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Headlines:

White House Dismisses Reports Of Assante Rendition

The disappearance of Armand Assante was played down by the White House administration today despite reports the Hollywood actor **may have been the target of a CIA extradition order in connection with the recent Wikileaks scandal.**

With a range of conservative pundits calling for domestic courts **to try Assante as a terrorist his sudden disappearance from a family vacation in Greece** has heightened speculation that U.S authorities may have employed illegal methods in his capture.

Already media commentators are questioning the targeting of the popular Mambo Kings actor.

Robert Fisk of The Independent has asked if “the CIA are sure they’ve got the right man.”

While of Irish-Italian background Assante has successfully played a range of different ethnicities.

Also problematic for Assante’s defence team is his convincing portrayal of terrorists in a number of films and his ever-changing appearance.

The legal status of the actor was further complicated by Australian Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd, who stated that Assante would be “afforded every level of diplomatic support, as is his right as an Australian citizen.”

Assante’s family are concerned for the ongoing physical and mental wellbeing of Armand, and high-profile Hollywood stars have added their voices to a growing chorus demanding details of Assante’s whereabouts.

“He’s done nothing wrong,” said former co-star **Demi Moore**, “apart from **Striptease**, perhaps.”

A CIA spokesperson said that “scattershot theories” are unwarranted, “Assante is possibly still in transit between various European authorities. **At this stage he’s not on our radar.**”

The White House said that no information could be given on the case as to do so would potentially compromise state secrets. Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said he would then have to call for his own arrest, a situation he would only instigate “as a last resort”.

Gibbs added that the White House “categorically knew nothing of Assante’s current whereabouts.

The Wikileaks head has not, to our knowledge, disappeared into an unknown Polish office building for a few days.”

When asked to confirm just which person he was talking about Gibbs added, “him too” before abruptly ending the press conference.