

STATE DEPARTMENT DAILY BRIEFING excerpt on
Posada Carriles

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QUESTION: Can I ask you about Posada Carriles. Now that the his lawyer is speaking, saying that he's seeking asylum, I wonder if you're at more liberty to address the issue. Is his history in the thing he's accused of grounds enough to consider having him sent out of the country?

MR. CASEY: Saul, I'm afraid that, as always, we're not in a position to be able to comment on asylum matters or asylum cases. I refer you over to the Justice Department or the Department of Homeland Security for comment, but I'm afraid you'd probably get the same lack of response because I believe they're covered by some of the same restrictions.

QUESTION: Asylum aside, do you consider Posada Carriles to be a disreputable individual?

MR. CASEY: I actually, at this point, don't have an opinion to offer you about him. What I can tell you is that members of the Justice Department, I believe, have spoken to this and said that should he be here in the United States, allegations that have been made against him would have to be looked at very seriously. But I'd really leave it up to them in terms of what the legal ramifications are or what the consequences might be.

QUESTION: Okay.

MR. CASEY: Thanks.

(The briefing concluded at 3:25 p.m.)

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