

Saturday, October 31, 2015
re: asylum petition
from: Ricardo C. López

Dear representative der Schweizerischer Staatssekretariat für Migration (SEM):
Dear Fachreferent Asyl H. Heim and Sektionschef L. Glauser:

On Friday, October 24th I received a rejection letter in reference to my asylum petition. Thank you very much for considering my petition and for informing me about the Swiss laws on which you based your decision, as well as my option to appeal your ruling within 30 days, which I do herewith. **Please, do keep my asylum request open.**

My general impression about your response is that, even though you don't outrightly dismiss my claim (government representatives from other countries have told me off on the spot), nor do you question the validity of the extensive documentation backing it up; you do downplay it as if it were a subjective issue in ways which at times seemed to be from canned responses and dodging routines. I find most vexing the kind of "A-implies-B (or not)" logic of your rejection. I will base my one-page reply on your own statements:

*** Sie entstammten von einer bekannten oppositionellen kubanischen Familie. Dennoch sei es Ihnen möglich gewesen in der damaligen DDR an der damaligen TU Dresden abzuschließen:** Among the 8 of us in the first group of students who went to graduate school at the TU, there were also the daughter of a well-known dissident father and even a Jehovah Witness. Most interestingly, some of our colleagues who did come from "revolutionary" families ended up dissenting with ideas of their own parents. One of the most remarkably striking difference of the Castro dictatorship is that even if they do use education as a way to indoctrinate people (as governments do) they would give everybody the right to have access to basic education. Higher education was solely determined by your grades in a nation-wide application program posted on public billboards. I have tried to explain that very notion to Latin American mothers who grew up in the Amazonian basin and to whom having had access to a solid basic education is way beyond what they could have dreamed of, they have told me: "I don't care if they expect for me to read, write and think what they want, I would still want a basic education". Along the same "logical" lines you should like Donald Trump if you happen to be "white", the U.S. government (USG) expects for you to "pay your dues" and obediently become their snitch ...

*** In der Folge hätten Sie zudem die 'amerikanische' Staatsangehörigkeit erworben:** It turns out I fell in love with a very temperamental Spanish chick who wanted for us to live in Madrid, U.S. residency rights are automatically voided if you stay overseas for more than 6 months and I can't go back to Cuba.

*** Während der darauffolgenden Jahren hätten Sie als Computerspezialist sowie ab später und bis heute als Mathematik- und Physiklehrer, sowie und bis heute als Spanischlehrer gearbeitet:** The "und bis heute" part has been wrongly inserted by you. At times I have been unemployed for more than 2 years (on the verge of being driven into homelessness, even though I am very sparsam). I am constantly fired from jobs for "things that 'happen'" among them underpayments, animosity from my supervisors, colleagues and/or incidents with students (even under-aged ones!) used by USG to harass me. They tell big wigs and their snitches in the jobs that I get that I am "a trouble maker", "crazy". They haven't hired me many times because I am seen as someone who doesn't remain in jobs for long. The urban High School where I am working right now (ROADS Bx) didn't have a licensed Math teacher. The reading level of my students is 4th-5th grade and the Math one I doubt would be higher than 3rd-grade. I have no problem whatsoever teaching systematically marginalized students, in fact, I have learned quite a bit from; but one of the reasons I was hired by them is because there is an acute need for truly bilingual, Math and Sciences teachers and no one wants to work in schools for "at risk" kids where fights constantly break out and teachers must watch out for their own safety.

*** Sie vermuteten insbesondere, dass 'amerikanische' Polizeistellen auch Sie persönlich mehr oder weniger systematisch überwachen würden, namentlich Ihr Telefon abhören und Ihre Internet-Kommunikation kontrollieren oder mitunter gar Ihnen Internet-Zugang unterbrechen würden:** Actually, as you should know by now (after the Snowden revelations) it definitely is way more than a presumption ("eine Vermutung"). I provided you with even the recording of the court case in which the judge dismissed my case because: "I could not 'prove' that I could not get a job because they were not offering me the telephone and Internet services I was paying for for 8 months". I ended up having to discontinue my telephone and Internet service and using my roommate's. All you need to do to check what I am saying is placing a call to me. You will notice the loud noise it was set under, which, as I told you, started right after I posted a comment on the intercept. I would call you back for you to notice the caller ID name.

