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Hard News:

R: O M G!!!!

- There are stories upon stories having to do with our galactic friends and our origins
- The mitichlorians - the Force; Mother/Father God - this planet was a garden of Eden when we first showed up; there is something now about climate change - global cooling, as well as global warming
- Thom Hartmann's book **The Last Hours of Ancient Sunlight** talks of the next coming ice age - has to do with orbital position of this planet in relationship to the sun
- Now the particles are from the MCEs - solar flares
- It is about us becoming the heroes and the prophets who are doing this 4th turning right now and turn this story on its ear; war criminals, banker gangsters are going to be swining on the nearest lamp post!

Our Times: with Craig Barnes Russ Baker was guest: see material on www.familyofsecrets.com

- he knows the story about JFK, the clone that was killed, who will be back
- this is why BO will be re-elected and not down the road, but now!
- They talked about the time line changing, and full disclosure about to be announced
- the cosmic dance being played out with our friends being here: they are circling us

Craig Barnes and Russ B were talking

- the Schirff family from Germany are about to be nailed for what they have done when since the time when Hitler, Himmler and Dr Carl Cronin, almost an android life form, met with the Satonnians, the inner earth people the refugees from Maldek, Lucifera's planet before it went super nova; words exchanged, things happened

Russ: why was Bush Sr in a place called Tyler, TX, 1 hour after JFK clone was shot and on the phone telling FBI, I have information on this shooting;

- has to do with the story of our friends from the Dracos system who, before that, came from Nibiru - all has to do with Mother stepping in, the particles right now
 - How do we fit in and relate to this story? as we absorb the particles of light from the mass coronal ejections, they are changing our DNA by the second and all around us: matter, anti-matter, whatever you may appear to see with your eyes
 - Our 3rd eye, inner eye, is about to pop out, fully awake - pituitary, pineal, hypothalamus - all coming back on line due to the particles coming in right now
 - Elinen is a craft, not a comet - all sitting out about to drop the dime on what has to happen
 - Russ B spoke with R on the phone
 - about how story is to be revealed
 - about the Bankers Manifesto and the Freemasons making a pledge that they were honoured above the Constitution that they swore an oath to
 - Russ spoke of Whistleblowers between 70 and 110 who were eye witnesses to what Hitler and his associates did : tried to open up a vortex and bring in Lucifer and the dark beings
 - This story is true and is about to be dropped in our faces in midst of clowny-clone show that is the Republican primaries which have nothing to do with anything
- Craig, Russ: ended the talk by telling everyone to be aware that we will be eye-witnesses to when Bush Sr and all his family s arrested publically - it's about **a game changer called the truth** - who passed through Ellis Island and got false papers because of the gangster-bankers and the 13 families who controlled this story - it has never been what we have thought it has been

Camp Loveway - Benjamin Stewart came out with the movie Ungrip

- talking about the initiation occurring with the light particles coming in & affecting us greatly
- T & R know someone who was ready to throw in the towel today & leave; R cheered him up
- the particles are awakening everyone and everything - if you were asleep, you can wake up feeling irritable - and it will get even wonkier, as we go through this initiation
- It is about us as Co-creator gods - we all decided to play in this polar universe with our free will choice within the laws of the One - both free will choice and the Laws of One went wonky, and things have gone full circle
- Now She who was here before the gods were here has shown up with all of her children: Lady Master Ma'at is here in the court of justice - this is what is about to occur

T: will we have a civilization that is spiritually based or the same old, same old?

R: aware of how people on the radio are talking; yet at the same time, it is about loving this story, as we go through it, **there is a change in the wind**

T: an Article from Brasscheck: about anti counterfeiting trade agreement

- Rama got told that Rupert Murdoch may be getting arrested in next 3-4 days

Reading: Rupert Murdoch's Staff Arrested As Tabloid Scandal Spreads To Second Newspaper

MSNBC is front runner of main media

[SEE BELOW]

- Sam Seder may have a program
- Also Melissa Harris Perry

Getting rid of the 2 party system:

- Thom Hartmann keeps telling people to get into the progressive movement

R: Rupert Murdoch is another arm of Fox News - gop.tv! All going down

Reading: Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) explained

[SEE BELOW]

PIPA, SOPA, ACTAA - are all unconstitutional

Also violates MAGNA CARTA - complete breach [which was influenced by Moorish peoples]

USA Patriotic Acts 1, 2 and 3 [all assassinations were done by Hillary, not BO]

National Defense Act are also unconstitutional
14th Amendment was NOT ratified
US adoption of ACTAA violates constitution
US in freedom of speech rating: 47th in the world

Audio: Chris Hayes: UP Saturday morning, January 28
Guest: David Cay Johnson; Richard Kim for The Nation magazine
People who are out of work paid for their benefits

Caller: is dinar a sham?

T: no - perfectly legitimate; just have to wait until the arrests are complete

Caller: what about contrails?

T: difference between contrails and chemtrails

- contrails are
- Chemtrails are a chemical cocktail - have radiation poisoning, miniscule micro chips that program brains to be depressed; Don't let it get you down - as you do the higher work - meditation, listening to the solfeggio tones that move you up in vibrations
- our work now is to get active: work together to change the governance of the country from the downward spiral - everyone has a mission: a Native American tribe have saved the dolphins from the sonar waves which kill them
- We all have to get out there and get our voices heard: those ones trying to shut down the internet world wide - all kinds of countries signed off on the ACTAA during the Davos Economic forum -
- **Whatever we are doing now, spirit is asking us to do more**
The G8, G20 group will be meeting in Chicago in May - there are ways to get involved in Joliette [she is Big Will's mum!!!]
- To get our governance back is to participate - they didn't want us to participate
Around Nixon's times, people gave up participating

Reading: Banking in America "banker admits in court that banks actually loan nothing" [SEE BELOW]

Audio: Thom Hartman from Thursday, Jan 26

- Democrats from 1932 - 1946 controlled the House
- 1936 - FDR says I will make sure people have the right to collectively bargain and have a living wage
 - to wipe out sweat shops
 - to stop monopoly in business - collective bargaining
 - to abolish dishonourable trade practices [there were other items, as well]
- After the war, people said let's try the other party! So Repubs got house and Senate for 2 years and did an incredible amount of damage
- Because of the Taft Hartley Act, Truman went after them; they lost the house and senate for another 30 years
- In 1947: Truman went after the Taft Hartley Act; did not agree but **was vetoed** trying to change it
 - he said the real meaning of this bill : it was dangerous; contains seeds of discord that will plague the country - and it has
 - in the "right to work for less" states, which Indiana is about to become: wages drop by \$5000 per year; work place injuries go up by 51%; there is no health care + other things
 - Tape of Ronald Reagan [still a Democrat at the time] before 1948 presidential election
 - found that higher wages do not increase higher prices
 - labour has been handcuffed by the T-H laws
- Indiana is on the edge - [does not think there are any progressive radio stns there]

Mitch Daniels is about to devastate the state;

- there are now cheap labour zones right in the US - we'll drive down the standard of living
 - Truman in 1947 said the Taft Hartley Act should be repealed
- How it works: a company is not a democracy; democracy in a company comes via a union; when a union is there, the members have something to say - workplaces where people are paid badly, or which are dangerous - need for unions
 - In majority of states in US: if a majority of people in a company want a union, then it comes - then they operate under a set of rules and they all have a voice in the union. A small piece of their income is taken as union dues to support it; the benefits of being in a union outweigh the cost
- So-called "right to work" legislation changes this: if 51% of people want a union OK, but if people don't want to pay dues, then they don't have to. So now can get the situation of people paying dues and some not; the ones paying dues are carrying the burden of keeping the union running.
 - As a result, this right to work legislation creates discord in the work place;
 - Unions have less money to operate, as those who don't pay don't take part: thus, unions are destroyed
- When the T-H Act was passed, 35% of all workers were unionized; by 1980, it was 25%; now only 8% are unionized.

Need to repeal Taft Hartley and stop Mitch Daniels - destroying middle class, which is goal.

- Mitch Daniels is emblematic of what is happening across the country - when Reagan came into power, unions got more of a beating
- this is a **race to the bottom** and Daniels is doing his best to get there first.

Caller: been trying to do this since 2005; he terminated the contracts of 20,000 public employees
Not fair, he didn't have the right!

Thom: one person had the right, thanks to Taft Hartley

Caller: at the time, the private unions did not come to the defence of the public employees, now it's happening to them; he is trying to turn them into the South - and I don't want to be a southerner in that way!

Thom: MI and Illinois - home of unions

- This is not a national story - except for Thom and MSNBC! And it should be.

Caller from MN: thanks for educating us about the Taft Hartley Act - labour history is left out of history, as in AZ when 300 years of

- comes from a union family - incredible that some want to turn the country back so many years
- there is a conspiracy of silence about labour - even Minn public radio, still hear nothing about labour history
- Grandmother was in women's lady garment workers union; Thom plays an ad from the 60s - when the ads said when you buy union made goods, you feed your neighbours, etc.

**Whole series of calls on Thom's site about what is happening in Indiana,
Mitch Daniels; the value of the union movement, and so on
WORTH LISTENING TO - TERRIFIC CALLERS!!!**

Audio: BBS patched up us into this interview on BBS Station 1 - thanks to BBS!!!!

Cosmic Love is the site; Christopher: host - interviewing Foster Gamble of www.ThriveMovement.com

- Foster talks about how to use the site for starting groups in your own area
- and how groups can operate; value of Occupy Movement

ANOTHER GOOD AUDIO

Music: 1. Playing for Change: Japan, we love you; Playing for Change: we love you!: "Stand by Me"
2. John Denver
3. Dream with Me

Astrology: Richard
the advantage goes to high ground: that's what Jupiter does, and it's in Taurus
working on behalf of Mother Gaia right now

T: as we go into self-acceptance and loving place, it will expand us

Ri: if we don't fight it.

