

ALDE WORKING TABLE ON ALLEGED CIA FLIGHTS / SECRET PRISONS
DRAFT VERSION !!!! - 30.03.2006 - OMarzocchi

	Facts / time / links, docs	Government reaction (diplomatic, etc)	Judicial Enquiry	Parliamentary Enquiries	Further Notes / Follow up
UN	UN special representative on torture Manfred Nowak called on the European Union to investigate the allegations				
NATO	<p>NATO agreement of 4 October 2001 approved on the aftermath of the 11/9/2001 attacks on the NY twin towers</p> <p>NATO agreed to:</p> <p>"- provide blanket overflight clearances for the United States and other Allies' aircraft, in accordance with the necessary air traffic arrangements and national procedures, for military flights related to operations against terrorism;</p> <p>- provide access for the United States and other Allies to ports and airfields on the territory of NATO nations for operations against terrorism, including for refuelling, in accordance with national procedures. "</p> <p>http://www.nato.int/docu/speech/2001/s011004b.htm</p>	<p>- Reports of CIA flights to secret prisons discussed by NATO</p> <p>http://www.eubusiness.com/afp/051202173914.rtlybjph/</p> <p>- Rice discussed the issue of CIA flights with NATO Ministers, who were "satisfied"</p> <p>http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4509250.stm + press conference of Rice (see last question)</p> <p>http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2005/57805.htm</p> <p>but apparently the meeting was stormy</p> <p>http://www.watchingamerica.com/nrchanelsblad000036.shtml</p> <p>- CIA has Centers in EU countries for anti-terrorism</p> <p>http://www.indymedia.no/newswire/display/19827/index.php</p> <p>- When news of the list surfaced at the weekend, a (German) government spokesman noted that U.S.-operated flights as such are not unusual under NATO agreements. He noted that a list of aircraft movements would not detail the purpose of such flights or who ordered them.</p> <p>http://newsfromrussia.com/world/2005/12/05/69212.html</p>			
EU	see MSs	<p>- Council: Jack Straw letter on behalf of the Council to US authorities, 1.12.2005, leaked text at: http://www.blairwatch.co.uk/node/628</p> <p>- Commission: * 28.11.2005: Frattini announces serious consequences for MSs if alleged infos are</p>		<p>- EP resolution on CIA flights http://www.europarl.eu.int/omk/sipade3?L=EN&OBJID=105721&LEVEL=1&MODE=SIP&NAV=X&LSTDOC=N</p>	

		<p>true http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4478766.stm * 13.02.2006, statement in the EP TDIP committee, Frattini asks MSs to cooperate http://www.euractiv.com/Article?tcmuri=tcm:29-152598-16&type=News</p>		<p>- Setting up of a temporary committee http://www.europarl.eu.int/omk/sipade3?TYPE=DOC=MOTION&REF=B6-2006-0051&MODE=SIP&L=EN</p>	
ITALY	<p>- FLIGHTS: the CIA plane (N829MG Gulfstream III) carrying Maher Arar (Canadian citizen of Syrian origin) landed in Rome on 8.10.2002 then left for Amman (Corriere della Sera 7.12.2005, http://www.corriere.it/Primo_Piano/Cronache/2005/12_Dicembre/07/detenuto.shtml)</p>				<p>- <i>Is the IT Procura di Roma enquiring on the Arar case?</i> - <i>is there any proof of IT agents involvement / knowledge?</i> - N829MG Gulfstream III transited in Rome - new suspected plane: http://www.thewe.cc/content/more/archive2005/january/torture_jet.htm</p>
	<p>- ABDUCTION OF ABU OMAR (Hassam Osama Mustafa Nasr); he is abducted in Milan on 17.02.2003, taken to Aviano, flown to Ramstein (DE), then to Egypt; this abduction sabotaged the judiciary enquiry on Omar and other suspects (see also DE) http://www.corriere.it/Primo_Piano/Cronache/2005/06_Giugno/24/imam.shtml</p>	<p>- Government denied of being informed - 1.7.2005 Berlusconi met the US Ambassador in Rome, Sembler - Gov. obstructs the transmission of the arrest warrants to the US; * on 10.11.2005 Milan Prosecution asked the IT Justice Minister to start extradition procedures for 22 CIA suspects * on 23.12.2005 asked to transmit the acts to Interpol Minister decided not to proceed for the sake of "State reasons"</p>	<p>- Armando Spataro, Milan Prosecutor, issued (European) arrest warrants for 22 CIA agents</p>	<p>- deposition of Pollari, SISMI (secret service) director in * the IT parliamentary committee for the control of secret services * the EP TDIP parliamentary committee, in both cases denying involvement / knowledge by SISMI</p>	<p>- <i>what are the next steps after decision of Castelli not to proceed?</i> - 18.20 Aviano-Ramstein: Learjet military title «Spar 92» (meaning non identifiable passenger aboard) - 20.31, Ramstein-Cairo, executive jet N85VM, Gulfstream («Red Sox» baseball team)</p>
SWEDEN	<p>- FLIGHTS, notably 2 planes carrying prisoners from/to Guantanamo in 06.2002 and 09.2005 - Swedish authorities have confirmed one plane with alleged CIA links landed in Sweden three times since 2002 http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/7184365A-908B-49D2-AB5A-136429E85642.htm</p>	<p>- 17.11.2005: gov. began an investigation to establish whether CIA prisoner flights had used Swedish airports http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/4448792.stm - it instructed the departments and civil aviation authority to look into flights to and from SW airports by US-registered aircrafts since 2002</p>			<p>1 - N168BF Raytheon Hawker owned by Wells Fargo Bank (which owns a number of planes used at the US naval base of Guantanamo), landed at an airport in the southern city of Malmö on September 9th 2005. It reportedly breached Danish airspace later the same day on route to Britain. 2 - N50BH Gulfstream III owned by Crystal Jet Aviation and reportedly used by the CIA in the past for prisoner transports and flights</p>

					to Guantanamo, was at Stockholm's main airport Arlanda between June 21 and 23, 2002, before flying on to Iceland. That same plane reportedly landed at Norway's international airport outside Oslo last July 20. http://www.thelocal.se/article.php?ID=2511
	<p>- ABDUCTION of Muhammed AL ZERY and Ahmed AGIZA</p> <p>* Security police arrested them on 18.12.05 rendered them - after government decision - to CIA agents that flown them to Egypt. Government relied on diplomatic assurances by Egyptian authorities.</p> <p>* Al Zery has been released from detention in October 2003 but is not allowed to leave his home village without permission.</p> <p>* At the beginning of May Agiza was sentenced again to 25 years in prison by a military tribunal (Swedish embassy officials were denied access to the proceedings on two of the three days).</p> <p>* For more info: http://www.statewatch.org/news/2005/apr/04sweden-rendition-report.htm</p>	<p>- clear, proven and established government involvement in the abduction cases:</p> <p>* Government decided at 11 pm of 18.12.2001, to deport the 2 men</p> <p>* Security Police helped CIA agents</p>		<p>- parliamentary ombudsman Mats Melin issued a report criticising the role of the Security Police (SÄPO) for allowing US agents to strip, search, bound and remove http://www.statewatch.org/news/2005/apr/04sweden-rendition-report.htm full version of the report in EN: http://www.jo.se/Page.aspx?MenuId=106&MainMenuId=106&Language=en&ObjectClass=DynamX_SFS_Decision&Id=1662</p>	<p>- UN committee against torture condemned Sweden, see http://hrw.org/english/docs/2005/05/20/sweden10991.htm</p> <p>- special jet, N379P (also known as Guantanamo express or Air CIA), takes off from Bromma airport at 21.49 to Egypt with the 2 men</p>
GERMANY	<p>- FLIGHTS: notably a flight from Frankfurt to Azerbaijan suspected of carrying prisoners; <i>Die Zeit</i> affirms that the gov. has a detailed list of flights carrying prisoners</p> <p>- German government has been provided by aviation authorities with a list of at least 437 flights suspected of being operated by the CIA in German airspace, according to Der Spiegel; 2 planes alone accounted for 137 and 146 uses of airspace or landings in 2002 and 2003 http://service.spiegel.de/cache/international/0_1518_388550_00.html</p>	<p>- replied to pq: 2 CIA chartered planes have landed in 2002 137 times and in 2003 146 times in Frankfurt, Ramstein and Berlin airports</p> <p>- government asked to US authorities for information about CIA use of Frankfurt and Ramstein airports</p> <p>- no specific action on the list of flights</p>	<p>- Zweibrücken authorities (jurisdiction on Ramstein) are enquiring on the flights, notably on the one taking Abu Omar from IT to Egypt</p>	<p>- eventually committee (see below)</p>	<p>- new suspected plane: http://www.thewe.cc/content/more/archive2005/january/torture_jet.htm</p> <p>- <i>what are the latest developments on the enquiries?</i></p> <p>- <i>will enquiries also involve the list of 437 suspected flights?</i></p>
	<p>- ABDUCTION of Khaled AL MAZRI, German citizen of Lebanese origin, arrested in Macedonia on the 31.12.2003 and taken to Afghanistan for interrogation, then released</p>	<p>- Bundeskanzler Merkel raised the issue with Rice</p> <p>- government asked to US authorities for information about CIA use of Frankfurt</p>	<p>- Prosecutor is enquiring on the abduction of Khaled Al Masri</p>	<p>- parliamentary questions</p> <p>- 17.01.2006 setting up of a committee on enquiry on role of intelligence</p>	<p>Khaled el-Masri was flown on board "the big one" Boeing 737 N313P to Afghanistan; the plane had</p>