*** ... , daß das FBI aufgrund eines vermeintlichen Vorfalls in Hauptbahnhof von Washington eine Fiche über Ihre Person angelegt habe, was es Ihnen im Jahre 2010 verunmöglicht habe, eine Arbeitsstelle bei den 'amerikanischen' Bundesbehörden zu erhalten:** It is not an alleged incident ("ein vermeintlicher Vorfall"). Union Station police gave me a written prohibition to visit the station for a number of years and I provided you with a Berufsverbot letter by the U.S. Census Bureau in which they inform me that I can not work for them (or any other U.S. Federal employer (17% of current jobs in the U.S.)) because I am in the FBI criminal index (and will be for life). As part of their "awareness network" persecution thing, police constantly harass their targets many of whom they know well aren't criminal under any standard. As it was in the case of Sarah Bland you may end up detained, imprisoned and/or "suicided" in a police station under fabricated circumstances. The claims of people subjected to Zersetzung during DDR times found receptive ears, eyes and minds. Why is it that when they do even worse in "the land of 'the' 'free' ..." it is "different"? Because the individual freedoms of U.S. citizens are safeguarded by the U.S. Constitution?

*** Als ernsthafte Nachteile gelten namentlich ... Maßnahmen, die eine unerträglichen psychischen Druck bewirken:** Sleep deprivation and subjecting people to pesky noises and high frequency Electromagnetic lobes induced through the cabling and pipes in your apartment and its surroundings to inflict pain and distress on them would be considered to be a form of **torture**, except by U.S. government officials and their acolytes, who have made up terms such as "enhanced interrogation techniques" and "no-touch torture". Not long ago the APA (American Psychological Association) did not only have the professional courage to publicly expose and condemn those practices parapeded behind "legal" obfuscations and sever their relationships with U.S. government agencies to the point of prescribing under their code of ethics concrete reprimands (including revoking professional licenses), but also decided to ascribe to the interpretation of **-torture-** sanctioned by international law. You choose to call those USG practices "Schikanen" (harassment). At the very least they should be called **state persecution**.

*** Sie sind keiner unmittelbaren Gefahr im Sinne des Asylgesetz angesetzt:** Well, technically I am not living in a war zone and if you choose to downplay and dodge my claim, then "I should not worry and be happy". Obviously you don't seem to have a clue about what is like to be a targeted individual nowadays in the U.S. I have asked my friends to make sure you are updated on my whereabouts if they put me in prison for some fabricated reasons and/or kill me. I have kept (by now three) broken teeth for years because I don't trust absolutely any institution in the U.S.

*** ... Argentinien, Brasilien, Ecuador, ...:** I do know they speak Spanish in most Latin American countries and I tell you that for some weird reason Brazilian people tend to get angry when they are thought of as Spanish speakers.

*** visumsfreie Einreise für 'amerikanischen' Staatsangehörigen sowohl in Kanada ...:** I have been to Kanada. At the risk of sounding sarcastic, some people have told me to move to New Jersey, change my phone company, ISP, buy my groceries in another store, ...

