

John McCain on CIA prisons in Poland and using torture - interview

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Wirtualna Polska: How do you assess the policy of current US administration towards Poland and Russia?

John McCain: I appreciate the change in relationships between Poland and Russia, and credit for this goes to Polish government. It was a crucial issue. I am worried with rule of law in Russia and such cases as mystery death of Sergey Magnitsky and imprisonment of Mikhail Khodorkovskiy. This is fundamental challenge for rule of law.

Wirtualna Polska: You have criticized the Bush administration for consent to use torture. There are some tracks indicating that in Poland terror suspects were subject to torture and that there was a secret CIA prison. What can you say about this?

John McCain: I don't know anything about these situations. I know one thing. The policy of current US administration and the Polish government is such: there is no consent for using torture.

Wirtualna Polska: Do you think that the case of torture and secret CIA prisons should be explained?

John McCain: I think that the case has been already quite well discussed with Polish government and society.

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