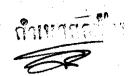
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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Thai Government and has the honor to refer the Ministry to the Extradition Treaty between the United States and Thailand of December 14, 1983, which entered into force on May 17, 1991. The Embassy hereby requests the provisional arrest for the purpose of extradition of Viktor Bout and Andrew Smulian. This request is urgent because Bout and Smulian are expected to be traveling to Bangkok, Thailand, for a meeting the week of March 3, 2008. Additional information regarding this case may be obtained from DEA Special Agent Derek Odney, who can be reached at 02-205-4452, and DOJ Attaché Christopher P. Sonderby, who can be reached at 02-205-4678.

The Embassy also requests the seizure of all property which may be required as evidence; property which has been acquired as a result of the crime; and property and articles in the possession of the fugitive, or subsequently discovered.



United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. They are the subjects of Scaled Complaint No. 08 MAG 0386, filed on February 27, 2008. They are charged with one count of conspiracy to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B and 3238.

On February 27, 2008, sealed warrants for the arrest of Bout and Smulian were issued by United States

Magistrate Judge Theodore H. Katz of the above court.

Punishment: Pursuant to Article 2 of the Treaty, the offense is punishable by more than one year imprisonment.

The facts of the case indicate that Bout is an international arms trafficker who has supplied military grade arms throughout the world for the last 15 years, including to embargoed locations in Eastern Europe, Afghanistan, Africa, and South America. Specifically, between November 2007 to the present, Bout conspired with others, including Smulian, to provide material support to the "Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia Ejercito del Pueblo" (the "FARC"), a group of Colombian leftwing guerrillas designated by the U.S. Department of State as a foreign terrorist organization.



the FARC millions of dollars worth of weapons, including surface-to-air missiles, to use to protect their cocaine-trafficking business. The individuals have had several recorded, face-to-face meetings with Smulian, in which they discussed, among other things, details and logistics relating to weapons deals. These individuals have known Bout and Smulian since the mid-1990's and are aware that Bout is engaged in the international arms trafficking business. According to one of the individuals, Smulian once served as an advisor for one of Bout's airlines and has had an ongoing business relationship with Bout for years.

Provisional arrest is covered by Article 10 of the U.S.Thailand Extradition Treaty of 1983, which entered into force on
May 17, 1991. The offense with which the fugitives are charged
is a felony under U.S. law, punishable by imprisonment of more
than one year, making it an extraditable offense under Article 2 of
the Treaty. Seizure of articles and property is covered under
Article 16 of the Extradition Treaty. The statute of limitations of
prosecution of the above offense has not been exceeded.

Bout was born on either January 13, 1967 or July 14, 1969, in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. He holds Russia citizenship and a Russian passport, number 0006765. He also holds a



described as a Caucasian male, 6 feet (183 cm) tall, weight unknown, with brown hair. Eye color is unknown.

Smulian was born on March 21, 1941, in Cambridge, England. He holds a United Kingdom passport, number 704952390. He is described as a Caucasian male, 6 feet tall, weighing 170 pounds, with gray hair and blue eyes.

Please be assured that if the fugitives are arrested at the request of the United States, the Department of Justice will provide the supporting documents required under the Treaty within the time specified by the Treaty.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Thai Government the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

Bangkok, February 29, 2008