3 points are Saturn - Jupiter - Sun: we are being pulled in 3 directions right now

- while we are being stretched and pulled and clearing - the clearer we get, the better the downloads to help us with our new creations - this is not shabby!
- Moon is 5 days old, so it's waxing and becoming more potent
- Overnight tonight, Mercury squares Jupiter in Taurus - this will go on for another 24 hours
 - he's willing to bet for lucid dreams, astral travel - all kinds of journeys we take as spirits
 - go with no fear!
- Monday: moon gets active again with angles and relationships
- Discussion about early spring in Idaho Falls, in Richard's location;
- 10 days until full moon which will be in Leo - another energetic trigger point - Feb 7th
- This whole month emphasizes the electrical side of the yin/yang
- There are modes of healing using Aquarian energy that are sometimes difficult to recognize - and it's electrical

Reading: "The period 1987 through 2012 is a window in time noted for a steadfast acceleration of energy" by Denise LeFay **[SEE BELOW]**

Caller: has received a letter from Carolyn Kennedy

- Reads it - gives link to Teddy's speech
- She also has a message that Ben Fulford will be on coast-to-coast on Jan 30th

Caller: wondering about Rama and the arrests occurring : means Bushes, bankers, everyone together?
• On Friday, Bush Sr and Jeb visited Obama at the White House - in town to attend a meeting, and Obama was attending also **[SEE BELOW]**

T: bets they were really annoyed because he said green energy technology was going to be create, and the military budget is going to be used to do it

- Too many of the galactic friends around for anything to happen to BO: would be nice to know who was in room with him
- Bush Sr and Bush Jr are both holograms

Caller: looks like Bush Sr was in a wheelchair - saw it on Drudge Report

Music: Song with whale songs

Reading: Julian Assange: The Rolling Stone Interview by Michael Hastings **[SEE BELOW]**

Music:

T: UNGRIP - 1 hr 11 min

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Ben Stewart and Dan Stewart, creators of [Esoteric Agenda](#) and [Kymatica](#), focus the essence of this film around the journey through transitional and groundbreaking moments in a human's life.

At a major juncture in his life, Rob in the pagé family began down a road less traveled to free himself from fear, government control, and reliance on public energy and food supply, and shares his journey that led him *off the grid*.

The purpose of this film is not to provide legal advice, nor is it to simply educate, but rather as inspirational fuel. To become more of what we already are.

IT IS FREE ON LINE.

- narrated by Ben Stewart, maybe 35 by now;
- Was narrator for **Zeitgeist, Zeitgeist the Movie, Zeitgeist Addendum; Esoteric Agenda, Klymactica**
- also he and friends did **9/11 Loose Change, 9/11 Second Edition, 9/11 final Cut** - he's probably helping Julian Assange and Bradley Manning

What is involved in taking responsibility for one's own life? - interview with someone Ben knows

- got rid of as many financial ties as possible, including mortgage
- a house built out of old tires
- wife studying naturopathy - woke them both up to other things: it's a "keeping you sick system", not a "health system"
 - Wife brought the term called "natural person" - he found the huge deception in the medical, political arena - people not guiding or helping, but manipulating people
- Had much to learn about LAW
 - the consent of the governed is the foundational principle of democracy**
- We gave permission for a corporation to run us - because we do not know who we are, we give our rights away
- Choice we have: be governed by others, or govern ourselves

Further Research locations: www.Hangedmanproject.com
www.talismanicidols.org

Closing: Rainbird

Thanks for another marathon!

Grateful for T & R, for all those showing up; for ancestors for showing up; for the star people; for Mother, for Mother Earth and all her creatures and kingdoms

Aho Mateyo: the feminine from Aho metakmeaysen

Songs:

- Jacque Evancho [10 years old] & David Foster, playing the piano
- Peace Train - Josef Islam [Cat Stevens] - speaks about awarding of Nobel Peace prize being given to Mr Mohammed

2012, Jan 28 Rupert Murdoch's Staff Arrested As Tabloid Scandal Spreads To Second Newspaper

JILL LAWLESS 01/28/12 11:30 AM ET [AP](#)

LONDON — British police searched the offices of Rupert Murdoch's British newspapers Saturday after arresting a police officer and four current and former staff of his tabloid The Sun as part of an investigation into police bribery by journalists.

The arrests spread the scandal over tabloid wrongdoing – which has already shut down one paper, the News of the World – to a second Murdoch newspaper.

London's Metropolitan Police said two men aged 48 and one aged 56 were arrested on suspicion of corruption early in the morning at homes in and around London. A 42-year-old man was detained later at a London police station.

Murdoch's News Corp. confirmed that all four were current or former Sun employees. The BBC and other British media identified them as former managing editor Graham Dudman, former deputy editor Fergus Shanahan, current head of news Chris Pharo and crime editor Mike Sullivan.

A fifth man, a 29-year-old police officer, was arrested at the London station where he works.

Officers searched the men's homes and the east London headquarters of the media mogul's British newspapers for evidence.

The investigation into whether reporters illegally paid police for information is running parallel to a police inquiry into phone hacking by Murdoch's now-defunct News of the World.

Police said Saturday's arrests were made as a result of information provided by the Management and Standards Committee of Murdoch's News Corp., the internal body tasked with rooting out wrongdoing.

News Corp. said it was cooperating with police.

"News Corporation made a commitment last summer that unacceptable news gathering practices by individuals in the past would not be repeated," it said in a statement.

Thirteen people have now been arrested in the bribery probe, though none has yet been charged.

They include Rebekah Brooks, former chief executive of Murdoch's News International; ex-News of the World editor Andy Coulson – who is also Prime Minister David Cameron's former communications chief; and journalists from the News of the World and The Sun.

Two of the London police force's top officers resigned in the wake of the revelation last July that the News of the World had eavesdropped on the cell phone voicemail messages of celebrities, athletes, politicians and even an abducted teenager in its quest for stories.

Murdoch shut down the 168-year-old tabloid amid a wave of public revulsion, and the scandal has triggered a continuing public inquiry into media ethics and the relationship between the press, police and politicians.

An earlier police investigation failed to find evidence that hacking went beyond one reporter and a private investigator, who were both jailed in 2007 for eavesdropping on the phones of royal staff.

But News Corp. has now acknowledged it was much more widespread.

Last week the company agreed to pay damages to 37 hacking victims, including actor Jude Law, soccer star Ashley Cole and British politician John Prescott.

The furor that consumed the News of the World continues to rattle other parts of Murdoch's media

empire.

As well as investigating phone hacking and allegations that journalists paid police for information, detectives are looking into claims of computer hacking by Murdoch papers.

News Corp. has admitted that the News of the World hacked the emails as well as the phone of Chris Shipman, the son of serial killer Harold Shipman. And The Times of London has acknowledged that a former reporter tried to intercept emails to unmask an anonymous blogger.

News Corp. is preparing to launch a new Sunday newspaper – likely called the Sunday Sun – to replace the News of the World.

Related articles

- [Rupert Murdoch's Staff Arrested As Tabloid Scandal Spreads To Second Newspaper](http://huffingtonpost.com) (huffingtonpost.com)
- [British police arrest 5 in tabloid bribery probe](http://mercurynews.com) (mercurynews.com)

<http://jhaines6.wordpress.com/2012/01/28/rupert-murdochs-staff-arrested-as-tabloid-scandal-spreads-to-second-newspaper/>

EU signs ACTA, global internet censorship treaty

Rady Ananda
Activist Post

Today, the European Union and 22 member states signed the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA), Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced. They have now joined the US and seven other nations that signed the treaty last October.

This signing ceremony merely formalized the EU's adoption of ACTA last month, during a completely unrelated meeting on agriculture and fisheries, reports TechDirt.

Though initiated by the US, Japan is the official depository of the treaty.



Removal of the Three Strikes clause, in which users accused of three counts of piracy would be barred from the internet, paved the way for the EU to adopt ACTA last month.

Related to ACTA, a chapter in the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) "would have state signatories adopt even more restrictive copyright measures than ACTA," reports the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

Both ACTA and TPP were developed without public input and outside international trade groups, like the World Trade Organization and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Leaked cables published by WikiLeaks in 2009 exposed early drafts of ACTA, resulting in a firestorm of controversy. Those cables, coupled with later releases, showed that ACTA negotiations began in 2006 and were controversial even to participating states. An historical summary of the treaty's progress through December can be found [here](#).

ACTA Violates Magna Carta and US Constitution

Like PIPA and SOPA, two domestic internet censorship bills that prompted major websites to blacken their name or website in a Jan. 18th protest, ACTA allows accusers of copyright infringement to bypass judicial review. Lack of "due process" makes these bills and ACTA unconstitutional and violates the Magna Carta, a charter signed in 1215 on which most Western law is based, including the US Constitution. It is often cited as the most important legal document in the history of democracy.

(The USA PATRIOT Acts, Obama's assassination program, and the National Defense Authorization Act that allows indefinite detention are among many recent laws passed in the US which directly breach the Magna Carta.)

"The Constitution states only one command twice," explains Peter Strauss of Cornell University Law School, further elaborating:

The Fifth Amendment says to the federal government that no one shall be 'deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.' The Fourteenth Amendment, ratified in 1868, uses the same eleven words, called the Due Process Clause, to describe a legal obligation of all states. These words have as their central promise an assurance that all levels of American

government must operate within the law ('legality') and provide fair procedures.

Not only due process, but US adoption of ACTA also violates Article II, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution, which provides that the president "shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur."

The Senate never voted on ACTA.

During the Jan. 18 internet blackout, Darrell Issa (R-CA) introduced OPEN, (H.R. 3782, the Online Protection and Enforcement of Digital Trade Act). Heather Callaghan points out that even though OPEN targets foreign-based websites,

[T]he bill's wording is wide open to pursue American sites. Just one example: when describing an infringing site, it starts with those 'that are accessed through a non-domestic domain name,' but continues in section (8)(A)(ii) for any site that 'conducts business directed to residents of the United States.'

As this slew of internet censorship bills and treaties make their way into law, "the United States fell 27 places on the Reporters Without Borders tenth annual Press Freedom Index of 2011 to 47th overall," reports Activist Post.

