

## RETURN RECEIPT LETTER

From: Alexander Avakov

To: A Lawyer

March 05, 2021

Re: "Return receipt" letter

Dear All:

There are attempts to "suppress" my book "*Metafolklore*". An archetypically hostile reaction to this book was expressed in *LA Times* about one of the contributing sources to "*Metafolklore*" by William Askins, ex-CIA Clandestine Service Senior Operations Officer: "**This book is chock full of secrets. The public doesn't need to know this stuff and it should be suppressed!**" These attempts have practical consequences.

For lawyers (who like facts) here are some details of **pretty malicious sabotage**:

I used to put the electronic version of "*Metafolklore*" on an American website, but was forced to move them to a Russian website of my friend after I was notified that I could no longer use the American website because I "exceeded the maximum 4Mb storage allowed," instead of 32Mb that was before, due to a change in the requirements of the website host. I think that was the technical pretext to stop me from using the American website.

I also have the printed version of "*Metafolklore*," which I self-publish. One American self-publishing company, Xlibris, **blocked** the updates to my book over disagreement with the content of the book and returned my money. My current self-publisher, Amazon, has been playing games with updates of the manuscript: they had an error on the Cover to Volume 1 after one my recent update of the manuscript; the Cover had been perfectly OK before, I suspect the real reason were my updates to the content; I had to reupload the Cover to Volume 1, but then, because of the changed rules the Cover appeared in the screwed up way; I was not in contact with the graphic designer of the Cover anymore and had not been able to adjust the Cover to abide by the new rules; that had temporarily **blocked** any updates of Volume 1. Problems with my American website at some period of time had caused my book "*Metafolklore*" to be effectively **blocked** on Facebook. Recently, Amazon removed Volume 2 of my book, which describes methods of surveillance, from Expanded Distribution; as the result this volume is no longer available for retail booksellers and libraries. **That means that they do not want the public to know the methods of surveillance and proceeded to active suppression of this part of the book.**

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Also, for whatever reason, the postal mail has not been exactly punctual. Since June 22, 2020, from 261 letters to lawyers with a request for a human rights lawyer, only 17 have returned the “return receipt” letter or responded to the main letter. If you received my letter from March 05, 2021 with the request for a human rights lawyer, **to minimize the future disruptions**, please date and sign the current “return receipt” letter and send back to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

Alexander Avakov

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Date the receipt is signed

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Signature to acknowledge the receipt of the request for a human rights lawyer