

U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement

Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

For Six Month Period Ending 10/31/2011

(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant

(b) Registration No.

Olivia Goumbri

5957

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

901 Dryden St. Silver Spring, MD 20901

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

- (1) Residence address(es) Yes No
- (2) Citizenship Yes No
- (3) Occupation Yes No

(b) If an organization:

- (1) Name Yes No
- (2) Ownership or control Yes No
- (3) Branch offices Yes No

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

In item (a) my address changed and was filed with the FARA office already.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes No

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No
- If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No
- If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A³ Yes No Exhibit B⁴ Yes No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

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All activities were of a political nature and are described in response to item 12 of section III (see attachments).

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

(see attached logs)

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activity" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
5/1/11-10/31/11	Embassy of Venezuela	fee	\$30,000

\$30,000

Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D to your registration? Yes No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).
 8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.
 9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal. did not travel to events or endure any costs for production of materials during this time.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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10, 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²
 Yes No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?
 Yes No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.
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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No
 If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:
 Radio or TV broadcasts Magazine or newspaper Motion picture films Letters or telegrams
 Advertising campaigns Press releases Pamphlets or other publications Lectures or speeches
 Other (specify) _____

Electronic Communications

Email
 Website URL(s): www.venezuela-us.org
 Social media websites URL(s): www.twitter.com/vzlaembassyus
 Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:
 Public officials Newspapers Libraries
 Legislators Editors Educational institutions
 Government agencies Civic groups or associations Nationality groups
 Other (specify) _____

21. What language was used in the informational materials:
 English Other (specify) spanish

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes No

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)

November 17, 2011 _____

/s/ Olivia Goumbri _____

eSigned

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

FARA Reporting Log			Olivia Goumbri May 2011-Oct 2011			
Date	Person Contacted	Position/Title	Organization	Contacted	Subject Discussed	Position Advocated
1-May-11	Arturo Griffiths	activist/labor	Jobs with Justice	email	event w Ven official	consider attending
3-May-10	Netfa Freeman	director	SALSA-IPS	email	dinner w Ven official	consider attending
3-May-11	John Trimble	professor	Howard University	email	dinner w Ven official	consider attending
3-May-11	Luci Murphy	activist		email	dinner w Ven official	consider attending
4-May-11	Jenny Wood	legislative assistant	Office of Karen Bass	email	meeting w Ven official	meet with him
4-May-11	Stephen Lassiter	staffer	Office of Keith Ellison	email	meeting w Ven official	meet with him
4-May-11	Drew Stout	staffer	Office of Sheila Jackson Lee	email	meeting w Ven official	meet with him
4-May-11	Scott Exner	staffer	Office of Barbara Lee	email	meeting w Ven official	meet with him
4-May-11	Kenya Handy	staffer	Office of Yvette Clarke	email	meeting w Ven official	meet with him
10-May-11	listserv-general public			email	report by IISS	read and pass on to others
10-May-11	listserv-general public			email	Farc Files	read and get all the facts
13-May-11	Mesi Walton	student	Howard University	in person	upcomign delegation to Venezuela	organize report back about trip to Venezuela
13-May-11	David Gespass	president	National Lawyers Guild	email/phone	upcoming conference	consider inviting Ven official to speak
20-May-11	Stephanie Brown	staffer	NAACP	email	upcoming conference in Venezuela	attend
21-May-11	Bill Fletcher Jr.	activist		email	upcoming conference in Venezuela	attend
21-May-11	Peter Hardie	president	Pushback Network	emails	upcoming conference in Venezuela	attend
23-May-11	Peter and Gail Mott	activist		email	recent article on Venezuela	consider responding
25-May-11	listserv-general public			email	US Sanctions against PDVSA	read statement and pass on
25-May-11	Maryann Rodriguez	assistant	Office of Cornel West	email	public letter	consider signing
25-May-11	James Early	director	Folklife Smithsonian	email	public letter	consider signing
25-May-11	Nicole Lee	director	TransAfrica Forum	email	public letter	consider signing
25-May-11	Tom Hayden	activist		email	public letter	consider signing

