

**The Honorable Shira A Scheindlin  
United States District Court Judge  
United States Court House  
500 Pearl Street, Room 160  
New York, NY 10007  
United States**

Reference: United States V. Victor Bout Docket #08-Cr-365

Your Honor:

My name is Richard Chichakli, I am a US citizen, a disabled US Army veteran, and a former employee of the United States Department of Justice. I am under sanctions by OFAC since April 2005, and all the assets that are seized in the US and illegally being treated as if it was Victor Bout's, all these assets are mine. I am also a codefendant to Victor Bout in a make-shift case that was filed by the US government in Thailand in 2010 in order to block the release of Victor after the first instance Thai court rejected the request for his extradition. The case is based on a defective indictment and that is the reason the case was not brought against Victor in the US, nor it will ever be brought in court.

I am not writing on behalf of Victor or in support of his defense, nor to allege his innocence.

The reason I am writing at this point, just after the dust has settled on Victor's trial is to place on record that your honor have witnessed a grave miscarriage of justice, a conspiracy that led to attaining the results you pronounced on April the 5<sup>th</sup>. It is for the record to know that the US government and the defense layer were not on the opposite site in your courtroom.

I met Albert Dayan at the time he visited Moscow to conclude the financial deal after dazzling Victor by with his Russian language to get selected. My impression of him in conclusion of our meeting and hours of discussion was summed as "Shallow, uninformed, incompetent, and lacks substance" and that was exactly what I wrote to the "other lawyers" involved in his recruitment. I provided Albert Dayan with details and name of witnesses that are sure to bring plenty of doubts upon the government allegations. Certainly, you neither heard the details, nor any witnesses and that was no accident.

Mr. Dayan was in Moscow to secure funding not to get facts or collect information. Although he is fluent in Russian language; being his native, he brought along a translator. The translator, an agent of the Russian intelligence who happened to be also an employee of the Russian consulate in New York was since then the link between the lawyer and the accused!

Albert Dayan filed a motion in your court stating that Victor Bout was working for the US government knowing that was not the truth. He deliberately and knowingly lied to you and to the court. He convinced Victor's brother that saying such a thing is "a good thing" as he stated to Sergey Bout. The government certainly knew that was a blatant lie but they sure approved it. I know that person would be perjuring himself as such; though, I am fully sure how that applies to "Officers of the Federal Court", the court at which you were presiding.

**Else, the payment of Mr. Dayan and for which OFAC granted a permission stipulating that the payment should not be from any SDN (designated person). Well, every single dollar of the three-quarter million dollars Mr. Dayan received into his bank account were from a designated entity. He sure knew that very well when he concluded the deal in Moscow with me and with Victor's bother Sergey as we discussed how to circumvent OFAC sanctions. The US government was fully aware that the US \$750,000 were not coming from two 80 years-old grandmothers at \$20,000 per transfer, I know that because I wrote OFAC and I also informed the US Attorney, they will have a copy of this letter. The government is willing to circumvent the law as long as Victor's defense sticks to the "defense plan" which called for no witnesses, concealment of the adverse finding you issued, and the Brady material; and speeded conclusion.**

The trial you presided upon is tainted, the whole world knew or shall know that as the truth keep seeping out. Your honor; by now you also know and you shall carry this knowledge on your conscious. The government and the defense lawyer made a mockery of your court, and unfortunately a person on trial for conspiracy was sentenced by a court conspiracy.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Chichakli