wanted to "see him fry" as a consequence of his being tried in the US, and he hacked the US government mainframe from the UK. I am sure the government recognises that imposing the death penalty on anyone is a horrific practice and the very threat of it demonstrates how vital it is that British citizens who commit a crime from, or mainly in, the UK be tried here. Adding to that, in cases of crimes committed mostly or entirely abroad, any threat of the death penalty should be enough for the British government to do its best to repatriate that person and try them in the British judicial system.

The US-UK Extradition Treaty is unbalanced. Gary McKinnon – QED.

Countries should of course be required to provide sufficient evidence to prove an allegation; moreover, this evidence should be reviewed painstakingly in case of corruption or tampering. Naturally if there is any doubt whatsoever, the evidence should be deemed insufficient.

Thanks for conducting this review, and I hope the results are constructive and have equality and human rights at their absolute centre.

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Sent: 02 January 2011 12:34 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: U.S UK extradition agreement must abolished.

Dear Sirs:

I have a 1000 reasons why we should no longer agree with America's demand to extradite one our citizen's when America demands we do so.

The plain and simple truth lies within there system of laws, and the United Kingdom must abolish the current agreement concerning "Extradition" with the American Government.

As we have all become to know the world has within the last three years gone through unprecedented changes, and these changes will reflect upon our system of law due to a very slow economy. Until an agreement can be reached that is fair and equal to both countries, and supports a justified extradition, then this Country must no longer agree to America's demands to hand over one of our citizens.

First and foremost, I am living proof that the American system of justice is a one-way system of law, and to obtain any fair justice within that will depend on the size of your bank account. To hand over one of our citizens to any charge that can be made up by any prosecutor within the United States is simply not fair to any citizen of this Country. There system does not apply innocent until proven guilty, and if you are ever caught-up within the U.S. system of law, you will come to find out there are out to destroy you, even if you are innocent. (I have 16 years of legal document in proof of my last statement) I am prepared to meet with anyone to show why we must look into any claim made by the American system of law that involves a British Citizen. My current case, is a case of injustice that goes beyond comprehension, and yet my government has made it clear they cannot get involved with the U.S. system of laws. If this is the case, then why would my government allow them to demand any citizen of this country. (this just does not make sense to me)

In light of my case that I have Defended (Pro-se) for over 16 years, it is crucial that our country demands proof of any accusation the U.S. might suggest any UK citizen may have committed within U.S. states and/or jurisdiction. As I have mentioned above I have been told the UK government dose not get involved with legal matter or other countries laws or procedures. It is beyond my thinking why we would just hand over one of our citizens at the shake of a hat, and then not offer any legal assistance after doing so.

My current case has all the makings of reaching the U.S. supreme Court if the State of Nevada do not correct the injustice's it has brought upon me and my family. I say not to any "Extradition Agreement" with the U.S. until the U.S can demonstrate they will act in a fair and just manner.

I look forward to hearing from you or you can look forward to hearing from me in the very near future. I remain

A very Irate and Concerned Citizen

[REDACTED]

P.s If you want proof of my position, please do not hesitate to contact. I will give you more than one reason why this nonsense must stop.

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Sent: 03 January 2011 2:49 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Re_ Gary Mckinnon

I would like to make you aware of my own, and the publics at large(in my opinion) feelings regarding this extradition.

The charges levied against this man are clearly exaggerated. In no way could he have caused the alledged \$5000 damage to those computer systems he is accused of "hacking"

"hacking" by defintion involves breaking into a computer system that is locked from access, these systems were left wide open, with no password protection and a wholly unacceptable security system in place.

I, nor indeed Mr Mckinnon, deny that his actions broke US laws. But the reaction to this is preposterous.

Clearly the reaction is based on US fears of what Mr Mckinnon may, or may not have accessed, and the implications of any revelations on the US goverment and its military.

For those of us who are aware of what information he may have accessed, and the implications there of, I would like to point out that many US citizens have speculated to the same extent, as indeed have many ex US military officials speculated, or indeed, swore to go before congress and testify to the same.

This is a show trial.

If his trial is to be conducted in some clandestine court, out of sight of public scrutiny, which i believe is the US goverments intent, then this must surely be against Mr Mckinnons human rights. I believe there is no way Mr Mckinnon will face a fair trial in the US.

It is utterly deplorable that we have a system of extradition that allows our citizens to be extradited with no evidence presented!

Once again i am truly disgusted at our kowtowing to pressure from the US.

