COUNTY OF NEW YORK

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	7
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	S1 09 Cr. 614
-v	AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
WALID MAKLED-GARCIA,	REQUEST FOR
a/k/a "El Turco,"	EXTRADITION
a/k/a "El Arabe,"	
Defendant.	
STATE OF NEW YORK)	J

I, GREGORY BALL, being duly sworn, depose, and state:

I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. I am a citizen of the United States working in Chantilly, Virginia.
- 2. I am a Special Agent with United States Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") Special Operations Division, in Chantilly, Virginia. I have been a Special Agent with the DEA for approximately eleven years, and have been assigned to the Special Operations Division for approximately three years.
- 3. The DA s one of the agencies within the United States government (Sponsible for the enforcement of federal narcotics laws. As a Special Agent with the DEA, I have personally inducted and participated in numerous investigations that the resulted in the arrests and convictions of people

responsible for trafficking in narcotics.

- 4. Based on my training and experience as a Special Agent with the DEA, I am familiar with the means and methods that narcotics traffickers use to import illicit drugs, and I am familiar with the support and assistance that narcotics organizations require to conduct their illegal activities. I have also become knowledgeable about the criminal statutes of the United States, and the federal narcotics statutes in particular.
- 5. My duties have included conducting an investigation of WALID MAKLED-GARCIA, a/k/a "El Turco," a/k/a "El Arabe," (also referred to as the "defendant"), who is charged with narcotics offenses in superseding indictment S1 09 Cr. 614. As one of the lead investigators, I am familiar with the evidence in the case.

II. Evidence

MAKLED-GARCIA operated and controlled several airstrips located in Venezuela. These airstrips were used by different drug trafficking organizations in order of fly airplanes loaded with multi-thousand kilogram quant when of cocaine out of Venezuela, to locations in Central Actica. Thereafter, portions of those cocaine shipments were provided into the United States. The evidence obtained this investigation confirms that WALID MAKLED-GARCIA predinated the departure of these cocaine

shipments from the airstrips he controlled, and provided logistical and other support, knowing that the cocaine shipments he was facilitating were ultimately destined, at least in part, for importation into the United States. The evidence in this case consists of photographs, lawfully obtained telephone interceptions, testimony from confidential sources and other witnesses, seized narcotics and other sources of information.

- 7. The investigation in this case determined that:
- On April 10, 2006, a DC-9 aircraft carrying a. approximately 5,600 kilograms of cocaine traveled from the Simon Bolivar International Airport in Venezuela to the Ciudad del Carmen international airport located in Campeche, Mexico. The plane had been destined to land in Toluca, Mexico, but landed in Campeche because of technical difficulties. The DC-9 aircraft attracted attention at the international airp in Campeche because of the fact that it was an unplan landing for mechanical difficulties. Authorities the airport approached the DC-9 with a K-9 trained drug ditection dog and the dog alerted upon approaching the plane. Airport authorities in Mexico then searched the real and found 128 identical suitcases inside the passenger duartment. These suitcases contained in excess of 5,600 ki rams of cocaine.

c. According to two confidential sources

(hereinafter, "CS-1" and "CS-2"), defendant WALID MAKLED-GARCIA

coordinated the safe exit of the DC-9 referenced in paragraphs

(a) and (b) above from the Simon Bolivar International Airport in

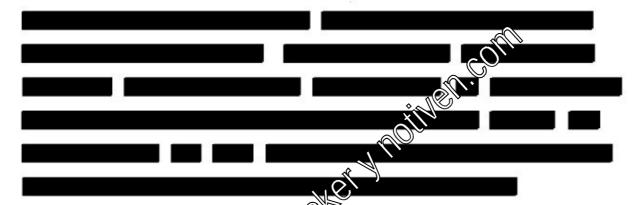
Venezuela. CS-1 and CS-2 have provided reliable information to

the DEA that has been independently corroborated.

d. I have recently spoken with CS-1. Based on my conversations with CS-1 and another DEA Special Agent who has debriefed CS-1 in the past, I learned that CS-1 has known WALID MAKLED-GARCIA for several years, and has met with him face-to-face on at least one occasion. As a result of his/her conversations and meetings with WALID MAKLED-GAMA, CS-1 understands that WALID MAKLED-GARCIA makes whents to the Venezuelan police and national guard so what aircraft loaded with cocaine can depart from airports and ir strips located in Venezuela safely and without la conforcement interdiction or intervention. CS-1 has been resent for discussions with WALID MAKLED-GARCIA during which WALID MAKLED-GARCIA made statements evidencing his knowledge that significant portions of the cocaine shipments he was sponsible for overseeing were ultimately

destined for import into the United States. For example, on one occasion, in the presence of CS-1, WALID MAKLED-GARCIA said "if gringos want the poison, keep sending it their way." According to CS-1, he/she believes that the "poison" that WALID MAKLED-GARCIA referred to is narcotics and the "gringos" are Americans. In addition, CS-1 picked up cash in Venezuela that was intended to pay Venezuelan officials on behalf of WALID MAKLED-GARCIA. According to CS-1, WALID MAKLED-GARCIA charged narcotics traffickers a fee of one-half of the proceeds of the drug sales for drugs that flew out on planes from Venezuela as a result of WALID MAKLED-GARCIA's work clearing the flights with Venezuelan officials. CS-1 knew WALID MAKLED-GARCIA as "El Turko."