	on 28/9.05.2004	<p>and Ramstein airports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - denied in reply to p.q. any knowledge of detention centres - replied to pq that it could provide information to the committee for the control of secret services - Foreign Affairs Minister denied in intervention in the German Parliament - gov. sent confidential report to Parliament 		<p>services in Irak and anti-terrorist action, including CIA flights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FDP, Greens and Linkspartei support the setting up a parliamentary commission to investigate on relations between German Intelligence service (BND) and the CIA (10/04/2006); final decision 31.03.2005 	<p>made a stop at Mallorca</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>what is the content of the confidential report?</i>
SPAIN	<p>- FLIGHTS: at least 10 alleged CIA planes landed at airports in Majorca and the Canary Islands between January 2004 and 2005</p> <p>http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/4444416.stm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interior Minister Alonso said if the claims were confirmed, it could damage relations with the US because such flights would be intolerable in every sense - gov. brought up the issue with US Assistant Secretary of State Dan Fried during his visit to Spain during middle March - Former Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, who backed the US war of terror and was in power when the flights allegedly started, also denied any knowledge of the stopovers (all from http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/4444416.stm) - Declaration of Foreign Affairs Minister Moratinos in the Parliament 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hearing of Moratinos (Foreign Affairs Minister) at the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament - parliamentary questions 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Son San Juan base in Palma de Maiorca (Balears) used as one of the main airports for US airplanes transiting through the Balears in 2005 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public prosecutor's office of Balears (Fiscalía de Balears) acting on a complaint by a member of Parliament (Public prosecutor at the <i>Tribunal Superior de las Islas Balears</i> discontinued proceedings because of lack of evidence for the commission of an offence) - Tribunal of first instance of Mallorca (juzgado nº 7) acting on a complaint by a group of lawyers from the Balears' bar (case transferred to the <i>Audiencia Nacional</i> for reasons of competence despite prosecutor's protests) - General Prosecutor of the State (<i>Fiscal General del Estado</i>) - the Court proceedings officially transferred to the Audiencia Nacional, on the decision of the Audiencia of Palma, against the opinion of the Public Attorney of the Balearic Islands. The decision is important in itself, since the Court in Palma (three Magistrates) formally confirms the views of the investigating Judge who had began the investigation, according to whom these facts could be a case of 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Khaled el-Masri was flown on board "the big one" Boeing 737 N313P to Afghanistan; the plane had made a stop at Mallorca http://service.spiegel.de/cache/international/spiegel/0_1518_387185_00.html - "the big one" Boeing 737 N313P (dubbed the Guantanamo express by Human Rights watch) touched down in Mallorca on the 22nd of September 2003 and then was seen in Szymany airport Poland the next day, and the day after in Mihail Kogalniceanu, Romania. http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065

			<p>complicity in tortures. Therefore, according to the scope of the offence, the jurisdiction to go on corresponds to the Audiencia Nacional. It is worth noting that the Audiencia of Baleares underlines in its ruling the suspicions created by the resistance of the Public Prosecutor to go on and in depth with the investigation. The Audiencia Nacional is a specialized court, with investigation powers over the whole country...with a long experience in organised crime and fight against terrorism, among other "big" cases. + (article of Diario de Mallorca).</p>		
	<p>US airplanes transiting through the Canary Islands in 2005, airports of Gando (Gran Canaria; jan -oct 2005: at least 5 CIA plane) and of Los Rodeos y Reina Sofía (Tenerife) (this enquiry concerns three types of flights: repatriation of illegal aliens to Nigeria and Liberia, military and civil flights (<i>La Provincia + La Opinión de Tenerife + El Diario de Mallorca</i>) http://www.elmundo.es/elmundo/2005/11/18/espana/1132315880.html</p>		<p>Public Prosecutor's office (<i>Fiscalía del Tribunal Superior de Justicia de Canarias, Audiencia de Santa Cruz de Tenerife</i>) started investigations</p>		
	<p>DHC-8 with registration number N-505LL, arrived in Barcelona in the early hours of October 29 from Punta Delgada (Azores Islands, Portugal). It was parked in the cargo zone of the airport El Prat de Llobregat [Barcelona] until the early afternoon hours of October 31, when it left for Istanbul. During its stay in Barcelona, the airplane and its crew were taken care of by the handling firm Euroservice, which took care of its arrival and take-off papers and the hosting of the crew, reports Gloria Ayuso. http://www.dailykos.com/storyonly/2005/12/15/51157/720</p>				<p>DHC-8 with registration number N-505LL</p>
GREECE	<p>FLIGHTS: aircraft owned by CIA "front companies" had landed in Athens on four occasions between July and September 2002, and in May 2005 ...Avgi also reported yesterday that another CIA-owned aircraft in September 2002 landed at Souda Bay naval base, a facility on the southern</p>	<p>11.05: government initially categorically denied that Greek airports were used during the transport of extremism suspects. Greek government spokesman Theodoros Roussopoulos later specified that "all international regulations covering the</p>			<p>- see first column - get Greek article with registration numbers of planes - gov. is looking into the affaire?</p>

	<p>island of Crete used by US forces http://www.arabnews.com/?page=4&section=0&article=76326&d=16&m=1&y=2006 - Reports published by <i>The New York Times</i> and <i>The Guardian</i> provide those facts, “over 300 flights landed in Europe between November 2001 and August 2005. Germany is in the lead, with at least 94 recorded flights, followed by Britain (at least 76), the Czech Republic (15), Spain (15), and Greece (13).” http://www.aljazeera.com/cgi-bin/news_service/middle_east_full_story.asp?service_id=10040 - A Greek left-wing daily reported on that CIA aircraft “employed to transport Muslim detainees” repeatedly landed at Athens International Airport between 2002 and 2005. Avgi daily, a newspaper associated with the small Left Coalition parliamentary party, reported that aircraft owned by CIA “front companies” had landed in Athens on four occasions between July and September 2002, and in May 2005. It is unknown whether the aircraft actually contained detainees at the time, or were simply refueling, the paper said. But one of the planes has been linked to the transport of Muslim suspects out of Pakistan, Sweden and Indonesia in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States, the paper said. The flights always arrived in Athens in the early hours of the morning and left at dawn, Avgi said, without revealing the source of the aircraft identification numbers listed in the story... Avgi also reported yesterday that another CIA-owned aircraft in September 2002 landed at Souda Bay naval base, a facility on the southern island of Crete used by US forces. http://www.arabnews.com/?page=4&section=0&article=76326&d=16&m=1&y=2006</p>	<p>passage of aircraft have been respected.”</p>			<p>- <i>what are the developments concerning the alleged CIA flights in Greece?</i></p>
<p>PRISON? : allegedly, 28 persons of Pakistani origin, claim that they were threatened by two British agents who warned them that their families in Greece and the UK would suffer also if they dared complain about their treatment detained by MI6 officers. Their lawyer, Frangiscos Ragoussis, alleges that the detainees were hooded and held in secret. Alleged existence of a secret prison at Souda naval base in Crete where suspects of involvement in London bombings</p>	<p>- gov denied: "Greece's public order minister denied that his services illegally abducted Pakistani immigrants after last year's London bombings...Voulgarakis did say that over 5,000 immigrants were monitored for possible links to the attacks, and over 2,000 were "legally" interrogated." http://www.eumap.org/journal/rendition - The Greek justice ministry has nevertheless undertaken to investigate a complaint filed in July by Javed Aslam,</p>	<p>- Public Prosecutor's Office at the Athens Court of First Instance (following a complaint by the President of the association “Pakistani Community of Greece – the Unity“) - Public Prosecutor at the Supreme Court of Justice ordered the urgent examination of the case</p>	<p>- lawyer submitted a file to the Greek parliament on the allegations, automatically triggering a parliamentary investigation http://www.dailykos.com/storyonly/2005/12/14/8103/9256 - UK LibDem secretary Sir Menzies Campbell</p>		<p>- <i>gov. is looking into the affaire?</i> - <i>what are the developments concerning the alleged detention of the Pakistani?</i></p>