This is the United Kingdom, a land i was raised to believed stood for justice.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Sent: 04 January 2011 9:01 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Gary Mckinnon Extradition Review

To Whom It May Concern,

Gary Mckinnon has already stood seven years without a court sentence been handed down in a case in which Gary has publically admitted his guilt. I find it hard to fathom how any individual can be excluded from our legal process simply because the Americans object to the way we do business. Gary has a legal right and obligation to be tried and sentenced in this country since it was the British government that is responsible for his arrest in the first case. Having been duly arrested, It is encumbant upon the British court to procede with the case or drop the charges, or in fact to limit the sentence to time served whichever is most appropriate. Gary has been serving his unofficial sentence for the last seven years. The home secretary must put an end to his nightmare one way or the other. This is England, Not Guantanamo Bay.

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[REDACTED]

Sent: 04 January 2011 6:59 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition views

To whom it may concern,

I believe it is high time that the government's stance on extradition is wholly and fundamentally altered. The US-UK extradition treaty is balanced way too much in favour of America and what it wants rather than protecting the rights of British citizens or at least allowing justice to be served here in the UK. The main case in question is of course Mr McKinnock who is still waiting to see whether or not he is going to be extradited to the States. Given the state of his mind and the fact that there is an offence that he can be tried for here in the UK, I cannot see the reasoning behind allowing the extradition other than to pander to the USA. The amount of evidence required to be extradited from the UK to the US is hugely different from the US to UK and it is not fair. All that said I do believe that there are occasions in which we should allow extradition to the US – as long as guarantees can be sought that British citizens would be treated as they would here in the UK.

I feel that, in regards to the Home Secretaries powers to stop extradition, this should be altered and in fact changed to an INDEPENDANT panel. More often than not politicians will be getting pressure from the nation that is requesting extradition to comply and especially if this is a big ally such as the US, it can have cloud one's judgement. It would be far fairer and just (two principles that is the bedrock of British society) to transfer those powers to someone or an organisation who can make an informed decision without unduly strong pressure.

The European Arrest warrant is in theory a very good idea but in reality needs to be closely looked at. I refer to the case of Wikileaks Julian Assange who may well be extradited to Sweden without any charges being brought. This flies against the principle of innocent until proven guilty and the right to a fair trial. I think that the European Arrest warrant should in fact stay as it is a useful tool for the authorities but there needs to be the necessary safeguards in place to protect citizens. Only when there is strong evidence should an extradition warrant be granted to ANY country.

YES – without a doubt sufficient evidence must be requested by the UK in order to even contemplate an extradition of one of its citizens.

I thank you in advance for taking the time to consider my views. I look forward to the outcome and plead with you to ensure that the rights of UK citizens are protected against an ever increasing police state.

Yours sincerely,
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Sent: 04 January 2011 8:04 PM

To: extradition.review


Subject: Extradition

Please accept these comments as part of your review of the Extradition situation.

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- the Home Secretary's powers to stop extradition

The Home Secretary's powers should be extended to include the power of veto where there is a possibility that a UK citizen may be in danger of a significant miscarriage of justice or be unduly subject to maltreatment.

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

I agree with the principle of the EAW and agree with extradition requests between European countries but feel that any period of pre-trial detention should be available in the citizen's domestic country, to allow for legal and humane considerations. I also suggest that the seriousness of the alleged crime be considered. Minor civil actions should not be subject to EAW in my opinion.

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

Agree strongly with a judge being allowed to decide where the balance of jurisdiction lies.

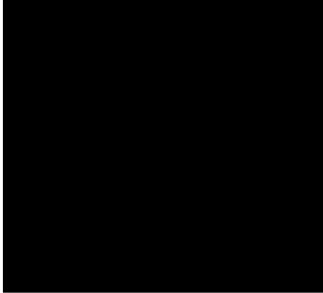
- whether the US-UK Extradition Treaty is unbalanced

Agree that this extradition treaty is completely unbalanced in favour of the US and should either be repealed or provide the same level of protection for British citizens that a US citizen enjoys. It is completely ridiculous that the previous government betrayed the historical rights of British citizens in this way. Also if there is to be pre-trial detention then the citizen should be able to elect incarceration in the UK.

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

Agree strongly that sufficient evidence to prove an allegation should be made available to a UK court, before extradition is approved.

Many thanks for your consideration



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Sent: 05 January 2011 12:34 AM

To: extradition.review

I would like to express my concern regarding the extradition treaty with the USA as I feel it is a totally wrong and unbalanced treaty. My particular concern arises from the case of Gary Mckinnon who is facing a term of 60 years in a US prison on charges which are I think being brought not for reasons of justice but as an example to others not to embarrass the us government by logging on to their supposedly secure computers (computers which were not even password protected .

