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Subject: Petition seeking de-listing

Gentlemen:

My name is Richard Chichakli, I am an American citizen, and an individual included in the travel ban list SC/8569 and the asset freeze list SC/8570 pursuant to the UN Security Council Resolution 1521(2003). I am a disabled and honorably discharged United States Army veteran, and I am a Certified Public Accountant who owned and operated two public accounting practices until April 2005 in the cities of Richardson and Grand Prairie, both in Texas, the United States of America.

On April 26 2005 the United States government, Office of Foreign Assets Control closed my business and froze my assets on allegation that I was the Chief Financial Officer of the business organization of Mr. Victor Bout, an individual who is sanctioned by Executive Order 13348. On that day the government announced that its action was the result of an on-going investigation that was started two years earlier in 2002. Later on, the United States government submitted my name to your committee requesting that I be added to the list of persons sanctioned by the UN.

On 30 November 2005, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia decided to add my name to the list of persons subject to the travel restrictions imposed by paragraph 4 (a) of resolution 1521 (2003) and renewed by paragraph 1 (a) of resolution 1579 (2004) (the Travel Ban List.)

The justification you provided stated that I have been an employee of Victor Bout for about a decade, and that is totally false and untrue because I was not neither an employee or an associate of Victor Bout during the stated period of time, nor during any other period of time and I can substantiate beyond any doubt the factuality of my statement.

During the time your reports SC/8569 and SC/8570 wrongly stated that I was working for Viktor Bout, I was either an employee of the United States federal government, in the United States Army, A Co. 1/58th AVN, RGMT (FWD), The 18th Avn. Corp; or the United States Department of Justice, INS Dallas Finance Center. After separation from government service and while I was in process for gaining certification in the State of Texas as A Certified Public Accountant (CPA), I worked as an accountant in several companies through the US based employment agency "Robert Half Account Temps" and my employment records clearly indicate that I was working in excess of 8 hours per day. Besides working full-time to support my wife and children, I was also attending two universities; full-time, and my academic records are available to support my statement. I have done all of that while I am in the United

States, so please tell me how I can be the CFO handling the day-to-day operations of a company on the other side of the earth? I appeal to your common sense and to your willingness to examine the evidence. You mentioned that my resume indicates otherwise! Please tell me, if an alleged resume of mine stated that I am the president of the USA, would you believe that? My true resume does not omit the US government service, and it does not claim a false employment. The alleged resume claimed that I was an employee of Victor Bout in South Africa, and the immigration, travel, government, and tax records all prove that I was in the United States not anywhere else. I was not an employee of Viktor Bout and I never received salary or employees' benefits from the Bout's organization not once; nor throughout the decade you alleged me to be his employee. The allegation that I have held senior positions with several companies belong to Viktor Bout is false and unfounded evidenced by not having negotiated any business transaction for Mr. Bout with any of his customers, banks, employees, or associates.

Gentlemen, is it possible or even comprehensible that a CFO of an organization you described as a conglomerate has not been seen or met by a customer of the business organization? Do you see it possible that the senior employee or the CFO you stated to be me is to remain unknown to the organizations' own employees, banks, clients, and all others? The alleged mover and shaker you alleged I am, have not signed a check or any other financial instrument, nor made a telephone call or contacted a bank in a "decade of doing business" as you alleged? Victor Bout's employees who were interviewed by the FBI affirmed that I was not part of the Bout's organization. Please seek the testimony of the Director General of Bout's business Ms. Deidre Ward; she knew all of Bout's employees and she testified that I was not part of Bout's organization!

Since 1998 I formed a partnership with two outstanding CPAs in the state of Texas, that Partnership was called Chichakli, Hickman-Riggs, and Riggs, Certified Public Accountants. This Public Accounting practice was located in the State of Texas and it grew rapidly since its inception to have more than 500 tax and accounting clients with whom I personally interacted for more than 14 hours per day. How can I be a CFO of an organization you alleged to be a busy conglomerate while I was a full-time practicing CPA, in addition to being a part-time faculty teaching accounting or information systems in an American university located in Texas? The records can clearly show that I was also a professor of accounting in Collin County Community College teaching thousands of students who are all, along with my clients willing to testify that my work-day started at 7 am and ended with my class at 10 pm. How can your stated justification for designation be true? Please ask yourselves, please ask to see evidence. I do understand that no one is willing to question the desires and decisions of the United States government, but is there a possibility to, at-least, not to be accomplice to a great wrong? I am asking you to crucify me if I have done wrong, I am begging you to either terminate this injustice or terminate my existence. This status quo is good only for my tormentors.

The justification you provided is all wrong and I can prove it wrong; however, you did not and cannot prove it true because it is all false as the five-years investigation run by the United States government proved. The investigation the US government started in 2002, and OFAC alleged to evidence my relation to Viktor Bout, and which was used as a ground to destroy my family and life, and freeze my assets in April 2005, was closed in 2007. This very investigation is what the US government used to have you, the United Nations Committee, to add me to the sanction list, was terminated nearly one year ago, but yet, I am still on your sanction list.

The reason I am still on your list is because the Bush administration must have me there in order to justify its sanctions against me. It is an irony that the US government instigated the UN sanctions against me in order to manipulate the legal process in the United States. That was evidenced in the statement submitted by the US government to the federal court stating that my assets remain frozen in the US because of the UN sanctions; however, without informing the court that my name was added to the UN sanctions at the request of the US government! Now, it is you, the Security Council Committee

established pursuant to resolution 1521 concerning Liberia who provides the legal coverage for the injustice! Please examine what you were provided; please ask for evidence, please undo the injustice.

Several issues that are not related to this matter caused the Bush administration to act against me, and you the United Nations were inadvertently used to provide the legal cover for the administration illegal acts. I am appealing to you to ask and examine evidence rather than just accepting the impossible to be a fact. I brought legal action in the United States against the Bush administration requesting that the government substantiate their allegation against me, but the government caused the case to be dismissed and later its own five-years investigation were closed proving no wrongdoing on my part. The cause for which I was added to your list is terminated and no charges were brought against me for any alleged wrongdoing. However, I am still being persecuted, in part because you are maintaining my name on your sanction list. I am asking to be de-listed from your travel ban and asset freeze lists. Keeping my name on your list is hurting my family instead of hurting me, the government of Syria froze the retirement account of my 70 years old mother in order to please the US and satisfy its hatred to people with Jewish names before they had put me to torture.

I am appealing to you to be removed from your list, and I am hereby affirming that I am ready, willing, and able to provide you with any evidence you may require from me to substantiate my statement. I am a person who is being persecuted for political reasons by the United States government, and I am willing to stand trial in any court of law without any reservation. I believe in justice and the operation of law, and that is why I challenged the United States government in a court of law. I am another victim among those victimized by the Bush regime, and you are my last resort in seeking justice. The US government used me to claim victory against Viktor Bout, the person I knew 14 years ago when I was working for the government of UAE in the State of Sharjah, UAE. Please see that I am not Viktor Bout, but I am rather a 50 years old accountant of middle income, a person who worked hard to make living and to raise a family. Please see Richard Chichakli when you consider my appeal, and please ask me to provide you with anything you need to substantiate my statement. Everything you stated as justification for placing my name on your sanction lists is wrong, I can prove it if you are willing to accept the reality.

Thank you

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Chichakli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'R'.

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