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## **Immigration NZ head obeys Ministers' instructions and urges 'inconvenient' US refugee to break the law**

On 18th May, former policeman and now acting General Manager of Immigration New Zealand, Stephen Vaughan, wrote a letter to Harmon Wilfred in which he claimed to be acting on behalf of New Zealand's Ministers of Justice and Immigration (since confirmed by the Hon. Michael Woodhouse, see letter below.)

INZ is fully aware that Harmon, as a stateless person has no travel documents and that therefore he can neither legally enter another country, nor take up paid employment in this one. Unable to seek employment, Harmon has recently been adjudicated bankrupt by the High Court. In consequence, he is, forbidden by this country's bankruptcy laws to leave NZ until 2020.

Despite the above obvious facts of his circumstances and history on file, Mr Vaughan has issued Harmon with instructions that "You should make immediate arrangements to depart New Zealand." Were he to do as instructed, he would be breaking both New Zealand law and the laws of another country.

Mr Vaughan and his ministers have manoeuvred Harmon, so that he is now under extreme psychological pressure to find a way of obeying the NZ government's unlawful instructions. In short, he is being both incited and coerced by the NZ Ministries of Justice and Immigration into breaking not only New Zealand's laws, but also the laws of another country. Incitement to break the law is in itself an offence.

After having invested heavily in a high-tech business start-up, Harmon and his wife had been working in Christchurch on business visas ever since their arrival in 2001. When, in 2005, his American passport expired, Harmon applied to the US consulate for its renewal. It was confiscated and he was told to return to Washington to collect a replacement.

Thereupon, Harmon, fearing for his personal freedom and safety, applied to the NZ government for asylum as a political refugee. As a former financial contractor to the CIA and the bearer of testimony of a multi-billion financial laundry established by the CIA and the Clinton Foundation in 1999, Harmon had good reason to believe that his return to Washington would have cost him his freedom and quite probably (as it already had two others in his team) his life.

Nevertheless, despite the support Harmon received from the UNHCR office in Canberra, INZ turned down his application for asylum. It would appear that the NZ government was anxious to avoid giving offence to a powerful ally.

In like fashion, since 2005, every attempt Harmon has made to regularise his status as resident in NZ, has been turned down. Probably no coincidence, immediately after John Key's November 2010

summit with Hillary Clinton, INZ issued Harmon with a deportation order. Due to his lack of citizenship of any other country, this could not be enforced.

Since then, having this unenforceable (and therefore arguably, illegal) deportation order against his name, has been used by Immigration New Zealand as an excuse to refuse consideration of all further attempts Harmon has made to regularise his status in NZ.

More recently, INZ has forcibly separated Harmon from his wife. In September 2015, having first cleared her travel plans with INZ, Canadian citizen, Carolyn Dare Wilfred, made what was to be a short visit to her daughter in Canada. With no warning and within twenty-four hours of her departure, INZ issued an all-ports, re-entry ban. Ever since then, she has been trapped in exile. Apparently INZ's intention is that Carolyn, as a tethered goat, should lure her husband into a criminal act.

On 16<sup>th</sup> June the Honourable Michael Woodhouse, Minister of Immigration himself wrote to Harmon

*"Dear Mr Wilfred,*

*On behalf of the Minister, thank you for your email requesting a meeting. We understand that Immigration New Zealand have corresponded directly with you regarding your circumstances and the Minister supports the content of that letter.*

*Diary commitments prevent a meeting at this time. However, the Minister will be in Ottawa, ON Canada, on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 June and would make arrangements to meet with you there. Please advise your preferred date and time."*

The above begs the question: is this just a cruel mocking of his victim's suffering, or is it a conscious attempt by someone who considers himself to be above the law to coerce or incite Harmon Wilfred into breaking both the laws of New Zealand and of Canada? A kinder and simpler interpretation would be that New Zealand has an incompetent idiot as its Minister of Immigration.

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