

VIDEO · TRANSCRIPT OF SELECTED EXCERPTS

Travis Leake, appeal to President Trump

Recorded over the summer of 2026 at IK-6, Melekhovo, Vladimir Oblast. Running time 3:18. These are selected excerpts, not a complete transcript; timecodes refer to the full 16:9 file in this kit. Free to air with credit: Free Travis Leake campaign.

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I am sorry I am not a journalist. I am sorry I am not a basketball player. I am sorry I am not somebody that is important.
- 01:27

But what I am not is a drug dealer, and there is no reason for me to be here.
- 01:34

This is probably the most obvious hostage-taking case there is.
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I have been sitting in prison for almost 1,100 days and nobody has even reviewed my case.
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President Trump, can you bring me home?

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CREDIT	Free Travis Leake campaign. Lower-third: Michael “Travis” Leake, U.S. Air Force veteran, held in Russia since June 6, 2023.
CONTEXT	Michael “Travis” Leake recorded the appeal from the penal colony where he is serving a 13-year sentence imposed by Moscow’s Khamovnichesky District Court on July 18, 2024. The State Department has not designated him WRONGFULLY DETAINED . The “1,100 days” he cites was the count when he recorded it; today is Day 1,213.

“What I am not is a drug dealer, and there is no reason for me to be here.”

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