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**Congressman Ed Royce
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Dear Congressman Royce:

Few days ago I was pointed by a reporter to a conversation contained in a video you and Assistant Secretary of State Campbell had before the Committee on Foreign Affairs, in particular, to statements you have made concerning the matter of Viktor Bout and your concerns about "world peace" should the court in Thailand abstain its earlier decision concerning his extradition to the US.

Congressman, I am not writing you to speak for Viktor Bout, but rather to speak for myself and to remind you of the few previous letters I have written to you regarding my own situation and my ability to help the US in getting the facts about Viktor Bout. Unfortunately, I have been waiting for five years and I am yet to hear back from you, despite your manifestation of being very concerned about this matter. It has been five years, two different US administrations, and two different sets of congress; yet, all I see and hear is imaginary single-sided tales, a repetition of Douglas Farah's invented stories; the "orthodox" stories adopted by "mainstream" media. What you know about this case is in fact the orthodox view, but please let me remind you that earth was considered flat by the orthodox view and good people were persecuted because they questioned the orthodox view.

I do know how that feels, I have been persecuted for five years, and unfortunately, a person like yourself, a person who claims to be concerned about justice, is not willing to listen to more than one side, nor considers the possibility that errors, mistakes, and malice may exist in the version he delivers. Congressman, what you know is incorrect, incomplete, and flawed. Congressman, I personally know Viktor Bout and his family, friends, and associates, and during a certain point in time I was very familiar with his business and most of his operations, and please let us not forget that I am a CPA and, at least on one occasion, I have also examined his organization, business operations, and financial records. I am fully aware that you know very well what I just stated about my knowledge and everything else about me, the question here is, "Why don't you ask me?"


Despite your knowledge, and which was attested to by the US State Department and consequently transmitted to the United Nations Security Council in late 2005 by the Bush administration, I wonder why would you summon Douglas Farah to testify twice before congressional committees in which you are a member about a person he did not know and was not acquainted with, and about operations in which he was not involved nor did he have firsthand knowledge about. Congressman, I wonder why should I need to remind you that the person you appointed as an expert on this matter, Douglas Farah, is an unemployed journalist who does not have direct knowledge about the matter he testified about, nor had he ever received or possessed any academic training or work experience in the subject matter of his testimonies before your committee. Farah lied and committed perjury because of financial benefits; this is the only story he derives income and recognition from, and all he had said is now proven to be false. In fact in the next few weeks, a newly published book is likely to question the very integrity of the stories I heard you repeating last week. It is just a matter of time.

Congressman, it can be true that politics may require that what you say is not necessary what you do, but knowingly repeating what you are aware of being questionable is no politics by any means. If the intention is to know facts, I can deliver facts; otherwise, it is Farah who you should ask if this is just an extension of the Bush's motto "if you don't agree with us, then you are the enemy."

Congressman, I am not an enemy, I am an American citizen, a decorated and honorably discharged United States Army soldier, a disabled war veteran who never had reservation in serving our great nation. I am an accountant, a CPA who was serving 500 tax and accounting clients at the time the false stories you are repeating alleged that I was running the day to day operations of a conglomerate at the other side of the earth from where I was. I was a soldier at Ft. Campbell, I was a full-time employee of the US Dept. of Justice, I was an accountant working 18 hours a day in Texas, a soccer coach to Richardson's youth, and I also was a professor of accounting teaching America's future generations at the Community Colleges. I am not the enemy; I am a person who was wronged by the government, a person who is still challenging the government to the US court. I am ready to stand by what I say in a court of law, are you ready Congressman? Is your concern about justice genuine? It is ironic to see asking for justice in a case involving Russian citizen, and justice is yet to be served for this American citizen after seven years of an alleged investigation and the unjustified destruction of his life.

Please listen to both sides and let us not repeat the Weapon of Mass Destruction scenario. Congressman, you come across as you are just repeating Farah's inventions despite knowing that he is speaking about matters in which he is not qualified and about people he never met or knew. Please consider that the orthodox view is not always correct, and the government can make mistakes.

Respectfully

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

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