	<p>were allegedly subjected to violent interrogation by UK agents http://www.eurotrib.com/user/uid:989/diary http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/4526502.stm - Greek media have the name of the MI6 person who was in the Greek operation http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/4561720.stm</p>	<p>head of the Unity of Pakistan community association in Athens, who charged that seven of his fellow nationals were arrested without warrants, blindfolded and taken to a secret location for questioning http://www.dawn.com/2005/12/17/top16.htm</p>		<p>called for an intelligence and security committee (ISC) inquiry http://www.eurotrib.com/user/uid:989/diary</p>	
UNITED KINGDOM	<p>- FLIGHTS carrying prisoners to Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Syria http://www.lemonde.fr/web/infog/0.47-0@2-3214.54-719077@51-743423.0.html - Flight records show that at least 210 private jets carrying detainees apparently leased by shell companies attached to the CIA have stopped over in the UK since September 2001 http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,13509-1897755.00.html - Ministry of Defence Adam Ingram admitted in a letter to Campbell that 2 aircrafts (Boeing737 registered N313P and Gulfstream initially registered N379P and later as N8068) chartered by CIA landed 14 times at RAF Northholt west London, and RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire between Oct 2003 and May 2004 http://www.guardian.co.uk/usa/story/0,,1725222.00.html The planes had visited destinations including Tripoli, Libya; Islamabad, Pakistan; Amman, Jordan; Doha, Qatar; Marrakech, Morocco; Luqa, Malta; Shannon, Ireland; and Washington. http://www-cgi.cnn.com/2006/WORLD/europe/03/08/uk.flights.ap/index.html - aircraft suspected of being used by CIA for extraordinary renditions passed through UK airports on 73 occasions since 2001 the gov. stated on 17.03.2005. N85VM landed in Guantanamo in 2002 and 2003 via the Turks and Caribbean (UK overseas territory). http://www.statewatch.org/news/2006/mar/04uk-cia-flights.htm http://www.guardian.co.uk/print/0%2C%2C3</p>	<p>- Government denies knowing / being involved: answer to parl. question of Straw on 12.05: no CIA requests to use airports to transport suspects - leaked gov. memo so "justify" US-UK cooperation in flights http://www.newstatesman.com/pdf/rendition/rendition.pdf - letter of MoD Ingram to Campbell answering that 2 alleged CIA planes had landed in the UK military airports - Alistair Darling (Transport Minister) stated that the gov. has "made clear to the US authorities, including in recent months: (i) that we expect them to seek permission to render detainees via UK territory and airspace (including Overseas Territories); (ii) that we will grant permission only if we are satisfied that the rendition would accord with UK law and our international obligations, and (iii) how we understand our obligations under the UN Convention Against Torture" http://www.statewatch.org/news/2006/mar/04uk-cia-flights.htm</p>		<p>- Tony Baldry, the chairman of the Commons International Development Committee, called on the Foreign Office to demand answers from the US about claims that British airports had been used as stop-off points for flights transporting terror suspects to countries across the world.(The Independent - 16/02/2006) - all party group on renditions - frank exchange of letters Straw-Chairman of FA committee: http://image.guardian.co.uk/sys-files/Politics/documents/2006/02/23/147_humanrights.pdf - letter by Campbell LibDem secretary to gov. and answer http://www.guardian.co.uk/usa/story/0,,1725222.00.html - parliamentary questions, notably by Michael Moore, LibDems http://www.statewatch.org/news/2006/mar/04uk-cia-flights.htm</p>	<p>- 2 aircraft (Boeing737 registered N313P and Gulfstream initially registered N379P and later as N8068) chartered by CIA landed 14 times at RAF Northholt, west London, and RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire between Oct 2003 and May 2004 - planes' logs through RAF Northholt and RAF Brize: http://politics.guardian.co.uk/foreignaffairs/story/0,,1725223.00.html#article_continue - info on planes N2189M (non-commercial), N8183J (non-commercial), N970SJ (commercial), N129QS (commercial), N368CE (commercial and non-commercial) and N85VM (non-commercial) landed at British airports, origin and destination http://www.statewatch.org/news/2006/mar/04uk-cia-flights.htm - N85VM landed in Guantanamo in 2002 and 2003 via the Turks and Caribbean (UK overseas territory) http://www.guardian.co.uk/print/0%2C%2C329437282-103690%2C00.html - One of the planes, bearing the registration number N168D and owned by Devon Holding and Leasing, which reportedly regularly leases planes to the CIA, passed</p>

	<p>29437282-103690%2C00.html http://politics.guardian.co.uk/foreignaffairs/story/0,,1725223,00.html#article_continue - dossier on suspect flights in Scotland (by Angus Robertson MP) - see also Greece, UK MI6 involvement in the Pakistani detention</p>				<p>through Danish airspace on October 3 on route from Iceland to Budapest, according to the government http://www.thelocal.se/article.php?ID=2511 - Scottish National Party dossier: http://www.snp.org/snpnews/2005/snp_press_release.2006-01-18.7084056278</p>
<p>IRELAND</p>	<p>- FLIGHTS (airport used : Shannon) According to Amnesty International, six CIA chartered planes landed at Shannon Airport 50 times between September 2001 and September 2005 http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=10000085&sid=ac_wVfU3t7So</p>	<p>- gov. expressed total condemnation of extraordinary renditions and stated it had never authorised any over flights for that purpose; "Minister for Foreign Affairs Dermot Ahern told the Dail that Shannon had not been used in any way for extraordinary rendition flights. He said recent assurances given by US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and other US officials, were absolutely categoric and were accepted as true by the Government" (Irish Times - 23/02/2006) - 17.03.2006: Prime Minister Ahern asked Bush if there was a way to bring more "transparency" to the issue of rendition http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2006/03/17/national/w142519S85.DTL</p>	<p>- Director of Public Prosecution: Investigation in respect of 2 out of 3 complaints made to the Police on allegations relating to CIA flights transporting kidnapped terrorism suspects through Shannon Airport. - Files on two of the complaints were considered serious enough to be sent to the Director of Public Prosecution but no action was taken because of a lack of evidence of any unlawful activity.</p>	<p>- Irish Human Rights Commission urged Government to seek US agreement to the inspection of aircraft landing at Irish airports http://www.ihrc.ie/home/warticle.asp?NID=134&T=N&Print=</p>	<p>AI notified planes including: * Boeing 737-7ET, call sign N313P (later re-registered as N4476S). The largest of the six planes, with 32 seats, is owned by Premier Executive Transport Services, a CIA front company that also owns N379P. N313P has been frequently seen at US military bases, including in Afghanistan. * Gulfstream V: call sign N379P (later re-registered as N8068V and then as N44982). This plane, which has made more than 50 trips to the US detention centre in Guantanamo Bay, has been nicknamed 'The Guantanamo Bay Express'. It was also used in the CIA rendition of Ahmed Agiza and Mohammed al-Zari from Sweden to Egypt. * Gulfstream III: N829MG (later re-registered as N259SK). This plane took dual Syrian-Canadian national Maher Arar from the US to Syria where he was detained for over a year without charge, during which time he was tortured. He was finally released in October 2003. * Gulfstream IV, call sign N85VM (later re-registered</p>