Today's signatories included the EU, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Last October, Australia, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Morocco, New Zealand, Singapore and the United States signed ACTA.

Though involved in early ACTA negotiations, Switzerland and Mexico have not yet ratified it. However, "Since the agreement remains open to signature until May 2013, it is possible that other states may make a move to join it as well," said Maira Sutton of EFF.

<http://www.brasschecktv.com/videos/censorship/anti-counterfeiting-trade-agreement-acta-explained.html>

2012, Jan 26

Banker Admits in Court that Banks Actually Loan Nothing

by [Reena](#) on January 26, 2012 ·

Received this from a trusted mailing list.

The majority of people still labour under the illusion that bank lending is above board and lawful. If this transcript is real (pretty sure it is) then here you have a banker admitting they loan NOTHING (and make a tonne of interest on that NOTHING). It's all banking jiggery pokery...

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Banking in America

Banker Admits in Court that Banks Actually Loan Nothing

This is an actual court transcript – an interview with a banker, who is under oath, about a foreclosure. The banker was placed on the witness stand and sworn in. The plaintiff's (borrower's) attorney asked the banker the routine questions concerning the banker's education and background. Then this conversation followed:

The attorney asked the banker, "What is court exhibit A?"

The banker responded by saying, "This is a promissory note."

The attorney then asked, "Is there an agreement between Mr. Smith (borrower) and the defendant?"

The banker said, "Yes."

The attorney asked, "Do you believe the agreement includes a lender and a borrower?"

The banker responded by saying, "Yes, I am the lender and Mr. Smith is the borrower."

The attorney asked, "What do you believe the agreement is?"

The banker quickly responded, saying, "We have the borrower sign the note and we give the borrower a check."

The attorney asked, "Does this agreement show the words borrower, lender, loan, interest, credit, or money within the agreement?"

The banker responded by saying, "Sure it does."

The attorney asked, "According to your knowledge, who was to loan what to whom according to the written agreement?"

The banker responded by saying, "The lender loaned the borrower a \$50,000 check. The borrower got the money and the house and has not repaid the money."

The attorney noted that the banker never said that the bank received the promissory note as a loan from the borrower to the bank. He asked, "Do you believe an ordinary person can use ordinary terms and understand this written agreement?"

The banker said, "Yes."

The attorney asked, "Do you believe you or your company legally own the promissory note and have the right to enforce payment from the borrower?"

The banker said, "Absolutely we own it and legally have the right to collect the money."

The attorney asked, "Does the \$50,000 note have actual cash value of \$50,000? Actual cash value means the promissory note can be sold for \$50,000 cash in the ordinary course of business."

The banker said, "Yes."

The attorney asked, "According to your understanding of the alleged agreement, how much actual cash value must the bank loan to the borrower in order for the bank to legally fulfill the agreement and legally own the promissory note?"

The banker said, “\$50,000.”

The attorney asked, “According to your belief, if the borrower signs the promissory note and the bank refuses to loan the borrower \$50,000 actual cash value, would the bank or borrower own the promissory note?”

The banker said, “The borrower would own it if the bank did not loan the money. The bank gave the borrower a check and that is how the borrower financed the purchase of the house.”

The attorney asked, “Do you believe that the borrower agreed to provide the bank with \$50,000 of actual cash value which was used to fund the \$50,000 bank loan check back to the same borrower, and then agreed to pay the bank back \$50,000 plus interest?”

The banker said, “No. If the borrower provided the \$50,000 to fund the check, there was no money loaned by the bank so the bank could not charge interest on money it never loaned.”

The attorney asked, “If this happened, in your opinion would the bank legally own the promissory note and be able to force Mr. Smith to pay the bank interest and principal payments?”

The banker said, “I am not a lawyer so I cannot answer legal questions.”

The attorney asked, “Is it bank policy that when a borrower receives a \$50,000 bank loan, the bank receives \$50,000 actual cash value from the borrower, that this gives value to a \$50,000 bank loan check, and this check is returned to the borrower as a bank loan which the borrower must repay?”

The banker said, “I do not know the bookkeeping entries.”

The attorney said, “I am asking you if this is the policy.”

The banker responded, “I do not recall.”

The attorney again asked, “Do you believe the agreement between Mr. Smith and the bank is that Mr. Smith provides the bank with actual cash value of \$50,000 which is used to fund a \$50,000 bank loan check back to himself which he is then required to repay plus interest back to the same bank?”

The banker said, ” I am not a lawyer.”

The attorney said, “Did you not say earlier that an ordinary person can use ordinary terms and understand this written agreement?”

The banker said, “Yes.”

The attorney handed the bank loan agreement marked “Exhibit B” to the banker. He said, “Is there anything in this agreement showing the borrower had knowledge or showing where the borrower gave the bank authorization or permission for the bank to receive \$50,000 actual cash value from him and to use this to fund the \$50,000 bank loan check which obligates him to give the bank back \$50,000 plus interest?”

The banker said, “No.”

The lawyer asked, “If the borrower provided the bank with actual cash value of \$50,000 which the bank used to fund the \$50,000 check and returned the check back to the alleged borrower as a bank loan check, in your opinion, did the bank loan \$50,000 to the borrower?”

The banker said, “No.”

The attorney asked, “If a bank customer provides actual cash value of \$50,000 to the bank and the bank returns \$50,000 actual cash value back to the same customer, is this a swap or exchange of \$50,000 for \$50,000.”

The banker replied, “Yes.”

The attorney asked, “Did the agreement call for an exchange of \$50,000 swapped for \$50,000, or did it call for a \$50,000 loan?”

The banker said, “A \$50,000 loan.”

The attorney asked, “Is the bank to follow the Federal Reserve Bank policies and procedures when banks grant loans.”

The banker said, "Yes."

The attorney asked, "What are the standard bank bookkeeping entries for granting loans according to the Federal Reserve Bank policies and procedures?" The attorney handed the banker FED publication Modern Money Mechanics, marked "Exhibit C".

The banker said, "The promissory note is recorded as a bank asset and a new matching deposit (liability) is created. Then we issue a check from the new deposit back to the borrower."

The attorney asked, "Is this not a swap or exchange of \$50,000 for \$50,000?"

The banker said, "This is the standard way to do it."

The attorney said, "Answer the question. Is it a swap or exchange of \$50,000 actual cash value for \$50,000 actual cash value? If the note funded the check, must they not both have equal value?"

The banker then pleaded the Fifth Amendment.

The attorney asked, "If the bank's deposits (liabilities) increase, do the bank's assets increase by an asset that has actual cash value?"

The banker said, "Yes."

The attorney asked, "Is there any exception?"

The banker said, "Not that I know of."

The attorney asked, "If the bank records a new deposit and records an asset on the bank's books having actual cash value, would the actual cash value always come from a customer of the bank or an investor or a lender to the bank?"

The banker thought for a moment and said, "Yes."

The attorney asked, "Is it the bank policy to record the promissory note as a bank asset offset by a new liability?"

The banker said, "Yes."

The attorney said, "Does the promissory note have actual cash value equal to the amount of the bank loan check?"

The banker said "Yes."

The attorney asked, "Does this bookkeeping entry prove that the borrower provided actual cash value to fund the bank loan check?"

The banker said, "Yes, the bank president told us to do it this way."

The attorney asked, "How much actual cash value did the bank loan to obtain the promissory note?"

The banker said, "Nothing."

The attorney asked, "How much actual cash value did the bank receive from the borrower?"

The banker said, "\$50,000."

The attorney said, "Is it true you received \$50,000 actual cash value from the borrower, plus monthly payments and then you foreclosed and never invested one cent of legal tender or other depositors' money to obtain the promissory note in the first place? Is it true that the borrower financed the whole transaction?"

The banker said, "Yes."

The attorney asked, "Are you telling me the borrower agreed to give the bank \$50,000 actual cash value for free and that the banker returned the actual cash value back to the same person as a bank loan?"

The banker said, "I was not there when the borrower agreed to the loan."

The attorney asked, "Do the standard FED publications show the bank receives actual cash value from the borrower for free and that the bank returns it back to the borrower as a bank loan?"

The banker said, "Yes."

The attorney said, "Do you believe the bank does this without the borrower's knowledge or written

permission or authorization?”

The banker said, “No.”

The attorney asked, “To the best of your knowledge, is there written permission or authorization for the bank to transfer \$50,000 of actual cash value from the borrower to the bank and for the bank to keep it for free?”

The banker said, “No.”

“Does the creation of the new note payable (now a bank asset) allow the bank to use this \$50,000 actual cash value to fund the \$50,000 bank loan check back to the same borrower, forcing the borrower to pay the bank \$50,000 plus interest?”

The banker said, “Yes.”

The attorney said, “If the bank transferred \$50,000 actual cash value (i.e. Federal Reserve Notes Payable) from the borrower to the bank, in this part of the transaction, did the bank loan anything of value to the borrower?”

The banker said, “No.” He knew that one must first deposit something having actual cash value (cash, check, or promissory note) to fund a check.

The attorney asked, “Is it the bank policy to first transfer the actual cash value from the alleged borrower to the lender for the amount of the alleged loan?”

The banker said, “Yes.”

The attorney asked, “Does the bank pay IRS tax on the actual cash value transferred from the alleged borrower to the bank?”

The banker answered, “No, because the actual cash value transferred shows up like a loan from the borrower to the bank, or a deposit which is the same thing, so it is not taxable.”

The attorney asked, “If a loan is forgiven, is it taxable?”

The banker agreed by saying, “Yes.”

The attorney asked, “Is it the bank policy to not return the actual cash value that they received from the alleged borrower unless it is returned as a loan from the bank to the alleged borrower?”

“Yes”, the banker replied.

The attorney said, “You never pay taxes on the actual cash value you receive from the alleged borrower and keep as the bank’s property?”

“No. No tax is paid.” said the crying banker.

The attorney asked, “When the lender receives the actual cash value (the promissory note) from the alleged borrower, does the bank claim that it then owns it and that it is the property of the lender, without the bank loaning or risking one cent of legal tender or other depositors’ money?”

