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## U.S. Congress Threatens Ibero-American Governments That Offer Asylum to Snowden

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U.S. legislators and government officials are threatening reprisals against any Ibero-American government that is contemplating offering asylum to former contractor Edward Snowden. The Presidents of Venezuela, Bolivia and Nicaragua have offered asylum to Snowden so far, although Nicaragua appears more cautious.

According to today's *Global Research*, an anonymous State Department official warned over the weekend that "there is not a country in the hemisphere whose government does not understand our position at this point." Any granting of asylum to Snowden would put relations with the U.S. "in a very bad place for a long time to come," he threatend.

Speaking on NBC News' program "Meet The Press" July 7, Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) bellowed that "clearly any acceptance of Snowden to any country is going to put them directly against the United States, and they need to know that." Rep. Mike Rogers (R-MI) head of the House Intelligence Committee, told CNN's Candy Crowley, on "The State of the Union" show the same day, that "we shouldn't just allow this to happen and shrug it off. This is serious business. Those Latin American companies enjoy certain trade benefits with the United States. We ought to look at all of that to send a very clear message that we won't put up with this kind of behavior."

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