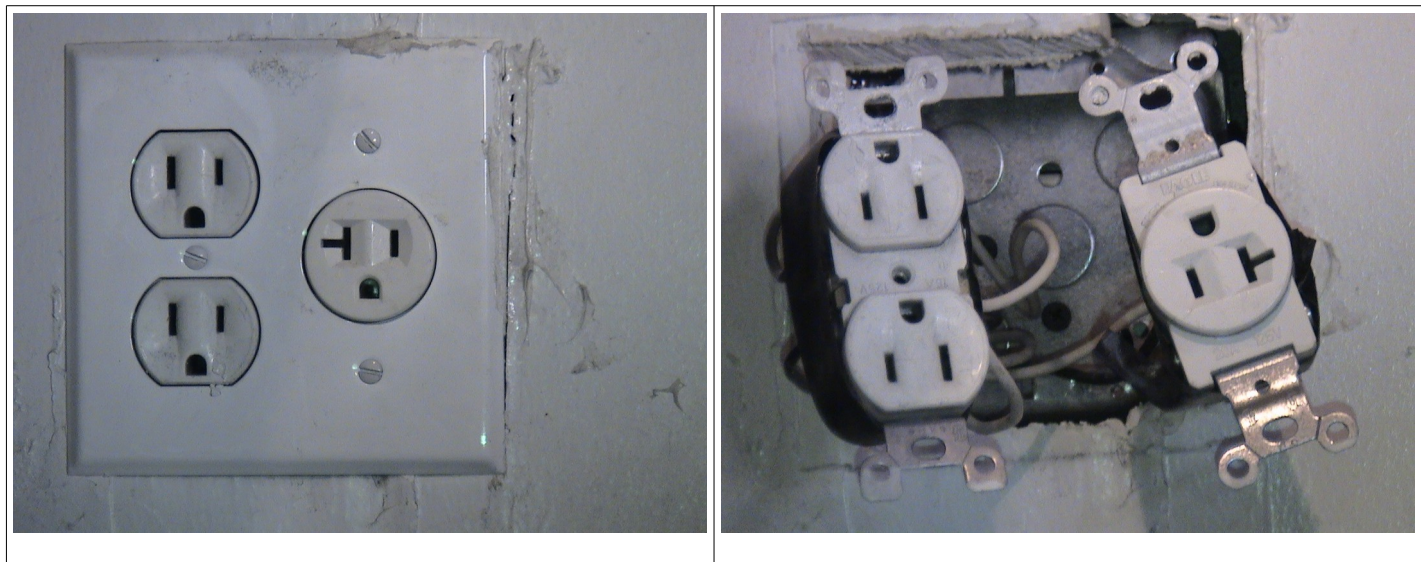
*** je eine Cousine ersten und zweiten Grades vom ihnen in Genf, mithin im französischen Landesteil der Schweiz wohnhaft seien:** Die Schweiz has keine offizielle Amtssprache and you seem to be assuming that I will settle in Genf. Do I at least get some points for speaking German? I already speak three European languages. I have no problem with learning French if that is the problem. My first exposure to a radically different thing was going to school an der TU. I have ever since been fascinated with semiotics/languages. Some people may consider me to be a punk nigga for writing poetry in a language other than my own. You have let me see some nostalgic silliness in me.

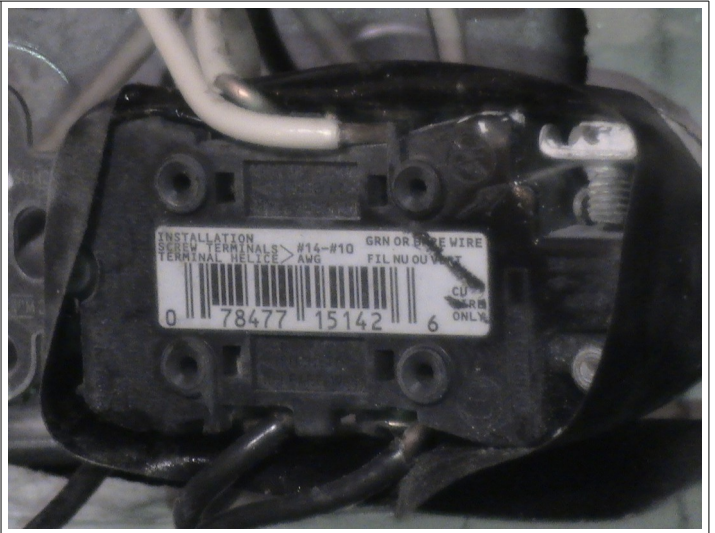
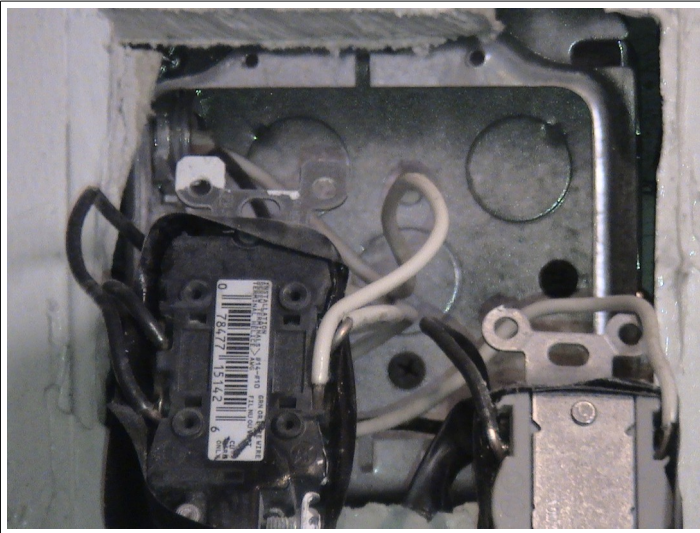
*** Sie selbst die Schweiz noch gar nie besucht habe:** That should not be a problem ;-). I have never missed a chance to speak to Swiss citizens and have had die Schweiz in my mind for a long time. AFAIK, they haven't made being silly illegal yet; I have been always intrigued by that city in the geographic borders of the Roman Empire, from where the streams of the Rhine start out. In his book: "The Rape of the Mind", Joost Meerloo mentioned that the Swiss government offered him a formal apology after kicking him out into (Nazi occupied?) France during WWII. I also know about some historical issues you may not be that proud about.