					<p>as N227SV). This plane took Abu Omar to Egypt from Germany after his kidnapping in Italy, turned around and flew to Shannon. The plane's flight log also shows visits to Afghanistan, Morocco, Dubai, Jordan, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, Azerbaijan and the Czech Republic. http://www.amnesty.org.uk/news/press/16659.shtml - DK linked http://news.scotsman.com/uk/cfm?id=2361662005</p>
POLAND	<p>- FLIGHTS, notably a Boeing 737 landed at remote former airport in northeastern Poland - aircraft linked to the CIA made at least five landings at a Polish airport in 2002 and 2003... a Gulfstream jet landed there in the second half of December 2002 (and) it was approached by Polish border guards and two vans from the intelligence agent training school at Stare Kiejty, 20km away. http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0.5478.17609114%255E1702.00.html - A former chief of Polish Intelligence Agency (IA) said that he had been informed of several -less than 10 - flights of CIA airplanes over Poland, but never heard of secret CIA prisons in the country... Zbigniew Siemiatkowski told Radio Zet http://english.people.com.cn/200512/14/eng20051214_227926.html</p>	<p>- Mr Kwasniewski denied that prisoners were secretly held in his country. "Does the fight against terrorism need solidarity?" he said. "Yes, it does. Does it need co-operation by special services? Yes, it does. Where there any secret flights. Probably." http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0.5478.17609114%255E1702.00.html</p>		<p>Parliament committee informed of facts, but the information is not public</p>	<p>"the big one" Boeing 737 N313P (dubbed the Guantanamo express by Human Rights watch) touched down in Mallorca on the 22nd of September 2003 and then was seen in Szymany airport Poland the next day, and the day after in Mihail Kogalniceanu, Romania. http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065 and Boeing 737 landed on Sept. 22, 2003 http://www.cp.org/premium/ONLINE/member/elxn_en/051104/p110407A.html - see also CIA planes : http://maritimes.indymedia.org/news/2005/11/11356.php - DK linked http://news.scotsman.com/uk/cfm?id=2361662005 - A BBC 'Newsnight' investigation reported Tuesday found that in 2003, two planes regularly used by the CIA -- a Gulfstream 5 and a Boeing 737 -- landed in Poland at least five times. Three of the flights came via Kabul, Afghanistan. It detailed one itinerary of a Boeing 737 flight through Poland. Departing from</p>

					<p>Washington on Sept. 20, it flew to Tashkent in Uzbekistan via Prague in the Czech Republic. On Sept. 21 it landed in Kabul, Afghanistan, before continuing to Szczytno, Poland. It then flew to Constanta, Romania, and on to Rabat, Morocco. On Sept. 22 it made its final stop at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. http://news.monstersandcritics.com/uk/article_1065659.php?page=2</p>
	<p>- PRISONS a military expert with Human Rights Watch, Marc Garlasco, said that US intelligence had been using facilities in Poland and Romania to incarcerate and interrogate senior al-Qaida suspects; about a quarter of 100 prisoners (ca 25) had been held secretly at two former Soviet air bases in Poland; they have been airlifted out of Poland ahead of the visit to Europe by Condoleezza Rice... "Poland was the main base for interrogating prisoners and Romania was more of a hub," Marc Garlasco, of Human Rights Watch, told"... Mr Garlasco said he had learnt from CIA sources and unspecified documents obtained by Human Rights Watch that about 25 terrorist suspects were incarcerated at the Szymany air base in north-east Poland and at a bigger air base in southern Poland http://www.guardian.co.uk/usa/story/0,,1664084,00.html - (HRW + ABC + Egyptian fax), closed some months ago, in a former Soviet Union military base with 11 Al Quida responsible persons, notably Abou Zouba...? formerly detained in a similar prison in Thailand http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,17609114%255E1702,00.html - a closed off "inner zone" had been set up within the Polish military training centre at Stare Kiejkuty in northeastern Mazuria. Not even the regular Polish secret service staff</p>	<p>- Government enquiry, information to a parliamentary committee, information is not public - Mr Kwasniewski denied that prisoners were secretly held in his country</p>			

	<p>had access to this area, which was reserved for the US. The report cited a high-ranking Polish secret service officer from Kiejkuty... numerous landings of CIA-chartered planes were reported to have taken place since the end of 2002; from Stern magazine + DW http://www.expatica.com/source/site_article.asp?subchannel_id=52&story_id=26192&name='Mounting+evidence'+of+CIA+prisons+in+Poland</p> <p>- Sunday Mirror journalist visit to the alleged detention camp http://www.sundaymirror.co.uk/news/tm_objectid=16639761&method=full&siteid=62484&headline=camp-x-ray--in-poland-frist-picture--name_page.html</p>				
<p>ROMANIA</p>	<p>FLIGHTS allegations</p>	<p>- President Traian Basescu conceded on 8.2.2006 that CIA flights may have passed through Romania (at Mihail Kogalniceanu base, near the Black Sea port city of Constanta, used by the US to move troops and equipment during wars in Iraq and Afghanistan) but said authorities were not able to determine which American agency was piloting US planes... Asked whether CIA flights had landed in Romania, Mr Basescu said: "I have never rejected this reality but we reject any allegation that under [US-Romanian] cooperation human rights were not respected http://www.guardian.co.uk/usa/story/0,,1705585,00.html</p> <p>- President Basescu said he was misquoted in a Washington Post report which said he allowed the CIA to land planes at a Romanian air base and underlined he has no authority to give such approvals http://www.daily-news.ro/article_detail.php?idarticle=22503</p> <p>- Former Romanian defense minister Ioan Mihai Pascu has acknowledged that US planes carrying detainees may have refueled in the country, but has denied the existence of a secret CIA-run prison there; he stated it was a standard procedure http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/paperchase/2005/11/cia-prison-flights-may-have-refueled.php</p> <p>- the Defense Minister at that time, Ioan Mircea Pascu, stated "When an airplane of that type makes a stop over to refuel... that's something else. If there were stopovers, what's the problem? Onboard such a plane it would be American</p>		<p>- Parliamentary investigation: Investigation Committee set up by the Romanian Senate</p>	<p>- "the big one" Boeing 737 N313P (dubbed the Guantanamo express by Human Rights watch) touched down in Mallorca on the 22nd of September 2003 and then was seen in Szymany airport Poland the next day, and the day after in Mihail Kogalniceanu, Romania. http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065</p> <p>- see also CIA planes : http://maritimes.indymedia.org/news/2005/11/11356.php</p> <p>- Preliminary report of the Parliamentary committee expected by 15/2/2006</p> <p>- <i>Has it been issued?</i></p>

