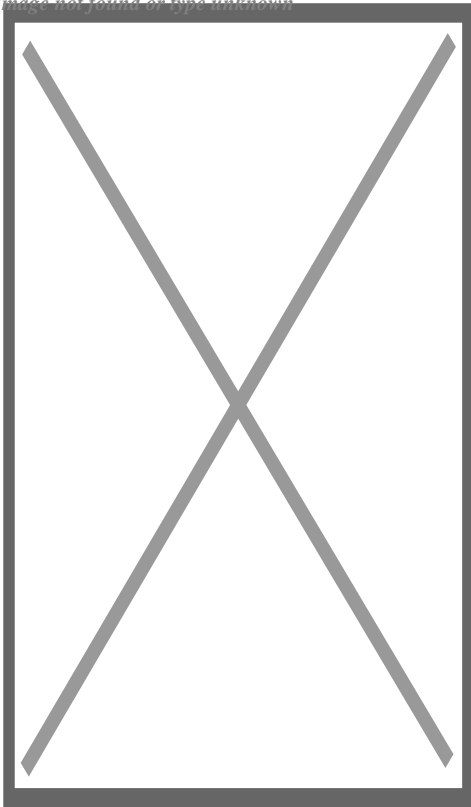


Investigation confirms bribe of 3.2 million dollars to Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado

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Caracas, May 22 (RHC)-- A Brazilian journalist revealed an audio of a conversation by American lobbyist Armstrong Williams in which she acknowledges that they had supplied \$3.2 million to a Venezuelan opposition leader ahead of the primary elections in that South American country.

These are alleged bribes that María Corina Machado would have received according to the Brazilian journalist Patrícia Lélis, revealed the newspaper Venezuela News, which has followed the case. On the

audio, collected by local media, lobbyist Armstrong Williams can be heard interrogating Lélis about the money that would be given to María Corina Machado for the bribe.

The communicator worked in a "lobby" office on Venezuela linked to the conservative network Fox News between 2021 and 2023, the media outlet recalls. According to the revealed conversation, 3.2 million would be the amount of money for which Lélis refused to travel to deliver directly.

The 3.2 million dollars would have served, in that sense, to finance Machado's activities. They were managed through the Disenso Foundation with direct purposes, the financing of the electoral campaign and the promotion of information in the media and social networks.

Likewise, an e-mail sent to De Oliveira by Machado's head of international relations, Pedro Urruchurtu, was made public, requested by Venezuelan Justice on various charges, including treason, money laundering and criminal association.

Given the scandal revelations, the journalist warned that she only showed "some evidence about how U.S. politicians and lobbyists interfere in the elections in Venezuela. One thing I learned in my 10 years as a journalist is that we never give away everything we have at once. To my enemies and to those who corruptly try to attack Maduro, here is my advice: I have audio of negotiations and I have much more evidence."

The presidential elections in Venezuela are scheduled for next July 28th.

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