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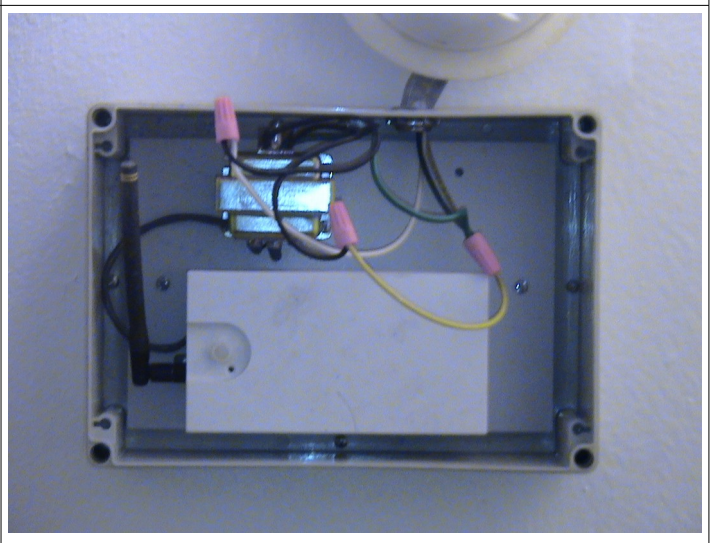
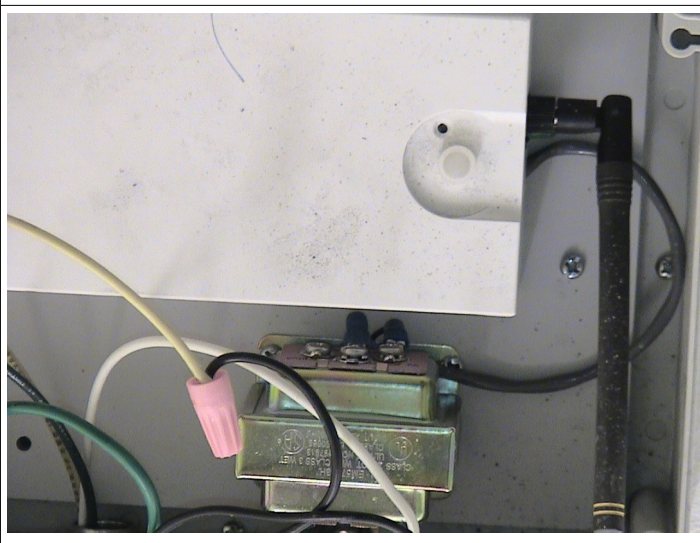
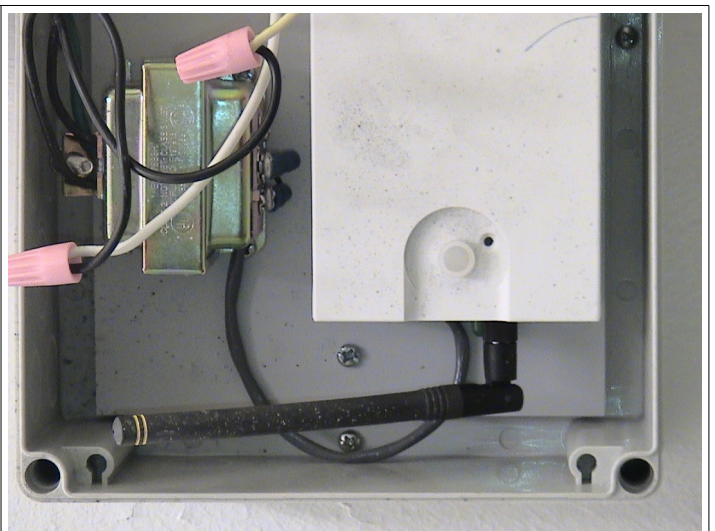
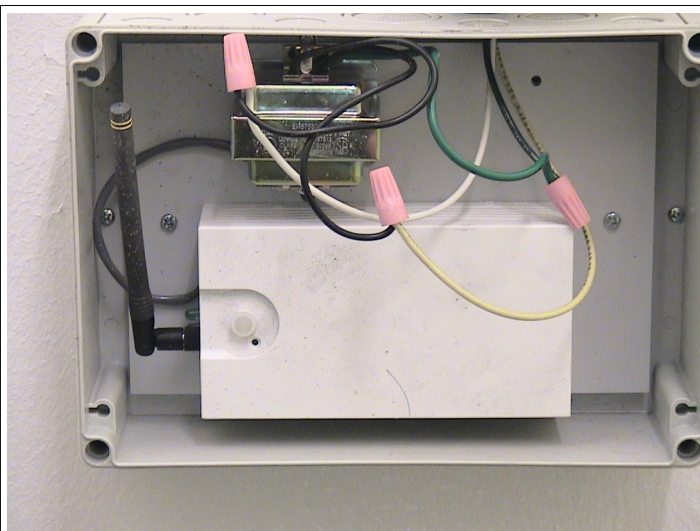