		territory and if something happened, <u>it was in violation of American law</u> " said Pascu. He also said that it was normal if American planes made a stopover when they were transporting prisoners. "What are we upset about? What is the problem? That they didn't walk to Guantanamo?!" Pascu reminded us that between the Romanian and American intelligence agencies there was an intense collaboration on a variety of issues. The former Defense Minister said that he was not too familiar with that because he only dealt with the Pentagon." he also later said that "parts of the base" were off-limits to Romanians http://www.eurotrib.com/story/2005/11/23/6722/8258			
	- PRISONS (HRW + ABC + Egyptian fax) closed some months ago a military expert with Human Rights Watch, Marc Garlasco, said that US intelligence had been using facilities in Poland and Romania to incarcerate and interrogate senior al-Qaida suspects;..."Poland was the main base for interrogating prisoners and Romania was more of a hub," Marc Garlasco, of Human Rights Watch from Geneva" http://www.guardian.co.uk/usa/story/0,,1664084,00.html - According to the Egyptian fax, 23 Iraqi and Afghan citizens were interrogated at a military base in Romania	- Government has not asked for further explanations to the US government: satisfied with declarations of Rice - reply of the head of the Polish delegation at PACE to Marty: no official Romanian authority was aware of detention centres; no requests for overflights or use of airports by CIA flights; military airfields not used for civilian aircrafts - OADO (HRs NGO) has visited some sites and found no proof - Former Defence Minister denied (see above), but stated that that "parts of the base" were off-limits to Romanians http://www.eurotrib.com/story/2005/11/23/6722/8258			
BULGARIA	- FLIGHTS: allegations of CIA planes flying through the Black Sea town of Burgas - CIA has flown prisoners from Iraq and elsewhere from airport to airport in Eastern Europe, including the Bulgarian Black Sea town of Burgas , Wayne Madsen Report revealed last week, as cited by "Global Research". The prisoners were placed in "dog-sized" cages on board C-130 planes. http://72.14.203.104/search?q=cache:tNCJkxSP9lgJ:www.novinite.com/view_news.php%3Fid%3D55598+Poland+CIA+flights&hl=nl&gl=be&ct=clnk&cd=162	- Foreign Minister Ivailo Kalfin denied that the CIA operates secret prisons in Bulgaria. He also denied allegations that CIA uses Bulgarian airports to transport prisoners http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=55598 and http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory?id=1340116			
	- allegations of SECRET PRISONS (Egyptian fax) http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?	gov. denied (see above)			

	xml=/news/2006/01/10/wcia10.xml&sSheet=/news/2006/01/10/ixworld.html				
PORTUGAL	<p>FLIGHTS (34 alleged), notably on one landing on the island of Santa Maria, Azores, and then flying to Guantanamo (November 2003). This one was registered under Richmor Aviation of Hudson New York.</p> <p>- Opposition suspects CIA planes landed in Portugal</p> <p>LISBON, Nov 23 (Reuters) - Portugal's left-wing opposition asked the government on Wednesday to explain a news report suggesting that CIA airplanes had used airports in Portugal to transport Islamic militant suspects. Portuguese weekly magazine Focus published pictures on Wednesday of several airplanes at Portuguese airports this year. It said they were planes used by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and could have been carrying militant suspects.</p> <p>http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065</p>	<p>- government denied</p> <p>"No aircraft from the CIA has landed with the government's permission or knowledge on Portuguese territory," since the Socialist government came to power in March, Foreign Ministry spokesman Antonio Carneiro Jacinto told Reuters.</p> <p>http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065</p> <p>- "The Portuguese state has not given any authorisation for landing or overflight of aeroplanes of the kind alleged in the press and that would have violated our legislation and international law," [Foreign Minister] Freitas do Amaral told parliament's constitutional and rights committee.</p> <p>The state had no indication that such planes had ever passed through Portugal under the present government, which came to power early this year, or previous ones."</p> <p>http://www.dailykos.com/storyonly/2005/12/15/51157/720</p> <p>- gov. raised the issue with US authorities</p> <p>http://www.ojornal.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=15659937&BRD=2677&PAG=461&dept_id=543384&rft=6</p> <p>- gov. enquiry on suspected flights during 2002-2004</p> <p>http://www.correiomanha.pt/noticia.asp?id=184574&idCanal=163</p>		<p>Fernando Rosas, a parliamentary leader from the Left Bloc opposition party, requested that Foreign Minister Diogo Freitas do Amaral appear before parliament's constitutional and rights commission to explain the photos.</p> <p>http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065</p>	<p>- Portugal has identified both Boeing and gulfstreams at the airports of Porto in the north and Tires near Lisbon.</p> <p>http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065</p> <p>- Focus magazine pictures of 15 May 2005 taken at the Tires (Cascais) airport: Gulfstream IV, code N227SV allegedly CIA plane; pic of end of May in Lajes airport: "C-130" code "N2189M". Pic of May 17 CASA CN235 code N187D stopped in Santa Maria Island and the next day an identical plane code N219D landed in ilha Terceira.</p> <p>- <i>get the Focus report</i></p>
DANEMARK	<p>FLIGHTS:</p> <p>- from official sources, flights carrying prisoners have flown over DK more or less 20 times (Le Monde map)</p> <p>- 14 flights with suspected CIA ties entered its airspace since 2001</p> <p>http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/7184365A-908B-49D2-AB5A-136429E85642.htm</p> <p>- although Gov. asked US to stop the practice, alleged CIA flights continue:</p> <p>http://www.denmark.dk/portal/page?_pageid=374.881758&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL</p>	<p>- asked to US authorities explanations</p> <p>- Danish transport ministry said in September that it had recorded at least 20 illegal over-flights by CIA planes since 2001, AFP 2.12.05</p> <p>http://www.truthout.org/docs_2005/120205_C.shtml</p> <p>-Denmark has told the CIA it can no longer use its airspace for flights used to transport suspected terrorists to other countries for interrogation, the <i>Copenhagen Post</i> reports (25/08/2005)</p> <p>- Danish Transport Minister Flemming Hansen has said a CIA-related aircraft</p>		<p>Parliamentary question by an MP</p>	<p>One of the planes, bearing the registration number N168D and owned by Devon Holding and Leasing, which reportedly regularly leases planes to the CIA, passed through Danish airspace on October 3 (2005) on route from Iceland to Budapest, according to the government</p> <p>http://www.thelocal.se/article.php?ID=2511</p>

		<p>landed at Budapest's Ferihegy airport in October 2005 http://english.people.com.cn/200512/08/eng20051208_226567.html</p>			<p>- DK linked http://news.scotsman.com/uk.cfm?id=2361662005</p>
<p>NETHERLANDS</p>	<p>- FLIGHTS: According to the NRC Handelsblad evening paper at least 8 CIA flights which could have been transporting prisoners suspected of "terrorist" activities made stopovers in the Netherlands http://www.politicalgateway.com/news/read.html?id=6248</p>	<p>- Declaration of FM in a letter to VVD MPs: "The Netherlands does not lend support to a possible system of prisons. To our knowledge, no use has been made in this regard of Dutch airspace or territory." - 26.11.2005: Dutch FM asked US for explanations http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2005%5C11%5C26%5Cstory_26-11-2005_pg4_14</p>		<p>- Parliamentary questions to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Deputy Minister of Transport</p> <p>- lively debate in the Dutch Parliament on the issue: http://www.watchingamerica.com/nrhandelsblad000336.shtml</p>	<p>"Between 2001 and 2005, eight of the planes which figure on this list made stopovers in the Netherlands for unknown reasons," according to documents obtained from the Dutch transport ministry: * Gulfstream IV N85VM flew between Washington and Amsterdam on September 13, 2002. Several months later this same plane reportedly carried Egyptian terrorism suspect Abu Omar to Egypt after he was allegedly seized by CIA agents in Italy. He remains in Egyptian custody. * On July 20, 2002, the paper said a Gulfstream III which had allegedly transported a terrorism suspect identified as Maher Arar, flew into Amsterdam from Belgium. * The Frequency Monitoring Centre in the Netherlands is now reporting on yet another CIA prisoner aircraft transiting Schipol East Airport in Amsterdam. The plane departed Schipol on November 18, 2005 enroute to Reykjavik, Iceland. The plane, a DeHavilland Dash 8-315B (registration N505LL) flew to Amsterdam from Sabiha Gökçen Airport in Istanbul, Turkey on November 16, 2005. The plane is registered to Path Corporation, a CIA front company. (Path owns three other aircraft: N120JM (Fairchild SA227-AT), N212CP (Cessna/208B), and N221SG (Gates Learjet Corp 35A). N505LL was</p>

