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British prime minister Gordon Brown spoke on Thursday (at least indirectly) about the future of Gary McKinnon, a 42-year-old UFO enthusiast accused of hacking into several U.S. military sites. It was the prime minister's first public comments on the case which, after six years, took a twist over the summer.

McKinnon [lost his last fight against extradition in July](#) but has yet to arrive in the United States to stand trial. His lawyers are continuing to appeal within the E.U. courts. McKinnon, who has been [diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, has said he would prefer to stand trial within the U.K., or at the very least serve his sentence in the UK.](#)

Brown spoke while taking questions at the House of Commons. While he did not address McKinnon's case directly, he did say the "U.K. and the U.S. are signatories to the Council of Europe convention on the transfer of sentenced persons, which enables a person found guilty in the United States of America to serve their sentence in the U.K."

Colin Barker of ZDNet.co.uk has [more details](#).

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