

Ascertained Flights

Austria

One 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;

In January 2003, the Austrian air force 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

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Belgium

In 12/2005, the Minister of Mobility, Rennat Landuyt, assured, after an enquiry, that "no CIA plane has made a stopover in a Belgian airport" for the last five years. This position was not accepted by the President of the Belgian Senate, Anne Marie Lizin. According to intelligence services sources, she declared that secret CIA flights existed in Belgium.

Croatia

Dubrovnik airport, manager Tonci Peovic, confirmed that the Boeing 737 plane with the registration number N4476S had landed at the airport on 23 April 2005 and left two days later.

"The airport's log book contains entries on a plane with registration number N4476S from Khartoum in Sudan landing in Dubrovnik on 23 April 2005 and leaving for the United States on 25 April 2005" Peovic told HINA.

Denmark

Danish Transport Ministry said in September that it had recorded at least 20 illegal over-flights by CIA planes since 2001. The Danish Foreign Ministry has asked the CIA to avoid Danish airspace altogether when transporting secretly held prisoners or flying for other "purposes that are incompatible with international conventions." The request came after Danish officials disclosed that a plane that had been chartered by the spy agency stopped for unknown reasons for 23 hours last March at Copenhagen airport. Danish Transport Minister Flemming Hansen has said a CIA-related aircraft landed at Budapest's Ferihegy airport in October 2005.

France

Two flights: one from Norway with a stopover in Le Bourget airport (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 was 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). A criminal investigation is taking place in Bobigny.

Germany

The German government has a list of at least 437 flights suspected of being operated by the CIA in German airspace, according to a German magazine. **The number comes from German air traffic controllers.** The weekly Der Spiegel said two planes alone accounted for 137 and 146 uses of airspace or landings in 2002 and 2003. The report said the heaviest traffic was at Airports in Frankfurt, Berlin, and at the American air base in Ramstein.

Great Britain

Alistair Darling, the transport secretary, disclosed Aircraft suspected of being used by the CIA for "extraordinary rendition" passed through British airports on 73 occasions since 2001. They included an aircraft which left the Afghan capital Kabul and landed in Edinburgh in November 2002 before continuing its journey to Washington.

The aircraft, registered N85VM, landed at Guantánamo Bay on a number of occasions in 2002 and 2003, sometimes via the Turks and Caicos islands in the Caribbean, a British overseas territory, according to flight records seen by the Guardian.

The National Air Traffic Service has previously said there were 200 flights through British airspace in the past five years by the CIA planes associated by campaigners with rendition.

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 twelve 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 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.

Greece

Three CIA flights to Heraklion in August 2004. The incident involved different types of aircrafts: a Cessna 44 CoNguest, a Dornier Do 228 series 200 (a environmental patrol aircraft) and a Dassault Mystere-Falcon. The countermeasures system carried by the aircrafts - a system to keep aircraft from being tracked by search radars - forbids landing on a civil airport, since they can cause disruptions to its flight control system. The 3 aircrafts **were allowed to make a stop** at Heraklion airport by the Greek Civil Aviation and the flight crew were US nationals. Greek intelligence officials have not excluded the possibility that the aircrafts were carrying terror suspects or were used to arrest terrorists.

Ireland

According to Amnesty International, six CIA chartered "torture" planes landed at Shannon Airport 50 times between September 2001 and September 2005, but the Irish government stated it had never authorised any over flights for that purpose. Prime Minister Ahern asked Bush if there was a way to bring more "transparency" to the issue of rendition.

Malta

Eight stopovers at Malta International Airport by seven different aircraft from 2003 to 2005. After the United Kingdom confirmed that the destinations and origins of the US planes suspected of secretly carrying terror suspects through Britain were Malta, Libya, Pakistan, Qatar, Morocco and the United States, Malta has requested the US information about these claims.

Netherlands:

Press reports describe at least eight CIA flights, but the the Dutch Foreign Minister has denied them

Norway

In Norway, the Avinor state airport confirmed three flights, but the country's Prime Minister played down the seriousness of the allegations, saying he received assurances from American authorities that no prison transport plane has landed in Norway.

Poland

AFP reports in December 2005 that 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. It also reports that a former chief of Polish Intelligence Agency (IA) Zbigniew Siemiatkowski told Radio Zet 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.

Portugal

"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. Opposition suspects CIA planes landed in Portugal, possibly 34 flights landing on the island of Santa Maria, Azores, and then flying to Guantanamo (Reuters, November 2003).

Romania

President Traian Basescu conceded (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.

Spain

According to articles by Matias Valles, journalist of the Spanish newspaper "Diario de Mallorca" more than a dozen of CIA flights had used the airports of Mallorca and Canarias Islands for a period of one year (January 2004-2005). "Diario de Mallorca" also corroborates the Washington Post allegation that CIA's planes were connecting Palma with Romania, Afganistan, Egypt, Morocco. In one case the airport of Palma was used as a stop by the CIA plane (Boeing 737 N 313P) involved in the abduction of Khaled al-Masri in Macedonia, early last year. Furthermore, other flights operated by the Gulfstream company, belonging to CIA, took off from Palma directed to Guantanamo and transporting alleged terror prisoners.

Sweden

Swedish authorities have confirmed one plane with alleged CIA links landed in Sweden three times since 2002. On 18.12.05 special jet, N379P (also known as Guantanamo express or Air CIA) took off from Bromma airport to Egypt with al Zery and Agiza, upon request of the Swedish government.