					<p>photographed at Chandler Airport in Phoenix on May 18, 2005 and has been seen in Afghanistan on CIA covert missions. N505LL also overflew Danish territories of the Faroe Islands and Greenland and may have landed at Thule Air Base in Greenland.</p> <p>A British intelligence source postulated that the CIA planes landed with their Arab prisoners in cold climates as a form of torture itself. "The prisoners, used to the high temperatures of the Middle East would have found the sudden blast of cold air intimidating and debilitating, and, if left overnight in such temperatures, would have constituted a form of torture," said the source.</p> <p>Other CIA proprietary companies identified are Bayard Foreign Marketing, Crowell Aviation Technologies, Inc., Devon Holding and Leasing, Inc., Aviation Specialties, Inc., Keeler and Tate Management LLC, Rapid Air Trans Inc./ Rapid Air Transport Inc., Tepper Aviation, Inc., Stevens Express Leasing Inc., Premier Executive Transport Services, Inc., Aero Contractors, and Prescott Support.</p> <p>http://www.rense.com/general/68/CIAtorturemoreflight.htm</p>
FINLAND	<p>FLIGHTS, notably one " Hercules (C-130) transport plane claimed to have been used for the transport of prisoners landed briefly at Helsinki-Vantaa Airport in mid-May 2003. The plane came from Frankfurt, spent about an hour on the ground in Helsinki, and proceeded to Stockholm. The plane was said to have carried supplies for the US Embassy in Helsinki." (HELSINGIN SANOMAT)</p>	<p>- Erkki Tuomioja (soc dem), the Finnish foreign minister, said last week that Finnish authorities were not aware of any CIA flights having entered Finnish airspace. http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065</p> <p>- GOV. asked repeatedly to CIA information on any passengers aboard a cargo plane which made a stop at Helsinki</p>		<p>Heidi Hautala, Finnish Green League, is not happy with Mr Tuomioja's explanation on the CIA flights and called on the Finnish government to immediately start a public inquiry into the CIA flights</p>	<p>see http://newsroom.finland.fi/stt/showarticle.asp?intNW_SAIID=10866&group=Politics</p>

	<p>- NewsRoom Finland UPDATE w COMMENT: CIA prison aircraft landed in Finland in 2003 -Paper 23.11.2005 at 12:23 (Adds comment from the Finnish Civil Aviation Administration.) A Lockheed C-130 cargo aircraft with the text "Prescott" painted on its fuselage landed at Finland's Helsinki-Vantaa airport on 16 May 2003, reports the Wednesday issue of Borgåbladet, a Finnish Swedish-language newspaper. Prescott Support, according to Wayne Madsen, a former US National Security Agency (NSA) intelligence officer, is a front used by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to transport its prisoners. The paper adds that the aircraft carried on to Stockholm, where it was seen the next day. http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065</p>	<p>in 2003 - The US Embassy informed the Government that the aircraft only carried cargo meant for the US embassy - 23.11.2005: after a gov. enquiry (apparently due to a computer problem the gov. could not confirm the info, and a manual search allowed to clarify the truth... see http://www.hs.fi/english/print/1101981776629), Irmeli Paavola, the head of communications at the Finnish Civil Aviation Administration (CAA) confirmed that a Hercules had indeed visited Finland on 16 May 2003 http://newsroom.finland.fi/stt/showarticle.asp?intNWSAID=10866&group=Politics - 9.12.05: FM unsatisfied with US explanations http://www.hs.fi/english/article/Finland+disappointed+with+US+explanation+of+suspected+CIA+flight/1101981902658</p>	<p>http://newsroom.finland.fi/stt/showarticle.asp?intNWSAID=10866&group=Politics</p>	
AUSTRIA	<p>FLIGHTS: A CIA plane allegedly carrying suspected terrorist captives flew through Austria's airspace in 2003, air force commander Major General Erich Wolf told state radio: the flight in question - a C-130 Hercules transport plane that took off from Frankfurt, Germany, and headed to Azerbaijan - crossed Austrian airspace on 21 January, 2003 http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/7184365A-908B-49D2-AB5A-136429E85642.htm In January 2003, the Austrian air force even sent up two fighter jets to check on a suspicious Hercules flying under registration number N8183J. An investigation later revealed that the plane had taken off from the Rhine-Main Airbase in Frankfurt and was operated by Tepper Aviation, which is considered a CIA front company http://service.spiegel.de/cache/international/spiegel/0,1518,387185,00.html</p>	<p>Airforce investigation</p>		<p>- C-130 Hercules N8183J transport plane that took off from Frankfurt, Germany, and headed to Azerbaijan - crossed Austrian airspace on 21 January, 2003 operated by Tepper Aviation</p>
CZECH REPUBLIC	<p>- REQUEST FROM THE US AUTHORITIES FOR THE CREATION OF A DETENTION CENTRE: on the 02.11</p>			

	<p>the Interior Minister stated that the month before the gov. had been asked to set up a detention centre; the gov. refused (Le Monde map) + AFP</p> <p>http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/english/doc/2005-11/17/content_495516.htm and http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,11069-1855381_00.html</p>				
	<p>- FLIGHTS: notably one of 09.2003 going from Guantanamo to Uzbekistan and then Afghanistan carrying a prisoner + other flight to Poland, Morocco, Guantanamo</p> <p>- Reports published by <i>The New York Times</i> and <i>The Guardian</i> provide those facts, “over 300 flights landed in Europe between November 2001 and August 2005. Germany is in the lead, with at least 94 recorded flights, followed by Britain (at least 76), the Czech Republic (15), Spain (15), and Greece (13).”</p> <p>http://www.aljazeera.com/cgi-bin/news_service/middle_east_full_story.asp?service_id=10040</p>				<p>- DK linked http://news.scotsman.com/uk.cfm?id=2361662005</p> <p>- Gulfstream IV, call sign N85VM (later re-registered as N227SV).</p> <p>This plane took Abu Omar to Egypt from Germany after his kidnapping in Italy, turned around and flew to Shannon. The plane’s flight log also shows visits to Afghanistan, Morocco, Dubai, Jordan, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, Azerbaijan and the Czech Republic</p> <p>http://www.irishblogs.ie/post/cia-flights-used-shannon-says-amnesty</p> <p>- A BBC 'Newsnight' investigation reported Tuesday found that in 2003, two planes regularly used by the CIA -- a Gulfstream 5 and a Boeing 737 -- landed in Poland at least five times. Three of the flights came via Kabul, Afghanistan. It detailed one itinerary of a Boeing 737 flight through Poland. Departing from Washington on Sept. 20, it flew to Tashkent in Uzbekistan via Prague in the Czech Republic. On Sept. 21 it landed in Kabul, Afghanistan, before continuing to Szczytno, Poland. It then flew to Constanta, Romania, and on to Rabat, Morocco. On Sept. 22 it made its final stop at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.</p>

					<p>http://news.monstersandcritics.com/uk/article_1065659.php?page=2</p> <p>- The CIA's 737 was photographed last year both in Portugal as well as in Spain. Indeed, in the case of the latter, the date it was spotted and photographed was on March 12, 2004, one day after the Madrid bombings. Meanwhile, the Gulfstream was photographed at Ruzyně in the Czech Republic, and in Hungary a plane belonging to Devon Holding and Leasing Inc (another CIA front company) landed at Ferihegy, Budapest, on October 3, 2005, and then left the following day.</p> <p>http://www.heise.de/tp/r4/artikel/21/21444/1.html</p> <p>-</p> <p>http://www.isn.ethz.ch/news/sw/details.cfm?id=11217</p>
HUNGARY	FLIGHTS: see last column	<p>- The Hungarian government said last month that two CIA craft had landed at Budapest airport in the past two years, AFP 2.12.05</p> <p>http://www.truthout.org/docs_2005/120205C.shtml</p> <p>- contradicted ??? by: Hungarian state secretary in charge of civilian security services, Andras Toth, on Wednesday (December) reiterated in parliament that Hungary had not been involved in any of the CIA's secret prisons or similar missions</p> <p>http://english.people.com.cn/200512/08/eng20051208_226567.html</p>			<p>One of the planes, bearing the registration number N168D and owned by Devon Holding and Leasing, which reportedly regularly leases planes to the CIA, passed through Danish airspace on October 3 on route from Iceland to Budapest, according to the government</p> <p>http://www.thelocal.se/article.php?ID=2511</p> <p>- In a recent article in <i>Der Spiegel</i>, the Hungarian connection is noted. On Oct. 10, 2005, "a Gulfstream V, often used by the CIA, was on its way from a U.S. base in Keflavik, Iceland, to Budapest, Hungary, and was presumed to be carrying Islamic terror suspects," <i>Spiegel</i> reported. A Gulfstream V plane involved in many of the torture flights was registered</p>

