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Scottish Government should stand up to the bullying and call the Americans' bluff

As we witness the American and British governments' cynical attempts to shift the blame for Lockerbie on to the Scottish Government the critical question is: Will the SNP administration display courage, vision and leadership, stand up to this bullying and call their bluff? Will the Scottish Government offer them the inquiry they are all afraid of?

How can we blame other governments if the search for the truth about Lockerbie, a Scottish tragedy that occurred on Scottish soil which was investigated and prosecuted by Scottish authorities, is frustrated by our own government?

It is a legitimate question to ask – what right does a country have to self-determination if when given the opportunity to exercise that right it fails to do so?

Last week a public petition was submitted appealing to the Scottish Parliament to call on our government to launch an independent inquiry into this indelible stain on the Scottish justice system.

The petitioner's hope is that people from home and abroad will add their voices to this call.

As Robert Burns so eloquently put it: "There's nane ever fear'd that the truth should be heard but they whom the truth would indite."

The petition can be found at:

http://epetitions.scottish.parliament.uk/view_petition.asp?PetitionID=417.

Iain McKie,

Ayr.

Having read and listened to so many people from other countries sound off about the release of Abdelbaset Ali Mohmed Al-Megrahi, I am at a loss to understand why they are so focussed in the wrong direction.

Just recently reading the biography of Edwin Morgan by James McGonigal - Beyond the Last Dragon- I discovered that when the poet was diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer, he was told by the consultant that he might survive for six months or six years, which demonstrates just how difficult it is to give an accurate timescale for cancer sufferers. As it was he survived for 11 years.

So let's waste no more time on this and turn to the much more important aspect of the conviction of Megrahi on the unreliable evidence of one man, whose memory seemed to improve out of all proportion after being promised \$2m by the CIA. Let's focus our minds in the right direction. *Mrs Ann Yule,*

Dingwall.

PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION

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