



July 6, 2024

**RE: PERCEIVED THREATS AND INTIMIDATION BY JAMAICAN PRIME
MINISTER ANDREW HOLNESS AND HIS SUPPORTER AGAINST SOCIAL MEDIA
COMMENTATORS RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES**

Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is Wilfred Rattigan and I am a retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent. I am also a practicing attorney, a social media commentator, and a resident of Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

I write to inform you about perceived intimidation and threats against me and other social media commentators as a result of our continued criticism of the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) and Prime Minister (PM) Andrew Holness. The following attachments are provided as supporting documentation of said threats and intimidation:

- The PM's statement; and
- A conversation on social media between an individual whose voice appears to be identifiable with the social media personality named Christopher O'Neil McCurdy, aka "Chopper John," "Chopps," "Choppa," and two unidentified females. It should be noted that in their conversation one of the females referred to the person believed to be McCurdy as "Chopps." Additionally, McCurdy is a well-known and fervent supporter of PM Holness and the GOJ.

As background, in 2020 the GOJ established an unregistered organization known as the "Global Jamaica Diaspora Council" (GJDC) with a sizeable presence in the U.S. Based on the GJDC's Policy and Terms of Reference, it is led, directed, and influenced by the GOJ. There are several U.S. citizens who are representatives of the GJDC in the U.S. and it is believed that they and the organization are acting in violation of U.S. laws, including the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Several members of the Jamaican Diaspora in the US expressed their concerns, publicly and privately, about the possible violations of law committed by the GJDC and its representatives but it was to no avail. Recently, to the consternation of the GOJ and its confederates, the aforementioned members of the diaspora registered the GJDC as a non-profit organization with the IRS and several states. Further, said diaspora members have and continue to exercise their constitutional right to free speech and criticize the Jamaican government for alleged public corruption, human rights abuses, kleptocracy, poor governance, and possible violations of U.S. laws to include the Global Magnitsky Act of 2016.

In the wake of an avalanche of social media criticism of the GOJ and the PM, Jamaican Police Commissioner Antony Anderson, a confidant of the PM, called for legislation in July 2023 to

target individuals who use digital platforms to create “*public mischief*” (Radio Jamaica News, July 5, 2023). He demitted office on or about March 18, 2024.

At a youth meeting in June 2024, the PM indicated that the GOJ was using its “*capabilities*” to track and identify individuals who were using social media to “*comment and post negatively, to spread rumors about people, to do some really nasty things. And you are going to see some actions very shortly for those persons.*”

Shortly thereafter, a recording of the aforementioned conversation between Christopher O’Neil McCurdy, aka “Chopper John,” “Chopps,” “Choppa,” and two unidentified females surfaced on social media. Much like the PM’s veiled threats, McCurdy’s conversation revolves around the tracking and identification of social media personalities, but it is even more ominous. During the conversation, McCurdy stated: “*let me tell you that every waking moment would be spent to track them down and to give them what they duly deserve. Trust and believe me. It is happening already.*”

McCurdy also stated: “*The ones that are coming from social media, trust and believe, we are getting those names. We have some of the names already and we are getting the additional names and we are verifying. Some of them, we find them house already. We find the house already. We see them in their house watering plants already. We see them already. It’s only a matter of time. And guess what? Guess what? Some of them are local in Jamaica and some of them are overseas. And believe, trust and believe, of the seven that are on my list on social media, seven, four have already been identified. Four from seven has already been identified. It’s only a matter of time. It’s only a matter of time for all of them who you see who post people’s pictures up. No argument. It’s coming.*”

In light of the public statements made by the PM and McCurdy, I perceive a clear intent to intimidate and threaten me and my social media colleagues for engaging in constitutionally permissible action. The totality of the circumstances, i.e., statements made by the PM, Police Commissioner Anderson, and McCurdy suggest a concerning pattern and practice of potential violation of constitutional rights, physical harm, and intimidation. Notwithstanding, my colleagues and I will continue with our pursuit of holding this and future Jamaican governments accountable.

It must be noted that the PM is a regular visitor to the Washington, DC area which is in proximity to my residence. And it is believed that McCurdy, based on his attendance at Cornell University in New York and prior employment/residence in the Atlanta area, has extensive contacts in the U.S. He is presently residing and working in Jamaica, and his U.S. immigration status is unknown.

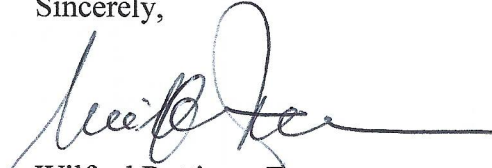
Finally, I am notifying all recipients that should any catastrophe befall me, my family members, or those who are publicly critical of the GOJ and the PM, the PM and McCurdy must be considered prime suspects. Because of the potential danger to me, my family and others, all necessary action should be taken to ensure that the PM and McCurdy are:

- Monitored (CI/FISUR/SIGINT);
- Placed on the US Watchlist;

- Evaluated based on a threat assessment; and
- Subjected to US visa revocation.

I thank you in advance for your expeditious attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wilfred Rattigan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wilfred Rattigan, Esq.
FBI Supervisory Special Agent (Ret.)