					<p>to a company called Premier Executive Transport Services, Inc. The company was registered in Massachusetts and is described as a “foreign corporation.”</p> <p>http://www.americanfreepress.net/html/u_s_torture_flights.html What is worrying about all this is not only the extent to which the CIA operates clandestine flights, but the fact that these flights have been making regular stopovers in Europe. The CIA's 737 was photographed last year both in Portugal as well as in Spain. Indeed, in the case of the latter, the date it was spotted and photographed was on March 12, 2004, one day after the Madrid bombings. Meanwhile, the Gulfstream was photographed at Ruzyně in the Czech Republic, and in Hungary a plane belonging to Devon Holding and Leasing Inc (another CIA front company) landed at Ferihegy, Budapest, on October 3, 2005, and then left the following day.</p> <p>http://www.heise.de/tp/r4/artikel/21/21444/1.html</p>
	<p>PRISON??? American Free Press report alleges that in Kaposvar, in southern Hungary, there is a US base where Iraqis are trained, and where a detention centre could be hosted (not very convincing article) http://www.americanfreepress.net/html/u_s_torture_flights.html</p>	<p>2005/11/03 · <i>Deutsche Welle</i> on detention centers: Hungary's intelligence chief said Budapest had not been approached, and that "the mere suggestion of this is absurd."</p>			<p>http://www.americanfreepress.net/html/u_s_torture_flights.html</p>
MALTA	<p>FLIGHTS: 8 stopovers at Malta International Airport by seven different aircraft from 2003 to 2005. (press sources)</p>	<p>- The foreign Ministry officially requests information from the British government after details emerge in Britain on the nature and origin of these flights. -Following the confirmation of the British government that Malta was one of the countries where CIA flights carrying terror</p>			<p>The Malta Independent "has reported stopovers in Malta by a De Havilland Canada DHC-6-300 Twin Otter in Malta between 2 and 3 August 2005, Lockheed L-100 Hercules with tail number N8213G on 31 March</p>

		<p>suspects landed, Foreign Affairs Ministry in Malta asked the US for information about these claims. the permanent secretary at the Foreign Ministry called for a meeting with US Ambassador Molly Bordonaro and with the Charge d'Affaires at the British High Commission (MaltaMedia News Mar 10, 2006)</p> <p>- Government had said it had no knowledge of any illegal activity carried out by the CIA.</p>			<p>and on 25 August 2004, a Boeing 737 with tail number N313P 6 December 2003 and a Gulfstream jet with tail number N227SV on 17 December 2004.</p> <p>New information collected by this newspaper shows that a Casa CN235 CT7 with tail number N196D was spotted in Malta on 17 and 18 May 2004. The plane had arrived from Frankfurt and departed, interestingly, for Amman, Jordan.</p> <p>On 14 and 15 December, a Casa C212-CC Aviocar with tail number N963BW was seen in Malta, having arrived from Seville, Spain and departed for Cairo, Egypt. Finally, another aircraft linked to extraordinary rendition, a Casa CN-235-300 with tail number N168D, also landed in Malta on 12 August."</p> <p>- Greens bring up issue of alleged CIA flights in Malta in the European Parliament (Spanish Green MEP Raul Romeva i Rueda) http://www.imcmalta.org/drupal/?q=node/83</p>
<p>CYPRUS</p>	<p>- FLIGHTS: see last column</p>	<p>- Government answered to Marty that is not aware of secret detention centres, and that hinted planes had landed in airports, all of a technical nature (therefore not subject to authorisation); indicated that it intends to use the diplomatic channels to get explanations</p>			<p>"According to local media reports, a Boeing 737 and a Gulfstream executive jet allegedly chartered by the CIA passed through the international airports of Paphos and Larnaca between 2002 and 2005. Phileleftheros newspaper listed four such flights in the first half of 2004 that took off in Washington and stopped over in Cyprus before going on to Portugal, Greece, Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, Jordan</p>

					and Morocco."
KOSOVO	<p>- HR Commissioner stated that a secret prison could have existed in the US base of Bondsteel</p> <p>- UN human rights ombudsman for Kosovo, Marek Nowicki, spoke of similar experiences. "We have no idea what's going on there," he told the Berliner Zeitung in Germany. "It looked like the pictures we know from Guantánamo."</p> <p>http://www.guardian.co.uk/usa/story/0,,1664084.00.html</p>				
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	<p>ABDUCTION:</p> <p>6 Bosnians abducted by American agents on Bosnian soil and taken to Guantanamo, despite a B-H Federal Supreme Court judgment ordering their release after police investigation failed to uncover evidence against them.</p>				
FYROM Macedonia	<p>- ABDUCTION: cooperation in the abduction of El Masri</p> <p>- article in Sonntagsblick 8.11.05 reporting content of an intercepted fax of 11/12.11.05 the Egyptian authorities to Egypt embassy in London referring to detention centres in ROM, BULG, Ukraine, Macedonia, Kosovo</p>		Prosecutor Aleksandar Prcevski announced enquiry	parl.committee established?	
NORWAY	<p>- Aviation authorities had confirmed three suspected CIA flights</p>	<p>- government summoned a US embassy official over the landing in Oslo on 20 July of a plane which according to media reports was one of those the CIA used to transport the suspected extremists. According to a foreign ministry spokesman, the official "denied that the plane in question had been used by the American authorities at the time".</p> <p>http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/4CF33882-0B6F-4F3A-8783-8B33F76531BE.htm</p> <p>- Assurances given by the US Embassy: the United States abide by Norwegian laws, respect Norwegian territorial sovereignty and will not use Norwegian airports without prior consultation with the Norwegian authorities.</p>			<p>Another plane, a N50BH Gulfstream III owned by Crystal Jet Aviation and reportedly used by the CIA in the past for prisoner transports and flights to Guantanamo, was at Stockholm's main airport Arlanda between June 21 and 23, 2002, before flying on to Iceland, according to TT. That same plane reportedly landed at Norway's international airport outside Oslo last July 20.</p> <p>http://www.thelocal.se/article.php?ID=2511</p> <p>flying to Paris</p>

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ICELAND	<p>- Television reports at least 67 landings (of CIA aircraft) since 2001 http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/4448792.stm</p>	<p>- The government asked the US for an explanation, but it doesn't have an answer yet http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/4448792.stm</p> <p>- Iceland said it was not satisfied with Washington's response to allegations that CIA planes had landed on its territory at least 67 times since 2001, AFP 2.12.05 on http://www.truthout.org/docs_2005/120205_C.shtml</p> <p>- Icelandic Prime Minister Halldor Asgrimsson denied allegations from political opponents that the country's government had given Washington formal permission to use the island as a stop-over point for CIA prisoner planes. http://www.thelocal.se/article.php?ID=2511</p>			<p>Another plane, a N50BH Gulfstream III owned by Crystal Jet Aviation and reportedly used by the CIA in the past for prisoner transports and flights to Guantanamo, was at Stockholm's main airport Arlanda between June 21 and 23, 2002, before flying on to Iceland, according to TT.... One of the planes, bearing the registration number N168D and owned by Devon Holding and Leasing, which reportedly regularly leases planes to the CIA, passed through Danish airspace on October 3 on route from Iceland to Budapest, according to the government... On Thursday (17.11.2005) however, the Icelandic daily Morgunbladid reported that a Casa CN-235 plane owned by Devon Holding and Leasing had landed late Wednesday at Reykjavik airport en route from Scotland to Canada, and left early Thursday. http://www.thelocal.se/article.php?ID=2511</p> <p>Iceland has proffered details on 67 CIA flights since 2001 using both Boeing and Gulfstream V aircraft http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065</p>
SWITZERLAND	<p>- flights (press of June 2005) several aircraft which had temporarily landed in CH and were suspect of carrying prisoners</p> <p>- abduction of José Padilla, US citizen, flying in 05.05 from Pakistan to Zurich, under surveillance, questioned by CH police, then to Chicago where he was detained without charges, then handed over to the civil justice</p>	<p>- Foreign Affairs Minister asked in a visit to the US for explanations to Rice (06.05)</p> <p>- repeated requests to US Ambassador in 12.05, without reply</p>	<p>- enquiry on the use of CH airspace in IT/Abu Omar case (see IT)</p>	<p>- Parliamentary committee on the Padilla case</p> <p>- report not accessible, since it contains information concerning 3rd parties and potentially harmful to relations with another country</p>	

