
NORTH CAROLINA: FIRST IN FLIGHT, BUT SADLY ALSO FIRST IN TORTURE FLIGHTS

In April 2014, U.S. Senator Richard Burr joined 10 colleagues on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) in voting to release a report on the Committee's extensive investigation into treatment of detainees in the post-9/11 era.

Reliable sources expect that the report will include significant details about Aero Contractors, Ltd., a CIA-affiliated company based in Johnston County, North Carolina. There is already considerable public record and reporting that Aero specialized in flying kidnapped men to torture chambers: foreign prisons and CIA "black sites" where they were held in secret and tortured.

TORTURE IS ALWAYS WRONG, AND IT HARMS OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

Torture goes against the teachings of every spiritual tradition. It permanently injures the tortured, and it warps and haunts the torturer.

Information given under torture is wholly unreliable, since victims will say anything to end the ordeal.

Most survivors of North Carolina-based torture flights have been released without criminal charges, apology, or restitution. These men endured severe physical and psychological trauma. They struggle with the loss of livelihood, and in many cases have received little community support. The damage extends to their families, who also must cope with the unresolved aftermath of torture.

Both the Bush and Obama administrations have blocked every survivor's quest for justice in U.S. courts and, to this day, no claim has had a fair and open hearing.



IT'S UP TO US TO CREATE ACCOUNTABILITY

Since 2005, North Carolinians have demanded that officials at the county, state, and federal levels conduct a full, impartial investigation of Aero Contractor's torture-linked flights.

Among these, twenty-two state legislators and two U.S. Representatives have called for investigation, but the rest of our elected leaders have turned a blind eye.

As North Carolinians, it's up to us to bring about accountability and create a model for a national reckoning with this dark chapter in recent American history.

YOU CAN HELP MAKE HISTORY!

You can join other concerned citizens to help organize a North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture. A non-governmental, independent group of respected Tarheels will look into the evidence and create a formal, public record. We must shine a light on torture that has been committed in our names. North Carolina should be better than a home for "torture taxis."

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **Seek accountability by urging the U.S. and other involved governments to apologize to one of many survivors of extraordinary rendition and torture.**
- **Contact President Obama to insist that the SSCI report be released as promptly and with the fullest detail possible.**
- **Join community leaders in building a seed fund for the Commission of Inquiry by sending a donation to:**

North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture*
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