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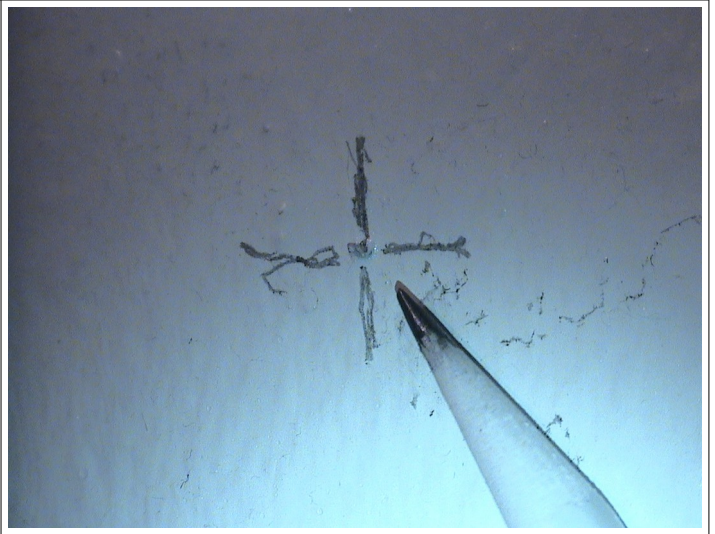
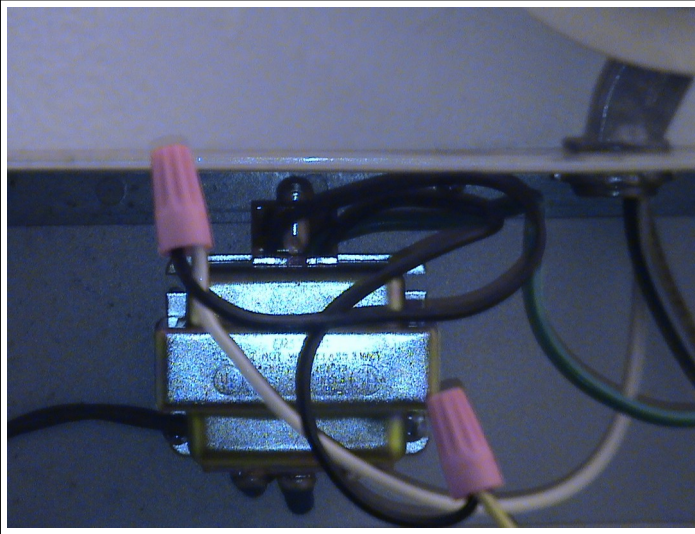
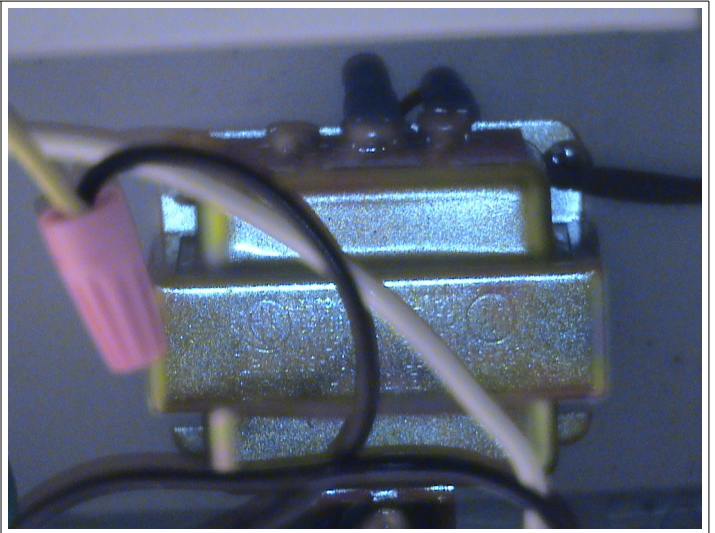
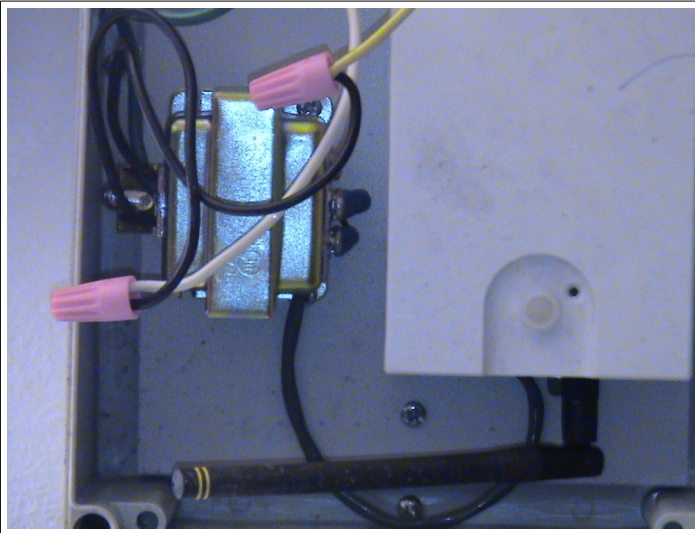