2-Jun-11	Ajamu Baraka	activist		email	upcoming conference in Venezuela	attend
2-Jun-11	Nora Rasman	coordinator	TransAfrica Forum	email	upcoming conference in Venezuela	attend
6-Jun-11	Lennox Yearwood	president	Hip Hop Caucus	email	upcoming conference in Venezuela	attend
8-Jun-11	Kittey Kelly Epsein	activist/radio host		email	upcoming education conference	invite Ven educators to speak
14-Jun-11	Kimberly Mayfield	educator	Holy Names University	email	upcoming education conference	invite Ven educators to public events
22-Jun-11	Teddy Miller	staffer	Office of Barbara Lee	email	upcoming visit of Ven official	consider meeting
28-Jun-11	Teddy Miller	staffer	Office of Barbara Lee	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
28-Jun-11	Angela Rye	staffer	CBC	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
28-Jun-11	Reverend Hagler	activist	UCC Plymouth DC	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
28-Jun-11	Jenny Wood	staffer	Office of Karen Bass	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
28-Jun-11	Stephen Lassiter	staffer	Office of Keith Ellison	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
28-Jun-11	Drew Stout	staffer	Office of Sheila Jackson Lee	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
28-Jun-11	Mark Sullivan	writer and researcher	CRS	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
28-Jun-11	Nicole Lee	president	TransAfrica Forum	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
28-Jun-11	Arturo Griffiths	organizer	Jobs with Justice	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
28-Jun-11	Emira Woods	co-director	IPS	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
28-Jun-11	John Feifer	co-director	IPS	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
28-Jun-11	Mavis Anderson	director	LAWG	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
28-Jun-11	Julio Benavides	activist	FMLN	email/phone	independence celebration	attend
6-Jul-11	Susan Scott	lawyer	National Lawyers Guild	email	event on elections	consider inviting key guests from convention
8-Jul-11	Sarah Stephens	director	Center for Democracy in the Americas	in person	upcoming visit of Ven official	consider hosting event
10-Jul-11	Alex Main	coordinator	CEPR	email	upcoming visit of Ven official	consider hosting event
28-Jul-11	Juliet Hooker	professor	University of Austin, TX	email	visit of Ven official to TX	consider meeting
29-Jul-11	Sean Sweeney	Director	Cornell Global Labor institute	email	visit of Ven official to NY	consider hosting event

1-Sep-11	Lisa Llanos	staffer	Center for Democracy in the Americas	email	upcoming visit of Ven official	consider organizing a talk
6-Sep-11	Michael Shiffer	president	InterAmerican Dialogue	email	upcoming visit of Ven official	considering hosting event
7-Sep-11	Quito Swan	professor	Howard University	email	upcoming visit of Ven official	consider organizing event
12-Sep-11	Traci Yoder	lawyer	National Lawyers Guild	email	upcoming visit of Ven official	consider organiznig talk at law schools
12-Sep-11	Sophia King	staffer	Office of Gregory Meeks	email	upcomign visit of Ven official	set up meeting
12-Sep-11	Drew Stout	staffer	Office of Sheila Jackson Lee	email	upcoming visit of Ven official	set up meeting
14-Sep-11	Mark Sullivan	researcher	Library of Congress	email	upcoming visit of Ven official	organize meeting
14-Sep-11	John Walsh	coordinator	WOLA	email	upcoming visit of Ven official	organize meeting
15-Sep-11	Sarah Stephens	director	Center for Democracy in the Americas	email	dinner w Ven official	attend
15-Sep-11	Hilary Shelton	director	NAACP	email	dinner w Ven official	attend
15-Sep-11	Mavis Anderson	director	LAWG	email	dinner w Ven official	attend
15-Sep-11	John Walsh	coordinator	WOLA	emails	dinner w Ven official	attend
15-Sep-11	Mark Sullivan	researcher	Library of Congress	email	dinner w Ven official	attend
15-Sep-11	Marc Chernick	professor	Georgetown University	email	dinner w Ven official	attend
15-Sep-11	Joia Nuri	director	TransAfrica Forum	email	dinner w Ven official	attend
15-Sep-11	Manuel Perez Roca	director	IPS	email	dinner w Ven official	attend
26-Sep-11	Cynthia McClintock	professor	GWU	email	upcoming visit of Ven official	consider hosting event
28-Sep-11	Jennifer McCoy	staffer	Carter Center	email	upcoming visit of Venezuelan official	set up meeting
13-Oct-11	listserv-general public			email	Ven electoral system	read and pass on to others
14-Oct-11	Maria Armoudain	writer/radio host	KPFK	email	delegation to Venezuela	consider joining
18-Oct-11	Daphne Wysham	director	IPS	email/phone	upcoming visit of Ven environmentalists	organize meeting with them
18-Oct-11	Janet Redman	director	IPS	email/phone	upcoming visit of Ven environmentalists	organize meeting with them
18-Oct-11	Netfa Freeman	coordinator	IPS	email/phone	upcoming visit of Ven environmentalists	organize meeting with them
21-Oct-11	Dan Hellinger	professor	Webster University	email	upcoming visit	consider speaking at event
21-Oct-11	Marion Werner	professor	Universoty of Buffalo	email	upcoming visit of Ven official	consdier organizing talk

