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To mister James Wall

Ambassador of Canada to the Netherlands

Today we join the worldwide protest rally to free Canadian cannabis activist Marc Emery, who was extradited to the USA this week. We request you to consider the facts below and do everything in your power to make sure Marc Emery will not spend five years in an American prison. In the Netherlands, sale of cannabis seeds is legal. The VOC (Vereniging voor Opheffing van het Cannabisverbod: Association for the abolition of cannabis prohibition) is convinced that cannabis should and will be legal. **Marc Emery is not a criminal and should not be treated as such.**

- Marc Emery is a Canadian citizen who never went to the USA as a seed seller.
- Marc Emery operated his seed business in Canada at all times, with no American branches or employees.
- Marc Emery declared his income from marijuana seed sales on his income tax, and paid over \$580,000 to the Federal and Provincial governments from 1999 to 2005.
- Marc Emery is the leader of the British Columbia Marijuana Party, a registered political party that has regularly participated in elections.
- Marc Emery has never been arrested or convicted of manufacturing or distributing marijuana in Canada, as he only sold seeds.
- Marc Emery gave away all of the profits from his seed business to drug law reform lobbyists, political parties, global protests and rallies, court litigation, medical marijuana initiatives, drug rehabilitation clinics, and other legitimate legal activities and organizations.
- Marc Emery helped found the United States Marijuana Party, state-level political parties, and international political parties in countries such as Israel and New Zealand.
- Marc Emery has been known as a book seller and activist in Canada for 30 years, fighting against censorship laws and other social issues long before he became a drug law reform activist.
- Marc Emery has been a media figure for 20 years with regards to marijuana and drug law reform. He is very well-known to Canadian, American and international news media organizations.
- Marc Emery operated his business in full transparency and honesty since its inception in 1994, even sending his marijuana seed catalogue inside his magazine "Cannabis Culture" to each Member of Parliament in Canada every two months for years.
- The US Drug Enforcement Administration admitted in a press release from Administrator Karen Tandy that his July 29th, 2005 arrest was based on drug legalization efforts (a copy of the document can be viewed at <http://www.cannabisculture.com/articles/4685.html>)