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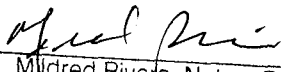
Question for the Record for DHS Secretary nominee Jeh Johnson (submitted by U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin)


In your legal practice, you assisted an American citizen who is the subject of what appears to be a politically motivated Interpol Red Notice. Unfortunately, his case is far from the only example of authoritarian states using Interpol to harass political and business opponents. Aside from the harm this does to the targeted individual, it erodes the credibility of Interpol notices and hinders its ability to fight crime. As Secretary of Homeland Security, you will be an end user of Interpol's information, your agents will be our front line stopping those subject to such notices for further investigation and, in some cases, prosecution or extradition. What proposals can you suggest to address the problem of inappropriate and abusive notices and to ensure that the U.S. government does not unwittingly become the accomplice of a foreign state using Interpol to persecute opponents as opposed to apprehending real criminals and stopping dangerous terrorists?

I recall the representation. The bureaucracy seemed impenetrable and uninterested, and I was struck that there was little the individual traveler and I could do to get the notice removed. I do not have a firm view about the solution to this type of problem, but it seems to me there ought to added flexibility to address an Interpol notice that has been triggered by an underlying action that is "politically motivated."

I, Jeh Charles Johnson, hereby state that I have read the foregoing Post-Hearing Questions for the Record and the information provided therein is, to the best of my knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.

District of Columbia: SS
Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 11 day of November, 2013


Mildred Rivera, Notary Public, D.C.
My commission expires April 14, 2018

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