Dear friends and colleagues,

I thought you would be interested in this information below. Please feel free to pass on to other interested parties.

Best, Olivia



**Embassy of the Bolivarian
Republic of Venezuela**

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**Ministry of People's Power
for Foreign Affairs**

Venezuelan Embassy rejects claims by British institute linking Venezuela to the Colombian internal conflict

The Venezuelan Embassy in London today expressed its concern that a report by the British International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS) linking Venezuela to the Colombian internal conflict "looks like a dodgy Latin America dossier".

The embassy pointed out that there are basic inaccuracies in the pre-publicity and the report, *The FARC Files: Venezuela, Ecuador and the Secret Archive of Raúl Reyes*, which was released on Tuesday, May 10.

It also called for responsible reporting given that the Colombian Supreme Court has dismissed the "evidence" coming from the computers as inadmissible in prosecution cases against Colombian politicians. [i]

The embassy expressed its surprise and concern at the IISS' decision to use documents whose handling by the Colombian authorities has been said by the international police organization Interpol to "not conform to internationally recognised principles for the ordinary handling of electronic evidence by law enforcement". [ii]

Yet despite these strong statements in Interpol's report on the computers, the IISS just states in its pre-publicity for the launch of the report that:

The Colombian government subsequently obtained confirmation from the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) that the archive had not been manipulated following its capture and exploited the operational leads that it provided over the following months.

Given these flaws, the embassy said that this brings into question the quality of the rest of the report.

This is just one of the factors that cast serious doubt on the authenticity and validity of the information from the laptops that has been presented in the IISS "FARC Files" dossier. As well as raising concerns with the failure to adhere to international practices, Interpol has also stated that it cannot verify the "accuracy of the user files," nor can it prove that the files were not tampered with during the week that it took the Colombian authorities to hand the computers over to Interpol. [iii]

The embassy said that the international community should not accept as valid the use of unverified files by the British institute.

It has also warned that this could become part of an aggressive propaganda tool against Venezuela to undermine progress in the region, precisely at a time when relations between Venezuela and Colombia have reached a level of stable cooperation and friendly dialogue.

Press Unit of the Venezuelan Embassy in London / Press Office – Venezuelan Embassy to the U.S. / May 10, 2011

[i] <http://www.colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/12165-raul-reyes-computers.html>

[ii] www.interpol.int/Public/ICPO/PressReleases/PR2008/pdfPR200817/ipPublicReportNoCoverEN.pdf.

[iii] <http://www.interpol.int/Public/ICPO/PressReleases/PR2008/pdfPR200817/ipPublicReportNoCoverEN.pdf>

Embajada de Venezuela rechaza señalamientos de instituto británico que intentan vincular a Venezuela con el conflicto interno de Colombia

Califica los señalamientos del instituto británico como "dodgy dossier latinoamericano"

La Embajada de Venezuela en Londres expresó el día de hoy su preocupación con relación a un informe del Instituto Internacional de Estudios Estratégicos (IISS, por sus siglas en inglés), con base en Londres, que intenta vincular a Venezuela con el conflicto interno de Colombia, a la vez que calificó dicho informe de parecer un "dodgy dossier latinoamericano".

La embajada señaló que existen inexactitudes básicas en la pre publicidad y el propio informe, titulado *The FARC Files: Venezuela, Ecuador and the Secret Archive of Raúl Reyes (Los Archivos de las FARC: Venezuela, Ecuador y el Archivo Secreto de Raúl Reyes)*, el cual fue lanzado al público el martes 10 de mayo.