The banker said, “Yes.”

The attorney asked, “Are you telling me the bank policy is that the bank owns the promissory note (actual cash value) without loaning one cent of other depositors’ money or legal tender, that the alleged borrower is the one who provided the funds deposited to fund the bank loan check, and that the bank gets funds from the alleged borrower for free? Is the money then returned back to the same person as a loan which the alleged borrower repays when the bank never gave up any money to obtain the promissory note? Am I hearing this right? I give you the equivalent of \$50,000, you return the funds back to me, and I have to repay you \$50,000 plus interest? Do you think I am stupid?”

In a shaking voice the banker cried, saying, “All the banks are doing this. Congress allows this.”

The attorney quickly responded, “Does Congress allow the banks to breach written agreements, use false and misleading advertising, act without written permission, authorization, and without the alleged borrower’s knowledge to transfer actual cash value from the alleged borrower to the bank

and then return it back as a loan?”

The banker said, “But the borrower got a check and the house.”

The attorney said, “Is it true or false that the actual cash value that was used to fund the bank loan check came directly from the borrower and that the bank received the funds from the alleged borrower for free?”

“It is true”, said the banker.

The attorney asked, “Is it the bank’s policy to transfer actual cash value from the alleged borrower to the bank and then to keep the funds as the bank’s property, which they loan out as bank loans?”

The banker, showing tears of regret that he had been caught, confessed, “Yes.”

The attorney asked, “Was it the bank’s intent to receive actual cash value from the borrower and return the value of the funds back to the borrower as a loan?”

The banker said, “Yes.” He knew he had to say yes because of the bank policy.

The attorney asked, “Do you believe that it was the borrower’s intent to fund his own bank loan check?”

The banker answered, “I was not there at the time and I cannot know what went through the borrower’s mind.”

The attorney asked, “If a lender loaned a borrower \$10,000 and the borrower refused to repay the money, do you believe the lender is damaged?”

The banker thought. If he said no, it would imply that the borrower does not have to repay. If he said yes, it would imply that the borrower is damaged for the loan to the bank of which the bank never repaid. The banker answered, “If a loan is not repaid, the lender is damaged.”

The attorney asked, “Is it the bank policy to take actual cash value from the borrower, use it to fund the bank loan check, and never return the actual cash value to the borrower?”

The banker said, “The bank returns the funds.”

The attorney asked, “Was the actual cash value the bank received from the alleged borrower returned as a return of the money the bank took or was it returned as a bank loan to the borrower?”

The banker said, “As a loan.”

The attorney asked, “How did the bank get the borrower’s money for free?”

The banker said, “That is how it works.”

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"The period 1987 through 2012 is a window in time noted for a steadfast acceleration of energy. We refer to this period as the nanosecond, a time when every moment keeps expanding with new possibilities. The increase in energy that began slowly in 1987 and increased in intensity over the years will now reach a peak of ultra high-speed in 2012. During the nano, people's lives become richer with knowledge as they integrated a steady stream of new information..."

"Many people have long anticipated the arrival of the year 2012, so it is already filled to the brim with all manner of thought forms, projections, fantasies and dreads. Along with your own expectations, 2012 will host many amazing moments, as fantastic discoveries, new expanded areas of inquiry and towering waves of cosmic energy awaken the world mind to new understandings of reality. Everyone will be thinking in much bigger terms. New revelations about ancient life forms and Earth's hidden history, along with super-intense transmissions from the Sun and anomalous cosmic activities, will compel people to question and search for larger truths..."

"More people will be making life-altering changes because of job losses and financial gridlock, changes in transportation systems, a radical reduction in services and a decline in the value of money..."

"As protests increase in fervor and millions of people get swept up with the psychic forces of the group mind, authorities will attempt to squash the rebellions..."

"As governments, financial institutions, religions and the sciences frantically attempt to hold onto their collapsing systems, eroding civil liberties will stimulate more acts of civil disobedience..."

"Forces behind the scenes will grow more desperate in their antics, so do not underestimate the power of hidden technologies to wow the public with contrived events designed to steer the show along certain lines of thinking..."

"The general public has become far too vulnerable and is too easily fleeced because of the loss of their psychic senses..."

"The time has now arrived for billions of people to really sense and feel the influence of the cosmos. As a year of supreme personal empowerment, 2012 will be greatly rewarding for those focused on the expansion of consciousness. To gain the benefit of and effectively integrate the ultra high-speed energies, we advise you to be fully present and aware, and completely in charge of your physical body..."

"During the final year of the nanosecond there are still a great many vistas of understanding for humanity to be acquainted with. People will be challenged to discern between truth and deceit and recognize the fool, the fantasy seeker, the sucker and the rigid believer for what they are. At some point everyone will begin to wonder what is really real..."

"As time moves closer to the end point of the nano, gridlock really sets in because of the further unfolding of financial duress. The ever-widening European debt crisis may well instigate financial havoc across the globe, for many banks are insolvent and the crisis is only beginning to unravel..."

"When a CME is directed toward Earth, the effects arrive within a few days and linger for days after; satellites and electrical systems are at risk because solar radiation can fry electronic hardware. Solar activity always affects the body's electrical aspects, inducing a need for cellular and DNA adaptability. Earth's polar regions act as antennas, receiving and distributing the solar energies around the planet in brilliant displays of polar auroras. In the human body, the spine and DNA serve as antennas and search modems sending and receiving signals into the field of existence..."

"Your DNA is highly adaptable and fully capable of responding to the cosmic waves that are encoded with messages in light frequencies that support the growth of consciousness..."

"The Sun works with you, sending signals encoded in a language of light that is integrated through the

pineal gland. Cosmic bombardments from energies and frequencies are also part of the process that expands consciousness. The codes assist in perceptual alterations, for in these changing times, your senses are being heightened and expanded out of necessity. Cosmic influences may well converge at the end of the nano to stimulate a graceful spiritual awakening for humankind..."

"In this regard, there is a pressing need for humanity to come to terms with the reality of nonphysical interference in terms of visitors, hitchhikers, attachments and entity possessions that feed off people's energy. Most ancient cultures recognized the existence of these beings because they knew the intruders' signs and sensed their presence. As people lost psychic awareness, it became easier for the non-physicals to move in since they were no longer detected. Humans must take their spiritual maturity to new levels of awareness and learn to see the red flags and stop projecting their trust onto unworthy people and unsavory situations.

"Nonphysical energies come in all shape and sizes, yet generally speaking they occupy three main categories: the Earth-bound or unquiet dead, the mischief-makers, and the dark forces or demons. The common factor in each category is that the beings enter and take over a body without permission..."

"The Earth-bound or unquiet dead consist of those who do not know where to go or what to do when they die..." "Many people die and have no realization they are dead. The unquiet dead can move into the physical body of anyone who is too empathic, too wide-open and lacking strong boundaries. While the unquiet dead are generally lost and looking for a place to hang out, they can still cause severe unbalances in the life of the host by draining energy and altering behavior, tastes, habits and directions in life.

"The next category of interfering nonphysicals is the mischief-makers, which includes aliens, anomalous beings and otherworldly dimensional characters. The mischief-makers are usually dishonest and conniving, so they like to entice their hosts into self-destructive acts; they befuddle the mind of the host in foggy confusion and instigate devious behavior; lies are a common signature of the mischief-makers, for they care little about the host and enjoy seducing a person into dishonesty and thievery..."

"The third category is composed of the dark forces or demons. Older cultures depict the dark forces as the most troublesome and prone to instigate acts of great moral degradation, violence and very destructive obsessions. The dark-side influence has long been recognized by all major religions. Modern cultures have become so accustomed to defending and protecting themselves with manufactured weapons they have missed the invasion of the nonphysicals..."

"Entity attachments can be due to a wide variety of causes: weak mental, physical and emotional boundaries, some form of severe trauma that shatters the spirit's anchor in the body, or because of unresolved issues carried over from other lifetimes. Nonphysical entities are also attracted to those who habitually vacate the body for various reasons, including through excessive feelings of fear, pain, shame and guilt, or through obsessive addictions such as gambling, pornography, drugs, meds, alcohol and inappropriate sexual behavior. When the conditions are right and the vacancy sign is flashing "open house", the nonphysicals can move in to set up home in a physical body. Sometimes the host recognizes voices and unwarranted impulses, yet the entities may act as protectors or even guides, so the host allows them to stay..."

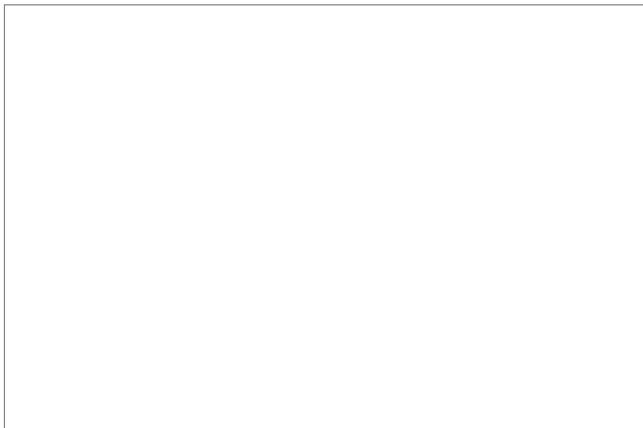
"Attachments can also be formed for seemingly benign reasons such as through strong love bonds, or for reasons of revenge and hatred; in either case, the person uses his or her will to attach, follow or even haunt another soul from lifetime to lifetime. Attachments do not necessarily dissolve when a person dies; sometimes they cling to the spirit of the deceased in the afterlife..."

"During the final year of the nanosecond, the speed of change will require all people to recognize their inner power. 2012 will test everyone's ability to manage all types of energy in the 3D world, including the ability to adapt to an increasing array of cosmic energies. Greater numbers of people will recognize the power of the mind and its role in creating reality. The high-speed energies of 2012 will begin to clear the playing field of those who have breached their integrity. Cosmic activity and solar transmissions can expand the capabilities of consciousness; yet also elicit detrimental effects in people with unstable minds..."