// __ dsc000{66,68,72,77,82,83,78}.jpg: Hmm! A transducer hooked up to a device sporting an antenna inside in a plastic box encased by a second plastic box (even the screws of that thing are plastic), right on the stairways' rest next to my apartment's door! That "plastic box" is only at the entrance to my apartment. In no other floor in the building's stairways or the other building managed by landlord. Previously, they had peculiarly "different", large light bulb encasings which would remain kapput for weeks. I have asked, offered to the superintendent of the building to change the light bulb myself and he said: "Oh, I wouldn't even know how to 'fix' those". Don't they have any other way to hover every single keystroke originating from my computers real time? I have repeatedly let the building management and landlord know about such things and they have never answered to me or given me any explanations of any kind.

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Those seemingly innocuous types of devices appear wherever I happen to work or live and with them come the noises and all other related "Schikanen" things. At times I have switched off the electrical circuit brakes in my apartment, yet I still notice the weird pesky noises and things, which, since they can't do sh!t about Physics, obviously means that they are inducing those noises from the outside also. At work, I am the only teacher who don't have access to an external drive where we keep lesson plans and resources. I would get three Windows BSD (blue screens of death) in 20 minutes and they repeat it right in front of one of my managers. My colleagues wonder why can't I access the Internet (for work related sites such as office 365) with the laptop I was given. I have stopped using that laptop. That affects not only me, but my students and my colleagues as well (some of them think I am just being lazy, careless). As you can see not only you don't have to be an active enemy combatant for them to drone attack you from the other side of the globe, but you don't have to be a "bad guy", nor do they even have to prosecute you and put you in prison; you are just "targeted" as part of which they effectively frame you in a virtual prison, which includes **torture**.

Thank you very much

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