I have "borrowed" some of the following words from the internet I am sure the author would not mind but as he has expressed the case better than I could but I agree totally with them.:-

regarding the question whether the US-UK Extradition Treaty is unbalanced

How can any legal minded person condone the existence of an agreement which is specifically designed to tie the hands of the UK judiciary beyond common sense and common judgment? That is exactly the overriding purpose of the 2003 extradition treaty with the USA (written, interestingly, in American English). It is designed purely and simply to ensure that anyone America might decide it wants to extradite is not allowed to have any legal standing in a British court. It is an abscess on an otherwise reasonably just legal system. The 2003 Extradition treaty states that a mere allegation made by the US (not renowned internationally as a pinnacle of fairness and truth) a mere allegation unsubstantiated by any proof whatsoever, **must** be regarded by the UK Judiciary as truth. This ridiculous situation is by no means reciprocal. The UK has to provide proper contestable evidence in order to extradite an American citizen... evidence that can be picked apart by an American Judge. The allegations according to the treaty are to be called the 'facts' of the case, not the 'unsubstantiated allegations' but the 'facts'!!! The very nature of such a treaty is an abhorrence to our standards of Justice and such an obvious betrayal of British rights **must** be ignored if any semblance of justice is to be reflected in our once noble courts. A treaty by its nature has to be equal to both parties. You can't agree a ceasefire in one direction.

In the UK we had a legal system that became the basis of most of the world's legal systems based on presumed innocence and a trial by a jury of one's peers all stemming from our rights as set out in the Magna Carta of 1215. The extradition treaty is a complete betrayal of those basic rights. A victim of the treaty faces incarceration without evidence and has no right to a trial of one's peers and gone is the presumption of innocence.

The case of the UFO hacker Gary McKinnon is one case in point perhaps the most well known but is certainly not the only injustice perpetrated and being perpetrated by means of this abusive treaty. Gary McKinnon is a vulnerable individual who suffers from a form of autism, who, without any legal representation and without the presence of an appropriate adult, admitted illegal access (ie.just looking) technically, according to Microsoft, he didn't even 'Hack', there were no passwords or firewalls on thousands of machines. He was looking for UFO evidence. Illegal access was **not** extraditable, in fact, it only carried a six month sentence in the UK. To be extraditable there has to be a damage element to the charge with a minimum threshold of \$5000. America indicted him with causing magically \$5000 damage on each system he ventured on to? In fact originally the indictment included six university systems all of which publically denied any damage was caused, so they were quietly dropped, and a new superseding indictment issued without them, which is very telling.

Had the US tried to extradite under the old treaty they would have had to prove the damage in a UK court which, according to the CPS disclosure, they could not do, so they waited three years for the one-sided treaty to be used whereby they did not have to prove anything! (The original US evidence of damage was dismissed by the Crown Prosecution Service as hearsay, inadmissible and not able to be adduced!

I think the case of Gary Mckinnons shows the farcical situation this treaty has produced

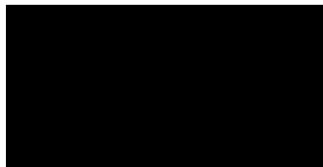
Regarding whether requesting countries should be required to provide sufficient evidence to prove an allegation

I feel that this should be a basic principle before we allow extradition of any UK citizen otherwise we are not offering our citizens any protection against unscrupulous claims by foreign Governments

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

The case of Gary McKinnon is an example of why this should be the case. In this country he was told that he would face 6 months community service whereas the US government wants to jail him for 60 years.

I thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter,



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Sent: 05 January 2011 10:14 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Views

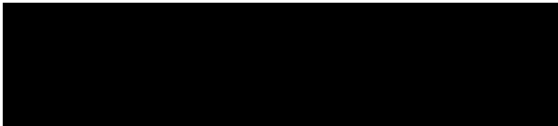
I am a mother of a son with Aspergers and know that people with ASD do not usually reason things out the way "normal"Q people would.

I believe that the decision to extradite someone from the UK to the US should be based on they type of crime, the motivation for the crime, the mental health of the person who committed the crime, whether anyone was killed as a result of the crime and why the person could not be tried in the country that they are currently residing. Add to that the cost of such an exercise in todays economic climate

In the case of Gary McKinnon, although what he did is officially a crime, he did it because he could and in some ways should be seen to have helped prove a weakness in the sytem that allowed him to hack into it. The threat of extradition is now threatening to destroy a very intelligent man whose abilities could be put to good use!



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Sent: 06 January 2011 10:21 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: US - UK extradition law

The Rt Hon Sir Scott Baker,

In response to the Government's request for public opinion on US - UK extradition law, I would like to request that in cases of extenuating circumstances, in particular mental illness, it would only be fair that the Home Secretary exercise veto powers to insist that UK Citizens are tried under UK Law and serve any resulting sentence in a UK prison.

I believe this is fair as it would ensure that mentally or physically disadvantaged UK citizens benefit from the hard won additional legal protections the UK offers to vulnerable groups, in situations where such individuals are facing a prosecution from another country. We cannot guarantee that such other countries, in particular the US, view these additional legal protections in the same way. Nor would the citizens of the UK have the opportunity to voice their concerns should the US not honour our ideas of fairness or the sorts of protections we value. In short, the UK would lose the right to help and protect its own vulnerable people, being left with the unpalatable option of hoping the US will do it for us.