"There is a great and noble purpose behind the upheavals in the world, for the rising chaos is compelling people to think in bigger terms, which is the very process that expands consciousness..."

"Earth will be receiving and releasing a lot of energy in 2012, and unusual paranormal activities will be on the rise..."

2012, Jan 27 Obama meets Jeb, George H. W. Bush at White House



Obama Meets with Jeb and George H.W. Bush at the White House Jan. 27, 2012 (White House)

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(NewsCore) - President Barack Obama hosted former President George H.W. Bush and his son, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, at the White House Friday.

The meeting was not listed on the president's schedule, with White House officials instead releasing a photograph afterwards through Flickr and Twitter.

In the photo, the former president is seen seated in a wheelchair while speaking to Obama and Jeb Bush is perched on a sofa nearby. The photograph was taken in the Oval Office.

An aide to George H.W. Bush told FOX News Channel that the former president and his son were visiting Washington for the Alfalfa Club Dinner and Obama invited them to the White House to say hello.

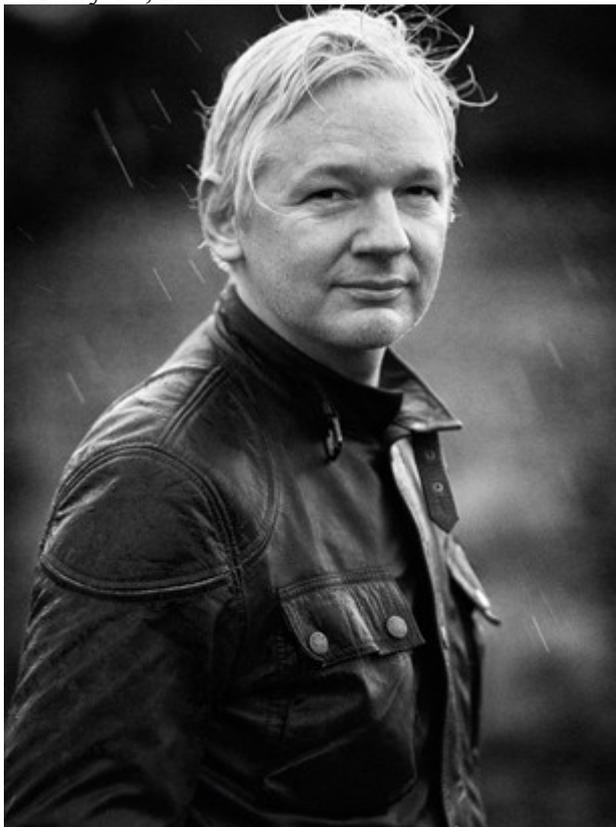
Obama will speak at the 99th annual dinner on Saturday night and will be accompanied by First Lady Michelle Obama.

The aide also said the former president was doing very well and he and former First Lady Barbara Bush were happy to be back in Washington for the weekend.

Bush Sr., 87, uses a wheelchair and scooter as he has a form of Parkinson's disease.

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Assange poses for a portrait at his undisclosed location in the English countryside.

Max Vadukul

It's a few days before Christmas, and Julian Assange has just finished moving to a new hide-out deep in the English countryside. The two-bedroom house, on loan from a WikiLeaks supporter, is comfortable enough, with a big stone fireplace and a porch out back, but it's not as grand as the country estate where he spent the past 363 days under house arrest, waiting for a British court to decide whether he will be extradited to Sweden to face allegations that he sexually molested two women he was briefly involved with in August 2010.

Assange sits on a tattered couch, wearing a wool sweater, dark pants and an electronic manacle around his right ankle, visible only when he crosses his legs. At 40, the WikiLeaks founder comes across more like an embattled rebel commander than a hacker or journalist. He's become better at handling the media – more willing to answer questions than he used to be, less likely to storm off during interviews – but the protracted legal battle has left him isolated, broke and vulnerable. Assange recently spoke to someone he calls a Western "intelligence source," and he asked the official about his fate. Will he ever be a free man again, allowed to return to his native Australia, to come and go as he pleases? "He told me I was fucked," Assange says.

"Are you fucked?" I ask.

Assange pauses and looks out the window. The house is surrounded by rolling fields and quiet woods, but they offer him little in the way of escape. The British Supreme Court will hear his extradition appeal on February 1st – but even if he wins, he will likely still remain a wanted man. Interpol has issued a so-called "red notice" for his arrest on behalf of Swedish authorities for questioning in "connection with a number of sexual offenses" – Qaddafi, accused of war crimes, earned only an "orange notice" – and the U.S. government has branded him a "high-tech terrorist," unleashing a massive and unprecedented investigation designed to depict Assange's journalism as a form of international espionage. Ever since November 2010, when WikiLeaks embarrassed and infuriated the world's governments with the release of what became known as Cablegate, some 250,000 classified diplomatic cables from more than 150 countries, the group's

supporters have found themselves detained at airports, subpoenaed to testify before a grand jury, and ordered to turn over their Twitter accounts and e-mails to authorities.

Assange was always deeply engaged with the world – and always getting into trouble. Born in a small town in Queensland, he spent much of his youth traveling around Australia with his mother and stepfather, who ran a theater company. As a teenager, he discovered computers – his first was a Commodore 64 – and became one of the world's foremost hackers, going by the name Mendax, Latin for "nobly untruthful." After breaking into systems at NASA and the Pentagon when he was 16, he was busted on 25 counts of hacking, which prodded him to go straight. But as he traveled the world, working as a tech consultant through much of the 1990s, he continued putting his computer skills to use ensuring freedom of information – a necessary condition, he believes, for democratic self-rule.

"From the glory days of American radicalism, which was the American Revolution, I think that Madison's view on government is still unequaled," he tells me during the three days I spend with him as he settles into his new location in England. "That people determined to be in a democracy, to be their own governments, must have the power that knowledge will bring – because knowledge will always rule ignorance. You can either be informed and your own rulers, or you can be ignorant and have someone else, who is not ignorant, rule over you. The question is, where has the United States betrayed Madison and Jefferson, betrayed these basic values on how you keep a democracy? I think that the U.S. military-industrial complex and the majority of politicians in Congress have betrayed those values."

In 2006, Assange founded WikiLeaks, a group of hackers and activists that has been dubbed the first "stateless news organization." The goal, from the start, was to operate beyond the reach of the law, get their hands on vital documents being censored by governments and corporations, and make them available to the public. After a series of initial successes – publishing leaks about Iceland, Kenya and even a Pentagon document warning of WikiLeaks – Assange rocked the U.S. military in April 2010 with the release of "Collateral Murder," a video that revealed an American helicopter in Iraq opening fire on unarmed civilians, killing two journalists and several others. He quickly followed up with the release of hundreds of thousands of classified files related to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, creating an international firestorm. But soon after he began releasing the diplomatic cables, which were widely credited with helping to spark the Arab Spring, he was detained and imprisoned after spending a week with two female supporters in Stockholm, entangling him in a yearlong legal battle to win his own freedom.

Assange agreed to a lengthy interview at his new home, on the condition that the location be kept secret, along with the identities of the core WikiLeaks staffers who have stuck by him since he ran into trouble in Sweden. Though he continues to run the group from captivity, working on what he calls a new set of scoops concerning the private-surveillance industry, the media furor over his personal life has turned him into a pariah among many former supporters, making it difficult for WikiLeaks to raise money. He's been called a rapist, an enemy combatant, and an agent of both Mossad and the CIA. His two most prominent collaborators – *The New York Times* and *The Guardian* – have repeatedly tarred him as a sexual deviant with bad personal hygiene, while continuing to happily sell books and movie rights about his exploits. His own personality has also proved divisive: He's charming, brilliant and uncompromising, but he has inspired intense hatred among former colleagues, who portray him as a megalomaniac whose ego has undermined the cause.

When I arrive for my last day with Assange, I'm 45 minutes early. Most of his staff have gone home for the holidays, and he's alone in the house with only his personal assistant to keep him company. Assange is huddled over a laptop in the dining room he has turned into his office, monitoring what has become his sole focus over the past few days: the trial of Bradley Manning, the 24-year-old Army private alleged to have provided the diplomatic cables to WikiLeaks. Assange has two lawyers representing him in the Maryland courtroom, and his name has been mentioned virtually every day during the initial hearing. The government's strategy, it has become clear, is to pressure Manning to implicate Assange in espionage – to present his work at WikiLeaks as the act of a spy, not a journalist.

When Assange comes into the living room and sits on the couch, a small Jack Russell terrier jumps up onto his lap and remains there for most of the next five hours. "You use two recorders," Assange says, looking at the digital recorders I've put down on the small coffee table. "I usually use three." But as soon as we start the interview, the phone rings. It's Daniel Ellsberg, the man who leaked the Pentagon Papers, who had attended

the Manning trial with Assange's lawyers. Ellsberg is in a car driving back to Washington, D.C. "I can hear you," Assange shouts, ducking into the dining room. "Can you hear me?"

Five minutes later he returns, energized by his talk with America's most famous whistle-blower. "Where were we?" he says. His assistant brings in two cups of coffee, and the interview begins.

Why is WikiLeaks so focused on defending Bradley Manning?

Manning is alleged to be one of our sources, regardless of whether those allegations are true or not. He has now sat in various U.S. military prisons for the past 600 days as a result of what we published. So we feel that we owe him a duty of care. I have heard from people close to his defence that it is their view that the abuse of him was in order to get him to testify against us.

I understand that you believe the Justice Department has been attending the hearing, to see how it impacts their investigation into WikiLeaks.

There are three gray-faced men who always show up. They're so furtive: They refuse to identify themselves, or to even make eye contact with our lawyers. They go into the classified hearings when everyone else is kicked out. One of them, we have discovered, is a prosecutor for the Department of Justice on the WikiLeaks investigation. I believe they are there to make sure that the government, in presenting its case against Manning, did not reveal information that was critical to its investigation into us.