	authorities in fear of Supreme Court ruling; - article in Sonntagsblick 8.11.05 reporting content of an intercepted fax of 11/12.11.05 the Egyptian authorities to Egypt embassy in London referring to detention centres in ROM, BULG, Ukraine, Macedonia, Kosovo				
FRANCE	Two flights : one from Norway with a stopover in le Bourget airport - Paris (20/07/2005) and the other from Canada to Turkey with a stopover in Brest airport (31/03/2002) - the existence of these two flights have been revealed by "le Figaro"	- Jean Baptiste Mattei, spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs declared that the existence of such flights could be possible (02/12/2005) Foreign Affairs Ministry answered to Marty: it is checking with the civil aviation authorities on 2 alleged CIA chartered flights that made a stop in F territory - The Ministry of Foreign affairs has remained quiet for two months (Le Figaro - 02/03/2006)	Bobigny Prosecutor entrusts the task to investigate on the first flight to the "compagnie de gendarmerie des transports aériens de Roissy"		
BELGIUM	At least two flights : The first flight (17/07/2002) in Deurne (Anvers) airport Another from Anvers to Schipol airport (Netherland) (20/07/2002) carrying a prisoner named Maher Arar from a Syrian jail (Le Soir - 09/03) http://www.borrull.org/e/noticia.php?id=57186	- In 12/2005, the Minister of Mobility, Rennat Landuyt assured, after an enquiry, that "none CIA plane has made a stopover in a belgian airport" for the last five years. - this position was confirmed by the belgian government answering to the questions asked by the secretary general of the Council of Europe - This position was denied by the President of the belgian Senate, Anne Marie Lizin. According to intelligence services sources, she declared that secret CIA flights existed in Belgium		- the belgian government launched an enquiry	- get more information on government inquiry
SLOVAKIA		Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic said there was no request for detention of terror suspects and even if there had been it would be refused on security grounds			
LITHUANIA	Lithuania has confirmed CIA use of its airspace a dozen times between 2001 and 2003 but denies any landings http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065	Vice-Minister of Justice Gintaras Svedas declared in november 2005 : "According to information available to me, there are no illegal secret prisons in Lithuania for sure" http://www.baltictimes.com/news/articles/13953/			
ESTONIA	Estonia sighted the notorious Boeing N313P at Talin airport on the 11th of January 2003. http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065				
LATVIA	Latvia has admitted CIA have used their				

	<p>airspace but like Lithuania deny any landings, all 3 baltic states deny the existence of a blacklist camp on their territory</p> <p>http://www.indymedia.ie/newswire.php?story_id=73065</p>				
TURKEY	<p>According to the Hurriyet daily, a plane landed in November 15, 2005 at Sabiha Gokcen airport of Istanbul from Azerbaijan, which was confirmed by the Transport Minister, Binali Yildirim. This plane is said to belong to "Pegasus Technology".</p> <p>http://archive.turkishpress.com/news.asp?id=81050</p>	<p>- Transport Minister declared he didn't know if it was or not a CIA plane. "There was a landing requested for technical reasons. Its landing was authorised. It was not carrying any passengers -- only equipment was on board," the minister was quoted as saying</p>			<p>In his reply to Council of Europe (CoE) Secretary General Terry Davis, Ankara omitted a response to the question of whether the country has started an investigation over the issue. As a consequence, Turkish Foreign Ministry has to prepare another report on Turkish contributions to secret CIA detentions and flights.</p> <p>http://www.thenewanatolian.com/tna-2640.html</p>
CANADA	<p>- Maher Arar's case http://www.maherarar.ca/</p> <p>- According to the Quebecois daily newspaper la Presse, 13 American airplanes have landed 55 times in 10 different Canadian airports since September 11, 2001. At least 7 different airplanes are said to have landed at Terre - Neuve et Labrador airport, Nuwanu and in Ontario since mid 2005. The most well known are :</p> <p>- a 40 - seat turboprop which landed in St John's (registration number N 196 D, built in 2003 and registered as a corporate jet - the corporation is identified as Devon Holding & Leasing Inc., headquartered at a downtown in Lexington, N.C.)</p> <p>http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=1133651412559&call_pageid=968332188854&col=968350060724</p> <p>- an 11 - seat turboprop with tail number N157A arrived in February 12, 2005 in Goose Bay, N.L., from Raleigh Durham International Airport in North Carolina</p> <p>Newly declassified memos show that 20</p>	<p>A federal enquiry started in autumn 2005 concluded in January 2006 that there was no evidence of illegal activities regarding alleged CIA flights in canadian sky.</p> <p>http://www.ledevoir.com/2006/01/16/99823.html</p>		<p>The opposition Bloc Quebecois demanded answers on CIA flights in the Canadian Parliament, accusing the liberal government of hiding the truth.</p> <p>http://www.theepochtimes.com/news/5-11-25/35005.html</p>	<p>http://www.parl.gc.ca/ (site of the Canadian Parliament)</p>

	planes with alleged CIA ties have made 74 flights to Canada since September 11, 2001. http://www.canada.com/topics/news/national/story.html?id=44994bef-4467-44c6-bdec-6636dfd477				
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General information:

- maps on CIA flights by Le Monde:

<http://www.lemonde.fr/web/infog/0.47-0@2-3214.54-719077@51-743423.0.html>

<http://www.lemonde.fr/web/infog/0.47-0@2-3214.54-717888@51-743423.0.html>

CIA flights:

<http://argentina.indymedia.org/news/2005/11/345053.php>

<http://chicago.indymedia.org/newswire/display/65584/index.php> organisational chart

<http://news.scotsman.com/uk.cfm?id=2361662005>

The new flight documents seen by The Scotsman were produced in response to a request from a Danish MP, Frank Aaen, who wrote to the foreign minister Per Stig Moeller in August requesting the flight plans for all suspected CIA flights passing through Danish airspace. The foreign minister's reply revealed 12 of the 14 flights made by CIA plane N379P through Danish airspace originated in, or were bound for, Scotland. The plane, a Gulfstream V turbojet, travelled on 12 separate occasions to destinations including Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan, countries with notorious human rights records and where CIA agents are suspected to have taken terror suspects for questioning outside the controls of international law. The Danish government has since banned CIA flights from the country's airspace. The flight plans record the arrival of a flight in Glasgow from Uzbekistan on 14 December, 2001. Four days later, the same plane landed in Sweden, where, in a case that was extensively documented by Swedish media, two Egyptian terror suspects, Muhammed al-Zery and Ahmed Agiza, were arrested and deported to Egypt for questioning, where both claim to have been tortured. According to the Danish documents, another suspected CIA plane left Prestwick on 7 February, 2005, passing through Danish airspace en route for Baghdad.

http://realcostofprisons.org/blog/archives/2005/11/cia_prisons_in.html

Mark Garlasco, a senior military analyst with the New York-based organization, said the group matched the flight patterns with testimony from some of the hundreds of detainees in the war on terrorism who have been freed by the United States. He said that in September 2003, a Boeing 737 flew from Washington to Kabul, Afghanistan, making stops in the Czech Republic and Uzbekistan. On Sept. 22 -- the same day Polish officials said a Boeing arrived -- he said the plane flew to Szczytno-Szymany Airport, then to Romania, Morocco and finally to the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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http://thailandesl.chazzsongs.net/inews_cia_torture_flights.htm

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=497>