The public would certainly not want crimes unpunished or unaddressed, but equally, they would prefer to look after their vulnerable countrymen and women themselves.

As a teacher, I deal with several young adults who have various cognitive and social difficulties. As a consequence, the methods of reprimanding them are different to other pupils. This is for no other reason than for the benefit of the pupil concerned and the community of pupils with whom he or she lives. It would be abhorrent to export the justice served on such a vulnerable pupil to someone outside of the community values and protections which the pupil understands. This special treatment works, is fair, and is right - and there is every reason for this same special treatment to be applied to adults.

The principles of fairness for those less fortunate than ourselves would be universally expressed if the UK Government were to protect and serve it's weaker citizens, in every capacity available to it, for the benefit of all, on home soil, in a home court with a home served sentence.

Finally, an excellent example of the importance of taking such a line is awfully expressed in the treatment which Gary McKinnon, and autistic man who looked for aliens in the wrong set of US computers, has suffered under the dawdling hands of the previous government, and the heartless and officious belligerence of the US authorities. It would be a great display of strength, courage and care to apply the above recommendation *retrospectively* so that Mr. McKinnon can answer for his crime in the caring protection of his home country and home people.

Yours sincerely,



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Sent: 08 January 2011 7:59 PM

To: extradition.review

Subject: extradition - reiterate what I communicated to my MP Paul Burstow

As your party along with the conservatives now hold power, I am now expect your party to hold itself to enact its fairer Britain pledge.

One of the key concerns that I have is that US law has a de facto primacy over UK citizens and with the thinnest of cause is able to extradite anyone from the UK and place them in trial for what may be perfectly legal in the UK, and without having to submit a proper case for extradition.

Not only this, the UK created this law with the understanding that the US government would enact a similar law, but have essentially dishonoured themselves by not doing so.

I expect you to honour your commitments and make Britain fairer, remove this dishonourable and inequitable law from the statute book and ensure that Britain is represented in a manner that will allow Britain to regain some respect internationally.

I also expect that the actions of those US officials who have entrapped a UK citizen, in a sting operation, be investigated to ascertain if they were acting illegally as I would expect that law enforcement officers from outside the UK should only be allowed to operate in a manner, with UK police or judicial oversight.

I believe that this law has had a chilling effect on UK industry and I don't believe that UK citizens should be concerned that any acts that may be legal in the UK should face any sort of Justice in the US.

It is clear that US justice is more of the rough sort, as they are one of the few first world states that routinely judicially kill people for crimes.

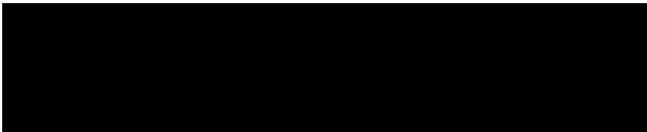
I have never seen any US inclination for anything other than punishment and not rehabilitation.

The European arrest warrant must operate in a manner that is fair to UK citizens, the recent case Assange case is suspicious and looks like there is a political motive and a possible indirect influence from the United States.

No one, should suffer having to defend themselves in a foreign country where the case against them would not stand up to the simple tests that would take place prior to coming to trial in the UK.

If a crime is alleged and may have been committed in the UK, then it must be tried in the UK, particularly in cases where the accused was in the UK at the time of the alleged offense, this is a basic piece of common sense, foreign law is alien and it is possible for someone to unknowingly break a foreign law, or act in a manner that is a civil or a minor criminal action but then face a foreign judicial system that they do not understand and treats the potential offence as a more serious crime.

Regards



Sent: 10 January 2011 2:05 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition of Gary McKinnon

To whom it may concern.

Gary McKinnon has broken the law. This we know. However he has not set foot on US soil to be extradited to the US. The fact that the US is pushing for extradition raises concerns about the extradition policy between the United Kingdom and the US. The IP address McKinnon used to connect to the machines in the US was a UK IP address. The machine used by McKinnon was also in the UK at the time the offense took place and so was McKinnon in person. Therefore the crime took place in the UK. I feel that given the current political situation with Wikileaks and the leaked cables, McKinnon would be used as an example, to show those thinking of breaking the law by hacking sensitive information.

As you probably already know Gary McKinnon is a highly intelligent, reserved person who suffers from Aspergers Syndrome. Although he has committed a crime he has not unlawfully deprived anyone or any country of sensitive information, and has in fact outlined serious security flaws within the US systems he compromised. Had this security failure fallen into the hands of someone with a lesser moralistic fibre than McKinnon or indeed a terrorist with intent to harm US citizens the outcome could have been much worse.

