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Cc: 'David Ballantyne' <david@canterburylegal.co.nz>
Subject: **Urgent plea for mercy!** Update to NZ Parliament, Ombudsman Complaint ref: 356501 and 426057 /
Importance: High

To Hon Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and all Members of the NZ Parliament,

It's been 3 weeks since I provided you with our press release ([Asylum sought to escape from NZ government's human rights abuse](#)), detailing our effort to gain political asylum elsewhere as a last attempt for my husband Harmon Wilfred to lawfully and safely depart New Zealand so we can be finally be reunited elsewhere. Below is a copy of our progress update and "Urgent plea for Mercy" to Jennifer Cleverly, Ombudsman senior investigator on our case. As you will see, the result of our asylum effort is dismal but not surprising.

As the new Prime Minister, you have committed your Labour government to have a heart. We would like to challenge that promise by providing parliament with the copy of our latest Ombudsman correspondence, in the hope that our inhumane forced separation under the former National government can be immediately overturned in time for us to be mercifully and happily reunited for the holidays...Believing for a Christmas miracle!

Sincerely,

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Sent: Friday, 17 November 2017 7:28 p.m.
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Subject: OA complaint against INZ, our ref: 356501 and 426057 / Urgent plea for mercy
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Hello Jennifer,

As an update on my effort to obtain a legal way of departing New Zealand, I must report that after sending requests to 15 select countries at their embassies in Wellington, I have so far received replies from Germany, Switzerland, Australia, Italy, Denmark and Sweden. As it has been two weeks, I do not expect further responses. These six replies have consistently responded with a stated inability to accept requests for asylum or indeed any requests from a stateless person when not physically being in their country. This would seem to be the international standard.

Of course, I am not able to travel to any of the countries of choice without a travel document, and it seems that I cannot get approval (or preapproved) as a stateless person to lawfully enter any nation state (under asylum or otherwise) without already being there. Absurd but true. In effect, I would have to travel there as a stateless person and arrive with no lawful right to enter. If I am not approved, which being stateless is likely, then given that my proposed INZ issued ID/travel document is on condition that I have no right to return to New Zealand, this leaves me literally stuck in the international terminal; or worse, to be incarcerated until someone figures out what to do with me. For INZ to go so far as to issue me with a stateless ID card and force my departure with no right to enter another country and no right to return, may also violate New Zealand's international inter-country travel agreements.

Even though INZ officer Richard Wilson has offered to support an application for a conditional stateless ID/travel document; as previously stated, I will not leave New Zealand without being lawfully pre-accepted for entry into my country of choice with my freedom and safety assured in route and upon arrival. As asylum is the only vehicle to accomplish these conditions through another nation state, and such now seems unobtainable; then the only recourse left to stop this circuitous abuse is for the Ombudsman to recommend that I be granted residency and either citizenship, or an ID/travel document as a continuing stateless person. I would be happy with either. Followed with the restoration of my wife, Carolyn's right to return to New Zealand and complete her residency application based upon the plan of further investment and our quiet retirement in New Zealand.

It has now been two years and two months and counting since Carolyn was tricked by INZ into our forced separation. We cannot express how excruciatingly painful this is for us as a senior long standing married couple who remain very much in love. It is literally gut wrenching and torturous. I know that INZ would like to convince you that this is all of my own doing, however that is just not the truth. Carolyn and I came to New Zealand to escape political retribution and especially for my personal freedom and safety from, at minimum, credible death threats by members of the CIA.

Having been rejected by New Zealand as a political refugee, I was literally forced to renounced my US citizenship and become stateless as the only option I had left to remain free and safe. It was sadistic for INZ to deliberately separate me from Carolyn to "force my hand " full well knowing that I have no hand to force.... no way to depart New Zealand and lawfully arrive in another country as a stateless person with my freedom and safety intact. Certainly with my latest effort as proof of that fact, INZ cannot even use ignorance as an excuse for their continued cruelty.

If the Ombudsman does not support my request for residency and the removal of the suspension from Carolyn's Canadian visa wavier on at least a humanitarian (human rights) basis, we are literally condemned to live apart for the rest of our lives. This simply cannot happen in a civilised society.

Carolyn and I implore you to press the Ombudsman to make this decision at least in time to get Carolyn home for the holidays. We have already been forcibly separated for Christmas 2015 and 2016 and the thought of being separated for the 2017 holidays is just unmercifully unbearable.

Thank you and the office of the Ombudsman for your urgent and kind consideration toward this sincere plea for fairness and mercy.

Sincerely,

Harmon and Carolyn

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