In diplomatic cables, the investigation into WikiLeaks by the U.S. government has been called "unprecedented both in its scale and nature." How much do you know about it?

Since last September, a secret grand jury was empaneled in Alexandria, Virginia. There is no defense counsel. There are four prosecutors, according to witnesses who have been forced to testify before the grand jury. The jury itself is taken from the local area, and Alexandria has the highest density of government and military contractors anywhere in the United States. It is a place where the U.S. government chooses to conduct all national-security grand juries and trials because of that makeup of the jury pool.

The investigation has involved most of the U.S. intelligence apparatus, the FBI, the State Department, the United States Army. It has subpoenaed the records of most of my U.S. friends or acquaintances. Under what are called Patriot Act production orders, the government has also asked for their Twitter records, Google accounts and individual ISPs. The laws which they're working toward an indictment on are the Espionage Act of 1917 and the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986.

And they're going after Manning, who is facing a life sentence, to get him to say that you're a spy?

To be another chess piece on the board in the attack on us. The U.S. government is trying to redefine what have been long-accepted journalistic methods. If the Pentagon is to have its way, it will be the end of national-security journalism in the United States.

How so?

They're trying to interpret the Espionage Act to say that any two-way communication with a source is a collaboration with a source, and is therefore a conspiracy to commit espionage where classified information is involved. The Pentagon, in fact, issued a public demand to us that we not only destroy everything we had ever published or were ever going to publish in relation to the U.S. government, but that we also stop "soliciting" information from U.S. government employees. The Espionage Act itself does not mention solicitation, but they're trying to create a new legal precedent that includes a journalist simply asking a source to communicate information. A few years ago, for example, the CIA destroyed its water boarding interrogation videos. In the Manning hearing, prosecutors described how we had a most-wanted list, which included those interrogation videos if they still existed.

The WikiLeaks site had a "most-wanted" list of stories you were eager to get?

This list was not put together by us. We asked for nominations from human rights activists and journalists from around the world of the information they most wanted, and we put that on a list. The prosecution in the Manning hearing has been attempting to use that list as evidence of our solicitation of information that is likely to be classified, and therefore our complicity in espionage, if we received such information.

From a journalist's perspective, a list like that would be the equivalent of a normal editorial meeting where you list the crown jewels of stories you'd love to get.

Exactly.

So if you're going to jail, then Bob Woodward's going to jail.

Individuals like Sy Hersh and Dana Priest and Bob Woodward constantly say to their sources, "Hey, what about this, have you heard anything about it? I heard that there's been an airstrike in Afghanistan that's killed a bunch of civilians – do you have any more details, and can you prove them with paper?" And all those would be defined as conspiracy to commit espionage under the Pentagon's interpretation.

Given the broader implications, it's surprising that you haven't received much support from what you call the "Anglo-American press." In fact, *The New York Times* and *The Guardian*, both of which collaborated with you on releasing some of the documents, have done their best to distance themselves from you.

The *Times* ran in the face of fire; it abandoned us once the heat started from the U.S. administration. In doing so, it also abandoned itself, and it abandoned all journalists working on national-security journalism in the United States.

What the *Times* was concerned about is being swept up in the government's investigation. If Bradley Manning or another U.S. government employee had collaborated with us to provide us with classified information, and we, in turn, collaborated with the *Times* to provide it to the world, then the argument would run that the *Times* had been involved in a conspiracy with us to commit espionage. This is something that the *Times* was deeply concerned about. It said to us that we should never refer to the *Times* as a partner – that was their legal advice.

Bill Keller, the former editor of the *Times*, wrote a widely read and lengthy piece that attacked you personally. In it, he says four or five times that "WikiLeaks is a source, they are not a partner."

Keller was trying to save his own skin from the espionage investigation in two ways. First, on a legal technicality, by claiming that there was no collaboration, only a passive relationship between journalist and source. And second, by distancing themselves from us by attacking me personally, using all the standard tabloid character-assassination attacks. Many journalists at the *Times* have approached me to say how embarrassed they were at the lowering of the tone by doing that. Keller also came out and said how pleased the White House was with them that they had not run WikiLeaks material the White House had asked them not to. It is one thing to do that, and it's another thing to proudly proclaim it. Why did Keller feel the need to tell the world how pleased the White House was with him? For the same reason he felt the need to describe how dirty my socks were. It is not to convey the facts – rather, it is to convey a political alignment. You heard this explicitly: Keller said, "Julian Assange may or may not be a journalist, but he's not my kind of journalist." My immediate reaction is, "Thank God I'm not Bill Keller's type of journalist."

The publishing mindset at WikiLeaks, it's fair to say, is radically different than that of the mainstream press. Where a newspaper that received 500,000 documents might release 20, you released all of them.

Cablegate is 3,000 volumes of material. It is the greatest intellectual treasure to have entered into the public record in modern times. The *Times* released just over 100 cables. There are over 251,000 cables in Cablegate. So our approach is quite different to that of the *Times*. The *Times* in its security arrangements was only concerned with preventing *The Washington Post* from finding out what it was doing. But it told the U.S. government every single cable that it wanted to publish.

And in return, the *Times* has basically portrayed you as a pariah, despite being responsible for getting them all this incredible material, as well as setting up an innovative organization to gather and process all the leaked data.

Absolutely no honor or gratitude. I don't wish to make light of the difficulties the *Times* faces in working in the United States, but I do think it could have managed those difficulties in a more honorable way.

After the Afghan war diaries came out, the *Times* ran a hostile profile of Bradley Manning that psychologized him into being a sad, mad fag, and can only be described as a tabloid piece. Then, when we published the Iraq War logs, we discovered details about the deaths of more than 100,000 civilians, and

details of the torture of more than 1,000 people. Every other paper ran the story. The United Nations and a number of countries investigated the allegations, and even the U.S. military's own internal documents referred to the abuses as torture. Yet the Times refused to use the word "torture" at all. Instead, they ran a sleazy hit piece against me on the front page that was factually inaccurate. It said, for instance, that I had been charged with sexual abuse when I had not, and that 12 people had defected from our organization when we had suspended one. I don't mind taking a hit, but it must be factually accurate. For the *Times* to descend into a tabloid hit piece on the front page when we had just exposed the deaths of more than 100,000 civilians was not commensurate.

"Collateral Murder" – the video you released in April 2010 showing a U.S. helicopter gunship firing on a group of Iraqi civilians, including two Reuters journalists and two children – was the first scoop that got you major media attention. You learned that *The Washington Post* actually had the video and had been sitting on it.

A *Post* reporter named David Finkel had the video. We had sources who explained that he had even shown them the video in his home. Yet he concealed it.

Finkel's response was, "There were a lot of bad days in Iraq."

He had been embedded with ground troops in that area for some nine months on the ground. He had clearly developed too close an affinity for the people he was embedded with and came out essentially campaigning on their behalf after the release of the video.

Were those kinds of failings by the mainstream media what inspired you to start WikiLeaks?

The things that informed me most were my experiences in fighting for freedom of the press, freedom to communicate knowledge – which, in the end, is freedom from ignorance. Secondly, my experiences in understanding how the military-intelligence complex works at a practical level. I saw that publishing all over the world was deeply constrained by self-censorship, economics and political censorship, while the military-industrial complex was growing at a tremendous rate, and the amount of information that it was collecting about all of us vastly exceeded the public imagination.

You first registered the domain name for leaks.org back in 1999, when you were working on encryption technology for dissidents and human rights workers. That was before the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon enabled the government to dramatically expand its power to keep information secret and spy on its own citizens.

Yes. On September 11th, I was on the phone with a friend, discussing encryption algorithms. Very quickly, within an hour, I saw what the counter-reaction would be, and that all the proposals that the military-industrial complex had to spy on everyone, to remove probable cause, to increase its funding, would be rushed forward again. That's precisely what happened.

Then, two years later, the U.S. invaded Iraq.

The creation of WikiLeaks was, in part, a response to Iraq. There were a number of whistle-blowers who came out in relation to Iraq, and it was clear to me that what the world was missing in the days of Iraq propaganda was a way for inside sources who knew what was really going on to communicate that information to the public. Quite a few who did ended up in very dire circumstances, including David Kelly, the British scientist who either committed suicide or was murdered over his revelations about weapons of mass destruction. The Iraq War was the biggest issue for people of my generation in the West. It was also the clearest case, in my living memory, of media manipulation and the creation of a war through ignorance.

Before the scoops that centered on the U.S. government – the logs and cables regarding Afghanistan and Iraq – your focus was on other countries.

Initially we thought that our greatest role would be in China and some former Soviet states and in Africa. We did have early successes in Africa. I lived in Kenya in 2007, and we were able to source a document that exposed billions of dollars of corruption by the former president Daniel arap Moi and his cronies. The evidence ended up swinging the vote by 10 percent and changing the Kenyan election. But Moi's corruption didn't exist in Kenya alone. The money looted from Kenya was deposited into London banks, properties and

businesses, into New York properties. There is no large-scale corruption in the developing world without Western corruption. That was an important lesson to me.

Another important lesson was that, very quickly, we started receiving information from what we presumed to be disaffected U.S. government employees about the actions of the U.S. military. The United States has historically been a relatively open society. But within the United States, there is a shadow state, and that is the U.S. military, which, as of September, held 4.3 million security clearances. That is equal to the population of New Zealand. That is a closed, totalitarian society that gathers and stores more information than any other society in the world.

WikiLeaks has been credited, even by its critics, with fueling the Arab Spring, and even Occupy Wall Street. Was this your plan? Did you imagine you could have this kind of impact?

We planned for most of what has occurred over the past 12 months. It is fair to say we're unexpectedly delighted that those plans came to fruition.

In relation to the Arab Spring, the way I looked at this back in October of 2010 is that the power structures in the Middle East are interdependent, they support each other. If we could release enough information fast enough about many of these powerful individuals and organizations, their ability to support each other would be diminished. They'd have to fight their own local battles – they'd have to turn inward to deal with the domestic political fallout from the information. And therefore they would not have the resources to prop up surrounding countries.

