

PRESS RELEASE

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Responding to the Foreign Secretary's statement today on rendition allegations Andrew Tyrie said:

"It is clear from this that the government has recently been pleading with the US Administration to desist from conducting renditions via or over UK territory.

The fact that the government has needed to do this tells how concerned senior Ministers must be that the US may have been engaged in extraordinary rendition and that more than circumstantial evidence may come to light. So this looks like a preventative damage limitation exercise."

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