Gary McKinnon deserves to be tried in a UK court. This is the only way McKinnon will get a fair trial that is not marred by feelings about sensitive information being leaked by Wikileaks. If McKinnon was to be extradited to the US there would be a public outcry and a loss of confidence of the public in our own governments intentions, and the responsibility and competence of our own judicial system.

Yours faithfully



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Sent: 10 January 2011 6:38 PM

To: extradition.review

Subject: comments on the review into the UK's extradition arrangements.

Dear Sir,

i am writing in regard to the review into the UK's extradition arrangements. I would like to express how unjust the current system is in its inability to stop the extradition of Gary McKinnon to the US. It seems incredible, and far from public knowledge, that a UK citizen can be extradited without the foreign government being required to provide sufficient evidence to prove an allegation. The fact that any crime committed happened in this country should obviously affect where that person is tried and sentenced.

Maybe the public will stand for certain 'types of people' being extradited if linked to terrorism but the case of Gary McKinnon is far too close to home and could expose the gaps that have opened in our legal system to a much wider section of society.

Kind Regards,



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Sent: 13 January 2011 10:50 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition comments

Dear Sirs

I am writing with regard to the 2003 Extradition Act, the UK/US extradition treaty and European Arrest Warrant which are included as items for your review and for which you have invited public comment. It is my belief that they and our implementation of them are deeply flawed and that substantial amendments should be made to rectify this .

There are several unsatisfactory aspects of the act and how it is being utilised, in particular, the lack of a requirement to show even prima facie in support of a request - something intrinsically repellent to any citizen of a free society. There is such dangerous potential for abuse of this situation by foreign prosecutors, either through malice or ineptitude that this alone ought to prompt fundamental change. That a British subject be extradited to serve almost a year on remand in a Greek jail, on the basis of evidence extracted from witnesses under duress as in the case of Andrew Symeou, is bad enough. That the justice system in Britain is powerless to even begin to intervene in such a case is shameful.

In the cases of Ian Norris and Gary McKinnon the public perception, rightly or wrongly, is of the act being used vindictively and as a backdoor means of applying American law and significantly longer sentences to people overseas . In McKinnon's case he has admitted guilt from the outset and has been willing to submit to trial and detention in the UK. The only motivation for the US to seek his extradition must be to apply a longer sentence than they know could be handed down here. For this they ask us to perform the leap of imagination required in order to believe that McKinnon's crimes were somehow committed in the US despite him carrying them out while sitting in a house in London. The British public aren't stupid and they rightly see his persecution for what it is.

In this case and others loss of faith in the British justice system is the end result.

Yours faithfully



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Sent: 18 January 2011 4:02 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Gary Mckinnon

I think it is an absolute outrage that Gary Mckinnon is being prosecuted the way his is. The fact that he could even be considered for extradition to the US is absurd.


The truth that he found only supports so much existing evidence of the presence of ET's & their technology... thereby proving that the US is concealing the truth from not only the American people, but the whole world.

The world is ready for the truth & can handle it. The advanced technologies can literally save the world from pollution and energy limitations.

~Best,




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Sent: 21 January 2011 6:23 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Mr Gary McKinnon

Gentlemen,

I wish to object to Mr. Gary McKinnon receiving special treatment because of alleged "Aspergers Syndrome". From my researches I believe that he knew the nature and intent of his actions and was unconcerned as to the damage possibly caused by his knowingly accessing secret information. Where there is a valid system of Justice in the receiving country, I believe that there should be extradition unless there are really exceptional circumstances.



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Sent: 22 January 2011 11:32 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Regarding Gary McKinnon's Extradition

Common sense should prevail. We aren't sending Blair to prison for his mistakes with the cost of lives so why is it even being considered extraditing Gary McKinnon, it is wrong!



Sent: 23 January 2011 11:25 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: my views on extradition

Sirs

I think it wrong that this country kowtows to the US as it has always and continues to do. Gary McKinnon did nothing wrong, he did not attempt to defraud anyone or destroy anything. He did the stupid US gov a favour by showing up gaps in their security, and he left a note informing them of it. It is a disgrace the way he has been treated. He should be given a complete pardon in respect of his suffering over the last eight years. Instead of being banned from using computers he could have been given a job where he could have done a great deal of good.