Would you like to see those regimes fall? What's the end result you're looking for?

When you shake something up, you have a chance to rebuild. But we're not interested in shaking something up just for the hell of it. I believe that if we look at what makes a civilization civilized, it is people understanding what is really going on. When Gutenberg invented the printing press, the end result was that people who knew something of what was going on could convey that information to others. And as a result of the Internet, we are now living in a time where it's a lot easier to convey what we know about our corner of the world and share it with others.

Do you think governments should be allowed to keep some secrets?

This is a question that is much more interesting than the answer. In some cases – tracking down organized crime, say – government officials have an obligation to keep their investigations secret at the moment that they are performing them. Similarly, a doctor has an obligation to keep information about your medical records secret under most circumstances. This is a question about obligations. It is absurd to suggest that simply because a police officer may have the obligation to keep secret certain information relating to an investigation, that the entire world also must be subject to a coercive force.

When people talk about your childhood, the two main words used to describe you are "nomadic" and "hacker." You first got into trouble when you were 17 for hacking into Pentagon networks, as well as several Australian sites. It seems in some ways that you've been engaged in a lifelong campaign against authority.

I haven't had a lifelong campaign against authority. Legitimate authority is important. All human systems require authority, but authority must be granted as a result of the informed consent of the governed. Presently, the consent, if there is any, is not informed, and therefore it's not legitimate. To communicate knowledge, we must protect people's privacy – and so I have been, for 20 years, developing systems and policy and ideals to protect people's rights to communicate privately without government interference, without government surveillance. The right to communicate without government surveillance is important, because surveillance is another form of censorship. When people are frightened that what they are saying may be overheard by a power that has the ability to lock people up, then they adjust what they're saying. They start to self-censor.

Growing up in Australia, what were the experiences that made you who you are? Was it getting into trouble as a hacker?

I lived a Tom Sawyer boyhood, which I think is a good childhood. Very physically adventurous on different islands and in the Outback and tropical regions, having small gangs of other boys, riding my horse, going into bat caves, exploring drainage systems and forests, hunting tropical fish.

I suppose the distinctive moments you have growing up, other than physical moments, are moral moments, so I designed and built a complex raft once. My plan at age 12 was to spend the night on the raft on the Richmond River, which is known to have bronze whaler sharks in it. All my friends said it was a great idea. So we went to do it, but all but one of them chickened out when it actually came to spending the night in the dark on the river.

A week later, the raft was stolen, and I managed to track down the people who took it. They were boys a couple of years older. We ran a mission at night to hijack it back, cut it loose, and let it drift downstream. The raft drifted out into the middle of the river. We paced along and the river got wider and wider, and I realized I'd have to dive in to get it, there in the middle of the night, with no one else. Thoughts of bronze whaler sharks started entering my head. I instructed my body to jump, but it refused to do so under those conditions. So even I have had that moment where I was a coward, but I think the situation called for it.

Did you like high school?

I went to many schools because I was touring with my parents' theater company. Some I did like, some I did not. I experienced a great variety of different types of people and educational systems, and it was hard to preserve some long-term childhood friendships, although I did develop some. It gave me a sense of perspective, which I think ultimately became important.

Did you go through a drug phase at university? Pot, or anything like that?

I was a bit of a stereotyped intellectual, other than being physically adventurous as a teenager. I'd do experiments on all my friends and write up the results, but I'd never take any myself.

So you never tried...

As for what happened subsequently, I think under the circumstances I'll just be quiet about my adult private life. There is something, actually. While not being a Calvinist, if you're striving to change the world in an important way, then it is beholden on you to, if you're opposing the actions of companies like Philip Morris, to not actually buy their products.

Let's talk about some of the attacks on you. Even many of those closest to you say you're difficult to work with. Are you?

I think the question is very interesting.

Spoken like someone who's difficult to work with.

I think your question is very interesting, and where does it come from? Well, when *The Guardian* broke their Cablegate contract with us, when we told *The New York Times* to piss off because of them sucking up to the White House, then these two groups tried to say that the reason we told them to piss off is simply a matter of my character as opposed to a fundamental institutional incompatibility. We say *The Guardian* broke its contract, the *Times* engaged in shoddy, tabloid journalism, fearful, uncourageous journalism, and so to defend themselves against that, they say, "Oh, no, it's because Mr. Assange's socks were dirty," or, "He's an extremely difficult person to work with."

But some who have worked with you over the years also paint you in an unfavorable light. You wouldn't be the only person in the media to suffer from a massive ego.

I don't think I have a massive ego. I just am firm at saying no. No, we will not destroy everything we've already published. No, we will continue to publish what we have promised to publish. No, we will not stop dealing with U.S. military leaks. For some people, that comes across as a big ego, when it's just sticking to your ideals.

There has been something of a mini boom industry attacking WikiLeaks and Julian Assange.

There are actually about 100 books so far, but a good 80 of those are opportunistic books that have absolutely no real writing – they're just sort of collations of things. If you're talking proper books, books someone has actually written every word from scratch, there's over a dozen. One of the funniest is a Russian book, which accuses us of being in league to defame Putin.

One of the more interesting books is from Heather Brooke, a writer for *The Guardian*. She sounds almost like a scorned lover – she says she "swooned madly" when you first looked at her, then later concluded that you're an asshole. That seems to be a recurring narrative of these stories about you.

[*Long pause*] I don't think Heather Brooke is particularly interesting. The general phenomenon is interesting. Someone has an involvement to some extent in our work, which they then overstate tremendously to gain authority. They get something from the involvement – a reputation by proximity, information we've collected or some other item of value. Then we're not able to continue the relationship with them at the same degree of involvement, so they feel rejected. When you become a celebrity – at various times, within the English language, I have been the most famous person being discussed in the news – people's behavior shifts. What they lose through the lack of an ongoing relationship seems to be so incredibly valuable to them, so their desire to keep it, or their feeling of loss when they are not able to preserve the interaction, is so extreme that it drives them to do things you would not normally expect people to do. I always thought that A-level celebrities and their complaints about the difficulties of being a celebrity were rather self-indulgent.

But now, being a celebrity yourself, you feel differently?

I've subsequently changed my opinion. Brad Pitt doesn't have a superpower at his back. He just has some crazed fans and paparazzi. But now, having had all three, I must say, I'm not terribly impressed with the experience.

There were stalkers at your previous location. That must have frightened you.

Yes, despite the remoteness of the location – being three hours out of London by fast train, plus another 40 minutes in a car through country roads, and then through a long private driveway into the country house. We had many people try to turn up at the front door or to ambush me at the police station. It coincided with many U.S. politicians, such as Sarah Palin and Newt Gingrich, calling for my assassination or kidnapping. Fortunately, nearly everyone who attempted to ambush me was supportive in one way or another. They were mostly women who thought they were my fiancée.

Women wanting to marry you? How many over the past year?

Hundreds.

Hundreds of women would show up?

Sometimes also men. We had one, Captain Morgan, who claimed to work for Intel, and was a sea captain. He sold his boat to turn up at the front door, saying we were the only organization on Earth worth working for. One woman from Catalonia took a black cab from London and turned up at our house on the edge of the estate with a £450 taxi bill, which she'd convinced the driver I would pay once our romantic dispute was sorted out. She and the taxi driver convinced one of the neighbors to let them stay the night – the taxi driver refused to leave until he got his money.

There have been groupies. No, I won't call them groupies. Young women who have flown from Norway and Sweden and turned up at the front door. When I was in prison, absurdly, the only people to get any mail through in the first week were six women who wanted to give me cakes and blankets, which I rejected. But apparently there are women who try and visit any famous prisoner of a certain age, and know how to get through the system. Whereas not a single journalist from around the world was able to do so.

Have you been in any serious or significant relationships over the past year?

For security reasons, I can't talk about my intimate private life. I want to make that clear. My children have received death threats and are in hiding. Many people I am close to in a familial way, I have to be extremely cautious about exposing.

What happened in Sweden with the two women who have accused you?

It's before the court, so I can't discuss the case. It is very difficult, being in the position where you can't tell your version of events. It's clear that the matter is absurd, and you can read all about what the prosecution says its case is on the Internet.

By calling it absurd, aren't you implying that these women are making it up?

That's not what I said. I've never criticized the women. I'm saying the allegations are absurd. People can read the allegations for themselves. They're not correct, but even as stated, they are absurd. What the prosecution successfully managed to do is use the word "rape." Although I've not been charged – and technically what they are investigating is called "minor rape," a Swedish concept – that hasn't stopped our opponents from constantly referring to "rape charges," which is false. Back when we last did a survey, in February, there were a total of 33 million references on the Internet to the word "rape" in any context, from Helen of Troy to

the Congo. If you search for "rape" and my name, there were just over 20 million. In other words, perceptively, two-thirds of all rapes that have ever happened anywhere in the world, ever, have something to do with me.

So why not say, "Look, I did nothing wrong, but I'm sorry if I upset these people. These are very serious things, and I'm taking it seriously, and I'll come to Sweden and face these allegations." People who support you wonder why you haven't done that.

I have no faith in the Swedish justice system being just. The International Prison Chaplains Association says that Swedish prisons are the worst prisons in Europe. That covers even Romania, Estonia and so on. That's because in 47 percent of cases, prisoners in Sweden are held incommunicado. So to the degree that my ability to act would be severely if not completely eliminated by entering into a Swedish prison, I am concerned about it. In addition, if you criticize matters, such as that Swedes have the worst prison system in all of Europe, then it would be the worse for you, because the Swedish justice system will take its revenge.

If you knew that governments were looking to find a way to pull dirty tricks on you, didn't you feel like you were putting yourself at risk in Sweden when you were with the women? Weren't you pushing the envelope?