e. In addition to these in-person interactions with WALID MAKLED-GARCIA, CS-1 has also met and spoken with



f. CS-2 knew LID MAKLED-GARCIA to be responsible for paying local forcement officials in Venezuela so that planes carrying loads could leave Venezuela. CS-2 has met in person with ALID MAKLED-GARCIA on a number of occasions.

During one such instance, CS-2 was present at an airstrip in

Venezuela with WALID MAKLED-GARCIA when planes returned from

Mexico filled with United States

currency.

g. In addition to these in-person interactions with WALID MAKLED-GARCIA, CS-2, like CS-1, has met and spoken with

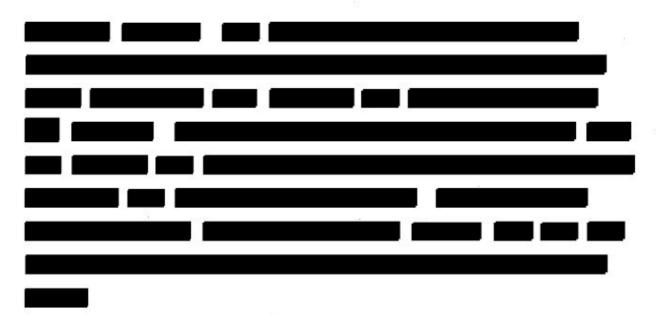
According to CS-2, told CS-2 that WALID MAKLED-GARCIA was responsible for making sure that the plane could leave Venezuela with the cocaine load.

h. On May 10, 2009, a plane traveling from

Venezuela to Honduras crashed in Honduras. I have spoken with a

Honduran law-enforcement official ("Honduran Official-1")

Based on my conversations with Honduran Official-1 learned that the plane was found to contain approximate 1500 kilograms of cocaine wrapped in burlap-like sacks. The were three people on the plane when it crashed. The pilot of the plane and one of the passengers were subsequently are sted and the cocaine was seized. The other passenger distort survive the crash.



In August 2010, a Colombian judge authorized the interception of a cellular telephone believed to be used by WALID MAKLED-GARCIA. I have reviewed reports regarding the telephone calls lawfully overheard over the judicially authorized Colombian interception. On at least one call, the caller, believed to be WALID MAKLED-GARCIA refers to himself as the "Arab" whose name starts with a "W." Based on my trailing, experience, and involvement in this investigation believe that this call represents a self-identification by MAKLED-GARCIA, whose first name is "Walid," is believed to be from the Middle East. On a number of lawfully intercepted conversations, WALID MAKLED-GARCIA talks in code Wanguage (he uses terms like "las cosas" and "las cositas" "the things" and "the little things") that, based on training and experience, I believe to be references to narrations. In one particular intercepted call,

WALID MAKLED-GARCIA appears to be coordinating a \$200,000 payment "in order to get it out of the way so more work can be done."

Based on my training, experience, and involvement in this investigation, I believe that in this call WALID MAKLED-GARCIA is coordinating a pay-off to a Venezuelan official to facilitate additional flights from Venezuela carrying narcotics loads.

Finally, during another intercepted call, WALID MAKLED-GARCIA is heard saying that some people "receiv[ed] a sample that they were very impressed by." Based on my training, experience, and involvement in this investigation, I believe that WALID MAKLED-GARCIA was referring to a sample of narcotics, with which the quality the customers were satisfied.

IV. Identification

Arabe," is a citizen of Venezuela, born believed to have been born in Syria. WALID MAKLED RCIA holds

Venezuelan cedula number Aphotodian of WALID

MAKLED-GARCIA is attached as Exhibit 1. Quantum has been shown

Exhibit 1 and identified it as the percon he knew as "El Turko,"

the person whose criminal conduct described in this affidavit and who has been charged in succeeding indictment S1 09 Cr. 614

as WALID MAKLED-GARCIA, a "El Turco," a/k/a "El Arabe." Law enforcement officers in colombia have confirmed that the person

in Exhibit 1 is WALID MAKLED-GARCIA, a/k/a "El Turco," a/k/a "El Arabe," the person who was recently arrested in Colombia on the provisional arrest warrant issued in this matter and the holder of Venezuelan cedula number

GREGORY BALL

SPECIAL AGENT

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010

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