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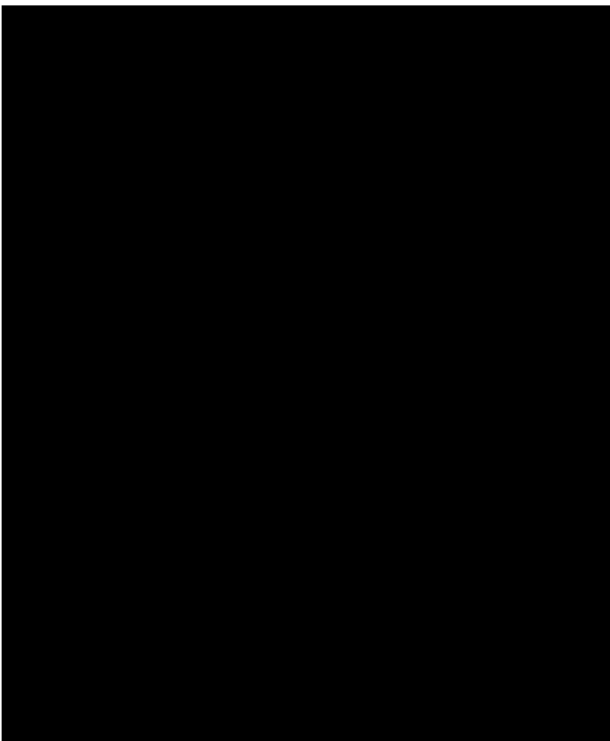


Sent: 24 January 2011 9:00 PM

To: extradition.review


Please free Gary McKinnon and look after decent British people. Don't be a puppet to the US.

Regards,



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Sent: 24 January 2011 10:35 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition review

The extradition treaty desperately needs a strong re-think; and there is one case in particular that displays this more than any other: The case of Gary McKinnon.

Gary McKinnon has been fighting a possible extradition to the US for hacking into the Pentagon and NASA computers from his home for eight years now. He was looking for evidence of a UFO cover up; the fact that if the governments were not so secretive, he wouldn't have felt the need to 'hack' into them at all appears to have been overlooked. Also, the fact that he was able to do it from a dial-up computer shows what a gifted individual Gary is; his talents could be used for many things, from tightening the security of MI5/6 computers, to gaining information about potential threats to safety. If Gary is incarcerated, so is his talent. In fact, the real mystery is why nobody appears to have considered giving him a job.

This extradition battle has taken its toll on Gary McKinnon and his family, his health is deteriorating and it is feared that if he is extradited then he will be a suicide risk. Extradition affects not only the individual concerned, but their family, friends and everyone around them. The previous government seemed not to care that he has Asperger's Syndrome, the same condition I am affected by, and they would quite easily have seen him locked away for 60+ years in a maximum security cell in a prison far from home. They didn't seem to care that he would never see any of his family or friends again; seeing familiar, friendly faces is so important for people with autism. The previous government's aloofness towards his family and dithering over his possible extradition would pale in comparison to a government who, in extraditing him, would see him living out the nightmare. The previous government may have been the ones who allowed his arrest, but it will be yours that would imprison him. End this legacy from Tony Blair/Gordon Brown, shape the destiny of Gary McKinnon and so many others, change the extradition treaty.

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Sent: 26 January 2011 9:43 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: us uk extradition

I wanted to add my view and say the uk has a very unhealthy relationship with the USA. i find the imbalanced relationship very embarrassing and quite nauseating. The US has bases on our soil for what reason, the so called extradition treaty benefits the us more, the uk has a no tolerance to the death penalty but would be willing to send British Citizens over there to a possibility to them being executed. Its good to have good trade relations and security but on a level playing field. The Us cares for no one else, through history The USA went out of its way to close the Uk down even after the 2nd world war they went after britains trade routes, and if it was not for the fear that europe may be cloaked in communism they would have succeeded thats the only reason for the marshall plan.

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Sent: 28 January 2011 4:12 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition of Gary McKinnon

Hello,

As a world citizen, I personally would like to say that I feel Gary McKinnon should NOT be extradited to the United States of America.

I also do not feel he should even be tried in any court. He has a debilitating mental illness and should be treated with RESPECT and CARE.

Being honest is a matter of conscience and moral. Being an honest person like Gary should not be shunned. It should be welcomed.

Hundreds of millions of people other than him know that the United States National Security Agency has ultimately withheld over 2000 cleaner to clean energy patents that would be beneficial to the entire world and the health of it's people under the guise of "national security", power, and ultimately greed.

To even think about harming him in any way shape or form is disgusting and WRONG and if even thought about will have serious consequences.

Morals cannot be corrupted. People without morals obviously are corrupt. This has been exposed by more than one person. It's been exposed by all people w/ a positive conscience and will continue to be regardless of people that would like to inflict harm upon another.


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Sent: 29 January 2011 12:02 AM

To: extradition.review

Please do not extradite Gary McKinnon, he never broke any laws, certainly he hasn't broken any laws that the United States doesn't tolerate from their own people. Look at Hillary Clinton, ordering diplomats to spy. The US should be held to the same standard. Thank you, 

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Sent: 30 January 2011 12:44 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: The Extradition Issue

Dear sir/madam

As a freelance journalist, OU law student and British citizen, the first comment I have to make is....**whatever happened to the security afforded to those who hold a British passport?**

For many years of our history, our citizens were protected against foreign powers and this extradition treaty seems to go against this long-standing tradition. We no longer have this protection.