Asimismo la embajada hizo un llamado para que se reporte de manera responsable cualquier información que emane del informe del IISS, ya que incluso la Corte Suprema de Justicia de Colombia desestimó como inadmisibles cualquier "evidencia" que viniese de dichas computadoras en los procesos judiciales a los que fuesen sometidos políticos colombianos. [i]

La embajada manifestó su extrañeza y preocupación con relación a la decisión del IISS de utilizar documentos cuyo manejo por parte de las autoridades colombianas ha sido descrito como "en discrepancia con principios internacionalmente reconocidos para el manejo ordinario de evidencia electrónica por parte de las agencias del orden público", de acuerdo a la organización policial internacional, Interpol. [ii]

Sin embargo, a pesar del pronunciamiento inminente de la Interpol, a través de su informe sobre las computadoras, el IISS señaló en la publicidad previa al lanzamiento del informe, lo siguiente:

El Gobierno colombiano posteriormente obtuvo confirmación de parte de la Organización Internacional de Policía Criminal (Interpol) que el archivo no había sido manipulado luego de su captura, por lo cual el Gobierno colombiano procedió en los meses subsiguientes a sacar provecho de las pistas operacionales que aparecían en dicho archivo.

Tomando en cuenta estas inconsistencias, la Embajada manifestó que la calidad del informe del IISS es cuestionable.

Este es apenas uno de los factores que arroja serias dudas acerca de la autenticidad y validez de la información emanada de los computadores, la cual fue presentada en el dossier del IISS. Además de los señalamientos ya indicados por parte de Interpol en cuanto a la falta de apego a las prácticas internacionales, la Interpol también ha manifestado que no puede verificar la "exactitud de los archivos del usuario", así como tampoco puede probar que los archivos no fueron manipulados durante la semana que le tomó a las autoridades colombianas entregarle las computadoras. [iii]

La embajada afirma que la comunidad internacional no debería aceptar como válido el uso de archivos no verificados por parte del instituto británico. Asimismo, advierte que el informe del IISS pudiera formar parte de una operación de propaganda agresiva en contra de Venezuela, cuyo propósito no es otro que el de estropear los procesos positivos que ha venido experimentando la región, y en particular extraña sobremanera que este informe se produzca justo en el momento cuando las relaciones entre Venezuela y Colombia han alcanzado un nivel de estable cooperación y diálogo amistoso.

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[i] <http://www.colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/12165-raul-reyes-computers.html>

[ii] www.interpol.int/Public/ICPO/PressReleases/PR2008/pdfPR200817/ipPublicReportNoCoverEN.pdf.

[iii] <http://www.interpol.int/Public/ICPO/PressReleases/PR2008/pdfPR200817/ipPublicReportNoCoverEN.pdf>

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What the Farc files really reveal

A conservative thinktank's attempt to reheat widely discredited Colombian military claims about Farc is pure black propaganda

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<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cifamerica/2011/may/10/farc-files-colombia-venezuela/print>

The release Tuesday of a "dossier" of Farc files, which were supposedly seized by the Colombian government in 2008, is truly a non-event. The report, by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), appears to be an attempt by hawks in the US and the UK to perpetuate, using "black propaganda", the failed policies of the George W Bush administration, as well as previous administrations of the cold war era, to which they respectively once belonged. All of its conclusions are based on the false premise that the documents that it claims to analyse are entirely trustworthy.

Impartial observers of the events surrounding the supposed capture of computer files from the Farc, and their subsequent revelation in the media, have long ago concluded that the files are highly dubious at best. The Colombian military, which claims to have obtained the documents from computers and flash drives following an illegal bombing raid on a Farc camp inside Ecuador in March 2008, is the only party that can know for sure whether the documents are authentic.

The IISS, and others who want the world to believe in the documents' authenticity, rest much of their case on the supposed verification of the files by Interpol. But what Interpol actually said, in its 2008 report on the documents, was that the Colombian military's treatment of the files "did not conform to internationally recognised principles for the ordinary handling of electronic evidence by law enforcement". Interpol noted that there was a one-week period between the computer documents' capture by Colombia, and when they were handed over to Interpol, during which time the Colombian authorities actually modified 9,440 files, and deleted 2,905, according to Interpol's detailed forensic report. This "may complicate validating this evidence for purposes of its introduction in a judicial proceeding", Interpol noted at the time.

