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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and requests the provisional arrest for the purpose of extradition of U.S. citizen Edward SNOWDEN, pursuant to the Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Norway, signed 9 June 1977.

The United States seeks SNOWDEN's provisional arrest should SNOWDEN seek to travel to or transit through Norway. SNOWDEN is a flight risk because of the substantial charges he is facing and his current and active attempts to remain a fugitive. The United States urges that SNOWDEN be kept in custody, if arrested.

SNOWDEN is charged by Complaint in Case No. 1:13 CR 265, filed on 14 June 2013 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. SNOWDEN is charged with violations of 18 U.S.C. § 793(d) (Unauthorized Disclosure of National Defense Information); 18 U.S.C. § 798(a)(3) (Unauthorized Disclosure of Classified Communication Intelligence); and 18 U.S.C. § 641 (Theft of Government Property). The maximum penalty for

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each of the violations charged in the Complaint is 10 years' imprisonment, a fine not more than \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of up to five years.

On 14 June 2013, a warrant for the arrest of SNOWDEN was issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge John F. Anderson for the offenses charged in the Complaint. This warrant remains valid and executable.

The applicable U.S. statute of limitations does not bar prosecution of SNOWDEN for the offenses for which extradition is sought.

SNOWDEN, a U.S. citizen and fugitive, unlawfully released classified information and documents to international media outlets. Since approximately March 2013, SNOWDEN was employed by the U.S.-based strategy and technology consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton ("Booz Allen"), a company which, among other roles, serves as a contractor for the United States government, including U.S. intelligence agencies. As part of his employment and following a background investigation, SNOWDEN was granted a United States government security clearance, which entitled him to access to

classified national defense information. Additionally, SNOWDEN acknowledged his responsibility and agreed to protect that classified national defense information from disclosure to persons not entitled to receive it.

Between on or about 5 June 2013 and 9 June 2013, classified information was published on the Internet and in print by multiple newspapers, including The Washington Post and The Guardian. The articles and Internet postings by The Washington Post and The Guardian included classified documents that were marked TOP SECRET. The Washington Post and The Guardian later revealed that SNOWDEN was the principal source for the classified information. SNOWDEN, on or about 9 June 2013, in a videotaped interview with The Guardian, admitted that he was the person who illegally provided those documents to reporters. Evidence indicates that SNOWDEN had access to the classified documents in question; accessed those documents; and subsequently provided those documents to media outlets without authorization and in violation of U.S. law.

Provisional arrest is covered under Article 12 of the Treaty. As noted above, the charges against SNOWDEN are punishable under the laws of the United States by

deprivation of liberty for a period of more than one year and are covered under Article 2 of the Treaty, and by Items 11 and 29 of the Schedule of Offenses.

In accordance with Article 17 of the Treaty, the Embassy requests the seizure of all articles acquired as a result of the offenses or which may be required as evidence relating to the offenses charged for surrender with the fugitive if extradition to the United States is granted. This includes, but is not limited to, all computer devices, electronic storage devices, and other forms of electronic media.

Edward J. SNOWDEN, a citizen of the United States, is described as a white male with brown hair and brown eyes. He was born in the State of North Carolina in the United States on 21 June 1983. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On 22 June 2013, that passport was revoked [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A photograph of SNOWDEN is included with this request.

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Please be assured that, if SNOWDEN is provisionally arrested, the United States will submit a full extradition request with the supporting documents required within the time provided by the Treaty.

The Embassy is grateful for the Ministry's assistance in the interest of justice, and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry the assurance of its highest consideration.

Enclosure:

Two photos of Mr. Edward J. Snowden.

Embassy of the United States of America



Oslo, July 4, 2013.

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