In the case of Gary McKinnon for example, his actions took place on a BT phone line as it was a "dial-up" net connection. This makes the "offence" NOT a "cyber crime" but an alleged crime committed here in the UK, and therefore MUST be tried in the UK before any attempt to extradite him in line with UK legal practice.

In a different case that of the intolerable Mr Brian Howes of Bo'ness, this man plays on public sympathy yet is wanted not only by the Arizona DA for selling chemicals used in the making of Crystal Meth, but is also wanted in Arkansas on Paedophilia charges against his own daughter. There has to be NO exceptions for men like this. We do NOT want the likes of Mr Howes escaping extradition.

So in summing up, we must review the extradition treaty, but there must be cases where terrorists, paedophiles and those who pose a danger to our own national security, can be extradited on request. But each case must be treated on its own merits and certainly the McKinnon case is typical of one that should be heard in the UK courts.



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Sent: 30 January 2011 1:54 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: My views on Uk u.s extradition treaty

Yes treaties are very worthwhile arrangements and a good pursuit of foreign policy/relations.

However, whilst I like Americans and democracy and their way of life (apart from their corporate greed and need for oversize everything). I'm tired of their world policing, bragging brash attitude, credit stealing, environment polluting lifestyle.

It seems they only want Uk when it suits their globealist agenda.

And their quick to demand extradition under the treaty even when facts are objective. Yet their not so quick to offer quid pro quo. They won't even remove their trade protectionist measures yet expect the rest of the world too.

Having said that the people are great. Their politicians leave a lot to be desired.

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: 30 January 2011 8:45 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Extradition Review

I have the following points

1. All extradition treaties should be symmetric. The agreement with the US is clearly not, and should be modified asap. 2. The European Treaty assumes equality of justice and systems in the EU. That is not the case. It should be modified so that in the event of a European Warrant being issued, an appeal on the grounds of non-equal justice/treatment should be allowable. If proven the case should be heard under British jurisdiction. It clearly unfair (and possibly against human rights) to be deported to less fair system. 3. Acts committed legally in the UK should not attract any possibility of extradition to a foreign justice system. For instance the cases of "Nazi denial". 4. Extradition hearings should be able to consider the possibility of frivolous accusations being made to get a person into foreign jurisdiction for more serious (and covered by points 1 and 3 above) accusations. If believed to be the case, extradition should be refused.

Finally, whilst not a direct comment, I believe that Gary McKinnon has demonstrated adequate reasons for his extradition to be denied, and that (as the alleged crimes were committed from the UK) his trial and punishment (if any) held in the UK.

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Sent: 30 January 2011 9:37 PM
To: extradition.review
Subject: The Extradition of Gary McKinnon

Dear Members of the review commite,
I have written to My MP both Anne Keen and now Mary MacLeod on this matter and to Nick Clegg as a member of the Liberal Democrat party. I have many concerns about this on many different levels I believe it would be wrong to extradite this man and that charges should be brought here in the UK. There is much about the timing and actual charges that could be of concern and the use of legislation created to control terrorism against a person who is not a terrorist.

I have very much the impression that this is very much a case where the American establishment is blaming its own incompetence upon a hapless scapegoat. As a person not without a significant knowledge of computers and computer networks I am unable to understand how it is possible to do the amount of damage that it is claimed that he has done especially considering the technology that was current at the time. I am also a person who is very aware of the unfairness with which a person with Asperger's Syndrome can be treated because of there slightly off body language and different perception of their social environment.

very much hope that this government will not allow this extradition.

An extract from the letter I wrote to Nick Cleg:

I am writing to you as a member of the Liberal Democrat party wishing to voice my concerns over the matter of the extradition of Gary McKinnon. It is my belief that this is a misuse of legislation made for the purposes of controlling terrorism as it is quite clear that Gary McKinnon is not a terrorist.

I also have great concerns as to how fairly a person with Asperager's syndrome would be treated by the American legal system or be able to get by in an American gaol (even for a short time).

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Sent: 30 January 2011 9:05 PM

To: extradition.review

Subject: Extradition.

30 Jan 2011

Sir/Madam

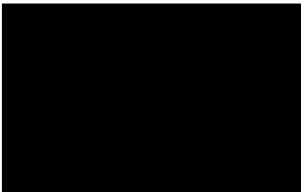
I wish to add my views as a computer professional to the debate over extradition as brought into focus by the case of Gary KcKinnon.

People accused of hacking into the computers of other countries should be tried in this country and not extradited.