Following their remarkable initial "discovery" and "capture" (the computers, we were told, survived a bombing raid completely unscathed), the Colombian military made "revelations" that quickly turned out to be false. A photo depicting a high-level Ecuadorian official meeting with the Farc was revealed to be a fake. Even more embarrassing, the Colombian military's claims that files showed the Farc were planning to make a "dirty bomb" were publicly dismissed by the US government and terrorism experts.

The documents' evidence of Venezuelan support for the Farc was so weak that Organisation of American States secretary general José Miguel Insulza told the US House subcommittee on western hemispheric affairs just a month later that there was "no evidence" of such support or collusion.

Even more damning for the Colombian military's case were statements last year by General Douglas Fraser, head of the US Southern Command, in response to questions from Senator John McCain, regarding the alleged Venezuela-Farc connection, and the laptop "revelations": "We have not seen any connections specifically that I can verify that there has been a direct government-to-terrorist connection," Fraser stated, adding, "I am skeptical." (Fraser recanted his testimony the following day, following a meeting with the top state department official for Latin America, Arturo Valenzuela. But Fraser, as the US military's leader for activities in South America, is in a much better position to know.)

But perhaps most telling of all are the current close relations between the governments of Venezuela and Colombia, now that Juan Manuel Santos has taken over from Alvaro Uribe as president of Colombia. If Colombia, indeed, had evidence of Venezuelan support for the Farc, would Santos have so readily warmed to the Chávez administration, quickly boosting trade and political support? Santos, interestingly, is the man who, as Colombia's defence minister, oversaw the raid on the Farc camp.

US policy, during much of the Uribe administration (2002-2010), seemed designed to provoke tension between Colombia and Venezuela. Now, with Santos in office, and Colombia "looking ahead" and even dropping a Uribe era agreement stipulating an increased US military presence in Colombia, promoters of this policy are again hoping to stir up trouble, through the IISS.

The world is being asked to trust the word of former Bush administration intelligence officials and national security advisers – who help to oversee IISS's activities – and their counterparts in the UK, who include former advisers to Blair and Thatcher. The IISS expert chosen to present the dossier's findings this week in Washington, for example, is a former British intelligence officer who conducted intelligence operations in Latin America. Other notable IISS advisory council members include Robert D Blackwill (former deputy national security adviser to George W Bush), Eliot Cohen (formerly secretary of state Condoleezza Rice's senior adviser on strategic issues), Sir David Manning (formerly foreign policy adviser to Tony Blair) and Prince Faisal bin Salman bin Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia. In other words, some of the same people who deceived the people of the United States and the United Kingdom into invading Iraq now want us to believe their "revelations" about Venezuela, Ecuador and the Farc.

The IISS is full of people who should know a thing or two about "black propaganda" – forged or altered information, the source of which is masked, in order to advance policy objectives. The use of such "black propaganda" is as old as espionage itself, and used routinely by the CIA and MI6. The former CIA officer, Philip Agee, described several such operations in his revelatory memoir, Inside the Company: CIA Diary, published in the 1970s.

If Bush cronies are now using "black propaganda" to smear the Chávez government in an attempt to undermine it, it would not be the first time. The Bush administration supported Chávez's brief overthrow, in April 2002. The use of altered information – film footage that was manipulated to make it appear as though Chávez supporters had gunned down unarmed demonstrators – played a key role in that coup d'etat. Why should anyone take at face value former high-level Bush administration officials' claims about Venezuelan or Ecuadorian connections to the Farc?

Unfortunately, there are many loud voices that continue to see Latin America through a cold war prism, such as the current heads of the US House foreign affairs and western hemisphere committees, as well as various editorial writers at major US media organisations, who will be all too happy to take the IISS spooks and neocons at their word – just as they did in the runup to the invasion of Iraq.

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Dear friends and colleagues,

Please find below our most recent statement rejecting the imposition of U.S. sanctions on PDVSA.

Best, Olivia



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Statement

Venezuela Rejects U.S. Sanctions Against PDVSA

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has learned of the decision announced by the Department of State of the United States to impose sanctions against our oil national company, Petróleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), as part of a unilateral law targeting the Islamic Republic of Iran known as CISADA.

