

Statement by U.S. legal team for Dimitri Firtash regarding decision of Austrian appeals court to agree to United States request to extradite Mr. Firtash to the United States:

"We are disappointed in the Austrian appeals court decision. Mr. Firtash, a Ukrainian, is charged concerning a project in India that was never completed - a project entirely outside of the United States that had no effect on the United States and in which the United States has no legitimate interest.

The U.S. legal team believes that Mr. Firtash is innocent of all charges. If and when Mr. Firtash is required to come to the United States, the team will fight to obtain dismissal of this unjust case by the Department of Justice or, if necessary, in U.S. courts, to clear Mr. Firtash's name."

--Daniel Webb, former U.S. attorney in Chicago

--Michael Chertoff, former Secretary of U.S. Homeland Security and head of criminal division of U.S. Department of Justice

--Lanny J. Davis, attorney and partner in Davis Goldberg & Galper PLLC

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