Legislatures across the world often lay down unreasonable sentences for these crimes and could easily be called 'cruel and unusual'.

I urge you to make hacking a non-extraditable offence. By all means prosecute any hacking suspects in this country – it is still a serious crime.

Yours faithfully



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Sent: 31 January 2011 12:18 AM
To: extradition.review; Public Enquiries (CD)
Subject: Extradition review - my personal view on the case of U.S. vs garymckinnon (with spelling corrections)

To whom this may concern.

I am writing to you regarding the matter of requested public views on the extradition of gary mckinnon.

It is my view and understanding that gary mckinnon is an innocent man unless proven otherwise by the use of sufficiently substantiated evidence (i.e. prima facie evidence) or by any other lawful means.

If there is a claim against gary mckinnon, be it lawful or legal, let there be a fair trial by jury and let there be due process of law to prove this is indeed the case. If no evidence can be brought forward then gary mckinnon and any legal or lawful claim against him be dismissed and that any pending trial be released.

It is my understanding that our country is a great country, with many great men amongst us. I have great faith in the competence of our judges, courts, and public/civil servants and their ability and integrity with which they uphold the law. Also it is my belief that for this country to remain great, justice must be served and is the highest prerogative of all men and woman.

I have attached a "pdf" document listing the charges against gary mckinnon made by the U.S.

These charges appear to be very weak and without any prima facie evidence to substantiate them. Also, these claims lack any substance. There is no substance to the claims made by the plaintiff. It is my understanding that the U.S. may well be guilty of intent to commit fraud given the weakness of the claims and the agenda the U.S. appears to have in attempting to falsely persecute gary mckinnon. And as any educated man knows, intent to commit fraud is a very serious crime.

Further more it is my understanding that gary mckinnon is not responsible for any damages to any of the computers the plaintiff is claiming. The U.S. has not brought forward any evidence to connect the actions of gary mckinnon with the supposed/claimed damages to said computers.

Also claims that gary mckinnon has hindered the availability and use of said computers is also completely unfounded and with out any prima facie evidence or any kind of evidence for that matter.

Also the claims made by the plaintiff in this case (the U.S.) can not be proven in any way as a corporation such as the United States has NO STANDING in a court of law or any court for that matter. If the plaintiff remains silent then all claims are null and void by the tacit acquiescence of said corporation.

Given the above facts i have stated, i put it to this review panel and all associated parties to this case that the pending trial / case of U.S. vs Gary mckinnon be dismissed and released at once.

Please govern yourselves and all matters relating to this case accordingly.

Please up hold the law and serve true justice for the great people of this country. Make us and yourselves proud. Thank you very much. God bless.



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Sent: 01 February 2011 10:29 AM
To: extradition.review
Subject: Gary McKinnon Extradition

This concerns all,

Gary McKinnon should NOT be extradited to the U.S. unless the U.S. can prove to a British court he is guilty of damaging these computers. The U.S. should have physical evidence of this damage (the damaged computers, in other words) and a comprehensive demonstration of how the damage was brought about in relation to the actions of Mr. McKinnon. Be warned that any testimony or evidence provided by U.S. authorities should be looked at as dubious and scrutinized with all the investigative techniques, resources, and determination that the court might afford a member of the Royal family if they were to somehow end up on trial for espionage or treason of some other form. Only when this has been proven without ANY reasonable doubt, should extradition take place. Furthermore, the extradition agreement that the U.K. has made with the U.S. seems absurd upon reading it. I can not IMAGINE why that doctrine was ever enacted into law short of someone must have been holding a gun to the heads of U.K. officials when they signed it. Everyone of my peers has agreed with me upon reading the details; the U.K. should cast out this law and seek out a law that provides each country's citizens with equal protections. Thank you.

I am Steven Floyd Whaley (descendent of Frederic II and namesake of Whalley England) from Lynchburg, VA USA. Many citizens in the U.S. feel that our government has been rogue for far too long and we need other nations to stand up for their own citizens rights as an indirect show of solidarity with U.S. citizens at a time that we are all trying to unravel the lies and corruption that has put all nations at risk of collapse. McKinnon, in the spirit of the American forefathers (as well as some Mavericks in U.K. history) has broken the status quo and embarked on a mission to free the world from the information filters that hold it's citizens back from making informed decisions and therefor compromising everyone's pursuit of happiness and liberty. Today we also have Bradley Manning - the U.S. soldier who allegedly leaked thousands of documents pertaining to American debauchery in the Afghanistan War - and Julian Assange - under house arrest in the U.K. at this very moment for WikiLeaks (no one is buying the allegations in Sweden or any immorality on the part of Assange) - in the spotlight as well. A perfect climate for the U.K. to exercise caution in expediting the proceedings according to the imbalanced extradition agreement with the U.S.

Liberty and Justice for all!

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