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A F F I D A V I T

I, DIMO VERGUIL DIMOV, after first being duly sworn depose and say:

That, I am currently residing at 23 Oboriste St., Sofia 1504, Bulgaria, tel. 0113592-441364;

That, I was born on July 3, 1946 in Sofia, Bulgaria;

That, I am married with two children;

That, I am Christian Orthodox by religion;

That, in 1973 I graduated from Law School at Warsaw State university;

That, in 1975 I became a member of the Bulgarian State Bar Association;

That, for the last 20 years I am a practicing attorney with many political, criminal and civil cases;

That, in January 1987 I was retained by Mrs. Malakova who was charged with the embezzlement of 30,000 Bulgarian leva which at that time was about \$6,000 while she was the manager of the gas station near the city of Ruse.

That, Mr. Ivan Todorov, who at that time was her boyfriend, was not a defendant at the beginning because he was a security officer in the National Preservation Park "Voden" and was not an employee of the Oil Company which owned the gas station. In addition, under the Bulgarian Law with the crime of embezzlement could be charged only an employee of the company from which the money has been embezzled.

That, in her testimony before the court and during the deposition, my client Mrs. Malakova has testified on numerous occasions that Mr. Todorov was only her boyfriend and had nothing to do with the charge of embezzlement. In addition she testified that Mr. Todorov was absolutely unaware of her activity at the gas station;

That, at that time, January 1987, Mr. Todorov was thrown in a military jail without any charge against him, with no right to counsel and with no right of any visitations;

That, a couple of days before the trial, Mr. Todorov was joined as a codefendant but before a military tribunal at the same court room where the case of my client was about to be heard before a criminal trio of judges. He was denied a right of a counsel although I asked the military judge to let me to defend Mr. Todorov because I was familiar with the case, he had asked me to defend him and there were no conflict of interest between my client Mrs. Malakova and Mr. Todorov;

That, the military court appointed a military counsel at the day of the trial and his request for postponing the trial in order for him to get familiar with the case was denied;

That, Mr. Todorov was convicted and sentenced to twenty years prison term only for one afternoon without any evidence or testimony at all. The only person who testified was my client and she denied any involvement of Mr. Todorov related to the charge of embezzlement;

That, the whole trial of Mr. Todorov was a sham trial and he was entrapped and convicted for completely unrelated reasons;

That, the way Mr. Todorov was tried and convicted by a military tribunal was the same one used at that time by the ruling Communist party to get rid of its political opponents by charging them with unrelated and fabricated criminal allegations and convicting them as criminals and not political prisoners. The result was that the Communist Party has announced to the world that there were no political prisoners in Bulgaria and that all Bulgarian citizens support the ruling Communist Party;

That, I had represented many defendants with fabricated criminal charges against them for the only purpose of being convicted for their political opinion and opposition to the ruling Communist party;

That, in my career as a Bulgarian attorney I have met many prisoners convicted as criminals for their political opposition to the Communist Party;

That, in my career as a Bulgarian attorney I have never seen an Appellate Court to overturn any of those fabricated criminal convictions even after the fall of the Bulgarian Communist Dictator Todor Zivkov in November 1989 because currently the former Communist are still in power and the whole judicial system and especially the military tribunals are totally under the Communist control;

That, as I understand the trial date of Mr. Todorov was set for January 7, 1997 at 8.30 a.m. which is 6.30 p.m. in Bulgaria;

That, I am ready and willing to testify through a conference call on January 7, 1997 from my residence with a phone number: 011 3592-441364;

That, I am familiar with the English language and I do not need an interpreter;

That, the foregoing statements made by me under oath are true and correct to the best of my knowledge;

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Sofia, Bulgaria



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