The Bolivarian Government expresses its strongest rejection to this decision since it constitutes a hostile action on the fringes of international law that violates the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and its revolution have a strong, independent and sovereign oil industry able to operate and permanently fulfill its commitments. Faced with this aggression, Venezuela further ratifies its oil independence and sovereignty.

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is undertaking a general assessment of the situation to determine how these sanctions affect the operational capacity of our oil industry and, therefore, the supply of 1.2 million barrels of oil per day to the U.S. Pending this assessment, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela reserves itself the most adequate answer to this imperialist aggression.

The revolutionary Government calls on all the Venezuelan people, laborers and especially the oil workers, to stay alert and mobilized in defense of our PDVSA and the sacred sovereignty of the homeland.

Caracas, May 24, 2011



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Ministerio del Poder Popular para Relaciones Exteriores

Comunicado

Venezuela rechaza sanciones de Estados Unidos a Pdvsa

El Gobierno de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela ha tenido conocimiento de la decisión anunciada por el Departamento de Estado de los Estados Unidos, de imponer sanciones a nuestra empresa nacional, Petróleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), en el marco de su política unilateral de sanciones a la República Islámica de Irán, conocida como la Ley CISADA.

El Gobierno bolivariano manifiesta su más contundente repudio a esta decisión, por constituir una acción hostil situada al margen del Derecho Internacional, violatoria de los principios enunciados en la Carta de las Naciones Unidas.

La República Bolivariana de Venezuela y su Revolución cuentan con una industria petrolera fuerte, independiente y soberana, con capacidad para operar y cumplir sus compromisos de manera permanente; ante esta agresión, Venezuela ratifica esa independencia y esa soberanía petrolera.

El Gobierno de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela se encuentra haciendo una evaluación general de la situación, para determinar hasta dónde estas sanciones afectan la operatividad de nuestra industria petrolera y por tanto el suministro de 1,2 millones de barriles diarios a los Estados Unidos; en función de esa evaluación, la República Bolivariana de Venezuela se reserva la respuesta más adecuada a esta agresión imperialista.

El Gobierno revolucionario hace un llamado a todo el pueblo Venezolano, a la clase trabajadora, y muy especialmente a los trabajadores petroleros, a mantenerse alertas y movilizados en defensa de nuestra PDVSA y de la sagrada soberanía de la patria.

Caracas, 24 de mayo de 2011

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Dear friends and colleagues,

I thought you would be interested in the recent visit of the president of Venezuela's 5th branch of government, the National Electoral Council, Tibisay Lucena to Washington.

Best,Olivia

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President of Venezuela's National Electoral Council Visits U.S.

Venezuelan Electoral System is Solid, Inclusive and Transparent

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The President of the CNE explains advances in the Venezuelan electoral system

The President of the National Electoral Council of Venezuela (CNE), Tibisay Lucena, spoke at a series of meetings in Washington this week about the improvements made to her country's electoral system over the last ten years. Lucena – who was invited to participate in a National Lawyers Guild convention in Philadelphia this Friday – indicated that the CNE is a solid, transparent organism that guarantees the inclusion of all Venezuelans across the political spectrum.

Lucena said: "The Electoral Power has defeated abstention and increased democratic participation thanks to the mechanisms that today guarantee the political participation of all Venezuelans. Electoral participation has grown because the CNE has, among other things, audited the voting machines, the software and hardware used during electoral processes, and even the means

of transmission of the data. Also, the CNE has various control mechanisms to guarantee the transparency of all electoral processes."

Regarding the advances made by the CNE, Lucena said that it has defeated the corruption that existed under previous governments and elevated inclusion due to the solidity of the system and factors such as increased voting stations.

"While in the past there were only 7,000 voting stations, today we have 40,000. [In] communities that never before had access to electoral participation. These advances have made our electoral system the safest in the region," Lucena said.

"The electoral registry closes the gap that existed between those that could vote and those who were excluded," Lucena said, noting that while 20 percent were excluded under prior governments, "We have been closing the gap so that it is now only 5 percent."

The CNE president indicated that the caliber of the Venezuelan electoral system has been recognized by multilateral organizations such as the Organization of American States (OAS), and that countries such as India have signed conventions with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to strengthen electoral mechanisms.

Last June, the Venezuelan electoral system was certified as the best in the world in terms of compliance with democratic norms and social equality, according to a study by the Canada-based institution known as the Foundation for Democratic Advancement (FDA).

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