Exhibit 14: questions for the advanced applicant [revised on November 12, 2014]

The Asylum Officer has interviewed lots of people from your country, and many of those people were bad and stupid liars. So, the officer wonders if you are like them.

In other words, are you just making up your story?

The officer wonders if this happened:

-maybe your friend told you, “there was a big protest on September 15, 2014 in

the capital city. The police arrested lots of demonstrators. You should apply for asylum and tell them you were arrested at this protest.”

 So, you just know two details: there was a big protest, and lots of arrests.

 You do not know many things, such as the reasons for the protest, how you traveled to the protest, who else was there, what exactly happened, what the police said, what others said, how long the protest was, what happened afterwards.

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WHAT COMPLAINTS DID YOU HAVE AGAINST YOUR GOVERNMENT?

If your party comes to power, how would it deal with those complaints?

you protested on 7/5/12?  what was it like that day? what was it like to be there that day?

Why did you, personally, decide to protest that day?

How did you join the party?

Tell me the process. Take me through the day: what would a camera have recorded? you walked into a building, and talked to a man at a desk?

why were you arrested?

Why were you shot?

If you had to return to your country, would you continue in politics?

Why would you be arrested upon your return?

When you departed from your country, why were  you not arrested at the airport?

is there anything else?

is there any other reason why your government wants to arrest you?