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Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Transport's no fly list keeps failing the test of privacy and sovereignty. Even as the United States Secretary of State admits American error in the Arar case, the minister cannot get Mr. Arar or any other Canadian removed from the U.S. no fly list. But the minister now has his own list, one he apparently must share with, among others, the United States homeland security office.

Will the minister tell the House how he can secure the removal of Canadians wrongly placed on the American no fly list when the United States Secretary of State cannot?

Supplemental Question

Mr. Speaker, I think he is in denial and his assurances are not having any impact when the Americans continue to demand copies of passenger lists for U.S. overflights.

Is he aware that such lists will provide American authorities with names of Canadian business persons travelling to Cuba? Is he aware as well that the Helms-Burton Act imposes American law and its consequences on foreign companies and their officers doing business in Cuba?

How will he then defend Canadian interests and Canadian sovereignty? What protection from American interference is he offering Canadian citizens?