It's been falsely reported that I have said that the Swedish allegations are a result of a CIA trap. That's false. What I have said is that the case was instantly politicized by opportunists – instantly, within hours. That day, we did receive, from an intelligence source, a list of priorities that the U.S. government had in relation to me. Those included finding out what information we had, what we were going to publish, evidence in relation to the prosecution of Bradley Manning. It also included a view that the U.S. would find the legal case against me very difficult, and that therefore I should be very cautious about extralegal means. Those extralegal means not being assassination, but rather the planting of drugs, child pornography or being otherwise embroiled in disgraceful conduct. So it was on my mind and everyone else's mind when the allegations arose.

Do you wish you'd done anything different?

In general? Of course. Many. I can't stand these people who say they would never do anything different. That simply means that they have not learned a single thing from their experiences.

I mean specifically, in terms of dealing with the two women.

I had never gone through a sex scandal before. There are certain ways, depending on culture, which one should handle a politicized sex scandal. I also didn't take it very seriously to begin with. I thought that it would disappear immediately.

Why didn't you hire a PR guy?

We tried. We hired someone in the U.K. to cope with the volume of media inquiries. He accepted at a very substantially reduced rate because we're activists, a cause célèbre. His largest clients were Virgin and Sony. After one week, it was clear that it was either us or them. His board, according to him, insisted that we be dropped, so we were. There have been about a dozen similar instances of pressure being applied to companies who we've been working with. When people say, "Why didn't Julian do this, why didn't Julian do that, why didn't WikiLeaks do this," in many cases we have actually tried. It's not so easy when you're fighting a superpower.

What forms has the pressure taken?

My personal bank account was shut down, and some of our people have also had their personal bank accounts closed. Many people have lost their jobs – even those who were quite indirectly connected. The person who registered our Swiss domain name lost their job when Bloomberg reported their name on the record. One of the board members of the German charity that collects donations for us lost their security contract with the Swiss stock exchange. The stock exchange even put in writing that the cause was his affiliation with us. The Tor Project, which protects people around the world from being spied on or censored, lost some \$600,000 to the U.S. government, as a result of one of their people, Jacob Appelbaum, having filled in for me once at a conference in New York. This type of indirect pressure has been applied to a great many people.

What happened when you were thrown in jail in England?

I had 10 days in solitary. I think everyone should have 10 days in solitary, especially politicians. I broke the back of solitary. It is a sensory-deprivation experience. So I have a lot of sympathy with Bradley Manning and other prisoners who are similarly contained.

When you heard that door shut, were you worried that it might be 10 months or 10 years? I had no idea how long it was going to be.

Was it terrifying?

No, I was rather excited and looking forward to the challenge of adapting to the new environment. I knew it would be helpful to our cause, politically, and it was. I told my lawyers, "Don't get me out too quickly." They disagreed.

So you saw yourself as a martyr to the cause.

There's been an observation of how the rest of the world was choosing to make my myth, positively and negatively. That process has been fascinating, horrifying and comical all at the same time. It's caused many laughs from the people who know me well, a subject of great mirth in the team. We're dealing with a situation where we're engaged in a historic endeavor that has very serious consequences for people's lives and political systems. It's extremely important, the consequences for everything from revolutions to individuals' jobs, and the gravity of that task is so great that I don't have time to consider how this celebrityization affects me personally. The concern is always simply, is it helpful or harmful in being able to survive as an institution? Or will the character assassination wipe a million dollars off our budget or change political moods enough to cause us to lose a court case? Or will lionization mean that we have enough political support to survive?

How expensive has the legal battle been?

We have many legal cases. This personal case, the Swedish extradition case, I have to pay for myself. I don't think that is right. Actually, I think the organization should pay for it.

Why?

It is unquestionable that the case has been politicized as a result of my role in the organization. However, to avoid the attack that the funding would be spent on this case, which is effectively used by our opponents to assassinate my character, it's completely separate. Which means that I'm now completely bankrupt as a result.

Completely bankrupt?

Yeah. There have been all sorts of strange complications, such as that the previous lawyers managed to get hold of all my book advances and keep them. So I have not received a cent from any publicity that I've done.

There's a rumor that you have £3.3 million in your bank account that you're keeping.

Yeah, sure. Our opponents like to spread these rumors to deny us our donations.

So that's not true?

It's absolute nonsense. They spread rumors that I'm living in a mansion, they spread rumors that I'm homeless. Two years ago, fabricated documents were spread saying that I traveled first class and lived in a castle in South Africa, and I've never even been to South Africa. If you want to attack an organization, how do you attack it? You attack the cash flow and leadership. The character assassinations are dangerous, but taken as a whole, they're absurdly comical. We have, on the one hand, some 700,000 references to me being an anti-Semite, and on the other hand, some 2.5 million references to me being a member of the Mossad. I'm accused of everything from being a cat torturer to being a rapist to being overly concerned about my hair to being too rich to being so poor that my socks are dirty. The only ones I have left now to look forward to are some kind of combination of bestiality and pedophilia.

From a legal standpoint, it seems that you're in a no-win situation. If you lose your appeal on February 1st, you will be extradited to Sweden to face questioning, and the United States can ask to extradite you from there. But even if you win your appeal, there's the possibility that the U.S. could just come in and extradite you from England.

Yeah. And the ability to resist extradition here in England is not good.

The conventional wisdom – both in Sweden and the U.S. – is that you won't be extradited.

Why are you convinced you will?

Extradition is a political matter. The extradition treaties – those from the U.K. to the U.S. and from Sweden to the U.S. – are both very dangerous for me. Every day that I remain in England, it is dangerous, and if I am in Sweden, it will be at least as dangerous as it is here, and very probably more so. The Swedish foreign minister responsible for extradition, Carl Bildt, became a U.S. Embassy informant in 1973 when he was 24 years old. He shipped his personal effects to Washington, to lead a conservative leadership program, where he met Karl Rove. They became old friends and would go to conferences together and so on.

Karl Rove? How do you know this?

Cables. Although I have not been charged with anything, there is an active allegation against me of rape and sexual molestation against Swedish women. So the political environment in Sweden to defend me against extradition to the United States is quite adverse. Some people have said, "Look, both the United Kingdom and Sweden and many countries say that there is not to be extradition for political offenses." But the United States government is not trying to indict me for a "political" offense – it is trying to indict me for espionage, or conspiracy to commit espionage, and computer hacking. The U.S. grand jury is looking at indicting us for charges which are not, on their face, political. But of course, the reasons are political, and that is a different matter.

So you think the government is going to try to lay the groundwork by saying you're a spy, claiming you're putting soldiers at risk, and then nabbing you after the Swedish allegations are resolved?

These are people used to laying the political ground and laying the media ground. I imagine what they would do is say that this material we published had adversely affected the United Kingdom or adversely affected Sweden. Perhaps they could introduce or leak to the press, under the surface, false speculations that we had killed Swedish soldiers in Afghanistan, or that we had sold information to the Iranians.

What has the low point been for you in all this? Were there any mornings you woke up saying, "What have I got myself into?"

I understood that the significance of what we were doing was greater than WikiLeaks as an institution and greater than our personal lives. In November, I told our people, perhaps to their surprise, that what we were doing was more significant than the life of any one of us. To that degree, the battles that we've had, the severity of the battles that we've had, is not something I have found to be difficult to deal with. Their severity is a reflection of the quality and importance of our work. That said, the betrayals are hard to take. This confrontation that we have had with the Western national-security state – it's not quite right to call it the U.S. national-security state, because it's a transnational phenomenon – has brought out the best and worst in people. It has brought out opportunism, weakness, other negative qualities. It's brought out greed and cowardice, but it has also brought out strength and loyalty in people. We have lost friends and colleagues, but we have also made very loyal friends, and we have seen the strength of old friends revealed. There's an old military saying: It's not the length of the war but the depth of the trench. For the past year, we have been in a very deep trench, and so the friendships have become deep.

Who has been your most critical public supporter?

John Pilger, the Australian journalist, has been the most impressive. And the other is Dan Ellsberg. It's the amount of time I've spent with him, both in front of and behind the scenes. When people are working in front of the scenes, in public, it is often because it is helpful to them. One never really knows what the true allegiance is. But when someone puts it on the line both publicly and privately, that's a sign of true character. Ron Paul did come out and make an impassioned and rational speech. It has not been the soft liberal left, the pseudo left that has defended us. In fact, they have run a mile. It has been strong activists who have a long record of fighting for what they believe in, both on the libertarian right and on the left.

What do you make of Anonymous? They've supported you.

We were involved with Anonymous from 2008. They were providing us with material related to our investigations into abuses by the Church of Scientology. It was a young pranksterish Internet culture, not something at all to be taken seriously. What's wonderful about what has happened over the last few years is

that through engaging with forces much larger than themselves, starting with the Church of Scientology, they have been educated about how the world actually works. Then, reading information we've released and also seeing the attacks on us, they've been further educated. Now they have become politicized, they've come to understand some of where the big powers are. This was a very apolitical group that had absolutely no understanding about the military-industrial complex whatsoever, and no understanding about international finance. As a result of joining our battle and trying to protect themselves, they have come to see that the threats related to Internet freedom come from the military-industrial complex, the banking system and the media. The media is the third big power group, because when you're involved in something like this, it becomes newsworthy.

What advice do you have for journalists, based on your experience?

I have a lot of sympathy for journalists who are trying to protect their sources. It's very hard now. Unless you're an electronic-surveillance expert or you have frequent contact with one, you must stay off the Net and mobile phones. You really have to just use the old techniques, paper and whispering in people's ears. Leave your mobile phones behind. Don't turn them off, but tell your source to leave electronic devices in their offices. We are now in a situation where countries are recording billions of hours of conversations, and proudly proclaiming that you don't have to select which telephone call you're intercepting, because you intercept every telephone call.

So what's the future of WikiLeaks? Is the organization going to survive?

This week, I think we'll make it. We'll see what happens next week.

Where do you want to end up, when all the legal battles are over?

I don't want to end up anywhere. I want to do what I was doing before. I lived in Egypt when we had important things that needed to be done, or in Kenya or the United States or Australia or Sweden or Germany. When we have opportunities, then that's where I am.

When do you think you'll be able to regain that freedom to do that?

In relation to the United States, we'll have to wait for the revolution.

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