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New Evidence Confirms Poland Complicit in CIA Secret Detention Program
CHRGJ Data Analysis Shows Rendition Flights Landed in Poland

(New York, March 9, 2010)—New flight data analysis confirms Poland’s involvement in the CIA’s secret detention and extraordinary rendition program, said the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (CHRGJ) at New York University School of Law today as it submitted its [findings](#) to Polish prosecutor, Robert Majewski. Prosecutor Majewski launched an inquiry into Poland’s role in the CIA’s secret detention program more than two years ago.

The Center’s detailed analysis of data tracking the movements of suspected CIA rendition flights shows that the flights landed in Szymany, Poland in June and September 2003. It also reveals that the planes in question traveled with the express authorization of both the United States and Poland and that Polish authorities knowingly facilitated them.

“Our analysis of flight data confirms our suspicions that the CIA’s secret detention program relied on the complicity of a wide network of actors, including Polish authorities,” said CHRGJ Faculty Director, Margaret Satterthwaite. “As the evidence grows, so does the need for a thorough accounting of exactly how this program worked. Armed with this new information, Prosecutor Majewski’s investigation could make significant strides toward justice, which is long overdue.”

The Center’s flight data analysis corroborates previous allegations that there was a secret CIA “black site” near Szymany, Poland. It also lends credence to the accounts of former “black site” detainees such as Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who believes he was held in Poland. For example, data analyzed by the Center shows that a rendition flight left Poland for Romania on September 22, 2003, the same day that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed believes he was transferred from a secret facility in Poland to another secret prison nearby.

“While the CIA continues to withhold the facts on its extraordinary rendition and secret detention program, our data speaks for itself,” said Satterthwaite. “This could deal a

serious blow to the CIA's wall of silence and represents a breakthrough in the search for truth about this clandestine program.”

To access the Center's submission to the Polish prosecutor, please click [here](#).

To learn more about CHRGGJ's work on accountability for abuses committed in the name of U.S. counter-terrorism policy, please see: <http://www.chrgj.org/projects/detainees.html>

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About the CHRGGJ

Reports and legal memoranda published by the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice on extraordinary rendition, disappearances, and detainee abuse have been cited in the Council of Europe's major report on secret flights and prisons in Europe, distributed to members of the U.K. Parliament, and used by numerous non-governmental organizations. The Center was established in 2002 to stimulate cutting-edge scholarship and to make original and constructive contributions to on-going policy debates in the field of human rights. By emphasizing interdisciplinary analyses, the Center's programs seek to situate international human rights law in the broader context of the political, jurisprudential, economic, sociological, historical, anthropological and other influences that shape it and determine its impact.

Philip Alston is the Center's Faculty Chair, Ryan Goodman is Faculty co-Chair, and Smita Narula and Margaret Satterthwaite are its Faculty Directors; Jayne Huckerby is Research Director; and Veerle Opgenhaffen is Senior Program Director.